

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Easter 2 – Year C		SOLA 
I’ve Got the Spirit in Me!		
Readings	1) Acts 5:12-20, 21-32 2) Revelation 1:4-18 3) John 20:19-31	
Scripture Focus	John 20:19-23	
Take Away	I’ve got the Spirit in me! stickers	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message The first night after Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were all together in a room, and they locked the door because they were afraid. The man who was the Son of God was just crucified by his own people. The disciples were in the room, talking about everything that had happened. They spent every day with him, listened to everything he said and learned everything he taught them, watched how he treated the people, healed them, explained the Bible to them, and most of all, loved them. They knew he wasn’t in the tomb and heard what the angel said, and some of them saw him, but they didn’t have any idea where he was. Then, all of a sudden, they heard, “Peace be with you.” He was there! He showed them his hands where the nails were and his side, where the spear put a hole in him. The disciples were so happy to see him! Jesus had a special reason to see them. He had a gift for them. He said again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, I am sending you.” He had a job for them, but he wanted them to know that he wasn’t leaving them alone. He had a special gift for them. He breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive somebody’s sins, they are forgiven, but if you don’t forgive their sins, they are not forgiven.” WOW!! Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit, too. Does anyone know when we get it? We get it when we are baptized, and when we hear what God tells us in the Bible. When we get baptized, the pastor puts a little bit of water on our head and says, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” That’s all it takes! When you read your Bible or hear other people talking about what God says in the Bible, the Holy Spirit gives us faith or makes our faith stronger. So, now that we know we have the Holy Spirit, we know that we are never alone. God’s Spirit is always with us. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You gave the disciples / the Holy Spirit! Thank you / for giving it / to us, too. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen	

