# GOALS

**LIFE CONCEPT: GOD HELPS PEOPLE BY THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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## FAITH STATEMENT 1: THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES PEOPLE POWER TO BELIEVE AND TO LIVE AS GOD’S PEOPLE

To help students hear, explore, and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

1a. hear the biblical account of Pentecost

1b. explore Bible stories in which the Holy Spirit helps people believe in Jesus

1c. explore the teaching that the Holy Spirit helps people live as Christians

1a. identify evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit in the biblical story of Pentecost

1b. explore accounts in Acts of people being changed by the Holy Spirit

1c. investigate the work of the Holy Spirit in people’s lives today

1a. investigate the work of God the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

1b. examine Bible references which describe the life-giving work of the Holy Spirit

1c. explore the Holy Spirit’s work in creating and sustaining faith

1a. investigate the role of the Holy Spirit in the life and work of Jesus

1b. explore the Christian belief that God’s word is the means by which the Holy Spirit converts people

1c. explore the New Testament teaching on the tension which exists between the ‘flesh’ and the ‘spirit’ in a Christian’s life

## FAITH STATEMENT 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES NEW LIFE IN BAPTISM

To help students hear, explore, and reflect on this faith statement, teachers will provide opportunities for students to:

2a. explore Bible stories of baptism

2b. become familiar with the ritual of baptism

2c. explore the Christian teaching that through baptism people become members of God’s family

2a. explore Jesus’ command to baptise

2b. investigate the words and symbols of baptism

2c. explore the Christian teaching about the benefits the Holy Spirit brings in baptism

2a. investigate biblical references to baptism as the sacrament that gives life

2b. explore the baptismal rituals of Christian denominations

2c. explore the Christian teaching concerning the implications of baptism for daily living

2a. investigate the practice and teaching of baptism in the New Testament and the early church

2b. compare baptism as an initiation rite with other initiation rites in society and different religions

2c. compare and contrast the Lutheran understanding of baptism with that of other Christian denominations

2d. explore baptism as the power for new way of life
**FAITH STATEMENT 3: THE HOLY SPIRIT USES GOD’S WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION TO HELP GOD’S PEOPLE GROW**

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Items in the LIFE Menus which follow are grouped according to Faith Statements and coded to Band-specific Goals, eg (2a) indicates an item related to Band-specific Goal a, under Faith Statement 2.