

TEXT: John 16:7

THEME: THE BABYSITTER IS COMING!

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Dear Boys and Girls, their Teachers, Families, and Friends:

Have you ever had a babysitter come to your house? (*Let them answer.*) When the babysitter comes, it is on an evening when your parents go someplace by themselves. I hope that you look forward to that time with the babysitter, too. Sometimes the babysitter brings a movie to watch or a book to read or a game to play.

Of course, sometimes, you may not want your parents to leave. You may be a little sad or even frightened to be apart from them. But once the babysitter is with you and you know that you are going to have a good time with the babysitter, you feel better and are no longer sad or afraid.

Well, Jesus had to tell his disciples that he was going away, that he was going to leave them. The disciples were very sad and afraid when they heard this. But then Jesus told them some very good news. He was not going to leave them alone. Someone was coming to take care of them. That someone was the Holy Spirit of God. When the disciples heard this, they felt much better.

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples on a day called Pentecost. The Holy Spirit still comes to Christians today. He comes to us through his Word, the Bible. As a student at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, every day you have studied God's Word. You have learned how much God loves you,

what Jesus did to save you from your sins, and because of that you will live with Jesus forever in heaven someday.

Today you are leaving our preschool, but you are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with you. He is watching over you and taking care of you every day.

I hope that each of you will continue to learn more and more about Jesus, your Savior and best Friend. The Holy Spirit will teach you those things if you keep hearing God's Word and studying the Bible.

So, I am very happy for you today on your Preschool Graduation. You have worked hard to learn many things. But the best thing is to know Jesus loves you and has given you his Holy Spirit to be with you always. Amen.

PRAYER

Dear God, we thank you for giving us these children to take care of, to bring up in the training and instruction of the Lord. We thank you for Trinity Lutheran Preschool and the teachers who have faithfully taught these precious children so many useful things, but especially to know Jesus as their Savior.

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our one and only Savior from sin. Because of all you have done for us, we can live for you on this earth and with you forever in heaven.

Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for always being with us. Help our faith to grow stronger and stronger as we continue to study your holy Word. Keep each of these children in your loving and protecting care, for Jesus' sake. Amen.