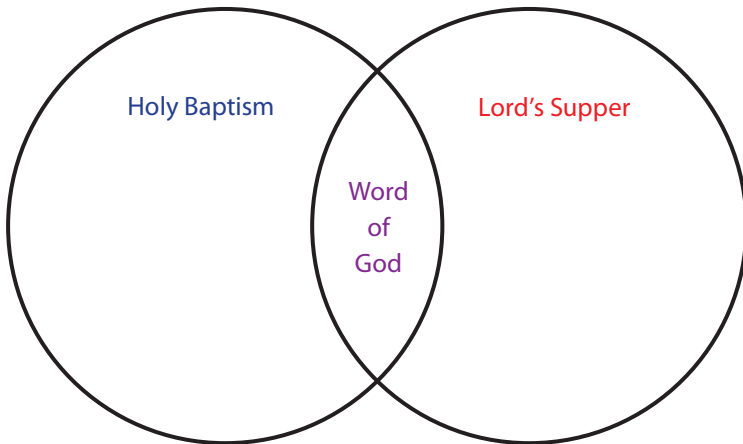


How does the Holy Spirit keep us in the faith?

Growing through the Means of Grace

Sacraments



1. God's Word connects to the visible element of water.
2. By the power of His Word, Christ gives His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine.
3. An event a person celebrates often.
4. A one-time event that is remembered daily.
5. Usually reserved for older children and adults after instruction.
6. For any age, including infants.
7. Observed by Jesus at the beginning of His ministry.
8. Instituted by Jesus at the end of His ministry.

The Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace to offer faith, forgiveness, life, and salvation through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

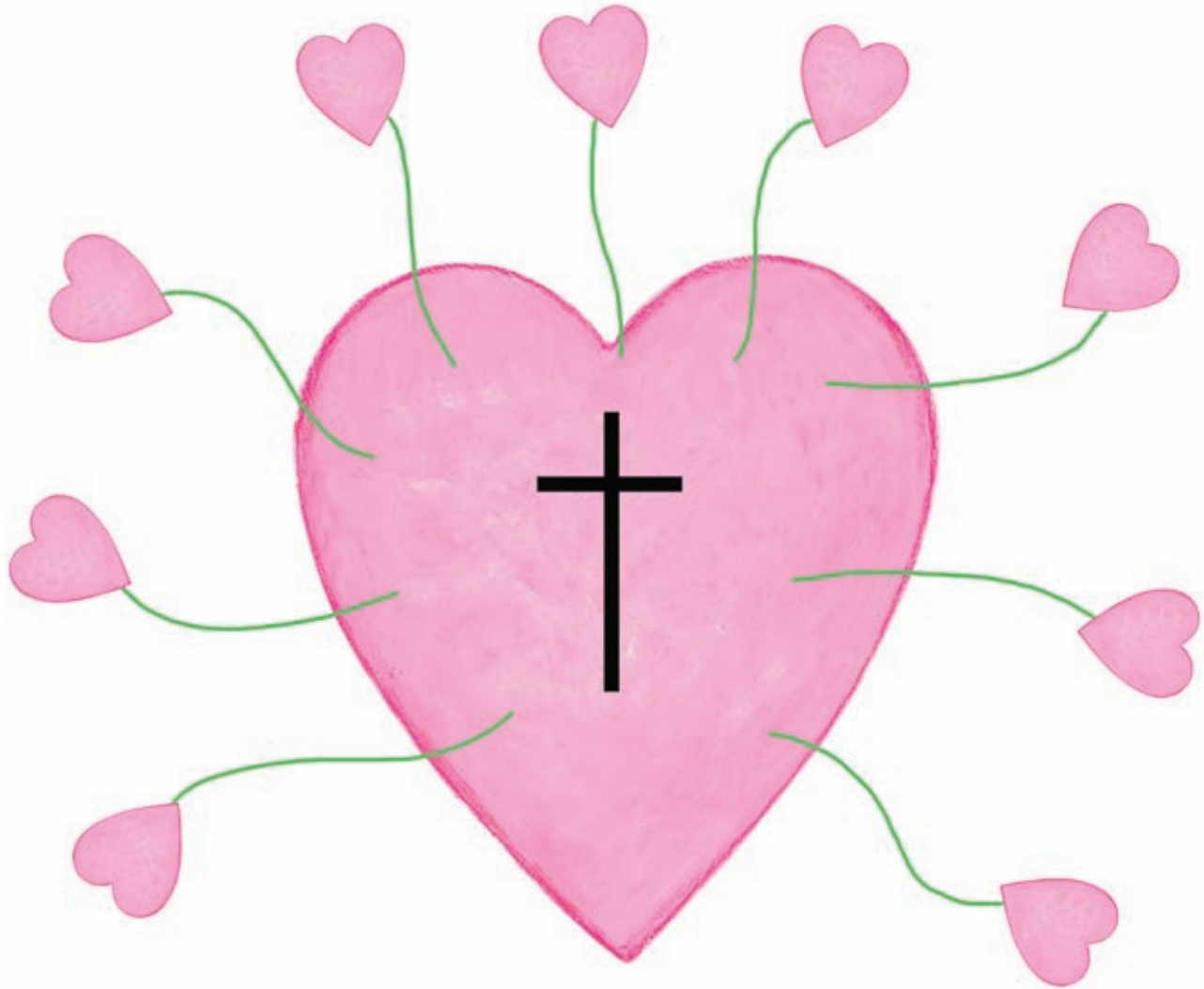
Hearing the Word of God (Matthew 13:1-23)

<p>The dry path represents people who hear God's Word but either ignore it or reject it, so God's Word never has a chance to take root and grow in their hearts and lives.</p>	<p>The rocky soil represents people who at first are glad to hear God's Word, but they are not firmly connected (rooted), so when troubles occur, their faith dries up and withers away.</p>
<p>The soil with weeds represents people who hear God's Word but have other things growing in their hearts too (such as the love of money and good times) until those things take over and choke out the Word.</p>	<p>Good soil represents the best growing conditions, in which the Holy Spirit is working through the Means of Grace; the faith and life of these people grow as they share good works for the glory of God.</p>

Review

1. Fruit: The sweet part of a seed-bearing plant.
2. Fruit: The edible part of a plant.
3. Fruit: Results that have been produced.

What's Growing in Your Heart and Life?



Galatians 5:22–23

Remember

