

# A FAMILY OF Faith



## October English Guide Year 3

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** John 8:12 *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 8
- ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 7, 8

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH:** Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 11, 12, 39, 40
- ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 25-27.

### October Overview Lesson 1 Heaven: Our Final Destination

The aim of this lesson is for your children to discover that we are called to journey along the path of Life in Christ toward Heaven.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: 16
- ❑ Children's Activity Book: 28

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 1: Parent's Guide: Page 15**

### October Overview Lesson 2 Our Choice Between Life and Death

We need to understand how God made us if we are to understand how we are to live the life that God has planned for us — which is to know, love, and serve Him on earth and be happy with Him forever in Heaven.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 28
- ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 28

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 2: Parent's Guide: Page 27.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Morning Offering** Parent's Guide: Page 10.

One way to acknowledge all that God has given us is to intentionally offer everything we will do in our day to Jesus. This is called a Morning Offering. Praying a short Morning Offering as a family each day brings a wonderful rhythm to your home life and helps all family members grow closer to Jesus.

**BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:**

- ☐ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
  - ☐ Parents Guide: Page 8
  - ☐ Children's Activity Book: Pages 7, 8
- ☐ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 7
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 6
- ☐ **Tell about Saint Margaret Mary of Alacoque:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 11, 12
  - ☐ Children's Activity Book: Pages 25-27.
- ☐ **Pray before meals and explain what it means:**
  - ☐ Parents Guide: Page 4
- ☐ **Explain that God made us all to be with Him in Heaven**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 15
  - ☐ Children's Activity Book: Pages 16, 17
  - ☐ (Answers on Parent's Guide: Page 30), 18.
- ☐ **Explain that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God and have immortal souls**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 24-25
  - ☐ Children's Activity Book: Page 13

### **October in Review**

**THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:**

- ☐ **How does knowing that my final destination is Heaven change the way I live my life?**
  - ☐ Parent guide: **Map to My Parish** p. 17-18, **Your Heavenly Destination** p. 26
  - ☐ Student Activity book: **The Rich Young Man** p.12-13
- ☐ **How am I made in the image and likeness of God?**
  - ☐ Parent guide: **Made in the Image of God** p. 29-31, **The Breath of Life** p. 32-32
  - ☐ Student Activity book: "Nature" Walk p.17, **God Made Me in His Image** p. 19, **The Breath of Life** p.20
- ☐ **How does the struggle between life and death, grace and sin, play out in my soul?**
  - ☐ Parent guide: **Parables of the Kingdom of God** p. 19-20
  - ☐ Student Activity book: **The parables of the Kingdom of God** p. 9

**In Lesson I Your children learned that Heaven:**

- ☐ **God made us for Beatitude, which is to be with Him forever in Heaven.**
  - ☐ Parent guide: **Jesus' Eight Promises** p. 24, **Signposts** p. 25
  - ☐ Student Activity book: **Signposts** p.14-16
- ☐ **The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the teaching of the Apostles act as signs that lead us to Heaven.**
  - ☐ Parent guide: **Parables of the Kingdom of God** p. 19-20, **The Rich Young Man** p. 22-23
  - ☐ Student Activity book: **The parables of the Kingdom of God** p.9-10, **The Rich Young Man** p.12-13

**In Lesson 2 your children learned we are:**

- ☐ **We are made in the image and likeness of God.**

- ❑ Parent guide: **Made in the Image of God** p. 29-31
- ❑ Student Activity book: **"Nature" Walk** p.17, **God Made Me in His Image** p.19
  
- ❑ **We have immortal souls.**
  - ❑ Parent guide: **The Breath of Life** p. 32-33
  - ❑ Student Activity book: **The Breath of Life** p.20
- ❑ **We have the free will to choose between life in Christ or death in sin.**
  - ❑ Parent guide: **Right Choice or Wrong Choice?** P. 34-35, **Choose to Love God** p. 36-37
  - ❑ Student Activity book: **Right Choice or Wrong Choice?** p.21-22
  
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 17-18, 19-20, 21, 22-23, 24, 25, 26, 29-31, 32-33, 34-35, 36-37, 38
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 9-10, 11, 12-13, 14-16, 17-18, 19, 20, 21-22, 23

### Suggested Weekly Learning Goals October

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 16 and 28. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li>❑ <b>Get to know St Margaret Mary Alacoque</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Margaret on Parent Guide pages 39-40</li> <li>❑ <b>Learn Scripture Verse:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Scripture verse for the month</b>. <i>"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life"</i> (John 8:12)</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on Heaven in the Parents Guide pages 17-26, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ God made us for Beatitude, which is to be with Him forever in Heaven.</li> <li>❑ The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the teaching of the Apostles act as signs that lead us to Heaven.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the question -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How does knowing that my final destination is Haven change the way I live my life?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on our souls and the choice between life and death in the Parents Guide on pages 29-38 to teach their children.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The Child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ We are made in the image and likeness of God.</li> <li>❑ We have immortal souls.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Jeremiah 31:33 *I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 42
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 30

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: Saint Martin De Porres**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 46
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 47-49

### Overview Lesson 3 Conscience: God's Law in our Hearts

The aim of this lesson is for your children to understand that we have the freedom to choose between good and evil.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 50
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 50
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 3 Parent's Guide: Page 49**

### Overview Lesson 4 We Must Avoid Sin and Grow in Holiness

In this lesson your children will learn that sanctifying grace is God's very life in our soul. Mortal sin destroys that life and leads to the death of the soul.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 63
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 50
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 4: Parent's Guide: Page 62.**
- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: All Soul's Day** Parent's Guide: Page 44. Display photos of deceased loved ones in a special place in your home, such as in your prayer corner if you have one, along with flowers, a crucifix, or an icon of Christ. Each day, light a candle and pray this traditional prayer: Eternal rest grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:**

- ☐ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
  - ☐ Parents Guide: Page 42
  - ☐ Children's Activity Book: Pages 30
- ☐ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 50
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 50
- ☐ **Understand that we all have free will:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 51-53, 58
  - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 35
- ☐ **Explain the differences between mortal and venial sin:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 64-65, 66-68
  - ☐ Activity Book: 39
- ☐ **Tell you about St Martin De Porres:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 76-77
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 49

## **November in Review**

### **THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:**

- ☐ **How does doing the right thing set me free?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Freedom for the Good** p. 51-53
  - ☐ Children's Activity Guide: **Freedom and Conscience** 35-36
- ☐ **What is my conscience and how do I form it?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **What Is a Conscience?** p. 54-56, **Conscience** p. 57, **Time to Be Silent** p. 59, **Conscience Tug-of-War** p. 60, **God's Law in Our Hearts** p. 61, **Understanding Mortal Sin** p. 66-68
  - ☐ Activity Book: **What Is a Conscience?** p. 31, **Conscience Fill-in-the-Blank** p. 33, **God's Law in Our Hearts** p. 37, **Understanding Mortal Sin** p. 39
- ☐ **What makes a sin mortal?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Identifying the Precepts of the Church** p. 72-74
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Identifying the Precepts of the Church** p. 43

### **In Lesson 3 Your children learned:**

- ☐ **The freedom God gives us is freedom for the Good.**
  - ☐ Parent Guide: **Freedom for the Good** p. 51-53
- ☐ **God gave us each a conscience, which is His law written in our hearts.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Words to Know p. 50, **What Is a Conscience?** P. 54-56, **Conscience** p. 57, **Freedom and Conscience** p. 58, **Conscience Tug-of-War** p. 60
  - ☐ Activity Book: **What Is a Conscience?** 31-32, **Conscience Fill-in-the-Blank** 33-34, **Freedom and Conscience** 35-36, **God's Law in Our Hearts** 37-38,
- ☐ **A well-formed conscience makes it possible to live a moral life.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Freedom and Conscience** p. 58,
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Freedom and Conscience** p. 35

### **In Lesson 4 your children learned:**

- ☐ **Mortal sin destroys the life of God in our souls.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **What Is Sin?** P. 64-65, **Lost** p. 69
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Jesus' Parables: The Good Shepherd and the Lost Coin** p.

- ❑ **The three conditions for a sin to be mortal are gravity, knowledge, and consent.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **What Is Sin?** p. 64-65, **Understanding Mortal Sin** p.66-68
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Understanding Mortal Sin** p. 39-40
  
- ❑ **The Five Precepts of the Church show us the minimum required to develop our spiritual lives.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Identifying the Precepts of the Church** p. 72-74, **Growth in Holiness** p. 75
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Identifying the Precepts of the Church** p. 43, **Growth in Holiness** p. 45.
  
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 51-53, 54-56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64-65, 66-68, 69, 70-71, 72-74, 75
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45

### Suggested Weekly Learning Goals November

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 50 and 63. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li>❑ <b>Get to know St Martin De Porres</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Martin on Parent Guide pages 76-77</li> <li>❑ <b>Learn Scripture Verse:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Scripture verse for the month</b>. <i>"I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people"</i> (Jeremiah 31:33)</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on Conscience in the Parents Guide pages 51-61, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The freedom god gives us is freedom for the good.</li> <li>❑ God gave us each a conscience, which is His law written in our hearts.</li> <li>❑ A well-formed conscience makes it possible to live a moral life.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the questions -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How does the right thing set me free?</li> <li>❑ What is my conscience and how do I form it?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on growing in holiness and avoiding sin in the Parents Guide on pages 64-75 to teach their children.</li> </ul>

☐ **Learning Goals for the Week:**

☐ **The Child should understand that -**

- ☐ Mortal sin destroys the life of God in our souls.
- ☐ The three conditions for a sin to be mortal are gravity, knowledge, and consent.
- ☐ The Five Precepts of the Church show us the minimum required to develop our spiritual lives.

☐ **The child should be able to answer the question -**

- ☐ What makes a sin mortal?

- ☐ **Your Catholic Home:** November is a month during which Catholics especially remember friends and loved ones who have died. Display photos of deceased loved ones in a special place in your home, such as in your prayer corner if you have one, along with flowers, a crucifix, or an icon of Christ. Each day, light a candle and pray this traditional prayer: *“Eternal rest grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*



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## December English Guide Year 3

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Philippians 4:8 *Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 83
  - ❑ Activity Book: Page 52
- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT Lucy**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 84,
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 100-101

### Overview Lesson 5 The Cardinal and Theological Virtues

In this Lesson we explore the cardinal and theological virtues and how they guide the moral life.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 88
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 51
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 5 Parent's Guide: Page 87**
- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Advent** Parent's Guide: Page 82.

Most of the world celebrates Christmas as soon as Thanksgiving is over. But the the liturgical season of Advent, because it is about preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas and His Second Coming at the end of time, is more subdued. Its liturgical color is violet, signaling that we should focus on preparing ourselves to receive Christ. It is a good time to pray, fast, and go to Confession. That said, while Advent observances are more reflective, the season is not all somber. Find ways to mark Gaudete Sunday, the midpoint of your season of waiting for Jesus, with special joys. You might wait until this day to put up your decorations, or to turn on your Christmas lights. If your family is able, this would be a wonderful day to visit a nursing home or homeless shelter to sing Christmas carols or share some cheerful gifts. After four weeks of preparation, you will be ready to celebrate the Christmas season with great joy and exaltation!

BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- ☐ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 83
  - ☐ Children's Activity Book: Pages 51, 52
- ☐ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 88
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 85
- ☐ **Explain the cardinal and theological virtues:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 89- 99
  - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 53- 83
- ☐ **Tell about Saint Lucy:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 84, 100-101
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 83

### *December in Review*

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ☐ **What is virtue?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Virtue and Scripture** p. 95
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Virtue and Scripture** p. 60
- ☐ **How does virtue transform my soul?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Being Good at Being Good** p. 89-90, **Virtue and Vice** p. 96-97, **Virtue Tree** p. 98, **The Virtuous Path** p. 99
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Being Good at Being Good** p. 53-54, **Virtue and Vice** p. 61-72, **Virtue Tree** p. 73, **The Virtuous Path** p. 79
- ☐ **What are the cardinal and theological virtues?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The Cardinal Virtues** p. 91-92, **The Theological Virtues** p. 93-94,
  - ☐ Activity Book: **The Cardinal Virtues** p. 55, **Acts of Faith, Hope and Love** p. 57, **Faith, Hope, and Love** p. 59.

In Lesson 5 Your children learned:

- ☐ **Virtues are firm habits to do the good.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Virtue and Scripture** p. 95
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Virtue and Scripture** p. 60
- ☐ **If we develop virtuous habits we will be more like Christ.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Virtue Tree** p. 98, **The Virtuous Path** p. 99
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Virtue Tree** p. 73-77, **The Virtuous Path** p. 79
- ☐ **The four cardinal virtues are the virtues all the others hinge upon.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Being Good at Being Good** p. 89-90, **Virtue and Vice** p. 96-97
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Being Good at Being Good** p. 53-54, **Virtue and Vice** p. 61-72,
- ☐ **The three theological virtues deal with our relationship with God.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The Cardinal Virtues** p. 91-92, **The Theological Virtues** p. 93-94,
  - ☐ Activity Book: **The Cardinal Virtues** p. 55, **Acts of Faith, Hope and Love** p. 57, **Faith, Hope, and Love** p. 59.

### Suggested Weekly Learning Goals December

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide page 80. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Get to know St Lucy:</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of St Lucy on Parent Guide pages 101 - 102</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Learn Scripture Verse:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Scripture verse for the month</b>. <i>“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”</i></li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities to teach the importance of virtues and what is a cardinal virtue and what is a theological virtue in Parent's Guide pages 89-94.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> The child should have an understanding of what is a virtue and how virtue transforms the soul. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> That if we develop virtuous habits we will be more like Christ.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> That the four cardinal virtues are the virtues that all the other virtues hinge on.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> That the three theological virtues deal with our relationship with God.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities to teach the importance of virtues and what is a vice in Parent's Guide pages 95-99.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> Children should understand that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> That virtues help us develop tendencies to do good; vices incline us to do bad things.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be able to identify what is a virtue and what is a vice.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Describe ways in which St Lucy lived a life of holiness.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Your Catholic Home:</b> Parents should teach their children about the tradition of the advent wreath and how it helps us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Of course, actions are always better than words, so if it is possible for you to get an advent wreath and use it with your family that would be great! Don't worry if Advent has already begun, you can start in the middle.</li> </ul>

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## January English Guide Year 3

❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Commandments 1-4

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages: 104,
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 87-90

❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT Elizabeth Ann Seton**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 107-108, 140-141
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 107-109.

### Overview Lesson 6 Jesus The Great Commandments and the First Three Commandments.

In this lesson we learn that through His life Jesus revealed to us the truth of who He is, the life He has planned for us, and the way to live in order to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 113
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 110

❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 6: Parent's Guide: Pages 111-112**

### Overview Lesson 7 The Fourth Commandment and the Domestic Church

When we are baptized as Christians, all our sins are forgiven, including Original Sin, and God makes us His adopted children, restoring our inheritance as partakers in His divine life. We are no longer the lost descendants of Adam, we are children of God.

❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 129
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 110.

❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 7: Parent's Guide: Page 128**

❑ **Your Catholic Home: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:** Parent's Guide: Page 106.

The Christmas season officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13. During Advent, we heard the prophet St. John the Baptist herald the coming of Christ. On this day, we hear the story of how Jesus allowed Himself to be baptized by John. On the day we were baptized, we made promises (or, if we were babies, our parents and godparents made them our own behalf). At their core, our baptismal promises are about following Jesus on

the path to Heaven.

**BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:**

- ☐ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 98, 101.
  - ☐ Activity book: Pages 87-90.
- ☐ **Tell you about Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 140-141
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 107-109
- ☐ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 117, 129
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 110.

### *January in Review*

**THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:**

- ☐ **How are the Ten Commandments a gift of God's own self?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Moses Receives the Ten Commandments** p. 114-115, **Ten Commandments Tablets** p. 122
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Moses Coloring Page** p. 91, **Ten Commandments Tablet** p. 197
- ☐ **How does the First Great Commandment fulfill the first three commandments?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The First Commandment** p. 116-117
  - ☐ Activity Book: **What Do I Do with My Day?** p. 92
- ☐ **How is the family a domestic church?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Ten Commandments Tablets** p. 122, **Keeping the First Three Commandments** p. 123-124, **The First Great Commandment and the First Tablet** p. 126-127
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Ten Commandments Tablet** p. 197, **The First Great Commandment and the First Tablet** p. 99
- ☐ **What can we learn from Jesus about how to live?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Gospel Matching** p. 125
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Gospel Matching** p. 97

**In Lesson 6 your children learned that through His life, Jesus revealed:**

- ☐ **Obedying the First Commandment means adoring and worshipping God alone.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The First Commandment** p. 116-117, **The First Great Commandment and the First Tablet** p. 126-127
  - ☐ Activity Book: **What Do I Do with My Day?** p. 92, **The First Great Commandment and the First Tablet** p. 99
- ☐ **The Second Commandment shows us that we love God by always using His name and the names of His saints with love.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The Second Commandment** p. 118-120
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Holy Names** p. 94
- ☐ **The Third Commandment teaches us to keep the Lord's Day holy.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Family Meal** p. 121
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Keeping the First Three Commandments** p. 95, **How do I Keep the First Three Commandments?** p. 96

**In Lesson 7 your children learned that:**

- ❑ **The Christian family is called the “domestic church.”**
  - ❑ Parent’s Guide: **Parental Blessing** p. 135, **The Domestic Church** p. 136-138
  - ❑ Activity Book: **The Two Trinities** p. 105, **The Holy Family** p. 106
- ❑ **The Fourth Commandment teaches children to honor their mothers and fathers.**
  - ❑ Parent’s Guide: **Why Should I Obey** p. 130-131, **My Duties at Home** p. 132-133
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Why Should I Obey?** p. 101, **My Duties At Home** p. 103, **Honoring My Parents** p. 104
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
  - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 114-115, 116-117, 118-120, 121, 122, 123-125, 126-127, 130-131, 132-133, 134, 135, 136-138, 139
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 91, 92, 94, 197, 95-97, 99, 101, 103-104, 105-106, 197,

### Suggested Weekly Learning Goals January

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 113 and 129. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li>❑ <b>Get to know St Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Elizabeth on Parent Guide pages 140-141</li> <li>❑ <b>Learn Commandments:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Commandments for the month - 1-4 of the Ten Commandments</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <i>I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange Gods before me.</i></li> <li>❑ <i>You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.</i></li> <li>❑ <i>Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.</i></li> <li>❑ <i>Honor your father and your mother.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on The Great Commandments (the first Three Commandments) in the Parents Guide pages 114-127, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Obeying the First Commandment means adoring and worshipping God alone.</li> <li>❑ The Second Commandment shows us that we love God by always using His name and the names of His saints with love.</li> <li>❑ The Third Commandment teaches us to keep the Lord’s Day holy</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the questions -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How are the Ten Commandments a gift of God’s own self?</li> <li>❑ How does the First Great Commandment fulfill the first three commandments?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on the fourth commandment (the domestic church) in the Parents Guide on pages 130-139 to teach their children.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The Child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Fourth Commandment teaches children to honor their mothers and fathers.</li> <li>❑ The Christian family is called the “domestic church.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the question -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How is the family a domestic church?</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Your Catholic Home:</b> Take advantage of the feast of Christ’s baptism as a time to renew your own baptism vows. You can find the text at <b>SophiaOnline.org/BaptismalPromises</b>. A parent can lead the recitation with the rest of family members responding.</li> </ul>
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## February English Guide Year 3

❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Commandments 5-10

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 144
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 112-117

❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT Paul Miki and Companions**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 182-183
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 131-133

### Overview Lesson 8 The Fifth and Sixth Commandments

The aim of this lesson is for your children to learn that the Fifth Commandment tells us to acknowledge all life as a God-given gift.

❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 152
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 134.

❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 8: Parent's Guide: Page 151.**

### Overview Lesson 9 The Seventh through Tenth Commandments

Your children will learn that the Seventh Commandment tells us we are not to take what is due to others. The Eighth Commandment speaks to us of living a life faithful to the truth. In the Ninth and Tenth Commandments, we are forbidden from desiring someone impurely and desiring what belongs to another.

❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 167
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 134 .

❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 9: Parent's Guide: Page 166.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Lent:** Parent's Guide: Page 146 Activity Book: Pages 109-110. The season of Lent is a time of prayer and sacrifice. Stretching from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday and signified by the liturgical color of violet, Lent last 40 days (not counting Sundays). We observe this time in memory of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning His ministry. It also recalls the 40 days of the Flood before God made the world anew, and the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert before entering the Promised Land. Traditionally, Catholics practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving



during this season in order to unite ourselves to the suffering Jesus endured for our salvation. In the days leading up to Ash Wednesday you will often hear: “What are you giving up for Lent?” Giving up a favorite food or activity can be a good practice, but there are ways to enter even more deeply into this penitential season.

**BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:**

- ☐ **Recite this month’s Scripture Memorization.**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: Page 144.
  - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 112-117
- ☐ **Define this month’s Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: Pages 152, 167
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 134.
- ☐ **Tell you about St. Paul Miki and Companions.**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: Pages 182-183
  - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 131-133

### *February in Review*

**THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:**

- ☐ **What are today’s challenges in respecting life and cultivating purity?**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: Words to Know p. 152, **Fifth Commandment Scenarios p. 153-154, Challenges to Life p. 155-156, Words of Life p. 157-159, Pure of Heart p. 160-162, Something Beautiful p. 163-164, Ten Commandments Tablets p. 165**
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Fifth Commandment Scenarios p. 118, Acts of Life p. 119, Ten Commandments Tablet p. 197**
- ☐ **How can I store up treasure in Heaven?**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: **Treasure in Heaven p. 168-170**
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Treasure in Heaven p. 120,**
- ☐ **How can I bear witness to the Truth?**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: **The Second Great Commandment and the Second Tablet p. 180-181**
  - ☐ Activity Book: **The Second Great Commandment and the Second Tablet p. 129**
- ☐ **Do I see everything that I have as a gift from God?**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: **The Laborers in the Vineyard p. 173-175, Examination of Conscience p. 179**
  - ☐ Activity Book: **The Laborers in the Vineyard p. 122-123, Examination of Conscience p. 126-127**

**In Lesson 8 your children learned that:**

- ☐ **The Fifth Commandment tells us to acknowledge all life as a God-given gift.**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: Words to Know p. 152, **Fifth Commandment Scenarios p. 153-154, Challenges to Life p. 155-156, Words of Life p. 157-159**
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Fifth Commandment Scenarios p. 118, Acts of Life p. 119,**
- ☐ **The Sixth Commandment requires us to be pure.**
  - ☐ Parent’s Guide: **Pure of Heart p. 160-162, Something Beautiful p. 163-164, Ten Commandments Tablets p. 165**
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Ten Commandments Tablet p. 197**
- ☐ **Marriage is a reflection of the intimate, free, and loving communion that is at the**

**heart of the Trinity.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Pure of Heart** p. 160-162, **Something Beautiful** p. 163-164, **Ten Commandments Tablets** p. 165
- ❑ Activity Book: **Ten Commandments Tablet** p. 197

**In Lesson 9 your children learned that:**

- ❑ **The Seventh Commandment tells us we are not to take what is due to others.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Treasure in Heaven** p. 168-170
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Treasure in Heaven** p. 120
- ❑ **The Eighth Commandment speaks to us of living a life faithful to the truth.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Bearing Witness** p. 171-172
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Bearing Witness** p. 121
- ❑ **In the Ninth and Tenth Commandments, we are forbidden from desiring someone impurely and desiring what belongs to another.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Laborers in the Vineyard** p. 173-175, **Examination of Conscience** p. 179,
  - ❑ Activity Book: **The Laborers in the Vineyard** p. 122-123, **Examination of Conscience** p. 126-127
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 153-154, 155-156, 157-159, 160-162, 163-164, 165, 168-170, 171-172, 173-175, 176-177, 178, 179, 180-181
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages: 118, 119, 197, 120, 121, 122, 124, 126, 129

**Suggested Weekly Learning Goals February**

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 152 and 167. Teach their children what the words mean.</li><li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li><li>❑ <b>Get to know St Paul Miki and Companions:</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Paul Miki and companions on Parent Guide pages 182-183</li><li>❑ <b>Learn Commandments: Commandments 5-10</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <i>You shall not commit adultery.</i></li><li>❑ <i>You shall not steal.</i></li><li>❑ <i>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.</i></li><li>❑ <i>You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.</i></li><li>❑ <i>You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.</i></li></ul></li></ul>

Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on the Fifth and Sixth Commandments in the Parents Guide pages 168-181, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Fifth Commandment tells us to acknowledge all life as a God-given gift.</li> <li>❑ The Sixth Commandment requires us to be pure.</li> <li>❑ Marriage is a reflection of the intimate, free, and loving communion that is at the heart of the Trinity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the question -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ What are today's challenges in respecting life and cultivating purity?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on Commandments seven through ten in the Parents Guide on pages 231-236 to teach their children.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The Child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Seventh Commandment tells us we are not to take what is due to others.</li> <li>❑ The Eight Commandment speaks to us of living a life faithful to the truth.</li> <li>❑ In the Ninth and Tenth Commandment, we are forbidden from desiring someone impurely and desiring what belongs to another.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the questions -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How can I store up treasure in Heaven?</li> <li>❑ How can I bear witness to the Truth?</li> <li>❑ Do I see everything that I have as a gift from God?</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Your Catholic Home:</b> Make an intentional plan to give of yourself during the season of Lent. For example, offer the small sufferings you experience going without your favorite food or activity for the souls in Purgatory. You could also take the money you would have spent on it each day and set it aside to give to charity. In addition to going without something, you could also add a spiritual practice to your daily life to grow closer to Jesus: say additional prayers, attend an extra Mass each week, or volunteer at a local charity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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## March English Guide Year 3

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** John 13:34-35: *I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 189
  - ❑ Activity Book: Page 136

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT Katharine Drexel**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 207-208
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 149-151

### Overview Lesson 10 The New Commandments and the works of Mercy

The aim of this lesson is for your children to learn that, at the Last Supper, Christ gave us the New Commandment, which He declares is the surest sign that we are His disciples.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 195
  - ❑ Activity Book: Page 163-164
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 10: Parent's Guide: Page 193-194**

### Overview Lesson 11 The First through the Fourth Beatitudes

Your children will learn the Church teaches that God placed the desire for happiness in each of our hearts. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to show us what it means to be happy.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 210
  - ❑ Activity Book: Page 163-164
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 11: Parent's Guide: 209**
- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: The Solemnity of St. Joseph:** Parent's Guide: Page 188. The month of March is dedicated to Jesus' foster father, St. Joseph. This makes it a

great time to especially remember the importance of fathers to all of our lives. Jesus could have come to earth any way He wanted, but He chose to be raised by a mother and a father. Jesus, who is God Himself, was obedient to His father as a child. What greater sign could there be of God's respect for the authority He gives to parents? Jesus modeled for us the just order of the family and the Fourth Commandment. St. Joseph is the patron and protector of families. Place an icon of St. Joseph in your prayer corner if you have one, or another special place in your home, on the solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19). Ask him to help your family be poor in spirit just as the Holy Family was, recognizing that all your blessings come from God.

**BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:**

- ☐ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 189
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 136
- ☐ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 195,
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page: 163-164
- ☐ **Tell you about St. Katharine Drexel.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 189, 207-208
  - ☐ Activity Books: Page 149-151

***March in Review***

**THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:**

- ☐ **How does the New Commandment sum up the entire law of the Gospel?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Foot Washing** p. 196-198, **Good Samaritan Theater** p. 205, **Jesus Teaches Us How Love** p. 206
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Foot Washing** p. 137, **Good Samaritan Theater** p. 144, **Jesus Teaches us How to Love** p. 147
- ☐ **How can I live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in my own life?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Works of Mercy Quotations** p. 199, **Living the Corporal Works of Mercy** p. 200-201, **The Spiritual Works of Mercy** p. 202-203, **The Works of Mercy in My Own Life** p. 204
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Living the Corporal Works of Mercy** p. 139, **The Corporal Works of Mercy** p. 140, **The Spiritual Works of Mercy Match-Up** p. 141, **The Works of Mercy in My Own Life** p. 142
- ☐ **What makes me truly happy?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Blessed** p. 211-212, **What Is Happiness?** P. 213-214, **My Beatitudes Book** p. 220
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Sermon on the Mount** p. 152, **What Is Happiness?** P. 153, **My Beatitudes Book** p. 159

**In Lesson 10 your children learned that:**

- ☐ **Christ gave us the New Commandment, which He declares is the surest sign that we are His disciples.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Foot Washing** p. 196-198, **Good Samaritan Theater** p. 205, **Jesus Teaches Us How Love** p. 206
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Foot Washing** p. 137, **Good Samaritan Theater** p. 144, **Jesus**

Teaches us How to Love p. 147

- ❑ **The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy help us respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Works of Mercy Quotations** p. 199, **Living the Corporal Works of Mercy** p. 200-201, **The Spiritual Works of Mercy** p. 202-203, **The Works of Mercy in My Own Life** p. 204
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Living the Corporal Works of Mercy** p. 139, **The Corporal Works of Mercy** p. 140, **The Spiritual Works of Mercy Match-Up** p. 141, **The Works of Mercy in My Own Life** p. 142

**In Lesson 11 your children learned that:**

- ❑ **God placed the desire for happiness in each of our hearts.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Blessed** p. 211-212, **What Is Happiness?** p. 213-214
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Sermon on the Mount** p. 152, **What Is Happiness?** p. 153
  
- ❑ **In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to show us what it means to be happy.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Blessed** p. 211-212, **Jesus Lives Out the First through Fourth Beatitudes** p. 215-217, **Salt and Light** p. 218-219
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Sermon on the Mount** p. 152, **Jesus Lives Out the Beatitudes** p. 154
  
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: 196-198, 199, 200, 201, 202-203, 204, 205, 206, 211-212, 213-214, 215-217, 218-219, 220
  - ❑ Children's Activity Book: 137, 139-140, 141, 142, 144, 147, 152, 153, 154, 159

### Suggested Weekly Learning Goals March

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 195 and 210. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li>❑ <b>Get to know St Katharine Drexel</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Katharine on Parent Guide pages 207-208</li> <li>❑ <b>Learn Scripture Verse:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Scripture verse for the month</b>. <i>"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another"</i> (John 13:35-35)</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on the New commandment and the Works of Mercy in the Parents Guide pages 195-208, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Christ gave us the New Commandment, which he declares is</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>the surest sign that we are His disciples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy help us respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters.</li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the questions -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How does the New Commandment sum up the entire law of the Gospel?</li> <li>❑ How can I live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in my own life?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on the first four Beatitudes in the Parents Guide on pages 211-220 to teach their children.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The Child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ God placed the desire for happiness in each of our hearts.</li> <li>❑ In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes to show us what it means to be happy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The Child should be able to answer the question -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ What makes me truly happy?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Your Catholic Home:</b> St. Joseph is the patron and protector of families. Place an icon of St. Joseph in your prayer corner if you have one, or another special place in your home, on the solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19). Ask him to help your family be poor in spirit just as the Holy Family was, recognizing that all your blessings come from God.</li> </ul>

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## April English Guide Year 3

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Matthew 5:11-12 *Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 225
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 166

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT Mark**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 257-258
  - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 191-193

### Overview of Lesson 12 The Fifth through the Eighth Beatitudes

The aim of this lesson is for your children to learn that Jesus came to earth to fulfill the Old Law and the prophets, which promised a Messiah that would save us from sin and death and bring us to new life.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 230
  - ❑ Activity Book: Page 194-195
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 10: Parent's Guide: Page 229**

### Overview of Lesson 13 Social Justice and the Mission of Christian Discipleship

Jesus Christ showed us that we cannot truly practice our Faith in isolation. In keeping with our human nature, we take on the mission of Christian discipleship within the human community: the family, the parish, the town, nation, and the world.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide Page 241
  - ❑ Activity Book: Page 194-195

**Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 13: Parent's Guide: Page.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Eucharistic Adoration:** Parent's Guide Page 224. Adoration is the Catholic tradition of praying before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance. (A monstrance is a beautiful sacred vessel for holding and displaying the Eucharist.) While a holy hour is traditional, you can go even for a few minutes, especially if you have young children. In our fast-paced, media-saturated culture, time spent in peaceful adoration helps children become comfortable with silence, and fosters in them the disposition of awe



and wonder. Finally, adoration reminds us how important self-sacrificial love is to our Faith. Worshipping the Lord is not about feeling entertained or amused, but about loving the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

**BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:**

- ☐ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization:**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Page 225
  - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 166
- ☐ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 230, 241
  - ☐ Activity Book: Page 194-195
- ☐ **Tell you about St. Mark**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 257-258
  - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 191-193

### *April in Review*

**THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:**

- ☐ **How can I live out the Beatitudes?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Jesus Lives Out the First through fourth Beatitudes** p. 234-236
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Jesus Lives out the Beatitudes** p. 170
- ☐ **In what ways are we all connected in the Body of Christ?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Saints on the Beatitudes** p. 237
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Saints on the Beatitudes** p. 175
- ☐ **How can I make my community a more just place?**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Peace in the First Society** p. 242-244, **Catholic Social Teaching** p. 252-254, **Grant Us Peace** p. 255-256
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Peace in the First Society** p. 183, **Catholic Social Teaching** p. 187, **Grant Us Peace** p. 189

**In Lesson 12 your children learned that:**

- ☐ **Jesus came to fulfill the Old Law and the prophets.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The Old Law and the New Law** p. 231-232
  - ☐ Activity Book: **The Old Law and the New Law** p. 167, **Moses and Jesus** p. 168
- ☐ **The Beatitudes are the heart of Jesus' preaching.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The Sermon on the Mount** p. 233, **Walking the Path of the Beatitudes** p. 239
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Sermon on the Mount** p. 169, **Walking the Path of the Beatitudes** p. 181
- ☐ **In the Beatitudes we see the perfection and fulfillment of the Old Law in the New.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **Jesus Lives Out the First through fourth Beatitudes** p. 234-236
  - ☐ Activity Book: **Jesus Lives out the Beatitudes** p. 170

**In Lesson 13 your children learned that:**

- ☐ **We take on the mission of Christian discipleship within the human community.**
  - ☐ Parent's Guide: **The Common Good** p. 245-246,
  - ☐ Activity Book: **The Common Good** p. 184

- ❑ **We have responsibilities toward God and our neighbor.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Human Dignity** p. 247-248, **Grant Us Peace** p. 255-256,
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Grant Us Peace** p. 189
- ❑ **The principles of Catholic Social Teaching include the dignity of the human person, the family, justice, peace, and solidarity.**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Peace in the First Society** p. 242-244, **Human Solidarity** p. 249-251
  - ❑ Activity Book: **Peace in the First Society** p. 183, **Human Solidarity** p.185
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
  - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 231-256
  - ❑ Activity Book Page: Pages 167-189

### Suggested Weekly Learning Goals April

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 230 and 241. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li>❑ <b>Get to know St Mark</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Mark on Parent Guide pages 257-258</li> <li>❑ <b>Learn Scripture Verse:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Scripture verse for the month</b>. <i>"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for you reward will be great in heaven"</i> (Matthew 5:11-12)</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on Beatitudes five through eight in the Parents Guide pages 231-239, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Jesus came to fulfill the Old Law and the prophets.</li> <li>❑ The Beatitudes are the heart of Jesus' preaching.</li> <li>❑ In the Beatitudes we see the perfection and fulfillment of the Old law in the New.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>The child should be able to answer the question -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ How can I live out the Beatitudes?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on Social Justice and the Mission of Christian Discipleship in the Parents Guide on pages 242-256 to teach their children.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>The child should understand that -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ We take on the mission of Christian discipleship within the human community.</li> <li>❑ We have responsibilities toward God and our neighbor.</li> <li>❑ The principles of Catholic Social Teaching include the dignity of the human person, the family, justice, peace, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

solidarity.

☐ **The child should be able to answer the questions -**

☐ In what ways are we all connected in the Body of Christ?

☐ How can I make my community a more just place?

- ☐ **Your Catholic Home:** Check when your parish offers Eucharistic Adoration, and go as a family to spend some time praying before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If the available times are not possible for you, remember that you visit Jesus any time your church is open by simply praying before the tabernacle. A wonderful time to do this is after receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as a family.