

# A FAMILY OF Faith



## 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>

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❑ 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.