

A FAMILY OF *Faith*



October English Guide Year 1

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** HEBREWS 11:1 *Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.*
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 8, 11,
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 7,9

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 12, 39-40,
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 34-38.

October Overview Lesson 1 I Believe

The aim of the first part of this lesson is for your children to learn what faith is and to begin to think about their faith in God. In the second part of the lesson your children learn that the Church has summarized the great mysteries of our Faith in the Apostles' Creed.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ **Parent's Guide: Page 16**
 - ❑ **Children's Activity Book: Pages 40.**

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

October Overview Lesson 2 In God, the Father Almighty

Children begin to understand the mystery of God and how we can know Him, His divine attributes, and the Trinity. Your children also begin to enter into the "story" of God's great plan as we examine God the Creator and His creation.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 27
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 41

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 2: Parent's Guide: Page 26.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: The Sign of the Cross,** Parent's Guide: Page 10.
The Sign of the Cross expresses two mysteries of our Faith. The words profess our belief in the Trinity, and because we trace the Sign of the Cross on ourselves, it

professes our belief in the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Sign of the Cross is the sign of the Christian. It can be said that it is a profession of faith – a creed. From time to time, stop after you have made the Sign of the Cross and ask your children what it tells us about our Faith.

This month, if your family is not in the habit of beginning prayer with the Sign of the Cross, this would be a good opportunity to start or restart this traditional Catholic way of prayer.

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

Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.

- Parents Guide: Page 8, 11
- Children's Activity Book: Pages 7,9.

Define this month's Words to Know.

- Parent's Guide: Pages 16, 27
- Activity Book: Page 79, 81

Tell about Saint Francis of Assisi:

- Parent's Guide: Pages 12, 39-40
- Children's Activity Book: Pages 34-38.

Make the Sign of the Cross and explain what it means:

- Parents Guide: Page 10

List the attributes of God (older children):

- Parent's Guide: Pages 30-31
- Children's Activity Book: Pages 16, 17
- (Answers on Parent's Guide: Page 30), 18.

Recite from memory the following section of the Apostles Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth:

- Parent's Guide: Pages 24-25
- Children's Activity Book: Page 13

October in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

What does it mean to believe?

- Parent's Guide: **What Does It Mean to Believe? p. 17-18, What Is Faith? p.19-20, Faith Is Necessary for Salvation p.21-22, Faith Requires Obedience p.23, A Summary of Faith: The Apostles' Creed p. 24-25**
- Children's Activity Book: **Act of Faith p.8, Scripture Memorization p.9,What Is Faith? P. 10-11, Faith and Belief p.12-13**
- (Answers on Parent's Guide: **Faith Is Necessary for Salvation p. 21-22), The Apostles' Creed p.13**

Who is God?

- Parent's Guide: **Who Is God? P. 30-31, The Blessed Trinity p. 32-34, The Story of Creation p. 35-37, Your Family Genesis Story p. 38**
- Children's Activity Book: **Who Is God? p.16, Attributes of God p. 17 (Answers in**

Parent's Guide: **Who Is God? P. 30-31**), **God Is Bigger than our Worries p. 18**,
Exploring the Trinity p. 19, **Exploring the Trinity p. 20**, **The Story of Creation p. 21-33**

How can we know Him?

- Parent's Guide: **How Can We Know God? p. 28-29**
- Children's Activity Book: **How Can We Know God? p. 14-15**

In Lesson 1 Your children learned that faith:

Is certain.

- Parent's Guide: **What Does It Mean to Believe? p.17-18**, **What Is Faith? p.19-20**
- Children's Activity Book: **What Is Faith? p.10-11**

Requires trust.

- Parent's Guide: **What Does It Mean to Believe? p.17-18**, **What Is Faith? p.19-20**
- Children's Activity Book: **What Is Faith? p.10-11**

Requires obedience.

- Parent's Guide: **Faith Requires Obedience p.23.**

Is necessary to get to heaven.

- Parent's Guide: **Faith Is Necessary for Salvation p.21-22**
- Children's Activity Book: **What Is Faith? p.10-11**, **Faith and Belief p.12**
- (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Faith Is Necessary for Salvation p.21-22**).

Is summarized in the 12 articles of the Apostles Creed.

- Parent's Guide: **A Summary of Faith: The Apostles' Creed p.24-25**
- Children's Activity Book: **Faith and Belief p.13**

In Lesson 2 your children learned we can know God:

Through reason.

- Parent's Guide: **How Can We Know God? p.28-29**
- Children's Activity Book: **How Can We Know God? p.14-15**

Through Divine Revelation.

- Parent's Guide: **How Can We Know God? P.28-29**, **Who Is God? p.30-31**
- Children's Activity Book: **How Can We Know God? p.14-15**

Through Creation.

- Parent's Guide: **How Can We Know God? p.28-29**, **The Story of Creation p. 35-37**, **Your Family Genesis Story p. 38**
- Children's Activity Book: **How Can We Know God? p.14-15**

And that God is the Blessed Trinity – One God in Three Divine Persons.

- Parent's Guide: **The Blessed Trinity p.32-34**
- Children's Activity Book: **Exploring the Trinity p.19**, **Exploring the Trinity p.20**

Recommended Activities:

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 10, 11, 13, 16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23, 24-25, 27, 28-29, 30-31, 32-34, 35-37, 38, 39-40, 41.
- ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 8, 9, 10-11, 12 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 21-22), 13, 14- 15, 16, 17 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 30), 18, 19, 20, 21-33, 34-38, 39, 40-41.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals October

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 16 and 27. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Francis Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Francis on Parent Guide pages 39-40 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”</i> (Hebrews 11:1)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach “Faith” in Parents Guide pages 17-21, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: Children should be able to answer the question of what it means to believe especially what is faith, that faith is certain and is a theological virtue that requires obedience.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activity on God, the Trinity and Creation in Parents Guide on pages 28-38 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Children should be able to answer the questions of how we can know God and who is God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ By the end of this week, the children should know that we can know God through: reason, Divine Revelation and creation. ❑ The children should also know that God is a perfect being with the attributes of being holy, almighty, omniscient, eternal and unchanging, and omnipresent. ❑ The children should especially learn the central mystery of our faith the Blessed Trinity that there is One God in three Divine Persons. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children how to make the Sign of the Cross and the two mysteries we celebrate when we make the Sign of the Cross: the mystery of the passion and death of Our Lord on the Cross for our salvation and the mystery of the Trinity. ❑ The Creation Story In the last part of the chapter, parents read the story of creation in the Parent’s Guide pages 35 - 37 or have their older children read it. Parents should teach their children that God is the creator of everyone and everything and that He created everything out of nothing and only God can create someone or something out of nothing.

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- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Genesis 1:27 God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 42, 45
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 43, 44

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: OLD TESTAMENT PATRIARCHS**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 46, 64-65
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 51, 54, 55-57
(Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 65).

Overview Lesson 3 Made in His Image, But Fallen from Grace

Your children will begin to learn what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. We also begin to see the story of creation unfold: the Original Sin of Adam and Eve lost for them and all humanity the friendship and harmony they shared with God, each other, and all creation. But although man offended God, God's mercy never faded. He promised a Redeemer and entered into covenants with mankind.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 50
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 61

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 3 Parent's Guide: Page 49**

Overview Lesson 4 Called to be His people, promised a Savior

Even though Adam and Eve lost the life of grace in their souls, God still loved them and wanted them to be able to live with Him forever in Heaven. So, from the time of Adam and Eve's sin, God promised a Redeemer and entered into covenants with mankind.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 63
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Page 62

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 4: Parent's Guide: Page 62.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Scripture Reading and Lectio Divina** Parent's Guide: Page 44. If your family is not in the habit of reading Scripture together, this month—with lots of Bible readings in the activities – would be a great time to start.

Set aside five to ten minutes each evening to read the Bible together. Children love being read to, and it is a wonderful way to spend quality time together. You can read with smaller children next to you or in your lap. Have older children take turns reading a few verses at a time.

With your older children, try praying together with the ancient art of Lectio Divina, which is done in the following manner: Choose a Gospel passage, read it aloud, and then pause for several seconds of silence. Ask your spouse and children if any word or phrase stood out to them. Then have one of your older children read the passage aloud again. Devote a few minutes of silence to discern what God is calling each of you to do through His Word. Conclude with an Our Father.

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parents Guide: Page 42, 45
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 43, 44.
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 50, 63
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 61, 62
- ❑ **Retell the story of the fall:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 51-61
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 45, 47, 48 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 57), 49-50 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 59).
- ❑ **Explain some ways we can know that God keeps His Promises:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 60-61, 64-70,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 51, 52 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 65), 53, 54, 55-56, 57 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 65), 58-59, 60 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 69).
- ❑ **Tell you about Noah, Abraham, and Moses:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 64-69,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 51, 54, 55-57 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 65), 58, 59, 60 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 69)

November in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **What does it mean to be made in God's image and likeness?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Made in His Image** 51-52, **I Reflect the Image of God** p. 53, **Body and Soul** p. 54-55, **What Is Grace?** P. 56-57
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages: **Scripture Memorization** p. 44, **Paper Figure Activity** p. 45, **Spiritual Creation and Material Creation** p. 47, **Our Life of Grace** p. 48 (Answer in Parent's Guide: **What Is Grace?**p. 57), **Original Holiness & Justice and the Fall** p. 49-50 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Fall from Grace Scripture** p. 59).
- ❑ **How do we know God loves us?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Made in His Image** p. 51-52, **Body and Soul** p.54-55, **What Is Grace?** p.56-57, **Fallen, But Loved by God** p. 60-61
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Spiritual Creation and Material Creation** p. 47, **Our Life of Grace** p. 48 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **What Is Grace?** p. 57), **Original Holiness & Justice and the Fall** p. 49-50 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Fall from Grace Scripture** p. 59).
- ❑ **How has God revealed Himself to us throughout salvation history?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Covenants in Scripture** 64-65, **God Is a Promise Keeper** p.66-67, **Bible Promises Stars** p. 68-70
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Coloring and Activity Pages** p. 51-52
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Covenants in Scripture** p. 65), **Coloring and Activity Pages** 53-54, **God's Mercy and Covenants Study Sheet** p.55-57 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Covenants in Scripture** p.65), **God Keeps His Promises** p. 58-59, **Bible Promises Star** p. 60 (Answer in Parent's Guide: **Bible Promises Stars** p.69).

In Lesson 3 Your children learned:

- ❑ **All people are made in the image and likeness of God, which means we have intellect, free will, and the capacity to love.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Made in His Image** p. 51-52, **I Reflect the Image of God** p. 53
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Scripture Memorization** p. 44, **Paper Figure Activity** p. 45.
- ❑ **People have immortal souls.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Body and Soul** p. 54-55,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Spiritual Creation and Material Creation** p. 47.
- ❑ **Grace is God's own life within us.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **What Is Grace?** p. 56-57
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Our Life of Grace** p. 48 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **What Is Grace?** p. 57).
- ❑ **Adam and Eve's sin, called Original Sin, means we are born without grace in our souls.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Fall from Grace Scripture** p.58-59
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Original Holiness & Justice and the Fall** p. 49-50
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Fall from Grace Scripture** p.59).

In Lesson 4 your children learned:

- ❑ **God did not abandon humanity after the Fall.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Fallen, But Loved by God** p.60-61,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Original Holiness & Justice and the Fall** p. 49-50 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Fall from Grace Scripture** p.59).

- ❑ **God entered into covenants with mankind.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Covenants in Scripture** p.64-65,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Coloring and Activity Pages** p.51-54, (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Covenants in Scripture** p. 65), **God's Mercy and Covenants Study Sheet** p. 55-57 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Covenants in Scripture** p. 65).

- ❑ **God always keeps His promises.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **God Is a Promise Keeper** p. 66-67, **Bible Promises Stars** p. 68-69
 - ❑ Activity Book: **God Keeps His Promises** p. 58-59, **Bible Promises Star** p. 60 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Bible Promises Stars** p. 69).

- ❑ **Advent is a season of waiting and preparing for Jesus.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Bible Promises Stars** p. 70
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Bible Promises Star** p. 60 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Bible Promises Stars** p. 69).

- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 44, 45, 47, 50, 51-52, 53, 54-55, 56-57, 58-59, 60-61, 63, 64-65, 66-67, 68-69, 70, 71.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 44, 45, 47, 48 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 57), 49-50 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 59), 51, 52 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 65), 54, 55-57 (Answer in Parent's Guide: Page 65), 58-59, 60 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 69), 61, 62.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals November

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Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parent's discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 50 and 63. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know Old Testament Patriarchs. Parents and children should read the brief biography of the Old Testament Patriarchs on Parent's Guide pages 64-65 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>"God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."</i>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach Made in His image, Body and Soul, what is Grace, fall from grace, and, fallen but loved by God in Parent's Guide pages 51-61, and lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: Children should be able to answer the question of what it means to be made in God's image and likeness, how do we know that God loves us which we know because God created us and promised to save us from our sins.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activity on Covenants in Scripture in Parent's Guide on pages 64-70 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Children should be able to answer the questions of How God has revealed Himself in Salvation History. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The children should learn how God has entered into covenants with His people. A covenant is a solemn promise that establishes a family relationship. ❑ God established a covenant with Adam and Eve that was a covenant of a holy couple, the sign of this covenant was marriage, ❑ God entered into a covenant with Noah that established a covenant of a holy family, the sign of this covenant was a rainbow. ❑ God entered into a covenant with Abraham that was a covenant of a holy tribe, God made three promises to Abraham a land (nation) a name (dynasty) and a worldwide blessing, the sign of this covenant was circumcision ❑ God entered into a covenant with Moses of a holy nation, the sign of this covenant was the law, God entered into a covenant with David of a Kingdom, the sign of this covenant was the temple.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ All of these covenants prepared for the New and Everlasting Covenant that God established with all mankind by the Incarnation, Death and Resurrection of His Son. ❑ Explain that a type is something or someone in the Old Testament that foreshadows someone or something in the New Testament. Isaac is a type of Jesus Christ. This is demonstrated in the Libro De Actividades Pages 112-113 or in the English activity book page 59. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Scripture reading and Lectio Divina. Every day the family should gather together and spend 5 to 10 minutes reading the Scriptures, the Bible. You should also develop the habit of Lectio Divina which entails choosing a passage from the Gospel reading it aloud, then the family should spend a few minutes in silence thinking about the passages that was read and what word or phrase of what may have remained your thoughts then the family should share some of the words and phrases they dwelt on in their thoughts, after this one of the older children should read the passage from Scripture again and the family should spend a few more minutes in silence thinking about what the Lord is asking each of you to do through His word and end by praying the Our Father. ❑ Explanation and Preparation for Advent: Parents should explain that the season of Advent is a time for preparing and waiting for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of the world. The family should consider ways of growing in their faithfulness to God during this season by reflecting on God's love for their family by His faithfulness to the promises He has made to us.
Week 4	

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- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Luke 1:38: Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 72, 75
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 63, 64

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT NICHOLAS**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 76, 94-95
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 79-81

Overview Lesson 5 In the Fullness of Time

In this Lesson we see the beauty of God’s plan unfold in the moment the Word became flesh: The Annunciation. Mary said yes to God, and God became man: a baby in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus is Emmanuel, or God with us.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ **Parent’s Guide: Page 80**
 - ❑ **Children's Activity Book: Page 82**

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 5 Parent’s Guide: Page 79**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Advent Wreath** Parent’s Guide: Page 74, 75, 81, 93 Activity Book: Pages 65-72. The Advent wreath is a tradition in the Catholic Church that dates back to the Middle Ages. It is a practice that is rich with meaning and helps us focus our time of waiting during Advent on Christ so we don’t lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas – the joyful day that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, was born.

If your family does not have an Advent wreath, now would be the perfect time to get one! You can place it on your kitchen table or another place where you frequently gather. You can also make a simple one with evergreens, three purple candles and one rose candle arranged in a circle, and a white candle in the center. Don’t worry if Advent has already begun – it’s okay to start in the middle! Light one purple candle on the first Sunday, two purple candles on the second, two purple candles and the rose candle on the third Sunday, and all four candles on the fourth. As the lights grow brighter and the Light of the World grows closer, ask God to prepare your hearts to receive Him at Christmas and when He returns at the end of time.

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parents Guide: Page 72, 75
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 63, 64

- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 80
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 83

- ❑ **Explain how the Blessed Virgin Mary "undid" the sin of Eve:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 82-92
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 73 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 84-85), 74, 75, 76 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 90), 77, 78.

- ❑ **Tell about Saint Nicholas:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 76, 94-95,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 79- 81.

- ❑ **Experience the Joy of Christmas:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide Pages 88-90, 96.
 - ❑ Participating in and celebrating Christmas Mass, rejoicing as a family in the Birth of Our Lord spending time thanking God for his birth and singing Christmas Carols, other family traditions, sharing with those who may have a special need of the awareness of the gift of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

December in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **How did God keep His promise to humanity?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Annunciation Scripture p. 82-85, The Immaculate Conception p. 86-87**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Mary Is the New Eve p. 73-75** (Answers in the Parent's Guide: **The Annunciation Scripture p. 84-85**), **Mary Is the New Eve p.76** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Incarnation p. 90**).

- ❑ **When and how did God Himself enter the world?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Incarnation 88-90, December Gospel Coloring Pages 91-92,**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Crossword Puzzle p. 76** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Incarnation p.90**) **Crossword Puzzle p. 77-78.**

- ❑ **Why did God decide to become a man?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Incarnation p. 88-90, December Gospel Coloring Pages p. 91-92**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Crossword Puzzle p. 76-78** (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 90)

In Lesson 5 Your children learned that:

- ❑ **The Annunciation was God’s announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: **The Annunciation Scripture** p. 82-85,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Mary Is the New Eve** p. 73-75 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 84-85)

- ❑ **Mary’s “yes” to God “undid” the sin of Eve.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide Pages: **The Annunciation Scripture** p. 82-85,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Mary Is the New Eve** p. 73 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: **The Annunciation Scripture** p. 84-85), **Mary Is the New Eve** p. 74-75, **Crossword Puzzle** p.76 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: **The Incarnation** p. 90).

- ❑ **God preserved Mary from Original Sin from the moment of her conception:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: **The Immaculate Conception** p.86-87,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Mary Is the New Eve** p. 73-75 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Pages 84-85), **Crossword Puzzle** p. 76 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: **The Incarnation** p. 90).

- ❑ **God Himself entered into human history by sending His only beloved Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to become human.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: **The Incarnation** 88-90, **December Gospel Coloring Pages** p. 91-92
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Crossword Puzzle** p. 76-78 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: **The Incarnation** p. 90)

- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82-85, 86-87, 88-92, 93, 94-95, 96, 97.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 64, 65-72, 73 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 84-85), 74, 75, 76, (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 90), 77, 78, 79-81, 82.

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Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide page 80. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Nicholas: Parents and children should read the brief biography of St Nicholas on Parent Guide pages 94-95 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)</i>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach Advent preparation in Parents Guide pages 81-93, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The child should have an understanding of the Annunciation and the Immaculate Conception, and their effects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ That the Annunciation was God’s announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God. ❑ That Mary’s yes to the angel undid the sin of Eve. ❑ That Mary was born without original sin, so that she could bear the Son of God.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The child should have an understanding that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ God entered human history by sending His Son Jesus to be our Savior. ❑ Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, is fully God and fully man. ❑ God became man to restore our friendship with Him, so that we would know His love, to be a model of holiness, and to allow us to share in His divine life, making us sons and daughters of God. <p style="margin-left: 20px;">They should also be able to answer the question, what are the four reasons that the Son of God became man?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ To restore our friendship with God ❑ So that we would know God’s love ❑ To be a model of holiness ❑ To allow us to share in God’s divine life and to make us sons of God ❑ Your Catholic Home: 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.

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- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.”
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages: 98, 101
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 83, 84

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 102, 127-128,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 100-102.

Overview Lesson 6 Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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 106
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 103.
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 6: Parent’s Guide: Page 105**

Overview Lesson 7 Jesus Makes us Children of God.

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 117,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 103.
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 7: Parent’s Guide: Page 116.**
- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Epiphany:** Parent’s Guide: Page 100, 101. Long after the rest of the world has packed Christmas away, Catholics celebrate the real meaning of the holiday well into the new year! An especially beautiful celebration takes place on the Feast of Epiphany. On this day we commemorate the Magi’s visit

to the Infant Jesus.

- ❑ A traditional way to mark the Epiphany is a blessing of your home. Pray: “The three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and (say the last two digits of the year) years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.” Then use chalk to write above your front door “20 + C + M + B + 19.” This example is for 2019- the first and last numbers are the first two digits and the second two digits of the year. The letters have two meanings. First, they are the initials of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which is Latin for “May Christ bless the house.”

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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 83-84.

- ❑ **Define this month’s Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 106, 117,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 103.

- ❑ **Explain some of Jesus’ miracles and how we know He is God:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 107-115,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 85-86, 87, 88, 89-90 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 112), 91.

- ❑ **Understand that Baptism forgives Original Sin and makes us children of God:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 118-126,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 92, 93 (Answers in Parent’s Guide 120), 94, 95, 96, 97-98, 99 (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page126).

- ❑ **Tell you about St. Paul, Apostle and how he was converted to Christianity:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 102, 127-128,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 100-102.

January in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **What can we learn from Jesus about how to live?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Who Is Jesus?** p. 107-109, **'I Am the Way'** p. 118- 121
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Who Is Jesus?** p. 85-86, **Redemption Game** p. 92, **Look It Up and Fill In the Blank** p. 93, (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Way'** p. 120), **John 1:16 Creative Project** p. 94-96

- ❑ **What is Baptism?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 122-125, **'I Am the Life'** p. 126,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 97-98, **Kingdom of God** p. 99 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Life'** p. 126).

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

- ❑ **The truth of who He is.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Who Is Jesus?** p. 107-109
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Who Is Jesus?** p. 85-86.

- ❑ **The life He has planned for us.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Miracles of Jesus** p. 110-113,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Hunting for Miracles** p. 87-88, **Jesus' Miracles** p. 89-90 (Answer in Parent's Guide: **Miracles of Jesus** p. 112), **Jesus Forgives Sins** p. 91.

- ❑ **The way to live in order to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Way'** p. 118- 121, **'I Am the Life'** p. 126
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Redemption Game** p. 92, **Look It Up and Fill In the Blank** p. 93 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Way'** p. 120) **John 1:16 Creative Project** p. 94-96, **Kingdom of God** p. 99 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Life'** p. 126).

In Lesson 7 your children learned that:

- ❑ **When we are baptized Christians, all our sins are forgiven.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 122-125,
 - ❑ Activity Book **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 97-98, **Kingdom of God** p. 99 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Life'** p. 126).

- ❑ **Baptism makes us God's adopted children.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 122-125, **'I Am the Life'** p. 126,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **John 1:16 Creative Project** p.96, **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 97-98, **Kingdom of God** p. 99 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Life'** p. 126).

- ❑ **Baptized Christians are no longer the lost descendants of Adam and Eve but the Children of God.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 122-125.
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Baptism: The First Step on the Way** p. 97-98, **Kingdom of God** p. 99 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **'I Am the Life'** p. 126).

❑ **Recommended Activities:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 100, 101, 103, 106, 107-109, 110-113, 114, 115, 117, 118-121, 122-125, 126, 127-128, 129.
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 84, 85-86, 87, 88, 89-90, (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 112), 91, 92, 93, (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 120), 94, 95, 96, 97-98, 99 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 126), 100-102, 103, 104.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals January

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 106 and 117. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the child should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Paul the Apostle: Parents and children should read the brief biography of St Paul on Parent Guide pages 127-128 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)</i>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach the truth about the person of Jesus in Parents Guide pages 107-115, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The truth of who Jesus is ❑ The life he has planned for us ❑ The way we should live in order to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on what makes us children of God in Parents Guide on pages 118-126 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ When we are baptized as Christians, all our sins are forgiven ❑ Baptism makes us God’s adopted children ❑ Baptized Christians are no longer the lost descendants of Adam but are children of God. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children about the rich tradition of Epiphany and how it is a more full celebration of Christmas. If possible, get your house blessed by your parish priest, so that they can see the tradition in action.

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February English Guide Year 1

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Matthew 28:6: “He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said.”
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 130, 133
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 105, 106.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT BRIGID OF IRELAND**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 134, 159-161,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 116-118.

Overview Lesson 8 He is not here; He has Risen!

In this lesson we explore the Paschal Mystery, learning what it means that Jesus descended into hell and that on the third day He rose again from the dead.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Page 138,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 119.
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 8: Parent’s Guide: Page 137.**

Overview Lesson 9 Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

Although Christ reigns now in Heaven, He also reigns here on earth through the Church, His Body. His Kingdom is present and yet to come. The Church looks forward to the Second Coming of Christ with great hope and anticipation. We do not know the hour of His return, nor can we know it.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Page 149,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 119.
- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 9: Parent’s Guide: Page 148.**
- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Lent:** Parent’s Guide: Page 132, 147, Activity Book: Pages 109- 110. For about six weeks before Easter, Catholics observe the season of Lent. The first day of Lent varies, but it is often in February or very early

March. Lent is a penitential season when Catholics practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a way of preparing to enter into the Paschal Mystery and the celebration of Easter by renewing our Baptismal Vows and learning how to live them more faithfully during the Easter Season.

- ❑ Take your family to Mass on Ash Wednesday. At this Mass, you will receive ashes on your forehead as a reminder of your mortality and that you are completely dependent on the saving work of Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means consuming no more than one full meal and two small meals that together would not make a full meal. Abstinence means not eating meat. Fasting and abstinence remind us that Lent is a season of penance, and they allow us to participate in a small way in the suffering that Jesus experienced for our sake. (Note: those under 18 or over 59 years of age are not required to fast, and children under 14 are not required to abstain from eating meat.)

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 130, 133.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 105-106.
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 138, 149.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 119.
- ❑ **Understand the significance of the Resurrection:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 139-146, 150-154.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 107 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 141), 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 146) 111 (Questions and Answers are on Page 151), 112.
- ❑ **Know how we will be judged at the Last Judgment:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 155-158.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 113-115.
- ❑ **Tell you about St. Brigid of Ireland and the fearless humility that helped her serve those in need.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 134, 159-161,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 116-118.

February in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **Did Jesus really die?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 139-141,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 107 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 141).
- ❑ **What is the Resurrection?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Resurrection** p. 142-144.

❑ **What is the Paschal Mystery?**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 139-141, **The Resurrection** p. 142-144, **Salvation is a Process** p. 145-146, **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** p. 150-151, **The Ascension** p. 152-154.
- ❑ Activity Book: **The Realm of the Dead** p. 107 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 141), **Salvation Is A Process** p. 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Salvation is a Process** p. 146), **Ash Wednesday Mass Journal** p. 111 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** p. 151), **The Ascension** p. 112

❑ **How will we be judged at the end of our lives?**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Last Days and Last Judgement** p. 155-156, **These Least Brothers of Mine** p. 157-158.
- ❑ Activity Book: **Last Days and Last Judgement** p. 113-114, **The Sheep From the Goats** p. 115

In Lesson 8 your children learned that:

❑ **Jesus preached the Gospel to the souls of the dead.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 139-141
- ❑ Activity Book: **The Realm of the Dead** p. 107 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 141).

❑ **He rose from the dead on the third day.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Resurrection** p. 142-144, **Salvation is a Process** p. 145-146,
- ❑ Activity Book: **Salvation Is A Process** p. 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Salvation is a Process** p. 146).

❑ **The Resurrection is the crowning truth of our Faith.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Resurrection** p. 142-144, **Salvation is a Process** p. 145-146.
- ❑ Activity Book: **Salvation Is A Process** p. 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Salvation is a Process** p. 146), **Ash Wednesday Mass Journal** p. 111 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** p. 151).

❑ **The Paschal Mystery is Christ's Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Did Jesus Really Die?** 139-141, **The Resurrection** p. 142-144, **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** p. 150-151, **The Ascension** p. 152-154.
- ❑ Activity Book: **The Realm of the Dead** p. 107 (Questions and Answers in Activity Book: **Did Jesus Really Die?** p. 141), **Salvation Is A Process** p. 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Salvation is a Process** p. 146), **Ash Wednesday Mass Journal** p. 111 (Questions and Answers: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** p. 151), **The Ascension** p. 112.

In Lesson 9 your children learned that:

❑ **Forty days after He rose from the dead, Jesus ascended into Heaven.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Ascension** p. 152-154,
- ❑ Activity Book: **Ash Wednesday Mass Journal** p. 111 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** p. 151), **The Ascension** p. 112.

❑ **Jesus is the only intercessor between God and man.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion** 150-151, **The Ascension** p.

152-154,

- ❑ Activity Book: **Ash Wednesday Mass Journal p. 111** (Questions and Answers: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion p. 151**), **The Ascension p. 112**.

- ❑ **He is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide Pages: **Last Days and Last Judgement p. 155-156**,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Ash Wednesday Mass Journal p. 111** (Questions and Answers: **Te Deum Prayer and Discussion p. 151**), **The Ascension p. 112**, **Last Days and Last Judgement p. 113-114**.

- ❑ **He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Last Days and Last Judgement p. 155-156**, **These Least Brothers of Mine p. 157-158**.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages: **Last Days and Last Judgement p. 113-114**, **The Sheep From the Goats p. 115**

- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 132, 133, 135, 138, 139-141, 142-144, 145-146, 147, 149, 150- 151, 152-154, 155-158, 159-161, 162.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages: 106, 107 (Questions and Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 141), 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 146), 109, 110, 111 (Questions and Answers: Page 151), 112, 113-114, 115, 116-118, 119, 120.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals February

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 138-149. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Brigid of Ireland: Parents and children should read the brief biography of St Brigid on Parent Guide pages 159-161 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said.”</i> (Hebrews 11:1)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to explore the truth about the Paschal Mystery in Parents Guide pages 139-147, lead the children through the activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: Your child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Jesus preached the Gospel to the souls of the dead. ❑ He rose from the dead on the third day. ❑ The Resurrection is the crowning truth of our Faith. ❑ The Paschal Mystery is Christ’s Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to explore the Second Coming of Christ in Parents Guide on pages 150-158, lead the children through the activity. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Your child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Forty days after He rose from the dead, Jesus ascended into Heaven. ❑ Jesus is the only intercessor between God and man. ❑ He is seated at the right hand of the Father. ❑ He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. ❑ Your Catholic Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parents should teach their children about the penitential nature of Lent and how to fast in accord with the Church's laws, (once they are of proper age). Give special attention to the tradition of the ashes on the first day of Lent. This special blessing on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mortal and that we depend completely on Christ to save us.

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March English Guide Year 1

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** John 14:18: “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 164, 167,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 121, 122.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT PETER**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 168, 194-195,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 131-133

Overview Lesson 10 I will not leave you as orphans

In this lesson, we meet the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity: The Holy Spirit. We will learn about the Spirit’s work from the beginning through the end of time, and how the Spirit’s working in and through the Church is God’s provision for continued leadership and guidance for all believers.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Page 172
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 139

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 10: Parent’s Guide: Page 171.**

Overview Lesson 11 I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

This lesson defines the Church, the People of God, and explores the threefold mission of the Church: to teach, sanctify, and govern in Christ’s name and by His power.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Page 187,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 139

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 11: Parent’s Guide: 185-186.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: The Holy Spirit:** Parent’s Guide: Page 166. This month is a perfect time to focus on the Holy Spirit and invite Him into your lives.
- ❑ Fire is a traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit. Place a candle in a place of honor in your home – for example, on the mantle or on a shelf with a crucifix and an

icon of Mary or a saint. This candle can be a reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence in your home.

- ❑ Pray together the Come Holy Spirit. In this traditional prayer we ask the Holy Spirit to make us new and fill our hearts with wisdom.
- ❑ *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 164, 167,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 121, 122.
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 172, 187,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page: 139.
- ❑ **Explain who the Holy Spirit is and the significance of Pentecost:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 173-183, 188-190,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 123, 124, 125, 126, 127 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 180).
- ❑ **Understand that the Church is both visible and invisible; human and divine:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 191-193, 196-202,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages: 128-129 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 192-193), 130 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 193), 134-138.
- ❑ **Tell you about St. Peter and how he cared for Christ's flock as the first pope:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 191-193, 194-195.
 - ❑ Activity Books: Pages 128-129 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 192-193), 130 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 193), 131-133.

March in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **'I Will Not Leave You as Orphans' p. 173-174, Who Is the Holy Spirit? P. 175-177, The Birthday of the Church p. 178-179, Symbols of the Holy Spirit p. 180-183, The Holy Spirit in Our Lives p. 188-190,**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Who Is the Holy Spirit? P. 123, Who Is the Holy Spirit? P. 124-125, Happy Birthday Songwriting p. 126, Symbols of the Holy Spirit p.127 (Answers in Parent's Guide: The Birthday of the Church p. 180).**
- ❑ **What is the Church?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 191-193, The Church is the Body of Christ p. 196-197, The People of God p. 198-199,**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Keys to the Kingdom p. 128-129 (Answers in Parent's Guide: The**

Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 192-193), The Spirit and the Church p. 130
(Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 193**), **The Church Is the People of God p. 134-135, We Are the People of God p. 136-137.**

- ❑ **What is the Church's mission and what is my part in that mission?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Mission of the Church p. 200-201, Our Mission in the Church and the World p. 202**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **We Are the People of God p. 136-137, Priest, Prophet, and King p. 138.**

In Lesson 10 your children learned that:

- ❑ **The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Trinity.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **'I Will Not Leave You as Orphans' p. 173-174, Who Is the Holy Spirit? P. 175-177, The Birthday of the Church p. 178-179, Symbols of the Holy Spirit p. 180-183.**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Who Is the Holy Spirit? p. 123, Who Is the Holy Spirit? p.124-125, Happy Birthday Songwriting p. 126, Symbols of the Holy Spirit p. 127** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Symbols of the Holy Spirit p. 180**).
- ❑ **Jesus established His Church and made St. Peter the first pope.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 191-193,**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Keys to the Kingdom p. 128-129** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 192-193**), **The Spirit and the Church p. 130** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority p.193**).
- ❑ **The Church was born when the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Who Is the Holy Spirit? 175-177, The Birthday of the Church p. 178.**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Who Is the Holy Spirit? p. 123, Who Is the Holy Spirit? P. 124-125, Happy Birthday Songwriting p. 126.**
- ❑ **The Holy Spirit guides the Church today.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Holy Spirit in Our Lives p. 188-190, The Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 191-193.**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Keys to the Kingdom p. 128-129** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 192-193**), **The Spirit and the Church p. 130** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Church Has Jesus' Authority p. 193**).

In Lesson 11 your children learned that:

- ❑ **The People of God are not defined by race, ethnicity, or culture, but by our faith in Jesus and obedience to His commands.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The People of God p. 198-199.**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **The Church Is the People of God p.134-135, We Are the People of God p.136-137.**
- ❑ **Every baptized Christian shares in Christ's office as priest, prophet and king.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Our Mission in the Church and the World p. 202.**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Priest, Prophet, and King p. 138.**
- ❑ **Members of the Church make up the Mystical Body of Christ.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Church is the Body of Christ p. 196-197.**

- ❑ Activity Book: **The Church Is the People of God** p. 134-135, **We Are the People of God** p. 136-137.

- ❑ **Christ gave the Apostles and their successors the mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing in His name and by His power.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Mission of the Church** p. 200-201,
 - ❑ Activity Book: **Keys to the Kingdom** p. 128-129 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority** p. 192-193), **The Spirit and the Church** p. 130 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Church Has Jesus' Authority** p. 193).

- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 166, 167, 169, 172, 173-174, 175-177, 178, 179, 180-183, 187, 188-190, 191-193, 194-195, 196-197, 198-199, 200-201, 202, 203.
 - ❑ Activities from the Activity Book: Pages 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 180), 128-129, (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 192-193), 130 (Answer in Parent's Guide: Page 193), 131- 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals March

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 172 and 187. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Peter Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Peter on Parent Guide pages 194-195 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” (John 14:18)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach about the nature of the Holy Spirit, what happened at Pentecost, and the mission of the Church in the Parents Guide pages 173-183, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Trinity. ❑ Jesus established His Church and made St. Peter the first pope. ❑ The Church was born when the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. ❑ The Holy Spirit guides the Church today.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the authority of the Church and our mission as people of God in the Parents Guide on pages 186-202 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The People of God are not defined by race, ethnicity, or culture, but by our faith in Jesus and obedience to His commands. ❑ Every baptized Christian shares in Christ’s office as priest, prophet, and king. ❑ Members of the Church make up the Mystical Body of Christ. ❑ Christ gave the Apostles and their successors the mission ❑ of teaching, sanctifying and governing in His name and by His power. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children about the importance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Fire is the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit. Place a candle in a place of honor in your home and make a commitment to praying the <i>Come Holy Spirit</i> Prayer throughout the month.

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- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Revelation 21:5: The One who sat on the throne said: “Behold, I make all things new.”
 - ❑ **Parent’s Guide:** Pages 204, 207,
 - ❑ **Activity Book:** Pages 141, 142.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**
 - ❑ **Parent’s Guide:** Pages 208, 234-235,
 - ❑ **Activity Book:** Pages 154-155.

Overview of Lesson 12 One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

In this lesson we will continue to examine our belief in the Holy Catholic Church. We will look at the four marks of the Church, and the Communion of Saints.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ **Parent’s Guide:** Page 212,
 - ❑ **Activity Book:** Page 158.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 10: Parent’s Guide:** Page 171.

Overview of Lesson 13 Amen! Come, Lord Jesus

In this last lesson of the year, we move quickly through the final three articles of the Creed. All of these truths have already been examined in other lessons, and here we explore them in a bit more depth.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ **Parent’s Guide** Page 230,
 - ❑ **Activity Book:** Page 158.

Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 13: Parent’s Guide: Page 229.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Parent’s Guide Page 206. The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Sister Faustina saw a vision of Jesus with light streaming out of His heart. He told her to have a painting made of what she saw with the words “Jesus I trust in You,” and that the Sunday after Easter should be devoted to His mercy, He taught her a prayer called the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

- ❑ As a family, pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet using rosary beads:
- ❑ 1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Then say the Our Father, a Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed.
- ❑ 2. On the Our Father beads, pray: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- ❑ 3. On each of the 10 Hail Mary beads, pray: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all five decades.)
- ❑ 4. Conclude by praying three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 204, 207,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 141, 142.
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 212, 230,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 158.
- ❑ **List and explain the four marks of the Church.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 213-225,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 143-144, 145 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 215), 146-147, 148.
- ❑ **Tell you about St. Catherine of Siena.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 208, 234-235,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 154-155.
- ❑ **Recite and understand the Apostles Creed.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide Pages: Pages 25, 213-219, 221-225, 226-228, 231-233, 236,
 - ❑ Activity Book Pages: 13, 143-144, 145 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 215), 146-147, 148, 149-150, 151-152 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 231), 153, 156, 157.

April in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **What are the marks of the Church Jesus Founded?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Four Marks of the Church p. 213-215, One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church p. 216-219,**
 - ❑ Activity Book: **The Four Marks of the Church p. 143-144, Marks of the Church Fill-In-The-Blank p. 145** (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Four Marks of the Church p. 215**).
- ❑ **What happens after we die?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: **Communion of the Saints p. 221-222, Three states of the Church p. 223-225, Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up Discussion p. 226-228,**

- ❑ Activity Book: **Three States of the Church** p. 146-147, **Prayer of Thanksgiving For The Church** p. 148, **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up** p. 149-150, **Quote Matching** p. 151-152 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting** p. 231).

❑ **What do we mean by "life everlasting"?**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up Discussion** p.226-228,
- ❑ Activity Book: **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up** p. 149-150, **Quote Matching** p. 151-152 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting** 231).

In Lesson 12 your children learned that:

❑ **The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **The Four Marks of the Church** p. 213-215, **One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church** p. 216-219
- ❑ Activity Book: **The Four Marks of the Church** p. 143-144, **Marks of the Church Fill-In-The-Blank** p. 145 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **The Four Marks of the Church** p. 215).

❑ **The Communion of Saints means that all the faithful – those in Heaven, in purgatory, and believers on earth – form one body.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Communion of the Saints** p. 221-222, **Three states of the Church** p. 223-225
- ❑ Activity Book: **Three States of the Church** 146-147, **Prayer of Thanksgiving For The Church** p. 148.

In Lesson 13 your children learned that:

❑ **God forgives sin through the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Reconciliation, and others, especially the Eucharist.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up Discussion** p. 226-228, **Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting** p. 231
- ❑ Activity Book: **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up** p. 149-150, 151-152 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting** p. 231).

❑ **On the Last Day, Christ will raise the bodies of all people from the dead and reunite them with their souls.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up Discussion** p. 226-228, **Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting** p. 231, **A New Heaven and a New Earth** p. 232-233,
- ❑ Activity Book: **Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up** p. 149-150, **Quote Matching** p. 151-152 (Answers in Parent's Guide: **Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting** p. 231), **I Am the Alpha And the Omega** p.153.

❑ **The word *amen* comes from the same Hebrew root as *believe*.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: **Amen! Creative Project** p. 236
- ❑ Activity Book: **Amen Creative Project** p.156, **Closing Prayer** p. 157

❑ **Recommended Activities:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 206, 207, 209, 212, 213-215, 216-219, 221-222, 223-225,

226- 228, 230, 231, 232-233, 234-235, 236, 237.

- Activity Book Page: Pages 142, 143-144, 145 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 215), 146-147, 148, 149-150, 151-152, (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 231), 153, 154-155, 156, 157, 158, 159-162.

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Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach about the four marks of the church, the communion of the Saints, and the three states of the church in the Parents Guide pages 213-228, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. ❑ The Communion of Saints means that all the faithful – those in Heaven, in purgatory, and believers on earth – form one body.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the forgiveness of sins and the second coming in Parents Guide on pages 231-236 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ God forgives sin through the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Reconciliation, and others, especially the Eucharist. ❑ On the Last Day, Christ will raise the bodies of all people from the dead and reunite them with their souls. ❑ The word <i>amen</i> comes from the same Hebrew root as <i>believe</i>. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children about how Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina and taught here the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Divine Mercy Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter. Try and pray the Chaplet this month, asking for a flood of God’s mercy on your family and the whole world.