

A FAMILY OF Faith



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 82

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 5 Parent's Guide: Page 87**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Advent** Parent's Guide: Page 92 Activity Book: Pages 65-72.

Most of the world celebrates Christmas as soon as Thanksgiving is over. But 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.**
 - ❑ Parents Guide: Page 83
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 52
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 88
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 83
- ❑ **Explain the cardinal and theological virtues:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 91-92, 93-94, 95
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57, 59, 60
- ❑ **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: Pages 95
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 60
- ❑ **How does virtue transform my soul?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 89-90, 96-97, 98, 99
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 53, 61, 73, 79
- ❑ **What are the cardinal and theological virtues?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 91-92, 93-94,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 55, 57, 59.

In Lesson 5 Your children learned:

- ❑ **Virtues are firm habits to do the good.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 95
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 60
- ❑ **If we develop virtuous habits we will be more like Christ.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 98, 99
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 73, 79
- ❑ **The four cardinal virtues are the virtues all the others hinge upon.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 89-90, 96-97
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 53, 61,
- ❑ **The three theological virtues deal with our relationship with God.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 91-92, 93-94,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 55, 57, 59.
- ❑ **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.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals December

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 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.