

A FAMILY OF Faith



December English Guide Year 4

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** Luke 22:42 *Father... not my will but yours be done.*
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 94, 98
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 52

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT Francis Xavier**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 94
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 65-67

Overview Lesson 5: Our Father: The First Three Petitions

The Our Father expresses seven petitions or requests to God our Father. In this lesson, children will learn the first three petitions, which carry us to glorify the Father: "hallowed be Thy name," "Thy Kingdom come," and "Thy will be done."

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ **Parent's Guide: Page 102**
 - ❑ **Children's Activity Book: Page 68**

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 5 Parent's Guide: Page 101**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Memorare** Parent's Guide: Page 96. December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is the Catholic teaching that Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin. God the Father preserved Mary from sin because she was to hold the Son of God, Jesus, in her womb for nine months. Jesus is so holy that the womb carrying Him had to be holy as well. During Advent, let us wait for Jesus' birth and carry Him in our hearts with the same joyful expectation that Mary did.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parents Guide: Page 94
 - ❑ Children's Activity Book: Pages 52

- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**

- Parent's Guide: Pages 102
- Activity Book: Page 68
- Tell about Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Francis Xavier:**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 98, 114-115, 116-117
 - Activity Book: Page 62-64, 65-67

December in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- How can I make God's name holy in my life?**
 - Parent's Guide: **God Is Great p. 103-104, Our Father Manuscript p.113**
 - Activity Book: **God Is Great p. 53, Our Father Manuscript p. 61**
- How do I know God's will in my life?**
 - Parent's Guide: **The World's Will vs. God's Will p. 107-109, Jesus Does the Will of the Father p. 110, Prayer Journal p. 180**
 - Activity Book: **The World's Will vs. God's Will p. 55**

In Lesson 5 Your children learned:

- The first three petitions of the Our Father help us glorify God.**
 - Parent's Guide: **Thy Kingdom Come p. 105-106, First Three Petitions Match p.111**
 - Activity Book: **Thy Kingdom Come p.54, First Three Petitions Match p.57**
- We should glorify God's name, seek to live in His kingdom, and strive to follow His will.**
 - Parent's Guide: **God Is Great p. 103-104, Thy Name and Thy Kingdom p. 112**
 - Activity Book: **God Is Great p. 53, Thy Name p. 59**
- Recommended Activities:**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 103-104, 105-106, 107-109, 110, 111, 112, 113
 - Activity Book: Pages 53, 54, 55, 57, 59, 60, 61, 180

Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide page 102. Teach their children what the words mean. <input type="checkbox"/> Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. <input type="checkbox"/> Get to know St Francis Xavier Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Francis on Parent Guide pages 116-117 <input type="checkbox"/> Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. "Father... not by will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the first three petitions in the Our Father in the Parents Guide pages 103-115, lead the children through this activity. <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Goal for the Week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The first three petitions of the Our Father help us glorify

	<p>God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ We should glorify God's name, seek to live in His Kingdom, and strive to follow His will. ❑ The child should be able to answer the questions - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ How can I make God's name holy in my life? ❑ How do I know God's will in my life?
Week 3	<p>Your Catholic Home: Let us journey with Mary as we wait for the joyful coming of her son, Jesus Christ. A beautiful Marian prayer your family can pray together is the Memorare. When prayed for a special intention, it is a way to ask Mary for her tender help.</p> <p>Memorare - Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.</p>