

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 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 | |
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| 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 80. 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 Lucy: Parents and children should read the brief biography of St Lucy on Parent Guide pages 101 - 102 <input type="checkbox"/> Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <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> |
| Week 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent and Child Activities: 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Goals for the Week: The child should have an understanding of what is a virtue and how virtue transforms the soul. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> That if we develop virtuous habits we will be more like Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> That the four cardinal virtues are the virtues that all the other virtues hinge on. <input type="checkbox"/> That the three theological virtues deal with our relationship with God. |
| Week 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent and Child Activities: 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Goals for the Week: Children should understand that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> That virtues help us develop tendencies to do good; vices incline us to do bad things. <input type="checkbox"/> Be able to identify what is a virtue and what is a vice. <input type="checkbox"/> Describe ways in which St Lucy lived a life of holiness. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. |