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October English Guide Year 2

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH: 1 JOHN 4:8**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 8, 11
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 7, 8

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 12, 33-34, Activity Book: Pages 21-22

Overview Lesson 1 GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE

The aim of this lesson is for your children to understand that God is the Creator of everything that is, including everything we can see and everything we cannot see. God is the source of all life, and everything good comes from Him. Your children will also begin to understand that God communicates invisible, spiritual realities to us through visible, material signs and symbols in creation.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 16
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 23.

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

Overview of Lesson 2 WHAT IS A SACRAMENT?

God is the source of all life, and in the Sacrament of the Church, we receive the free and undeserved gift of God's very life -- grace. The Church is a visible sign of God's love and of the communion between God and humanity. The Seven Sacraments are signs instituted by Christ to give grace.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 23
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 23.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 2: Parent's Guide: Page 22.**

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Family Prayer Corner Parent's Guide:** Page 10. Jesus is the heart of a Catholic home, and a very important and special part of your relationship with Him is prayer. Prayer is a conversation with God that St. Therese of Lisieux described as "a surge of the heart." Having a special place where parents and children gather to pray will go a long

way toward helping you make prayer a regular part of you family life.

If you do not already have a dedicated place set aside for your family to pray, create a simple prayer space this month. Set up a “prayer corner” in your kitchen or family room on a mantle, a small table, or simply a special shelf in a bookcase. Add a crucifix, a

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

- ❑ **Recite this month’s Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Page 8, 11,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 7, 8.

- ❑ **Define this month’s Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 16, 23
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 23.

- ❑ **Explain that God created everything out of nothing and that He is the source of all life.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 17-19,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 9.

- ❑ **Understand that God helps us understand invisible, spiritual things through visible, material things.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 17-19, 20-21, 26-32
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 10
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 20), 12-13
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 27), 14- 17, 18
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent’s Guide Pages 30-31) 19, 20.

- ❑ **Describe, in basic terms, what a Sacrament is.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 24-25, 26-27,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 11, 12-13
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 27).

- ❑ **Tell you about St. Thérèse of Lisieux.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 11, 33-34,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 21-22

October in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **Where does all life come from?**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Page 17-19,
 - ❑ Activity Book Page 9.

- ❑ **How does God help us understand invisible things?**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 18-21
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 9, 10
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent’s Guide: Page 20).

- ❑ **What is a Sacrament?**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 24-25, 26-27,

- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 11, 12-13
- ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 27), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
- ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 30-31), 19.

In Lesson 1 your children learned:

- ❑ **God is the creator of all things visible and invisible.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 17-19
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 9
- ❑ **A sign is something that points to the existence of something else.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 20-21,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 10
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 20).

In Lesson 2 your children learned:

- ❑ **Sacraments are signs that bring about what they represent.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 24-25,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 11
- ❑ **The seven Sacraments are visible signs, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, to give grace.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 26-27, 30-31,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 12- 13 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 27), 14-17, 18 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 30-31), 19.
- ❑ **We need grace, the free gift of God's life in us, to go to Heaven.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 28-29, 32,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 14-17, 18
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 30-31), 20.
- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 10, 11, 13, 16, 17-19, 20-21, 23, 24-25, 26-27, 28-29, 30-31, 32, 33-34, 35-37, 39-41, 43.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 8, 9, 10 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page: 20), 11, 12-13 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 27), 14-17, 18
 - ❑ (Answers Parent's Guide Pages: 30- 31), 19, 20, 21-22, 23.

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 23. 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 Thérèse of Lisieux Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Francis on Parent Guide pages 33-34 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.”</i> (1 John 4:8)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach “God is the Source of All Life” in Parents Guide pages 17-21, lead the children through these activities. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: Children should be able to answer the question of where does all life come from? How does God help us understand invisible things?
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activity on what is a sacrament in Parents Guide on pages 24-32 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Children should be able to answer the questions of what is a sacrament. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ By the end of this week, the children should know that a Sacrament is a visible sign instituted by Christ to give grace ❑ The children should also know that the Sacraments are signs that actually bring about what they represent. ❑ The children should learn that Grace is the gift of God’s life in us. We need God’s grace to go to Heaven. ❑ The children should understand that the seven sacraments were given to the Church by Christ. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children how to pray regularly at home by creating a family prayer corner, a dedicated place for your family to pray. ❑ Start and Keep a Family “Little Ways” Journal Write down all the little ways you show love to God and neighbor each day.
Week 4	

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- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH: JOHN 3:5**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 44, 47,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 24, 25.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 48, 76
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 36-37

Overview of Lesson 3 The Sacraments of Initiation

The aim of this lesson is for your children to understand what it means to be initiated into something, as well as how and why the Sacraments of Initiation bring them into the fullness of the Christian life.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 62
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 38

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 4:** Parent's Guide: Pages 60-61.

Overview of Lesson 4 Baptism

In this lesson your children explore the gateway to the Christian life: Baptism. In Baptism, your children were cleansed of the stain of Original Sin and became part of God's family.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 62
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 38

Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 4: Parent's Guide: Pages 60-61.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Holy Water** Parent's Guide: Page 46. Have you ever noticed where the baptismal font is usually located in a cathedral? You will find it near the entrance. This placement signifies that we enter the Christian life through Baptism. We also find fonts of Holy Water near the doors of the church buildings. When we enter a church, we

dip our fingers in the Holy Water and make the Sign of the Cross. This ritual is meant to help us recall our Baptism and our need for Christ's cleansing. Bring Holy Water and all of its spiritual benefits into your family life by placing a Holy Water font near the entrance to your home. (To fill it, you can ask your priest to bless water for you, or ask permission to fill a small bottle from your parish baptismal font.) Use the water in the home font to bless yourselves as you come and go each day, to bless the rooms of your house, your children's school things, even your car!

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

- Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 44, 47
 - Activity Book: Pages 24, 25

- Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 52, 62
 - Activity Book: Page 38.

- Explain what it means to be "initiated".**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 53-59
 - Activity Book: Pages 26 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 55), 27-28, 29
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 59), 30.

- Understand what Baptism is and how it affects us.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 63-75
 - Activity Book: Pages 31 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 67), 32
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 69), 33, 34, 35.

- Tell you about St. Catherine of Alexandria.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 48, 76
 - Activity Book: Pages 36-37

November in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTION:

- How did I become a part of God's family?**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 53-59
 - Activity Book: Pages 33.

- Why was I baptized?**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 63-65,
 - Activity Book: Pages 27-28, 29
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 59), 30.

- What happens during a Baptism?**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 68-69, 74-75
 - Activity Book: Pages 32
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 69)

In Lesson 3 your children learned:

- ❑ **The Sacraments of Initiation make us members of the Church, strength us for our life's journey, and give us our vocation as Christians.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 53-55,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 26
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 55), 27-28, 29 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 59), 30.

- ❑ **We are all called to be holy and evangelize.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 56-59
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 27-28, 29
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide 59), 30.

In Lesson 4 your children learned:

- ❑ **Baptism is the gateway to the Christian life, and is necessary for salvation.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 63-65,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 32
 - ❑ (Answers in the Parent's Guide Page 69), 33, 34.

- ❑ **The Sacrament of Baptism is prefigured in the Old Testament.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 66-67
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 31
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 67)

- ❑ **In Baptism our sins are forgiven, we are reborn in Christ and made sons and daughters of God, made members of the Church, and receive an indelible mark on our souls.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 68-74
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 32 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 69), 33, 34.

Recommended Activities:

Parent's Guide: Pages 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53-55, 56-59, 62, 63-65, 66-67, 68-69, 70-71, 72-73, 74-75, 76, 77, 79.

Activity Guide: Pages 25, 26 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 55), 27-28, 29 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 59), 30, 31 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 67), 32 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 69), 33, 34, 35, 36-37, 38.

Suggested Weekly Learning Goals November

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 52 and 62. 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 Catherine of Alexandria Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Francis on Parent Guide pages 76, Children's Activity Book page 36 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."</i> (John 3:5)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach The Sacraments of Initiation in Parents Guide pages 53-59, 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 initiated into something and how and why the Sacraments of Initiation bring them into the fullness of Christian life..
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on Baptism in Parents Guide on pages 63-77 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Children should be able to answer the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ What happens at a Baptism? What do we see happening? ❑ What are the effects of Baptism? ❑ What happened at Jesus' Baptism? ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children about Holy Water and it's spiritual benefits. Each family member should practice blessing themselves with Holy Water at Church and at home. ❑ The Baptism of Jesus On pages 72 and 73 parents read the story of Jesus' Baptism or have their older children read it and share the picture in the Parent's Guide pages 73. . Parents should teach their children that when Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice was heard. The Father told everyone that he was pleased with His Son Jesus. Though we cannot see it, the same thing happens every time a person is baptized.
Week 4	

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December English Guide Year 2

❑ VERSE OF THE MONTH: ACTS 8:17

Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 80, 83
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 39, 40

❑ SAINT OF THE MONTH: ST. STEPHEN

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 84, 105-106
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 51-52

Overview Lesson 5 Confirmation

Confirmation is often misunderstood as a kind of “graduation” or public acceptance of the Faith. In fact, the Sacrament of Confirmation is an important step on the path of Christian initiation that completes, or confirms, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and sends the person out to proclaim boldly the Good News.

❑ Words to Know:

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 88
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 53. Activities

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

❑ Your Catholic Home: Spiritual Reading Parent's Guide: Page 82

We learn this month about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Like all of God's gifts of grace, the Holy Spirit will bear fruit in our lives only if we respond with prayer and take time to develop them. One great way we can strive to nurture and grow the gifts of the Holy Spirit is through spiritual reading.

This month, add books of spiritual reading to your prayer space. Daily meditations are usually short and digestible, making it easy to commit to reading one meditation a day. Depending on the books you choose each family member could read them independently, or you could read aloud from one book every evening or before leaving the house each morning. Be sure to share with each other the new understanding you have received from God through spiritual reading!

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

- ❑ **Define this month's Words to know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 88
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 53

- ❑ **Describe who the Apostles were, what their mission was, and how all Christians share in that mission.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 89-95
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 41-42
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 95), 45, 46-47
(Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 100)

- ❑ **Understand what Confirmation is and how it affects us.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 96- 104
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 43-44, 48, 49

- ❑ **Tell you about St. Stephen.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 105-106
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 51- 52

December in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **What is Confirmation?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 89-101
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 43-44

- ❑ **What are its effects?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 102-104
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 45, 46-47
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 100), 48, 49

In Lesson 5 your children learned:

- ❑ **Confirmation places an indelible mark on our souls.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 89-91
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 43-44

- ❑ **Confirmation is prefigured in the Old Testament anointing of priests and kings.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 92-95
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 41-42 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 95)

- ❑ **Confirmation increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us, and gives us special strength to spread and defend the Faith.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 96-104
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 45, 46-47 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 100), 48, 49

Recommended Activities:

Parent's Guide: Pages 82, 83, 84, 85, 88, 89-91, 92-95, 96-98, 99-101, 102-103, 104, 105-106, 107.
Activity Book: Pages 40, 41-42 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 95), 43-44, 45, 46-47 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 100), 48, 49, 51-52, 53

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 pages 88. 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 Stephen Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Stephen on Parent Guide pages 105-106 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit”</i> (Acts 8:17)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Confirmation in the Parents Guide pages 89-104, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Confirmation places an indelible mark on our souls ❑ Confirmation is prefigured in the Old Testament anointing of priests and kings ❑ Confirmation increases the gifts of the holy Spirit in us, and gives us special strength to spread and defend the faith
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Your Catholic Home: This month, add books of spiritual reading to your prayer space. Daily meditations are usually short and digestible, making it easy to commit to reading one meditation a day. Depending on the books you choose each family member could read them independently, or you could read aloud from one book every evening or before leaving the house each morning. Be sure to share with each other the new understanding you have received from God through spiritual reading!

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JANUARY ENGLISH GUIDE YEAR 2

- ❑ **VERSES OF THE MONTH:** 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7 AND JOHN 6:51
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 108, 111,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 54, 55, 74.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH:** ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 112, 140-141
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 79-80.

Overview Lesson 6 The Eucharist, Jesus, the Passover Lamb

This lesson examines the Eucharist as a sacrifice, and its foreshadowing in the Old Testament – especially as seen in the Passover. In the Old Covenant, God saved the physical lives of His people, the Israelites, through the blood of the lamb. In the New Covenant, Jesus saves the spiritual lives of His people through the shredding of His own Blood. It is this sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood that we commemorate every time we celebrate the Eucharist at Holy Mass.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 116,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 81.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 6:** Parent's Guide: Page 115.

Overview Lesson 7 Holy Mass and the Effects of the Eucharist

This lesson examines the celebration of the Mass and how the gifts of bread and wine are transformed in the Body and Blood of Jesus. When we receive Holy Communion, our souls are strengthened, our venial sins forgiven, and we are united with other Christians in the Body of Christ. Only Catholics in a state of grace should receive Communion in order to receive Jesus' Body and Blood worthily. We should receive Holy Communion reverently and often.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 131,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 81.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 7:** Parent's Guide: Page 130.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Parent's Guide: Page 110.

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. A solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is also a Holy Day of Obligation – a day when Catholics are required to attend Holy Mass.

Catholics honor the Virgin Mary for many reasons, such as her faith in God and her perfect obedience to His will. On January 1 we honor Mary's motherhood. Jesus has two natures – He is both fully God and fully man. Jesus existed with the Father from all eternity, but when He came down from Heaven and became man, He was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is Mary's son: The Word made Flesh. Therefore, it is fitting to say that Mary is the mother of God Incarnate: Jesus Christ.

Celebrate this solemnity by going to Mass as a family and adding a statue or icon of Mary to your prayer corner (or another prominent place in your home).

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

- ❑ **Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 108, 111,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 54, 55, 74.
- ❑ **Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 116, 131,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 81.
- ❑ **Explain that Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117-120, 125-128,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57-63, 65-72.
- ❑ **Understand that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 132-139,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 75-78.
- ❑ **Explain some of the Old Testament roots of the Eucharist, and why Jesus is called the Paschal Lamb.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 121-129
 - ❑ Activity Book Pages 56 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 122) 57-63, 73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129).
- ❑ **Tell you about St. Thomas Aquinas.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 140-141,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 79-80.

January in Review

THIS MONTH YOU EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **What is the Eucharist?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117-120, 132-135,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57-63, 65-73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 75-78.

- ❑ **Por qué Jesús nos dice que consumamos su cuerpo y sangre?**
 - ❑ Guía Para Padres: Páginas 105-107, 119-122,
 - ❑ Libro De Actividades: Páginas 118, 129-136, 146
(respuestas en Guía Para Padres: Página 116), 150, 152, 154, 156.

- ❑ **Why does Jesus tell us to consume His Body and Blood?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117- 120, 132-135,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 59, 65-73 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 75-78.

- ❑ **Why and how should we receive Holy Communion?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 136-139
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 59, 75-78

In Lesson 6 your children learned:

- ❑ **All of our Faith flows from, and points toward, Jesus in the Eucharist.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 117-120,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 57-63, 65-73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129).

- ❑ **Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 121-129,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 56
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 122), 57-63, 65-73 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129).

In Lesson 7 your children learned:

- ❑ **At every Mass, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 132-137,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 59, 75-76, 77, 78.

- ❑ **When we receive the Eucharist we are separated from sin, and united with Christ and other Christians.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 138-139,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 58, 59, 60, 63, 65-73
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 75-78.

- ❑ **Recommended Activities:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 110, 111, 113, 116, 117-120, 121-123, 124-128, 129, 131, 132- 135, 136-137, 138-139, 140-141, 142.
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 55, 56 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 122), 57-63, 65- 73 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 129), 74, 75-78, 79-80, 81.

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 116 and 131. 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 Thomas Aquinas Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Thomas on Parent Guide pages 140-141 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. <i>“For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.”</i> (1 Corinthians 5:7) and <i>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that i will give is my flesh for the life of the world”</i> (John 6:51)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Eucharist in the Parent's 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"> ❑ At every Mass, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. ❑ When we receive the Eucharist we are separated from sin, and united with Christ and other Christians.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Mass in the 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"> ❑ All of our Faith flows from, and points toward, Jesus in the Eucharist. ❑ Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, by going to mass with your family and adding an icon of Mary to your prayer corner (or another prominent place in your home).

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FEBRUARY ENGLISH GUIDE YEAR 2

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** 1 JOHN 4:8
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 144, 147
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 82, 83

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH:** ST. MARY MAGDALENE
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 148, 180-181
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 99-100.

Overview Lesson 8 The Sacraments of Healing

The aim of this lesson is for your children to understand that Jesus Christ came to bring healing to both our bodies and our souls. It was His desire that, through the ministry of his Church, spiritual and physical healing would continue to be available for all time.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 152
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 101.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 8:** Parent's Guide: Page 151

Overview Lesson 9 Penance and Reconciliation

In this lesson your children explore the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. In this Sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are reconciled to God and His Church through the confession of those sins and acts of penance. We are also strengthened by the Sacrament to avoid sin in the future.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 159
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 101

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 9:** Parent's Guide: Pages 157-158.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Feast of Candlemas,** Parent's Guide: Page 146. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem for purification

and to offer a sacrifice according to Jewish law. There she met Simeon and Anna, who recognized the promised Messiah. Simeon prophesied that Mary's heart would be pierced by a sword. Catholics celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, otherwise known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, or Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas on February 2. The Gospel of John calls Jesus the light that shines in the darkness, and the rite of the blessing of the candles recalls the word of Simeon, declaring that Jesus is "the Light for the revelation to the Gentiles."

Celebrate this feast by going to Mass and bringing candles for your priest to bless. When you return home, light your candles and hold a Candlemas procession in your home, singing the "Salve Regina" or another Marian hymn. Close by praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Then place your candles in your home prayer space to be used for the rest of the year.

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

- Recite this month's Scripture Memorization.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 144, 147,
 - Activity Book: Pages 82, 83.

- Define this month's Words to Know.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 152, 159,
 - Activity Book: Page 101.

- Identify in Scripture the examples of Christ healing illness and suffering and forgiving sins.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 153-156, 163-165, 166-167, 169-170,
 - Activity Book: Pages 84 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 156), 85 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 163-165), 86 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 168), 87(Answers in Parent's Guide Page 170)

- Know how to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 171-178,
 - Activity Book: Pages 88
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 172), 89, 90- 91, 92-93, 94-95.

- Tell about St. Mary Magdalene**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 180-181
 - Activity Book: Pages 99-100

February in Review

THIS MONTH YOUR EXPLORED AS A FAMILY THE QUESTIONS:

- What are the Sacraments of Healing?**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 153-156
 - Activity Book: Pages 84 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 156).

- What happens when we go to Confession?**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 160-165, 169-170,
 - Activity Book: Pages 85
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide on Pages 163-165).

❑ **Why do we need to confess our sins to a priest?**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 166-168.
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 86 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 168), 97.

In Lesson 8 your children learned:

❑ **Jesus Comforts us in the Sacraments of healing. He heals us of spiritual sickness in Confession, in the Anointing of the Sick we can receive physical healing and strength for our final journey to God.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 153-156
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 84 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 156).

In Lesson 9 your children learned:

❑ **God forgives the sins committed after Baptism through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 160-170,
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 85 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 163-164, 165), 86 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 168), 87 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 170).

❑ **The Sacrament of God's forgiveness includes two essential elements: actions of the penitent and the action of God.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 166-179
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 86 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 168), 87(Answers in Parent's Guide Page 170), 88 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 172), 89, 90-91, 92-93, 94-95, 97.

Recommended Activities:

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 146, 147, 149, 152, 153-154, 155-156, 159, 160-162, 163-165, 166-168, 169-170, 171-172, 173-174, 175-178, 179, 180-181, 182.
- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 83, 84 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 156), 85 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 163-165), 86 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 168). 87 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 170), 88 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 172), 89, 90-91, 92- 93, 94-95, 97, 99-100, 101.

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 212 and 230. 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 Mary Magdalene Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Mary Magdalene on Parent Guide pages 180-181 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. “Receive the holy spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven the, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (1 John 4:8)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Sacraments of Healing in the Parents Guide pages 153-156, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Jesus comforts us in the Sacraments of healing. He heals us of spiritual sickness in Confession. In the Anointing of the Sick we can receive physical healing and strength for our final journey to God.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in the Parents Guide on pages 160-179 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ God forgives the sins committed after Baptism through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. ❑ The Sacrament of God’s forgiveness includes two essential elements: actions of the penitent and the action of God. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Celebrate this feast by going to Mass and bringing candles for your priest to bless. When you return home, light your candles and hold a Candlemas procession in your home, singing the “Salve Regina” or another Marian hymn. Close by praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Then place your candles in your home prayer space to be used for the rest of the year.

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March Guide in English Year 2

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH:** JAMES 5:14.
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 184, 187,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 102, 103

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH:** ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 188, 220-221
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 115-119.

Overview Lesson 10 The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The aim of this lesson is for your children to understand that God is merciful. Your children will be able to explain the “special grace” from God that we receive during the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. They will also see the relationship between Jesus’ healing and the Church’s continuation of this healing through the sacrament.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 193
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 120.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 10: Parent's Guide: Page 192.**

Overview Lesson 11 The Triduum

This lesson is meant to help you explore the Paschal Triduum, the three holiest days of the Church Year, and is meant to be used alongside your family’s participation in the Triduum celebration.

- ❑ **Words to Know: None for this lesson.**

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts:** Parent's Guide: Page 209.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home: Passiontide:** Parent's Guide Page 186.

Two weeks before Easter are known as Passiontide. Passiontide is a time when we can in a special way unite our sufferings with Christ. It is marked by solemnity and penitence as we liturgically celebrate the events that lead to Christ’s betrayal, suffering, and death on the Cross. To mark this period of penitence, the Church veils all crosses and statues of our Lord and the saints, except for the crosses and images of the Way of the Cross. The crosses are unveiled before the Good Friday celebration and the rest of the statues and

images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil Mass.

Hold a veiling ceremony in your home on the day before Palm Sunday. Read the Palm Sunday Gospel together, pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, or sing Lenten hymns such as “Were You There?” “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” or “My Song is Love Unknown.” Veil any crucifixes in your house. Before you take your family to Good Friday celebrations, unveil and kiss each crucifix while once again singing Lenten hymns.

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

- ❑ **Recite this month’s Scripture Memorization.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 184, 187
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 102, 103

- ❑ **Define this month’s Words to Know.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 193
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 120

- ❑ **Identify the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick and who can receive the Sacrament.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 194-208,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 104, 105, 106-107 (Answers in Parent’s Guide on Pages 200-201), 108 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 203), 109-110 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 205), 111-112 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 206), 113.

- ❑ **Participate in and tell you about the liturgical celebrations of the Triduum.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 210-219

- ❑ **Tell about Saint Bernadette.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 220-221
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 115-118.

March in Review

- ❑ **What is Anointing of the Sick?**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 194-203,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 104, 105, 106-107 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Pages 200-201), 108 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 203).

- ❑ **How does this Sacrament affect us?**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 204-205,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 109-110 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 205).

- ❑ **What are the liturgical celebrations of the Triduum?**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 210- 219.

In Lesson 10 your children learned:

- ❑ **Jesus told the Apostles to heal the sick in His name.**
 - ❑ Parent’s Guide: Pages 199-208
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 106-107 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Pages 200-201), 108 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 203), 109-110 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 205), 111-112 (Answers in Parent’s Guide Page 206), 113.0 (respuestas en Guía Para Padres: Página185), 222, 224

❑ **Our suffering can be redemptive if we unite it to Christ's.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 194-198,
- ❑ Activity Book: Page 104, 105, 118-119.

In Lesson 11 your children learned:

❑ **The Triduum begins with evening Mass on Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 210-219.

❑ **The Easter Vigil is the greatest celebration in the entire Church year.**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 217-219.

❑ **Recommended Activities:**

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 186, 187, 189, 193, 194-196, 197-198, 199-201, 202-203, 204-205, 206-207, 208, 210-213, 214-216, 217-219, 220-221, 222.
- ❑ Activity Guide: Pages 103, 104, 105, 106-107 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 200-201), 108 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 203), 109 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 204), 110 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 205), 111-112 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 206), 113, 115-117, 118-119, 120.

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 193. 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 Bernadette Soubirous Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Bernadette on Parent Guide pages 220-221 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in the Parents Guide pages 194-208, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Jesus told the Apostles to heal the sick in His name. ❑ Our suffering can be redemptive if we unite it to Christ’s.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Triduum in the Parents Guide on pages 210-219 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The Triduum begins with evening Mass on Holy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. ❑ The Easter Vigil is the greatest celebration in the entire Church year. ❑ Your Catholic Home: In union with the church, hold a veiling ceremony in your home on the day before Palm Sunday. Read the Palm Sunday Gospel together, pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, or sing Lenten hymns such as “Were You There?” “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” or “My Song is Love Unknown.” Veil any crucifixes in your house. Before you take your family to Good Friday celebrations, unveil and kiss each crucifix while once again singing Lenten hymns.

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April Guide in English Year 2

- ❑ **VERSE OF THE MONTH: MARK 10: 43-45**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 224, 227,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 121, 122-123.

- ❑ **SAINT OF THE MONTH: ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 228, 260-261
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 141-143

Overview Lesson 12 Holy Orders

In this lesson we learn about the Sacrament of Holy Orders, one of the sacraments directed toward the service of others. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the continuation of Christ's priesthood, which He bestowed upon His Apostles. We will come to understand the three orders of this Sacrament; the signs and effects of the Sacrament; and the form and minister of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Page 232
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 144

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 12:** Parent's Guide: Page 231.

Overview Lesson 13 Holy Matrimony

In this lesson we learn about the Sacrament of Matrimony in which a baptized man and woman are joined together in a holy covenant. Christ raised this covenant to a Sacrament in which the couple receives grace to love one another as Christ loves the Church: permanently, faithfully, and fruitfully. We will come to understand the signs and effects and the form and minister of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

- ❑ **WORDS TO KNOW:**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 248,
 - ❑ Activity Book: Page 144.

- ❑ **Activities and Key Concepts Lesson 13:** Parent's Guide: Pages 247.

- ❑ **Your Catholic Home:** Prayer Cards
Parent's Guide: Page 226. Prayer cards are a wonderful way to introduce your children to the Communion of Saints! Each card typically has an image of a saint, our Lord, or the

Blessed Virgin on one side and, on the other, a prayer associated with that particular image.

The first prayer cards were sold as a keepsake to pilgrims in the Middle Ages to commemorate their visit to some holy site or shrine. Since then, the popularity of prayer cards has endured as they are reminders of our friends in heaven.

Find prayer cards of your children's patron saints, or patrons of activities that your children are involved in; for example, St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians, St. Sebastian of athletes, and Sts. Gemma Galgani and Thomas Aquinas of students. Place saints you are particularly devoted to in your home prayer space. For the rest, get a binder where your children can collect and even trade prayer cards with the other children of your parish community.

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

- Recite this month's Scripture Passage.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 224, 227
 - Activity Book: Pages 121, 122-123

- Define this month's Words to Know**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 232, 248
 - Activity Book: Page 144

- Explain the Sacrament of Holy Orders.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 233-246
 - Activity Book: Pages 124-125, 126, 127-128 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 239), 129-131, 132-133 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 242), 134, 135

- Explain the Sacrament of Matrimony.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 249-259
 - Activity Book: Pages 136-138 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 252-253), 139, 140.

- Explain how these two Sacraments are fulfilled in service.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 234-237, 240-244, 256-258
 - Activity Book: Pages 124-125, 126, 129-131, 132-133 (Answers in Parent's Guide page 242), 136-138 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 252- 253)

- Tell you about St. Gianna Beretta Molla.**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 260-261
 - Activity Book: Pages 141-143.

April in Review

This month your children should be able to answer these questions:

- What does God call each of us to do?**
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 236-237
 - Activity Book: Page 126.

- ❑ **How do bishops, priests, and deacons continue Christ's ministry?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 233-235, 243-244
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 124-125, 134, 135

- ❑ **What is a sacramental marriage?**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 249-259
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 136-138 (Answers in Parent's Guide Pages 252-253), 139, 140.

In Lesson 12 your children learned:

- ❑ **Christ brings His ministry to us through called men who receive Holy Orders.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 233-242
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 124-125, 126, 127-128 (Answers in Parent's Guide Page 239), 129-131, 132-133 (Answers in Parent's Guide on Page 242).

- ❑ **Our bishops and priests lead us in faith and show us the way to Heaven.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 243-246
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 134, 135

In Lesson 13 your children learned:

- ❑ **In the Sacrament of Marriage a man and a woman enter into a lifetime commitment to covenantal love.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 249-253
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 136-138
 - ❑ (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 252-253).

- ❑ **The exchange of consent between the couple makes the marriage. The Holy Spirit seals their covenant.**
 - ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 254-259
 - ❑ Activity Book: Pages 139, 140

Recommended Activities:

- ❑ Parent's Guide: Pages 226, 227, 229, 232, 233-235, 236-237, 238-239, 240-242, 243- 244, 245-246, 248, 249-250, 251-253, 254-255, 256-258, 259, 260-261, 262.

- ❑ Activity Book: Pages 122-123, 124-125, 126, 127-128 (Answers in Parent's Guide: 239), 129-131, 132-133 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 242), 134, 135, 136-138 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Pages 252-253), 139, 140, 141-143, 144.

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Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the sacrament of Holy Orders in the Parents Guide pages 233-246, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Christ brings His ministry to us through called men who receive Holy Orders. ❑ Our bishops and priests lead us in faith and show us the way to Heaven.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony in the Parents Guide on pages 249-259 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: The Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ In the Sacrament of Marriage, a man and a woman enter into a lifetime commitment of covenanted love. ❑ The exchange of consent between the couple makes the marriage. The Holy Spirit seals their covenant. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Find prayer cards of your children’s patron saints, or patrons of activities that your children are involved in; for example, St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians, St. Sebastian of athletes, and Sts. Gemma Galgani and Thomas Aquinas of students. Place saints you are particularly devoted to in your home prayer space. For the rest, get a binder where your children can collect and even trade prayer cards with the other children of your parish community.