

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.