

December

This month we celebrate Advent, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary & Christmas.



Be sure to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm via Zoom for a brief (15-20 minute) but important Advent gathering. We look forward to seeing you!

Peace and all God's blessings.

3rd Grade

Week of December 2nd: Ch.3 focuses on Mary, the Mother of God. Begin by opening the workbook to pg. 27 read, & answer the questions, On pg. 28, begin by looking at the Disciple Power: Honor. Explain to your student that when we honor we show someone respect. Now read about Mary. Go back, underline the word *basilica* including the meaning. Do you & your child know of other times we honor Mary in our church? Skip to pg. 31 & read Catholics Believe to become familiar with the days the Church honors Mary. Discuss what the Church remembers on those feast days. How do you and your family honor Mary? Complete 2 choice board activities.

Week of December 9th: Invite your child to think of some recent good news and ask them to share it with you. Point out that sometimes good news changes our lives. Open your workbook to pg. 29 and read about the Faith of Mary. Afterwards, read the definition of Annunciation from the Faith Vocabulary Box. Now make a word card. Have your child retell the story of the Annunciation to you as best he/she can. Then talk about what was most amazing about that event. Finish the activity on the bottom of the page. Write the words *Visitation* & *Magnificat* on a piece of paper. Then ask your child to listen for those words and their meanings as you read from pg. 30. Point out that Mary praised God for the wonderful things he did for her. Now have your student read the Faith Filled People to learn about Elizabeth & Zechariah. Complete 2 new choice board activities.

3rd Grade (continued)

Week of December 16th: Find and underline the meanings of the words Visitation & Magnificat, then make a new word card for each of them. Talk together about some of the wonderful things God has done for each of you. Have your student read aloud pg. 31. Identify who helped Mary trust in God. Look for the meaning of Incarnation & underline it. Do the same for the word Nativity. Complete the activity on that page with your child. Choose 2 new choice board activities this week.

Week of December 23rd: Discuss with your child the traditions in your family that help us to remember Jesus' birth. Write them down in a journal or special notebook to keep. This year, will your family go to Mass in person or watch online? Be sure to dress up even if you aren't going to Mass in person. Read together the story of the Nativity from your family Bible (Luke 2:1-20) If you have a nativity set in your home, consider having your children place the baby Jesus in the creche on Christmas day. Perhaps this can be a new tradition for your family. What are the gifts of love your family gives to each other? How do we show our love for God at this special time of year?

Week of December 30th: Complete 2 more choice board activities.

Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year to your family!