

# 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.

## 4th Grade

Week of **December 2nd**: Ch. 3 begins on pg. 27. Look at the picture & have your student describe what they see. Discuss the questions then finish reading the page. Write the words *Creation Caretaker* on a piece of paper. Ask what he/she thinks it means & record the ideas. Do you have a garden? Saints Isidore & Maria are good examples of Creation Caretakers. Read about them on pg. 28. Then take a look at the Disciple Power: Trust. Emphasize that we can trust God to take care of us & be true to his word. Finish the activity at the bottom of the page referring back to the earlier notes you made. This week complete 2 of the choice board activities.

Week of **December 9th**: Open your workbook to pg. 29. The Bible tells us about who God is. Read about the attributes of God. Make word cards for Almighty & Divine Providence. Write a list of 5 things the world around us tells us about God. Exchange your answers to the questions at the bottom of the page. Ask your child, "why do we sometimes worry?" Listen to the answer, then read aloud pg. 30. Emphasize that Jesus loved his father and knew he would always be with him. Complete 2 more choice board activities.

## 4th Grade (continued)

**Week of December 16th:** Begin today asking your child to read the first paragraph on pg. 31. Ask him/her to share one new thing learned. Emphasize that everything God created is good. Finish reading the page. Ask, "why did God create us?" Remind your student that belief in the Holy Trinity is central to our Catholic faith. Read Catholics Believe. Then turn to pg. 258. Recite the Nicene Creed and work on memorizing it. Complete the activity on pg. 31. 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!*