

A FAMILY OF *Faith*



November English Guide Year 2

- ❑ **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	