

This Week at Home
Grades 1 – 8

Week 15: Thursday, December 23: Family Activity

Welcome to “Family Activity” – This is an opportunity for your family to gather to pray and prepare your hearts, anticipating the arrival of Jesus. We value your role in nurturing the faith development of your child!

Christmas break begins during the last week of Advent. Students may learn the concepts presented in this document a week prior, due to the Christmas break.

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Family Activity

Grade 1

[Grade 1 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “This Week at Home”. Click on Week 15. Once there, you can scroll down to ‘Family Activity’ and play an interactive game titled, **“The Nativity”** and **“The Shepherds and the Angels”**.

The Nativity

Put the story in order.

 <p>Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem.</p>	 <p>Mary put Jesus in the manger. The Saviour was born!</p>	1	2
 <p>All the sheeps were full. There was no room...</p>	 <p>They went to a stable.</p>	3	4

Check the Story

Grade 2

[Grade 2 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “This Week at Home”. Click on Week 15. Once there, you can scroll down to ‘Family Activity’ and play an interactive game titled, **“The Shepherds and the Angels”**.

The Shepherds and the Angels

Key in the words to complete the story.

sign message peace glory
afraid angel Saviour host

One night, an _____ suddenly appeared.

The angel said, "Do not be _____ I bring you good news."

"This day, in the city of David, a _____ is born," the angel said.


The angel told them, "This Messiah will be a _____ for you."

"You will find a baby, wrapped in cloths and lying in a _____," said the angel.

Then many angels appeared. It was a heavenly _____.

Three songs _____ to God in Heaven, and _____ to all people on Earth."

Check Answers



Grade 3

[Grade 3 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “This Week at Home”. Click on Week 15. Once there, you can scroll down to ‘Family Activity’ and play an interactive game titled, **“Chapter 6: What Did I Learn? - What is the Real Meaning of Christmas?”**

What Is the Real Meaning of Christmas?

School and Home Tip

Choose the best answer.

1. The star on the top of the Christmas tree reminds us that:

- a) Jesus was born in a stable.
- b) The Three Wise Men followed a star to find Jesus.
- c) An angel announced Jesus' birth.
- d) Santa is bringing us gifts.

2. The angel on the top of the Christmas tree reminds us that:

- a) God's angels announced Jesus' birth.
- b) We should be good because Santa is watching.
- c) We will go to Heaven.
- d) Joseph and Mary stayed in a stable.

3. The priest's white vestments remind us of:

- a) the burning bush.
- b) Christ's purity.
- c) Christ's blood.
- d) snow falls at Christmas.



Grade 4

[Grade 4 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “Parent Corner, This Week at Home”. Click on Week 15. Once there, you can scroll down to ‘Family Activity’ and read **“A New Beginning is Revealed and The Presentation”**.

A New Beginning Is Revealed

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At the end of the Christmas season, we remember and celebrate three revelations of the Lord: Epiphany, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.

We celebrate Epiphany 12 days after Christmas, on January 6, or on the first Sunday after January 1. On this day, we remember how God revealed Himself through Jesus to the world. This was the beginning of a New Covenant, a new promise God made with His people. Through Jesus, God calls His people to repent from sin. In return, He offers us a new life in Christ and the promise of eternal life with Him in Heaven.


We celebrate the Baptism of Jesus and the wedding at Cana after Epiphany at the end of the Christmas season.

Faith Facts

The word epiphany comes from the Greek verb “to reveal.”

The Visit by the Three Wise Men
Lead by the star of Bethlehem

REVEAL
Jesus is the



Grade 5

[Grade 5 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “Parent Corner, This Week at Home”. Click on Week 15. Once there, you can scroll down to ‘Family Activity’ and read **“How Does Tradition Help Us Live Out Our Baptismal Mission?”**.

Chapter 7

How Does Tradition Help Us Live Out Our Baptismal Mission?

- How does Sacred Scripture help us understand Christmas?
- How do Christmas traditions help me understand my faith?
- How will I continue my baptismal mission after Christmas?

The rituals and traditions of Advent help us think deeply about what this season really means. We read about Jesus' birth in the Gospels, sing about it in carols, and represent it in Nativity scenes. As Advent ends and the Christmas season begins, we celebrate Jesus' birth. We come to understand that this story is not just about a baby who was born more than 2000 years ago. It is about a powerful God and His generous Son. It is about how much God loves us and how far He would go to save us.

Grade 6

[Grade 6 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “Parent Corner, This Week at Home”. Click on Week 15. Once there, you can scroll down to ‘Family Activity’ and play an interactive game titled, **“Praising God Through Jesus”**.

Praising God through Jesus

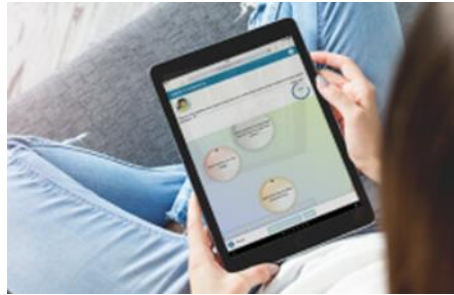
Match each name we apply to Jesus to how it helps us reveal God.

The Cornerstone	Bread of Life
	Jesus cares for, guides, and protects us. We are called to follow Him.
	Jesus is the source of life. We are called to root our faith in Him.
	Jesus is the foundation of God's plan for salvation. We are called to build our lives on Him.
	Jesus is the Son of God, who is the King of Heaven. God sent His Son to us to bring peace to the world.
	Jesus sustains us. He willingly gave His life so that we could have eternal life with God in Heaven.

Grade 7

[Grade 7 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “Activity”. Once there, you can scroll down to **“The Saints Show us the Way”** and play the interactive game.



Grade 8

[Grade 8 Advent Resources Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ](#)

Log into the parent resource as outlined in the poster and go to “Multimedia”; “Activities”. Once there, you can scroll down to **“To you a Saviour is Born”** and play the interactive game.

