

**This Week at Home**  
**Grades 1 – 8**

**Week 15: December 19 – December 24**

Welcome to “This Week at Home”! Here’s an overview of content from your child's Religion program, *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ*. This content has been carefully selected to correspond to the liturgical year. Currently, we are in the season of Advent. We hope that the selections here will help you and your family learn about your faith together, with your school and church communities.

*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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## **Grade 1**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray:

Loving God, we praise and thank you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the peace of the newborn Christ-Child be with us during the Christmas season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

—Luke 2:11

## **Grade 2**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray:

O God, Almighty Father, we praise and thank you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May the peace of the newborn Christ-Child be with us during the Christmas season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

### **Scripture Reading**

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

—Luke 2:11

## **Grade 3**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray:

God our Father, we praise and thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May the peace of the newborn Christ-Child be with us during the Christmas season. We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

—Isaiah 9:6

## **Grade 4**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray:

God our Father, we praise and thank You for revealing Yourself in the gift of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. May the joy and the peace of the newborn Christ-Child be with us throughout the Christmas season. We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

### **Scripture Reading**

... I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

—Luke 2:10–11

## **Grade 5**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray:

God of All, we praise and thank You for the precious gift of Your Son, our Saviour and Messiah, our Lord, Jesus Christ. May we rejoice in Your promise of salvation, and lead lives of holiness that will unite us with You in Your Heavenly kingdom. May the love and peace of the newborn Christ-Child remain with us now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

—Luke 2:11

## **Grade 6**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray:

Loving God,  
Thank you for making us Your children and for bestowing Your care and protection upon our family. Continue to bless us as we strive to help to build Your Kingdom here on Earth by our loving actions toward others. Help us to deepen our relationship with You through our daily prayers and acts of worship. Hear and answer our prayers. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord,...

—Jeremiah 29:13–14

### **Grade 7**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray **the Hail Mary** together:

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

—Luke 1:38

## **Grade 8**

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

### **Family Prayer**

Begin and end each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

Gather around the Advent wreath and pray using this excerpt from **Pope Francis's *Fratelli Tutti***:

### **A Prayer to the Creator**

Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.  
Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? ... If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

—James 2:14–16

