

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
2nd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Holy Family coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:15pm **Chapter #10 “Preparing for Our Savior”**

The Church celebrates Advent as a season of joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. During the **four weeks of Advent**, we respond to this gift of our loving God by joyfully expecting the feast of his Nativity and by keeping watch for Christ’s future coming. Having received the greatest gift of all in Jesus, we express our thanks by giving of ourselves to family, friends and those in need.

- *We Believe –*

Prophets = those who prepared the people for the coming of the Savior.

Mary = The Mother of Jesus. Mother of The Church. Our Mother.

Gabriel = the angel who came to Mary and told her she would be the Mother of Jesus.

Advent = the 4 weeks of preparation for Jesus’ birth before Christmas.

Chapter #11 “The Savior is Born”

Chapter #12 “The Holy Family”

Christmas Day is the beginning of the nearly 2-week Church season of Christmas. We celebrate the light (*Jesus*) at the darkest time of the year and rejoice in the truth that Jesus is our light and life! The Gospel tells about three people who set out to find baby Jesus. **God used a star to direct them to Bethlehem, where Jesus was.** Herod, who was king at that time, was afraid Jesus would grow up to become king and take away his power. The king set out to find Jesus and kill him, but no matter how hard Herod tried, he could not find Jesus because Herod was not following **God’s plan. If we ask, God will help us find Jesus. The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.** God sent the Angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the mother of God and she said YES! In a dream, an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to trust Mary. The angel also told Joseph that the child should be called Jesus. Jesus lived obediently with Mary and Joseph whom he loved dearly.

- *We Believe –*

Bethlehem = town of Jesus’ birth

Manger = A trough or an open box in which feed for animals is placed

Christmas = the birthday of Jesus. We celebrate every December 25th

Nazareth = the town where Jesus lived with Mary and Joseph

Joseph = the earthly (foster) father of Jesus and husband of Mary

Holy Family = **Jesus, Mary and Joseph.**

- *We Respond* –

Together, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph make up the Holy Family. All families are called to be holy, each in their own way spreading the light of Christ. *Ask the children to consider ways that the members of the Holy Family acted in love and how their own families may choose loving actions as well. All members of a family show love within the family so that all might go and spread that love to others.*

❖ **Mary was Jesus’s mother.**

Discuss ways that Mary was a good mother (loved and cared for Jesus, fed him, made his clothes, protected him, taught him).

❖ **God is Jesus’s Father. Joseph is called Jesus’ foster father because he cared for Jesus on earth.**

Discuss ways that Joseph was a good foster father (protected Jesus; provided food, clothing, shelter for Jesus and Mary; worked hard; spent time with Jesus; taught him how to be a carpenter).

❖ **Have the children share stories about how their mothers and fathers care for them!**

- *We Respond* – Holy Family nativity craft

Cut out and glue the construction paper pieces (*already traced on the construction paper*) to the cardstock, starting with Joseph's body and face, then Mary's and finally baby Jesus. Place and glue the star to top left-hand corner of the cardstock.



4:55pm Closing Prayer –

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we love you.
Bless our families.
We want to be like you.
Make us holy. Amen.”*

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

*“How is your family called to imitate the Holy Family?”
“Is there anything for which you are waiting or longing?”
“How will your family celebrate that Jesus was born and is our light and life?”*