

FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

GRACE AND HOLINESS IN FAMILY LIFE

TOPIC: PRAYERFULLY PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS & GRACE AND HOLINESS IN FAMILY LIFE

FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

Your *Family At-Home Mission* is to watch the video, Immaculate Conception together, set up your Advent Wreath or your candle and Nativity Set on your home altar/prayer corner, and then pray as a family. Be ready to tell about these experiences at Week 3's gathering of families.

Step 1: Step 1: Watch *Immaculate Conception* and be ready to answer the two questions below at Week 3's gathering of families.

[Immaculate Conception](#) (2:34)

- Who is the Immaculate Conception?
- What does the Immaculate Conception mean?

Step 2: Watch [Tweeting with God](#), 5 tips to prepare for Christmas (2 min) &/or if your family is creating an Advent Wreath watch [The Advent Wreath Tradition](#) (1 min) or read [this article](#) about Advent Wreaths.

Step 3: Set up your Advent Wreath, or your candle and Nativity Set, on your home altar/prayer corner. Take a picture to show at the Week 3 gathering. Be prepared to share why this Advent/Christmas symbol is important to your family.

Step 4: For tweens and teens, read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.

For younger children, read a story telling of the birth of Jesus or watch one of the videos below: If your parish has FORMED, watch Brother Francis:

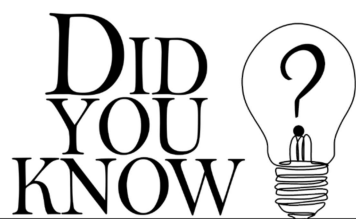
(Spanish) [Nace el Rey, el relato de la Navidad](#)

(English) [O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About](#)

If your parish does not have FORMED, watch [this video](#) on YouTube.

Step 5: Pray one decade of the Rosary as a family while meditating on the Third Joyful Mystery, The Birth of Our Lord.





Our Lady of Guadalupe

In 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego (now St. Juan Diego) outside of Mexico City on the Hill of Tepeyac, a place in the town of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. Her feast day is celebrated on December 12. Take a little time together to learn more below.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

If your parish subscribes to FORMED, you can watch *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message/ Guadalupe: El Milagro y el Mensaje* to learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Miracles of Mary: [Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) (young children)

Saint Paul Center: [Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) (teens/adults)

Knights of Columbus: [Trailer for Guadalupe](#) (teens/adults)



**How will your family celebrate this feast day
(on December 12)?**