

# WALKING by FAITH

## *Grade 3 / Home Lesson*

### **CHAPTER 12**

### **WE CELEBRATE ADVENT: A TIME TO REMEMBER**

#### **Objectives**

- Realize that every person belongs to a family that is connected through the generations.
- Identify the purpose of Advent.
- Identify our ancestors in faith represented on the Jesse tree.

#### **Step 1: We Are Invited** (Life Experience), page 74

Talk with your child about your family—where your family originated, special talents family members had, special traditions your family still shares, and so on.

Note the chapter title on page 74: **A Time to Remember**. Pray the opening Prayer with your child.

Read through the text on the page with your child. Follow up with the **Activity**: If possible, take a few minutes to look through an old family photograph book. Show your child his or her family tree, if available. Explain that all these ways of remembering your family members helps you know who you are and that you belong.

#### **Step 2: We Explore** (Doctrine), page 75

Continue reading the text at the top of page 75. Then read the **Landmark**. Ask: What is so special about the Jesse tree? (It is Jesus' family tree.)

Read **A Time to Look Ahead**. Have your child explain the word *Advent*. Point out on a calendar to your child the four weeks of Advent this year. Explain that there are not always four complete weeks in Advent, but there are always four Sundays in Advent prior to the celebration of Christmas.

Read aloud **Catholics Believe**. Emphasize that Advent reminds us that Jesus will return again in glory. Ask: Who promised to send Jesus again? (God the Father) Explain that we do not know when Jesus will come in glory or exactly what it will be like. But we believe that at the end of time Jesus will come in great majesty and bring all people who believe in God's promise and live by his teachings into the fullness of his kingdom.

**Step 3: We Reflect** (Integration of Faith into Everyday Life), page 76

Review the material taught in this lesson by working through **Recall** and **Think and Share** on page 76. Help your child complete the family tree activity for **Continue the Journey**.

Read aloud and discuss **We Live Our Faith: At Home** and **In the Parish**. Try to follow through on the suggestions found there.

Refer to the **Language of Faith** section in the back of the textbook for clarification and review of all highlighted words.

Complete the **Faith Journal**, pages 23–24.

**Step 4: Celebrate** (Prayer and Conclusion), page 77

Read together **Our Family of Faith** on page 77. Then ask your child what all the people in the pictures have in common. (They all belong to God's family.)

Close the lesson with the **Prayer**. You might want to make a family Jesse tree using symbols suggested in the prayer.