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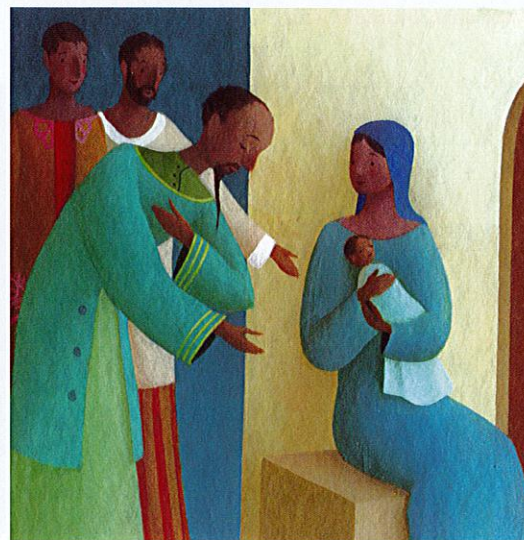
MagnifiKid!

Dear parents,

A new year is upon us and we enter 2018 by continuing to reflect on the mystery of God's presence among us in Jesus Christ. We begin by praying for peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Next, we commemorate the Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus to all nations through the Magi. On the following Sundays, John the Baptist points out Jesus to the first disciples, and then Jesus calls the fishermen to be his Apostles. Meditating on the Good News this month invites us to make a fresh start in following the Lord, a new effort to glorify God with our lives. MagnifiKid! thus proposes that you take the Gloria as the basis of your family prayer this month.

● Pray as a family

We begin the New Year reflecting on the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries of our faith. These mysteries encourage us to give glory to God and to make a fresh start as disciples of the Lord. Toward the end of the month, we will hear the Gospel invitation to become "fishers of men," that is, to become more like the glorious star that "caught" the Magi and led them to discover faith in Jesus. As you seek to "catch" others by glorifying God in your life, ponder the words of the Gloria in your family prayer.



● Glory to God

In some places, it is traditional to keep the Nativity scene on display until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. Why not consider starting this tradition in your home? If you do, the family prayer for January can take place in front of it. This month's prayer simply recites the Gloria that we pray at Mass on Sundays. The Gloria echoes the song of the Angels to the shepherds on the first Christmas. The parent who is leading opens the prayer with: *"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

All make the sign of the cross.

All together:

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,*

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The parent who is leading concludes with:

"And may almighty God bless us and keep us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

All make the sign of the cross.

