



TINYTHOMISTS.COM REFERENCE GUIDE



Why this Guide Exists

There are a total of 41 issues in the Tiny Thomists program. Each was designed to teach a particular aspect about the Catholic faith as taught to us by St. Thomas Aquinas in his Summa Theologica. With so many published issues, it can be hard to locate the lesson that is just right for your kiddo. Sometimes, they might be struggling with obedience (Issue 2) or perhaps they have questions about heaven and hell (Issue 25). This guide was designed to help you locate the issue you need to teach your child the specific Catholic truth they need at the moment they need it.

It is important to note that the absolute best way to use the Tiny Thomists program is to go through it chronologically starting with Issue 1. There are some lessons that build on each other.

That being said, it is also very possible to pick and choose each lesson depending on the needs of your child. Knowing information from previous issues is the ideal, but it is not necessary as each issue has been designed to stand alone if needed.

How to Use this Guide

In any browser or PDF reader, you have the option to search for words. For MAC users, all you need to do is push “Command” and “F” to open up the search bar. For Windows users, it is “Ctrl” and “F”.

Once you have the search box open, enter in a key word for the topic you are looking for. Then, click the “Find” button and this document will have every mention of that word highlighted.

For example: If my child asks me, “Daddy, what is heaven like?” I can search for the word “heaven” and my document will highlight the word “heaven” found in issues 5 and 25, both which mention that theme as a key concept.

I can then return back to dominicaninstitute.com/ttmembers and find those issues, download them, and immediately start teaching my kids about those themes.

What is Included in this Guide

- This guide features the Simplified Summa quote for each issue.
- It also showcases the Saint that is highlighted for each issue.
- It then lists the key concepts of study within each issue.

Issue 1: "God is truly and absolutely simple."

Saint Studied: St. Mary

Key concepts- The Trinity, Heroic Virtue, Rosary

Issue 2: "The more perfect a thing is, the more it is like God."

Saint Studied: St. Joseph

Key concepts- Obedience, Communion of Saints, Becoming a Saint, holiness, chores, tithing, patron Saints

Issue 3: "To understand God, we must use our senses to see his work in the world."

Saint Studied: St. Paul

Key concepts- Omnipresence of God, Eucharist, Good/bad secrets, five senses, God's little secrets game

Issue 4: "We find happiness in God whose love for us gives us true joy."

Saint Studied: St. Theresa of Calcutta

Key concepts- Joy, Happiness, suffering, easy and hard joys, St. Theresa beads

Issue 5: "Sins are things we do that are bad. Virtues are things we do that are good."

Saint Studied: St. Augustine and St. Monica

Key concepts- Heaven, good decisions, sin, virtue

Issue 6: "Every person is made up of a body and a soul."

Saint Studied: St. Thomas Aquinas

Key concepts- Body, soul, powers of the soul, intellect, will, passions

Issue 7: "Prayer is speaking to God with our minds."

Saint Studied: St. Teresa of Avila

Key concepts- How to pray, times to pray, types of prayer, prayer with mind, prayer through act, prayer using your voice

Issue 8: "The Eucharist is spiritual food for our souls."

Saint Studied: St. Lawrence of Rome

Key concepts- Eucharist, healthy habits, food groups, physical exercise

Issue 9: "Every rule that makes us better comes from God."

Saint Studied: St. Louis IX

Key concepts- Rules, laws, divine law, natural law, human law, eternal law, family rules, God's rulebook

Issue 10: "Everything we need from God is found at Mass."

Saint Studied: St. John Vianney

Key concepts- Mass, priests, Gospel readings, hymns, coloring Mass books

Issue 11: "Life is hard because it will be happy later."

Saint Studied: St. Rose of Lima

Key concepts- Suffering, sacrifice, difficulties, hard life, journaling, goal setting

Issue 12: "All acts dedicated to God become great."

Saint Studied: St. Albert the Great

Key concepts- Excellence, greatness, choosing between two good things, chore charts, memorization, abstraction, non-fiction books

Issue 13: "Playing games gives rest to the soul."

Saint Studied: St. Paul

Key concepts- Sports, poetry, competition, Saintry statistics, spiritual muscle memory, athletics, physical exercise

Issue 14: "Everyone must work if they wish to be holy."

Saint Studied: St. Benedict

Key concepts- Work, jobs, earning, spending and saving money, tithing, donating, counting money

Issue 15: "Those filled with the holy Spirit have a mission to love God by loving others."

Saint Studied: St. Therese of Lisieux

Key concepts- Mission, vocation, talent, spiritual suffering, dark night of the soul, Children's Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux

Issue 16: "All death and pain come from original sin when Adam and Eve disobeyed God."

Saint Studied: St. Peter

Key concepts- Death and dying, original sin, confession, grieving, sadness, funeral, wake

Issue 17: "What each person does to serve God is unique."

Saint Studied: St. Dominic

Key concepts- Evangelization, preaching, Jesus, team building

Issue 18: "The Bible tells us God's truths so we can live them correctly."

Saint Studied: St. John the Apostle

Key concepts- Instructions, reading, Bible, letter writing, book genres, simile and metaphor, Bible scavenger hunt

Issue 19: "We play music to praise God and grow closer to him."

Saint Studied: St. Cecilia

Key concepts- Music, poetry, positive music, rhyme, musical instruments

Issue 20: "Wise people know how to use their intelligence to please God."

Saint Studied: St. Francis de Sales

Key concepts- Grace, faith, sacraments, baptism, communion, confirmation, reconciliation, announcing of the sick marriage, holy orders, examination of conscience, confession,

Issue 21: "Without God's grace we can do nothing."

Saint Studied: St. Stephen

Key concepts- Mass, priests, Gospel readings, hymns, coloring Mass books

Issue 22: "Faith is knowing that God loves you even when you never see him."

Saint Studied: St. Pope John Paul II

Key concepts- Faith, Catholic questions, children's Novena to St. John Paul II

Issue 23: "Without grace, we can do nothing."

Saint Studied: The Archangels Sts. Gabriel, Rafael, and Michael

Key concepts- Grace, the 9 types of angels, good vs. evil, demons,

Issue 24: "We show mercy when we help others who are in need."

Saint Studied: St. Faustina Kowalska

Key concepts- Mercy, Divine Mercy, confession, sympathy, empathy, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy

Issue 25: "God is just and gives to all what they deserve."

Saint Studied: Sts. Francisco and Jacinta de Jesus Marto

Key concepts- Judgement, heaven, hell, purgatory, God's justice, sins's effects

Issue 26: "We learn what we experience."

Saint Studied: St. Padre Pio

Key concepts- Fortitude, Eucharist, Leadership, following, Body, Blood, Soul, and divinity of Christ in Eucharist,

Issue 27: "The ten commandments teach us how to love God and others correctly."

Saint Studied: St. Moses

Key concepts- 10 Commandments, greatest commandments, Old Law vs. New Law, 10 Commandments Bingo

Issue 28: "To be pure, we must protect our bodies from evil."

Saint Studied: St. Maria Goretti

Key concepts- Purity, chastity, saying "no," body as temple of the holy spirit, understanding your body and right relationships with people

Issue 29: "God chose the Jewish people as his own. To them he would send his Son who would make his law perfect."

Saint Studied: King David

Key concepts- The Jewish religion, Old Law vs. New Law, Torah, Star of David

Issue 30: "God created everything."

Saint Studied: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Key concepts- Environment, nature, reduce, reuse, recycle, planet earth, native American culture

Issue 31: "Mary brings us closer to God in everything she does."

Saint Studied: St. Mary

Key concepts- Total Consecration for Children, spiritual motherhood, Rosary, list of Marian feast days and activities for each

Issue 32: "We don't pray to tell God what we want. We pray to tell God how much we need him."

Saint Studied: St. Catherine of Siena

Key concepts- Understanding God's will, prayer, self-emptying, intentional listening, importance of silence

Issue 33: "Games can lead us closer to God."

Saint Studied: St. John Bosco

Key concepts- Games, fun, magic, rest, recreation, friends, gamification

Issue 34: "Fasting cleans your soul, raises your mind to God, and gives you a better heart."

Saint Studied: St. Francis of Assisi

Key concepts- Detachment, poverty, Franciscan order

Issue 35: "We are God's creations and in knowing him we have true life."

Saint Studied: St. Martin de Porres

Key concepts- globalization, race, body of Christ, languages, human dignity, family mission

Issue 36: "We must become like Christ in our suffering so that we can destroy sin."

Saint Studied: St. Joan of Arc

Key concepts- grit, bravery, conscience, spiritual armor, battling evil

Issue 37: "We are perfect when our love for God and others overcomes our love for ourselves."

Saint Studied: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Key concepts- Perfection, spiritual perfection, worldly perfection, excellence, New Adam and New Eve, Total consecration for Children

Issue 38: “When we are creative, we can change the world into a better place.”

Saint Studied: St. Vincent Ferrer

Key concepts– Creativity, talents, passions, art, Creation Story in Kid Speak.

Issue 39: “To be humble is to serve God and others more than ourselves.”

Saint Studied: St. Margaret of Hungary

Key concepts– Humility, servitude, character, humble

Issue 40: Lent: “Sacrifice is a special thing that we do that honors God and makes him happy.”

Saint Studied: St. John the Baptist

Key concepts– Big and little sacrifices, temptations, redemptive suffering, simple prayer writing monitoring Lent calendars and customized paper chain links.

Issue 41: Advent: “We cannot know God perfectly unless we know Jesus.”

Saint Studied: The Holy Family

Key concepts– Self–control, sacrifice, the Advent Story in Kid Speak, Nativity set building, monitoring Advent calendars and customized paper chain links