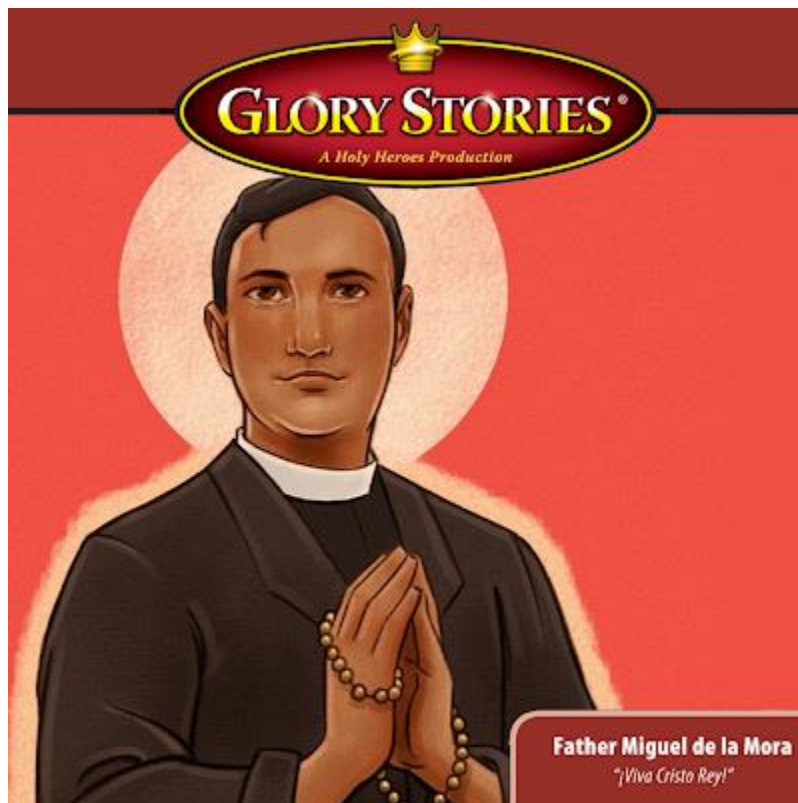




Glory Stories Vol. II:

Saint Miguel de la Mora
“Viva Cristo Rey!”

EDUCATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS



Thank you for purchasing our Glory Story Audio CD on St. Miguel de la Mora!

We hope you enjoy listening to this CD as much as we had fun creating it!

Like many parents or teachers, you may be wondering how best to use your newly-acquired audio CD. Never fear!

Here are 7 ideas on how to use your new St. Miguel Glory Story Audio Drama:

1. During Car Rides or Road Trips

“We love learning about saints, and my children ask me to play the glory stories over and over in the car!! They never get tired of hearing the stories!!” – Joanna from Friendswood, TX

Play the CD while driving to your next field trip or event! Kids will stay interested in the story and characters (instead of the next pit-stop!)

2. In the Classroom

“It is great reinforcement for any reading you are doing on the Saints.” – Mom of 5 from Albuquerque, NM

Supplement your CCD or religious education classes with Glory Stories! Play small sections of the Glory Story Audio Drama each class and pose a discussion question. Our suggested questions on page 3 suggest perfect stopping points in the CD to aid you in lesson planning!

3. Celebrating Feast Days

“When your grandson calls you and is jumping up and down with joy over a gift you know you found the perfect item” – Diane from San Diego, CA

Use the Glory Story Audio CD as part of your feast day celebrations! Mark May 21 in your calendar, and plan a day dedicated to St. Miguel! Play his audio drama, eat some yummy food, and have kids make a cool craft! For ideas on décor, activities, and more, check out our “St. Miguel de la Mora” board on [Pinterest!](#)

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4. Gifts for Birthdays or Receiving Sacraments

“A great gift for a first Holy Communion.” – Timothy from Washington, DC

Know someone named Miguel? Is your grandchild receiving First Holy Communion soon? What better gift than a Glory Story Audio CD to both further their religious education and let them know they are loved!

5. Parenting Tools

“Our whole family enjoys listening to the lovingly written & read stories. A great way to help us think like saints.” – Michelle from Larkspur, CO

Use the Glory Story Audio Drama to bring up important and relevant topics with your kids. Listening to the story can help start conversations about treating others with respect, telling the truth, and other virtues!

6. Donations to Parish or School Community

“I can't say enough on how great these CDs teach and entertain.” – Jennifer from Quincy, IL

Know people in your parish community (or a Knight of Columbus) who could use a Glory Story CD or two? Donate a copy to your parish library, Catholic school, or daycare!

7. Afternoon Down-Time or Bedtime

“A great way to use what would be wasted time; now we use it learning about God. Thank you!” – Homeschool Mom

Give momma a well-deserved break! Entertain the kids without having to turn on the TV! Kids will exercise their imagination, creativity, and listening skills while learning about their faith...it's a win-win! Or, pop in a Glory Story CD before bedtime to help kids wind down from the day.

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Discussion Questions

Not sure how to talk about the story with your kids? We've created a list of discussion questions for you! Of course, feel free to adapt or omit these questions based on your child's age, maturity, interests, attention span, etc.

Listed next to each question is the appropriate track number on the audio CD. Use these questions track by track, or discuss everything at the end!

Note: St. Miguel de la Mora is featured on the same CD as Saint Therese (another Holy Hero with her own, separate study guide)! For questions connecting their two stories, see page 4. St. Miguel's story starts on Track 1 of the CD.

Track 1 - Track 2, 1:18

1. What does Viva Cristo Rey mean? (Long Live Christ the King!). Jesus is the King of Heaven and Earth...what are the marks of a good king?
2. What does it mean to be a priest? (life of service, called to "feed Jesus' sheep") Who do priests receive their authority from? (Jesus)
3. What does Psalm 123 talk about? (The Good Shepherd) How can a priest be a Good Shepherd too?

Track 2, 2:19 - Track 3, 1:45

1. What year did Miguel become a real priest, and what city was he serving in? (1906, Colima)
2. Who are the Knights of Columbus? What do they do? (Hint: they care for poor and spread the Catholic faith...for instance, they helped support the movie Unplanned!)
3. What year did a new president rise to power in Mexico? (1924, named Plutarco Elías Calles). Was he a nice leader (no, he was very anti-Catholic). What did he do? (seize properties, kill priests, etc.)
4. Father Miguel ignored the rule to not celebrate Mass...was this the right thing to do? Shouldn't we always obey the law? (explain that we do not have to obey laws that keep us from practicing the faith, see Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 399)
5. What does it mean to be a Knight for God? What kind of virtues do you need? (bravery, patience, faith, etc.)

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Track 3, 1:46 - Track 5, 0:38

1. When were the Knights of Columbus founded? (1882 in the United States by Father Michael McGivney)
2. What is a sacrament? (an outward sign of an inward grace). Why are the sacraments so important?
3. How was Miguel a strong “knight” when the soldiers came to arrest him? (Hint: what does a soldier do when he’s in battle? He doesn’t run, but faces the enemy head-on).

Track 5, 0:39 - End of Track 5 (Track 6 begins a new story)

1. The Rosary gives Miguel strength...and Padre Pio used to call the Rosary “his weapon.” How is prayer like a spiritual sword?
2. Mary was certainly comforting Miguel before he was killed...after all, she is the Queen of Heaven! How should Knights treat the Queen? How can we grow closer to Mary?
3. What day was Miguel canonized? (May 21, 2000)

Definitions to Know

Is your child struggling with an unfamiliar word? Here are a few of the harder terms to understand (and suggested ways to explain them)!

- *Padre* – “Father” in Spanish
- *Regino* - Miguel’s brother’s name
- *Viva Cristo Rey* – “Long Live Christ the King!” in Spanish! This was the rallying cry of the Mexican martyrs.
- *Knights of Columbus* – a Catholic fraternal service organization...in other words, a group of Catholic men who live all over the world and perform acts of charity to those in need. There’s probably a council at your parish!
- *Colima* - a town in Mexico, where Miguel de la Mora lived
- *Martyr* – Someone who gives their life for Christ and the Catholic faith

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Connecting the Saints (Therese and Miguel de la Mora)

Optional: use these questions to connect the two stories featured on the CD!

- Do you see any similarities or differences between Miguel and Therese? (possible answers...they were both brave, had faith, etc.)
- Do you think they would have been good friends on earth? Do you think they are good friends in heaven?
- When you get to heaven, what would you want to ask them? What do you think they would say?

Miguel de la Mora Activity Ideas

Help your kids retain the Glory Story Audio Drama through a fun activity! We recommend brainstorming some simple but fun ways your family or class can practice Miguel's virtues.

Here are a few of our own! As always, adapt or create a project that is perfect for you!

- **Teach your children about the Mass!**
 - Learn about the different articles and objects using [the Father Leopold Set](#). The [Holy Heroes: Inside the Mass](#) DVD will also cover everything they need to know!
 - Depending on the age of your kids, you can also give them crackers, water, or grape juice; they can get creative making "vestments" from articles of clothing around the house. Encourage them to play **reverently**, and make sure they have everything they need for the "Mass" (an altar, a relic in the altar, sanctuary lamp, chalice, etc.).
 - Remind your kids that only men who are ordained priests can consecrate the Eucharist into Jesus' body and blood, but that maybe one day they might become priests or religious in the service of God!
- **Interview a Knight of Columbus member!**
 - Brainstorm questions to ask him about the fraternity and their work...the interviewee might be your dad, your grandpa, or a family friend!
 - Even better, after the interview, **volunteer at a Knights of Columbus event** (like a Tootsie Roll Drive or other fundraiser)!
- **Put on the Armor of God and become a "Knight" for God!**
 - Read Ephesians 6 to find out what the Armor of God is, then create your own armor out of cardboard.
 - If that's too messy for mom and dad, then just draw yourself on paper with armor and label the different pieces!

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- Use [Sacrifice Beads](#) to keep track of sacrifices!
 - Not all of us are called to die for God...but we can “die to ourselves” every day through small sacrifices (St. Therese, who is also on this Glory Story CD, called this a “white martyrdom”). What sacrifices can you offer up?
- **Pray the Rosary!**
 - Just like Miguel did at his martyrdom, pray for those Catholics who are still being persecuted around the world. Use the [Holy Heroes Rosary CDs](#) if you need help learning how!
- **Test your kid’s senses with a home-made taco bar!**
 - Secretly prepare grated cheese, tomatoes, olives, meat, etc. in different bowls. Don’t forget the guacamole or salsa either!
 - Blindfold your kids and lead them into the room. One by one, they must identify each food by taste alone...a great science exercise!
 - Once done, lift the blindfold and enjoy a Mexican feast in celebration of Miguel de la Mora’s life! This is also an excuse for mom and dad to enjoy a margarita (you can easily make limeade for the kids as well).

Our Father in Spanish - “Padre Nuestro”

YouTube has videos on the correct pronunciation (or ask a friend who speaks Spanish!)

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan de este día
y perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
sino que líbranos del malo.
Amen.

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Additional Resources

Need more ideas? Check out these cool books, websites, and more!

**Note: Miguel is not a well-known saint himself, but he is one of many Mexican martyrs, many of whom were Knights of Columbus. Consider this Glory Story Audio CD an introduction to the Cristero War martyrs!*

Books:

Saint Jose; Boy Cristero Martyr (The Vision Book series) - Fr. Kevin McKenzie

Movies and Audio CDs:

For Greater Glory (great film for older teens and parents)

[Jose Sanchez del Rio](#) and [Miguel Pro Glory Stories](#)...they lived and worked in Mexico at the same time as Miguel de la Mora!

Websites:

[Miguel's Life Story](#)

[The Mexican Martyrs of the Knights of Columbus](#)

[The Blue Knights Boy's Club](#)

Pilgrimage:

Get to know your local [Knight of Columbus](#) council! Check your parish website to see if they have one, then attend one of their events!

This Glory Story Audio CD pairs well with...

[Works of Mercy Set: Children's Book, Coloring Book & Card Game](#)

[Carabiner Sacrifice Beads \(with matching cord\)](#)

[Holy Heroes Spiritual Journal](#)

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