



Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum

**Espiritu Santo Roman Catholic Church Religious Education
2020 - 2021**

Loyola Press - Finding God Series
Finding God ... Our Response to God's Gifts!
5 UNITS – 5 Chapters (Sessions) within each unit
Grade Levels K-8

*As you journey through the themes and lessons of the Finding God series outlined below, try to reach further – when preparing each lesson, identify at least one of the **4 Pillars of our Faith** that connects to your lesson. Also – in every lesson, find a reference to at least one of the **10 goals** I have listed on the bottom of this syllabus. Use the master calendar to cite special liturgical dates and celebrations (saints, solemnities, seasons, etc). Of course, **scripture** is a wonderful teacher! Use the lectionary and our weekly Gospel reflections to better understand the scripture message from Mass each week*

PARTICIPATE IN MASS EACH WEEK – it's a treasure not to be missed ☺

My love & gratitude to all who teach and share the faith! *Sue*

FAMILY WELCOME Sunday September 20th following NOON Mass AND via emailed video
September 20th = Catechetical Sunday
Catechetical Sunday 2020 <i>"I Received from the Lord what I also Handed on to You"</i>

The Church celebrates *Catechetical Sunday* September 20, 2020

Remember, when we choose to love our faith, share our faith and inspire our faith ... **WE ARE ALL CATECHISTS!!!**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for **all** to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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Will offer an overview of the formation year, curriculum resources, schedules, etc.

Loyola Press Finding God Outline / Schedule:

October 11th / 18th
UNIT 1 - GOD, CREATOR & FATHER, LOVES US
November 8th / 15th
OUR LITURGICAL YEAR – SEASONS AND SIGNS!
December 13th / 20th
UNIT 2 - JESUS, OUR LORD and SAVIOR
<i>During the Christmas SEASON = Explore, Learn & Live ... Christmas AS A SEASON, not a day ☺</i>
SPECIAL DATES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON INCLUDE:
<i>December 25th – The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas</i>
<i>December 27th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
<i>January 1st – Solemnity of Mary</i>
<i>January 3rd – Epiphany</i>
<i>January 10th – The Baptism of the Lord</i>
January 10th / 17th
WORKS OF MERCY AND OUR ATTITUDE TO BE!
February 14th / 21st
UNIT 3 – THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT
February 17th = ASH WEDNESDAY
<i>Begin the Lenten Season Prayerfully as a Family, Participating In Church Services and At Home Preparation</i>
<i>LENTEN SEASON Parish Communal Penance Service</i>
March 14th / 21st
UNIT 4 – SACRAMENTS, OUR WAY OF LIFE
03/28/21 Palm Sunday ... HOLY WEEK BEGINS
<i>Teach the faith by living it as a family – take advantage of the opportunity through Holy Week, Easter & beyond!</i>
<i>Sunday March 28th = PALM SUNDAY!</i>
<i>Thursday April 1st = Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00PM</i>
<i>Friday April 2nd = Good Friday</i>
<i>Saturday April 3rd = Holy Saturday, GREAT EASTER VIGIL sunset!</i>
<i>Sunday April 4th = EASTER SUNDAY ... JESUS IS RISEN!</i>
April 11th / 18th
UNIT 5 – MORALITY, OUR FAITH LIVED
<i>04/19/20 Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
TENTATIVE SACRAMENT DATES: 4/25-05/09 varied Masses

Teaching Tools and Ideas:

Website resources below. Password is **FG-2013** for K-6, **FG-JrHigh** for grades 7-8 (upgraded links & codes provided)

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/directors-and-principals>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/catechists-and-teachers>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/parents-and-students>

Resources to use alongside Loyola Press *Finding God* curriculum

Catechism of the Catholic Church

General Directory for Catechesis

National Directory for Catechesis

Lectionary / Roman Missal

Online links to sources above may be found on our Diocesan website dosp.org

And never underestimate ... YOUR OWN FAITH LIFE AND FAMILY EXPERIENCES 😊

TELL YOUR STORIES OF FAITH!

FIND WAYS TO RELATE LESSONS TO PILLARS OF OUR FAITH:

Part One: The Profession of Faith (Creed)

Part Two: The Sacraments of Faith (Celebration of the Christian Mystery)

Part Three: The Life of Faith (Commandments / Beatitudes)

Part Four: Prayer in the Life of Faith (The Lord's Prayer)

SET GOALS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF:

Creed

Sacraments

Christian Living

Scripture

Liturgy

Christian Prayer & Spirituality

Mystery of the Church

Parish Life

Vocations

Ecumenism & Dialogue

HELP STUDENTS DEFINE "The Paschal Mystery"

The Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ

**USE YOUR LOVE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH TO INSPIRE
A JOY AND LOVE IN OTHERS ... you have already inspired me 😊 Sue**