



Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum

**Espiritu Santo Roman Catholic Church Religious Education
2021 - 2022**

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 Orientation and Welcome Sunday August 22nd
FOLLOWING 12:00Noon Mass**

First *Family* Session Sunday September 12th and Tuesday September 14th



September 19th = Catechetical Sunday "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

The Church celebrates *Catechetical Sunday* September 19, 2021

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.

Our Hybrid Model will include a combination of Student Classroom Sessions on campus, Family Sessions on campus and At Home Sessions. We will follow the curriculum together.

refer to the master calendar for specific dates / format

Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum Outline

September 19/21 and 26/28 = Classroom Welcomes, Curriculum Distribution, Unit 1 start

OCTOBER 3/5 = Family, 10/12 = At Home, 17/19 & 24/26 = Classroom, 31/11-2 = Family

UNIT 1 - GOD, CREATOR & FATHER, LOVES US

NOVEMBER 7/9 & 14/16 = Classroom, 21/23 & 28/30 = At Home

OUR LITURGICAL YEAR – SEASONS AND SIGNS!

DECEMBER 5/7 & 12/14 = Classroom, 19/21 & 26/28 = At Home

UNIT 2 - JESUS, OUR LORD and SAVIOR

During the Christmas SEASON =

Explore, Learn & Live ...

Christmas AS A SEASON, not a day 😊

SPECIAL DATES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON INCLUDE:

December 25th – The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas

December 26th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 1st – Solemnity of Mary

January 2nd – Epiphany

January 8th – The Baptism of the Lord

JANUARY 2/4 = Family, 9/11 & 16/18 = Classroom, 23/25 & 30/2-1 = At Home

WORKS OF MERCY AND OUR ATTITUDE TO BE!

FEBRUARY 6/8 = Family, 13/15 = Classroom, 20/22 = At Home, 27/3-1 = Classroom

UNIT 3 – THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

February 17th = ASH WEDNESDAY

*Begin the Lenten Season Prayerfully as a Family, Participating In Church Services
and At Home Preparation*

LENTEN SEASON Parish Communal Penance Service

MARCH 6/8 = Classroom, 13/15 & 20/22 = At Home, 27/29 = Family

UNIT 4 – SACRAMENTS, OUR WAY OF LIFE

March 2nd = ASH WEDNESDAY

*Begin the Lenten Season Prayerfully as a Family, Participating In Church Services
and At Home Preparation*

LENTEN SEASON Parish Communal Penance Service

APRIL 3/5 = Classroom, 10/12 & 17/19 = At Home, 24/26 = Family

UNIT 5 – MORALITY, OUR FAITH LIVED

April 10 th = 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 April 10th = PALM SUNDAY!</i>	
<i>Thursday April 14th = Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM</i>	
<i>Friday April 15th = Good Friday</i>	
<i>Saturday April 16th = Holy Saturday, GREAT EASTER VIGIL sunset</i>	
<i>Sunday April 17th = EASTER SUNDAY ... JESUS IS RISEN!</i>	
<i>Sunday April 24th = Divine Mercy Sunday ... Jesus I Trust In You!</i>	
<u>Teaching Tools and Ideas:</u>	

Website resources below. Password is **FG-2021** for K-6, **FG-JrHigh** for grades 7-8

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/catechists-and-teachers>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students>

<u>Resources to use alongside Loyola Press <i>Finding God</i> curriculum</u>				
Catechism of the Catholic Church				
General & National Directory for Catechesis				
Ignatian Examen				
Lectionary / Roman Missal				
<i>Online links to other sources may be found on our Diocesan website dosp.org</i>				
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"				
<i>The Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ</i>				
USE YOUR LOVE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH TO INSPIRE A JOY AND LOVE IN OTHERS ... you have already inspired me 😊 Sue				