



# Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum

**Espiritu Santo Roman Catholic Church Religious Education  
2024 - 2025**

**Domestic Church Hybrid Model of Enrichment**

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+

Weekly sessions for our hybrid model of learning will consist of a combination each month - **Family** Sessions on Campus, Student **Classroom** Sessions on Campus, and **At Home** Sessions

SUNDAY SESSIONS = 10:30-11:45AM

TUESDAY SESSIONS = 6:00-7:15PM

*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 / Volunteer Orientation and Welcome Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>  
FOLLOWING 12:00Noon Mass**

***ON CAMPUS Catechetical Sessions begin 09/08 & 09/10***

***September 15<sup>th</sup> = Catechetical Sunday***



***Dive Into God's Word***

The Church celebrates *Catechetical Sunday* September 15, 2024

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 day for **all** to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

## Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum Outline

Families Choose to enroll in either Sunday or Tuesday Sessions

### SEPTEMBER:

08 & 10 = Family Session Welcomes, Curriculum Overview, Unit 1 intro

15 & 17 / 22 & 24 / 29 & Oct 01 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters One, Two, Three)

### OCTOBER:

06 & 08 = Family Sessions (Chapter Four)

13 & 15 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Five) UNIT 1 REVIEW / ASSESSMENT

### UNIT 1 - GOD, CREATOR & FATHER, LOVES US

20 & 22 / 27 & 29 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters Six and Seven)

### NOVEMBER:

03 & 05 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Eight)

10 & 12 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Nine)

17 & 19 = Family Sessions (Chapter Ten) Unit 2 REVIEW / ASSESSMENT

24 & 26 = At Home Sessions (Catch Up, Review)

### OUR LITURGICAL YEAR – SEASONS AND SIGNS!

### UNIT 2 - JESUS, OUR LORD and SAVIOR

### DECEMBER:

01 & 03 = At Home Sessions (Advent Lesson & pages 211-215)

08 & 10 / 15 & 17 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters Eleven and Twelve)

22 & 24 / 29 & 31 = At Home Sessions (Chapters Fifteen and Thirteen)

*During the Christmas SEASON =*

*Explore, Learn & Live ...*

*Christmas AS A SEASON, not a day 😊*

*SPECIAL DATES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON INCLUDE:*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas*

*December 29<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

*January 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*January 5<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany of the Lord*

*January 12<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord*

### JANUARY:

05 & 07 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Fourteen)

12 & 14 = Classroom Sessions (Review Christmas) and UNIT THREE REVIEW / ASSESSMENT

### UNIT 3 – THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

19 & 21 = Family Sessions (SACRAMENTS)

26 & 28 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Sixteen)

**FEBRUARY:**

02 & 04 / 09 & 11 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters Seventeen and Eighteen)

16 & 18 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Nineteen)

23 & 25 = Family Sessions (LENTEN PREP)

**MARCH:**

02 & 04 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Twenty) Celebrating Lent *and* UNIT FOUR REVIEW / ASSESSMENT

**March 5<sup>th</sup> = ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

***LENTEN SEASON Parish Communal Penance Service***

Explore WORKS OF MERCY AND BEATITUDES (an ATTITUDE TO BE)!

**UNIT 4 – SACRAMENTS, OUR WAY OF LIFE**

09 & 11 = Family Sessions (PRAYERS & PRACTICES)

16 & 18 / 23 & 25 = At Home Sessions (Prayers & Practices and Chapter Twenty-One)

30 & Apr 01 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Twenty-Two)

**APRIL:**

06 & 08 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Twenty-Three)

April 13<sup>th</sup> = Palm Sunday ... **HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

*Teach the faith by living it as a family – take advantage of the opportunity through Holy Week, Easter & beyond!*

***Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> = PALM SUNDAY!***

***Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> = Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM***

***Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> = Good Friday***

***Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> = Holy Saturday, GREAT EASTER VIGIL sunset***

***Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> = EASTER SUNDAY ... JESUS IS RISEN!***

No Sessions on Campus Holy Week (04/13) OR Easter Week (0420) – as a FAMILY, learn & live the **WORKS OF MERCY AND OUR ATTITUDE TO BE!**

27 & 29 = FINAL Classroom Sessions (Chapter 24 and Celebrations!)

From Home, UNIT FIVE REVIEW / ASSESSMENT – Please email assessment results to Sue by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**UNIT 5 – MORALITY, OUR FAITH LIVED**

## Teaching Tools and Ideas:

Below you will find two links for Loyola Press learning. One is passcode protected. This one offers a MYRIAD of digital library resources. Navigate through this and use the many resources as a family!

[Home - LP Digital Library \(loyolapress.com\)](http://www.loyolapress.com)

Passcode for digital library = CC96401C

The link that does NOT require a passcode is the one that offers the assessments (interactive session reviews) and fishers of faith Unit overview. Here is a “walk through” for using this.

Log In to Link [Finding God 2021 | Loyola Press](http://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/catechists-and-teachers)

1. Choose Family Resources
2. Select Grade / Resource Level
3. Scroll down to see Units (Sessions – Games)
  - a. Each session offers an interactive session review (this is ultimately an “assessment” – even though it is not labeled as such)
  - b. Click the interactive session review for each session. At the end of each, you will be given an option to email results.
  - c. After the interactive session reviews, you will see “fishers of faith”. This is an overview of the entire unit, “assessed” in a game format. It is interactive, fun, and enriching. While results of this cannot be emailed, it is a great way to wrap up the unit review.

Loyola Press offers MANY other family resources. Keep exploring!

<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>

### **Resources to use alongside Loyola Press *Finding God* curriculum**

**Lectionary / Roman Missal**

**General & National Directory for Catechesis**

**Ignatian Examen**

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

***Online links to other sources may be found on our Diocesan website [dosp.org](http://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:**

<b>Creed</b>	<b>Sacraments</b>	<b>Christian Living</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Liturgy</b>
	<b>Christian Prayer &amp; Spirituality</b>		<b>Mystery of the Church</b>	<b>Parish Life</b>
	<b>Vocations</b>		<b>Ecumenism &amp; Dialogue</b>	

**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**