



Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum

**Espiritu Santo Roman Catholic Church Religious Education
2026 - 2027**

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 23rd
FOLLOWING 12:00Noon Mass**

ON CAMPUS Catechetical Sessions begin 09/13 & 09/15

Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum Outline

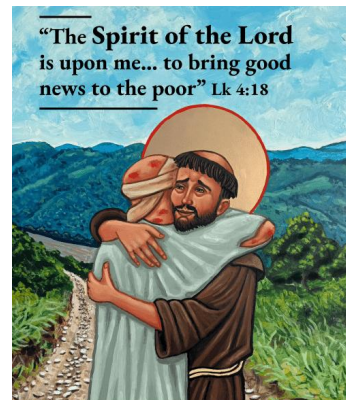
Families Choose to enroll in either Sunday or Tuesday Sessions

UNIT 1 - GOD, CREATOR & FATHER, LOVES US

SEPTEMBER:

13 & 15 = CLASSROOM Session Welcomes, Curriculum Overview, Unit 1 intro

20 & 22 / 27 & 29 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters One, Two, Three)



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Catechetical Sunday
September 20, 2026

September 20th = Catechetical Sunday

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... to bring good news to the poor.” From Luke 4:18

The Church celebrates *Catechetical Sunday* September 20th, 2026

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.

OCTOBER:

04 & 06 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Four)

11 & 13 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Five) UNIT 1 REVIEW / ASSESSMENT

UNIT 2 - JESUS, OUR LORD and SAVIOR

OUR LITURGICAL YEAR – SEASONS

18 & 20 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Six)

25 & 27 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Seven)

NOVEMBER:

01 & 03 = Family Sessions (Chapter Eight)

08 & 10 / 15 & 17 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters Nine, Ten)

22 & 24 / 29 & Dec. 01 = At Home Sessions, Unit 2 REVIEW / ASSESSMENT

UNIT 3 – THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

DECEMBER:

06 (Tuesday = Immaculate Conception, Mass replaces class) / 13 & 15 = Classroom Sessions (Mary, Advent Lesson pages 211-215, Chapters Eleven, Twelve)

20 & 22 / 27 & 29 / Jan. 03 & 05 = At Home Sessions (Chapters Fifteen=Christmas, Thirteen, Fourteen)

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 27th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 3rd – Epiphany of the Lord

January 10th – The Baptism of the Lord

JANUARY:

10 & 12 = Family Sessions (Review Christmas)

17 & 19 = At Home Sessions (UNIT THREE REVIEW / ASSESSMENT)

24 & 26 = Classroom Sessions (Chapter Sixteen)

31 & Feb. 2 – At Home Sessions (Chapter Seventeen)

UNIT 4 – SACRAMENTS, OUR WAY OF LIFE

FEBRUARY:

07 & 09 = Classroom Sessions (Pages 221-225)

February 18th = ASH WEDNESDAY

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

LENTEN SEASON Parish Communal Penance Service Date TBA

14 & 16 = At Home Sessions (Chapter Eighteen)

21 & 23 / 28 & March 02 = Classroom Sessions (Chapters Nineteen, Twenty)

MARCH:

07 & 09 / 14 & 16 = Classroom Sessions (UNIT FOUR REVIEW / ASSESSMENT)

March 21st = 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 March 21st = PALM SUNDAY!

Thursday March 25th = Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM

Friday March 26th = Good Friday

Saturday March 27th = Holy Saturday, GREAT EASTER VIGIL sunset

Sunday March 28th = EASTER SUNDAY ... JESUS IS RISEN!

21 & 23 = At Home Sessions (HOLY WEEK PARTICIPATION)

No Sessions on Campus Holy Week (03/21) OR Easter Week (03/28) – as a FAMILY, learn &
live the **WORKS OF MERCY AND OUR ATTITUDE TO BE!**

UNIT 5 – MORALITY, OUR FAITH LIVED

APRIL:

Special Family Sessions during April (schedule to be announced) focusing on Unit 5 ...
LIVING our faith!

Instructions for submitting UNIT FIVE REVIEW / ASSESSMENT to Sue

Sacrament Season and Celebrations continue through May!

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://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](#)

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

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**

FAMILY SUMMER GOALS: