



## ***The basic facts:***

- Flipgrid is a “Virtual Sharing Platform”.
- It’s a free, Google based app that you can access using your home computer, your tablet, and even your smart phone.
- 1 out of every 3 schoolteachers use Flipgrid (Flipgrid.com). If you look online, you’ll see lessons for everything from Algebra to Zoology!
- It’s *NOT* like Zoom, or any other “live” format. We’ve all ‘zoomed’ so much lately I think we’re zoomed out.
- The class does not meet all at the same time, and they don’t see each other.
- Students sign on at their convenience, read the directions for their lesson, complete any reading, and then (possibly) respond with either a written or a video response.
- Our Sunday Visitor has already uploaded all of their “Alive in Christ” lesson plans for grades 1-8. 😊 Yay! I think this is my favorite part!!
- Unfortunately, Our Sunday Visitor has not yet created any “Allelu” lessons for Kindergarten 😞 (Sorry Nancy!) But, that may be coming.
- It’s very family friendly – they have Family Lesson Plans available.

## ***What would your responsibility as a catechist be?***

- I would assign you to be a “co-pilot” for the grade you wanted to teach (that’s just a cool way to say that you and I would share managing the group/class).
- You wouldn’t have to “design” or plan any lessons – unless you really wanted to. Remember, Our Sunday Visitor has already uploaded all of their lessons to Flipgrid.
- Your role is more of a moderator, or facilitator. You would sign on (maybe a couple of times a week?) and check in on the progress of your students. You could send your students a personalized message, or even record a video message (something like, “Hi guys! Last week we were studying reconciliation, and I really liked the responses that you all had about the Parable of the Prodigal Son.”)

## ***What would my responsibility as DRE be?***

- I set up a Flipgrid account for St. Andrew’s Christian Formation.
- I created “grids” for all grades K-8, as well as one for catechists and one for parents (A “grid” is just another way of saying “group of people” or “class”).
- I would be responsible for maintaining student lists.

## ***What do you do if you’re interested?***

- You’ll definitely need a Gmail account. If you don’t have one already, consider getting a Gmail account so that you can create a Flipgrid account and sign on.
- Watch your email. Next week I’ll send you a link to try out a little welcome topic. (You don’t need the Gmail account or Flipgrid account to do that. You’ll only need those if you’re going to be managing a group online this fall.)
- I hope to have a brief workshop for those interested, so that you can experience all that Flipgrid has to offer. Details TBA.