



2020-2021

Faith is best handed on from parent to child. To help you do this in your family, we ask you to do four things each week:

1. Begin with Prayer (1-2 minutes)

Begin with a simple prayer to focus your family. Traditional prayers can be found at *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families* pages 115-121 and *Catholic Children's Bible* pages 1992-1999. You may also want to use this Prayer when Gathering to Study:

Lord our God, we bless you. As we come together to ponder the Scriptures, we ask you in your kindness to fill us with the knowledge of your will so that, pleasing you in all things, we may grow in every good work. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. Explore the Sunday Gospel (20 minutes)

Using *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* or *Catholic Children's Bible*, read the Sunday Gospel out loud, preferably more than once. Have each member of the family share what stood out to them or what it meant to them. Read "Reflecting on the Word," discuss the questions "On the Way to Mass" and "On the Way Home from Mass," and read "Living the Word." What is your family's take-away from this?

3. Read the Bible Story or Catechism (10 minutes)

We love God with our mind by learning more about him. For **Preschool and Kindergarten**, read the assigned story from the *Jesus Storybook Bible* and talk about it. For **Elementary Grades**, read the assigned questions from *Youcat for Kids* and try to answer them as a family before reading the answers. We've also cross-referenced *Youcat* for **Middle Schoolers**. It is actually a good thing if your family has more questions about the topic than the catechism answers. You can research those questions throughout the week and watch the videos provided by our Faith Formation staff. If you have kids in more than one age group, feel free to pick one of these resources to work with as a family.

4. Conclude in Prayer (5 minutes)

After your study, invite each family member to share a prayer request. This could be in thanksgiving for something, for a friend or relative, a concern, a societal issue, etc. Then conclude together with this prayer from the General Blessing for a Family:

May the Lord Jesus, who lived with his Holy Family in Nazareth, dwell also with our family, keep it from all evil, and make all of us one in heart and mind. Amen.

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Readings for the Domestic Church

September 13, 2020 – The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

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Bible Story – The beginning: a perfect home, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 18

Catechism Theme - Knowing God

Youcat for Kids questions 1-5

Youcat questions 1-6

“Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

September 20, 2020 – The Workers in the

Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16A)

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Bible Story – The terrible lie, *Jesus Storybook Bible*

Bible page 28

Catechism Theme – Believing in God

Youcat for Kids questions 6-9

Youcat questions 7-13

September 27, 2020 – The Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)

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Bible Story – Son of laughter, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 56

Catechism Theme – God Revealed in the Bible

Youcat for Kids questions 10-12

Youcat questions 14-19

October 4, 2020 – The Parable in the Vineyard (Matthew 21:33-43)

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Bible Story - God to the rescue!, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 84

Catechism Theme - Who is God?

Youcat for Kids questions 13-18

Youcat questions 30-36

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October 11, 2020 – The Parable of the Wedding Feast
(Matthew 22:1-14)

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Bible Story – God makes a way, *Jesus Storybook*

Bible page 92

Catechism Theme – God Cares for Us

Youcat for Kids questions 19-22

Youcat questions 40-43, 49-51

“The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children.”

**Lumen Gentium
(Dogmatic Constitution on
the Church), 11**

October 18, 2020 – The Question about Paying Taxes
(Matthew 22:15-21)

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Bible Story – Ten ways to be perfect, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 100

Catechism Theme – Who is Jesus?

Youcat for Kids questions 23-27 (pages 40-46)

Youcat questions 71-79

October 25, 2020 – The Great Commandment
(Matthew 22:34-40)

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Bible Story – The warrior leader, *Jesus Storybook*

Bible page 108

Catechism Theme – Mary, the Mother of God

Youcat for Kids questions 28-31 (pages 47-55)

Youcat questions 80-85

“Parents receive in the sacrament of Matrimony the grace and the ministry of the Christian education of their children.”

**General Directory for
Catechesis, 227**

November 1, 2020 – The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a)

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Bible Story – The teeny, weenie...true king, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 116

Catechism Theme – Jesus Died for You

Youcat for Kids questions 32-36

Youcat questions 96-101

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November 8, 2020 – The Parable of the Ten Virgins with Lamps (Matthew 25:1-13)

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Bible Story – The young hero and the horrible giant, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 122

Catechism Theme – Jesus’ Resurrection to New Life

Youcat for Kids questions 37-40

Youcat questions 103-108

November 15, 2020 – The Parable of the Three Servants/Five Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

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Bible Story – Daniel and the scary sleepover, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 152

Catechism Theme – Jesus’ Ascension and Return

Youcat for Kids questions 41-46

Youcat questions 109-112

November 22, 2020 – The Final Judgment

(Matthew 25:31-46)

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families page 24-25

Bible Story – A Dream of Heaven, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 342

Catechism Theme – The Holy Spirit and the Church

Youcat for Kids questions 47-54

Youcat questions 113, 119-120, 121-124

Celebrant: Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

The bridegroom and bride each say: I am.

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony, 60

November 29, 2020 – Keep Watch! (Mark 13:33-37)

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Bible Story – Operation “No More Tears!”, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 144

Catechism Theme – Forgiveness of Sins and the Resurrection of the Body

Youcat for Kids questions 55-59

Youcat questions 150-155

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December 6, 2020 – The Preaching of John the Baptist (Mark 1:1-8)

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Bible Story – Get Ready!, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 170

Catechism Theme – Life Everlasting

Youcat for Kids questions 60-63

Youcat questions 156-162

December 13, 2020 – Voice crying out from the desert (John 1:6-8;19-28)

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Bible Story – He Is Here!, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 176

Catechism Theme - Baptism

Youcat for Kids questions 64-69

Youcat questions 193-200

December 20, 2020 – The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)

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Bible Story – The Light of the Whole World, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 184

Catechism Theme - Confirmation

Youcat for Kids questions 70-73

Youcat questions 203-207

December 27, 2020 – Jesus is Presented in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40)

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Bible Story – The Friend of Little Children, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 256

Catechism Theme – The Eucharist

Youcat for Kids questions 74-80

Youcat questions 208-211, 219-221

Celebrant: You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

The Rite of Baptism

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January 3, 2021 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Matthew 2:1-12)

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Bible Story – The King of All Kings, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 192

Catechism Theme – Penance (aka Reconciliation or Confession)

Youcat for Kids questions 81-87

Youcat questions 230-234, 236, 238

January 10, 2021 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Mark 1:7-11)

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Bible Story – Heaven Breaks Through, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 200

Catechism Theme – Anointing of the Sick

Youcat for Kids questions 88-91

Youcat questions 240-247

January 17, 2021 – Behold the Lamb of God (John 1:3-5-42)

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Bible Story – How To Pray, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 222

Catechism Theme – Holy Orders

Youcat for Kids questions 92-101

Youcat questions 249-251, 256-259

January 24, 2021 – Fishers of Men (Mark 1:14-20)

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Bible Story – Captain of the Storm, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 236 (continued on next page)

“One of the strongest factors associated with older teens keeping their faith as young adults was having parents who talked about religion and spirituality at home. No other conceivable causal influence comes remotely close to matching the influence of parents on the religious faith and practices of youth.”

Christian Smith

**Lead Researcher for the
*National Study of Youth
and Religion***

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Catechism Theme – Marriage and Sacramentals (This section addresses separation and same-sex unions. Please read this yourself before reading it with your child.)

Youcat for Kids, Questions 102-109

Youcat questions 260-263, 271-272

January 31, 2021 – Jesus Cleaned the Uncleaned Spirit (Mark 1:21-28)

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Bible Story – Filled Full!, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 244

Catechism Theme – The First Commandment

Youcat for Kids, Questions 110-115

Youcat questions 348, 352-355

February 7, 2021 – Jesus Heals Many People (Mark 1:29-39)

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Bible Story – Treasure Hunt!, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 250

Catechism Theme - The Second and Third Commandments

Youcat for Kids, Questions 116-121

Youcat questions 359-366

February 14, 2021 – Jesus Heals a Man (Mark 1:40-45)

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Bible Story – The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None), *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 264

Catechism Theme - The Fourth and Fifth Commandments

Youcat for Kids, Questions 122-125 (continued on next page)

“Family members learn more of the Christian life by observing each other’s strengths or weaknesses than by formal instruction.”

National Directory for Catechesis, 29.D

Kids in religiously involved households tend to experience stronger family relationships, fewer risk behaviors, better social adjustment, and higher self-esteem.

National Study of Youth and Religion

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Youcat questions 367-368, 371-372, 378-380, 383, 387 (This section addresses abortion. Please read it yourself before reading it with your child.)

February 21, 2021 – The Temptation in the Desert of Jesus (Mark 1:12-15)

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Bible Story – Let’s Go!, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 208

Catechism Theme - The Sixth and Seventh Commandments

Youcat for Kids, Questions 126-129 (This section addresses married love and uses the word “sex.” Please read this yourself before reading it with your child.)

Youcat questions 400-406, 415, 426-428 (This section addresses chaste, sexual love. Please read this yourself before reading it with your child.)

February 28, 2021 – The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-10)

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Bible Story – Running Away, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 272

Catechism Theme - The Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments

Youcat for Kids, Questions 130-134

Youcat questions 452-455, 462-468

March 7, 2021 – Jesus Cleanses the Temple (John 2:13-25)

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Bible Story – The Servant King, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 286

Catechism Theme - The Precepts of the Church and the Beatitudes

Youcat for Kids, Questions 135-137

Youcat questions 281-284, 345-347

“Furthermore, the family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. In a family which is conscious of this mission... the parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part..”

Pope St. Paul VI

Evangelization in the Modern World, 71

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March 14, 2021 – For God So Loved the World (John 3:14-21)

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Bible Story – A Dark Night in the Garden, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 294

Catechism Theme - Prayer

Youcat for Kids, Questions 138-140

Youcat questions 469-472, 474-477

March 21, 2021 – Grain of Wheat (John 12:20-33)

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Bible Story – The Sun Stops Shining, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 302

Catechism Theme – God Hears Our Prayers

Youcat for Kids, Questions 141-143

Youcat questions 478, 490-495

March 28, 2021 – Anointing of Jesus’ Feet (Mark 14:1-15:47)

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Bible Story – Washed With Tears, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 280

Catechism Theme – How to Pray

Youcat for Kids, Questions 144-146

Youcat questions 499-510

April 4, 2021 – Resurrection (John 20:1-9)

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Bible Story – God’s Wonderful Surprise, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 310

Catechism Theme - The Our Father

Youcat for Kids, Questions 147-149

Youcat questions 511-527

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2223

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April 11, 2021 – Jesus appeared to the Apostles (John 20:19-31)

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Bible Story – Going Home, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 318

Catechism Theme – Prayer with and to Mary

Youcat for Kids, Questions 150-152

Youcat questions 479-480

April 18, 2021 – Jesus appears to His Disciples (Luke 24:35-48)

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Bible Story – God Sends Help, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 326

Catechism Theme – The Rosary

Youcat for Kids, Questions 153-155

Youcat questions 481-482, 496-498

April 25, 2021 – The Good Shepherd (John 10:11-18)

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Bible Story – A new way to see, *Jesus Storybook Bible* page 334

Catechism Theme – Other Types of Prayer

Youcat for Kids, Questions 156-159

Youcat questions 473, 483-489

“Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it. The right and duty of parents to give education is essential.”

Pope St. John Paul II

The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, 36

Now don't stop! Now that you've developed a family habit of prayer, scripture, and learning together, keep going each week with *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families*.