

9 Pointers for Home-Study

1. Set aside a specific day and time and keep to it. We recommend that you do *not* choose Monday, since your schedule would be thrown off a lot by all of the Monday holidays.
2. Do not work during holiday breaks (noted on your schedule) – give your child time off.
3. Lessons vary in length but will generally be about 20-30 minutes. We recommend setting aside 45 minutes to an hour, so that you have some wiggle-room.
4. Child will need parental guidance when completing the lessons, especially for younger grades. Please do not cook supper or do housework while the child is reading parts of the chapter – this gives a negative message (Religion not that important!). We ask that you give your child full attention for their short 30 minute lesson. Giving undivided attention shows the child that the things they are studying are important family beliefs & values.
5. At the end of the lesson, ask your child if they are confused about anything. If the child has trouble grasping some aspect of the lesson, it is a good idea to read through it a couple times and then try explaining it in your own words. Do not assume that your child understands everything just because he/she doesn't speak up.

6. Questions that you cannot answer or are unsure of – be truthful. Do not be afraid to say that you don't know. Get the answer by calling us for assistance, and give your child the correct answer at your next session.

7. Once in a while, if you anticipate a very busy week ahead, you may choose to double up on lessons. This is perfectly acceptable, but please keep in mind that this works better for some children than for others. You know your child best.

8. Always review the basic prayers: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, and Guardian Angel Prayer. For grades 5-7, please also review the Nicene Creed. You can read & listen to these prayers on catechismclass.com under "My Account" (click "My Prayers").

9. If your child is struggling or if you needs help during the year, do not hesitate to reach out to the church office for help!