

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. **Lesson length** varies but will generally be about 20-30 minutes. We recommend setting aside an hour, so that you have some wiggle-room.
3. **Do not work during holiday breaks** (noted on your schedule) – give your child time off.
4. **Child will need parental guidance** when completing the lessons, especially for younger grades. Please do not cook supper, etc. while the child is reading parts of the chapter – this gives a negative message (Religion not that important!). Please 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, we're happy to help!

7. **You may choose to double up on lessons once in a while if you have a very busy week ahead.** This is perfectly acceptable, but please do not make it a habit (e.g. lessons should NOT be completed 5-at-a-time).

8. **Always review the basic prayers:** Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (levels 1-7), Act of Contrition (levels 2-7), and Nicene Creed (levels 5-7). 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!**