

LESSON PLANNING FOR CATECHISTS

1. Who is the focus of this curriculum?

- The child and his relationship with God is always our primary focus.
- We encourage you to pay attention to the children and the signs they communicate regarding their needs, abilities, desires, etc.
- Christ is the teacher of the curriculum and it is he that will bring about the fruit of the vine. As educators, we are laborers in the vineyard.
- Every child in your class is given to you specifically in this time and place. Each child is a gift for you to receive!

2. Who is the catechist?

- A servant of Christ.
- One who embodies an attitude of humility, seeking above all to allow the child to grow closer to Christ and recognizing the very privileged position of witnessing the child's relationship with God.

HOW TO PREPARE A LESSON FOR THIS LITERATURE UNIT

CONSIDER THE CHILDREN

What will attract them? Do they have specific questions or messages they need to hear?

POSSIBLE STARTING POINTS:

THE SIMPLEST LESSON

Read the story.

Be confident that if all you are able to accomplish is a reading of the story, you have shared Theology of the Body with the children!

A LESSON FOCUSED ON DISCUSSION

Read the story and ask a few questions from any of the themes in the chart for each unit.

Choose the questions you think will be most interesting and focus on having a good discussion about the story.

MORE? INCLUDE AN ACTIVITY

If the children need or want more, complete an activity that best fits your circumstances.

PARENTS AS PRIMARY EDUCATORS

After reading the story, send home the page, "Try This at Home!" so that the lesson and activities can be continued at home.

TO GO A LITTLE DEEPER:

1. Read "An Overview of the Whole" chart.
2. Select a theme that you believe will appeal to the children.
3. Follow that theme across the chart and complete only what best fits your circumstances.