

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 SCRIPTURE STUDY?

CONSIDER THE CHILDREN

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

POSSIBLE STARTING POINTS:

THE SIMPLEST LESSON

Follow the suggestions for a lesson at home on page 9.

This lesson may bring up sensitive issues. Read page vii so you are prepared.

A LESSON FOCUSED ON DISCUSSION

Read Genesis 2:4-25 with the children.

Choose the questions from page 23 that you think will be most interesting and focus on having a good discussion.

MORE? INCLUDE AN ACTIVITY

Consider an activity listed under "Work of the Child" on page 27. Activities 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 may be particularly suited to your situation.

PARENTS AS PRIMARY EDUCATORS

After completing your Scripture study send home page 9 so that the lesson and activities can be continued at home.

FOR HANDS-ON LEARNING:

1. Create the timeline for the lesson. See instructions on page 28. This involves cutting and pasting from this manual.

2. Read Genesis 2:4-25 with the children and ask a few of the discussion questions from page 23.

3. Introduce the children to the timeline following directions on page 25.