

Questions for God has a number of viable applications; as a stand alone set of books that can be read and re-read to the very young child until the child begins to read for her/himself, as an at home early faith formation, and as a resource which correlates well with all other catechism texts for preschool through second grade and even beyond. Suggested activities to go along with each book are downloadable in the "Study Guides" tab. Each book requires approximately six minutes to read.

AT HOME PRESCHOOL EARLY FAITH FORMATION

FIRST MONTH

Read book 1 every night for the entire month as part of nightly prayers.

SECOND MONTH

On the first night of the second month, read books 1 & 2. After the first night, read only book 2 every night for the remainder of the month.

THIRD MONTH

On the first night of the third month, read books 2 & 3. After the first night, read only book 3 every night for the remainder of the month.

FOURTH MONTH

On the first night of the fourth month, read books 3 & 4. After the first night, read only book 4 every night for the remainder of the month.

FIFTH MONTH

On the first night of the fifth month, read books 4 & 5. After the first night, read only book 5 every night for the remainder of the month.

SIXTH MONTH

On the first night of the sixth month, read books 5 & 6. After the first night, read only book 6 every night for the remainder of the month.

SEVENTH MONTH

On the first night of the seventh month, read books 6 & 7. After the first night, read only book 7 every night for the remainder of the month.

EIGHTH MONTH

On the first night of the eighth month, read books 7 & 8. After the first night, read only book 8 every night for the remainder of the month.

NINTH MONTH

Read only book 9 every night of the month. (The Sacraments are all referenced in the Salvation History of Christ's Church, Books 1-8, and help us to join God in Heaven, which is the subject of Book 10.)

TENTH MONTH

Read only book 10 for the entire of the month.

After the series is completed, the books may be read at leisure and the video introduced.

The prayers in the back of each book should be memorized during the month's reading period. They will form the foundation of a child's nightly prayers.

If this program is begun with 3 year olds, it can be repeated again the following year. That will ready the child for a formal kindergarten program.

PARISH PRESCHOOL PROGRAM WITHOUT CLASSROOM PROGRAM

The "At Home Preschool....." protocol can also be the basis for a parish sponsored catechesis. Parent's would register their preschool child for Religious Ed. The fee for the Religious Ed would include the cost of the QFG set plus any handling cost. The parish would order the sets. Each month, the parish Religious Ed Director would mail the appropriate book to the parents' who have registered. The parish priest or DRE could choose to have monthly meetings of parents and children or one meeting at the end of the year to discuss the material in the books.

EARLY FAITH FORMATION IN A PARISH OR HOMESCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The previous formula will serve as an excellent pre/k program for catechisms that do not include pre/k materials such as the Faith & Life series.

Questions for God (QFG), is also an excellent resource material for any formal preschool, kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade sacrament preparation texts.

Each book in QFG will correlate with various chapters in approved texts. Since QFG is an actual "story", and children seem to learn more readily through stories, as the QFG books are read, the appropriate chapters in the text being used are studied. For instance, book one of QFG is about God and the Trinity. Any chapters in the text being used that dealt with the subject of God and the Trinity would be covered. When those chapters are completed, book two of QFG would be read and subsequently, all chapters in the text being used that apply to QFG book two would be studied. This process would continue through the 10 books.

Image of God is one of the most thorough catechisms for the preschool and kindergarten student. The correlation of chapters in Image of God with QFG in Preschool A, Preschool B and Kindergarten follows this discussion.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Books 6, 7 and 8 of QFG tell the story of Jesus and His mission to save God's people through His life, passion and death. Book 9 teaches the sacraments, necessary knowledge for the reception of the Eucharist. The correlation for Faith & Life and QFG in First and Second Grades follows this discussion

OTHER APPLICATIONS

Throughout the religious education of a student, the topics in QFG will be addressed multiple times. The individual books will be useful in grades 1-8.

QFG is valuable for "English as a second language" students.

QFG is helpful in RCIA and RCIC classes.

QFG is appropriate for special needs children and adults.

QFG is an excellent introduction to Sacrament preparation for all ages and returning Catholic families.