

St. Patrick Religious Education 2026-27 School Year

Instructions for Homeschool Students in Grades 1-2

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Homeschool Students in Grades 1-2:

Homeschool families may choose to complete the chapters in the order they appear in the textbook or follow the Religious Education Calendar, which aligns lessons with liturgical seasons and merges similar topics.

- Grade 1: All work should be completed by May 31, 2027.
- Grade 2: All work should be completed by April 25, 2027.*

** All Grade 2 lessons must be completed before a student can be assigned to a First Communion Mass.*

Students who have not completed their work by these deadlines will be marked incomplete for the year unless the parent has contacted the Religious Education Office in advance to discuss extenuating circumstances.

Steps for Homeschool Students in Grades 1-2:

- **Read the chapter/session** in the *Finding God* textbook. *QR code activities are optional.*
- **Complete all questions and activities** in the textbook for each chapter/session.
- **Complete the Interactive Session Review.** If necessary retake it until a score of 100% is achieved.
 - **Interactive Session Reviews** are available on the Loyola Press website at this link: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/>.
 - Select your child's grade level and scroll down to locate the review for the appropriate chapter/session.
 - At the end of the review, enter a **parent email** address to receive the results. *Please do not send the results to the Religious Education Office.*
- **Attend the In-Person workshops** for homeschool families. *Dates/times to be shared in September.*
- **Record your child's progress** using either the Paper Homeschool Log or the Google Form Homeschool Log. When all chapters are complete, submit the paper log or email us to confirm completion.
- **Return the textbook** to the Religious Education Office after completing all 25 chapters/sessions and their corresponding activities/questions. Once received, we will mark your child complete for the year.

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Instructions for Homeschool Students Grades 3-6

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Homeschool Students in Grades 3-6:

Homeschool families may choose to complete the chapters in the order they appear in the textbook or follow the Religious Education Calendar, which aligns lessons with liturgical seasons and merges similar topics. Grades 3-6 homeschool students are asked to complete their work by May 31, 2027.

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Steps for Homeschool Students in Grades 3-6:

- **Read the chapter/session** in the *Finding God* textbook. *QR code activities are optional.*
- **Complete the Interactive Session Review** for the chapter/session you have read. If necessary retake it until a score of 100% is achieved.
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