

# GETTING STARTED AS A CATECHIST

## A Webinar: Teaching Children of Intermediate Age

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#### The Role of the Catechist

Qualities, Knowledge, and Skills

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#### Understanding the Intermediate Age Child

Words that describe children of intermediate age:

Characteristics: "Children at this age..."

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Advice from veteran catechists:

### Planning and Preparation

Planning and preparation make up \_\_\_\_\_ % of the total act of teaching a lesson.

Tips:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



What's the BIG idea?



St. Ignatius of Loyola: "When teaching others, enter through \_\_\_\_\_ but be sure to leave through \_\_\_\_\_."

What are kids of intermediate age "into?"



## **Selecting Learning Activities**

Ten effective approaches for teaching Intermediate Age children:

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Also, visit the free Activity Finder at  
<http://www.loyolapress.com/finding-god-activity-finder.aspx>

## **Preparing the Learning Environment**

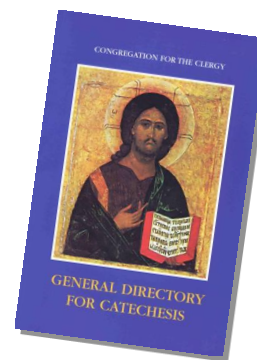
Nine Tips for preparing your learning environment

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## **Leading Prayer**

“When catechesis is permeated by a climate of prayer, the assimilation of the entire Christian life reaches its summit.”  
(*General Directory for Catechesis*, 231).



## **Leading Reflective Prayer**

### 1. Getting Ready

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### 2. Leading the Reflective Prayer (Guided Meditation)

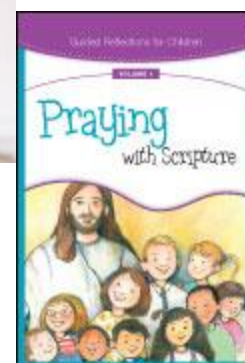
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### 3. Allowing Quiet time with God

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## **Smoothing Out Discipline Problems**

Ten Strategies for maintaining order:

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### **Polishing Your Technique**

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