

# GETTING STARTED AS A CATECHIST

## A Webinar: Teaching Children of Primary Age – Joe Paprocki, DMin

### The Role of the Catechist

Qualities, Knowledge, and Skills

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



### Understanding the Primary Age Child

Words that describe children of primary age:

Ten 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 primary age "into?"



## Selecting Learning Activities

Ten effective approaches for teaching Primary Age children:

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

## Preparing the Learning Environment

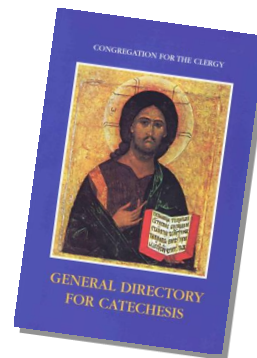
Nine Tips for preparing your learning environment

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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)

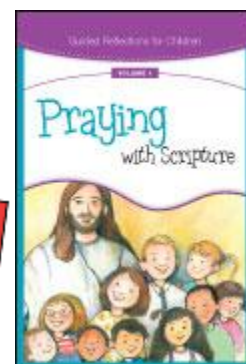
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3. Allowing Quiet time with God

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**Smoothing Out Discipline Problems**

Ten Strategies for maintaining order:

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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. \_\_\_\_\_



- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
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**Polishing Your Technique**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
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**[10 Things You Can Do RIGHT NOW to Be a More Effective Catechist](#) (PDF)**