

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION *AT ST ANN*

Discipleship

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DISCIPLESHIP IS **KNOWING** HIM, **LOVING** HIM, AND **LIVING** YOUR LIFE AFTER HIM



Know your audience and *tailor your lessons to them*, so they can know God.

PRESCHOOLERS

Preschoolers are **concrete and relational.** Focus on the God they can see, Jesus, and make him relatable to them.

KINDERGARTNERS

Kindergartners: have **short attention spans and are curious.** Introduce them to short, foundational, and entertaining stories from the Bible.

1ST GRADERS

1st graders are **learning the rules of the world and each others.** Moral teachings, getting to know each person of God, and engaging in social games is perfect for this grade.



2ND GRADERS

2nd graders **are ready for abstract concepts.** This is why the Eucharist is introduced at this age. However, they still need plenty of brain breaks for their developing minds.

3RD GRADERS

3rd graders **have a lot of physical energy.** Even though this age is older and smarter, their bodies are more restless than ever before. Engage this group with movement activities often.

4TH & 5TH GRADERS

4th/5th graders **want to be "in the know"**. This group loves the story behind the story or the behind-the-scenes info. So, teach and show them the inner workings of the church and our faith.

Involve the whole family in the faith, so children *see faith modeled and known at home as well.*



Provide family faith events to engage all members in faith activities.

Make sure the parents are being catechized as well and not just dropping children off at faith formation classes.

Communicate well! Make sure parents know exactly what their child is learning in class and ways they can continue the conversation at home.





Provide relational experiences, so they have opportunities to show love to God and neighbor and live out their faith.

- Provide child-friendly opportunities to spend time with God in adoration, reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, and prayer experiences during classes and nights or weekends for families to participate in.
- Provide or require service opportunities for families to live out their Christian duty of loving others.
- These experiences and opportunities allow our faith to be modeled by the parents and lived out by the whole family.

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