



St. Giles At-Home Religious Education 2020-2021

Program Guide



Information Guide

How At-Home Religious Education Works . . .

IMPORTANT: This program is done completely at your own pace, with the following deadlines:

- 1) Any student preparing for either Confirmation or First Communion to be celebrated in Winter/Spring 2021, must have completed and submitted the following # of Session Assessments by these dates:
 - a. Confirmation – 16 Session Assessment submissions by Feb. 20, 2021
 - b. Communion – 16 Session Assessment submissions by April 17, 2021
- 2) All other students must have completed and submitted to familyre@stgilesparish.org at least 20 Session Assessments by May 31, 2021 to have the RE year considered complete, particularly for those in Year 1 of sacrament preparation (e.g. those who will be celebrating the sacraments in 2022)

Loyola Press: Resources for Parents as Catechists -

1. St. Giles is now working with the latest edition of the Finding God Series – 2021. Here is the direct link to the Family Resources page for each grade level: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/>
2. Select the Grade/Resource at the bottom left of the page
3. This will take you to a page specific to your child's grade level. At the top of the page is a section entitled "Together As A Family". There are two different kinds of resources you can utilize here.
 - a. At-Home Edition – This is a very specific step by step suggestion guide that parents may use along with the book.
 - b. Study Guides – These are more general and provide more "jumping off" points for discussion with your child, along with helping them prepare for the Session Assessments that are required to be completed for the St. Giles At Home RE Program (see next section)

Using the Materials and Loyola Press: Working with your child –

Finding God Workbook – Each child will have one for his/her grade level, available for pick-up at the Parish Center.

"Together As A Family" – Use these resources as guides (see previous section) for working with your child, particularly younger children. You may find the Study Guides helpful when talking with your older children after they have gone through the workbook session on their own first. It is entirely up to you and your child.

Required Session Assessments: How to complete and submit for RE records –

Session Assessments - After completion of each Session in the Finding God Book (e.g. chapters in a unit), return to the resource page of the Loyola Press website: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/>

- On left side of page – Choose your child's grade level
- On next page – Scroll down to the Unit and Session # you just completed
- Choose the Interactive Session Review and begin the Assessment.
- At the end of the session you will be provided a prompt to email your results. These MUST be submitted to us at St. Giles in order to be recorded and count toward the Required Assessments:

TO: familyre@stgilesparish.org

FROM: Child's First Name, Child's Last Name

Loyola Press sends an email that looks like this below:

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject:Finding God Session Review

Date:Thu, 24 Sep 2020 12:25:01 -0500

From:Loyola Press <interactivereviews@loyolapress.com>

To:familyre@stgilesparish.org

Student Name: **FirstName LastName**

Quiz Title: **Finding God - Grade 1, Chapter 1**

8 out of 8 correct.

The numbers mean:

1 - I know it very well.

2 - I know it, but I have some questions.

3 - I do not know it.

The student was asked to rate their understanding of the following areas:

God is the Creator of all people and all things. (1)

We can show God our love. (1)

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If you as a parent would like to maintain a record of completed assessments, you may instead have your child complete the email portion this way and then follow the forwarding instructions:

TO: {your email address}

FROM: Child's First Name, Child's Last Name

HOWEVER, you must forward each of these assessments to familyre@stgilesparish.org in order for them to meet the requirements

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MAC USERS:

In previous years, The *Interactive Session Reviews* required the Adobe Flashplayer plug-in, and would not run on mobile devices such as Apple iPads or iPhones. We do not know if this is the case for the revised edition.

For desktop/laptop computer users who are having difficulty, please refer them to <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>. Installing the Flashplayer plug-in is easy; just follow the instructions on the screen.

For MAC desktop/laptop computers using the Safari browser, please note: there have been issues where the Adobe Flashplayer plug-in is installed but is turned off. To see if this applies, launch Safari, then at the top of the page go to: SAFARI / PREFERENCES and then to the SECURITY section. At the bottom of the window turn on ALLOW PLUG-INS and then click PLUG-IN SETTINGS. You should see Adobe Flashplayer plug-in in the left column. Select it and then select Allow Always from the menu on the right side. This should enable Flashplayer on the Safari browser.