

# How Sunday Faith Formation Works!

## Family Sessions

- At the beginning of each month we will have a session for the whole family!
- For this session at least 1 adult needs to come as activities will not work for the child(ren) to come alone.
- Siblings are welcome! (If you need childcare for a younger child please let me know)
- This will be a fun prayer and fellowship filled session to empower your families and introduce you to the Resurrection community!
- If you miss a session please email Savannah on how to make it up.

## Regular Sunday Meetings

- In these session children will grow in faith as a community and will be with peers in their same grade!
- Everyone will meet in the Hall (Cafeteria) below the main church.
- Children should bring their blue bag (received 2nd week of classes)
- At the end of the session please pick your child up in the Hall and **sign them out.**
- Know that at the end of each chapter in Finding God there is a family page you can look over to see A) what they went over and b) ideas on how to live out the lessons at home.

## Service Projects

- Each month we participate in a service project together as a group!
- The project will vary based on the month, but will always be a way to join our parish's efforts to spread the love of Jesus to those in need.
- Keep an eye out for opportunities!
- Please know that if an activity is cost prohibitive, participation is not required.

## Prayer Memorization

- First and Foremost: We do not want your child to feel embarrassed if they do not know some of the prayers.
- The Saints have told us that prayer memorization creates fertile ground for the faith to blossom and allows the children let God's love into their hearts.
- There will be sessions throughout the year where your child can recite for their teacher the memorized prayer and earn a prize. **Your child will not be reciting in front of the class**, but privately with a teacher or aide to avoid embarrassment.
- Please go over the prayer and help them to memorize it at home. The prayers are located towards the back of all of the Finding God books.
- The prayer memorization schedule can be found at [www.resurrectionmd.org/rek-5](http://www.resurrectionmd.org/rek-5).
- This is a great opportunity to learn prayers and routines that you can do at home as a family!
- Any child that has the prayer memorized "good enough" will earn a prize. If your child cannot remember or isn't present one week they can always come back and try again the next week!
- If your child has learning disabilities or difficulty with memory, that is fine. Please know you are supported and we realize not every child can memorize. Please communicate with the teacher or myself if this is the case so we know to be extra gentle with your child.

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## Missed Sessions

- Things come up, kids get sick, life happens. If you are going to miss a session please let Savannah know in advanced so she can inform the teacher. It is very helpful to have exact numbers for planning purposes.
- Savannah handles all make-up work not the teachers, so please contact her with any inquires.
- If you miss a family session, contact Savannah for the make up-activities.
- If you miss a regular session, go over the chapter that was covered that day. This can be found on the syllabi. Then complete the reflection sheet that can be found at: <https://www.resurrectionmd.org/rek-5>
- If Growing with God was covered during the missed session, then at the next session your child attends they will receive the work sheet and the at-home guide. Please go over these with your child as they always cover important topics. The Completed sheet can be turned into Savannah at any session or scanned and e-mailed to **familiesgrowinginfaith.ec@gmail.com**
- Note: While not recommended because lessons build off each other, a child can miss up to 4 meetings without making up the session and still have the year count as complete. This is particularly important if you child is receiving a Sacrament this year or the next year.
- Please communicate with Savannah if you have any questions.

## Volunteers

- It takes many great volunteers to provide this service for families, and they put in more work into teaching your children than you can believe!
- With the exception of Savannah all adults are volunteers. We want to be respectful of their time and effort. Please bring any concerns to Savannah before approaching a volunteer.

## Safety

- For the good of everyone in the program we provide safety guidelines that will be followed at all times.
- Please walk your child into the Hall and do not just drop them off in the parking lot.
- No adults without clearance will be allowed passed the hall. If a child needs to be picked up early, please let Savannah know.
- All of our volunteers (both teens and adults) complete safety training and screening.
- Children are supervised at all times (please remind your children that there is a hall monitor and not just a random man/women in the hallway).
- This year please be aware of the Covid guidelines which can be found at: <https://www.resurrectionmd.org/rek-5>

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