

Fr. Perozich comments —

My experience as pastor showed me that very few parents sat with their children to pray each day, to read parts of the Holy Bible, or to teach the catechism of the Catholic church.

During this time at home, here is a chance to tune out all electronics for a while, and tune in to prayer, the Bible, the catechism.

Below is the website and one bite of the catechism with scriptural references, and the creed which is a prayer also.

When a pastor I advised catechists to take about 5 points and teach them in as many different ways as possible during their 50 minute catechetical time: song, rhyme, repetition, or whatever their creativity might allow them to do in order to impart knowledge of the faith to the children.

You may begin with this bite, but don't have to wait for me to give you more. The website below will break up the teachings into smaller sections for prayer and study.

<https://www.catholicity.com/baltimore-catechism/>

The Purpose of Man's Existence

Lesson 1 from the *Baltimore Catechism*

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1. Who made us?

God made us.

In the beginning, God created heaven and earth. (Genesis 1:1)

2. Who is God?

God is the Supreme Being, infinitely perfect, who made all things and keeps them in existence.

In him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:28)

3. Why did God make us?

God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven.

Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, what things God has prepared for those who love him. (I Corinthians 2:9)

4. What must we do to gain the happiness of heaven?

To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world.

Lay not up to yourselves treasures on earth; where the rust and moth consume and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither the rust nor moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. (Matthew 6:19-20)

5. From whom do we learn to know, love, and serve God?

We learn to know, love, and serve God from Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church.

I have come a light into the world that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness. (John 12:46)

6. Where do we find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church?

We find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church in the Apostles' Creed.

He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me. (Luke 10:16)

7. Say the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.