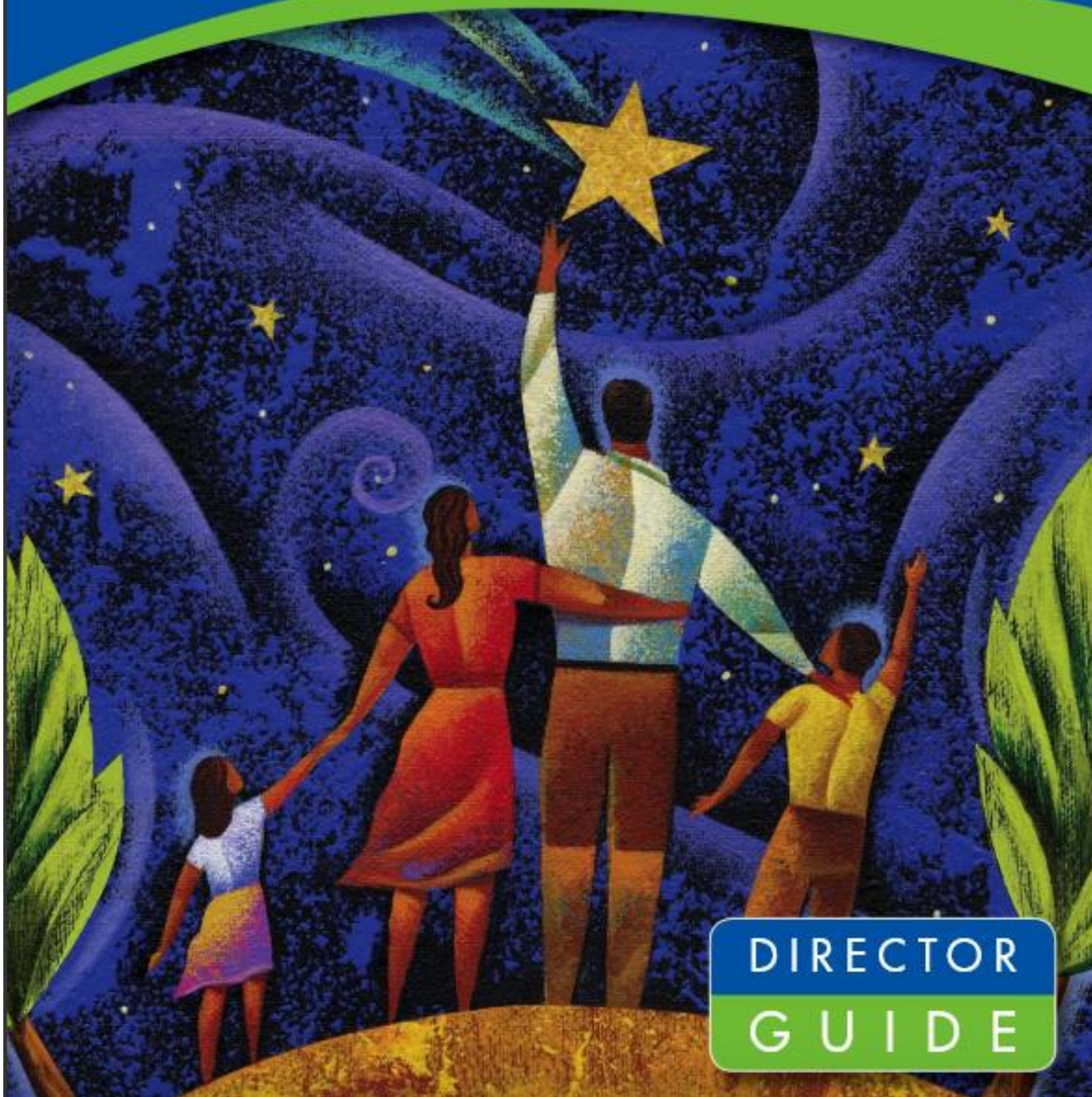


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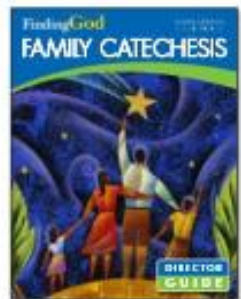
The *Finding God* Family Catechesis Program materials are conveniently accessed through the Internet after digital purchase—no bulky binders, no misplaced DVDs, and no worry!

For Leaders and Directors

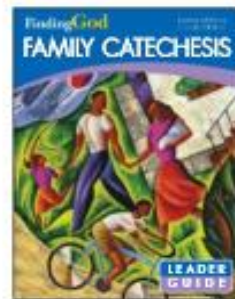
High-quality, complete slide show presentations give a positive visual impact to your group meetings and ensure successful presentations to diverse groups. Each slide show presentation includes embedded media clips and presentation notes so you can capture and maintain participants' attention and engagement.



Family Catechesis Slide Show Presentations: Used to open each unit/theme; viewed by families and parents only
Digitally delivered



Family Catechesis Director Guide: Program set-up and management
Digitally delivered



Family Catechesis Leader Guide: Presentation guide for unit/theme slide shows with helpful tips and full scripting
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For Parents and Children

USCCB-Approved Content for Solid Learning



At-Home Editions:
Used at home for the vast majority of the year, these step-by-step instructions help parents lead their children through the Children's Books. Grades K–8, downloadable printable PDFs accessible at www.findinggod.com/family



Children's Books: Grades K–8, Printed



Digital Reviews:

- *Interactive Session Reviews* assessment tool with results-sharing option that allows parents to generate progress reports
- *Fishers of Faith* Unit Review Game

Accessible at www.findinggod.com/family

For Catechists

Used While Parents Prepare with Leader



Parish Catechist Guides: Grades K–8, Printed



Art Print Easels and Posters: Grades K–8, Printed



Scripture Stories and Guided Reflections CDs



Finding God Website:
www.findinggod.com

Slide Show Themes

The *Finding God* Family Catechesis program is designed to be taught in a four-year cycle based on a spiral curriculum. Enduring topics are the touchstone of the program and are explored in new and exciting ways each year. **The themes for each year align with the *Finding God* themes. There is a slide show for every theme for a total of 28 unique presentations.**

Four-Year Cycle

This chart outlines the unit themes for each year in the *Finding God* Family Catechesis four-year cycle. In addition, two informative slide shows are provided to get the program started.

UNIT THEMES	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Unit 1: God	Discovering What You Want Out of Life: God's Invitation and Our Response	In Search of the Truth: God Reveals Himself to Us (Revelation/Scripture)	Finding Your Source of Energy: The Relational God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Communion/Trinity)	Filling the Empty Space Within: Prayer and Spirituality
Unit 2: Jesus	Who Can I Trust? Jesus: Divine and Human	Getting Rid of Stinking Thinking: Jesus' Teachings	A Power Greater Than Yourself: Jesus' Miracles	Where Is God When It Hurts? The Paschal Mystery
Unit 3: The Church	Does My Faith Make a Difference? Catholic Identity	No One Is an Island: Church—One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic	A Purpose-Driven Life: The Mission of the Church	Who's Got Your Back: Mary and the Saints
Unit 4: Sacraments	What Sustains Me? The Mass and Eucharist	Leading a Heroic Life: Sacraments of Initiation	Finding Healing When Life Hurts: Sacraments of Healing	How to Give Your Life to Others: Sacraments at the Service of Communion
Unit 5: Morality	Stop Trying to Fix Yourself: Grace and Sin	How Do I Know Right from Wrong? Conscience and the Commandments	Developing Good Habits: Virtues and Beatitudes	Hope for a Damaged World: Charity and Justice
The Year in Our Church: Advent and Christmas	Who Can You Count On? God's Promise/Covenant	There Has Got to Be Another Way: The Coming of the Kingdom	The World the Way It Should Be: Prophets/Social Justice	Where Can I Find God? The Incarnation
The Year in Our Church: Lent, Holy Week, and Easter	Getting Your Priorities Straight: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving	The Key to Happiness: Selfless Love, The Passion of Jesus	How Do I Change Bad Habits: Conversion and Repentance	Finding Hope in the Midst of Despair: The Triduum

Each monthly meeting has three sections.

Welcome *(15 minutes)*

- For children and parents
- Introduces unit theme through prayer, Scripture, and discussion
- Children dismissed to grade-level classrooms to discuss first session in unit

Connect *(30 minutes)*

- For parents only
- In-depth coverage of unit theme through multimedia and discussion

Close *(15 minutes)*

- For parents only
- Summarizes unit theme through prayer, discussion, and multimedia

