

RCL Benziger

# Family Life

Are you looking for ways to support parents as the first educators of their children?

Do you feel children of today need more Catholic values and virtues education to help them survive pressures of society?

Do you want to help your children develop skills to be safe in today's world?

The NEW revised *Family Life* K-8 curriculum provides a comprehensive moral catechesis and addresses complex issues of contemporary family life within the context of the Catholic faith. In every grade level, *Family Life* implements child safety education, promotes virtuous living, and enriches the family's sense of Catholic identity.

Discover how to:

- ▶ Build Strong Catholic Families
- ▶ Share Catholic Values
- ▶ Live Christian Virtues
- ▶ Promote Child Safety



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# Models For Using Family Life In Your Parish



Time is an especially precious commodity in a parish catechetical program. So determining the best model is crucial. Incorporating RCL Benziger *Family Life* into the overall parish curriculum can be successfully accomplished without losing time ordinarily devoted to the parish's basal program. Keep in mind that *Family Life* enhances and reinforces catechetical formation. Below are some models that can easily be adopted to integrate *Family Life* into your parish religious education program.

## Model 1: Unit-Based Model



The ten lessons at each grade level of *Family Life* are divided into five units themes:

Unit 1: God's Gift of Family

Unit 2: God's Gift of Self

Unit 3: God's Gift of Life

Unit 4: God's Gift of Love

Unit 5: God's Gift of Community

Parish leadership may find it more effective to teach each unit in five special sessions. This approach puts the focus squarely on Catholic family living and ensures that the students will be able to concentrate solely on learning about moral living within the Catholic family.

## Model 2: Extended Catechetical Sessions



Add thirty minutes or more to the regularly scheduled religion sessions, ten times during the year. The ten extended sessions correspond to the ten lessons presented at each grade level of *Family Life*.



## Model 3: Summer Model



The summer months offer an excellent opportunity for formation in the *Family Life* program at a time when many families have less demanding schedules and responsibilities. Using a summer model can enable you to bring together parish and school families to build community and work together toward a common goal: helping children appreciate and understand Catholic family living.

## Model 4: Weekend Retreat Model



Some parishes schedule weekend retreats to present the *Family Life* program. This model allows families to come together for reflective study and fellowship in celebration of God's gifts in their lives. This model can be designed for parish families only or it can be planned as an opportunity for both parish and school families to come together for a whole community formation in *Family Life*.

## Home Schooling



Some parents may desire to teach the entire *Family Life* program to their own child at home. Work with the planning committee to decide if home schooling is an option that your parish or school is able to support. In making your decision, consider the various ways you can offer assistance to families who home school and the logistics of overseeing the program taught solely in the home.



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