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Distance Learning Option: A Guide for Parents

Highlights

- Meets the needs of distance-learning scenarios
- Offers interactive lessons at age-appropriate levels
- Creates self-directed learning in an engaging way
- Allows access from any device
- Provides options for family involvement

In Preparation:

Have your child use *The Catholic Children's Bible* (open to the Scripture to be used in a particular chapter) and the appropriate grade-level folder. From the folder, pull out the activity booklet for the chapter you are working on.

Here's what you can expect from the e-learning chapter:

1. The chapter begins with an **Opening Prayer**, found on the front page of the activity booklet. The prayer is also provided on the screen, and an audio clip leads your child through the prayer.
2. Next comes the **Scripture story**. The Scripture passage is provided on the screen and also as an audio clip, allowing your child to either reflect or read along on the screen or from *The Catholic Children's Bible*.
3. Interactive e-learning activities follow to help your child **process their learning**. This is all self-directed by audio clips or by reading (depending on the grade level), requiring responses with a series of clicks. Older grade levels solicit typed-in responses as well.
4. The next segment connects to the **Core Teaching** of the chapter (the doctrine), with a brief video clip.
5. More e-learning activities follow, continuing to help your child **process their learning**.
6. The chapter comes to a close with a simple **wrap-up exercise**.
7. The chapter ends in **prayer** with the use of an audio clip and the prayer on the screen.

Take a look!

- If you're already familiar with the *Discover!* program and how to unpack the lesson with your child(ren), here is a brief walk-through of an online, interactive distance learning chapter: <https://youtu.be/jQ9CZE6Jrm8>
- If you are new to *Discover!*, this video provides a brief introduction to the program, a walk-through an online, interactive distance learning chapter, and highlights some of the practical and manageable ways on how to unpack the lesson with your child(ren), following the distance learning chapter, whether they have one child or more children using the program: <https://www.smp.org/resourcecenter/resource/13987/>

Now it's your turn! Here are some fun ways to unpack the chapter with your child:

If you don't have the activity booklet handy, you will find live links to the Family Page (in both English and in Spanish) at the end of each elearning chapter.

- Select a family activity from this page to do together during the week.
- Use the prayer from the Family Page at different times throughout your week, together as a family, perhaps in the morning to start the day or in the evening to end the day.
- Talk about the person of faith, someone who is a true witness of the concept of faith discussed in the chapter, offering an example of how faith is lived.
- Revisit the Scripture story before bedtime to discuss and pray together. Make this a family ritual each week, engaging all members of the family!
 - Here's a quick video that introduces *The Catholic Children's Bible* and presents the Family Page, to help unpack the chapter at home:
<https://www.smp.org/resourcecenter/resource/13542/>
- Free, online Home Guides provide even more!
- Use the three questions in the review at the end of each chapter in the Home Guides. Discuss these questions when you can work them into your schedule—at the family dinner table, on a family walk, or during a Sunday drive!
 - Here's a 15-minute video that shows you how to access the free Home Guide and how to teach a chapter using it:
<https://www.smp.org/resourcecenter/resource/13608/>

The whole chapter, using the Home Guide, will take approximately 45 minutes. If you'd like to use this one-to-one approach with your child but want the time to be more manageable, you might consider breaking the chapter up into three segments, each about 15 minutes in length, to do at different times during the week.

