



**Middle and High School
Faith Formation**

8th Grade Home Study 2016/2017

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Online Quizzes:

The primary way in which we will assess your child's successful participation in Home Study Faith Formation is through Online Quizzes.

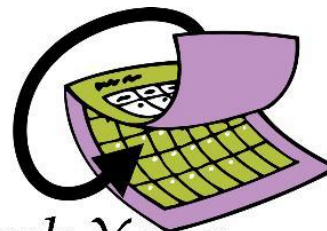
To access the Online Quizzes, visit our parish website, www.stmargaret.org, and click on "Ministries" and select either "children" or "youth/teens." You will find the link to the quizzes on the right of the webpage, labeled "Faith Formation Grade 6 - 8 Online Quizzes." Select the appropriate grade level and chapter you wish to take. Be sure your child enters his/her name.

***Alive in Christ* Website:**

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>

Here you will find...

- Home Session Plans to assist your child learning his/her lessons.
- In This Week's Readings – a section which gives the readings from Sunday's Mass and background information on the readings as well as discussion/reflection questions.
- People of Faith activities which allow you to explore the lives of the saints.
- Online Faith Games.
- An Interactive Faith Glossary to help understand key terms in your child's lessons.
- A section on Adult Learning just for you.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

LARGE GROUP SESSIONS (Sundays):

- **December 4, 7:00 pm** Callahan Center
- **February 26, 7:00 pm** Callahan Center
- **April 9, 7:00 pm** Saint Margaret Church

*The first 2 sessions are 7:00 -8:15 p.m. in the Callahan Center (Saint Mary Magdalen Campus). Please note the April 9th Session is the Living Stations of the Cross and will be held in the main church on the Saint Margaret Campus. **These sessions are required for both students and parents to successfully complete the Faith Formation Program for the year.***

Lesson Schedule:

Alive In Christ, Grade 8

Complete by November 1:

Unit 1, Revelation (Chapters 1-3)

Complete by December 1:

Unit 2, Trinity (Chapters 4-6)

Complete by January 1:

Unit 3, Jesus Christ (Chapters 7-9)

***Family Life Unit: to be completed in
January & February***

Parent Packets (including student workbooks) for the "Family Life" Unit will be distributed at the December 4 Large Group Gathering for your review. *If you choose to not cover this unit, please let me know and I will send you a "Parent Declination" Form to complete.*

Complete by March 1:

Unit 6, Sacraments (Chapters 16-18)

Complete by April 1:

Unit 7, Kingdom of God (Chapters 19-21)

Please Note: We are not requiring Units 4 and 5 in the 8th grade. That being said, feel free to review those units with your child as you see fit.

Alive in Christ at Home Lesson Plans

Parents are encouraged to go online to the Alive in Christ website and download the Family “In the Home” Lesson Plans for each chapter of your child’s book.

http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family/in_the_home

Children at This Age: Two big questions in the minds of adolescents are “Who am I?” and “Why am I here?” We find beautiful answers to those questions in our Catholic faith, which can support young people as they develop in their identity. Your child is beginning to see that life is not always an either-or proposition. This can be frightening as he/she realizes some childhood beliefs may require reexamination. Seventh-graders are constantly being pressured to take sides on issues such as fashion and pop culture. In our polarized culture, religion, too, can be a contentious issue for them. Be patient and supportive of their explorations and struggles.

FOR EACH CHAPTER...

PART 1: Invite

Find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin. I recommend reading, praying and completing the activities in the **“Invite”** section of each chapter together. You, however, know your child best and what works for your family.

PART 2: Discover

Direct your child to independently complete the **“Discover”** pages of the chapter. Children at this age will most likely respond better to having to do “work” if you allow them to read and complete the activities independently. Have him/her highlight the main sentence in each paragraph while reading through the text. This includes completing all on-page activities. Ask your child to write any question he/she might have about a Catholic Faith Word in the margins of the text. You can review these when you gather again to complete the session. **Be sure to read these pages as well.** Doing so will give you insight into chapter topics and will help you engage your child in later discussions.

After reading and completing the activities for the **“Discover”** section, have your child skip ahead to the **“Chapter Review”** at the end of the chapter and complete it. Anything they cannot answer they should go back and look in the chapter to find the correct answer.

PART 3: In Summary, Live & Review

After your child has completed the **“Discover”** section of the lesson and completed the Chapter Review, read the **“In Summary/Catholics Believe”** section together. Read each bullet and ask your child to rephrase it in his/her own words.

Direct your child to read **“Our Catholic Life”** section. Discuss the question together.

PART 4: Complete the Online Quiz (see front side for instructions)