

Spirit of Truth!

Parish Edition ~ K through GR 5

Spirit of Truth is designed to help the children internalize the faith and apply it to their own lives, providing ample opportunity for them to reflect on how everything they are learning applies to their own lived experience. This happens through Sacred Art, Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Key Features:

- 33 weekly lesson plans, written and designed by Catechists/Teachers
 - Sophia Institute provides a guide so parishes can customize and prioritize the lessons.
- Background essays for catechists
 - Parents will have access to the background essays that give context and further knowledge for any of the lessons that need to be completed at home.
- Newsletters that are emailed or printed for parents
- Vast online resource library for catechists
 - Parents will have access to the online resource library, consisting of videos, songs, etc., when any of the lessons need to be completed at home.
- Ongoing support by Catechists/Teachers who have taught the program
 - Sophia Institute provides an orientation for the catechists in addition to ongoing support.

Through using *Spirit of Truth*, children will be learning as the disciples learned. We know we can do this because we see in the Gospels that Christ had a teaching method with his disciples...

He drew near to them.

He asked them questions and got to know about their lives.

He befriended them because from there he could lead them to a deeper concept about the faith.

This is exactly how every session in *Spirit of Truth* is structured. This method is intended to provide Catechists with the opportunity to draw near to the children and get to know them. It allows Catechists to emulate Christ and his teaching method. By the time Catechists get to the activities, they are prepared to lead the children to a deeper concept about the faith.

Learning the facts and figures of the faith and about Christ are crucially important because that creates more opportunity for a growing relationship with Christ, living out the faith and becoming saints.

