



NEWMAN INSTITUTE

KNOWING, LOVING AND SHARING THE FAITH

METHODS OF FAITH FORMATION

Session 2: Teaching an Engaging Catechetical Session

TIME	ACTIVITY	GOAL	CONTENT
5 min.	Introduction	Preview themes for the session	Introduce the opening question: How can we teach as Jesus taught?
5 min.	Opening prayer	Model a different form of vocal prayer	Our Father, with choral meditation
15 min.	<u>Paired Discussion:</u> Jesus and the Good Catechist	Discuss methods that Jesus used to teach.	Split into groups between who teaches what grade level; elementary, middle school, and high school.
20 min.	<u>Talk #1:</u> Personalizing Lesson Plans	Review the goal and main tasks of catechesis; analyze the essential elements of lesson planning; identify and review major learning styles	*The Why, What and How of Catechesis (w/video clip: Catholicism: New Evangelization)
20 min.	<u>Standing Activity:</u> Teacher Manual Treasure Hunt	Familiarize oneself with the rich resources and background information in the teacher's manual	*Groups will continue working in grade-level units *List concrete examples for the various categories, and comment on the most helpful insights
20 min.	<u>Talk #2:</u> A Framework for Classroom Management & Discipline	Discuss the need to be a faithful disciple, and ideas for effective classroom management	*Setting the tone w/prayer zone *Classroom management and effective discipline (w/video clip of "What makes a great Teacher")
20 min.	<u>Small Group Activity:</u> Role-playing & Re-directing Misbehavior	Explore different ways to address problems that might arise in a catechetical session	Prepare an "Improv" skit which presents a "real world" situation: First, show how NOT to handle it; then have a "catechist coach" come in and help solve the problem
10 min.	Review/Wrap-up	Preview recommended follow-up activities; complete session evaluation	Return to opening question: How we can teach as Jesus taught?
5 min.	Closing Prayer	Model scriptural prayer	Echo pantomime on Mt 5:1-12