



The Family of God

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This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. Check your answers against the answer key on page 3.

1 What age group is invited to Mass on Sunday?

- a) teenagers b) young families
- c) senior citizens d) all ages

2 A family that learns and lives the faith together prepares children to respond to God's call to serve as faith-filled _____, single, or married people.

- a) priests or religious b) athletes
- c) foreigners d) world travelers

3 The disciples knew the resurrected Jesus was not a ghost because he showed them his wounds from the crucifixion and _____.

- a) he didn't say "Boo" b) he didn't fly
- c) he ate food with them d) he rose from the dead on Easter and not on Halloween

4 _____ and sponsors are older, more experienced Catholics who promise to mentor and teach new Christians about living as disciples of Jesus.

- a) Professional athletes
- b) Godparents c) Rap singers
- d) Bankers

5 Jesus predicted _____.

- a) the winner of the Super Bowl
- b) the fall of the Roman Empire
- c) the day the world would end
- d) that he would rise from the dead



6 Only children have to go to religious education classes because adults don't sin.

True | False

7 Parents and godparents promise to help protect the gift of faith given to new Christians in baptism from the poison of _____.

- a) too much fast food b) cocaine
- c) high fructose corn syrup d) sin

8 Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, coined the phrase: "The family that prays together _____ together."

- a) lives b) eats c) stays d) plays

9 The lists of all Jesus' ancestors found in the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke are called _____.

- a) genealogies b) unpronounceable
- c) boring d) weird

10 The patriarchs of the Jewish and Christian faith are Abraham, Isaac, and _____.

- a) Cain and Abel b) Jacob c) Julius Caesar
- d) Jesus

11 According to the Bible, Jesus prayed with his family.

True | False

12 Catholics receive their sacraments _____.

- a) at various ages b) only at birth
- c) only right before death d) only in second grade

13 The first person to witness the resurrection of Jesus was _____.

- a) Judas b) King Herod c) Pontius Pilate
- d) Mary Magdalene

14 The leaders who had Jesus crucified said that _____.

- a) Jesus was God b) Jesus miraculously rose from the dead
- c) Jesus was a magician and disappeared d) Jesus' disciples stole his body

15 Family life only teaches us about avoiding personal sins but doesn't prepare us to deal with the sins of society, such as corporate greed and human rights violations.

True | False

- 16** Every Sunday Mass is a little celebration of _____.
- a) Easter b) Christmas c) a day off of school d) a day off of work
- 17** Young people who stay connected to their Catholic faith are often most influenced by their family's _____.

a) singing at church b) witness of faith at home c) monetary donations to the church d) choice of schools

- 18** All of the disciples met the resurrected Jesus except _____.
- a) Judas b) Origen c) Clement d) Thomas

- 19** Jesus ministered and taught _____.
- a) only children b) only adults c) all ages and types of people d) only the elders and religious leaders
- 20** The Easter season lasts longer than Lent.
- True | False

Kids' quiz *Faith at Home*

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- 1** As a boy, Jesus learned about his Jewish religion _____.
- a) directly from heaven b) through his family c) online d) at his Catholic church
- 2** Parents _____ their babies to begin the child's Christian life in the Church community.
- a) baptize b) feed c) marry off d) bathe
- 3** Most children first learn about God from their _____.
- a) cell phone b) daycare c) public school d) parents
- 4** Once children begin faith formation/catechesis classes at the parish, their parents have nothing to do with their religious formation anymore. True | False
- 5** _____ is the day Jesus rose from the dead.
- a) November 1 b) Christmas c) Easter d) Monday

- 6** "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their _____."
- a) neighbors b) priest c) children d) pets
- 7** Families can learn about their faith together at home by _____.
- a) reading the Bible b) watching religious shows c) praying d) all of the above
- 8** You can grow together in faith as a family and help others at the same time through _____.
- a) service b) dancing c) watching TV d) playing video games

- 9** _____ is a powerful way families practice their faith at home, showing God's mercy and loving generosity toward one another.
- a) Eating at restaurants b) Forgiving each other c) Doing chores d) Taking vacations

- 10** Families — children, siblings, parents, grandparents — help each other grow in faith throughout their entire lives.
- True | False



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ANSWERS TO **Catholic I.Q.**

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1. d) Masses for children, teens, or young adults are a new idea. Through most of Catholic history, all ages gathered together to worship God at Mass.

2. a) Parents prepare their children for their vocations by teaching them the Christian virtues of “tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, disinterested service . . . self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery” (see CCC, 2223).

3. c) At first the disciples were terrified and thought Jesus was a ghost, but he calmed them down by showing them his wounds, eating some fish, and explaining how the Bible predicted the Messiah would be killed and rise from the dead (see Luke 24:36-46).

4. b) Godparents/Sponsors nurture the faith of the new Christian through prayer, good example, answering questions, sharing their Catholic faith, bringing them to Mass, and spiritual events such as retreats, prayer meetings, or Christian concerts.

5. d) Jesus spoke about his death and resurrection many times during his life, but people either didn't understand him, rejected what he was saying, or thought he was crazy (see Mark 8:31-33).

6. False. All people, no matter what age, sin (see Romans 3:23). Faith is primarily about our relationships with God and our neighbors. Learning how to more effectively live out our faith is a lifelong process.

7. d) “You must make it your constant care to bring him (her) up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him (her) is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his (her) heart” (from the Catholic baptismal liturgy).

8. c) Fr. Patrick Peyton traveled the world and worked with Hollywood stars to promote praying the rosary together as a family every day.

9. a) Faith gets passed as a gift from one generation to the next through families. The Gospel

writers included all the names of Jesus' ancestors to recognize those who shared this gift of faith with Jesus (see Matthew 1; Luke 3:23-38).

10. b) The patriarchs, beginning with Abraham, were the first believers in the one true God, Yahweh.

11. True. Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples as an adult (see Mark 14:12-16), a tradition he learned at home. When his parents brought him to the temple every year (see Luke 2), he prayed the Psalms during the journey with the other pilgrims in Jerusalem.

12. a) Catholics go to Penance and Communion many times throughout their lives. While most Catholics are baptized as infants and receive multiple sacraments as children, the sacraments of vocation and healing are often celebrated during one's adulthood.

13. d) “Mary Magdalene . . . came to see the tomb. . . . An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone. . . . Then the angel said . . . ‘Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised’” (Matthew 28:1-6).

14. d) The chief priests and elders “gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, ‘You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep’” (Matthew 28:12-13).

15. False. The home is exactly the place where we learn about caring for one another, protecting the vulnerable, and creating a community of justice and compassion (see CCC, 2224).

16. a) Easter is the celebration of Christ's great triumph over sin and death. The victory is so great that Catholics gather every Sunday unpack its meaning, enjoy its fruits, and remember that Christ indeed is risen. Despite any evidence to the contrary, God's love wins.

17. b) Faith is more caught than taught. Children who see true faith lived at home are more likely to embrace the faith in their lives.

18. a) “Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. . . . He departed and went off and hanged himself” (Matthew 27:3, 5).

19. c) Jesus included everyone, even those whom others left out — women, sinners, the sick, and children.

20. True. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says “there is a time for everything” — fasting and feasting. In Catholicism we fast for 40 days in Lent and feast for 50 days during the Easter season.

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1. b) As good Jewish parents, Mary and Joseph taught the child Jesus all the prayers and traditions of their faith (see Luke 2:22ff and 2:41ff).

2. a) At a baptism, the priest prays to Jesus: “By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him (her) the new life of baptism and welcome him (her) into your holy Church.”

3. d) “Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years” (CCC, 2226).

4. False. Learning about Christ through the family “precedes, accompanies and enriches” school or parish religious instruction (CCC, 2226).

5. c) The resurrection of Jesus is the most important truth of our faith. If Jesus did not really rise from the dead, St. Paul says our faith is useless and pointless (see 1 Corinthians 15:17).

6. c) Parents promise to raise their children in the faith when they have them baptized.

7. d) Grace before meals, praying before bedtime, watching cartoon versions of Bible stories, reading children's Bibles, and decorating the house with crosses and religious art are successful ways to form a young child in the faith.

8. a) Serving others is doing what Jesus taught in the Good Samaritan parable (see Luke 10:25-37).

9. b) Jesus said to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (Matthew 6:12).

10. True. While parents teach their children about God, the *Catechism* states that “children contribute to the growth in holiness of their parents” (CCC, 2227).