

Presentation #3 - Erin Seddon

Online Lesson Enhancement

In my parish, when we first took PREP online after Spring Break 2020, not all catechists were able to create slides. Our top priority was getting classes online using Zoom. As coordinator, I supported our catechists by creating their slide presentations until they were comfortable making their own.

- We have teams of 2-3 catechists for each PREP class. If this is your model, I strongly suggest that you share your slide presentation, with your team &/or coordinator, in case of an emergency, sickness or technical difficulties.
- Your coordinator likely has a library of PREP resources to share with you to enhance your presentation.
- Each of us will create our online classroom differently, because each of us have unique talents and strengths.
- Be gentle on yourself. If this is all new to you, although there is a learning curve ahead, I am living proof that it's very doable.
 - Start with the basics and simply add 1 new element each week.
Don't worry about getting there all at once.

Interactive Icebreakers (these examples were presented for a lesson on Mary, Mother of God and of the Church)

Show & Tell – Ask the children to bring something to class (connected with the lesson) ie: Introduce your mom and tell us one way she cares for you. Mary, our Mother, cares for us. If your lesson is about creation, they could bring something from nature, etc...

Eye Spy - who can tell me what's different about our prayer table today?

- Blue cloth
- Holy Family Poster (who's on it?)
- Statue, Rosary

Another example: I spy with my little eye, something that is **blue**, (connecting to Mary) I choose something blue I can see on someone's screen. The one who guesses goes next.

Show me - Today we will learn how to pray the Rosary. Now we'll take turns showing our rosary to everyone.

Go Find Me – You have 1 minute to go find me ... something that is holy, etc..

Would you Rather? Would you rather have a mommy Kangaroo, or a mommy Whale? Why?