

# Catechist Tip Sheet

## CREATING A WELL-PREPARED LESSON

### **KNOW YOUR LEARNERS**

#### **MAKE YOURSELF AWARE OF THEIR "STARTING POINTS"**

Don't teach above their developmental level or above their spiritual level and ALWAYS assess whether they are learning before moving on

#### **TEACH TO THEIR LEARNING STYLES**

Understand the need for movement or active learning and visual learning

### **FOLLOW A CLEAR PATH DURING YOUR LESSON**

#### **ALWAYS BEGIN AND END WITH PRAYER**

#### **BEGIN WITH AN ACTIVITY THAT RELATES YOUR MATERIAL TO LIFE**

This gets your learners' attention

#### **RELATE THE CURRENT LESSON TO THE ONE THEY LEARNED LAST TIME**

Reviewing helps to continue to understand what they are learning and also shows that they are headed somewhere and it is all interconnected!

#### **BRING THE MESSAGE OF YOUR LESSON ALIVE**

Use techniques such as storytelling, hands-on activities, group projects and conversations to help them apply the material you share and move it from head to heart!

### **PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SYNTHESIZE INFORMATION**

#### **ENGAGE LEARNERS IN ACTIVE DISCOVERY**

#### **ASK QUESTIONS THAT CHALLENGE THE LEARNER TO THINK AND APPLY THE LESSON TO LIFE**

Make the questions open-ended that require them to make decisions and respond personally

#### **ENGAGE THEM IN PROJECT-BASED LEARNING TO SHOW WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND**

Creative projects, dramatizations, and educational games are great ways to show a demonstration of learning

