



**Religious Education Congress 2017**  
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**Engaging the Head, Heart and Hands of Young People**  
**Through Creative Catechesis**  
**Session 6-24**

**1. Reciting Our Catechetical ABC's...**

- Affective Knowledge = Heart
- Behavioral Knowledge = Hands
- Cognitive Knowledge = Head

**2. Three Key Questions to Get to the Holy Mountain...**

- How will this lead youth to **actively participate** in their faith? (*Engage their Gifts*)
- How can this **empower** our youth to be disciples? (*Belonging Leads to Believing*)
- How is this leading youth to **grow** as disciples in the world today? (*Create Agents of Evangelization*)

**3. A Guiding Vision...**

*Young people grow in their Catholic faith by falling in love with the person and message of Jesus Christ, and mature in faith when they let that love form and transform them within the Church, a community of disciples.*

*Adolescent catechesis is one stage of a lifelong process of embracing the Catholic way of life that forms young disciples by empowering them to know and follow Christ in their daily lives, thus becoming leaven for the Kingdom of God in the world.*

**4. Faith Sharing Ideas...**

- Signs and Wonders / Object and Images
- Lectio Divina (Word -> word / Word -> words / Word -> prayer/reflection)
- Visio Divina / Video Reflections
- Cross Moments / Highs & Lows



## 5. Faith Sharing Tips...

- Keep group sharing size small (4-8)
- Create a sacred space
- Clarify what sharing is/isn't (not a time for teaching or reproaching)
- Allow moment(s) of sacred silence/journaling/doodling for internal reflection
- Utilize mutual invitation
- Goal is to make the God Connection, not just to share life stories.

*Ready-to-Go Game Shows and Ready to Go Scripture Skits and FaithSharing resources can be found at [www.smp.org](http://www.smp.org) (booth is at LA Congress)*

## Identity: A Scripture Review Game

Round 1: Unless otherwise chosen, the person whose birthday is closest to today at table is the first clue giver. Place the slips of paper into a paper cup on the table and give it to the first clue giver. You have 10 minutes to get the others at your table to guess as many of the biblical characters, places or terms as possible. You may use ANY word(s) except any form of the word(s) listed in the answer. Only correct guesses should be placed in the second (empty) cup. You may pass on a word or if you use a form of the answer, you must exclude that slip and move on to a new one. After time is called, count up the number of correct answers your group has and tally the score and indicate this on your table score sheet.

Round 2: Choose a new clue giver who will only use the correct guesses in the second cup from Round 1. The group has 5 minutes to guess as many as possible but clue giver can only use TWO words per card ("um" and "uhhhhhhhh" count as words so choose and speak your two words carefully!). After time is called, count up the number of correct answers and add this to your total score.

Round 3: Choose a new clue giver and place all the clues guessed correctly from Round 1 back into the cup (whether or not they were guessed in Round 2). Clue giver has 5 minutes to try and get group to guess as many as possible without using any words. After time is called, count up the number of correct answers and tally the score and total your tally from all three rounds.



**Moses**

**Pontius Pilate**

**The Jordan River**

**The Holy Spirit**

**The Good Samaritan**

**Zacchaeus, Tax Collector**

**Mary Magdalene**

**Epistle or letter**

**Beatitudes**

**Samson**

**The Great Commission**

**Joseph**

**Revelations**

**Paul**

**The Last Supper**

**Simon Peter**

**John the Baptist**

**The Ten Commandments**

**Gospel of Matthew**

**Pentecost**

**Adam and Eve**

**Sermon on the Mount**

**Psalms**

**The Patriarchs**

**King David**

**Acts of the Apostles**

**Mary, Mother of God**

**The Resurrection**

**Isaiah**

**Ten Plagues**

**Genesis**

**Feeding of the 5000**

**Jeremiah**

**The Transfiguration**

**Noah's Ark**

**Wedding Feast at Cana**

**Prodigal Son**

**The Burning Bush**

**The Crucifixion**

**Walking on Water**

**Baptism of Jesus**

**Cain and Abel**

**David and Goliath**

**Golden Rule**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sower and the Seed**

**Raising of Lazarus**

**Story of Creation**

**Satan**

**Mary Magdalene**

**Calming the Storm**

**Jerusalem**

**Rich Young Man**

**Calling of the Disciples**

**Rich Man and Lazarus**

**Jesus Christ**

**The Nativity Bethlehem**

**Judas Iscariot**

**The Exodus**

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# Feeding the Hungry Disciple

