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Deuteronomy 11:19 "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Families Together was the answer to my problem. I had to work on the weekends and was unable to get my son to the PSR classes and he did not go to a Catholic school. At first, I thought I do not need another thing for me to do. I work full time, go to school, and care for my family, but wanting my son to have Catholic education I signed up for it. I found that the blessings from doing this program far outweigh any of the time or the work that was put into doing it. First of all, it is so incredibly easy and straightforward. The material is provided and simple to follow. Plus, Julie Sutton is a wonderful resource, full of knowledge, eager to assist, and quick to respond to questions or concerns. Also, we fit in the time to review the material when it is best for our schedule. Families Together has encouraged me to do things that as a parent, I always intended to do, but pushed aside to a later time that never arrived. Examples of this included teaching my son different forms of prayer, praying as a family, ways to serve in our community, and of course making sure we always fit in family fun time. This has helped me be more aware that I am teaching my son not only by what I say but what I do 24/7. Thus, I have started incorporating "life lessons" that tie into what we are covering in the material which makes a more lasting impression. We reviewed the Ten Commandments and how we shall not steal. That week the girl at the cash register gave me back way more change than I was owed. This created a life lesson on how if I had kept the money this would be a form of stealing. Another blessing is that my son and I have grown closer as we have gone through the material. I started with the concept that I was going to teach him, but surprised to find that I am also learning. To begin with, my son provides a different way to look at things I never thought of. Then, if there is a question I don't know or forgot the answer we look it up together and learn. One of the most common comments I hear from parents of adult children is that the time parents have with their children goes by so fast. Plus, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents. Families Together encourages having that quality time while our children are still young and allows for that critical parent's involvement that leads to our children's success as Christian adults. Please pray to see if God is leading you to do Families Together. I strongly recommend it.

Proverbs 22:6 states that we should "start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."