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# **PRE-KINDERGARTEN LESSON PLAN**

*St. Scholastica, Pray for Us!*

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## Why TAN Academy?

*“There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is Curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is Vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.”*

—ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

With a carefully selected and comprehensive curriculum, TAN Academy presents an essential blend of classical and traditional courses created or vetted in fidelity to the truths of our Catholic faith. We believe our unique blend of these two essentially Catholic educational philosophies best prepares students, with the assistance of their parents, to pursue their God-given vocation.

TAN Academy encourages students to desire the highest things: the good, beautiful, and true. Our courses emphasize training in the liberal arts and the moral, natural, and theological sciences. Compelling content combined with rigorous training in writing, discussion, and practical application, prepares them for the next stage in their education, whatever that may be.

Whether used in a schoolhouse model or individual instruction, our program provides flexibility and support at an affordable price for families of all sizes. Steeped in the rich tradition of Holy Mother Church, TAN Academy strives to support a joyful school experience and foster a desire for lifelong learning.

May your Ecclesia Domestica (Domestic Church) be enriched this school year.

St. Scholastica, ora pro nobis!

## Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten!

*“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be—and becoming that person.”*

—ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Congratulations on giving your child a fantastic start to the wonderful world of Catholic homeschooling. The personalized attention you give to your child will be one of the most rewarding decisions you can make for his education.

Thank you for entrusting your child’s education to TAN Academy. Our goal is to inspire students with the most flexible, affordable, academic Catholic homeschool products and services in traditional and classical studies.

This guide is designed to best aid you and your child. You may choose to supplement or make changes to best suit your educational goals, as we hold fast to the principle that learning is not a race to complete the work assigned but an opportunity to soak in knowledge appropriate for your child’s age and ability. Therefore, learn at your own pace— the pace that best suits your family’s Catholic homeschool lifestyle.

May God bless you and your family in your homeschooling endeavor! We are excited to take part in your Catholic educational journey.

## Curriculum Recommendations

The curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten covers the following subject areas which can be tailored to meet the needs of your child.

**Daily Schedule:** Learning should take place when your child is rested and ready. Learning is beneficial at every age. However, there are no absolute rules in teaching daily. Encourage creative play because children need to be children and play helps them to be so. Your daily schedule should include quality time reading to your child and perhaps a component (or two) from the subject areas we recommend. The following program materials are available from TAN Books.

Course	Program	For Optimal Instruction
Catholic Literature	<a href="#"><i>The Handsome Little Cygnet</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Cloud of Witnesses: A Child's First Book of Saints</i></a> <a href="#"><i>The Word of the Lord: A Child's First Scripture Verses</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Kiddie Cat: A Child's First Catechism Lesson</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Let Us Pray: A Child's First Book of Prayers</i></a> <a href="#"><i>I Went to Mass: What Did I See?</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Father Ben Gets Ready for Mass</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Lily Lolek, Future Saint</i></a> <a href="#"><i>This is the Church</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Jack Giorgio: Future Priest</i></a> <a href="#"><i>God's Wildest Wonderment of All</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Robin Hood the Just: A Catholic Hero</i></a> <a href="#"><i>The Tiny Seed: A Parable</i></a>	Recommended
Religion	<a href="#"><i>The Giant Book of Catholic Bible Activities: The Perfect Way to Introduce Kids to the Bible!</i></a> <a href="#"><i>My Catholic Children's Bible</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Catholic Children's Treasure Box Set</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Latin Mass Children's Missal</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Blessed Sebastian and the Oxen</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Saint Colum and the Crane</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Saint Brigid and the Cows</i></a>	Recommended

## Daily Suggested Schedule

*“Our entire good consists not only in accepting the truth of God’s word, but in persevering in it.”*

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Catholic homeschooling families thrive when following a flexible schedule. The following schedule is one in which you can adjust to create a successful joy-filled learning experience for your pre-Kindergartner.x

Preschoolers need some structure in their daily schedule. We highly recommend nature walks, playing at the park, and field trips. Children also need adequate amounts of rest and adequate amounts of individual creative play without electronics and digital entertainment.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Literature	20 min	20 min	20 min	20 min	20 min
Religion	10-15 min		10-15 min		10-15 min



# Syllabus: Catholic Literature

*“Fairy tales do not tell children the dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children the dragons can be killed.”*

—G.K. CHESTERTON

Literature is an essential part of our curriculum. Reading to your child is the very best step in developing a love for stories and good literature. Regular daily reading to your pre-kindergartner will enhance the reading process and the joy of lifelong reading will be instilled, especially through the good stories that allow children to dream and imagine.

Recommended reading materials can be read in any particular order and can be read over and over again. Be flexible as to the time of day that best suits your schedule (wake-up time, before bedtime, before lunch, after lunch, during quiet time, after naps, in your car driving to appointments or activities, etc). It is completely up to you. Read-alouds and audiobooks are great ways to expose young children to the vast world of literature— all the treasures within while giving them the key with which to unlock this world independently one day.

## Recommended Catholic Literature Available from TAN Academy

[\*The Handsome Little Cygnet\*](#)

[\*Cloud of Witnesses: A Child's First Book of Saints\*](#)

[\*The Word of the Lord: A Child's First Scripture Verses\*](#)

[\*Kiddie Cat: A Child's First Catechism Lesson\*](#)

[\*Let Us Pray: A Child's First Book of Prayers\*](#)

[\*I Went to Mass: What Did I See?\*](#)

[\*Father Ben Gets Ready for Mass\*](#)

[\*Lily Lolek, Future Saint\*](#)

[\*This is the Church\*](#)

[\*Jack Giorgio: Future Priest\*](#)

[\*God's Wildest Wonderment of All\*](#)

[\*Robin Hood the Just: A Catholic Hero\*](#)

[\*The Tiny Seed: A Parable\*](#)

**Approximate Time Per Day:** 20 minutes per day, 5 times per week.

## Syllabus: Religion

*“I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.”*

—ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Educating our children about the salvation of their souls is the most important and beautiful mission for Catholic parents. This is why religion is an essential part of our curriculum. Our recommended materials enhance our friendship with God and show us how to live an abundant spiritual life in sanctifying grace.

Whether reading from our recommended children’s Bible or utilizing our Bible activity workbook, encourage your children to learn in a relaxed atmosphere to bring forth the enjoyment of homeschooling.

### **Recommended Materials Available from TAN Academy**

[\*The Giant Book of Catholic Bible Activities: The Perfect\*](#)

[\*Way to Introduce Kids to the Bible!\*](#)

[\*My Catholic Children’s Bible\*](#)

[\*Catholic Children’s Treasure Box Set\*](#)

[\*Latin Mass Children’s Missal\*](#)

[\*Blessed Sebastian and the Oxen\*](#)

[\*Saint Colum and the Crane\*](#)

[\*Saint Brigid and the Cows\*](#)

**Approximate Time Per Day:** 10-15 minutes per day, 3 times per week. You may adjust to suit your family’s needs.