

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

CATECHISM AND CATHOLIC RESOURCE BOOKS:

- 100 Activities Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church** By Ellen Rossini Ignatius Press
For Grades 1-8. Reproducible Handout Activities
- 101 Crafts to Help Kids Grow in their Faith** By: Laurine M Easton Loyola Press
Easy and exciting that are explicitly connected to Scripture, Liturgical Events, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- 52 Simple Ways to Talk with your Kids about Faith** by Jim Campbell Loyola Press
Family life is full of "teachable moments" occasion of hope and joy, worry and stress that provide excellent opportunities for children and parents to talk about their faith. At times like these, meaningful conversations can flow, but only if parents are prepared to talk about God openly and honestly.
- 70 Sacrament Starters for Children** By: Patricia Mathson Twenty-Third Publications
This book will help children and their catechists and parents explore how to live the sacraments in their daily choices.
- Basics of the Catholic Faith** By: Bill, Patty and Lisa Coleman Twenty-Third Publications
This is an ideal resource for people entering the church through the RCIA process as well as for those rediscovering their place in it. This is a practical and appealing reference tool.
- Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples** By Sherry A. Wedddell, Editor Our Sunday Visitor
centers of discipleship and apostolic outreach that is inspirational as well as practical
- Catechesis in our Time** Apostolic Exhortation of His Holiness: Pope John Paul II USCC
To the episcopate, the clergy and there faithful of the entire Catholic Church on catechesis in our time.
- Catechism of the Catholic Church** Librea Editrice Vatican
An analytical index translated from the Latin text and a glossary of terms for use as a reference in teaching the Catholic faith.
- The Catechist Toolbox** By: Joe Paprocki Loyola Press
Build up your skills and confidence with the right tools. Paprocki explains what every catechist must know and do to develop the skills he or she will need in order to thrive as a religion teacher for many years to come.
- The Catholic Church as the Answer** by Paul Witcomb Tan Books and Publishers
Author Paul Witcomb, a former Protestant minister, reveals how he was led to the Catholic Church by a thorgugh and studious reading and comparison of the Sacred Scriptures. Here he recounts the gripping, step by step process of spritual puzzle solving that finally culminated in his seeing that it is in fact the Roman Catholic Church that is the true Church.
- The Catholic Church: Your Guide to the Truth** Catholic Answers
Jesus established the Catholic Church. He set it up as your spiritual home, he provided it with everything you need, and he wants you in it.
- A Catholic Dictionary** General Editor: Donald Attwater Tan Books and Publishers
A dictionary of Catholic terms.
- The Catholic Fact Book** By: John Deedy TMP

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Here, in one handsome volume, is virtually everything you need to know about the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Source Book: A Comprehensive Collection of Information about the Catholic Church

Rev. Peter Klein

Harcourt Religion Publishers

A vast collection of information to help people of faith learn, renew, teach, and live the risen life of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church.

Chats with God's Little Ones

By: Margaret Mary Meyers

Our Lady of Victory School

A step-by-step guide for parents to teach children. Lesson plans that makes the lesson personal and adaptable to the child's age and ability

Children's Catholic Catechism

Brown Roa Publications

Explains the Church's most important teachings in language children can understand.

Christian Parenting Survival Guide - form A to Z

By: David M. Thomas

Twenty-Third Publications

This is an inspiring down to earth guide on how Christian parenting is both challenging and rewarding, a task worthy of every parent's best efforts.

Empowering Catechetical Leaders

By: Groome & Corso

NCEA

To promote and inspire excellence in leadership development and renewal.

Exploring our Catholic Faith

By: Rev. John E. Pollard

Benziger

Basic teachings and practices.

Families & Faith - A Vision & Practice for Parish Leaders (2 copies)

By: Leif Kehrwald, Editor

Twenty-Third Publications

In this book, eight authors - all of whom are experienced in family and parish ministry - show how the family's ability to be a center of religious activity can be rekindled.

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic

by Matthew Kelly

Dynamic Catholic

Generosity, and Evangelization

General Directory for Catechists

Congregation for the Clergy

United States Catholic Conference

A great resource to be used as a point of reference in your teachings of the gospel.

Ideas for Bad Behavior.

By: Group Publishing

Group Publishing

transformation.

Handbook for Today's Catholic

Ligouri

This handbook for Today's Catholic is a mini catechism for those who want a concise update on the beliefs, practices and prayers of the Catholic tradition.

Handbook for Today's Catholic Children

By: Francine O'Connor

Ligouri

This book uses charming illustrations, creative analogies and simple text to explain the basic beliefs of the Catholic faith at a level your children will comprehend.

How Each Child Learns

By: Bernadette T. Stankard

Twenty-Third Publications

Using multiple intelligence to creatively teach religion to children.

How to Lead. Children's Liturgy of the Word

By: Pat Fosarelli, Donna Eschenauer, Paul Turner

Liturgy Training Publications

This booklet is a primer for those who serve as prayer leaders of children's Liturgy of the Word. It offers simple and clear practical tips for this ministry for children in the parish setting.

Increase Our Faith

By: David Haas

Twenty-Third Publications

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Parish Prayer Services for Whole Community Catechesis.

Jesus Through the Centuries

By: Jaroslav Pelikan

Yale University Press

Pelikan discusses how each age created Jesus in its own image, discovering in his life and teachings the answers to fundamental questions of human existence and destiny.

Living for a Just Society

individuals

By Kevin Perrotta

Loyola Press

Living the Mass

A fresh look at how an appreciation of the Mass literally transforms families and communities, and offers a greater understanding of the sacramental celebration.

By Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki

Loyola Press

Love is Our Mission The Family Fully Alive

A preparatory catechesis for the world meeting of families 2015

The World Meeting of Families

Our Sunday Visitor

Love, Warmth, and Discipline

Lessons from Boystown for successful parenting.

By Rev. Val J. Peter

Our Sunday Visitor

People of Faith Collection (2 copies)

133 illustrated cards each with a brief biography and prayer. These cards are excellent tools for encouraging children to learn from the examples set by people of faith.

Harcourt Religion Publishers

Practice Makes Catholic

Moving from a learned faith to a lived faith.

By Joe Paprocki

Loyola Press

Readings in the Christian Initiation of Children

This book helps the understanding of how children are initiated into the Catholic Church.

By: Victor M. Tufano

Liturgy Training Publications

Religions of the World

A discussion of the origin of religious awareness in human beings and its expression in the world today.

By: Ronald J. Wilkins

Religious Education Division

Religious Education and the Brain

A practical resource for understanding how we learn about God.

By: Jerry Larsen

Seasons of Life

Writing as though he were talking with you over a cup of freshly brewed coffee, Swindoll casually feeds you truth based upon Scripture and in the process causes you to crave more and more of God's word.

By: Charles Swindoll

Multnomach Press

Teacher Training On the Go

A year's worth of painless, fun training volunteers desperately need.

By: Keith Johnson

Group Publishing

Technology Tools for Your Ministry

Technology is a fact of life, even for pastors, pastoral teams, parish minister, DRE's, catechechist, principals, teachers and administrative assistants. Fortunately we are all in this together, all learning together that technology is now an important means to effectively proclaim the gospel.

By Tim Welch

Twenty-Third Publications

The Total Lesson Resource Planner (CD ROM)

A great catechetical resource, this CD Rom has everything a religion teacher needs to plan a great lesson.

Twenty-Third Publications

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The Total Parish Manual By: William J. Bausch Twenty-Third Publications
Everything you need to empower your faith community.

Toward an Adult Church By: Jane E. Regan Loyola Press
A vision of Faith Formation - Regan offers ideas for developing a balanced approach to religious education, one that addresses the ongoing faith life of adults.

The Way God Teaches. Catechisis and the Divine Pedagogy By: Joseph D. White, PhD Our Sunday Visitor
communicated in contemporary catechesis.

A Well-Built Faith By Joe Paprocki Loyola Press
A Catholic's Guide to knowing and sharing what we believe.

Well-Drawn Faith By: Jean Denton Twenty-Third Publications
response.

Resources for Special Needs and Disabilities

Autism Spectrum Disorder & De-Escalation Strategies by Steve Brown Jessica Kingsley Publishers
A practical guide to positive behavioural interventions for children and young people

Faith, Family and Children with special needs by David Rizzo Loyola Press (3 copies)
For Catholic parents and their kids with special needs. The author, whose daughter has autism, offers insights to the challenges of helping a child with special needs experience a richer spiritual life.

Let All the Children Come to Me by Breeding, Hood, and Whitworth Cook Communications Ministries
A practical guide to including children with disabilities in church ministries. Tips for helping church volunteers to meet the needs of all the children in the classroom.

People with Autism Behaving Badly By: John Clements Jessica Kingsley Publishers
Helping people with ASD move on from behavioral and emotional challenges

The Special Needs Ministry Handbook By Amy Rapada CGR Publishing
A Church's guide to reaching children with disabilities and their families

MUSIC CD'S:

Best-Loved Catholic Prayers CD

Cor Sanctum - Make Us Saints

Daily Prayers and Prayers of the Mass

David Robertson - Destiny

Extreme for Jesus- Worship

Isn't Freedom Free

Jesse and Friends

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Many Christmas CD's
Prayer Services for Teens
Say Yes-Dana Brown
Soul Purpose
Steven Curtiss Chapman
With One Voice and Other Songs for Venture and Vision
Wow Worship

GAMES:

Bibleland Adventure Game 3 & UP

Bibleopoly - A Biblical Game of Fun & Faith 8 & UP

Bible Blurt - The Bible Game of Word Racing 8 & UP

Bible Scramble 10 & UP

Bible Jingo (Bingo Style Game)

Catechism Game for Kids - The New Catholic Quiz (2nd Grade)

The Game of Scattergories - Bible Edition 8 & UP

Inklings - A Bible question and answer strategy board game. Ages 8 and up

Memory Match - Bible Story 3 & UP

My First Bible Brain Quest AGES 2-5

Outburst- Bible Edition 8 & UP

Resurrection Eggs - The Story of Easter for Children

Springtime Jingo (Bingo Style Game)

FLASH CARDS

Sacraments and Symbols Bingo Cards

Creative Teaching

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Exciting and fun way for students to learn about the Eucharist, sacred vessels and sacred objects of the Catholic Church. Elementary Level

Sacraments and Symbols Bingo Cards

Creative Teaching

Have fun while learning more about the seven sacraments. Set includes 25 bingo cards. Middle School - High School

Sacraments and Symbols Flash Cards

Creative Teaching

Teach and review the topic of the Eucharist including sacred vessels and sacred objects of the Catholic Church. Elementary Level

Sacraments and Symbols Flash Cards

Creative Teaching

The most recent definitions and facts about each Catholic Sacrament and Symbol. Cards include Scripture references. Middle School - High School



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Big Book of Volunteer Appreciation Ideas

100 ways to thank and encourage volunteers. Helps retain good teachers and volunteers. Reproducible.

Treat 'Em Right

By: Susan Cutshall

Standard Publishing

Use the creative ideas in this book to build up your team of volunteers.

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION BOOKS: (Moved to Family Faith Formation Library)

Are Angels Real?

By: Kathleen Long Bostrom

Tyndale Kids

A delightful storybook about angels.

Blessings for a Mother's Day

By: Ruth Bell Graham

Word Publishing

Short, inspiring stories on the joys of motherhood.

Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul

By: Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

HCI Publications

101 Stories of courage, hope and laughter.

Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul

By: Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

HCI Publications

101 stories of changes, choices, and growing up for kids ages 9-13.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

By: Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

HCI Publications

101 Stories to open the heart and rekindle the spirit

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul

By: Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

HCI Publications

101 Stories of life, love and learning.

Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul

By: Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne and Marci Shimoff

101 more stories to open the hearts and rekindle the spirits of women.

Confidence in God

Daniel Considine, S.J.

Arranged by F.C. Devas, S.J.

Words of encouragement taken from the notes, instructions and letters of Daniel Considine, S.J.

God Grant Me the Serenity

Selected By: Gladys Pucillo

C.R. Gibson Company

Inspirational Prayers.

God's Heart to a Woman's Heart

By: Jane L Fryar

CTA

God's Promises for Women of Faith.

Gracious Goodness

By Melannie Svoboda, SND

Loyola Press

Living Each Day in the Gifts of the Spirit. 52 mediations encouraging a deeper walk of faith.

Heaven is for Real

A little Boy's astounding sotry of his trip to heave and back (adult)

In His Steps

By: Charles M. Sheldon

Barbour Publishing

A most unusual appeal to the Christian to follow in Christ's steps regardless of what others might do. You will find this one of the most entertaining and yet challenging books you have ever

Joshua: A Parable for Today

By: Joseph F. Girzone

Collier Books

Here is a profoundly moving, deeply inspiring book that no reader will ever forget. Based on a scrupulously accurate reading of scripture, Joshua has universal appeal and is a true exercise

Living From Within

By: Dr. David Goodman

Hallmark Editions

The art of appreciation in marriage, parenthood, work, growing up and growing older.

New Seeds of Contemplation

By: Thomas Merton

New Directions

This book seeks to awaken the dormant inner depths of the spirit so long neglected by Western man, to nurture a deeply contemplative and mystical dimension in our spiritual lives.

Our Father

By: Sabrina Bus

Eerdmans Books

Simply and clearly takes each phrase of this great prayer and shows children how they can pray to God like a father.

Prayers for Children

By: Eloise Wilken

A Little Golden Book

Childrens prayers and hymn

Proverbs for Teachers (Located in Religious Formation Office)

By Ed Grube

CTA, Inc.

A book of 40 devotions for teachers.

A Teacher's Heart (Located in Religious Formation Office)

By: Colleen L. Reece & Anita Corrine
Donihue

Barbour Publishing

This delightful medley of reflections and insights for teachers will inspire you to keep on serving your students with joy.

Teachers Touch Eternity (Located in Religious Formation Office)

CTA, Inc.

True story reflections celebrating the faith of children. Inspiration for teachers.

When God Winks at You

By: Squire Rushnell

MJF Books

How God Speaks Directly to you Through the Power of Confidence.

GRIEF/DEALING WITH DEATH BOOKS: (Moved to Family Faith Formation Library)

Dear Parents: Letters to Bereaved Parents

This is a support group in book form. It is a collection of letters from bereaved parents with other helpful information.

Facing the Death of Someone you Love

By: Elisabeth Elliot

In this booklet, the author shares "six simple things that have helped me through this valley and that help me now." Her practical words of comfort will guide others through their sorrow and give them reassurance that their God will never abandon them.

Healing a Father's Grief

By: William H. Schatz

Medic Publishing Co.

Healing Together

By: Marcie Lister and Sandra Lovell

Centering Corporation

For couples whose baby dies.

Remember...A Child Remembers

A write-in memory book for grieving children

By: Enid Samuel-Traisman, M.S. W.

Centering Corporation

Sibling Grief

How parents can help the child whose brother or sister has died.

By: Marcia G. Scherago

Medic Publishing Co.

She Was Born, She Died

A collection of poetry following the death of an infant.

By: Marion Cohen

Centering Corporation

Tear Soup (2 copies)

A recipe for healing after loss. Affirms the bereaved, educates the unbereaved and a building block for children.

By: Pat Schwiebart and Church DeKlyen

Grief Watch

Tell Me Papa

Answers to questions children ask about death and dying. We must not over-answer their questions, but answer out of love and caring (For younger students)

By Joy and Dr. Marvin Johnson

Centering Corporation

What On Earth Do You Do When Someone Dies?

This book addresses the many questions and thoughts that children have after the death of someone close. (reading level grades 3-4, interest level

By: Trevor Romain

Free Spirit Publishing

What is Heaven Like?

For any child who is coming to terms with the loss of a loved one, or even those ones who are simply curious. Poignantly addresses the questions kids ask most often.

By: Beverly Lewis

Bethany House

What's Heaven?

What should parents say when a loved one dies? How do they explain it while reassuring children? Heaven is a difficult subject that always comes up at

By: Maria Shriver

St. Martin's Press

When a Child You Love is Grieving

By: Harold Ivan Smith

Acta Publications

This book gives practical steps you can take to insure that a grieving child receives the necessary, healthy outlets needed during the loss of a loved

When Death Walks In
For teenagers facing grief.

By: Mark Scrivani

Centering Corporation

DEALING WITH LOSS/DIVORCE BOOKS: (Moved to Family Faith Formation Library)

Help for the Hard Times: Getting Through Loss

By Hearl Hipp

Hazelden Publishing

From small losses to bigger losses, from moving to a new school, or divorce, or the death of a friend or family member, this book offers advice on how

Talking About Divorce and Separation

By Earl A. Grollman

Centering Corporation

The challenging task is to demonstrate to your youngsters that you will remain parents and will love them always. This Illustrated by Susanna Pitzer

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BOOKS ON LENT:

Easter & Lent Activities

Simple activities for young children. Reproducible pages.

By: Linda Standke

In Celebration McGraw-Hill

Lent is for Children

Activities, stories and prayers about Lent for children.

By: Julie Kelemen

Ligouri

Stations of the Cross

We offer a variety of books and pamphlets on the Stations of the Cross.

BOOKS ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

BOOKS ON PRAYER AND PRAYER SERVICES:

- 189 Ways to Contact God** By Marlene Halpin, O.P. Loyola Press
Peruse these "prayer starters" and find one that works for you. Adult faith.
- 25 Guided Prayer Services for Middle Graders** By : Pat Egan Dexter Twenty-Third Publications
This creative, user-friendly prayer service book connects the real-life experiences of children with the words of sacred Scripture.
- Angels Love Children** By: Herbert Brokering Ausburg
Inspired by children's drawings of angels, this book offers thirty fresh understandings of God..stories, poems, prayers and other family fun.
- The Beatitudes for Children** By: Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli Our Sunday Visitor
Short illustrated reflections which teach about Jesus' important sermon on the beatitudes. Designed for children to read.
- Blessings and Prayers** By: Judy Jarrett LTP
For children who are beginning to pray with the whole church.
- Blessings and Prayers Through the Year** By: Elizabeth McMahon Jeep LTP
musical accompaniment only. Also included are song pages with words and music.
- 5-Minute Messages for Children** By: Donald Hinchey Group Books
topics.
- The Catholic Devotional** Apostolic Publishing Co.
A collection of prayers and inspiration for every Catholic
- The Catholic Prayer Book** By: Msgr. Michael Buckley Servant Publications
Filled with a wide range of prayer from the rich tradition of the church.
- Catholic Prayers for Catholic Families** Loyola Press
Simple and practical suggestions for family prayer, with a collection of popular Catholic prayers.
- Celebrating Seasons** By: Phyliss Vos Wezeman & Jude Dennis Fournier Twenty-Third Publications
Prayer lessons for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.
- The Commonsense Book of Catholic Prayer and Meditation** By: Hilda Graef Sophia Institute Press
This book gives you positive ways to avoid spiritual traps that can lead you to pride, superstition, presumption, lack of charity and more.
- Daily Prayer 2002** By: Bryan M. Cones LTP
A book of prayer, psalms, sacred reading and reflection in tune with the seasons, feasts and ordinary days of the year.

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The Eight Beatitudes

By: Fr Lovasik

Divine Word Ministry

The Beatitudes announce happiness for those who want to serve God. They are the ways by which we can live a good Christian life and avoid the false teaching of the world.

God of My Heart: A Prayer Book for Youth

By: Connie Wlaschin Ruhlman

Living the Good News, Inc.

This book is a collection of original prayers written by Christian high school students for teenagers. Each prayer is based on a selected scripture passage.

How Do I talk To God?

By: Barbara Gargiulo

RCL

A book of prayers for the school year.

In My Heart Room. 21 Love Prayers for Children

By: Mary Terese Donze, a.s.c.

Ligouri

Ideas and lessons on how to teach children to pray in their hearts. (suggested ages 6-10)

In My Heart Room, Book Two. More Love Prayers for Children

By: Mary Terese Donze, a.s.c.

Ligouri

A second book with more ideas on how to teach young children to pray in their hearts. Step by step lessons included.

The Jabez Prayer Collection: 30 Life-Changing Prayers from the Bible for Children

James

B&H Publishers

Teach children to pray from inspiring prayers found in the Bible. Jabez, Deborah, Moses, Mary, and many more, all beautifully illustrated with accompanying CD

The Journey to Jerusalem A Lenten Retreat

Father Mark Toups

The Institute for Priestly Formation

A reflection and prayer for each day of Lent

Little Acts of Grace

By: Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli

Our Sunday Visitor

Inspiring little ones to little acts of holiness, these practical and beautifully illustrated lessons will be enjoyed by young children.

Living in God's Embrace

By: Michael Fonseca

Ave Maria Press

Arranged into six chapters, each made up of a brief introductory section and ten prayer exercises, this book will guide you through the ups and downs of the spiritual journey and provide encouragement to stay on the path toward God.

My First Prayers

By: Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM

Catholic Book Publishing, Co.

A book of basic prayers for children.

Ordinary Time

By: Jan Howell, Marie Ellen Kuhel & Jean Presser

The Center for Learning

A book about praying with children and families.

The Our Father and Hail Mary

By: Fr. Lovasik, S.V.D.

Catholic Book Publishing, Co.

This little book helps young children learn and understand the Our Father and the Hail Mary.

Painting Rainbows with Broken Crayons

By: Bernadette McCarver Snyder

Ave Maria Press

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101 Prayers for teachers, parents, and other caretakers.

Parent-Child Retreats

By: Barbara Campbell

Living the Good News, Inc.

A book of spiritual experiences for children ages 7-10 and their parents.

Parent-Child Retreats

By: Dolores Curran

Living the Good News, Inc.

A book of spiritual experiences for children ages 3-6 and their parents.

Prayer after Nine Rainy Days and other Family Prayers

By: Pat Corrick Hinton

Winston Press

Provides prayers about everyday events and special occasions. This book helps families make the transition from traditional praying to praying together in their own words.

A Prayer Book for Volunteers

By: Deborah McCann

Twenty-Third Publications

In this realistic, down-to-earth and humorous look at the important work of volunteers, the author offers heartfelt prayers and reflections on the various aspects of this "unsung" ministry.

Prayers for Catechists

Compiled by Jeanette Lucinio

Liturgy Training Publications

A short collection of inspirational prayers for catechists.

Prayers and Reflections

By: Irene McGuire, SSND

The Center for Learning

This book offers prepared reflections for use in schools, parishes, and prayer groups. (adaptable)

Praying all Ways

By: Caroljean Willie, SC, Ph.D.

Harcourt

A multiple intelligences approach to prayer.

Praying with Jesus: Prayer Services and Rituals with Children

By: Arthur E. Zannoni

Benziger

This little book can and will enhance your catechetical ministry.

Praying the Way Jesus Prayed

By: Mark Link, SJ

Loyola Press

By looking closely at the diversity of Jesus' prayer life, Fr. Link shows readers how they can pray effectively. Adult Faith

Rites & Rituals

By: Kathy Chateau & Paula Miller

Twenty-Third Publications

water, and more.

The Rosary Heals: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries

Fr. Robert DeGarandis and Eugene Peter Koshenina

Stories about the key events in the Life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ Nazarene.

Seeds of Faith for Children

By: Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli

Our Sunday Visitor

This little book designed to be read to or by young children is about loving and trusting God and the joy that comes from asking God to always be in our lives.

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BOOKS ON SAINTS:

115 Sainly Fun Facts

By: Bernadette McCarver Snyder

Ligouri

Open this book and step into the stories of adventure, courage, daring, sacrifice and mystery. Learn how ordinary people did extraordinary things and became known as saints.

57 Stories of Saints

By Ann Eileen Hefferman, FSP Illustrated by Jerry Rizzo

Short stories about the lives of saints.

Pauline Books

Book of Saints

By: Amy Welborn

Loyola Press

This inspiring collection of saints' stories explains how saints become saints, why we honor them, and how they help us even today.

Butler's Lives of the Saints

Edited by Michael Walsh

Harper One

An extensive collection of saint's biographies

Can You Find Saints?

By: Philip D. Gallery

St. Anthony Messenger Press

Fourth in a series of award-winning children's books, This search & learn activity book teaches children-and the adults in their lives-about saints and the holy lives they led.

Can You Find Followers of Jesus?

By: Philip D. Gallery

St. Anthony Messenger Press

This book introduces your children to the Disciples and other followers of Jesus.

Clare and Francis

Guido Visconti & Bimba Landmann

Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

An illustrated storybook about the lives of Sts. Clare and Francis.

Companion to the Calendar

By: Mary Ellen Hynes

LTP

A guide to the saints and mysteries of the Christian Calendar.

Lives of the Saints

By: Rev. Hugo Hoever

Catholic Book Publishing

This book offer brief biographies of the saints.

More Saints lives & Illuminations

By Ruth Sanderson

Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

A illustrated book about lives of saints

One Hundred Saints

A Bulfinch Pressbook

Little, Brown and Company

This book is a glorious celebration of the stories and pictures of some of the best known and most loved saints in history.

Praying with the Saints

By: Woodeene Koenig-Bricker

Loyola Press

Featuring more than two hundred prayers, this book also provides brief biographical material on each of the ninety-five saints.

The Saints 25 Models for Good Living

Hi-Time Pflaum

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Reproducible Handouts for Primary Grades

Saints of the Americas (In English and Spanish)

By: Catherine Odell

Glencoe/McGraw-Hill

This book introduces children to some of the men and women of North, South, and Central America who have lived lives of historic virtue in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Saints for Children: St. Therese in Jesus' Garden

By: Anne E. Neuberger

Our Sunday Visitor

A delightful storybook about St. Therese.

Saints for Children: St. Francis and His Feathered Friends

By: Anne E. Neuberger

Our Sunday Visitor

A delightful storybook about St. Francis.

Saints and Feast Days

Sisters of Notre Dame of Chadron, Ohio

Loyola Press

This convenient resource offers concise biographical sketches of saints from the Roman calendar and suggested activities for celebrating their feast days.

Saints and Heroes for Kids

By: Ethel Pochocki

St. Anthony Messenger Press

This book introduces us to thirty saints and heroes, people we admire and look up to, and who can be our friends as well.

Saints Kit - All the Saints of the Roman Calendar and More (2 copies)

By: Sister Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

Loyola Press

189 Saint Cards featuring inspiring stories of Catholic heroes from the past 2000 years.

Saints: Our Friends & Teachers

By: Lee Palencar

Twenty-Third Publications

saints as well as patterns and simple instructions for making figures of the saints using soft and flexible foam material (or alternative

St. Patrick

By Ann Tompert; Illustrated by Michael Garland

A storybook about the life of St. Patrick

Boyd's Mill Press

St. Valentine

By: Ann Tompert

Boyd's Mill Press

Beautifully illustrated storybook about the legends and life events of the real St. Valentine.

A Saint for Your Name (Boys)

By: Albert J. Nenins, N.M.

Our Sunday Visitor

With more than two hundred entries, this book makes it easy to search for just the right name.

A Saint for Your Name (Girls)

By: Albert J. Nenins, N.M.

Our Sunday Visitor

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With more than two hundred entries, this book makes it easy to search for just the right name.

The Wondrous Adventures of St. Francis of Assisi

By: Tricia Gray

St. Anthony Messenger Press

ages 7-12 the stories may spark the imaginations of younger readers as a read-to book as well.

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BOOKS FOR YOUTH: *Available in Youth Ministry Office

10 Good Reasons to Be a Good Catholic

By: Jim Auer

Ligouri

This enlightening, thought provoking book will give you a clearer understanding of the Catholic Church and some of its basic teachings.

10-Minute Devotions for Youth Groups *

By: J.B. Collingsworth

Group Books

Devotions are easy with this big collection of adaptable, ready-to-use ideas. Each deepens faith with little or no preparation.

10 More Good Reasons to Be a Good Catholic

By: Jim Auer

Ligouri

This book gives young Catholics a deeper appreciation of their faith and offers understanding and encouragement in dealing with faith related doubts and setbacks.

10 Ways to Meet God

By: Jim Auer

Ligouri

This book gives young Catholics a deeper appreciation of their faith and offers understanding and encouragement in dealing with faith related doubts and set backs.

130 Ways to Involve Parents in Youth Ministry *

Group Publications

You'll have tons of new and creative ways to help parents become a key part of youth ministry.

20 Teen Prayer Service: Opening Doors of Truth and Love

By: S. Kevin Regan

Twenty-Third Publications

Invites teenagers to pray in reverent yet contemporary ways based on sound theological principles.

365 Fun Facts for Catholic Kids

By Bernadette McCarver Snyder

Ligouri Publications

Inspiring ideas, saint trivia, fun faith facts.

Activities for Teens: 77 Ways to Build Catholic Identity

By: Ruth Puls

Pflaum Publishing Company

77 ways to help teens - from junior high through high school - grow in Catholic identity.

The Beauty Within *

By: Mike Carotta

RCL

Inspirational stories and practical advice for anyone who works or lives with teenagers.

Building for Justice and Peace

By: Michael Carotta

Harcourt Religion Publishers

Group projects for teens .

The Catholic Faith Handbook (For Youth)

Brian Singer-Towns

St. Mary's Press

This is an understandable and down-to-earth guide to all things Catholic.

CD- Prayer Services for Teens

Twenty-Third Publications

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

The Book of Uncommon Prayer: Contemplative and Celebratory Prayers and Worship Services for Youth Ministry

By: Steven L. Case

Zondervan

The prayers and worship services inside are written for youth ministry - for students and for youth workers.

Developing Responsible Relationships

By: Gloris Hutchinson

Sadlier

This book will help teens understand the changes they are going through and how their decisions play a key role in the adults they will become.

Do I Have to Go?

By Matthew Pinto and Chris Stefanik

Ascension Press

101 questions about the Mass, the Eucharist, and your spiritual life

Do It!: Active Learning in Youth Ministry

By: Thom and Joani Schultz

Group Publications

No more dull sermons, boring lectures or monotonous monologues-get your youth up off their chairs and involved in their learning! Find out how to get kids really learning with active learning - the process that makes learning fun, involving, and long-lasting.

Engaging a New Generation A Vision for Reaching Catholic Teens

By Frank Mercadante

Our Sunday Visitor

Tells about the modern generation of teens and how to engage them in the church

The Faith Difference

By: Kieran Sawyer, S.S.N.D

Ave Maria Press

Prayers , lessons, activities and games for teens.

First Impressions: Unforgettable Openings for Youth Meetings

Group Publications

These 5 to 15 minute, best ever openers include high-energy ideas, quiet ideas, and everything in between, and they're easy to do!

The Good News of God's Mercy (Luke)

By: Kevin Perrotta & Gerald Darring

Loyola Press

This booklet travels through the Gospel of Luke with targeted readings which have been chosen to give a representative sample of Luke's telling of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Growing Close *

By: Peter Tassi

Living The Good News

Build a close, supportive youth group with 150 all new growing close crowd breakers and identity builders.

Growing Teen Disciples

By: Mary Bronson Merki, Ph.D.

Glencoe

Provides a very comprehensive resource for developing parish youth ministry.

Helping Kids Live Their Faith

By: Mary Beth Jambor

RCL

This book offers numerous suggestions and opportunities to help children understand the importance of carrying out the Church's mission of serving their families, the community, and their parish.

How to Live A Moral Life

By: Frank Mercadante

Ave Maria Press

Catholic and capable skills for spiritual growth.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Jump Start *	By: Michael Amodei	Ave Maria Press
180 lessons, ice breakers, projects, and weekend activities for junior high.		
JumpStarter: 100 Games to Spark Youth Discussions		Group Publications
Get serious about fun with games that your youth will really love. With everything from relays to brainteasers, this book has the perfect game.		
Kids Get Stressed Too	By: Eileen McGrath, Ph.D.	RCL
This book will guide you in your vocation of helping our children grow positively- recognizing that we need to teach our kids coping skills that will last a lifetime.		
Life Lessons from The Squire and the Scroll	By Jennie Bishop with Susan Henson	Revive Our Hearts
Battle plans for a pure heart for young men		
Meeting Christ in Teens Startling Moments of Grace	by John Rosengren	St. Mary's Press
The author tells many short stories about his encounters with God through teens		
My Help Along the Way: The Seven Sacraments		Hi-Time/Pflaum
Designed to help teens form or strengthen their foundation of Catholic teaching and values.		
My Way or Thy Way: A Book of "Choice" Bible Skits	By: Pat Betteley	CSS Publishing Co.
By focusing on the choices made by main characters - and their consequences - the scenes help young people make better choices in their own lives.		
One Day Retreats (for Junior High Youth)	Connelly	Saint Mary's Press
The six retreats in this book have the following themes: Christian community, freshman survival, peacemaking, peer pressure, self-esteem and sexuality.		
Ready-to-Go Game Shows: Catholic Teaching and Practices Edition	By : Michael Theisen	Saint Mary's Press
A fun way to help teens grow in literacy of Catholic teachings and practices.		
Ready-to-Go Game Shows - Bible Edition	By: Michael Theisen	Saint Mary's Press
A fun way to help teens grow in biblical literacy.		
Resources for Youth Retreats	By: Mary Ann Hakowski	Saint Mary's Press
This three-volume series presents multiple resources used for conducting retreats for high school young people.		
Retreat Ideas for Ministry with Young Teens	Edited By: Marilyn Kielbasa	Saint Mary's Press
The HELP series consists of seven books of heads-up, easy, low cost, and purposeful ministry strategies to use with young teens.		
Vine & Branches: Volume 2	By: Mary Ann Hakowski	Saint Mary's Press
Resources for Youth Retreats		
Vine & Branches: Volume 3	By: Mary Ann Hakowski	Saint Mary's Press

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Resources for Youth Retreats

Scripture Walk: Junior High Bible Themes

By: Maryann Hakowski

Saint Mary's Press

The sessions apply Biblical themes to the life issues that concern young teens, such as friends, rejection, family relationships and following Jesus.

Sometimes We Dance, Sometimes We Wrestle

By: Michael Carotta

Harcourt Religion Publishers

Readers will be able to select and employ the spiritual growth activity that best suits their own interests , personality and relationships with young people.

Time Out! (Resources for Teen Retreats)

By: Kieran Sawyer, S.S.N.D

Ave Maria Press

A book of more than 50 "capsules" of youth ministry experiences - presentations, discussion, scripture study, community building activities, prayer experiences, games, role plays and more.

Time to Pray!: Seasonal Prayer Services for Middle Grades

By: Patricia Mathson

Ave Maria Press

This book features thirty simple prayer services for use throughout the year, each focusing on a saint's day, a liturgical season, a time in the school year, or a particular need.

The Top 13 Questions about God: Intense Discussions for Youth Ministry

Group Publishing

Help students build a faith that can handle the tough questions. Hard questions, solid answers, rock-solid faith!

Top 20 Skits for Youth Ministry

By: Chris and Sue Chapman

Group Publishing

Use humor to launch *real* discussions on those hard-to-bring-up topics. (CD included)

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

BOOKS WITH ACTIVITIES:

100 Activities Worksheets~Memory Games~Bible Studies

By Ellen Rossini

Ignatius Press

Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Revised)

101 Creative Worship Ideas for Children's Church

By: Jolene Roehlkepartain

Group Publications

Use these 101+ age-appropriate ideas to spark singing, prayer, movement, and worship.

25-Pack of St. Patrick People of Faith Saint Cards

Our Sunday Visitor

Supplemental classroom resource. (card size 3"x5")

365 Fun Facts for Catholic Kids

By: Bernadette McCarver Snyder

Ligouri

Dip into this book and discover a new idea for each day of the year. Life is fun. Facts are fun. And so is this book.

52 Ways to Teach Children to Share the Gospel

Rainbow Books

Easy-to-do activities to teach God's word and Biblical concepts to children ages 5-12.

119 Anytime Crafts Kids Can Make

Highlights for Children

Best-Ever Games (for Youth Ministry)

By: Les Christie

Group Publications

The Game Guy is geared up and ready to give you great games that are easy to pull off-and field tested with teens in many settings.

Bible Crafts on a Shoestring Budget

Rainbow Books

Here are inexpensive, creative and easy-to-assemble Bible crafts that teach children important Bible stories and Christian concepts using simple household materials.

Bible Games Center Guide

Includes Reproducible Pages for Elementary Grades 1 - 6

Bible J-I-N-G-O

A bingo style Bible trivia game. Ages 6-12. 2-30 players

Gary Grimm & Associates

Bible Memory Games

Nexgen

Creative bible activities for children series - ages 6-12. This book is designed to help teachers teach any bible memory verse.

Bible Message Make-n-Takes: 50 Devotional Talks with Crafty Reminders for Kids Ages 6-12

By: Susan L. Lingo

Standard Publishing

Discover how powerful Bible-centered devotions combine with crafty reminders kids make and take home. Help children apply God's Word to their lives as they explore important issues such as prayer, trust, salvation, forgiveness, serving others and more!

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Bible Stories & Activities: Ten Commandments

Teacher Created Resources

Ten lessons to introduce children to the Ten Commandments - puzzles, crafts, songs, rhymes and other activities.

Bible Trivia for Kids

By: Steve & Becky Miller

Harvest House Publishers

Filled with hundreds of questions and challenges to help you understand God's Word as you go along.

The BIG Book of Bible Skit (2 copies)

By: Tom Boal

Gospel Light

104 seriously funny Bible teaching skits - a creative way to introduce, present or review a Bible story or to reinforce your message.

The Big Book of Catholic Customs & Traditions

Our Sunday Visitor

This book offers stories, legends, ideas, activities, and crafts that will help children celebrate many of our religious feasts and seasons.

The Big Book of Family Gatherings

By: Judy Elliott Dantzer

Our Sunday Visitor

This big book of ideas will help bring families together to learn about their faith.

Big Book of Ideas

By: Beth Branigan McNamara

Our Sunday Visitor

This book provides hundreds of teacher-tested ideas for kids ages 3-8.

Bundles of Faith and Tons of Fun

By: Patricia Mathson

Ave Maria Press

This book is a resource of crafts, prayers, role plays, banners, and much more to enhance a child's walk in faith with Jesus throughout the entire year.

The Catholic Kid's Guide to Stewardship

By: Elizabeth M. Johnson

Twenty-Third Publications

This book is based on the seven corporal works of mercy on the belief that even the youngest child can make a difference. Written for ages 9 -12.

Crafts from your favorite Bible stories

By: Kathy Ross

The Millbrook Press Illustrated by Sharon Lane Holm

Hands-on experience making and using props related to popular well-loved Bible stories.

Crafts That Shine and Other Bright Ideas

Barry Goldberg

Standard Publishing

Reproducible craft projects for all ages.

Creative Crafts for All Seasons

By: Anne Campbell, Kathryn Waite, Anne Mikelonis

RCL

This book offers lots of ideas and opportunities for you and the children to create objects of great meaning from ordinary materials found around the home and classroom.

The crafts will serve as a lifetime reminder of God's love for us.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Dots on the Floor: and a whole lot more...

Tips and Techniques for Teachers - Organize and Manage, teach simple skills, smooth transitions, creative ideas

The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Youth Ministry

Group Publications

175 games super-size the fun in any children's ministry.

The Encyclopedia of Bible Crafts for Preschoolers

Group Publishing

A great resource packed with more than 175 simple crafts that bring 75 major Bible stories to life for little hearts and hands.

Faith Facts for Young Catholics

By: Kieran Sawyer, S.S.N.D

Ave Maria Press

Drills, games and activities for middle school students.

The Faith Filled Classroom

and techniques put together by professional teachers and religious educators who have a combined experience

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of more than 100 years.

Faith Moves

Small activity cardbook; tabs with quick ideas for for Family Faith Formation at home, at church, or in the car.

Loyola Press

Five-Minute Sermons For Children

Included are attention-holding talks on everything from Advent to witnessing for Jesus.

By: Karen Berger, Carolyn Larsen and Vivki Totel

Shining Star

Five-Minute Sunday School Activities: Jesus' Miracles and Messages

you have everything you need to lead kids in a quick project that helps them learn more about God and His love for them.

By: Mary J. Davis

Rainbow Publishers

A Gaggle of Giggles and Games

By: Lois Keffer

Cook Communications Ministries

Every activity helps kids learn what God is like and how to become more like him!

Games

Compiled By: Mary Hohenstein

Bethany House Publishers

An inviting collection of Games & Group Activities for families, church groups and people of all ages.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Games for All Ages

Group Publications

100 Youth Ministry games everyone will love...even Grandma.

God's Angels, Our Friends

By: Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

E.T. Nedder Publishing

Stories & activities about angels for grades 3-6.

Gospel Theater for the Whole Community: 92 Plays for Education and Worship

By: Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

Twenty-Third Publications

These short gospel-based plays are perfect for faith formation sessions, intergenerational gatherings, all-school assemblies, summer Bible school, and family faith sharing.

Hands-On Faith

By: Mary Doerfler Dall

Ave Maria Press

66 projects, activities and crafts for children.

The Humongous Book of Games (for Children's Ministry)

Group Publications

In this whopping collection, you'll find just the right game for every lesson or ministry need.

Just Family Nights 60 Activities to Keep Your Family Together in a World Falling Apart

By: Susan Vogt

Faith Quest

Activities that build family unity and foster healthy values. Designed to fit into busy schedule of today's family while building children's awareness of global needs and concerns.

Lucky Lanyards

By: Delores Frantz

Design Originals

Over 40 great projects made with plastic lace and pony beads

More Faith Facts for Young Catholics

By: Keiran Sawyer, S.S.N.D

Ave Maria Press

Provide over 20 drills, games and activities along with many variations to help students learn information in such areas as scripture, saints, Church doctrines and traditions.

My Rosar

Coloring Activity Book: Including the Mysteries of Light

Old Testament Days An activity Guide

By Nancy I. Sanders

Chicago Review Press

Games, Crafts, and Activities related to the Old Testament

Pop-Up Parables & Other Bible Stories

By: Carmen R, Sorvillo & Helen H. Moore

CPH

Visual examples help children retain and apply Bible Lessons. This book uses inventive paper projects to help children ages 6 to 9 remember Bible stories.

Pray & Play Bible (for young children)

Group Publications

14 favorite Bible stories spring to life with beautiful illustrations, easy, child-friendly language, and fun play that helps children enjoy and remember God's Word!

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Saintly Celebrations & Holy Holidays

By: Bernadette McCarver Snyder

Ligouri

Easy and imaginative ways to create your own Catholic family traditions

The Saints: 21 Models for Good Living

Reproducible Handouts for Primary Grades

School Year Activities for Religion Classes

By: Gwen Costello

Twenty-Third Publications

Brief, to-the-point, and creative activities for every month of the school year. Most take just five to ten minutes.

Season of Celebrations: Prayers, Plays, and Projects for the Church Year

By: Patricia Mathson

Ave Maria Press

This resource presents a host of new ideas to help school teacher's, religious education catechists, and parents alike enhance lessons and add to the joy and meaning of the liturgical seasons.

Seven Steps to Great Religion Classes

By: Gwen Costello & Joe Paprocki

Twenty-Third Publications

The authors take you step by step through seven important elements of a great religion class. Each chapter includes reflection and discussion questions.

Sign & Symbol, Word & Song

By: Amy Florian

Ave Maria Press

This book will bring you the help need for preparing and celebrating meaningful rituals.

Simple Stories Jesus Told

By: Mary Rice Hopkins

Group Publications

13 Lessons & Songs for Young Children

Teaching Compassion and Justice through Stories and Activities

By: Anne E. Neuberger

Twenty-Third Publications

This resource will introduce children to the realities of poverty, injustice, and abuse of natural resources to help them develop a strong sense of identification with children all over the world.

Spur-of-the-Moment Games

Nexgen

Creative bible activities for children series - ages 6-12. This great resource helps teachers catch the interest of children and keep them actively learning while they are having a blast.

Peter and the Children (66 Puppet Talks)

By: H. Burnham Kirkland

CSS Publishing Co.

This resource helps to effectively communicate with young people while using puppets and witty dialogue.

Puppet Programs Six

By: Doug Smee

Lillenas Music creations

15 Scripts based on New Testament Stories.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Youth Ministry

Group Publications

175 games super-size the fun in any children's ministry.

Jump Starts for Catechists: Seasonal Activities

By: Gwen Costello

Twenty Third Publications

Brief activities which take 5-10 minutes. Feasts and church seasons covered, as well as Bible and sacrament activities

Learning Centers for Advent and Lent

By: Doris Murphy

Twenty Third Publication

A delightful and informative way for children and their families to learn about Advent and Lent, two of the church's most celebrated and significant liturgical seasons. Doris offers thirteen creative centers for learning about Advent, twelve for Lent, five for Holy Week, and nice seasonal centers for everyone in the parish.

Pray and Play Bible 2

Group Publications

14 favorite Bible stories spring to life with beautiful illustrations, easy, child-friendly language, and fun play that helps children enjoy and remember God's Word!

Preschool Bible Crafts

By: Karen Darling

Shining Star

Included are nearly 50 creative crafts especially designed for ages 3-6. Whether they are making a collage, a piece of jewelry, or a Tootsie Pop Angel, children will have great fun while reinforcing valuable Bible lessons.

Ready-to-Go Scripture Skits...that teach serious stuff

By: Michael Theisen

St. Mary's Press

Ready-to-go, few props needed, no line memorization. Skits use a three-act process to systematically explore and apply Scriptures lessons from stories such as Samson, The Sower and the Seeds, and The Final Judgement. Connections to Catholic themes and teachings. Middle School or High School.

Skits from Scripture: 10 Plays from the New Testament

By: Page McKean Zyromski

Pflaum Publishing Group

Being involved in acting out a story from Scripture is a meaningful and fun way for young people to be introduced to or become reacquainted with the heroes of their faith.

Game (CD ROM)

Third Day Games, Inc.

It's fast and furious action for Zack and Mary Martha. Help them as they travel through adventurous Gospel stories using fun power-ups and ancient tools to perform works of mercy, solve problems, and outwit menacing adversaries.

What Do You Know? A Catholic Identity Game

By: Peggy O'Neill Fisher

Twenty-Third Publications

This book contains 30 intergenerational identity games that focus on learning more about our faith, especially through our liturgical seasons and experiences.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

BOOKS ON SCRIPTURE:

10 Ways to get into the New Testament: A Teenager's Guide

By: Jim Auer

Ligouri

This book can help you sift through some confusing ancient culture stuff and the strange words to get to the heart of the message of the scriptures.

The ABC's Lessons of Love: Sermon on the Mount ...for Children

By: Francine M. O'Connor

Ligouri

This book is written for parents and teachers who want Jesus' teachings to make a lasting impression on their little ones. Each story is followed by an activity, game, or project to show children how to put the words of Jesus into action.

Acting Out the Gospels

By: Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

Twenty-Third Publications

40 five-minute plays for education and worship for grades four through eight.

Dictionary of the Bible

By: John L. McKenzie, S.J.

Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc.

A dictionary to be used as a resource when reading the Bible.

Gospel Talks 1,2,3

By: Gary & Carol Pawlitz

CPH

52 four-minute Gospel talks for young children ages preschool to third graders...helps you illustrate strong faith concepts.

The Great Themes of Scripture: New Testament

By: Richard Rohr & Joseph Martos

St. Anthony Messener Press

The authors look at many ways salvation themes are proclaimed by the various authors and literary styles of the New Testament.

The Great Themes of Scripture: Old Testament

By: Richard Rohr & Joseph Martos

Ligouri

For all readers this book uniquely sounds the call of the Lord and invites response in a way that will touch lives deeply.

"I Want to Be Jesus!"

By: Carol Camp Twork

Ave Maria Press

Over 150 Easy-to-Use Gospel Plays for children.

The Jerome Biblical Commentary

Prentice-Hall

This book is designed to meet the needs of educated readers who wish to study the scriptures in the light of modern scholarship.

The Layman's Bible Encyclopedia

The South Western Company

The chief purpose of this book is to provide a reference book on the Bible to meet the needs of the average layman.

Listening to God's Word: Year A

By: Eileen Drilling & Judy Rothfork

LTP

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

This book helps children and parents listen together to God's word and respond to that word through sharing, writing, storytelling, praying and blessing. In this book you'll find a session for each Sunday of Year A that is based on the gospel reading for that day.

Listening to God's Word: Year C

By: Eileen Drilling & Judy Rothfork

LTP

This book helps children and parents listen together to God's word and respond to that word through sharing, writing, storytelling, praying and blessing. In this book you'll find a session for each Sunday of Year A that is based on the gospel reading for that day.

Making Faith Fun

by Amy Viets

ACTA Publishing

Limiting devotional time to some distant date when we could all get together wasn't a worthy expression of our faith. What we needed was the living faith we spoke of in our liturgy at church. Instead of making our family fit into the traditional mold of devotion time, we needed to weave our faith into the mesh of our lives.

Read Me a Bible Story

By Elizabeth Friedrich

Concordia Publishing House

These Bible Stories have been designed for you to read to your young child.

Illustrated by Kathy Mitter

Songs From Deep Water

By: Jill & Stuart Briscoe

Thomas Nelson Publishers

Breathtaking color photographs from all over the world testify to the grandeur of God's creation and the strength and majesty of His promises. Based on the words contained in Psalms 40-67.

Teaching Kids the Basics of Liturgy

By: Robert Duggan

RCL

This book is meant to help you with your sacred task of helping the young to be a part of the Church. It is an accurate and reliable guide to the basics about Catholic prayer and worship.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

BOOKS ON SACRAMENTS:

The ABC's of Church

By: Francine M. O'Connor

Ligouri

A great book for youngsters to introduce them to the basic elements of church, from the altar to the zillion other things they see in church when they attend Mass.

The ABC's of the Mass for Children

By: Francine M. O'Connor

Ligouri

Introduces young ones to many basic elements of the Mass . Written for children who have not received First Communion.

The ABC's of the Rosary for Children

By: Francine M. O'Connor

Ligouri

This book describes each of the 15 mysteries in words children can understand and remember.

The Caterpillar That Came to Church

By: Hooker, Brindle & Laderman

Our Sunday Visitor

Written in both Spanish and English, this storybook uses a delightful, imaginative story to explain the beauty that unfolds during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Celebrating the Mass

By: Alfred McBride, O. Praem.

Our Sunday Visitor

A guide for understanding and loving the Mass more deeply

Come and See Vengan y veran

Joe Paprocki

Loyola Press 2009

A Guide for Teaching Children and Parents about the Mass and the Roman Missal changes. Includes DVD with segments explaining: The importance of ritual 9:30 min; A Tour of the Church 19:30 min; Your Role at Mass 23:00min divided into two segments, Liturgy of the Word 11:00 min and Liturgy of the Eucharist 12:00min.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

By: Bill Huebsch w/Paul Thurmes

Thomas Moore

A study guide on the teaching of the Vatican II.

Countdown to Confirmation

Manno

Twenty-Third Publications

A resource guide for immediate preparation. Candidates are taught about the sacrament even as they walk through its ritual aspects.

Developing Children's Liturgy

By: Gail Fabbro

Resource Publications

A step-by-step guide to quickly put together a liturgy that is both good for children and good liturgy.

Don't Drink the Holy Water! Big Al and Annie Go to Mass

By: Fr. Joe Kempf

Ligouri Press

Thoughts and prayers on the Eucharist for children. DVD included. Illustrated by Chris Sharp

The Eucharist and the Trinity

By: M.V. Bernadot, O.P.

Michael Galzier, Inc.

A Christian Spiritual Classic.

Eucharist, and Your Spiritual Life

By: Matthew Pinto and Chris Stefanick

Ascension Press

From playing video games to sleeping-in, many teens need answers to the tough questions they have about the importance of attending Mass.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Family Faith Builders

BINDER

Have Faith: Sustaining the Spirit for Confirmation and Beyond

By: Michale Carotta

Twenty-Third Publications

This book is a unique approach to helping both candidate and sponsor prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Friendship with Jesus

By: Amy Welborn

Ignatius Press

Pope Benedict XVI Speaks to Children on their First Holy Communion and shares his memories of his own First Communion.

Going to Confession

By: Rev. L. Lovasik, S.V.D.

Catholic Book Publishing

How to make a good confession.

Learning Centers for 1st Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and the Whole Community

By: Doris Murphy

Twenty-Third Publications

The author also offers eight "gatherings" for the whole community, four for 1st Reconciliation and four for 1st Eucharist. These offer children the opportunity to experience the Learning Centers in the company of the wider parish family.

Love you Forever

By: Robert Munsch

A Firefly Book

This is the story of how a little boy goes through the stages of childhood and becomes a man and about the enduring nature of a parents' love and how it crosses generations.

The Mass for Children

By: Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM

Catholic Book Publishing Group

This book helps children understand more of what is going on in Mass.

A New Look at the Sacraments

By: William J. Bausch

Twenty-Third Publications

This is a great resource for adult education, catechist training, catechumenate study, and for high school and college courses on liturgy and sacraments.

The Sacraments Coloring Book

By: Amy Welborn

Catholic Book Publishing Co.

Coloring book about the sacraments. Reproducible. Appropriate for younger children.

Sacramental Guidelines

By: Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M.

Paulist Press

Provides helpful guidelines for anyone preparing classes that deal with the sacraments.

Secrets of the Eucharist

By: Michael H. Brown

Faith Publishing Company

In this book of heart-felt reflections on the Holy Eucharist, the author demonstrates that devotion to this most august sacrament is fundamental to the Catholic faith.

The Seven Sacraments

By: Fr. Lovasik, S.V.D.

Catholic Book Publishing

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

A children's book about the sacraments.

Teach me About the Mass

By: Paul & Joan Plum

Our Sunday Visitor

Discussions and activities for young children.

Today I Made My First Reconciliation

Larson

Aunt Dee's Attic

A story about school students learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Book includes prayers and examination of conscience

With Burning Hearts

By: Henri J. M. Nouwen

Orbis Books

One of the most popular contemporary spiritual writers offers a beautiful reflection on the meaning of the Eucharist for ourselves and our communities.

STORYBOOKS:

Ask Mr. Bear

By: Marjorie Flack

Aladdin Paperbacks

A story about a boy names Danny who has a decision to make.

Bless This House

By: Leslie Staub

Scholastic

A nondenominational, ecological bedtime prayer celebrating home, family, and all the creatures of the world.

But I Waaannt it!

By Dr. Laura Schlessinger

Cliff Street Books, Illustrated by Daniel McFeeley

It's not how many things you have that make you happy--it's how special something or someone is to you that makes you happy. For young children.

Caring values to live by

By Jane Belk Moncure Illustrated by Helen Endres

Tells many ways to show care

The Child's World

Feathers and Friends

By: Mem Fox

Harcourt

Long ago and far away, in a rambling garden beside a clear blue lake, two flocks of birds began to fear each other for their differences. The fear grew, and soon the birds became enemies, hoarding great quantities of weapons for protection-until panic struck and the chance for peace seemed lost forever.

Fly Away Home

By: Eve Bunting

Clarion Books

A story about homelessness. A boy and his father live in an airport, a child's perspective on the problem of homelessness.

Noah's Ark

Picture Yearling Books

The story of Noah and his ark, his family and all their many guests, is here retold almost entirely in pictures of great charm and intricate detail.

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Pray Me a Story: The Tree Questions

By Jon J Muth

Scholastic

Based on a story by Leo Tolstoy, a young boy seeks answers to life's questions from an old turtle. Reflection guide included.

Pray Me a Story: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

By Judith Viorst

Atheneum Books

Alexander has one of THOSE days when everything seems to go wrong. Reflection guide provides prayerful tips to help children prayerfully process the story.

Rock, Roll and Run

Max Lucado

Tommy Nelson

Based on Max Lucado's *Hermie: A Common Caterpillar*. Lucy Ladybug has a Thank-You-God party when she and her twins have a narrow escape, just like Miriam did when God saved the Israelites by parting the Red Sea. Board book, for 2 yrs and under.

The Tale of the Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale

By: Angela Elwell Hunt

Lion Children's Books

Three trees that dream of greatness are surprised by the way their dreams come true.

What a Teddy Bear Needs

By: Marilyn Kaye

Ladybird Books

A story about a teddy bear and a great big smile.

ACTIVITIES:

Sacraments and Symbols Bingo Cards

Creative Teaching

Exciting and fun way for students to learn about the Eucharist, sacred vessels and sacred objects of the Catholic Church. Elementary Level

Sacraments and Symbols Bingo Cards

Creative Teaching

Have fun while learning more about the seven sacraments. Set includes 25 bingo cards. Middle School - High School

Sacraments and Symbols Flash Cards

Creative Teaching

Teach and review the topic of the Eucharist including sacred vessels and sacred objects of the Catholic Church. Elementary Level

Sacraments and Symbols Flash Cards

Creative Teaching

The most recent definitions and facts about each Catholic Sacrament and Symbol. Cards include Scripture references. Middle School - High School

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RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY STORYBOOKS:

The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook

A Daily Companion

A redemptorist Pastoral Publication

Advent and Christmas are for many people the most joyous times of year, a special opportunity for celebration, sharing, and family gatherings. More importantly Advent is the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, and Christmas is the celebration of his birth to the manifestation of the Word-Made-Flesh among us.

Jesus' Christmas Party

By: Nicholas Allan

Random House

The story of the birth of Jesus from the viewpoint of the innkeeper.

The Last Straw

By: Paula Palangi McDonald

Covenant Communications

A heartwarming storybook about how one family rediscovers the true spirit of Christmas. Beautifully illustrated.

My Easter Basket and the True Story of Easter

By: Mary Manz Simon

Standard Publishing

Discover the clues to the real meaning of Easter using the colors in this basket. A young child will walk through the Bible story to learn why we celebrate Easter - because Jesus is alive!

My Promise Rainbow and the Story of Noah's Ark

By: Sally Lloyd-Jones

Standard Publishing

Follow the story of Noah's Ark and of God's faithful promise through the colors of the rainbow! And for every color of the rainbow there's a promise for you, too. Children will read how God

Old Turtle

By: Douglas Wood

Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers

An enchanting fable for children and adults, promotes a deeper understanding of the earth and our relationship with all the beings who inhabit it.

The Pumpkin Patch Parable

By: Liz Curtis Higgs

Thomas Nelson Publishers

with joy and light.

Santa and the Christ Child

By: Nicholas Bakewell

This children's picture book will fill your hearts with love and joy and the real spirit of Christmas.

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VIDEOS ON MORALITY:

HoopDogz God Good, Idols Bad!	Jim Jenkins and David Campbell	Cartoon Pizza, Inc.	(DVD - 30 min)
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A comedy series for families inspired by the 10 Commandments. Bumpus finds out the hard way that "worshipping" a rock idol might land him in the dog house. Dramatic interpretation of "Mose and the Golden Calf at Mt. Sinai."

VIDEOS ON MASS:

Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ	USCCB	(DVD
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Catechetical resource on the meaning of the liturgical texts of the Roman Missal for a range of audiences including priests, deacons, catechists, educators, parish communities and families.

Being Catholic: The Creed	Videos with Values	(DVD - 21 min)
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Provides the fundamentals of our Catholic faith in four concise, engaging and informative segments. This program will allow young people who've missed out on religious education opportunities "catch up" with their peers, prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and to better participate in parish life.

Brother Francis The Bread of Life Celebrating the Eucharist	Herald Kids	DVD 25min
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An exceptional way to prepare children for their first Holy Communion

Brother Francis Following in His Footsteps The Blessings of Living Out Our Faith	Herald Kids	DVD 25 min
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Will help children to appreciate the blessings of personal holiness and devotion to God.

Brother Francis The Mass: A life giving prayer	Herald Kids	DVD -25 min
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Rich in instruction and inspiration, a unique way of helping children experience the presence of Christ at they attend the Mass

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VIDEOS ON SACRAMENTS:

The Angel's Sacrament Lesson	Gwen Costello	Twenty-Third Publications	(VHS - 102 min)
<p>Angel Christina shares with children her enthusiasm for the seven great sacraments of the church.</p>			
The Angel's First Communion Lesson	Gwen Costello	Twenty-Third Publications	(VHS - 13 min)
<p>The angels are at it again! Here's a wonderful teaching tool for your First Communion program.</p>			
The Angel's First Reconciliation Lesson	Gwen Costello	Twenty-Third Publications	(VHS - 12 min)
<p>Though this video is primarily for children preparing for First Reconciliation it can be used with any lesson on the sacrament of reconciliation or forgiveness.</p>			
Brother Francis: Forgiven The Blessings of Confession		Herald Kids	DVD- 25min
<p>A joyous way to help children understand God's love through the Sacrament of Confession</p>			
Celebrating our Faith: Eucharist (Children)	Fr. Joe Kempf	Brown-Roa	(VHS)
<p>This video explores the meaning of the Eucharist for children - it is broken down into 8 short segments. (Study/discussion guide included)</p>			
A Child's First Penance		Ligouri Publications	(VHS - 20 min)
<p>This video invite children to become more familiar with the working of the Holy Spirit as friend, helper and teacher of the message of Jesus.</p>			
Close Encounters with the Sacraments		Videos with Values	(VHS - 15 min)
<p>Young actors appear in age appropriate situations so your students will easily relate and enjoy this fanciful story, which combines live action with animation and provides young audiences with a fundamental understanding of the sacraments.</p>			
Confirmation: A Commitment to Life (for grades 9 - 12)		Ligouri Publications	(VHS - 57 min)
<p>Here is a positive support for today's young Catholics as they prepare to join the community of the Church.</p>			
The Eucharist for Little Children		Wild Canary Sights and Sounds	(DVD - 20 min)
<p>Christi Procession. They will also experience the Lord through the traditional beauty of the Church and through inspiring music.</p>			
Grandma's Bread: A Eucharist Film		St. Anthony Messenger Press	(VHS - 17 min)
<p>A beautiful story about Eucharist, intergenerational relationships, death, and family tradition.</p>			
Sacraments for Children		Liquori Press	(VHS - 60 min)
<p>An introduction to the seven sacraments for middle-grade children.</p>			
Sacraments: God's Amazing Grace		Videos with Values	(DVD)
<p>"magic moments" but are openings into God's presence with us right in the reality of daily life.</p>			
Who is the Spirit?	Gaynell Cronin	St. Anthony Messenger Press	(VHS - 11 min)

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This video invite children to become more familiar with the working of the Holy Spirit as friend, helper and teacher of the message of Jesus.

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VIDEOS ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND BEATITUDES:

Beatitudes for Young People (3 Videos)	Gaynell Cronin & Jack Rathschmidt	St. Anthony Messenger	(VHS)
This is split up into 3 videos - Parent/Teacher Video, Part One & Part Two - Explores the ways we live the beatitudes in our everyday lives.			
Close Encounters with the Beatitudes		Videos with Values	(VHS - 13 min)
Entertaining new program gives intermediate students clear examples of how young people can help build God's Kingdom everyday.			
Close Encounters with the Commandments		Videos with Values	(VHS - 20 min)
witness to God's love.			
The Ten Commandments for Teens	Fr. Joe Kempf	Ligouri Publications	(VHS - 42 min)
good choices.			

VIDEOS ON PRAYER:

The Angel's Prayer Lesson	Gwen Costello	Twenty-Third Publications	(VHS - 12 min)
Enthusiastically teaches children (ages 7-11) about prayer and the many forms it can take.			
Bridge to Forgiveness: Bible Study for Youth	Jerry Holsoppie	Mennonite Media Productions	(DVD - 13 min)
Dig in and see what forgiveness can mean in your life.			
Brother Francis Let's Pray A Lesson on Prayer		Herald Kids	DVD 25 min
Will help children establish a personal relationship with God.			
Brother Francis The Rosary A Special Way to Pray		Herald Kids	DVD 25 min
A captivating way to help children use their hearts and minds in prayer.			
The Power of Prayer: 5 True Stories of How God Answered Prayers		Discovery Media Productions	(DVD - 60 min)
Five moving stories of men and women who have turned to God for guidance and help.			
Prayers for Little Children		CCC of America	(VHS - 30 min)
Through traditional and original prayers, stories and songs, your little ones will learn the joy of daily prayer.			
Reflections for the Spiritual Explorer		Videos with Values	(DVD - 28 min)
Three separate meditations for any number of creative applications; centering prayer, discussion starters and seasonal reflections.			
The Rosary for Little Children		CCC of America	(VHS - 30 min)
Children will learn the mysteries of Christ's life, and they'll learn how to pray for their families, the church and children with special needs using the rosary.			

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We Pray with Mary: The Cloak of Many Colors

Gaynell Cronin

St. Anthony Messenger

(VHS - 18 min)

This video uses the delightful image of Mary's cloak of many colors to teach children how to pray with Mary.

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VIDEOS ON SAINTS:

<p>Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes An exciting true story of a visit by the Queen of Heaven that left all the world a source of health for body and soul.</p>	CCC Of America	(VHS - 30 min)
<p>The Day The Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima (2 copies) An inspiring true story of Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, whose great courage brought the message of Our Lady of Fatima to all the world.</p>	CCC Of America	(VHS - 30 min)
<p>Francis: The Knight of Assisi (2 copies) A remarkable true story of the founder of the Order of Minor Friars and inspiration of three Franciscan orders.</p>	CCC of America	(VHS - 30 min)
<p>Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe The true story of how the Blessed Mother chose a hero for a key role in a beautiful miracle that would unite diverse peoples and change the course of history.</p>	CCC Of America	(VHS - 33 min)
<p>The Little Drummer Boy Christmas tale of young orphaned drummer boy and his pet lamb, kidnapped and escaped, finds his camel with baby Jesus and plays him the only gift he has, a song on his drum.</p>		
<p>"Love's Bravest Choice" The story of St. Maria Goretti</p>	Media Pro	(VHS)
<p>Mother Theresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus Presents the life and work of Mother Theresa with words and pictures even the youngest child will enjoy.</p>	Morning Light Media	(VHS - 35 min)
<p>Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa (2 copies) Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all time.</p>	CCC Of America	(VHS - 30 min)
<p>Patrick A portrayal of the life of the real St. Patrick.</p>	Faith & Values Media	(VHS - 53 min)
<p>Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle (3 copies) illuminated forever.</p>	CCC of America	(VHS - 30 min)
<p>Reluctant Saint: Francis of Assisi A mystic on the edge of madness...the astonishing life of the world's favorite saint.</p>	Faith and Values	(VHS - 60 min)
<p>Saints' Gallery of Heavens Heroes A wonderful, mystical place where portraits of some of history's greatest men and women bring their stories and heroism to life as never before.</p>	Videos with Values	(VHS - 33 min)
<p>Saints' Gallery of Heavens Heroes: Vol. II: Founders A video about the founders of religious orders: St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Angela Merici, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Benedict, St. Eugene de Mazenod.</p>	Videos with Values	(VHS - 47 min)
<p>Saints' Gallery of Heavens Heroes: Vol. III: Saints for All Seasons</p>	Videos with Values	(VHS - 42 min)

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This video includes stories about the following Saints: Mary, Queen of Saints, St. Valentine, St. Nicholas, St. Patrick, St. Mary Magdalene.

Saints' Gallery of Heavens Heroes: Vol. IV: Early Church Leaders	Videos with Values	(VHS - 45 min)
This video includes stories about the following Saints: St. Peter, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Paul, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena.		
The Story of Joseph (Precious Moments)	Golden Books	(VHS - 30 min)
The heartwarming story of Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors is beautifully retold in this storybook video for children.		
We Learn from Mary: The Cloak of Many Colors	Gaynell Cronin St. Anthony's Messenger Press	(VHS - 18 min)
This is a video that brings alive the life and meaning of Mary for younger students.		

VIDEOS ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR:

3 Days	Envoy Productions	(VHS - 28 min)
From the first Good Friday to the first Easter, Jesus' disciples lived in tortured confusion. A dramatic representation of events that might have transpired among the disciples during a time that tested their faith to the utmost. It echoes the human struggles and "resurrections" of daily Christian life. For ages 13 and above.		
Advent with Saint Nicholas: Customs From Around the World	Alison Berger Twenty-Third Publications	(VHS - 12 min)
With the help of Saint Nicholas a little girl learns more about the meaning and background of customs her family and other families practice during Advent.		
The Angel's Advent Lesson	Gwen Costello Twenty- Third Publications	(VHS - 11 min)
Watch this video and learn more about the season of Advent – and share its message with the children in your class. Grades 2 – 8		
The Angel's Church Year Lesson	Gwen Costello Twenty-Third Publications	(VHS - 11 min)
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The Angel's Lenten Lesson	Gwen Costello Twenty- Third Publications	(VHS - 14 min)
This video is perfect for children in grades 3-8 – those with little background and those who just need their memory jogged.		
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Regency Home Video	(VHS - 60 min)
Beware the Herdmans! They're the nastiest, dirtiest kids you could ever meet...and they've just decided they belong in this year's pageant. But the town thinks they belong in the care of the local police. When the curtain finally goes up, a miracle begins - and it all turns into ..The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!		
Brother Francis O Holy Night The King is Born What Christmas is About	Herald Kids	DVD 25min
A wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Chirstmas season.		
Brother Francis The Saints Our Heavenly Friends	Herald Kids	DVD 25min
A wonderful way to help children better understand who the saints are and why they are so very important.		

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<p>Celebrating the Season: Advent The custom of the Advent wreath is the focus of this video.</p>	<p>St. Anthony's Messenger Press</p>	<p>(VHS - 12 min)</p>
<p>A Christmas Wish This video stresses the importance of Advent as a season of anticipation and preparation. A wonderful way to open discussion about the meaning of Advent. For ages 5 - 9.</p>	<p>Rev. Chris Emerson Twenty-Third Publications</p>	<p>(VHS - 9 min)</p>
<p>The Donkey's Tale: A Story About the Life of Jesus Our narrator Moshe the donkey leads children through the events surrounding Jesus' life in this charming story. Elementary Grade Children</p>	<p>Rev. William Wiebler Twenty-Third Publications</p>	<p>(VHS - 13 Min)</p>
<p>The First Christmas Two inquisitive children stumble upon an ancient book and open a fascinating gateway to adventure. Animated.</p>	<p>Tyndale Family Video</p>	<p>(VHS 22min.)</p>
<p>The First Valentine In this adventure of imagination, young Tess, a shy girl of 13, discovers a new meaning for love on Valentine's Day. A fresh and inspiring story of the origin of Valentine's Day.</p>	<p>Family Films</p>	<p>(VHS - 25 Min)</p>
<p>The Gospel Alive: The Forgiving Father This familiar Scripture story from the Gospel of Luke helps the children learn about God's great compassion and forgiveness.</p>	<p>Silver Burdett Ginn Religion</p>	<p>(VHS - 15 Min)</p>
<p>The Gospel Alive: Jesus Faces Temptation This familiar story from the Gospel of Matthew helps children recognize and overcome temptation.</p>	<p>Silver Burdett Ginn Religion</p>	<p>(VHS - 15 Min)</p>
<p>The Gospel Alive: The Man Who Could Not See This familiar story from the Gospel of John helps the children to accept people for who they are.</p>	<p>Silver Burdett Ginn Religion</p>	<p>(VHS - 15 Min)</p>
<p>The Gospel Alive: The Mustard Seed This familiar story from the Gospel of Mark helps the children see the importance of kind actions for building the Christian community.</p>	<p>Silver Burdett Ginn Religion</p>	<p>(VHS - 15 Min)</p>
<p>How Can I Celebrate Advent? A young Christian's guide to the Advent season.</p>	<p>Creative Communications</p>	<p>(VHS - 27 min)</p>
<p>How Can I Celebrate Halloween? A young Christian's guide for the secular holiday of Halloween.</p>	<p>Creative Communications</p>	<p>(VHS - 23 min)</p>
<p>Jacob's Gift From the book by Max Lucado - This is a timeless Christmas story with a message for us all.</p>	<p>Mainstreet Entertainment</p>	<p>(VHS - 30 min)</p>
<p>Little Shepherd</p>	<p>Gateway Films</p>	<p>(VHS - 25 min)</p>

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A timeless story of Christmas with a twist.

Martin and the Heavenly Tree: The Message of the Christmas Tree

Children of all ages will love this tale of the origin of the Christmas tree.

Creative Communications

(VHS - 23 min)

The Proud Tree

This is a great story to be used during Lent and Holy Week to emphasize God's promise of Easter and new life.

Ligouri

(VHS - 25 min)

Stations of the Cross for Children

Gwen Costello

Twenty-Third Publications

(VHS - 15 min)

The primary goal of this video is to help children, ages 7-12, view the stations of the cross as an opportunity to follow Jesus more closely.

The Story of Creation

A delightful story from the Beginners Bible series about the story of Creation.

Sony Wonder

(VHS - 30 min)

The Story of Easter (3 copies)

A delightful story from the Beginners Bible series about the story of Easter.

Sony Wonder

(VHS - 30 min)

The Story of Jesus & His Miracles

Beginners Bible series feature of Christ Jesus and his miracles.

(VHS - 30 min)

The Story of Moses

Witness the life story of Moses from his survival in a basket in the Nile, to his journey through the wilderness to bring the Israelites to the Promised Land.

(VHS - 30 min)

The Story of the Nativity

Beginners Bible series feature of the nativity of the Lord Jesus.

(VHS - 30 min)

The Story of the Nativity

Relive the miraculous events surrounding the very first Christmas.

Sony Wonder

(VHS - 30 min)

"Were You There?": The Living Way of the Cross

This program will enable you to share the special meaning of the Stations of the Cross as never seen before.

Videos with Values

(VHS - 22 min)

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VIDEOS - VEGGIE TALES:

Are You My Neighbor? This episode teaches kids a Biblical perspective on loving others.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 30 min)
Dave and the Giant Pickle (2 copies) This hilarious retelling of the Biblical story of David and Goliath teaches kids that "with God all things are possible".	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 30 min)
An Easter Carol Inspired by Dickens's Christmas classic, this very special Veggie Tales film explains why millions of Christians around the world celebrate Easter past, present and future.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 49 min)
Esther - The Girl Who Became Queen This episode teaches kids that you never need to be afraid to do what's right!	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 36 min)
Heroes of the Bible 3 Classic Veggie Tales Bible Stories.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 75 min)
Josh and the Big Wall (2 copies) Kids of all ages will learn a lesson about obedience in this hilarious retelling of the classic Bible story.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 30 min)
King George and the Ducky A lesson about selfishness.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 40 min)
Larry Boy and the Fib from Outer Space This episode teaches kids that a lie can trap you, but the truth will set you free.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 30 min)
Madame Blueberry (two copies) Let your kids spend a little time with Madame Blueberry and the rest of the veggies and they'll learn that "being greedy makes you grumpy- but a thankful heart is a happy heart.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 30 min)
Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Samson's Hairbrush In this hair-raising, trans-global adventure, the story tellers take from Moose Lake to Malta, in an exciting Veggie tales episode that reminds us that God wants us to be courageous when facing bullies.	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 43 min)
The Star of Christmas (3 copies) Find out in this hilarious, action-packed adventure which teaches that it's the true story of God's love that shows us how to love one another - at Christmas time and throughout the year!	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 45 min)
The Toy that Saved Christmas (2 copies) This episode teaches children of all ages that "Christmas isn't about getting, it's about giving. And it's especially about a little boy named Jesus, who was the greatest gift of all!"	Big Idea Productions	(VHS - 30 min)

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A Very Silly Sing-Along Big Idea Productions (VHS - 30 min)
Sing yourself silly with Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber and all their veggie buddies with this hilarious sing-along.

Where's God When I'm S-Scared? Big Idea Productions (VHS - 30 min)
This video contains two hilarious, fully computer-animated stories that teach kids a Biblical perspective on handling everyday fears.

Poverty/Social Service Videos/DVD's

The Faces of Poverty Foundation (DVD-44min)
Weaves a number of heartbreaking stories into a compelling portrait of poverty in America.

We are Called: Catholic Social Teaching for Today Archdiocese of St Paul (DVD-22min)
Moves viewers to a greater understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and invites them to make the principles a part of the response to Gods call.

When Did I See You Hungry? The San Damiano Foundation (DVD-37 min)
Award-winning author Gerard Thomas Straub is a photographic meditation on the plight of the poor and our responsibility to help.

ADDITIONAL VIDEOS :

Adventures in Odyssey: Shadow of a Doubt Focus on the Family Films (VHS - 30 min)
Adventures in Odyssey Series

Catholic Basics for Kids St. Anthony Messenger Press (DVD - 52 min)
A collection of four programs: What is the Bible?, What is a Sacrament?, What is the Church?, A Tour of Our Parish Church (ages 2-8).

Close Encounters of the God Kind Jesse Duplantis Ministries (DVD - 94 min)
In this extremely personal testimony, Dr. Jesse Duplantis shares an amazing, life-changing event that occurred on the unforgettable afternoon when he was supernaturally taken to Heaven.

Daniel & the Lions Tyndale Family Video (VHS - 19 min)
Daniel, a man of great faith and godly convictions, finds favor with two of Babylon's kings, but then finds himself in deep trouble when he refuses to stop praying to God in accordance with Babylon's new law. See how God preserves him in the midst of certain death.

Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story (2 copies) Paulist Press (VHS & DVD - 112 min)
The story of Dorothy Day and the help she gave to others during the Depression.

The Gift of Hope: The Tony Melendez Story Star Bright Media Group (DVD - 45 min)

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Tony's inspiring story will challenge viewers to embrace life and give hope to those in need.

The Giving Tree (2 copies)

SVE & Churchill Media

(DVD & VHS - 10 min)

This story about the relationship between a boy and a tree illustrates some truths about the meaning of giving, receiving, and love.

In His Service: Love One Another

Candelight Media Group

(DVD - 35 min)

Three original films about serving Christ.

Jesus Grows Up

Videos with Values

(VHS - 17 min)

This enchanting video uses Scripture, history, and imagination to create a portrait of what life might have been like for Jesus as he was growing up in the Holy Land of ancient times.

Jesus: What He Said, What He Did

Videos with Values

(VHS - 22 min)

Following the Bible you'll see Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the parables of *The Prodigal Son* and *The Good Samaritan*, you'll see Jesus perform miracles, the Crucifixion and the glorious Resurrection.

Jonah & the Big Fish (2 copies)

Tyndale Family Video

(VHS - 20 min)

The story of a man named Jonah, who learns to obey God from the belly of a great fish and finally takes a trip to Ninevah with a message from God.

Journey of Light: The Search for God in the Holy Land

Salt Light Television Productions

(DVD - 47 min)

This documentary captures the profound and moving faith experience that awaits any pilgrim in the Holy Land.

The King is Born: The Animated Stories from the New Testament

Family Entertainment Network

(VHS - 25 min)

A video classic about the birth of Jesus based on the Bible.

The Legend of the Three Trees

Mainstreet Entertainment Inc.

(VHS - 30 min)

This is a timeless retelling of the classic folktale of three distinct trees, each with its own hopes, dreams and aspirations.

Mr. Holland's Opus

Buena Vista Home Entertainment

(DVD - 143 Min)

Acclaimed star Richard Dreyfuss portrays a passionate musician who dreams of composing one truly memorable piece of music. But reality intrudes when he reluctantly accepts a "day job" as a high school music teacher to support his family. In time, he realizes that his *real* passion is teaching and his legacy is the generations of young people he inspires.

My Secret Friend: A Guardian Angel Story (2 copies)

CCC of America

(VHS - 30 min)

This animated family story offers an unforgettable lesson about heaven's special gift to each of us: Our very own angel.

Parables of Jesus

International Media Ministries

(DVD - 58 min)

Resource Materials Available for Checkout from the Religious Formation Office

Seven short dramas portraying the parables through the lens of Bible times.

Radio

Columbia Pictures

(VHS - 109 min)

For anyone who ever had a dream and everyone with the courage to stand up for what they believe, comes the real life story of Robert "Radio" Kennedy.

The Ride (Rated PG)

WWP Home Video

(VHS - 98 min)

SMOKEY BARKS, a former world champion bull rider, has spent the past few years messing up his life with drinking and gambling. Now he's been assigned community service for stealing a truck. Since his only other option is jail, Smokey reluctantly agrees to the terms: stay out of trouble and teach a 14 year old boy how to ride a bull. He has no idea how drastically the people at the ranch are about to change his life.

Seeds, Dirt, Fruit (In English and Spanish)

Mediascope Productions

(DVD - 84 min)

Jesus told simple stories so everyone who heard them would understand the message. In three segments, host Jim Bergwall takes the seeds of these stories, digs into them and illustrates with hands-on teaching how "good fruit doesn't just happen."

Stephen's Test of Faith

Vision Video

(VHS - 22 min)

12 year old Stephen is mocked and ridiculed for his faith. But that test leads to a new understanding and inner strength that changes his life.

The Story of Noah's Ark (2 copies)

Sony Wonder

(VHS-30 min)

Meet the faithful Noah and his family as they learn of the great flood about to fall upon the earth.

A Tour of Our Parish Church

Jack Rathschmidt

St. Anthony Messenger Press

(VHS - 12 min)

This video invites young people to tour a parish Catholic church with older students as they learn the names and discover the meaning of the objects of our Catholic faith that help us remember and celebrate God's presence.