

TOOLS TO COACH PARENTS



Gather Us In - Tools for Forming Families

Icebreakers, Social & Service Activities, 152 PAGES! Events, Rituals & Prayer

Kathleen O'Connell Chesto

Bring families of all ages and backgrounds together through play, learning, and prayer! If you're looking to strengthen your parish community—to encourage families to work and play together while sharing and living out their faith—the tools in this resource will make it easy. This extensive toolkit offers a wealth of fun and thought-provoking suggestions for jump-starting the process, drawn from Kathleen O'Connell Chesto's decades of experience leading whole family catechesis. • 81/2"x11"

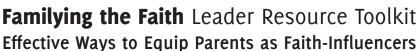
> DOWNLOAD: \$24 • GUC501 PAPERBACK + DOWNLOAD: \$29.70 • GUC502

■ DOWNLOADABLE 😭 REPRODUCIBLE 🗠 SHARABLE 🗳 AFFORDABLE





Why Coach Parents? Downloadable Resource Kit • A versatile kit for getting started with a whole family approach. • WHAR118



Parental influence is the key to influencing a deepening faith in young people. Because experience and three decades of targeted research support this belief, it naturally follows that the focal point for transformational ministry is in the home, not in church-based programs.

This transformational resource created by our friends at Vibrant Faith gives you the pieces to plant and nurture a home-centered, church-supported focus in your parish.

- Familying the Faith Video Course \$80/PARISH VF102
 - "Religious Parenting" Masterclass with Dr. Christian Smith (Univ. of Notre Dame)
 - "Faith Formation at Home" Training with Laura Kelly Fanucci (2 sessions)
- Familying the Faith eBook \$10/PARISH VF101
 - by Dr. Nancy Going and Rick Lawrence, with Denise Utter
- Familying the Faith Bundle (both above tools) \$85/PARISH VF100











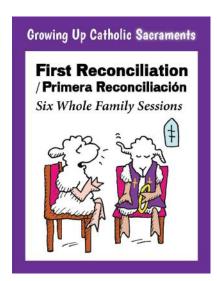
First Communion & Reconciliation

Whole Family Sacramental Preparation

Coach parents to share the gift of the sacraments with their children!

Our engaging approach incorporates music, short videos, prayer, Bible stories, cartoons, conversation, and creative activities. Evangelize families by meeting them where they are at and helping them grow closer to Jesus and the Church.

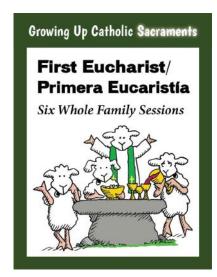
For use at the parish, in your school, or at home.



Growing Up Catholic Reconciliation

Prepare children for Confession and help families learn how to live holier, more joyful lives.

Families will discover that we were created to love others, how to make better decisions, and why the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help.



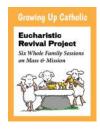
Growing Up Catholic Eucharist

Embrace Eucharistic Revival by connecting Mass and Eucharist to missionary discipleship.

Families will learn about the Eucharist and each part of the Mass through the lens of the dismissal, as recommended by Pope Benedict XVI.



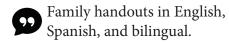
Plus: Revival editions to renew appreciation of these sacraments with children/families who have already received them. Use them with siblings of those preparing or with your whole community.

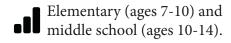


Found to be in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church by the



Editions

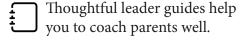




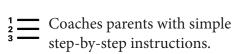
Full-color printed booklets or licenses to print yourself.

Features

Engaging color booklets that won't intimidate parents.

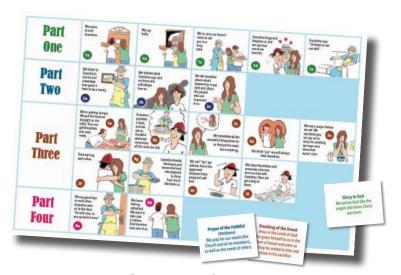


Prompts meaningful faithbased conversations.



Helps parents practice sharing faith in the moment.

Form good faith habits through at-home goals.





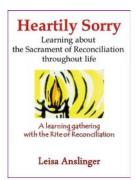
A Visit with Grandma / Una visita con Abuela Family Activity Sheets for Understanding the Mass

by Patricia & Joseph Giunta

Help parents teach their children about the Mass! Use in a parish-hosted whole family event or send it home.

- The storyboard tells the story of two children who visit their Grandma's house to attend a family dinner. Each panel/picture represents one event in the story.
- Each game card describes a part of the Mass corresponding to an event in the story. Families work together to match them up.
- Through the activity, families will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Mass, which has a similar flow as this meal.
- Watch a demonstration video and preview the full resource on our store website!

Bulk priced from \$1.29-\$1.09 • 11"x17" • 4 pages printed on cardstock • English, Spanish, and bilingual editions • PG100



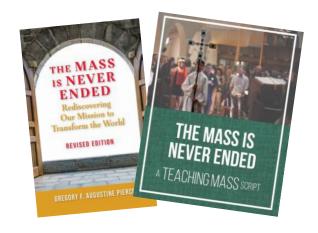
Heartily Sorry

A Learning Gathering with the Rite of Reconciliation

This leader kit will help you prepare and implement a parish catechetical gathering with older children (grades 4 and up), teens, and adults to precede a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance by a few moments or a few weeks. We have included a handout for home use as well as intercessions and an examination of conscience for use in the communal celebration.

\$12/PARISH • 81/2"x11" • LAWS140

IF WE GET THE DISMISSAL RITE RIGHT, WE GET IT ALL RIGHT!

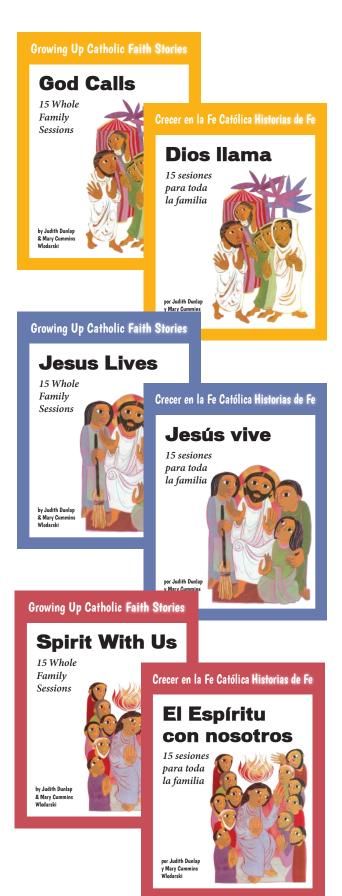


These resources take Pope Benedict XVI's suggestion to "take the dismissal as a starting point" in understanding the Mass. This approach is a perfect way to connect the Eucharist to missionary discipleship (in the spirit of the national Eucharistic Revival). In addition to our *Growing Up Catholic Eucharist* curriculum, we are offering these insights across three complimentary formats:

The Mass Is Never Ended: Rediscovering Our Mission to Transform the World • PAPERBACK FROM \$11.50 (BULK-PRICED AS LOW AS \$4) • 120 PAGES • AP7234

The Mass Is Never Ended: Teaching Mass Script • DOWNLOADABLE • \$18/PARISH • 8½"x11" • PC501

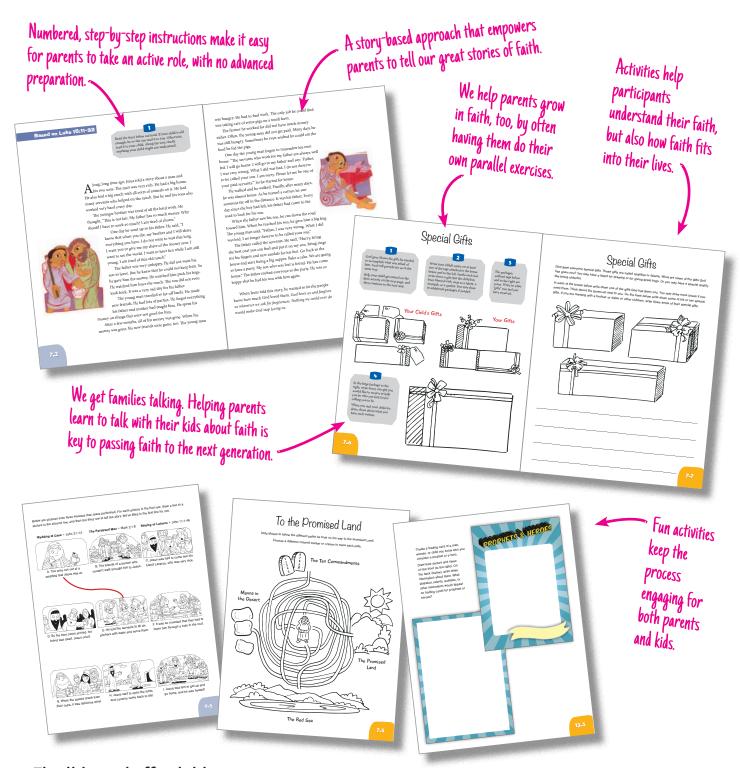
Whole Family Curriculum



GROWING UP CATHOLIC

Faith Stories Historias de Fe

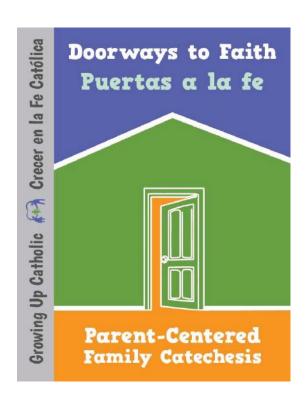
- A flexible whole family curriculum with up to three years
 of sessions to help parents share our great stories of faith
 with their children. An excellent tool for:
 - **Catch-up catechesis** for families who have been away from faith formation or the parish in general.
 - Extended preparation and/or mystagogy for First Communion and Reconciliation (in addition to our immediate preparation resources).
 - Children's catechumenate, with special support.
- Works well as parish-hosted and/or at-home sessions.
 Designed especially for six parish-hosted and nine home sessions per theme.
- Designed specifically for parent-child interactions.
- Two age levels: under 10 and ages 11-14.
- Available in English, Spanish-only, and bilingual (Spanish parent/English child).
- Organized into three themes, each focused on a different set of stories, with 15 sessions per theme. Each theme can be used independently from the others.
 - God Calls introduces God the Father and stories from the Old Testament.
 - *Jesus Lives* presents the Gospel story—the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - *Spirit with Us* illustrates the work of the Spirit with stories from the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles, and the lives of saints and modern believers.
- Focused on the core of our Catholic faith: the kerygma and stories of salvation history.
- Includes four additional family retreat sessions.
- Has censor librorum and imprimatur.



Flexible and affordable

- Either purchase printed color booklets (\$12/child/year) OR download and print/email (\$6/child/year).
- Downloadable **leader documents** (\$12/parish) include leader guide, family booklets (for leader use), facilitator guides (for six of the sessions per year), four optional family retreats, and more.

Whole Family Curriculum



Doorways to Faith / Puertas a la fe

Activity-Based Parent-Centered Family Catechesis

A flexible, annual curriculum built around short learning center style activities. Each session covers a broad category of faith, such as Scripture, prayer, service, or the liturgical year. Offer up to 11 sessions per year.

- Includes creative activities drawn from the Growing Up Catholic catechetical library and provided in English and Spanish.
- Simple event format, with opening prayer and introductory talking points, self-guided family event time, and closing ritual/prayer.
- Editable passport pages list name, description, location, and age level for each activity.
- Individual activities support a range of ages, with options from ages 5-14.
- Annual, per-child pricing. Simply pay \$3 per child using the program each year (minimum 3). There is no additional cost for leader components. You print your own handouts.

Learn more at GrowingUpCatholic.com



Loving Relationships & Safe Environment

A Program Your Catechists and Families Will Love!

This once-a-year program gives parents and guardians the tools they need to help their children to understand and navigate the ever-changing world of relationships. It empowers families to talk about relationships, sex, and sexual abuse in an easy-to-implement, ongoing educational program that addresses critical life issues.

& Conversaciones cerca L.I.F.E.

- **Fulfills church mandates** for safe environment and chastity education.
- **Puts parents at the center** and encourages relevant parent-child discussions.
- Leaders and families love it! It takes a healthy, integrated approach, covering positive and negative relationships in the context of Church teaching in a way that will not turn off skeptical families.
- One annual parent-child session per grade level from preschool through high school. Group up to three age levels each year if desired.
- Available in English and Spanish.
- Very affordable: \$1 per child lifetime parish license.



Learn more at http://GetFamiliesTalking.org

Seasonal Whole Family Sessions



WHOLE FAMILY EXPERIENCES ARTISANAL

SEVEN SEASONAL SESSIONS **IN ENGLISH & SPANISH**

Everything you need to host a meaningful, beautiful, faith-based family gathering!

- Includes leader instructions, talking points, activities, prayers, supply lists, reproducibles, editable invitation flyers, a newsletter announcement, art, decor, and more!
- Beautifully written and designed, with today's family in mind.
- The interactive, hands-on activities are experiential, with teachings that connect faith to families' everyday lives.
- Provides intentional family time and sharing.
- Only \$40/title/language (50% off Spanish when purchased together).

Written by our friends at the Faith & Family Collective

Learn more at https://pastoral.center/gather



Seasonal Family Catechesis Tools



■ DOWNLOADABLE REPRODUCIBLE SHARABLE FAFFORDABLE

Advent/Lenten TalkCards

Beautifully designed, reproducible images with discussion prompts

These tools will help you lead your parish into meaningful conversation. Great for family sessions, small groups, or other gatherings. Print and distribute, project on a screen, or share by email/social media.

\$11/PARISH • VF201 / VF202 • by our friends at Vibrant Faith

Journey through AdventSmall Group Reflections on the Sunday Readings

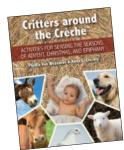
Easy-to-use guides for praying with and discussing the readings through Advent. The reflections bring Scripture alive, helping participants connect them to their daily lives. Great for parent sessions.

\$15/PARISH/LANGUAGE • PC325 / PC325s • by Ann Naffziger



Sensing the Seasons with Animals

These tools weave together crèche animals, the five senses, and Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.



Critters around the Crèche

An interactive week-by-week experience for Advent through Epiphany with prayer, Scripture, music, ritual, visuals, crafts, snacks, and much more! • 120 PAGES

DOWNLOAD: \$14/PARISH • PW115
PAPERBACK + DOWNLOAD: \$18.50 • PW1115



The Menagerie at the Manger Christmas Pageant

Make the Christmas story come alive! This unique, easy-to-implement pageant that everyone will love. • 66 PAGES

DOWNLOAD: \$12/PARISH • PW114



Jesse Tree Whole Family Gathering

Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP

Teach families about Jesus' family tree through stories and symbols that they can bring home and pray with.

\$15 • 27 PAGES • JS102



Children of the Light

Family Advent Wreath-Making Event

Host a festive, fragrant, intergenerational event!

\$6 • 26 PAGES • LR103



No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

\$7 • 14 PAGES LR105

OMG! Advent Pageant Script

\$7 • 14 PAGES • LR101



Journey through Lent

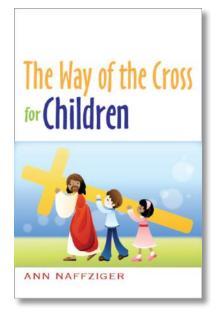
Small Group Sessions with the Sunday Readings

by Ann Naffziger

The Sunday readings come alive in this resource, helping participants integrate them into their daily lives. These guides for each of the six Sundays of Lent include prayers, reflections on the Old Testament and Gospel readings, and discussion questions. Down-to-earth with relevant, daily life connections. Great for parent sessions.

English: \$16 • 2026 (A) • PC426 Spanish: \$16 • 2026 (A) • PC426S

The Way of the Cross for Teens ANN NAFFZIGER

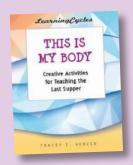


Lead a call-and-response **Stations of the Cross** event with teens or children. • 32 PAGE BOOKLETS • Children: PC309 • Teens: PC310

AND MANY MORE Lenten tools: see http://pastoral.center/lent

1000+ COPIES...79¢ 600-999 COPIES...89¢ 300-599 COPIES...99¢ 100-299 COPIES...\$1.49 1-99 COPIES...\$1.95

Lent for Families & Children



LearningCycles • This Is My Body: The Last Supper & Eucharist • Flexible, adaptable, creative ideas for teaching through art, music, kitchen activities, stories, etc. • \$9/PARISH • LR112

Lenten Plans for Busy Families Whole Family Catechesis ● Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP ● Help your families slow down and make Lenten commitments together. Four activities make it fun, informative, and engaging. Self-directed by parents or hosted.

■ \$18/PARISH ■ 18 PAGES ENGLISH: JS104



Know Chocolate for Lent for Kids & Families

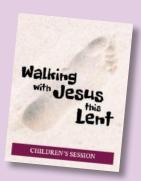
• Phyllis Wezeman • Uses the growing and manufacturing of chocolate as a metaphor for our faith during Lent. • \$18 • 80 PAGES • LR119



God's Family Tree: Catechesis for Lent & Holy Week ●

Tells the story of God's people through the symbols of trees found in Scripture. Includes optional Easter pageant. • \$18 • 114 PAGES • LR116

Walking with Jesus This Lent ● An interactive, thematic approach. Intergenerational Event: \$18/PARISH ■ CMD102 Children's Event: \$12/ PARISH ■ CMD103 Bundle of 4 Parish Events: \$39/PARISH ■ CMD100



Preview & learn more at https://pastoral.center/lent-families

Short Catechetical Activities



Learning Center Activities

Short, versatile catechetical activities make planning whole family events or classes easy. All are available as reproducible downloads, with some also available in paperback.

Our newest **Growing Up Catholic Faith Activities** titles include editable parent instruction pages for each of the creative activities.

	Pagge	Activities	Download	Paperback + Download	Parent
Faith Activities on What Makes Us Catholic	138	33	✓ \$24 (GUC856)		IIIstructions
Faith Activities on Prayer BUY	100	33	✓ \$24 (GUC851)		
Faith Activities on Convice	112	33	✓ \$24 (GUC852)		V
Faith Activities on the Bible : (GUC857)	100	30	✓ \$24 (GUC853)		V
Faith Activities on Saints	180	72	✓ \$24 (GUC854)		V
Sensing the Seasons: Learning Centers for the Church Year	120	40	✓ \$14 (PW113)	✓ \$18.50 (PW1113)	
Seeing Jesus: Social Justice Activities for Today on Matthew 25	220	60	✓ \$24 (PW112)	✓ \$33 (PW1112)	
Fall Learning Centers: Mary, Saints/Beatitudes, Thanksgiving	77	21	✓ \$24 (JE100)		V
Centros de Aprendizaje de Otoño	77	21	✓ \$24 (JE100S)		V
Critters around the Crèche: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany	120	34	✓ \$14 (PW115)	✓ \$18.50 (PW1115)	
Praying by Number 1: Creative Prayer Lessons & Activities	72	20	✓ \$10 (PW110)	✓ \$14 (PW1110)	
Praying by Number 2: Creative Prayer Lessons & Activities	72	20	✓ \$10 (PW111)	✓ \$14 (PW1111)	
Experience the Saints 1 : Sts. Patrick, James the Greater, Hildegard	d 200	24	✓ \$24 (PW201)		V
Experience the Saints 2 : Sts. Francis, Clare, Margaret of Scotland	200	24	✓ \$24 (PW202)		V
Experience the Saints 3 : Sts. Joan of Arc, Thomas Becket, Agnes	200	24	✓ \$24 (PW203)		V
Experience the Saints 4 : Sts. Peter, Catherine Sienna, Scholastica	200	24	✓ \$24 (PW204)		V
52 Interactive Bible Stories	74	52	✓ \$10 (PW100)	✓ \$13 (PW1100)	

Youth Ministry & Confirmation





Here is the perfect series for offering interactive sessions with tweens and teens (and, ideally, their parents). Help families apply the Bible to real life and discuss their faith. This all-in-one curriculum guides youth, parents, and catechist coaches on a journey for meaning and identity. *In Real Life* encourages youth to ask the hard questions, and helps them encounter Scripture in search of answers.

- Sold with a lifetime parish license
- · Whole family compatible

INDIVIDUAL TOPICS

Downloadable eResource: \$17 Paperback + Download: \$21.50

ALL 15 TOPICS

Downloadable eResource (IRL100) \$255 Only \$200

Paperback + downloads (IRL200) \$360 Only \$280

- Clueless And Called:
 Discipleship and the Gospel of Mark
- Do Miracles Happen?
 Signs and Wonders in the Gospel of John
- Do The Right Thing: Ethics Shaped by Faith
- Fight Right:
 A Christian Approach to Conflict Resolution
- God is a Warrior? Violence in the Bible
- How Do You Know? Wisdom in the Bible
- How To Be A True Friend:
 The Bible Reveals Friendship's Heart
- How to Read the Bible:
 Building Skills for Bible Study
- Keeping the Garden:
 A Faith Response to God's Creation
- Mantras, Menorahs, and Minarets: Encountering Other Faiths
- Salt, Light, and the Good Life: The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount
- A Speck In The Universe: The Bible on Self-Esteem and Peer Pressure
- The Radical Reign: Parables of Jesus
- Testing the Waters: Basic Tenets of Faith
- Who Is God? Engaging the Mystery



This subscription service includes many helpful tools for youth ministry and confirmation:

- ➤ Youth Sessions Dozens of interactive sessions for young people. Add parents for a whole family approach.
- ► Confirmation Helpful resources for family preparation, with a whole family session, home-based activities and prayers, and more.
- ► Intergenerational/Adult
 Sessions Over 100 sessions
 that work well as whole
 family events with youth.
- ► Send-home resources for the whole family.

Learn more on p.12 and at FashioningFaith.org



Excellent whole family sessions on loving relationships and sexuality, with age level sessions up to grade 12. See page 4.



Whole family sacramental preparation expected Fall 2026

■ DOWNLOADABLE

REPRODUCIBLE

SHARABLE

AFFORDABLE

Preview & learn more at http://pastoral.center/in-real-life

Family Experiences



A Parish Mission and Service Experience

Attract and engage families by giving them an opportunity to serve

Give your parish families the experience of service, justice, and discipleship through service immersion experiences in your local community. Not only will families grow in faith as they serve and learn together with other families from your parish, but your parish will also be recognized as an indispensable resource in your local community by meeting real needs. Lasting relationships will be formed among the families and between your parish and service agencies in your community.

- Ideal for use over weekends, breaks, or in summer months.
- For use with local service opportunities: no overnight lodging.
- Program includes orientation, daily opening & learning sessions, time for daily service, and closing liturgy.
- Reproducible event kits include everything you need to plan:
 - Talking points, instructions, and Powerpoints for sessions.
 - Instructions for crafts, games, ice breakers, and prayer.
 - Marketing guidance and promotional materials.
 - Service site guidelines, with helpful checklists and forms.
 - Reproducible participant journals.

Creation Care / Laudato Si':

Script and instructions for closing liturgy.



Two themes:

General Service: DOWNLOAD: \$59/PARISH • CMD105E

DOMAN OAD AFO/DADION CAADAO/F

DOWNLOAD: \$59/PARISH • CMD106E

DOWNLOAD + PHYSICAL KIT (BINDER): \$79 • CMD105P

DOWNLOAD + PHYSICAL KIT (BINDER): \$79 • CMD106P



Host Fun Parish-Wide Events!

These downloadable, reproducible seasonal event kits make it easy to plan fun, faith-filled community events. In them, you will find activities, crafts, games, food suggestions, Bible readings, litanies, mini-dramas, prayers, and take-home gifts to share.

- Fall: A Festival of Harvest
 \$34.99
 CC_PH2DD
- Trunk or Treat \$39.99 CC_TREVDD
- One Night in Bethlehem (Advent)
 \$39.99
 CC_ADEVDD
- Gather for Advent \$34.99 CC_PA5DD
- Easter Season: Alleluia to the Lord \$39.99 CC_PHEVDD
- Summer: Let the SON Shine \$39.99 CC_PHSEDD

Learn more at https://pastoral.center/seasonal-event-kits

Family Experiences







A Different Kind of VBS

While our themes can be used as drop-off children's events, we highly recommend hosting them as whole-family events.

Parishes who have done so say they would never go back to the child-only model!

- Affordable. Both our downloadable and physical kits are priced below other popular VBSs and allow you to reproduce almost all pieces at no extra cost.
- Simple and flexible. We make life easy for leaders by giving you everything you need without overwhelming complexity.
- Enthusiastically Catholic. Participating children will grow in their Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus.
- With catchy, meaningful music. Featuring dynamic Catholic musician Jesse Manibusan and others from Oregon Catholic Press, plus hand and body motions to get kids moving!
- **Focused on what matters.** Core discipleship themes drawn from our faith teach children how to follow Jesus.
- Earth-friendly. A VBS can be fun without plastic trinkets that will litter our common home.

Themes for Summer 2026

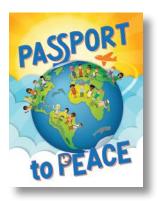


Grounded in God's love, children can use their unique gifts to make a difference wherever they go! • Break open Bible stories of people who experienced and brought change in the world around them. Includes STEAM (science, tech, engineering, art, and math) activities, active games, worship, drama, and more.



COME TO THE TABLE

A VBS for Eucharistic Revival • When you eat with Jesus, anything can happen! This theme invites children to see that God loves and welcomes all people and challenges them to share that same love and hospitality in their everyday lives. Children are welcomed to taste and share at God's table, where there is always enough!



PASSPORT TO PEACE

'Round the world or just down the street, make peace with everyone you meet! • The five Bible stories encourage children to listen to and learn from people who are different, care for people who are sick or suffering, creatively work to keep everyone safe, and refuse to respond to conflict with violence.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Learning to love like Jesus • Repond to the Great Commandment, the story of the Good Samaritan, and Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti. The experience will lead children deeply into Bible stories focused on God's care and compassion for neighbors close at hand and around the world. Lead them on a journey to discover more about God's great love.

Parent Sessions

Gather parents to support each other in community, conversation, and prayer by discussing topics that matter most to them-at the intersection of parenting and faith.



Growing Up Catholic Parent Conversations Small group resource * Six sessions per title

These sessions are about where the rubber meets the road: the challenges and joys of parenting today. Help parents enter into meaningful conversations about how their faith informs their parenting and way of life and to connect with other parents. In our experience, when you gather parents to discuss issues such as these, it's hard to get them to stop talking. They are self-directed, so no leader is required!

- Good Sports: Finding Balance (Ann Naffziger) • Explores the impact that competitive youth sports programs are having on families today, including some of the emotional, psychological, physical, and spiritual effects. It gently raises questions and invites parents to reevaluate what choices are healthy and balanced for their children, affirming that counter-cultural decisions can sometimes be in everyone's best interests. • GUC703
- Living the Good Life (Paul Canavese) • Presents Catholic morality in an accessible and understandable manner for even skeptical parents. It shows how to embrace a virtue ethics approach and use it to form children. It offers thought-provoking insights, sprinkled with examples from popular culture, psychology, Scripture, and Church tradition to show how the Good Life Jesus proposed is the most fulfilling way to live. GUC702
- Raising Kids Who Care (Kathleen Chesto) • Explores how families can become more balanced, empathetic, and loving. Weaving in familiar examples, recent wisdom from Pope Francis, and insights from our faith tradition, this series will kick off rich, lively discussions and give parents practical tools to bring home with them. • GUC701

- Taming Technology: Screen Time (Canavese/Naffziger) • The topic of technology and screen use is not only a health and social issue. It is also a spiritual issue, which is one reason Pope Francis has addressed it numerous times. These sessions will help families find the healthy balance that is right for them. Includes guidance on writing a family technology agreement. • PC190
- Parenting with Joy (Canavese/Naffziger) Based on insights drawn from Pope Francis' The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia). The authors draw from their own experience as parents and pastoral leaders, gently raising questions but remaining clear that parents need to discern how God is leading them to make decisions for their own family. • PC175
- Family Matters: Parenting Topics (Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP) • Sessions on common family and parenting issues from a faith perspective, including: "When Kids Ask Tough Questions," "The Child in the Pew," and "Stress Survival Manual." . JS106

FOR GRANDPARENTS

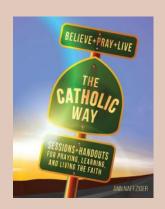
Grandparenting with Grace (Kathy Coffey) Addresses common challenges and concerns, such as when grandchildren and adult children are not practicing their faith, in a balanced and practical manner. KC201

EACH SERIES ONLY \$22 PER PARISH • 26+ PAGES EACH • 81/2"x11"

■ DOWNLOADABLE REPRODUCIBLE SHARABLE FAFFORDABLE

Parent Sessions

Gather parents and/or other adults to deepen their faith by focusing on particular topics from our faith tradition.



"Invaluable and priceless for every parish leader today!" —Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP

"A one-stop shop for any parish... truly useful for passing on the faith." —Fr. Dave Dwyer, BustedHalo.com

The Catholic Way

A Strong Tool for Parent Sessions

- Easy-to-lead, engaging sessions with talking points, handouts, and discussion questions.
- Includes 25 rich prayer experiences and 38 topical sessions. Correlate to the same topics children are learning, the liturgical season, or topics of interest to parents.
- Form parents so they can form their children. These sessions will catechize them through "head learning," but also deepen their faith through their heart.
- One lifetime license will serve your whole parish forever. Fully reproducible and sharable, a single license can be used in many ministries: parent groups, RCIA, adult formation, confirmation preparation, parish bulletins, etc.

\$149 LIFETIME PARISH LICENSE DOWNLOADABLE CW100
ADD ON AFTER LICENSE: +\$15 PAPERBACK (CW101) +\$25 HARDCOVER (CW103)

Preview & learn more at

http://pastoral.center/the-catholic-way



Practical Tools for Raising Faithful Kids

Six Parent Sessions

Bridge the gap between knowledge and practice in parents who want to influence their kids toward a deeper faith. Help parents learn the Daily Examen, centering prayer, and other prayer forms and practices, so they

can use them with their children. This resource includes leader guides, participant handouts, and PowerPoint slide decks. Designed for online or in-person events.

\$80 \$50/PARISH • VF210 • by Sarah Bentley Allred and the Vibrant Faith team

More Small Group Options

- ► The Catholic Way: Breaking Open the Word (Ann Naffziger) A Simple Yet Powerful Two-Page Per Week Process This annual resource offers a self-guided group process for reflecting on the Sunday lectionary readings. \$1/WEEK/PARISH
- Journey through Advent/Lent (Ann Naffziger)
 Annual small group reflections on the Sunday Readings
 A self-guided group process
 English & Spanish
 \$15/LANGUAGE/PARISH

Helping Our Family

Sessions on core Catechism topics.

- ► Whole Family Catechesis 11 interactive sessions for parents. WHWF100 / WHWF100S (Spanish) \$48/PARISH
- ► Parent Learning Centers 11 events with options based on the age of the parents' children. XXFG104 \$48/PARISH

Fashioning Faith

In this subscription service:

- ► Parenting Workshops 10 events to bring faith home in different ways.
- ► First Steps for Families Dozens of seasonal 15-minute mini-sessions with take-home activities. Start your longer events with them.
- ► Adult Sessions Dozens of engaging adult and intergenerational sessions.

Seasonal Events

- ► Less Hectic, More Holy: Advent Workshops for Staying Centered and Sane Four workshops. LR106 \$12/PARISH
- ► A Season of Gracious Gifts: Advent Retreat Kit (Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP) • JS103 • \$16/PARISH
- ► Radiate Christ: Lenten Retreat Kit (Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP) JS105 \$12/PARISH
- Words of Truth, Words of Life: A Retreat on Jesus' Seven Last Words • LR110 • \$12/PARISH

Bible Study

 Bible Study in Plain English/Spanish • 18 sessions
 WHSC125 / WHSC125-S • English & Spanish • \$22/ LANGUAGE/PARISH

Send-Home Family Tools

Week-by-Week Lectionary-based eResources

Make the readings come alive with these relevant, reproducible tools







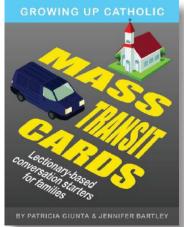
Growing Up Catholic **Mass Transit Cards**

Lectionary-based conversation starters for families

- Help families reflect on their way to/from Mass (cards stay in car).
- Flip side of cards has prompts to fill in short observations.
- Encourage use with weekly prize drawings...it works!

\$18 PER PARISH/LANGUAGE

English & Spanish





2026 - YEAR A

BRINGING

Judith Dunlap

Bringing Home the Gospel for **Busy Parents**

- One reproducible page per week, with thoughtful, relevant reflections on the Sunday readings and questions.
- Engaging perspective that speaks right to parents' experiences.
- Distribute at faith formation, Children's Liturgy of the Word, through your bulletin, or by email.

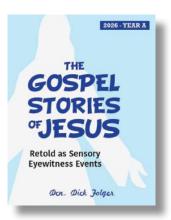
\$26 PER PARISH/LANGUAGE • English & Spanish

Gospel Stories of Jesus

Retold as Sensory **Eyewitness Events**

> \$10 PER PARISH/ LANGUAGE

> > **English & Spanish**



Questions of the Week

FREE reflection questions for children and adults.

English & Spanish



Paragraph-Length **Reflections for Bulletins** and Social Media

Creation Care Tips

Weekly Prompts to Care for Our Common Home

\$12 PER PARISH/LANGUAGE

English & Spanish

Weekly Justice Challenges

\$12 PER PARISH/LANGUAGE

English & Spanish



Send-Home Family Tools

Handouts for Busy Parents

Coach parents on how to talk to their kids about faith.

Send home these handouts, booklets, and books with parents to coach them further and help them bring faith into their homes. They are down-to-earth, brief, and user-friendly so parents will really read them.

- Liturgy on the Run 7 topics on seasons and the Mass BBWS372 \$32
- Sacraments on the Run 7 handouts BBWS450 \$28
- **Tidbits from the Table** 7 key doctrinal topics CCBB610 \$28
- Faith on the Run 11 parenting topics BBWS138 \$44
- Miracles on the Run 8 Gospel miracle stories BBWS426 \$32
- Parables on the Run 16 of Jesus' parables BBWS240 \$50
- Help Your Child Grow in Faith 7 parenting topics KCWS402 \$12
- Parental Love Is 12 handouts on the Joy of Love MC100 \$14
- Help My Child to Know the Saints 16 family booklets AN505 \$35

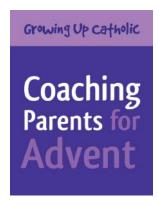




Celebrating Easter

FREE handout for busy parents.

English & Spanish



Coaching Parents for Advent

FREE guide with handouts for busy parents.

English & Spanish

Fashioning Faith

This subscription service includes a wide variety of send-home tools for families, some in Spanish. It includes:

- ► Celebrate Family A seasonal treasure trove of ideas and programs.
- ► FamilyFaith@Home Resources designed to help families engage in shared prayer, faith sharing, service, and reflection about justice together.
- ► Family Enrichment Activities A collection of 16 home activities to strengthen the family and the relationships within it.
- ► Generations of Faith A wealth of faith resources for families, including take-home tools, organized into thematic categories.
- ► Additional Home Activities Over 100 additional homebased activities.

Learn more on p.12 and at FashioningFaith.org

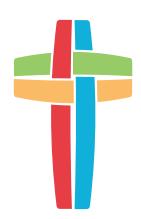








Family Catechesis Toolkit



Fashioning Faith

An Amazing Toolkit for Parish-Wide & Family Formation

A faith formation subscription website designed for parish catechetical leaders providing access to hundreds of programs, strategies, and resources for forming people of all ages. Gather your whole community of faith, connect families to children's faith formation, and build faith in families at home. All an unbelievable value at a low annual subscription fee.

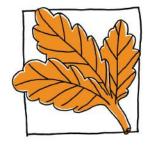
- Over 2,000 individual pastoral resources, organized by faith topic and calendar, including:
 - Sessions designed for children, youth, adults, parents, families, or intergenerational groups, including popular "Faith Festivals."
 - FamilyFaith@Home send-home activities.
 - "Celebrate Family," a seasonal treasure trove of ideas and programs.
 - "First Steps for Families," dozens of 15 minute mini-sessions designed to fit into your regular catechetical program.
 - Creative faith ideas, such as thematic film recommendations with reflection questions.
 - Leader articles and background information.





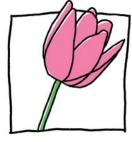












- The resources are grouped seasonally and thematically, so that your whole community can focus on a particular topic in dynamic, age-appropriate ways.
 - Grouped by four calendar seasons, as well as liturgical seasons.
 - Dozens of faith themes, organized into seven categories: Church Year, Creed, Justice & Service, Moral Living, Prayer & Spirituality, Sacraments & Worship, and Scripture.
- Parish-tested resources from the Center for Ministry Development and their extended team of experienced pastoral leaders.
- Resources are flexible, editable, and reproducible. Customize them for your own parish's use.
- Share access with all your parish staff and volunteers.
- Includes both English and Spanish resources.

PARISH SUBSCRIPTION: ONLY \$120/YEAR • CMD10

Preview & learn more at FashioningFaith.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the World: What, Why, and How? **Start or strengthen this pivotal ministry in your parish!**

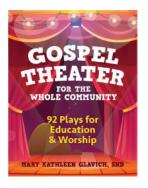
We regularly hear leaders lament how families no longer regularly attend Mass (even when their children are preparing for First Eucharist!). We have seen this ministry—when done well—make a big difference. Those who embrace a mission-based approach know that the Sunday experience should be our central focus.

While a vibrant Children's Liturgy of the Word can attract and retain families, what is most important is how we can help children worship better and learn the value of liturgy. Paul Canavese outlines the challenge and opportunities, covering the following:

- Why is this such an important ministry? How can it make a difference to your parish and the future of the church?
- What is Children's Liturgy of the Word? It is not meant to be childcare or simply arts & crafts time, but true liturgy. Get a quick run-down on who should be involved and what key principles from church documents should guide us.
- What, Why, and How?
- How should CLW be led? This section steps through the components and the art of leading a session.
- What resources and ideas can help you make it an irresistible experience? We step you through both free and purchasable tools that make it easy to offer children a rich—and fun!—worship experience.

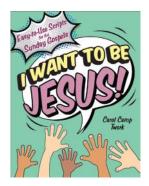
FREE • DOWNLOADABLE ERESOURCE • 20 PAGES • GUC802

<u>SCRIPTURE SCRIPTS & SKITS</u>



Gospel Theater for the **Whole Community** 92 Plays for Education & Worship

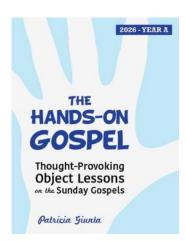
Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND 222 PAGES • \$18/PARISH • GUC804



I Want to Be Jesus Easy-to-Use Scripts of the Sunday Gospels

Carol Camp Twork
180 PAGES

ERESOURCE: PAPERBACK +
\$18/PARISH • ERESOURCE:
GUC801 \$26.50 • GUC803



GREAT FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD!

The Hands-On Gospel

Thought-Provoking Weekly Object Lessons

This annual resource offers a creative demonstration to

accompany the week's Gospel reading and kick-off conversation—perfect for Children's Liturgy of the Word programs or any other Lectionary-based catechesis. The physical experiments and object demonstrations will captivate children and focus them on a key aspect of the Scripture reading. Also included are one symbol for each week that can be easily printed on stickers to serve as a reminder.

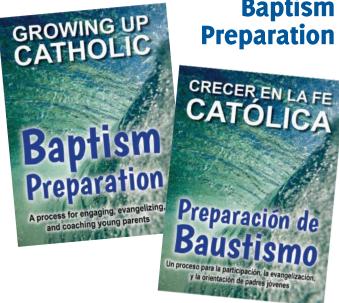
\$18/PARISH

Baptism & Young Children

Take a Catechumenal Approach to Baptism Preparation

Our baptism preparation process is inspired by RCIA/OCIA, inviting parents to reflect on their faith journey, understand the connection between parenthood and faith, and commit to a partnership with the parish beyond baptism. Then use our After the Plunge resource as part of their mystagogical process.

GROWING UP CATHOLIC **Baptism**



Learn more at

http://pastoral.center/baptism-preparation

Engage, evangelize, and coach young parents

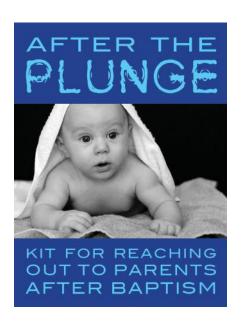
- Engages parents by starting with where they're at: their experience of parenthood so far.
- Evangelize parents and help them grow in their own faith. We help them understand and deepen their journey of faith, so they will be able to share it with their child in the years after baptism.
- Educate and equip parents for their role in passing on the faith. We explain what they are committing to through the baptismal process and give them "Tools for the Journey."
- Introduce parents to the ministry of the church through the process and encourage them to become active participants.
- Excellent support for leaders with any level of experience.
- Preview the entire program online.
- Available in **English and Spanish**.
- Purchase price includes a LIFETIME parish license.

DOWNLOAD: \$49 PER PARISH • PC150 / PC151 (SPANISH) WIREBOUND + DOWNLOAD: \$59 PC156 / PC156S (SPANISH)









After the Plunge



A kit for reaching out to parents after baptism: coach them and welcome them back to the parish

- **Send quarterly mailings** with targeted formation and encouragement.
- Welcome them back to Mass and the parish.
- Coach them to make family commitments and start family traditions.
- Speak parents' language and address their needs.
- Includes letter templates and reproducible leaflets.
- Available in English and Spanish.
- Learn more at http://pastoral.center/new-parents

\$18 LIFETIME PARISH LICENSE • 81/2"x11" • PC155





Parish-Wide Planning & Welcoming

PLANNING WORKBOOKS FOR TODAY'S CHURCH!



The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World

8 Group Exercises to Teach the New Vocabulary of Pastoral Ministry and How to Enact It

Bill Huebsch with David Wells

The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World

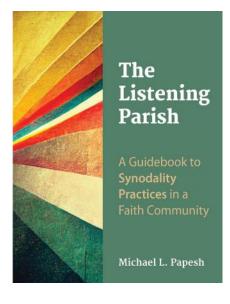
From accompaniment to synodality—along with the discernment needed for each—to missionary discipleship and increased evangelization, we have many new ideas to understand and enact. This workbook will help you define, decode, and implement all of these new initiatives. Written in

plain English by pastoral theologian Bill Huebsch with examples from master storyteller David Wells, this resource will help you succeed in your parish.

- 8 group exercises, with excellent discussion questions
- Introductory videos for each topic
- Background from the Catechism, Vatican II, and the magisterium
- Leads to a parish pastoral plan embracing all 8 concepts

PAPERBACK: Bulk priced from \$12.50-9.50/book • WH111

ERESOURCE (Reproducible parish license): \$30-\$65 (Based on parish size) • WH110



The Listening Parish

Pope Francis has called for every parish to use synodality practices. But what would that look like in practice? This extensive, practical guidebook will help you

apply this approach to ll aspects of parish life. Most chapters are two pages long for easy use in parish meetings. The digital "eResource" edition is licensed for use within a parish or diocesan office, allowing you to easily email or print one or more of these handouts for your leadership teams.

PAPERBACK: Bulk priced from \$28.80/book • PC201

ERESOURCE (Reproducible parish license): \$30-\$65 (Based on parish size) • PC201E



How to Invite & Welcome in God's

Name ● Free Parish Leader Toolkit

This practical kit is designed to help you become a truly welcoming and hospitable community. It includes resources for leaders and helpful handouts to give to your visitors and regulars, such as our popular "How to Welcome Everyone" litany, Hospitality

Examination of Conscience, and meeting planning agenda.

\$0 • DOWNLOAD (WH101) • eResource



Room at the Inn

Pastoral Planning Kit for Christmas Visitors

By Paul Canavese ${\mathfrak A}$ ann Naffziger

This practical, pastoral resource makes it easy to plan for your holiday hospitality (and beyond!). It includes a planning calendar, tips for a team approach, and handouts designed for discussion and implementation. Don't miss your chance

to hook your Christmas visitors!

\$12/PARISH • DOWNLOAD (PC104)



Whole Family Session Index

Resources shaded in yellow are in both English & Spanish.

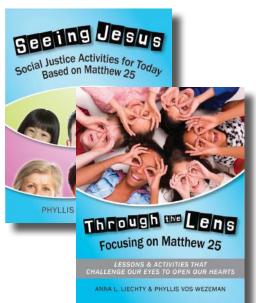
MULTI-SESSION WHOLE FAMILY CURRICULUMS

Series	Title	Description	Format	Pricing
Growing Up Catholic Sacramental Prep: Dynamic sessions that connect sacraments to daily life and evangelize families. Growing Up Catholic Sacramental Revival: Adaptations of the above sessions for children who have already received them and their parents.	First Eucharist Preparation	Guide parents to prepare their children for First Eucharist and understand how Mass send us forth to help make the world a better place.	Per title: 6 parent-child sessions	Per title: Leader kit: \$20 (digital) or \$40 (spiral-bound book + digital) Family booklets: \$11 (print booklets for one child/family) or \$4.50/child reprint license.
	First Reconciliation Preparation	Guide parents to prepare their children for First Reconciliation and learn how we were made to love and how our faith helps us live differently.	16-page booklets Ages 7-9 and 10-14	
	Eucharistic Revival Project	Revive families' appreciation for Eucharist. [For families who have not used GUC First Eucharist.]		
	Reconciliation Revival Project	Revive families' appreciation for Reconciliation. [For families who have not used GUC First Reconciliation.]		
Growing Up Catholic Faith Stories: Simple sessions that help parents share faith with their children through our core stories of faith. They include step-by-step parent instructions, activities, conversation prompts, and send-home goals.	God Calls	Coach parents to use Old Testament stories to teach their children about God the Father and what we believe as Catholics.	Per title: 15 parent-child sessions (6+ designed to be	Per title: Leader kit: \$12 (digital) or \$89 (spiral-bound book + digital) Family booklets: \$12 (print booklets for one child/family) or \$6/child reprint license.
	Jesus Lives	Coach parents to use Gospel stories to teach their children about Jesus and what we believe as Catholics.	parish hosted) + 4 retreats	
	Spirit with Us	Coach parents to use stories from Acts of the Apostles and saints to teach their children about the Holy Spirit and what we believe as Catholics.	8-page booklets Ages 6-10 and 11-14	
Doorways to Faith: Activity-based learning center style events for the whole family.	Year 1	Guide your families to learn about various topics throughout the year, including Scripture, liturgy, service, Advent, the Church year, prayer, loving relationships, Lent, saints, Mary, and justice.	11 parent-child parish sessions 8-page booklets Ages 6-10 and 11-14	\$3/child reprint license includes leader guides and reproducible handouts.

INDIVIDUAL WHOLE FAMILY SESSIONS

Title	Description	Format	Pricing					
ADVENT SESSIONS								
Gather: A Night in Bethlehem	Focuses on the world Jesus grew up in and what his birth and life means for all of us. Each family will create a simple nativity set, with a baby Jesus, manger, and star.	Parish session with 6 stations	\$40/title/parish/ language \$60/title for					
Gather: Let Heaven and Nature Sing	Tells the Christmas story through hand-on activities based on traditional Christmas songs. Families with engage with the Christmas story through crafts, games, prayer, food, and fellowship.	Parish session with 6 stations	English & Spanish bought together					
Gather: Unwrapping the Gift	Focuses on Jesus being the best gift we receive each Christmas. Through conversations, prayer, activities, and practical reflections, families will focus on the deeper meaning of Christmas as they begin to anticipate the glory and joy the gift of Jesus brings.	Parish session with 5 stations						
Jesse Tree Whole Family Gathering	Focuses on Jesus being the best gift we receive each Christmas. Through conversations, prayer, activities, and practical reflections, families will focus on the deeper meaning of Christmas as they begin to anticipate the glory and joy the gift of Jesus brings.	Parish session with 5 stations	\$40/parish					
LENT SESSIONS								
Gather: One Step Forward	An event based around interactive stations focusing on the theme of "Camino"—taking a Lenten journey as a family.	Parish session with 6 stations	\$40/title/parish/ language					
Gather: Holy Pause	This session is centered around the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and how families can connect these practices to their daily lives.	Parish session with 3 stations and 14 hands-on prayer tables	\$60/title for English & Spanish bought together					
Lenten Plans for Busy Families	A fun, prayerful parish event to help families slow down long enough to set their intentions for the Lenten season in a community setting.	Parish session with 4 activities	\$24/parish/ language					
OTHER SEASONAL SES	SIONS							
Gather: Remember Me	Invites families to share stories, enjoy community, and participate	Parish session with	\$40/title/parish/					
(All Souls) Gather: Where the	in building a memory table that celebrates those they hold dear. This gathering is all about the great outdoors, perfect for summer!	4 stations 5 parish sessions	language					
Trail Leads (Summer)	All the activities reflect this theme and point to the trail we are each on heading to a life with Jesus forever.	5 parisii sessions	\$60/title for English & Spanish bought together					
Fall Learning Centers	Three sessions relevant for the autumn months: Mary the Mother of God (Fall Marian feasts), Living the Beatitudes (All Saints Day), and Giving Thanks to God (Thanksgiving).	3 parish sessions, each with 6 activities	\$24/parish/ language					
OTHER TOPICS								
Conversations about L.I.F.E. (Loving Relationships)	A once-a-year age-specific session gives parents and guardians the tools they need to help their children to understand and navigate the ever-changing world of relationships, sexuality, and abuse.	3 parish sessions, 6 activities each Pre-K to high	\$1/child					
Experience the Saints	Offer sessions on up to 12 saints, with activities for each from a different learning "intelligence."	4 volumes x 3 saints x	\$24/volume \$75/full bundle					
Faith Activities on What Makes Us Catholic	Offer multiple family sessions with these 33 activities, each with a parent instruction page and activity sheet.	8 activities 33 activities	\$24/parish					
Faith Activities on Saints	Offer multiple family sessions with 55 activities related to 18 saints. Each activity comes with a parent instruction page and activity sheet.	55 activities	\$24/parish					
Faith Activities on Service	Offer multiple family sessions with these 33 service activities, each with a parent instruction pages and activity sheet.	33 activities	\$24/parish					
Faith Activities on the Bible	Offer multiple family sessions with these 30 activities, each with a parent instruction page and activity sheet.	30 activities	\$24/parish					
Faith Activities on Prayer	Offer multiple family sessions with 45 activities related to 17 prayer topics. Each activity comes with a parent instruction page and activity sheet.	45 activities	\$24/parish					

Short Catechetical Activities



Serving the hungry, thirsty, stranger, poor, sick, imprisoned...

Teach the Corporal Works of Mercy

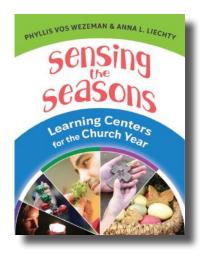
Seeing Jesus: Social Justice & Service Activities for Today Based on Matthew 25

Sixty interactive learning activities help participants see Jesus by meeting the needs of those around them. • 81/2"x11" • 220 PAGES

DOWNLOAD: \$24 • PW112 PAPERBACK + DOWNLOAD: \$33 • PW1112

Through the Lens - Focusing on Matthew 25: Lessons & Activities that Challenge Our Eyes to Open Our Hearts

Seven activity-based lessons to explore and experience Jesus' teaching on seeing—and serving—God. • 8½"x11" • 60 PAGES • DOWNLOAD: \$8 • PW117



Sensing the Seasons by Phyllis Vos Wezeman **40 Learning Centers for the Church Year**

What does Ordinary Time smell like? What does Lent sound like? What does Easter look like? This collection of activities will help people of all ages explore and experience seven significant periods of the liturgical cycle. Each chapter features a period, offering one learning center activity for each of the five senses. Use them in the classroom, for family or intergenerational events, in worship settings such as Children's Liturgy of the Word, or at any other time when you can invite believers to enter the church year experientially. • Well-suited for whole family catechesis gatherings. • 8½"x11" • 120 PAGES

DOWNLOAD: \$14/PARISH • PW113 PAPERBACK + DOWNLOAD: \$18.50 • PW1113



Pastoral ministers helping pastoral ministers

www.pastoral.center • support@pastoral.center • (844) 727-8672





Visit Growing Up Catholic.com