



Update

Resources & Programs for Moving Faith Formation Online

Curation Resources

Building Faith: <https://buildfaith.org>.

The **Building Faith** blog and website from the Center for Ministry of Teaching offers practical resources for ministry with children, youth, and adults with articles, advice, reviews, features, and resources for Christian formation with people of all ages

The Congregational Resource Guide: <https://thecrg.org>

The Congregational Resource Guide (CRG) is an online tool designed to help leaders of all congregations find the right resources to address their unique challenges and needs. Check out the **Center for Congregations – Congregational Resources During Covid-19:** <https://thecrg.org/blog/congregational-resources-during-covid-19>

Ministry Architects: [Innovative Ideas for Unprecedented Times](#)

Ministry Architects has set up [Innovative Ideas for Unprecedented Times](#) on our website and will continue to gather and organize ideas as they receive them.

Traci Smith's Treasure Box Tuesday: <https://tracismith.substack.com>

Be sure to subscribe to Treasure Box Tuesday. Traci Smith curates resources for faith at home and family ministry. Here is an example of a weekly newsletter: [Click here for newsletter](#).

Resources for Moving Online

In addition to the Digital Tools resource page in the **Moving Faith Formation Online Toolkit**, here are other good sources of digital help.

Anglican Church - Livestream Worship and Run Meetings Online:

<http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/page/2003>

There are free resources provided by Anglican leaders to help take some of the mystery out of the technology and the processes of livestreaming and running meetings online.

eFormation Resources for Communities Online: <https://eformationvts.org/community-online/>

eFormation, supported by Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary, has long been a practical hub for faith leaders to rely on when experimenting with the new digital ministries. The eFormation learning community is focused on providing timely, trusted guidance and tools for leaders to use as we experience these changes together.

LEAD (Living Everyday as Disciples) - Resources for Leading Digital Worship:
<https://waytolead.org/digital-worship/>

Video/Film Resources

A DIY Edifying Film Festival for the Social Distanced and Quarantined - Sister Rose Pacatte (National Catholic Reporter, March 16): [Go to NCR.](#)

As NCR's film critic, Sr. Rose has created a list of edifying films we can watch together as grownups, families with children, or solo. Reluctant homeschoolers may find this helpful as part of their "curriculum." If you live alone, you might consider making a home cinema divina retreat in these days, seeing and reflecting on a film and the day's Scripture reading. With so much access to technology these days, we can benefit spiritually and as members of the human family from watching stories on the screen. This list is sourced from my Facebook friends and my own list of favorite films that edify, inspire and sometimes challenge. They include my brief comments parenthetically. Most are available on Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime and other streaming services, including libraries, although some may need to be rented.

Blessed Videos for Children: 84 Animated Short Films: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-view>

Dynamic Catholic is offering their *Blessed* videos for free viewing. They teamed up with an Emmy Award-winning animation studio to create the first-ever animated film series for sacramental preparation. Each of the 84 episodes engages children's sense of wonder and takes them on an unforgettable adventure into the story of Jesus and the life-giving truths of the Catholic Church.

Church Knows Church: Things We Can Do: <https://www.seeallthepeople.org>

Chuck Knows Church is teaming up with #SeeAllThePeople to share a few simple ideas that your church can do to help your community during this time of crisis. During these uncertain times, we may feel isolated from one another and experiencing a sense of aloneness, but we can still provide community in Christ and fellowship in the spirit. Watch as Chuck shows us how your congregation can turn isolation into engagement with our community.

Common Sense Media: <https://www.common Sense Media.org>

Common Sense Media rates movies, TV shows, books, and more so parents can feel good about the entertainment choices they make for their kids. They offer the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based ratings and reviews. Their timely parenting advice supports families as they navigate the challenges and possibilities of raising kids in the digital age

LEAD (Living Everyday as Disciples) - Come to Me: Video Devotions for Weary Church Leaders: <https://waytolead.org/come-to-me/>

OBD Films: <https://odbfilms.com>

Create your free account at odbfilms.com to watch dozens of our projects, including: award-winning dramas, entertaining theology and catechesis, moving testimonies, music videos, comedy sketches, animations, and the beloved VCAT (Video Catechism) series. The VCAT includes the gorgeous four-part Adán in the Desert series, along with hours of interesting and informative content that vividly brings Catholic teaching to life. This is a great way to stay entertained and do some at-home faith formation—and it's absolutely free.

Paraclete Press: <https://paracletepress.com>

Paraclete Press is offering free streaming of [The BE Attitudes: Ten Paths to Holiness](#) with Albert Haase OFM and [The Jesus Creed for Students: Loving God, Loving Others](#) with Scot McKnight at paracletevideostreaming.com.

Work of the People <https://www.theworkofthepeople.com>

Work of the People is providing films to stream for free. Among them is a film series – *The Four Gospel Journey* (with Barbara A. Holmes)– and films: *A Contemplative Moment* (with Barbara A. Holmes), *The Gift of Faith* (with James Alison), *Love Distorted* (with Grace Ji-Sun Kim), *The Universal Christ* (with Richard Rohr), *Smashing Idols through Pain* (with Barbara Brown Taylor), *A God-Oriented Heart* (with Greg Boyd), and *And Your Will be Done* (with Alexander J. Shaia)

Online Resources

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship: <https://worship.calvin.edu>

Calvin Institute has produced [COVID-19 and Worship: Resources for Churches Adapting to Social Isolation](#). These resources were initially created from events and in response to different situations and can be adapted for worship that encourages prayer and Christian community during this time of social distancing necessary to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Catholic Climate Covenant: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org>

The Catholic Climate Covenant has produced a Revised Earth Day 2020 program. Originally created for use by groups in parishes, schools, and religious communities, the revised version is designed for use by individuals, families, and online groups. The new version offers prayers, readings, a short video, reflection questions, and suggested actions. Download for free at: [Earth Day Resources](#).

Children's Spirituality Summit: <https://www.childrenspiritualitysummit.org>

The website for the Children's Spirituality Summit has an article with resources for parents of children: <https://www.childrenspiritualitysummit.org/post/resources-for-parents-in-era-of-covid-19>. The list of resources writers and sources of interactive and read aloud resources for children.

Common Sense Media: <https://www.common sense media.org>

For 15 years parents and educators have turned to Common Sense to get media and tech recommendations for kids.

- If you're a parent or caregiver, visit our new [Resources for Families During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) hub. You'll find articles: lists; learning at home and homework help; helping kids

understand COVID-19 news coverage, what to watch, read, and play; how to stay calm for you and your kids; and Spanish language resources for Latinx families.

- If you're an educator, check out our new [Resources for Educators During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) hub to help you deal with everything from a virtual classroom to student anxiety.

Forward Movement: <https://www.forwardmovement.org>

Forward Movement (a ministry of The Episcopal Church) is offering resources: [daily office on our website](#), and a [morning prayer podcast](#). [Forward Day by Day](#) is posted free every day online, and you can [listen to it as a podcast](#). There are [prayers for "spiritual communion"](#) for those who cannot physically receive consecrated bread and wine in the Eucharist.

They are offering a new, free daily faith-at-home resource through **Faith @ Home**, a collaboration between Forward Movement and [Forma](#). Each day offers a set of activities--watch, listen, read, do--for families, based on the lectionary. You can see [today's edition here](#), and you can [sign up at the website for free](#).

Group Publishing Free Resource Hub: <https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/free-resources.do>

Group Publishing's Free Resource Hub has resources children, youth, & families during this unprecedented time. The Youth Ministry Team has created a free 8-week resource you can use as a virtual Bible study, personal devotion for students, or even a parent-led home devotion. They are taking [The Jesus-Centered Life: 40 Devotions for Teenagers](#) and put them into two devotions per week. You can send one or both devotions to your teenagers and virtually gather to discuss. Or you can send them to your teenagers for their personal growth. Or you can send them to parents for a short devotional family time. Here are links to the first four devotions:

- [Devotion 1](#)
- [Devotion 2](#)
- [Devotion 3](#)
- [Devotion 4](#)

Grow Ministries: LCA Child, Youth, and Family Ministry (Lutheran Church of Australia): <https://www.growministries.org.au>

Grow Ministries has created a Church at Home Resource Kit that includes Growing Faith at Home, Dwelling in the Word, Children's Address, Lenten Activities, and Talking Points. Go to: <https://www.growministries.org.au/product/church-at-home>.

Illustrated Ministry: <https://www.illustratedministry.com>

Illustrated Ministry has set up a website of resources for families and all ages. Simply share this link with your community: <https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve>. When people sign up, they will immediately receive a meditative coloring page in the confirmation email. Then they will receive a weekly email on Fridays that includes free faith formation resources for all ages. They also have free, weekly resources during this COVID-19 pandemic at <https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve>.

Lost Sheep Children's Books: <https://www.lostsheep.com.au>

Lost Sheep Books is making available their children's books in digital format. You can purchase one book and email the digital Activity books to families associated with your church community to print

out at home. They have lots of free resources, activity sheets, coloring pages, crosswords, mazes, word searches, and more. Go to: <https://www.lostsheep.com.au/shop/browse/purchase>

McGrath Institute for Church Life: <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/resources/>

The McGrath Institute is offering two new free online courses: [The Pillars of the Church](#), explaining the basic doctrines of the faith, and [Saturdays with the Saints](#), based on our popular game day lecture series. They also have resources for Teaching the Saints, Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts, and Liturgy of the Hours for Lent.

MenoMedia: <https://mennomedia.org>

MenoMedia (Mennonite Church) is making available a variety of free resources, including the Rejoice daily devotional, Adult Bible Study Online, Take Our Moments and Our Days weekly prayer, and the Beyond Our Fears curriculum. The Shine On Curriculum is provide free resources for churches and families: www.ShineCurriculum.com/ShineAtHome. Shine is providing the following free resources during this time of church and school closings: multiage sessions, Shine On read-aloud for each week, early childhood video lesson and family leaflet page for each week, free song download from the 2019-20 Shine Songbook & CD each week.

Ministries Across Generations, Disciples Home Missions:

<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org>

There are a variety of free online resources. They have just published Virtual Holy Week and Easter. Go to <https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/corona-virus-children-youth>.

Ministry Spark (David C. Cook Publishers): <https://ministryspark.com>

Ministry Spark is providing free at-home-resources individuals and families. They a free program, "God Takes Our Worries" that includes student resources and coronavirus materials. You can use this in your live-streams, recordings, or distribute to the families in your ministry for at-home study. (Just click on the titles)

[God Takes Our Worries Leader Guide](#)

[God Takes Our Worries Student Page](#)

[Coronavirus Infographic](#)

[Talking to Children about COVID-19: A Parent Resource](#)

Share these music playlists with families:

[Songs of Hope](#)

[Nothing to Fear](#)

[Grab this free book with 13 lessons](#) titled 13 Amazing Animals and How God Used Them and share it with families.

Network - Christian Reformed Church of North American: <https://network.crcna.org>

The Network is publishing resources and ideas for churches, families, and individuals. Here are three recent additions:

- How Help Families Celebrate Holy Week at Home: <https://network.crcna.org/faith-nurture/how-help-families-celebrate-holy-week-home>
- Everyday Ways to Help Families Form Faith When They're Stuck at Home: <https://network.crcna.org/childrens-ministry/everyday-ways-help-families-form-faith-when-theyre-stuck-home>

- Five Ways to Bring Children’s Ministry Home: <https://network.crcna.org/faith-nurture/5-ways-bring-childrens-ministry-home>
- 35 Tech Free, Faith Forming, Fun Activities For Families to Do at Home: <https://network.crcna.org/childrens-ministry/35-tech-free-faith-forming-fun-activities-families-do-home>

Sadlier Religion Publishers: <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources>

Sadlier Religion Publishers is making available free resources for children and families including seasonal and thematic resources to support professional development and faith formation in class and at home. Here are several timely free resources (just click on the title): [Prayers and Resources for Catholic Families During a Challenging Time](#), [Palm Sunday Project Activity](#) and [Holy Week Resources for Families](#).

Theology of Work Project: <https://www.theologyofwork.org>

Theology of Work is offering prayers and devotional reflections to help people tune into God's love for you and others today. Tuning Into God is a devotional reading plan that presents four practices you can use to turn down the volume on the voices that surround you and turn up the volume on God. [Go to devotional reading plan](#).

Thoughtful Christian: <https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com>

Each week Thoughtful Christian will be providing via email a [free story with corresponding activities](#) and a [pack of five coloring pages](#) from the children's curriculum, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*. Our friends at Flyaway Books have a full list of free and downloadable activities like an [origami butterfly](#), a [paper airplane](#), parable-themed [coloring pages](#), and [more](#). Also, if you have some of their children's books, there are discussion guides you can use with children at home. Our newly created [intergenerational curriculum based on lessons from Mister Roger's Neighborhood](#) provides a wealth of activities and spiritual formation. You can have families carry out the activities at home and share pictures and experiences to a Facebook group, or use with the entire congregation through Zoom or another video conferencing app.

- [Check out the resource list in their newsletter](#).