Building A Children's Chapel: One Story At A Time
BK 269871 EC, P 272 pp.
Gordh, Bill © 2007 Church Publishing

This book is a resource for gatherings of parents and young children for creative storytelling from the Bible utilizing songs and artwork. Each storytelling chapter includes a brief introduction to the story, suggestions for an introduction, the story, a suggestion for relating the story to life, story-telling tips for the story, musical notation and lyrics, description of artwork created by children to accompany the story, and a skeleton of the story to guide your retelling. Also included are silly songs for any time.

(Created for the Episcopal church, some references in the book are not appropriate for Catholic faith formation.)

Faithful Celebrations: Making Time For God From Advent Through Epiphany
Pearson, Sharon Ely © 2018 Church Publishing

Each chapter of Faithful Celebrations offers ideas for an intergenerational celebration. The ideas can also be used in home or school. The chapters begin with an introduction that includes background material and key ideas for each celebration. The pages that follow are organized by type of activity, such as opening prayer, story, craft, food, drama, music, game, and more. A closing activity of prayer concludes each chapter. This book includes celebrations of Advent, The Annunciation, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Los Posadas, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Faithful Celebrations: Making Time For God From Mardi Gras Through Pentecost
Pearson, Sharon Ely © 2017 Church Publishing

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Faithful Celebrations: Making Time For God In Autumn
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Faithful Celebrations: Making Time For God In Winter
Pearson, Sharon Ely © 2018 Church Publishing

Each chapter of Faithful Celebrations offers ideas for an intergenerational celebration. The ideas can also be used in home or school. The chapters begin with an introduction that includes background material and key ideas for each celebration. The pages that follow are organized by type of activity, such as opening prayer, story, craft, food, drama, music, game, and more. A closing activity of prayer concludes each chapter. This book includes the particular winter celebrations of New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine’s Day, and Snow Days.

Faithful Celebrations: Making Time With Family And Friends
Pearson, Sharon Ely © 2019 Church Publishing

Each chapter of Faithful Celebrations offers ideas for an intergenerational celebration. The ideas can also be used in home or school. The chapters begin with an introduction that includes background material and key ideas for each celebration. The pages that follow are organized by type of activity, such as opening prayer, story, craft, food, drama, music, and more. A closing activity of prayer concludes each chapter. This book includes the spring and summer holidays and occasions of Earth Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day, Summer Solstice, Fourth of July, and a Summer Celebration of God’s Creation.

Fifty-two Interactive Bible Stories: A Collection Of Action, Echo, Rhythm, And Syllable Stories
Wezeman, Phyllis Vos © 2018 The Pastoral Center

These stories offer creative ways to review popular (and not so well-known) Bible characters and events from both the Old and New Testaments with young children. The author offers a variety of storytelling techniques that involve children completely, including action, echo, rhythm, and syllable stories. These stories offer time for reflection on Bible stories about creation, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jesus, John the Baptist, Peter, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the woman at the well, the apostle Paul, and many more.

First Christmas, The
BK 201584 P 40 pp.
Williams, Thomas D. © 2019 Sophia Institute Press

This poem tells of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Replete with glorious angels, joyful shepherds, indifferent townspeople, humble kings, delightful donkeys, cattle, sheep, and of course, Joseph, Mary and the adorable baby Jesus, this book brings to vivid life the true story of Christmas.
Catholic social teaching. It provides insights for parish teams for how Catholics might better live what it is we celebrate each time we gather to worship God and give witness to the Gospel. Organized by the seven themes of Catholic social teaching, this resource explores the intimate connection between liturgy and Catholic social teaching guides us in how we are to live the Gospel in today's world. Liturgy forms us in these teachings and sends us out into the world to plant the Gospel. But one winter, the man does not come to get the tree... All alone in an empty field grew a little fir tree. It dreamed of being part of a forest, or part of anything at all. Then one winter day, a man takes the little fir tree... Light Of Heaven: A Children’s Book Of Saints

This introduction to a variety of saints offers a color illustration of the saint that is reminiscent of magnificent stained-glass windows. Each facing page includes a Latin word associated with that particular saint, along with a brief description of the word’s meaning and the saint’s connection to that word. Children will discover the connection between St. Thomas More and fidelis (faithful), St. Francis of Assisi and pax (peace), St. Mary Magdalene and versio (confession), and eighteen other saints. Includes Litany of Saints prayer for adults, Litany of Saints prayer for children, and coloring pages for two saints not included in the book.

Little Catholic's Book Of Liturgical Colors, A

This board book introduces children to the beauty and the meaning of the liturgical colors.

Little Fir Tree, The

All alone in an empty field grew a little fir tree. It dreamed of being part of a forest, or part of anything at all. Then one winter day, a man takes the little fir tree away, and it finds itself at the center of a little boy's very special celebration. Each winter the man comes to take the tree to the boy, and each spring he takes it back and plants it again. But one winter, the man does not come to get the tree...

Liturgy And Catholic Social Teaching, The: Participation In Worship And The World

Catholic social teaching guides us in how we are to live the Gospel in today's world. Liturgy forms us in these teachings and sends us out into the world to give witness to the Gospel. Organized by the seven themes of Catholic social teaching, this resource explores the intimate connection between liturgy and Catholic social teaching. It provides insights for parish teams for how Catholics might better live what it is we celebrate each time we gather to worship God and express more fully, consciously, and actively what it means to be in right relationship with God and the world. Included with each chapter are questions for parish staff discussion and reflection.
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Mortimer's Christmas Manger
BK 201586
Wilson, Karma
© 2007 Margaret K. McElderry Books

When Mortimer the mouse does not like his dark, cold home, he finds another that is just right for him, but to move in he must move out the man and the woman and the baby who are there. Each day Mortimer moves the figures out, only to find that they get moved back in place again. Finally, one special day, Mortimer hears the story of the special baby born in that manger and realizes the baby belongs back in that cozy warm home. With a sniff and a snuffle and a tear in his eye, Mortimer offers his newfound home to the baby and all who belong there with Him. You will laugh through this delightful story, but it does not end in the manger. Mortimer is off... to find a new home!

My Bible Friends: Read-And-Do Book
BK 201582
Currie, Robin
© 1997 Pauline Books and Media

This book of bible stories actively involves children in the stories of Old and New Testament characters. It includes integrated gestures, sounds and postures that encourage young readers and listeners to interact with the text; carefully planned sentence structures tailored to meet a child's particular attention span; and reinforcement of important biblical themes through the special message, prayer, and fun-filled activity that concludes each story.

My Little Book Of Patrons: Discovering How The Saints Help Us In Our Everyday Lives
BK 270960
Baklinski, Katie
© 2019 TAN Books

In this anthology, the saints are shown as guardians and intercessors for different needs as they come to the rescue. Whether jumping into a river or finding instruments for angels, get ready to see familiar saints in some new and unusual situations. This colorful, modern-day twist on tales of the saints shows heavenly patrons excited to give us their love and support in the midst of our everyday lives. Saints include Anthony, Cecilia, Elizabeth of Hungary, and Joseph.

On "Strangers No Longer": Perspectives On The Historic U.S. - Mexican Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter On Migration
BK 261180
Appleby, J. Kevin
© 2013 Paulist Press

This book is a collection of essays by Americans and Mexicans who offer their own perspectives on the difficult and controversial subject of migration. The entire text of the document Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope is included.

On Christmas Day
BK 201577
Brown, Margaret Wise
© 2019 Hachette Book Group

All is warm and bright in this peaceful look at the first Christmas night. This book invites readers to come to the stable in Bethlehem and marvel at the meaning of Christmas.

Our Family Gatherings: Seasonal Celebrations For Parish And Home - Year A (Matthew And John)
BK 213104
© 2019 RCL Benziger

Our Family Gatherings is designed to engage adults and families who are looking for opportunities to grow in their faith and to connect with the parish community. It also engages children and youth to learn about God's word and to share their faith with other Catholics of all ages. Within the guide are activities for five seasonal celebrations. Each provides an overview of the session with timeline and materials needed; a session introduction; Scripture to be proclaimed, reflected upon, and discussed by the families; and a chance to respond to the Word with large group sharing, an activity, and prayer. Celebrations are for Ordinary Time in Fall, Advent, Ordinary Time in Spring, Lent, and Easter of Year A.

Our Family Gatherings: Seasonal Celebrations For Parish And Home - Year B (Mark)
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Our Family Gatherings: Seasonal Celebrations For Parish And Home - Year C (Luke)
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Praying By Number: Twenty Creative Prayer Lessons And Activities - Volume One
BK 269872
Wezeman, Phyllis Vos
© 2018 The Pastoral Center

These theme-related activities can be used in schools, religious education settings, and intergenerational events. Drama, dance, games, music, storytelling, and art are incorporated into prayer experiences on a variety of themes: God, prayer partners, Trinity, parts of prayer, senses, jars of water, gifts and fruits of the Spirit, Beatitudes, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, disciples, Works of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Old Testament prophets, St. Patrick, the Pharisee and the Publican, gospels, fingers and toes.

EC=Early Childhood, P=Primary, I=Intermediate, J=Junior High, S=Senior High, YA=Young Adult, A=Adult
AD=Audio Disc, BK=Book, BR=Reference Book, CD=CD, CR=CD-Rom, DVD=DVD, GM=Game, KA=Kit, OA=Online Activity (for participant),
OC=Online Catechetical Presentation, OL=Online Link, OR=Online Resources and Reference, OT=Online Tool, OV=Online Video, PD=Poster, VC=VHS, VS=Hispanic VHS
Praying By Number: Twenty Creative Prayer Lessons And Activities - Volume Two

BK 269873 80 pp.
Wezeman, Phyllis Vos 2018 The Pastoral Center

These theme-related activities can be used in schools, religious education settings, and intergeneration events. Drama, dance, games, music, storytelling, and art are incorporated into prayer experiences on a variety of themes: meal prayers, evening prayer, Psalm 23, 24 hours, feast days, letters of the alphabet, books of the New Testament, promises of God, syllables, pieces of silver, prayer guide, names of Jesus, Jesus’ Passion, body postures, creation, growth chart, symbols, spontaneous prayer, prayer chain, wilderness experiences.

Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know

BK 234582 YA, A 208 pp.
Barber, Michael Patrick 2019 Augustine Institute

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and our salvation.” But what does “salvation” mean? This book provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical answer. It unpacks what the New Testament teaches about salvation in Christ, detailing what exactly salvation is, and what it is not. You will learn what the Cross, the Church, and the Trinity have to do with salvation. This book, both intellectual and spiritual, is the salvific message that God is love, and his love is one of transformation and redemption.

Seed Who Was Afraid To Be Planted, The

DeStefano, Anthony 2019 Sophia Institute Press

There once was a seed who lived in a drawer, but that seed, despite all his fears, had to be planted. He was sad. He was lonely. But soon he began to grow to become a marvelous tree with a new life all around him. This story of life, death, and resurrection helps readers cultivate the courage they need to face their fears and understand that good can come out of the most frightening situation when confronted with faith.

Teaching Kids To Care For God’s Creation: Reflections, Activities And Prayers For Catechists And Families

Clark, SSJ, Mary Elizabeth 2018 Twenty-Third Publications

This book offers thirty lessons that will engage children, catechists, and families in the good work of keeping our planet liable and sustainable for coming generations. The lessons and practical activities given for home and faith formation settings are fun and thought-provoking. The reflections and prayers in each lesson help connect our practical actions to the gospel and deepen our spiritual sense of our common home.

Way To The Manger, The: A Family Advent Devotional

Land, Jeff 2018 B&HKids

Gather your family to experience the richness of Advent together, reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrating the arrival of the Savior. The Way to the Manger walks through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace with features, discussions, and activities that will make Advent a beloved and anticipated family tradition year after year.

When You Were Baptized

BK 201583 P 32 pp.
Maresca, Catherine 2019 Liturgy Training Publications

Baptism is full of deep, meaningful symbols that are explored in this book. It invites you to reflect upon each moment of the sacrament, and upon the meaning of water, light, holy oil, God's Word, and the baptismal garment.

Who Is Coming To Our House?

BK 201585 EC 24 pp.
Slate, Joseph 1988 G. P. Putnam's Sons

Mouse knows some very special visitors are on their way. Find out how each of the animals gets ready through the simple rhyming text of this board book and share the way you might prepare your home and the home of your heart for the birth of Jesus.

Hi God! 7

CD 18738 EC, P, I 2018 Oregon Catholic Press

Includes: Rise Up And Sing - In The Name Of The Father - Wider Than The World - All Of Life Is Sacred - Small Acts Of Love - Love Is The Best Gift - We Hear The Wind A-Blowin' - Jesus Comes To Us - Jesus, May Your Name Be Praised - God-With-Us Forever - Born To Be Our Savior - We Take And Eat - Jesus, You Are Always Present - We Are The Light Of Christ. Contains instrumental accompaniments of all songs, in the same order. Mass of Thanks and Praise: Alleluia - Lenten Gospel Acclamation - Holy - Save Us Savior - Amen - Lamb Of God. Also includes Hi God! 7 Children's Songbook.

Sing Of Mary

CD 18737 P, I, J, S, YA 2015 Spiritansong.com

Includes: Sing Of Mary - Pray For Us - Ave Maria Litany - Santa Marian Kamalen - Holy Is Thy Name - Woman Of God - The Angel Speaks (Prelude To Song Of Mary) - Song Of Mary - MARY: Memories And Reflections - My Lady - Shining Like The Sun - Ave Maria

My Time With Jesus: Confirmation And The Coming Of The Holy Spirit

DV 31677 P 30 min. 2015 Eternal Word Television Network

In this series, four children time-travel back to New Testament days, taking part in the Gospel stories and learning prayers, teachings, and traditions of the Catholic Faith. Confirmation and The Coming of the Holy Spirit - The children find themselves in the Upper Room of first century Jerusalem, as the Apostles prepare for the Holy Spirit's descent. Sister Lucia teaches them a prayer to ask for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and Fr. Luis explains the sacrament of Confirmation. (English and Spanish language tracks and subtitles)
Restored: Stories Of Encounter: Volume I - Community First Village, Equine Dreams, Jerusalem Farm

DV 31679  S, YA, A  90 min.
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Witness the profound beauty of ordinary people whose lives have been radically moved by Jesus Christ. Each episode in Restored: Stories Of Encounter explores a unique ministry effort driven by fascinating individuals who live to bring Christ's light to dark and lonely places. This series seeks to bring hope and renewal to the world by sharing the ways that Christ is working in the world today. Community First Village - Alan Graham gives up his career success to follow a call to serve the homeless of Austin, Texas in a fifty-one acre community that lifts homeless men and women off the streets to restore their dignity. Equine Dreams - Sharon Mason returned to her faith with the help of a horse, discovered the benefits of equine-assisted therapy through her son, and now runs Equine Dreams where horses work daily with people in need of various forms of therapy. Jerusalem Farm - Jordan and Jessicie Schiele founded Jerusalem Farm where they live in community, prayerfully and minimally, growing their own food, sharing their resources with neighbors and working as licensed contractors to repair homes of those in need.


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Totally Toddlers: The Alphabet

DV 31676  EC  46 min.
© 2019 Herald Entertainment, Inc

This episode introduces children to the wonderful world of words as they learn all about the alphabet. Animated letters come to life, sing to the children, and then return to their normal written form. The animated explanations of each letter depict aspects of the Catholic faith that begin with each letter of the alphabet. With fun reviews, toddlers learn letter recognition as they identify objects that start with each letter of the alphabet. Sprinkled throughout are catchy melodies with quality animation that helps children apply their faith while learning each new letter.

What Do You Believe Now? The Spiritual Journeys Of American Millennials

DV 31675  YA, A  68 min.
© 2019 Sarafina Productions

Seventeen years after interviewing six diverse American teenagers about their spiritual struggles and aspirations, the documentary revisits them to reveal how their beliefs have changed. In this "before and after" film, a Catholic, Pagan, Jew, Muslim, Lakota, and Buddhist offer their deeply personal faith journeys, life challenges, and evolving ideas about higher powers, life purpose, the nature of suffering, religious intolerance, and death. They do so against the backdrop of a society in flux and amidst growing religious polarization and disengagement. This film exposes viewers to both religious diversity and millennial spirituality in America.

Liturical Year Board Game

GM 04212.1  I, J, S
© 2019 Pauline Books and Media

This interactive game that can be played with different player configurations, the Liturgical Year Board Game gives kids an experiential way. The members of a team might be asked to create or act out a manger scene and sing at least one verse of Silent Night. Players are asked questions such as What are the names of the parents of the Mother of God? In what village did Mary live? What is the liturgical color used on Marian feast days? By whose work did Mary conceive Jesus? Children from third grade through adults will be engaged as they learn about the stories, saints, and seasons that make up the Church year.

Advent Wreath With LEGO® Bricks

KA 04754  P, I
© 2019 Domestic Church Supply Company

Prepare your heart for Christmas this year with an advent wreath made out of forty-eight genuine LEGO® bricks. Build the wreath and candles, then each week of advent “light” a candle with a yellow transparent brick. Each candle is made out of several bricks so you can even make them shorter as the weeks of advent go by.

Catholic Kids Growing In Faith Patron Saints Flash Cards

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Each flash card includes a picture of a saint along with a short biography, fun facts and an icon to distinguish what type of saint they are (virgin, martyr, bishop, etc...).

St. Maria Goretti And Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha

OC 51094  J, S
Amodei, Michael
© 2009 Ave Maria Press - Engaging Faith

This article shares the importance of inner beauty and moral decision-making through the lives of Saints Maria Goretti and Kateri Tekakwitha. Included are activities to help students understand that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

ABCya! Paint: Color, Draw, Paint

OT 51095  P, I, J, S, YA, A
© 2019 ABCya.com
https://www.abcya.com/games/abcya_paint

Fun tools and accessories such as stickers, coloring pages, spray paint, stamps, typing, rainbow brushes and more allow learners to be creative. Images can be saved, printed, and used in other applications.
ABCya! Paint: Pixel Art
OT 51096
P, I, J, S, YA, A
ABCya.com
https://www.abcya.com/games/pixel_art
Create pixel-by-pixel art with a variety of colors, brush sizes, and tools.

Creation Chronicles Creation Scene
OV 51088
J, S, YA
Swartz, Ted
© 2008 YouTube / Mennomedia
https://safeshare.tv/x/BdFKWxXRDbE#
Ted and Lee team up for a hilarious look at what might have happened in God's office during the creation. In the end, we see the ultimate, made in the image of God; and are prompted to consider what humanity has become.

God's Story: God Made People
OV 51090
P, I
© 2018 YouTube / Crossroads Kids' Club
https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5dc1fd70ec03#
This video reminds us that God created everything, but he made people in a particularly special way for he made man and woman in his own image and likeness.

How To Find A Bible Verse
OV 51099
J, S
© 2019 YouTube / St. Mary's Press, Christian Brothers Publications
https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5dd69fb80b67a#
Learn how to find a Bible verse using a citation.

How To: Find A Bible Verse
OV 51098
J, S
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https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5dd69e62aab01#
Learn how to find a Bible verse using a citation - and how NOT to!

Made In God's Image - Made In The Image Of God - Make Man In Our Image
OV 51091
I, J, S
© 2013 YouTube
https://safeshare.tv/x/pFBjaKeJe4#
Depicted as a letter written to us from God, these Scripture quotes and images of infants emphasize that God has made us in him image, knows us, and loves us.

Made In Your Image Lyric Video
OV 51089
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© 2018 YouTube / Hillsong Kids
https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5dc1ebc23371#
This song is a reminder that we are made in God's image and can trust what He does in us.

My Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Spirit
OV 51092
EC, P
© 2008 YouTube
https://safeshare.tv/x/Cr1MmKSSRII#
Children learn to sing and dance to the song, My Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Spirit by Doughnut Man.

My Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Spirit
OV 51093
J, S
© 2009 YouTube
https://safeshare.tv/x/H8UKVRHhKbc#
The simple, yet profound words, "My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit" are repeatedly animated in this meditation.

I Am The Bread Of Life Mini Poster
PO 01396
EC, P
© 2016 Herald Entertainment, Inc
This 8½" x 11" laminated mini-poster, features a prayer on one side and picture of Jesus on the other side with the words "I Am the Bread of Life."