

# St. Laurence Catholic Church Preschool and Elementary CCE

## *Catechist Resources*



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## **WEBSITES & ONLINE LESSON PLANNING**



The internet provides an excellent resource for materials to supplement your weekly lesson planning. As the internet is filled with such a variety of materials (both good and controversial) **SPECIAL CARE** must be taken in utilizing anything obtained in this way. You may select non-Catholic resources for use in teaching, provided that you carefully review all of the materials in advance to ensure that they are in no way contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. If you are uncertain or have any questions regarding a particular resource that you plan to use in your classroom, please contact Joan, Cindy or Molly in the RE Office.

### **Here are just a handful of the great Catholic resources online:**

<http://www.usccb.org/>

This site has the Bible, Prayer and Worship, Beliefs and Teachings, Issues and Action straight from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you look under Beliefs and Teaching then “What we believe” you will find an online version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

This is the Holy See website. You can find Encyclicals, Homilies, Letters, and Apostolic Letters and connect to what Pope Francis is up to.

<http://www.archgh.org/>

This is the main Archdiocese of Galveston Houston Website.

<https://www.archgh.org/resources/parish-resources/oec/catechetical-framework-and-curriculum/english/curriculum/>

This is the website managed by the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (OEC) and provides numerous resources directly related to Galveston-Houston’s systematic catechesis in line with the Catechetical Framework for Lifelong Faith Formation (CFLFF).

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> This is our current curriculum series website. It’s full of Home Session Plans (i.e. chapter lesson plans), People of Faith activities, interactive grade-level practice reviews and games, a Glossary by grade and also adult learning videos for you parents. This is also the site where your child can submit chapter assessments.

<https://www.osvparish.com/CatechistHelp.aspx>

Our publisher’s website with excellent articles and activities for you parents.

<http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/p/games.html>

This website provides links to free on-line games that can be made and played at home to augment your lessons being studied.

<http://www.catholiccatechist.org>

Provides Catholic resources, lesson plans and classroom ideas look under free files section. Look under the “Free Files” tab to search for activities and games by subject.

<http://catholicmom.com/> Another great Catholic family resource.

<http://www.catholicicing.com/> A source for GREAT craft ideas

<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/> Worksheets, lesson plans, activities, etc.

<http://www.crsricebowl.org/> Lenten resources including family activities, Stories of Hope, reflections and recipes

## **ADDITIONAL CATECHETICAL RESOURCES**

Along with your textbook and the OSV website, here is a listing of some great resources for you to use to help you in your preparation of your lessons.

*All of these resources are available for your use.*

### **The Catholic Children's Bible by St. Mary's Press**

(In all of the classrooms)

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)**

This is the resource book for all catechesis. It is the official exposition of the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is arranged into four principal parts: The Profession of Faith (the Creed), The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (the Sacred Liturgy, especially the sacraments), Life in Christ (including the Ten Commandments), and Christian Prayer (including The Lord's Prayer).

### **Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

It is a more concise and dialogic version of the CCC. It is sometimes referred to as the "Mini Catechism."

### **National Directory for Catechesis**

This is a reference resource for those responsible for catechesis from the bishops on down to those on the local level.

### **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults**

Each chapter in the Catechism for Adults includes stories, doctrine, reflection, quotations, discussion questions, and prayer to lead the reader to a deepening faith.

### **Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (YouCat)**

The Youth Catechism, which is written in Language suitable for young people, deals with the entire Catholic faith as it is presented in the CCC, without aiming, however, at the completeness provided in that volume. The work is structured in Question-and-Answer format, and numbers after each answer refer the reader to the more extensive and in-depth treatments in the CCC.

### **Catholic Source Book**

It is a vast collection of information to help people of faith learn, renew, teach, and live the risen life of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. The ten chapters include: Prayers, An Overview of the Tradition, Scripture, Church, Liturgy, The Liturgical Year, Devotions in Catholic Tradition, Veneration of Saints and Heroes, Catholic Symbols, and Word and Phrase Origins.

## **BOOKS**

Along with your grade-level textbook Teacher's Guide, we have many books that are available to supplement your lessons. The titles of these books will be provided in the Catechist's weekly lesson email update. Books are available on a first-come first-served basis upon request made to the Coordinator.

## **BIBLES**

In addition to the Children's or Youth (5<sup>th</sup> grade only) Bible located in each classroom within the CCE cabinet, here are other translations available to you:

“Bible for Today's Family New Testament” CEV

“Good News Bible” TEV

“Holy Bible” NAB New Testament Words of Christ in red

“Lift the Flap Bible”

“My First Communion Bible”

“Serendipity New Testament for Group”

## **GAMES**

(In the book room off of the workroom)

Armor of God

Bible Baffle

Bible Quiz Masters grades 5-6

The Bible Quiz ages 7 and up

Bible Bingo

Bible Challenge

Catholic Quiz 5<sup>th</sup>

The Catholic Quiz 4<sup>th</sup>

The Catholic Quiz 2<sup>nd</sup>

Catholic Family Bible Game

Catholic Quiz k – 1<sup>st</sup>

Children's Bible Trivia

Divinity the New Catholic Catechism Learning System

The New Catholic Quiz 1<sup>st</sup> grade

The Ungame “The World's Most Popular Self Expression Game

## **MUSIC RESOURCES**

Here is a listing of some of the music CD's for you to use to help you in the preparation of your lessons. These can be found in the RE Bookroom.

- **Alive In Christ: Songs of Scripture (Grades 1-3)**
- **Alive In Christ: Songs of Scripture (Grades 4-6)**
- **Songs of Praise: 15 Classic Christian Songs for Kids**
- **Songs Kids Love to Sing: 25 Sunday School Songs**
- **Silly Songs: 18 Wholesome Fun Songs for Kids**
- **Sunday School Songs: 15 Classic Christian Songs for Kids**

## **VIDEO RESOURCES**

There are many great videos available to supplement your lesson plans. Videos may be used occasionally during lessons to provide the students with a different learning style.

### **POLICIES FOR VIEWING A VIDEO IN YOUR CLASS**

- Request and pick up the DVD the week before you want to present it. These are available for review in the RE Bookroom off the workroom. A listing of videos by lesson themes is provided below. You also may play any pre-approved YouTube videos suggested by the publisher or Coordinator. For links to the approved online video titles, please see the GOOGLE document shared on the classroom drive called *Elementary CCE Lesson Planning Video Links*. YouTube videos may be launched directly from these links.
- Please preview any video before you present it to the children. This will ensure that you are prepared for what it contains.
- **Any DVDs that you bring in on your own must be pre-approved through the Preschool or Elementary CCE staff.** Please contact a staff member to outline and/or discuss what you plan on presenting to the children.
- Each upstairs classroom in the AMC is equipped with a TV and DVD player which may be used at any time. For the downstairs classrooms, we have several carts with TVs/DVD players that you may request ahead of time by either calling or emailing the program coordinator or assistant and making a request. The cart will be placed in your room before your scheduled class session time. If you need instructions on how to use the equipment, please contact a staff member.
- At the end of class, please be sure to return any DVDS to the Resource shelves in the RE Bookroom in a timely manner so that other classes may also have the opportunity to use them.

### **VIDEO TITLE LISTINGS (BY THEME)**

**Below are the titles of DVDs available in the bookroom off of the workroom.**

**There are more available to check out in the library.**

#### **Jesus' Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection**

- **The Great Bible Discovery Series:** Discovering the Baby King, Discovering the Empty Tomb and Discovering the Kingdom (Jesus' Kingdom Parables) – 25 minutes each episode
- **Read and Share DVD Bible, The Jesus Series: Life and Miracles** (by the DOVE Foundation) – 30 minutes
- Children's Heroes of the Bible: **The New Testament** (by Gateway Films) – 7 episodes, 23 minutes each
- **The Jesus Movie** (by the DOVE Foundation) – 80 minutes
- The Bedbug Bible Gang: **Just John!** (by Creative Communications) – 23 minutes

- The **Path of Jesus** – Seven short dramas of the life and teachings of Jesus (by International Media Ministries) – 66 total minutes; approx. 9 minutes each
  - **The Christmas Story**
  - **The Temptation**
  - **Jesus and the Pharisees**
  - **The Pharisee and the Tax Collector**
  - **The Decision**
  - **The Absent King**
  - **The New Covenant**
- **People Who Met Jesus, Series I** (by International Media Ministries) – 66 total minutes; approx. 8 minutes each
  - **Simon Peter**
  - **Matthew**
  - **The Centurion**
  - **The Woman at the Well**
  - **The Nobleman**
  - **Jairus**
  - **The Rich Young Ruler**
  - **Nicodemus**
- Bible Animated Classics: **The Miracles of Jesus** (by NEST Family Entertainment) – 45 minutes
- Bible Animated Classics: **He Is Risen** (by NEST Family Entertainment) 45 minutes
- **O Holy Night: The King is Born (What Christmas is About)** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **The Stations of the Cross: Accompanying Jesus on His Way to Calvary** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **He is Risen: The Power of the Resurrection** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes

### ***Bible Stories / Scripture***

- Read and Share DVD Bible: **From Genesis to Revelation** (by the DOVE Foundation) – 3 hour collection of stories
- **Children’s Heroes of the Bible: The Old Testament** (by Gateway Films) – 6 episodes (Joseph, Moses, David, Elijah, Jeremiah & Ester), 23 minutes each
- **The Great Bible Discover (Old Testament)** (by Creative Communications) – 3 episodes (Joseph & his brothers, Ruth and the Story of the Passover), 25 minutes each
- **The Great Bible Discover (Old Testament)** (by Creative Communications) – 3 episodes (Creation, Noah & Abraham), 25 minutes each
- The **Old Testament Bible Stories for Children: The Greatest Stories Ever Told** – 3 DVDs, total 12 hours
- **Awesome Bible Adventures** (by Total Living Network) -2 episodes (Noah & Joshua), 30 minutes each

- **The Bedbug Bible Gang: Family Fun** (by Creative Communications) – Miriam, Moses, Ruth & Naomi, Mary & Martha, 23 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: Dave and the Giant Pickle** – 30 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: Esther, the Girl Who Became Queen** – 39 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Samson’s Hairbrush** – 43 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah’s Umbrella** – 50 minutes
- **Children’s Heroes of the Bible: The New Testament** (by Gateway Films) – 7 episodes (Jesus’ birth, calls disciples, miracles, struggles, PDR, the early Church, St. Paul’s ministry), 23 minutes each
- **Awesome Bible Adventures** (by Total Living Network) -2 episodes (Jesus’ Miracles & David’s Battle), 30 minutes each
- **The Bedbug Bible Gang: Amazing Animals!** (by Creative Communications) – 23 minutes (Daniel and the Lion, the Lost Sheep, Noah’s Ark)

### God’s Image

- **Veggie Tales: God Made You Special** – 4 stories, total of 70 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: Where’s God When I’m S-Scared?** – 31 minutes
- **You are Special: The Blessings of God’s Unique Love** (by Brother Francis) – 33 minutes

### Christmas

- The King is Born: **What Christmas is About** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- The Star of Bethlehem: **Unlock the Mystery of the World’s Most Famous Star** – 65 minutes
- **The Crippled Lamb** (by Max Lucado) – 60 minutes, including bonus material
- **Veggie Tales: The Star of Christmas** – 50 minutes
- **O Holy Night: The King is Born (What Christmas is About)** by Brother Francis – 25 minutes

### Holy Week/Easter

- My Time with Jesus: **Lent** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- The **Way of the Cross for Kids** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- The **Animated Passion** For the Whole Family (by NEST Family Entertainment) – 90 minutes
- Bible Animated Classics: **He Is Risen** (by NEST Family Entertainment) 45 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol** – 49 minutes
- **The Stations of the Cross: Accompanying Jesus on His Way to Calvary** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **He is Risen: The Power of the Resurrection** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes

## The 10 Commandments / Great Commandment / Morality

- **The 10 Commandments** (by Pauline Communications) – 75 minutes
- **The 10 Commandments: Living Within God's Love** (by Brother Francis) – 30 minutes
- The Bedbug Bible Gang: **Jumbled Journeys!** (by Creative Communications) – 23 minutes
- Awesome Bible Adventures: **Moses Receives the Ten Commandments & Moses Great Escape** (by Grizzly Adams Productions) – 30 minutes per episode
- **Veggie Tales: Are YOU My Neighbor?** – 30 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: Larry-Boy! & the Fib from Outer Space!** – 33 minutes

## Parables

- The Bedbug Bible Gang: **Funny Farmers** (by Creative Communications) – 23 minutes
- The Bedbug Bible Gang: **Lost & Found!** (by Creative Communications) – 23 minutes
- The Friar: **The Prodigal Son** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- The Friar: **The Good Samaritan** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- The Friar: **The Wedding Feast** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- **Parables of Jesus** (by International Media Ministries) – approx. 7 minutes each  
**The Good Samaritan, The Unmerciful Servant, The Treasure and the Pearl, The Lost Son, The Midnight Visitor, The Dinner, The Manager**

## Saints

- The Day the Sun Danced: The Story of **Fatima** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Francis: The Knight of Assisi** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Francis Xavier: Samurai's Lost Treasure** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- My Secret Friend: **A Guardian Angel Story** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe** (by CCC of America) – approx. 30 minutes
- **Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus** (by Morning Light Media) – 35 minutes
- **The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends** (by Brother Francis) – 26 minutes

## Devotions/Prayer

- **My Time with Jesus: The Blessed Virgin Mary** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- **Let's Pray: A Lesson on Prayer** (by Brother Francis) – 21 minutes
- **The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes



- The **Way of the Cross for Kids** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- **The Stations of the Cross: Accompanying Jesus on His Way to Calvary** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- Generations United in Prayer: The **Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song** – approx. 25 minutes
- **St. Faustina: The Divine Mercy Chaplet for Kids** (by EWTN) – 20 minutes
- **The Mass: A Life-Giving Prayer** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes

### **Sacraments /Forgiveness /Celebrating the Liturgy**

- **The Sacraments:** The Grace Within God's Gifts (by Brother Francis) – 33 minutes
- **Born into the Kingdom:** The Miracle of Baptism (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **Forgiven!:** The Blessings of Confession (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **The Bread of Life:** Celebrating the Eucharist (by Brother Francis) – 29 minutes
- **Confirmation:** The Blessings of Belonging to God (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **Veggie Tales: God Wants Me to Forgive THEM!?!** – 32 minutes
- Animated Stories from the New Testament: **Forgive Us Our Debts** (by NEST)– 30 minutes
- The Bedbug Bible Gang: Miracle Meals (by Creative Communications) – 23 minutes
- **The Mass: A Life-Giving Prayer** (by Brother Francis) – 25 minutes
- **I Was there: The Holy Mass** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes

### **Liturgical Seasons**

- My Time with Jesus: **Lent** (by EWTN) – 30 minutes
- The **Animated Passion** For the Whole Family (by NEST Family Entertainment) – 90 minutes
- Bible Animated Classics: **He Is Risen** (by NEST Family Entertainment) 45 minutes
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