

## Online Resources for Children's and Family Faith Formation

*Please look at these resources carefully before using to determine that they are in line with your church's theological position.*

### Resources Being Offered Specifically to Help Those Affected by the COVID-19 Crisis

*Note: these resources may not be available after certain dates.*

[Amplify Media - Free Streaming](#) - Amplify, a subscription streaming service, has made several resources free and accessible for churches to participate in a church-wide or group study and children's content to keep them engaged in the Bible, including the Deep Blue Sunday school curriculum video for spring 2020.

[Beaming Books Activities & Resources](#) - Beaming Books, a branch of the Lutheran ELCA publisher which publishes children's books, offers a list of links to activities and resources for children and families.

[Breath Prayers from Praying in Color](#) - The Praying in Color website shows you how to combine a breath prayer as you pray in color.

[Candle Walk: A Bedtime Prayer to God Online Book](#) - Church Publishing has made an online copy of their book, *Candle Walk*, available for a limited time. The book helps children "complete" their day and prepare for sleep, fulfilling a hunger for a bedtime prayer that is not simply intercessory, but offers an opportunity to practice listening and contemplation.

[Faith Finders Fun](#) - These are free YouTube videos for children and families created by a group of pastors. They will offer Monday-Saturday faith videos with Backyard Monday, Treasure Tuesday, Crafters Wednesday, Magic Thursday, Science Friday, and Random Saturday!

[Illustrated Ministry](#) - You can sign up to receive free weekly faith formation resources by email including activity and coloring pages, devotionals, and more.

[Orange Kids](#) - They are offering free weekly resources from their Sunday school curriculum as well as articles related to the coronavirus crisis.

[Shine Free Resources](#) - Shine, the Sunday school curriculum co-published by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is offering free resources for churches to adapt for online learning or to send to families for use at home.

## Other Online Resources

[The Bible App for Kids](#) – This free app for smartphones and tablets has an animated storybook as well as games and activities.

[Building Faith Home Practices](#) - These activities can be used by households of all shapes and sizes, including singles, friends, couples, children, teens, and parents.

[COVID - 19: 100 Ideas for Ministers and Ministry Leaders](#) – Traci Smith offers creative ideas for church leaders as we adjust to doing ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Drawing God Stations of the Cross](#) – Karen Keifer, author of *Drawing God*, offers a Stations of the Cross kit and praying placemats for Lent. There are also more activities for children on the [Drawing God website](#).

[Everyday Ways to Help Families Form Faith When They're Stuck at Home](#) – This blog post from the Network website of the Christian Reformed Church lists several simple resources to share with families.

### [Faithlens](#)

These weekly online Bible studies from the Lutheran Church ELCA engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life.

[Let's Play! Faith Prompts for When We Need to Stay Home](#) – This post from the blog of Christine V. Hides discusses what would be helpful to send home to parents for faith formation and includes a link to a [Faith at Home Activity Guide](#).

[Vibrant Faith at Home](#). They have free resources to support families as they raise their children in the faith.

## Free Online Sunday School Curriculum

[Episcopal Children's Curriculum](#) - This curriculum was discontinued in print but is available as a free download on the website of the Virginia Theological Seminary. It is available in three age groups for preschool to grade 6 and there are three years of material for each age group.

[Episcopal Curriculum for Youth](#) - This curriculum is available for youth younger and older youth. Like the children's curriculum, there are three years of lessons available as free downloads.

**Hesed** - There are lesson plans based on the Narrative Lectionary for the Year of John). There are resources for the Year of Luke [here](#).

**Lesson Plans that Work** - Designed to follow the Revised Common Lectionary, these lesson plans are written by experienced church school teachers using practical approaches to respond to the needs of volunteer teachers. Both a lesson plan for young children and a lesson plan for older children are offered each week, and intergenerational lesson plans are available for many major feast days throughout the liturgical year.

**Sermons4Kids**

This website provides children's sermons and group activities, as well as coloring and activity sheets, for each Sunday in the lectionary year.

**Virtual Church School**

This curriculum follows the Revised Common Lectionary and is available in both English and French.