

7 RESOURCES TO HELP BRING THE FAITH HOME

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Missing religious education and Catholic school? Here are 7 fun resources to help you and your family keep the faith-learning going at home!

With kids out of school, Masses canceled and religious education classes disbanded for the foreseeable future, you may feel cut off or overwhelmed with how to continue to teach and share the beauty and joy of the Catholic faith within your home. Be not afraid, we've got you covered!

Here are some of our favorite resources:

1. Catholic Inspired (catholicinspired.com) and (catholicinspired.site)

Catholic Inspired provides free coloring sheets and activities for kids surrounding saints' feast days, Mary, Jesus, Lent, Holy Week - you name it! Watch a YouTube video on creating a braided Palm Branch; download bead patterns of the Eucharist; and even view recipes connected to important events on the Church calendar!

2. Catholic Icing (catholicicing.com)

Celebrating Holy Week at home and not sure what to do with the kids? Catholic Icing's got you covered. With craft projects for all ages, download the tools you need to help your kids understand one of the most important weeks of the year. Bonus: This site also teaches you how to make saint peg dolls - a favorite among our children.

3. Catholic Family Crate (catholicfamilycrate.com)

Catholic Family Crate offers paid monthly and seasonal subscriptions of boxes with Catholic family books and activities delivered directly to your home. They also provide free resources, including coloring pages and emails with prayers for you and your family to pray together.

4. Pray More Novenas (praymorenovenas.com)

Want to pray together as a family, but not sure how? Pray More Novenas sends daily emails that include prayers for novenas around saintly feast days. Pray the prayer together as a family, and include your own intentions.

5. Catholic All Year (catholicallyyear.com)

This website is headed up by a Catholic mom of many who has some children in school, and homeschools others. She runs a blog that provides great Catholic resources for parents (and practical support and advice). She also has a shop where you can purchase digital downloads of Catholic booklets by month (\$5). Booklets contain prayers, blessings and Bible readings relevant to that month's liturgical calendar and saints' feast days.

6. Catholic Mom (catholicmom.com)

Articles of support for Catholic parents? Check. Podcast? Check. Catholic Movie Reviews? Check. This site is extensive, comprehensive and provides a wealth of resources for moms, dads, and children alike. Their Sunday Gospel activities are a particular favorite! Download Gospel readings, coloring pages, lesson plans, Mass worksheets and puzzles - all for free.

7. Katie Warner (katiewarner.com)

Katie's website provides a wealth of resources for parents and children alike - from free ebooks and bulletin inserts (or home printouts as current times demand), to a supportive Facebook community and "cheat sheets" to help make family prayer easier.