

St. Joseph's Religious Education Video List 2016-2017

Videos are arranged according to SUBJECT for easy reference. Videos/DVDs should be requested a week ahead if at all possible to reserve a VCR/DVD player for your use, since not all classrooms have them.

MASS/CATHOLIC FAITH/BIBLE

DVD - Close Encounters with The Mass (13 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-5**

An angel helps a student and teacher understand how the gathering for a weekly celebration of the Mass is like gathering the family for the celebration of Thanksgiving. Along with the rituals, important items like the altar, tabernacle, and ambo are explained so youngsters will see the celebration in a whole new way.

DVD – Brother Francis Presents THE MASS (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

“The Mass” helps children experience the presence of Christ as they attend Mass. This episode includes:

- The Celebration of the Mass – an animated representation of what happens during the Mass and our encounter with Jesus as we celebrate this wonderful gift of God.
- With a Heart of Praise – a moving prayer-song that expresses our gratitude to God.
- The Parable of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee – an animated depiction of Jesus’ teaching on humility and forgiveness.

VHS - Sunday Morning (19 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK – Grade 2**

A bright and lively video, filled with children singing, children praying and praising, with bible stories, unique in its approach to how Christians pray together. It situates our principal worship on Sunday morning, the traditional first day of creation, the resurrection.

DVD - What is The Bible? (15 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 5-8**

This video helps youth deepen their appreciation and understanding of the Bible as God’s Word for their daily lives, and helps them realize that God’s friendship with us will never end. Study guide includes directions for use, activities, and prayers.

DVD - Catholic Basics for Kids (Four segments, ranging from 11-16 minutes each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-8**

This program includes four segments:

1. **What is the Bible?** (16 minutes) Grow in understanding and appreciation of the Bible as God’s Word for our daily lives.
2. **What is a Sacrament?** (11 minutes) Deepen your understanding of the sacraments as actions and expressions of God’s love within the Christian community.
3. **What is the Church?** (12 minutes) Explore the different meanings of Church: the people of God, the Body of Christ, the family of God. Learn that being a faith community means doing what Jesus taught and did in caring for others, especially those in need.
4. **A Tour of Our Parish Church** (12 minutes) Tour a Catholic church and learn the names and meaning of the objects of our Catholic faith that help us remember and celebrate God’s presence.

SACRAMENTS/COMMANDMENTS/BEATITUDES

DVD - Sacraments (Five segments, each 12-14 minutes long)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 5-8**

The sacraments are actions, signs of God's love and care for us. We celebrate the seven sacraments as a believing community to keep the memory of Jesus alive and to remember God's living and loving presence within and among us. This series includes five programs:

WE BELONG: Baptism and Confirmation (14 minutes)

WE FEED: Eucharist (12 minutes)

WE FORGIVE: Reconciliation (12 minutes)

WE COMMIT: Marriage and Holy Orders (12 min.)

WE CARE: Anointing of the Sick (12 minutes)

VHS - Close Encounters with The Sacraments (15 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-5**

An angel helps a troubled student who struggles with the complex problem of what the sacraments mean in our everyday lives.

DVD – Kids and the Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation (4 segments, 11-13 min. each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

These segments introduce children to four of the sacraments. They include explanations from Father Ken, interviews with kids, on-screen storyboard Bible teaching, images from around the world, and "on the road" field trips to explore in-depth where certain things come from, like Baptism's water, the altar bread of Communion, and the oil used at Confirmation. Includes a video discussion guide. The segments are as follows:

- Session 1: Baptism
- Session 2: Reconciliation
- Session 3: Communion/Eucharist
- Session 4: Confirmation

DVD – Brother Francis Presents BORN INTO THE KINGDOM: The Miracle of Baptism (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

"Born Into the Kingdom" includes:

- **In The Garden** – an animated presentation of the story of Adam and Eve and what led to their disobedience.
- **"I've Got a Family"** – a musical celebration of God's grace and the blessing he bestows on us through the sacrament of Baptism.
- **"Jesus is the Light of the World"** – a song that shows us how God is present in the world today.
- An explanation of how we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

DVD - Close Encounters with The Commandments (19 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-5**

An angel helps young people to see that the commandments are not a "book of rules" but rather, they present us with opportunities to give witness to God's love, share with others, and care for friends and family as we help build God's kingdom every day.

DVD- Close Encounters with The Beatitudes (14 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-5**

An angel helps a young boy to understand how the beatitudes help us to build God's kingdom as we live them every day.

RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST

DVD – Brother Francis Presents FORGIVEN: The Blessings of Confession (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-4**

In this lively presentation, Brother Francis reminds us about the great gift of God’s forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. This episode includes:

- “The Parable of the Tax Collector” – an animated depiction of Jesus’ teaching about repentance.
- How to make a good confession.
- “God is a Loving Father” – a musical reminder that in his perfect love, God only wants to help us.
- “Praise God, I’m Forgiven” – a visualized song that celebrates the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness.

VHS – The Angel’s First Reconciliation Lesson (13 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **2-3**

The goal of this video is to review with children who are preparing for First Reconciliation some of the basic information they need before receiving the sacrament. Though written for children who are preparing for first reconciliation, it can also be shown to those who have already received the sacrament to review the Rite of Penance. Includes questions to ask children before viewing, as well as activities to do before the video, as well as a prayer service to use with children after viewing.

DVD – The Angel’s First Communion Lesson (13 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-3**

This video is a good review with children who are preparing for First Eucharist. It touches on baptism and its significance; reconciliation and its importance as a sacrament of forgiveness; attending religion classes to learn about the life of Jesus; the importance of attending weekly Mass as a family and reading the Bible; and reviews the gestures and words necessary for receiving the sacrament appropriately.

DVD – A Child’s First Communion (23 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-3**

There are two sections to this DVD: Adults and Children. The children section is a four-part segment which includes: 1) Precious Child of God; 2)The Best Food of All; 3)A Visit with Jesus; 4)An Experience of Prayer for Children. This DVD helps children learn the fundamentals of our Catholic faith and inspires them to love the Mass, God, and each other.

DVD - The Eucharist for Little Children (20 minutes – have two copies)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade 2**

This DVD explains traditional and original sacred music; how the bread and wine are made for the Eucharist; why Father wears colorful vestments and why he dresses like Jesus Christ; how to pray in Eucharistic adoration; how to behave in church.

DVD - Grandma’s Bread (18 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-Adult**

Mario is preparing for his First Communion, but his Nonna (grandmother) dies unexpectedly. The family comes together to make Nonna’s special Easter Bread for Mario’s First Communion. Together, they hear Nonna’s words echoed: “We are a family.” A comparison can be made to Jesus’ dying and rising and staying with us through our carrying on the faith he gave us, just as Mario’s family carried on Nonna’s tradition. We, too, are the family of the church, Christ’s body here on earth.

Brother Francis Presents THE BREAD OF LIFE: Celebrating the Eucharist (29 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-3**

“*The Bread of Life*” can be used to prepare children for their First Holy Communion. This episode contains:

- **The Last Supper** – animated presentation of Jesus instituting this blessed sacrament.
- **The Story of Blessed Imelda Lambertini** – the patroness of First Communicants.
- Two visualized songs: “I am the Bread of Life” and “What More Can He Give.”

SCRIPTURE STORIES

DVD - Jesus for Kids (five, 10 minute programs)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK – Grade 1**

These animated stories of Jesus are based on the Gospels and are geared for children 4-6 years old. A companion guide pdf format is included on the DVD.

- Program One: The First Christmas
- Program Two: Jesus the Storyteller
- Program Three: Jesus the Miracle Worker
- Program Four: Jesus the Healer
- Program Five: The First Easter

DVD - Animated Stories from the New Testament (25-30 minutes each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

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| 1. John the Baptist | 13. The Greatest is the Least |
| 2. The King is Born | 14. Bread from Heaven |
| 3. Jesus the Son of God* | 15. The Lost is Found |
| 4. The Parables of Jesus* | 16. The Kingdom of Heaven |
| 5. The Miracles of Jesus | 17. Treasures in Heaven |
| 6. The Prodigal Son | 18. Forgive Us Our Debts |
| 7. The Good Samaritan | 19. The Lord's Prayer |
| 8. The Righteous Judge | 20. The Messiah Comes |
| 9. Lord, I Believe* | 21. Worthy is the Lamb* |
| 10. Lazarus Lives* | 22. He is Risen |
| 11. Built on the Rock* | 23. Saul of Tarsus |
| 12. Signs of the Times* | 24. The Ministry of Paul |

****New this year!***

DVD - The Great Bible Discovery (25 minutes each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

These three videos are designed as documentaries for young Christians. Each episode features an interactive approach of lively actions mixed with storybook style animation...the simple and direct explanation of scripture.

Volume 1 includes:

1. Discovering the Beginning – The Story of Creation
2. Discovering Dry Land – The Story of Noah and the Ark
3. Covenant Discovery – The Story of Abraham

Volume 2 includes:

1. Discovering Dreams Come True – The Story of Joseph and His Brothers
2. Happily Ever After – The Story of Ruth
3. Discovering the Way Out – The Story of the Passover

Volume 3 includes:

1. Discovering the Baby King – The Story of Christmas
2. Discovering the Empty Tomb – The Story of Easter
3. Discovering the Kingdom – Jesus' Kingdom Parables

DVD - Awesome Bible Adventures (30 minutes each, two episodes per DVD)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

Awesome Bible Adventures are exciting Bible stories of faith, action, and redemption told in a style that makes it perfect for kids of all ages. Each story features an important lesson that will show viewers how to apply Biblical wisdom and teachings to their own lives.

2-Pack: Noah's Incredible Journey
Joshua's Awesome Victory

2-Pack: Samson's Super Strength
God Destroys the Tower of Babel

2-Pack: Moses Receives the Ten Commandments
Moses' Great Escape

2-Pack: Escape from the Fiery Furnace
Lot's Amazing Adventure

2-Pack: Jesus' Amazing Miracles
David's Mighty Battle

NEW! DVD – Life with Jesus (six episodes, 40 minutes each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

This six-movie pack includes the following:

1. **Life with Jesus** – This story begins with Jesus born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth. Follow Jesus across the desert sands of Egypt as he teaches children of all ages the values of Christianity. Features a simple narrative which conveys the triumph of good over evil.
2. **The Miracles of Jesus** – The story of Jesus' miracles that reveal his divinity and suggest that those who come to God through Christ will themselves be miraculously transformed.
3. **Jonah and the Whale** – Jonah's experience in the belly of the whale, with explanation of the history of the times and how he came to this point in his life. Jonah was asked by God to preach to the people, but he tries to run from God. God catches up with him and when he does, Jonah learns a series of important lessons about the power of God and his love for all.
4. **The Apostles** – After the death and resurrection of Jesus, his followers dedicated themselves to spreading his message. This tells the story of the Apostles teaching the message of Jesus, beginning with the miracle of Peter healing the man who was crippled since birth.
5. **The Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection** – This begins with the Last Supper, then the agony in the garden, and the crucifixion. On the third day after his crucifixion, Jesus is resurrected and fulfills his destiny.
6. **Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors** – The story of Joseph and his brothers, and his heroism and faith in God. The story ends with a note of hope and offers an uplifting moral message.

SAINTS/HOLY PERSONS

NEW! DVD – The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends (26 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

Brother Francis introduces children to their heavenly friends, the saints. Children learn about the comfort, encouragement, and help given through the saints that serve God in his heavenly kingdom. The episode includes the story of St. John Bosco; a song, "I will do my best for Jesus," that reminds us to do our best for God and others no matter what the circumstance; and an introduction to other saints.

DVD – My Catholic Family: St. Joseph (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

As Alex's family and friends prepare to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the children get excited about a camping adventure. In the process, they learn the importance of trusting God and the value of obedience. Fr. Miguel helps them see how St. Joseph, too, was obedient to the will of God.

DVD - Animated Lives of the Saints (30 minutes each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

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| 1. St. Bernadette of Lourdes | 5. St. Patrick | 8. Juan Diego (Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe) |
| 2. St. Francis of Assisi | 6. St. Francis Xavier | 9. The Day the Sun Danced |
| 3. St. Valentine | 7. My Secret Friend (Guardian Angel) | (Story of Our Lady of Fatima) |
| 4. St. Nicholas | | |

VHS - Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus (35 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

This video presents the life and work of Mother Teresa. Children will learn that Mother Teresa was a person much like themselves: a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in our world. Mother Teresa said that she saw the face of Jesus in the face of each sick and dying person she helped.

VHS - Great Souls - Mother Theresa: Woman of Compassion (50 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 6-11 or Adult**

Filmed on location in Macedonia, France, England, and India, this video traces the dramatic story of a young teenage Catholic girl who felt called by God to serve the poorest people of India. How Sister Agnes overcame impossible adversity to her vision and became Mother Theresa of Calcutta inspired the world with her example of compassion for the poor and set a standard for servanthood unequalled in the twentieth century. Through the eyes of those who knew her and those who observed her from afar, this inspiring hour will powerfully demonstrate the good that one person can do amid the most difficult of circumstances. Please preview – you may want to show parts of this rather than the entire video.

BLESSED MOTHER/ROSARY

DVD - Close Encounters with Mary and the Rosary (13 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-5**

An angel helps a boy to understand what the rosary is all about, including the mysteries. All four mysteries are presented and explained in age-appropriate language so that children will understand that the rosary is a very special way to get in touch with Jesus and Mary.

VHS - We Learn from Mary – The Cloak of Many Colors (18 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

Through the delightful image of her cloak of many colors, we are introduced to Mary as a girl, woman, mother, disciple and companion who hears and brings God’s word to others. As her life unfolds, we are invited to place our own thanks, joy, sadness, trust, worries, and faith on her cloak as she once did in her own life. With Mary and her cloak, we warm out hearts and the earth together.

DVD and VHS (one copy of each) - The Rosary for Little Children (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades PreK - 3**

Led by a heavenly visitor, your class will join a lively chorus of other children in a heartfelt journey to Jesus through the rosary. Children will learn the joyful mysteries, how to pray for their families, the church, and children with special needs.

DVD – Brother Francis Presents THE ROSARY 25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

“*The Rosary*” can inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the rosary. This episode includes:

- The prayers of the rosary as well as the Apostles’ Creed – each visualized.
- The Annunciation – an animated portrayal of Mary’s joyful submission to God’s will.
- Two visualized songs: “I Love to Pray” – a song that encourages children to communicate with God anywhere and anytime; and “The Our Father” – a musical rendition that celebrates our Heavenly Father’s presence in our daily lives.

VALUES

VHS - You Are Mine (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK - Grade 2**

Punchinello has never felt he measured up to other Wemmicks. Join Punchinello on his journey from his lowly rank in the Wemmicks to the tiptop of Wemmick Mountain, as he searches for boxes, balls and the acceptance of others. But only when little Punch falls into the hands of his loving creator, Eli, does he discover he is loved absolutely, positively just the way he is!

DVD – You Are Special (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK- Grade 2**

In Wemmicksville, everyone gives each other stickers. Golden stars are awarded to the talented and clever, but the less gifted receive gray dots. Punchinello is covered with gray stickers. Try as he might, he just can't seem to earn even one golden star. But then he meets a new friend and discovers that things can be different. When he takes his new friend's advice and visits the extraordinary woodcarver, something strange begins to happen to Punchinello – something that is sure to shake Wemmicksville to its foundations.

DVD - Michael the Visitor (27 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-8**

This folktale, produced in Claymation, is adapted from Leo Tolstoy's "Truths We Live By." Simon the shoemaker brings a poor man he meets along the way, back to his house. His wife is furious, but Simon insists on showing the stranger pity and Michael tells them God will reward them. Staying on as Simon's apprentice, Michael learns to be a fine shoemaker, but speaks rarely and smiles only three times, becoming brighter each time, as if a light shines from within him.

DVD - Martin the Cobbler (27 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-8**

This folktale, produced in Claymation, is from Leo Tolstoy's story, "Where Love Is, God Is." Having lost his wife and son, and finding it hard to work because of his age, Martin feels he has nothing left to live for, and blames the Lord for this hopeless and lonely existence. When a pilgrim leaves him with an ancient holy book that needs a new binding, Martin at first feels unworthy, then finds peace by learning to think of others besides himself.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

DVD - How Can I Celebrate Advent? A Young Christian's Guide to the Church Year (27 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades K-4**

Beth and her brother Digger can hardly wait for Christmas to come, so they are excited to learn that the church has a special season of waiting and preparation in expectation of the coming Savior: the season of Advent. Beth and Digger happily hear God's plan of salvation as they light the candles of their Advent wreath and mark the days until the coming of Jesus.

DVD – Advent with Saint Nicholas: Customs from Around the World (12 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

Ten-year-old Holly arrives home from religion class eager to enter a contest about the meaning of Advent. While she tries to tell her family, they are too caught up about the details of Christmas preparation to listen. Later that day, Holly has a surprise visitor – St. Nicholas! With the saint's help, Holly learns more about Advent customs and practices, such as the Advent wreath, Advent calendar, the Christmas tree, Los Posadas, and more.

VHS – The Angel's Advent Lesson (11 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

Danny is happily making out his Christmas list, when his Guardian Angel appears. It is obvious that Danny has forgotten the real meaning of Christmas. With his angel, he reviews Advent practices like the Advent wreath, reciting daily prayers at home, and doing acts of kindness. They also recall many of the great Scripture characters from the Advent readings: Elizabeth and Zachary, Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, and Isaiah. Danny resolves to focus on Jesus and others during the four weeks of Advent. Includes questions to ask before the video and suggested activities for doing after the video.

VHS - The Nativity – The Greatest Adventure Series (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

The Nativity is a Bible episode seen through the eyes of three young visitors from the 20th Century. This reviews the journey to Bethlehem of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' birth, and the visits of the shepherds and the Wise Men.

DVD – THREE CHRISTMAS CLASSICS (on one DVD):

- **Christmas Is...** (22 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

Benji is playing the second shepherd in the school Christmas play for the second year in a row. When Benji falls asleep while practicing his lines, his dream carries him and his dog Waldo to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Benji is excited when he discovers how important the second shepherd really was at that first Christmas. But even more exciting is Benji's discovery that Christmas is Jesus!

- **The City that Forgot About Christmas** (22 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

The story of a woodcarver who lived in a village that had forgotten about Christmas. When he taught the children of the town about the birth of Jesus, the uncaring village was filled with the joy of Christ.

- **The Stableboy's Christmas** (27 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

This is the story of 10-year-old Tammy traveling back in time to the first Christmas in Bethlehem and witnessing a little stableboy's act of unselfish love when he gives the Christ child his pet lamb. Tammy then realizes how sharing presents with others is a way of sharing God's love at Christmas.

DVD – Two Christmas Stories (on one DVD):

- **Go Look in the Manger** (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

Based on a true story, this is a tale of a Christmas gone by. To 8-year-old Ricky, Christmas of 1966 is a wonderland. Desperate to impress his teacher and classmates, Ricky strikes a deal with his mother which jeopardizes his Christmas. At Church on Christmas Eve, Ricky hears the story of the best Christmas gift ever, the gift of Jesus.

- **The Candy Maker's Christmas** (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

August is certain that he has made the perfect Christmas present, but an accidental encounter teaches him that the only truly perfect Christmas present is the gift of Jesus. Children of all ages will enjoy finding the symbolism of the candy cane in this tale of Christmas discovery.

DVD – The Crippled Lamb (60 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

The Crippled Lamb tells the story of Joshua, a little lamb who is different, left out, and left behind. But one starry night, he learns a lesson that is true for us all: God has a special place for each of us. One cold winter night, Joshua was in the right place at the right time, to watch history's greatest event unfold. . . and to play a part in it.

DVD – Brother Francis Presents THE KING IS BORN: What Christmas is About (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

"The King is Born" contains the following:

- **"The Christmas Story"** – an animated presentation of the events that led up to the birth of Jesus.
- **"What is Christmas?"** – a visualized song that reminds us of Who Christmas is really all about.
- **"Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night"** – two traditional songs that inspire praise and thankfulness for the coming of our Lord.

LENT/EASTER

VHS - Celebrating the Season: LENT (12 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 3-8**

This video explores customs, traditions, prayers and ways we can keep Lent as we walk together on the path to Jerusalem, preparing for the new life of Easter. This video invites us to deepen our understanding of Lent as a time to turn to God through prayer, fasting, doing good works, and remembering. A study guide includes discussion questions, activities, and a prayer service.

NEW! DVD – The Way of the Cross for Kids (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

Christine, Eva, Joseph, and Enrique follow the fourteen stations of the passion and death of Jesus. This video introduces children to the way of the cross in language and images appropriate to their level of understanding.

VHS - Stations of the Cross for Children (15 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-6**

The primary goal of this video is to help children, ages 7 – 12, view the Stations of the Cross as an opportunity to follow Jesus more closely. It emphasizes what children can do today to be more Christ like after reflecting on what happened to Jesus at each of his fourteen stops on the way to Calvary.

VHS - The Legend of the Three Trees (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

The Legend of the Three Trees is a timeless retelling of the classic folktale of three distinct trees, each with its own hopes, dreams, and aspirations. They each dreamed of becoming great, but their dreams didn't seem to come true. Disappointed and dejected, the trees despair about their existence until they each finally interact, in their own unique ways, with Jesus Christ in His birth, ministry, and ultimate sacrifice. In these experiences, they learn that God has a special purpose for each of them in His kingdom. The Legend of the Three Trees teaches children the significance of their role in God's plan for the world.

NEW! DVD – The First Easter (25 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

This is the story of Christ through the eyes of a child. Nate, a young street orphan, and his faithful companion, a little dog named Bark, wander the streets of Jerusalem seeking food and shelter until one day they come face to face with a man called Jesus. As Nate watches him suffer on the cross, his eyes are opened for the first time to witness the Light of God. Join Nate on his journey as he discovers faith born through his encounter with Jesus, whose resurrection forever changed the course of Nate's life.

VHS – The Donkey's Tale (13 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **PreK – Grade 2**

The story of the donkey, Moshe, who tells about the life of Jesus from his birth to his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, ending with his crucifixion and resurrection.

VHS - The Story of Easter – The Beginner's Bible (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK – Grade 3**

This animated story begins with Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, and ends with his ascension into heaven after the glorious miracle of the resurrection.

DVD – Animated Stories from the New Testament: He is Risen (30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-5**

"He is Risen" is the story of the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Sorrow and despair at the Lord's crucifixion become complete joy and love as the disciples behold their resurrected Master three days later. Includes an Adventure Quiz to use after viewing.

PRAYER

DVD – Brother Francis Presents – LET'S PRAY: A Lesson on Prayer (21 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

"*Let's Pray*" will help children establish a personal relationship with God. This episode contains:

- The Sign of the Cross – a catchy tune about an important prayer gesture.
- The Little Way of St. Therese – a visualized story.
- Let's Pray – a captivating song showing us how we can pray anywhere.
- The Our Father – the traditional prayer sung to a moving melody.
- With God's Love – a song that encourages us to serve others.

DVD – Kids and Prayer (38 minutes, four segments of about 9-10 minutes each)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-4**

This video is a great introduction to prayer in four sessions:

- Session 1: What is Prayer?
- Session 2: Why Do We Pray?
- Session 3: How Do We Pray?
- Session 4: Where Do We Pray?

These four segments include explanations from Brother Mickey, interviews with kids, storyboard teaching, and “on the road” field trips to look at each question from a different angle. This includes a discussion guide with questions to use after viewing one of the segments.

DVD – Praying in Color: Kids’ Edition (20 minutes- 2 dvds, the workshop dvd and the teaching dvd)

Suggested grade level: **Grades 2-5**

Ideas for creative prayer for children. Preview before using – this has a workbook that goes along with it.

DVD - Praying with the Body: Bringing the Psalms to Life (71 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 4-Adult**

This is a step-by-step guide to discover how to use motion, together with the vibrant words of the Psalms, to reinvigorate prayer. There is also a companion book for this. Please preview and use only part of this.

DVD – The Divine Mercy Chaplet for Kids (20 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-2 shortened version, Grades 3-5 regular version**

This DVD features St. Faustina teaching her young friends Kristin, Enrique, and others about the Divine Mercy devotion and how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Covering such topics as the origins of the Divine Mercy image, the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation, and more, it is a great tool for introducing children to God’s infinite mercy.

JESUS’ LIFE

VHS - Jesus Grows Up (17 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK – Grade 2**

What was Jesus like as a little boy? This video uses Scripture, history, and imagination to create a portrait of what life might have been like for Jesus as he was growing up in the Holy Land of ancient times. This video in “storybook” animation presents a great way to make the Gospel stories come alive for young children, and helps youngsters relate to the young Jesus as he learns carpentry from Joseph, plays with his friends, and loves his parents. Includes study guide.

VHS - Jesus: What He Said, What He Did (21 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK – Grade 2**

From the author and illustrator of Jesus Grows Up, here’s the rest of the greatest story ever told for young children. Following the Bible, this video covers Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan River, the parables of The Prodigal Son and The Good Samaritan, along with Jesus performing miracles, the Crucifixion, and the glorious Resurrection. 2-D animation brings the charming artwork to life in an appealing and approachable introduction to the life of Christ for little ones. Includes study guide.

VHS – The Story of Jesus for Children (62 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 2-5**

This is the story of Jesus as seen through the eyes of children who might have lived during the time Jesus lived on earth. Follow the lives of Benjamin, Caleb, Sarah, Joel, Leah, and Nathan, living in Jerusalem about A.D. 30. Children will enjoy this retelling of the true story of Jesus from a child’s perspective.

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DVD - The Donut Man: Barnyard Fun and On The Air (2 segments, each 30 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade PreK – Grade 3**

The Donut Man uses songs, stories, and actions to teach children the Word of God in a way that is fun and meaningful. “Barnyard Fun” is about Farmer Jim, who hurts his leg and whose friends help to plant seeds, milk cows, and care for the animals. “On The Air” is about a live TV broadcast on the Donut Satellite Network.

DVD - The Best of Little Children (150 minutes total) *Please preview to use the section you want for your lesson.*

Suggested Grade Level: **K-1**

This DVD includes five separate sections:

- **The Rosary for Little Children** - 30 minutes
- **Prayers for Little Children** – 30 minutes
- **A Sing-A-Long for Little Children** – 30 minutes
- **Behind the Scenes Documentary** – 30 minutes
- **Director’s Narration** – 30 minutes

Children will learn how to pray the Rosary, the Angelus, The Guardian Angel Prayer, and more. They will learn about Scripture, the sacraments and the saints. They can sing along to more than 15 songs including Joy to the World and Jesus Christ Has Risen Today.

DVD - VeggieTales: An Easter Carol (49 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grade K – Grade 4**

Inspired by Dickens’ Christmas classic, this VeggieTales film explains who millions of Christians around the world celebrate Easter past, present, and future.

DVD – Jonah – A VeggieTales Movie (83 minutes)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber, and the rest of the Veggie gang set sail on a whale of an adventure in *Jonah*. This is the story of Jonah and the whale as you’ve never seen it before – a story where everyone learns that one of the best gifts you can give – or get – is a second chance.

DVD – The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything - A VeggieTales Movie (1 hr. 26 min.)

Suggested Grade Level: **Grades 1-4**

Larry the Cucumber, Mr. Lunt, and Pa Grape find themselves on the ride of their lives when they are mysteriously whisked back to the time when pirates ruled the high seas. As they help a brave princess rescue her brother from a pirate villain, they battle evil cheese curls, giant rock monsters, and their own fears, and become the most unlikely heroes you’ve even seen.