

FAITH AT HOME

RESOURCES FOR OUR CHILDREN and YOUTH

1/ [Keeping Faith at Home](#) is a collection of resources for those doing faith formation at home that is curated by Sharon Ely Pearson on her website Rows of Sharon. Her website is a place to share passion and insights for those who care about lifelong Christian formation – or at least to listen in to someone who is on a journey of self-reflection in the midst of being called to the ministry of Christian formation as a lay person. <https://rowsofsharon.com/2020/03/13/keeping-faith-at-home-with-children/>

2/ Karin Holsinger Sherman offers [Candle Walk](#), a beautiful illustrated picture book that prepares children for sleep by taking them on a candlelit wander through the woods and inviting them to experience the Compline, a centuries-old practice of contemplative evening prayer. Appropriate for toddlers through elementary aged children, *Candle Walk* is a wonderful way to prepare children for sleep, assured of the nearness of God. The Order of Compline from The Book of Common Prayer is also included at the back of the book. <https://issuu.com/churchpublishing/docs/candlewalk5?fr=sNmZhNjY3MDM3Mg>

3/ Tucked in Bedtime Stories and Prayers

www.facebook.com/episcopaltuckedin

Each Wednesday evening, and occasional Mondays, join us to hear Bible and other stories and short bedtime prayers.

4/ Sermons4Kids. <https://sermons4kids.com/> Or sign up to a free trial of Sermons4kids PLUS as it has kids videos and video "how-to"s for parents. There is a free trial, then \$10 a month which can be cancelled at any time.

5/ **Keys for Kids** is a daily devotional for children.

<https://sermons4kids.com/key4kids.htm>

6/ "Coronavirus, Anxiety, Children And The Church" is a great article with concrete ideas from [Building Faith](#). With an increase in the number of churches suspending the common cup and even cancelling services in response to COVID-19, there is need to discuss the long-term impact of how we manage and narrate pastoral responses to this pandemic, particularly where children are involved, so as to not allow adult anxieties to take over the story.

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RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE: ALL AGES

1/ Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, well-known author and retreat leader, offers [Living in Lent](#), meditations on the hymns of the season.

<https://issuu.com/churchpublishing/docs/livinglent2?fr=sNDNhMTY3MDM3Mg> (available until April 15, 2020)

2/ **FORMA** pages at <https://www.forma.church/>

3/ **Way of Love Resources.** As we spend more time at home this Lent, this could be a wonderful time to explore the practices of [The Way of Love](#). Scroll down the page and click on each practice to find resources for various age groups. You can explore these as an individual, as a family, or online with friends. (Or here: <https://www.forma.church/way-of-love/>)

4/ **Faith at Home collaboration** being offered through Forward Movement and Forma. Check it out here:

<https://www.facebook.com/dofaithathome/>

And here: <https://lessonplansthatwork.org/faith-at-home/>. A wonderful compilation of links to resources for children, youth and adults.

5/ [Building Faith](#) is published by Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary. Their mission is to equip and inspire churches and individuals for the ministry of Christian education and faith formation. They believe that Christian education means helping all ages – children, youth, and adults – grow in the knowledge and love of God.

When you read articles on Building Faith, you are learning from ministry leaders in the field. Their authors are practitioners – women and men, lay and clergy – representing a wide variety of settings and denominations. Available at their Facebook link here:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/buildingfaithblog/posts/?ref=page_internal or the [Building Faith](#) website.

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SOME IDEAS FOR YOUTH or YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

1/ Netflix Party

“Netflix Party is a new way to watch Netflix with your friends online. Netflix Party synchronizes video playback and adds group chat to your favourite Netflix shows.

Join over 500,000 people and use Netflix Party to link up with friends and host long distance movie nights and TV watch parties today!”

<https://www.netflixparty.com/>

2/ Online Dinner Party / Pizza night (Facebook messenger / Zoom / Facetime or whatever everyone has)

3/ Online Games night – be responsible. Choose something age appropriate, no violence, gambling etc.....

4/ Zoom (online) art classes/ craft days

5/ Skype (online) book clubs / bible study

6/ Create your own “Periscope” events

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/explainer-what-is-periscope/>

Follow the Safeguarding guidelines for online interaction with our kids

http://ecf450cdbeb67edb7b8c-db8c75cfc72b416e3c18df97c8a1dcaa.r54.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/s/0e9681638_1577799411_safeguardingpolicy2019.pdf

See specifically p16 onwards VI. POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep use updated about the creative ideas you have, what works and what doesn't via the “Youth Leaders EU” WhatsApp chat group. If you're not a member and would like to be, message Caireen Warren on +39 371 424 4462