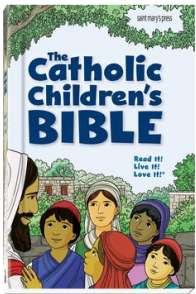


App Resources for Faith at Home

Pope App

If you want to follow the Pope then we recommend the Pope App. It includes the writing and tweets from the Holy Father as well as news, photo and video. You can also live stream the Vatican. This app is free to download.



Catholic Children's Bible App

This app is put out by St. Mary's Press and is the companion app to the Catholic Children's Bible. We use this Bible in our 4th year classes along with the app. It includes fun game, activities and read-along of many Bible stories.

Please note this app has a fee.

Jesus Calling/Jesus Calling for Kids App

Jesus Calling for Kids is an app for children and families to use to pray together. Based on the daily scripture readings, it includes a brief daily prayer to say as a family. Jesus Calling is the adult version of the app. Please note this app has a fee.



The Creed

We Profess Our Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.



I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

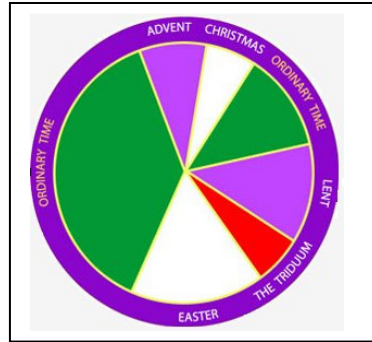
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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The Liturgical Year



According to the USCCB

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons

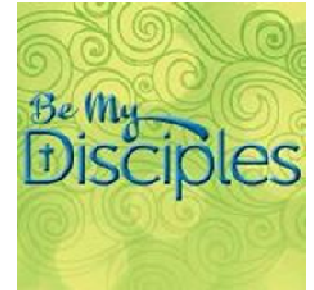
- **Advent** - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth
- **Christmas Time** - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world
- **Lent** - a six-week period of penance before Easter
- **Sacred Paschal Triduum** - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- **Easter Time** - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit
- **Ordinary Time** - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the Saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. There is no tension between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the saints, but rather a marvelous harmony. The Blessed Virgin Mary is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son, and the feasts of all the Saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants and offer the faithful fitting examples for their imitation. In the feasts of the Saints the Paschal Mystery of Christ is proclaimed and renewed.

Online Resources for Faith at Home

Bemydisciples.com

This website, produced by RCL Benziger, is the companion site to the textbook series your children are using. It has a parent section which includes resources for sharing faith at home. It also has a student's section with fun games and activities.



USCCB.org

This is the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website. This website includes a variety of information about what we believe as Catholics, what is happening in the life of the Church and a calendar of the daily Scripture readings.



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

This is the Vatican website. It includes all of the writings of the Church (including the Catechism of the Catholic Church) as well as a detailed liturgical calendar. It also includes all of the writings, prayers and speeches from the Holy Father.

LOYOLAPRESS. A JESUIT MINISTRY

<http://www.loyolapress.com/>

This is the website for the Jesuit publishing house, Loyola Press. It includes a variety of resources such as prayers, faith sharing for different age groups, holiday home celebration ideas, daily inspiration and the "3 minute retreat." Loyola Press also has the "Sunday Connection" under their "Liturgical Year" resources that includes activities and discussion questions to help your family prepare for Sunday liturgy.