

ELEMENTARY - Supplemental Material

THE SERAPHIM COMPANY - Baltimore Catechism #3, 1949 Revised Baltimore Catechism & Fr. Francis Connell Confraternity Edition

More than 500 clear and concise questions and answers are included. Fr. Connell's Baltimore catechism is a wonderful resource because it develops explanations and Sacred Scripture is used extensively to amplify the answers, and each chapter concludes with study helps, exercises, and a summary essay for teachers and students.

- Clear and concise answers followed by developed explanations
- Use of Scripture and Tradition to defend Doctrine
- Summaries of important truths for each chapter
- Study helps and exercises for students
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CHILDREN OF HOPE WEBSITE - Fr. Antoine Thomas , CSJ

www.childrenofhope.org

Children of Hope is dedicated to leading children into the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, so as to realize how much he loves them. Dear parents, priests, catechists, and all who care about the formation of children's souls:

Fr. Antoine says, "Over the years I have heard many reasons why parents hesitate to bring young children before the Eucharist each week to adore Jesus. Among these reasons are that they are too young to sit still, or that they won't understand what is happening. Some feel that it is hard enough to get them to be attentive at Mass, and if they add another hour on

Sunday, how can they expect them to behave? Well, I remind them that Jesus Himself told us, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belong the Kingdom of Heaven." (Mt. 19:14) And, that our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has made this request, "I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion." So, how else can we respond than to bring children to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus! After many years of leading Holy Hours for children, I can tell you the benefits are numerous for both children and their families:

1. Children who previously had only the weekly experience of Mass, discover that the Host is actually the person of Jesus, mysteriously hidden.
2. They develop a greater interest in the mysteries of our Faith and the liturgy of the Mass.
3. They understand—more than other children of their age who have not experienced Eucharistic Adoration—the relationship between the gift of the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross out of love for mankind.
4. They become much more aware of the various degrees of sin and seem very eager to receive the sacrament of Confession often.
5. Families accompanying their children witness a growing desire for peace and forgiveness within the family.

When children become friends with Jesus, by spending time with Him, do they not become living signs of faith in Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist for those who doubt, and therefore also become wonderful signs of hope for those who despair in finding God on earth? May Our Lord bless you through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist."

EWTN – When Children Adore DVD Series – Fr. Antoine Thomas, CSJ

In this 3-part series (30 min. each) Fr. Antoine leads a group of children in lively discussions on what to expect, and how to respond, in the Mass, the Rosary, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration.

EWTN – Children, Behold Your Mother DVD Series – Fr. Antoine Thomas, CSJ

In this 4-part series (30 min. each) Fr. Antoine helps young children come to know Jesus through Mary. He leads a group of children through mini-meditations on Jesus and how to respond to Him while praying the

Rosary. Beautiful piano music and drawings of Jesus' life serve as a lovely complement to the recitation of the Rosary. Children will want to watch this again and again.

EWTN - TRUTH IN THE HEART DVD SERIES - Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist – Season 1

(SEASON 1)

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, teach children the tenets of the Catholic faith with wisdom, understanding, and an obvious love for and devotion to their first-fifth grade students. (30 min. each)

<p><u>Grade 1 - Baptism</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation and Fall 2. God came to earth for you 3. God calls you by name 4. Mary is your Mother 5. Let the Children come to me <p><u>Grade 2 – Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 2. The reception of holy communion 3. The sacrament of Penance 4. The sacrament of Confession 5. What are sacramentals? <p><u>Grade 3 – Virtue in the Lives of the Saints</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faithfulness 2. Do I have to forgive? 3. Friendship 4. Fortitude 5. How can I be fervent? 	<p><u>Grade 4 – Sin and Grace</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God, Father and Creator 2. The truth about Adam and Eve 3. Sin and its consequences 4. The Gift of Redemption 5. The remedies for sin <p><u>Grade 5 – Heaven</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heaven and why we want to go there 2. Where and what is heaven? 3. Who is in heaven? 4. How to get there: Heaven 5. The Communion of Saints
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EWTN - TRUTH IN THE HEART DVD SERIES - Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist – Season 2

(SEASON 2)

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, continue in Season 2 to teach children the tenets of the Catholic faith with wisdom, understanding, and an obvious love for and devotion to their first-fifth grade students. (30 min. each)

<p><u>Grade 1 – Signs and Symbols of our Faith</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God comes to us in all that he has made 2. God makes his presence known through light and fire 3. Jesus saves us by shedding his blood 4. The water of baptism washes us clean 5. Pointing to God: The Cross and our church buildings <p><u>Grade 2 – This is the Mass</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confiteor – The mercy and the glory of God 2. Offertory – Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice 3. Sanctus – The hymn of the Angels 4. Eucharistic Prayer – This is my body. This is my blood 5. Agnus Dei – In the Blood of the Lamb 	<p><u>Grade 4 – The Holy Spirit</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is the Holy Spirit? 2. The symbols of the Holy Spirit 3. How the Holy Spirit makes us holy 4. The Holy Spirit in the life of the Church 5. The Holy Spirit in our lives <p><u>Grade 5 – Man and Freedom</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freedom and the dignity of man 2. Guidance for our freedom: The law and the Church 3. Freedom from the inside 4. Freedom in action & virtue 5. Your freedom and society
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<u>Grade 3 – Our Blessed Mother</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary, the Mother of God 2. Mary the New Eve 3. The Immaculata 4. Our Lady of the Rosary 5. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist 	
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EWTN - TRUTH IN THE HEART DVD SERIES - Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist – Season 3

(SEASON 3)

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, continue in Season 3 to teach children the tenets of the Catholic faith with wisdom, understanding, and an obvious love for and devotion to their first-fifth grade students. (30 min. each)

<u>Grade 1 – The Life of Christ</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Incarnation 2. The Childhood of Christ 3. The Public Life of Christ 4. The Passion and Death of Christ 5. The Resurrection 6. The Ascension and the Second Coming 	<u>Grade 3 – Belief in God and What it Means That He is our Father</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I Believe in One God 2. Giving God Everything 3. The Father, the Almighty 4. What is the Father Like? Creator of Heaven and Earth 5. Creator of Things Seen and Unseen 6.
<u>Grade 2 – The Liturgies of Holy Week</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History and Symbols for the Liturgies of Holy Week 2. Palm Sunday 3. Holy Thursday 4. Good Friday 5. Easter Vigil 	<u>Grade 4 – The Lives of the Saints and Heroic Virtue</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is a Hero of Virtue? 2. Heroes of Faith 3. Heroes of Hope 4. Heroes of Charity 5. Heroes Make Good Choices and Are Always Fair 6. Are Courageous and Have Self-Control
	<u>Grade 5 – N/A</u>

EWTN - TRUTH IN THE HEART DVD SERIES - Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist – Season 4

(SEASON 4)

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, continue in Season 4 to teach children the tenets of the Catholic faith with wisdom, understanding, and an obvious love for and devotion to their first-fifth grade students. (30 min. each)

<u>Grade 1</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mystical Body of Christ 2. The Church and the Pope 3. Communion Among Holy Persons 4. Communion in Holy Things 5. The Second Coming 	<u>Grade 4</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Prayer? 2. Getting Ready to Pray 3. How to Pray - Part 1 4. How to Pray - Part 2 5. The Battle of Prayer
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<p><u>Grade 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primacy of Peter 2. The Four Marks 3. Apostolic Tradition 4. The Apostles' Creed 5. Apostolic Succession <p><u>Grade 3</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I believe in Jesus Christ 2. The Son of God Becomes Man 3. Atonement and Redemption 4. Resurrection 5. Ascension and Judgment 	<p><u>Grade 5</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Church Mystery 2. Four Marks of the Church & The Church as Apostolic 3. The Church as One 4. Universal Call to Holiness 5. Christ's Call & Your Mission in the Church
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ASCENSION PRESS – THE GREAT ADVENTURE KIDS BIBLE TIMELINE – by Jeff & Emily Cavins, Sarah Christmyer, and Eileen McCook

The five items included in this educational package (Chart, Game Set, Bible Story Coloring Book, Bookmark, and Prayer Beads) are based on the color-coded system of the *Great Adventure* and will aid in teaching children the narrative story of salvation history. Through play, memorization, prayer, and interaction, these learning tools bring familiar Bible stories into a system where children can relate them to their own life.

Great Adventure Kids Bible Timeline Chart by Jeff & Emily Cavins

The Great Adventure Kids Bible Timeline Chart is a color-coded accordion-style folding chart that details the 12 periods of Bible history. With its vibrant colors and kid-friendly illustrations, the Kids Bible Timeline Chart shows children the chronology of the Bible in a way they're sure to remember. This double-sided resource has on the back important maps, prayers, an explanation of the six historical covenants between God and man, and "How You Fit into the Story," a summary of the sacraments of initiation and life in Christ.

Great Adventure Kids Bible Story Coloring Book by Emily Cavins, Illustrated by Eileen McCook

This 10" x 13" Bible Story Coloring Book includes 49 pages of illustrated Bible stories. There are four coloring pages from each of the 12 periods of Bible history. A brief summary of each period is included, as well as Bible stories that bring the Scriptures to life for your children. This Bible Story Coloring Book is designed to help you teach your children the story of salvation history in chronological order. This is ideal for younger children, but helpful for all readers to capture the overall story of the Bible in the context of the 12 periods of Bible history.

Great Adventure Kids Bible Card Game Set by Emily Cavins & Sarah Christmyer

The Great Adventure Kids Bible Card Game Set is a fun-filled and beautifully illustrated system designed to teach children as young as three the "big picture" of salvation history. Kids young and old – and adults, too – will have fun while learning the story of the Bible. Instructions for five games are included, from the easier "Go Fish" and "Rummy" concepts to the more complex "Doubt It" and "Spoons." These cards are designed to help players learn the progression of the periods of Bible history by color as well as recognize key characters, events and Bible references. The games can be played with a small group or with a larger one in a classroom or religious education setting.

Great Adventure Kids Bookmark by Jeff & Emily Cavins

The color-coded bookmark is a scaled-down version of *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Chart* for easy reference. Not only can children use it to mark their spot while reading, they can reference the symbols on the card to know what period of salvation history they are reading from.

Great Adventure Kids Prayer Beads by Jeff & Emily Cavins

The Great Adventure Prayer Beads are designed to be used in conjunction with the Bible Timeline Prayer printed on the back panel of the *Great Adventure Kids Bible Timeline Chart*. The Bible Timeline Prayer emphasizes the important lessons God wants us to learn from each period of Bible history and helps children learn God's plan for their lives.

EWTN – MY CATHOLIC FAMILY DVD SERIES

This is a DVD series on some of the saints. Each video is 30-minutes long, and can be played in either English or Spanish. There are DVD's on the following saints: **St. Faustina, St. Padre Pio, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary, St. Benedict, St. Edith Stein, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Theresa of Avila, Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. John Bosco, St. Margaret Mary, St. Rita of Cascia, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Louis de Monfort.**

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAM LAKE, MN – FAMILY FORMATION

<http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/familyformation>

Family Formation follows the three-year liturgical cycle, is driven by Sacred Scripture, is faithful to the teaching of the Magisterium, and references the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Though it is written for use within families, parishes may find their materials and ideas useful for parish catechesis.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR – *The Beatitudes for Children* – Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli © 2009

Each Beatitude is coupled with a kid-sized explanation that makes it easy for them to relate to these powerful statements. A family interaction page follows; featuring real-life applications that kids and their parents can participate in so the whole family is inspired to apply the Lord's instructions to their lives.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR – *The Mass Book for Children* – Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli © 2004

Here's a delightful way to introduce your little ones to Jesus in the Eucharist. With its captivating writing style and charming art, *The Mass Book for Children* not only teaches young children the parts of the Mass but also shows them why joining in the joyful gathering is an experience of love. Entertaining and educational, *The Mass Book for Children* is perfect for the home or classroom. For children preschool to 9 years old.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR – *Just Like Mary* – Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli © 2003

From her Immaculate Conception to her Assumption, here is the story of Mary told in a way that will charm and delight your children. They'll also love the full-color pictures that brighten the book. You'll be pleased to see that they're learning solid Marian doctrine, presented in a way every child can understand. The authors who brought you *Little Acts of Grace* know how to make important religious ideas not only comprehensible but also appealing to young children. As they get to know Mary, children will also learn what they can do to imitate Mary, and what important lessons Mary's life has for us. For children preschool to 9 years old.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR – *Living the 10 Commandments for Children* – Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli © 2007

The Ten Commandments have always played an essential role as guiding principles in the lives of adults and children alike. Their simplicity and clarity make them a wonderful tool to pass on an understanding of the Faith to our children. Elementary-age children will appreciate the positive, real-world examples and vibrant full-color illustrations that bring the stories and pages to life. Containing Scripture for the adult reader, alongside reverent, yet whimsical explanations designed to hold a child's interest, this book will help families and catechists reinforce a vision of a healthy spiritual life in step with God's plan. An excellent preparation tool for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, *Living the 10 Commandments for Children* contains a mini-examination of conscience appropriate for children. Free bonus: On the last page of the book, the reader is referred to www.osv.com for additional pages of "Tricky Temptations," scenarios that children can use for their examination of conscience or parents can use as conversation starters with their children.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR – *Little Acts of Grace* – Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli © 2002

Why do some people kneel on one knee before they sit down in Church? Or bow their heads when they hear a siren? These are the little things that mean a lot to God. They're our way of showing how much we love God, and they're easy to do. There's no better way to introduce children to Catholic customs than this little book. It's written in a

bright, cheerful style that children will love. And it doesn't just explain these little devotional customs - it makes the children want to do them, too. For children preschool to 9 years old.

MagnifiKid – <http://www.magnificat.com/magnifikid/index.asp>

Every week MagnifiKid includes: All the readings and the prayers of the Sunday Mass with explanations of the difficult words and the meaning of the rituals; A daily prayer adapted from the Liturgy of the Hours; Many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord ; Various games, a comic, and activities to help children learn about Christian life and culture; A page intended for the parents with suggestions for family prayers. There are great bulk subscription rates. <http://www.magnificat.com/magnifikid/index.asp>.

NEW

Children’s Worship Bulletins – www.childrenbulletins.com

Reproducible bulletin of children’s activities that reinforce the Sunday Mass readings. Available for two age groups: 3-6 and 7-12. Parish or school buys license and can make as many copies as needed. Download from Internet. Be sure to choose “Lectionary for Mass” to ensure the proper Scripture reading. These could be used in conjunction with Religious Education classes or made available at the parish after weekend Masses.

CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NEW

Vatican Express Vacation Bible School - <http://growingwiththesaints.com/curriculum4.cfm>

Catholic Vacation Bible School program for Grades PreK-6. Explore St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Meet and greet our Pope. Get to know St. Peter and find out how the Church started. Read about Saint Jerome. Includes skits, Bible stories, crafts, snack ideas, and music. Family activity handout to take home and service project included. Mass planning sheet provided.