



Faith Formation for
All the Seasons of Life

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What Time Is It?

This time poses the greatest leadership crisis any of us have faced. It can be a moment of amazing creativity, though it also is going to be a time of unavoidable pain and loss. We will discover that while many resources are suddenly unavailable to us, the most essential resource is still available, and the most important reality has not changed. The reality is that God has called us to a time like this, given us a mission and a community to serve alongside, and we still have the most important resource, which is trust in the context of love. Everything depends on how quickly and thoroughly we move to build on that resource, starting today.

(Andy Crouch, Kurt Keilhacker, Dave Blanchard)

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Time to
Reinvent
Faith
Formation



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Acute Phase

The emergency, or *Acute Phase*, is the disorientating and almost desperate stage this like being wheeled into an emergency room. The goal of the Acute Stage is survival. Calm down. Stabilize the situation. Protect the organization, the team, the leader. Rest. Sleep. Breathe. This is the phase that many of us experienced when the pandemic first started.

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Adaptive Phase

The Adaptive Phase comes next—if *you choose to enter it*. The Adaptive Phase is when “the emergency has passed, but a high-stakes, if somewhat less urgent, set of challenges remains. Having survived, how do you adapt to the uncertainties of a new reality in order to thrive. The crisis is far from over. The Adaptive Phase is when a leader chooses to utilize the shock of the crisis to “hit the organization reset button.” It’s the moment to look deeply at the underlying issues that people have not had the will to confront before the crisis. It’s the opportunity to *bring real, deep change*.

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What Are We Learning

- ❖ **We are focusing on our people**—their needs, struggles, life issues, and more. We are becoming more person-centered.
- ❖ **We are expanding our vision** of where church and faith formation happens. We’ve moved from a church-building mindset to a multi-space approach where faith forming happens at home, in online spaces, in small groups, in mentoring relationships, in independent learning, in the world.

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What Are We Learning

- ❖ **We are using new approaches** (and tools, methods, and media)—many of which have been available to us for a decade—that the pandemic has motivated (forced?) us to use as integral to faith formation.
- ❖ **We are offering faith formation in synchronous** (real time) and **asynchronous** (on your own time) formats with Online and Hybrid approaches—thereby expanding the opportunities for people to engage in faith forming experiences.

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What Are We Learning

- ❖ **We are making faith formation mobile**—bringing faith formation to where people live using the new digital tools, methods, and media. We are creating playlists of faith forming content for all ages.
- ❖ **We are usually traditional tools in new digital ways.**
- ❖ **We are using social media platforms for connection and sharing.** We are connecting and communicating with people of all ages, sharing and discussing faith and spirituality, engaging people to share what they are learning and how they are practicing their faith through videos, images, stories, and more.

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How do we build on our innovative efforts as a platform for creating the future of faith formation?

How do we move into the Adaptive Phase?

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How do we build faith formation that is...

Adaptive
Responsive
Resilient
Flexible

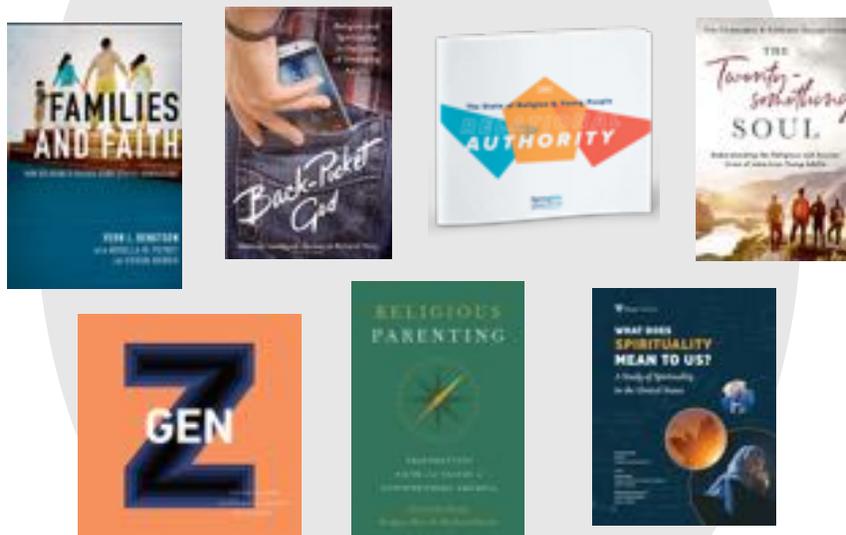
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Building a More Adaptive, Responsive, Resilient, Flexible Faith Formation

1. Informed by research on forming faith
2. Focusing on goals for faith maturing
3. Embracing holistic faith formation: intergenerational, family, and life stages
4. Scheduling in seasonal menus with a variety of programming: content, formats, times, spaces
5. Programming with three models & three spaces: online, blended/hybrid, and physical
6. Personalizing through playlists of faith forming content and experiences

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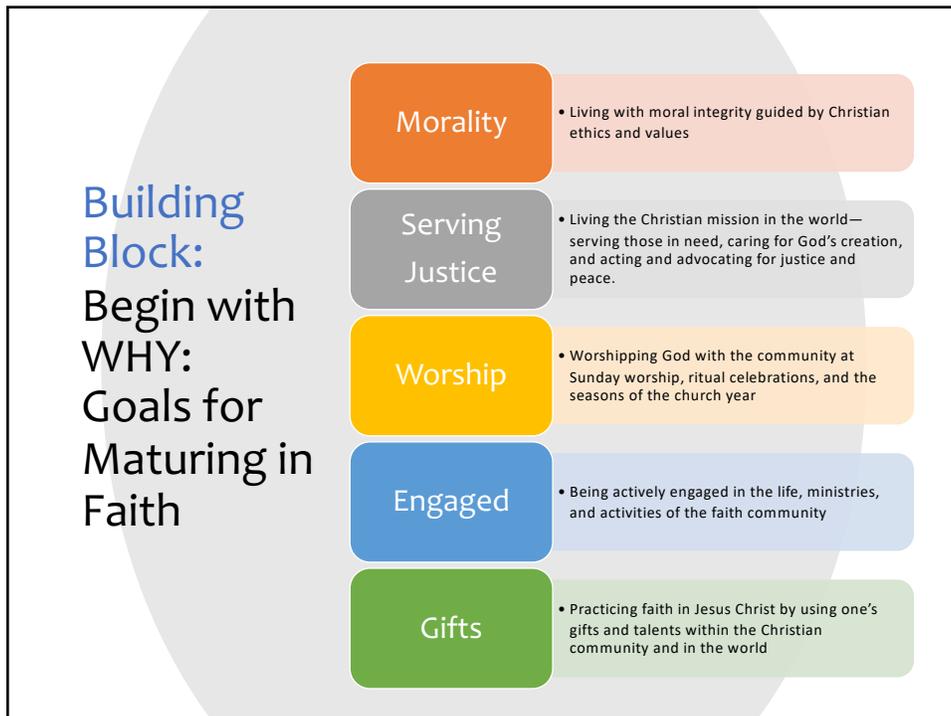
Building Block: Informed by Research



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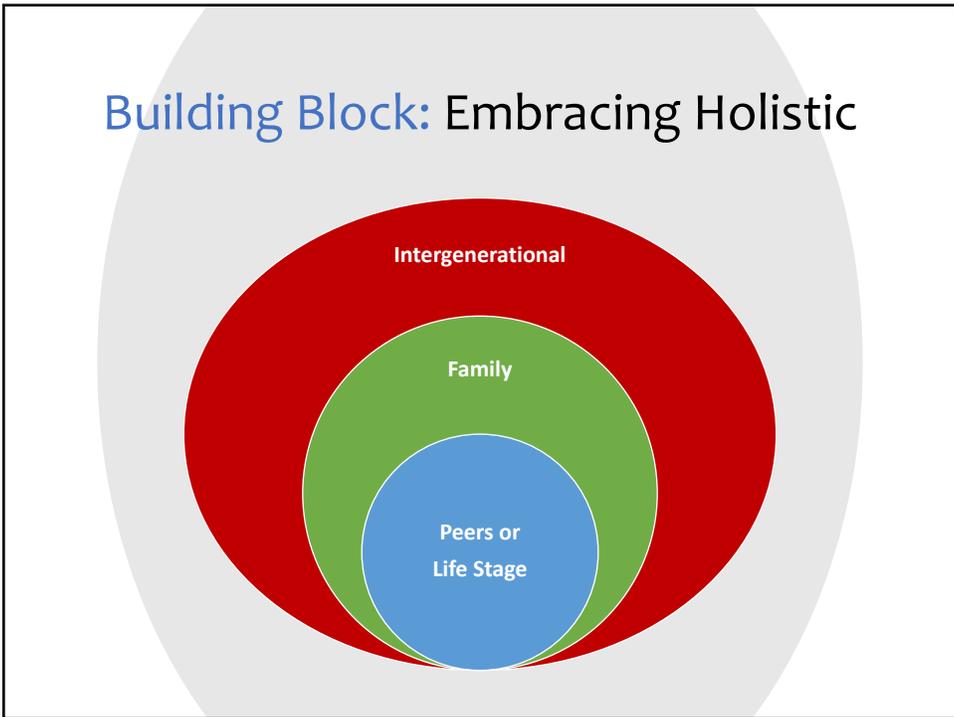
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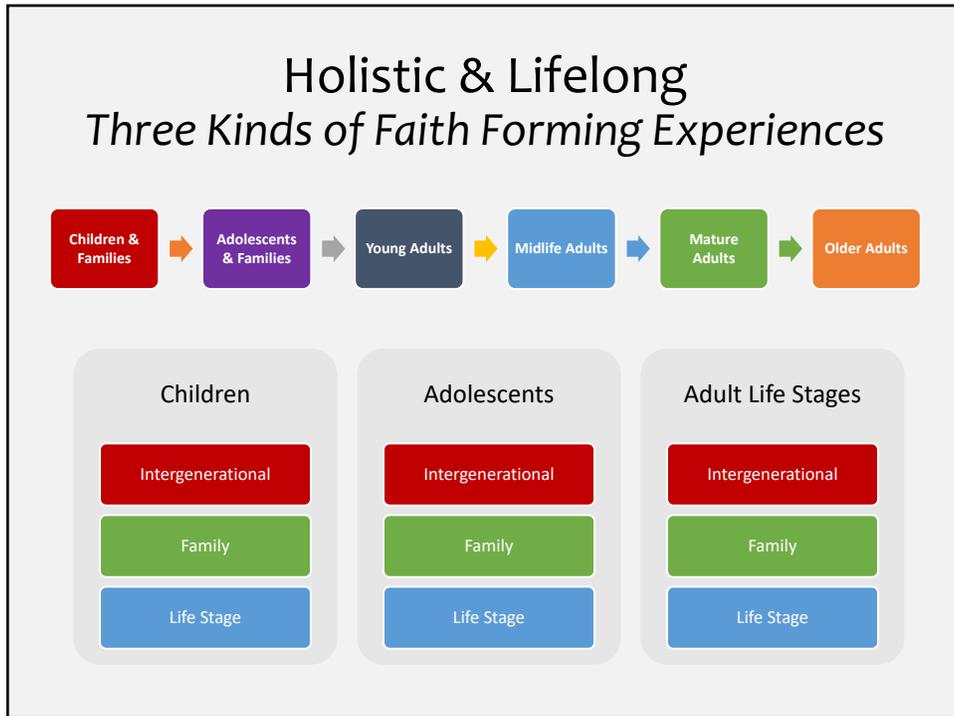
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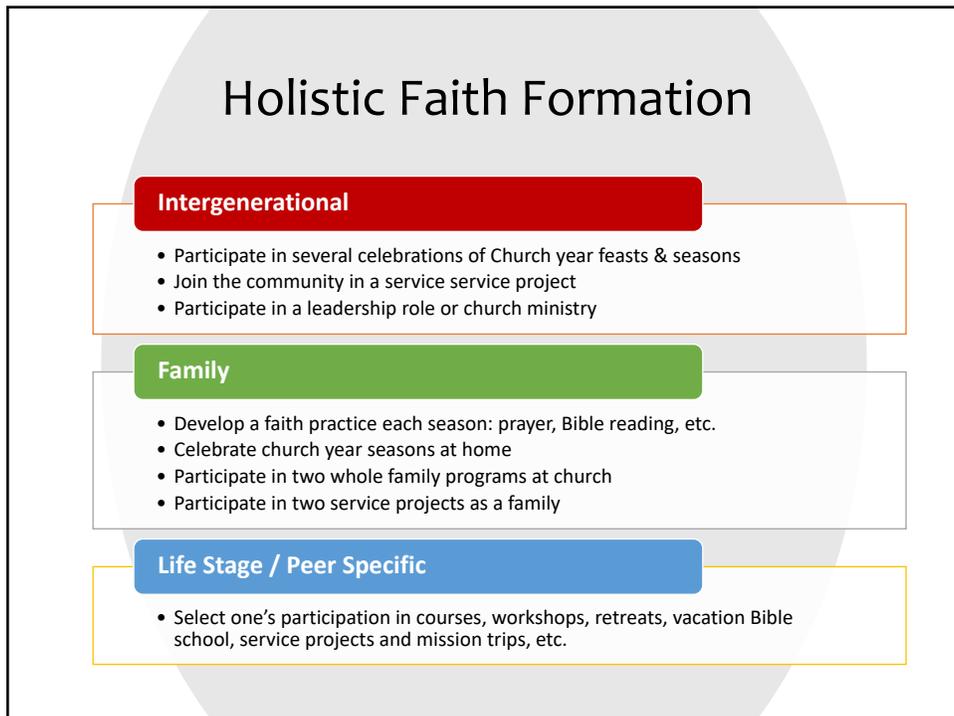
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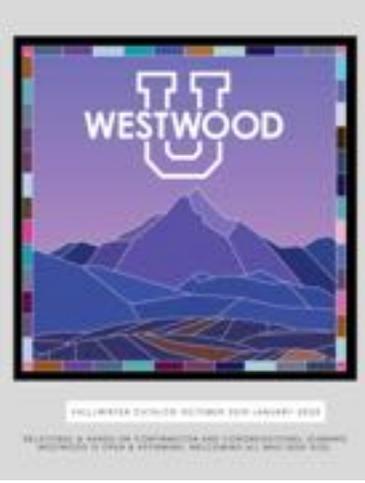
Building Block: Seasonal Menus

Seasons: Sept – Dec Jan – April May – Aug
Variety of programming: content, formats, times, spaces

Children & Families →
 Adolescents & Families →
 Young Adults →
 Midlife Adults →
 Mature Adults →
 Older Adults

Programming	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4
Life Issues				
Spiritual Formation				
Scripture				
Theological Themes				
Justice & Service				
Seasons				
Prayer & Worship				

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WESTWOOD U
 FALL/WINTER 2020/21 SPRING 2021 SUMMER 2021

WHAT IS WESTWOOD U?

Welcome to Westwood U!
 Westwood U offers people of all ages the opportunity to gather for education, faith development, and mutual growth—

kids, parents, grandparents, friends...

Everyone is invited!

The purpose is to move beyond education to *formation and transformation*. Westwood U is a way to nurture a whole culture – an ecosystem – of faith formation at Westwood.

We believe that *heart and hands* must accompany *head* in one's faith journey, so in addition to the classroom, Westwood U will create opportunities for faith mentoring, faith socializing, and even faith surfing by tapping into life experience of *multiple generations*. We operate under the conviction that the content of faith has no traction outside of faith-based relationships. Our faith flourishes in relationship.

What courses are offered?
 There are 3 categories for the courses offered at Westwood U. Several courses from each category are offered throughout the year.

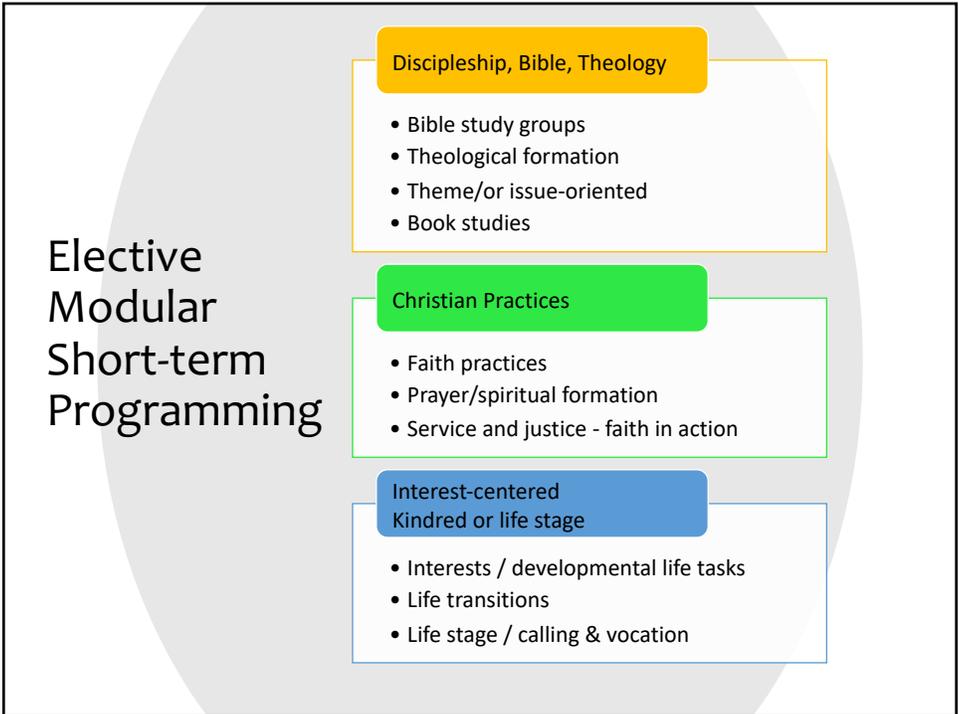
They are:

- Know: hands on learning
- Live: service to our neighbor and congregation
- Grow: fellowship and faith nurturing experiences

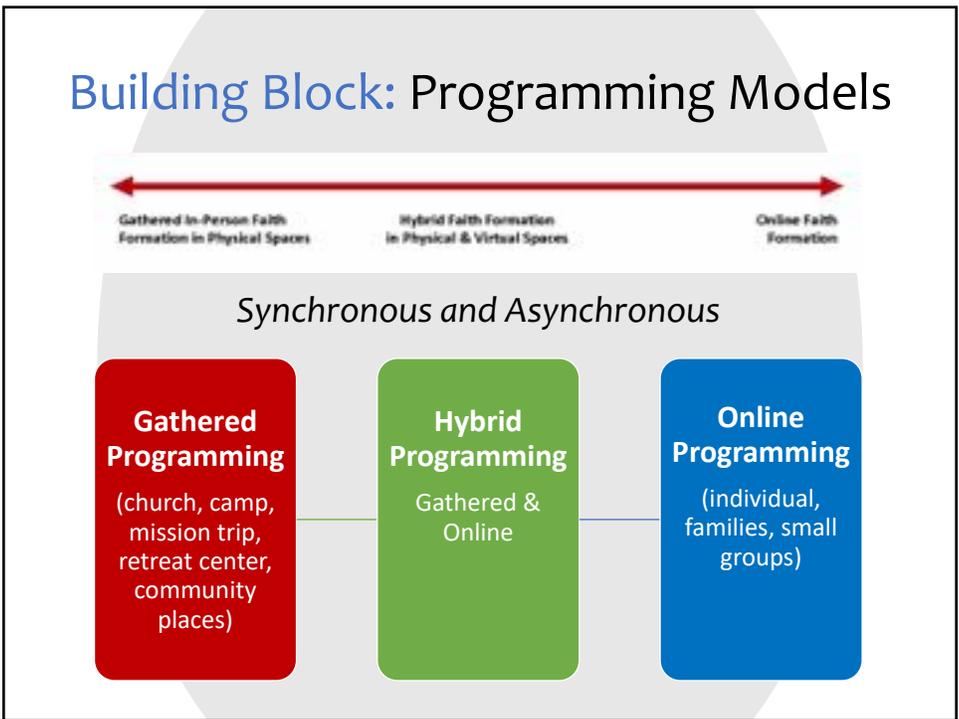
How many of each should I take if I'm looking to get credit for confirmation?
 While completing the required number of 15 total Westwood U courses, confirmation students are required to take a minimum number of 3 courses in each of the 3 categories listed above. The remaining 6 credits are the students choice!

Example:
 Year 1: 3 courses, Wednesday Night Live and Bible Milestone
 Year 2: 3 courses and Wednesday Night Live
 Year 3: 3 courses, mentoring and a faith statement.

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Kenilworth Union Church

Children & Families

Sundays Online Only for Winter

Time	Day of Week	Location	Target Age	Cost/Support
7 a.m. Family Chapel with Gaily Play—Sunday				
This weekly 30-minute chapel for families with children will include engaging story-telling, interactive responses, and singing praise. We will journey through the Bible responsorially over the course of the year.	7 a.m. Sunday	Online	Family with children 0-10	Free
11 a.m. Third Grade Bible Milestone—Sunday				
Online only option. Third graders will learn the 10 Commandments, Noah's Ark, The Resurrection, Good Friday and Easter Celebrations.	11 a.m. Sunday	Online	3rd grade	Free
11 a.m. Drawing Close to God—Sunday				
For all ages prayer books and art to give in the time of trial and tribulation.	11 a.m. Sunday	Online	All ages	Free
Apprenticeship Faith Formation—Grow				
"Learning in my World" —These short weekly videos are for use in your home to reinforce what you are learning in school.				
The Resurrection —Your whole family will enjoy the videos, downloadable activities, and worksheets coloring pages used to explore these often surprising messages from scripture.				
Network Groups – The Prayer Experiment				
WED —Join us for a 30-minute time of conversation and creative prayer using the above found in bible.	3 p.m. Wednesday	Online	5th & 6th grades only	Free
THURSDAY —Join us for 30 minutes of conversation and creative prayer using above found in bible.	4 p.m. Thursday	Online	3rd, 4th, 5th grades only	Free
FRIDAY —A 15 minute story for the weekend time of the day.	4 p.m. Friday	Online	Pre-K/1st grade	Free

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Digital Tools

- A Digital Platform for Faith Formation: Websites – Weebly, Squarespace, Wix
- Online Learning Platforms: Edmodo, Seesaw, Google Classroom
- Video Conferencing & Streaming: Zoom, Facebook Live, YouTube Live
- Group Interaction: Facebook Groups
- Communication Tools: Email, Texting
- Social Media Tools: Facebook, Instagram
- Digital Learning Apps

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Online Programming

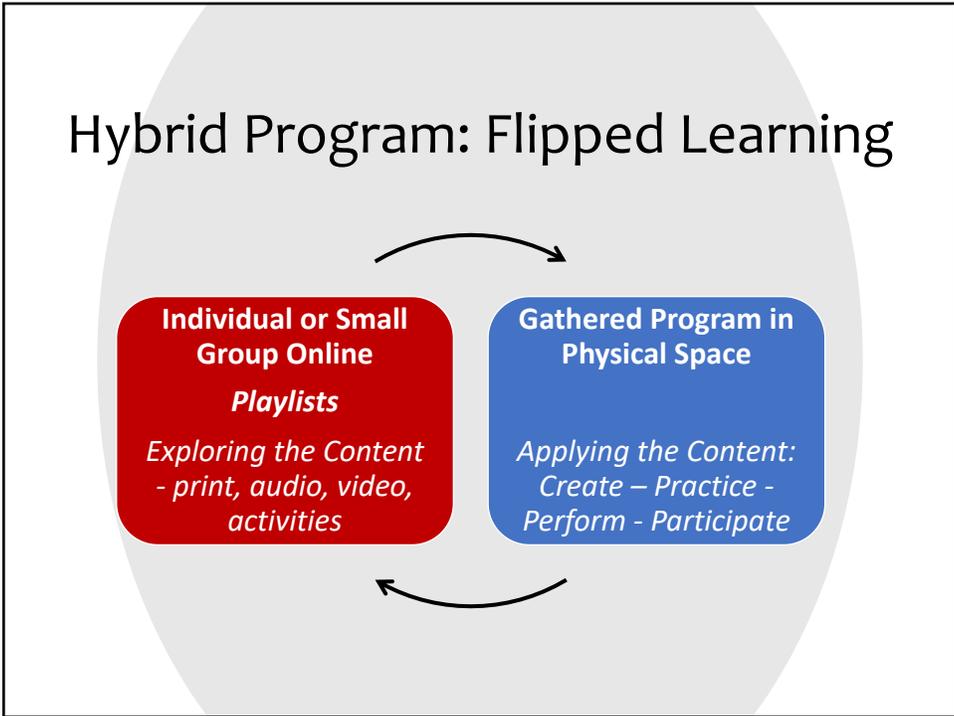
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Hybrid/Blended Programming

1. In-person gathered faith formation + at-home online faith formation (playlists)
2. In-person gathered + at-home online (playlists) + online gatherings
3. In-person gathered + livestream or video presentations + at-home online (playlist)
4. Online + in-person small group gatherings + playlist
5. Worship + online faith formation (weekly playlist)

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Programming for Diverse Religious Paths

Scripture Enrichment

Choose the path that helps you to grow



Getting Started

Try the following activities to launch your study of Scripture.....

1. Watch the video overview of the Old Testament and New Testament
2. Participate in the three sessions "Scripture Presentation Series" at church.
3. Participate in the 30-Day Bible Experience. Read one book of the Bible.



Growing with Scripture

Try the following activities to grow in your study of Scripture.....

1. Learn how to read the Bible in a small group
2. Develop a daily plan for reading the Bible
3. Learn how to pray with the Bible. Lectoria Oratio
4. Develop a daily devotions practices using the Bible



Going Deeper

Try the following activities to going deeper in your study of Scripture.....

1. Join a Scripture Bible study group
2. Take an online course: Hebrew Scriptures, Gospels, Letters of Paul
3. Study and pray the Psalms as a spiritual practice
4. Develop a personal Bible study plan

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DISCIPLESHIP: AS SYSTEM & STRUCTURE (adapted from the work of Phil Maynard)

	Searching	Exploring	Beginning	Growing	Maturing
Worship					
Community					
Spiritual Practices					
Generosity & Service					
Christ-Like					

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Figure 8 **DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM SAMPLE** (adapted from the work of Phil Maynard)

	Searching	Exploring	Beginning	Growing	Maturing
Worship	Searching for something new.	Invited by a friend to attend worship. Mutual encouragement.	Begin to worship regularly, becoming more aware of God in each day.	Attend regularly and begin to recognize certain moments of worship.	Begin to focus and worship members in work and other settings others in worship.
Community	Searching for genuine connections.	Begin to feel strongly drawn to those followers of Jesus and feel warm acceptance by them.	Move from searching graciously, desiring to offering it to others in every day life.	Begin to look for ways to love, accept, and value to others in the same way that the church and God's kingdom welcomed you.	Seek to build relationships with others and share with them the life and community that you have found to look.
Spiritual Practices	Wonder about the Bible and if there are ways to experience God.	Draw closer to the study of God's law and begin to practice scripture.	Begin to pray and read scripture regularly, being open to God.	Move to exploring spiritual disciplines, drawn closer to God on a daily basis.	Enjoy and practice spiritual disciplines, and begin to show others how to use them to grow in faith and in Christ closer to God.
Generosity & Service	Wonder if there is more to life than making money and what you can.	Begin to give occasionally in worship and by a formal project at church. See other people making a difference in the lives of others and seek to be a part of that.	Begin to give regularly of money, time, and talents, understand Christ's mission for better things and disciplines how God has gifted you to do this.	Try giving my resources, time, and talent to God through the ministries of the church, regularly seek to use my gifts, talents, and passions.	Give and occasionally give beyond what God by God's grace to establish life and resources to give Jesus in service to others.
Christ Like	The life and teachings of Jesus are intriguing.	Exploring the life of Jesus on my own by reading the Bible and observing my live Bible study.	Accept the call to follow Jesus and commit to the church, seek to imitate the Jesus and serve others.	Begin to daily apply the teachings of Jesus in everyday life.	Formal with God and make others to imitate the life and teachings of Jesus.

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JANUARY 6, 2020
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

taking faith home

God's light shines through Jesus.

EPIPHANY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Epiphany celebration.

Monday **Matthew 2:1-12** **The wise men worship Jesus**
Isaiah 60:1-6 **The glory of God shines on the people**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR EPIPHANY

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has been upon you. **Isaiah 60:1 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Epiphany
 Dear God, in meditation these stars give us the nations, Gentes, non gentes, show us the nations of the world with peace, joy, and love. Amen.

Resolution Prayer:
 Lord God, at the star above our Bethlehem to lead the presence of your Son, may this lead upward so that this "lead" is a gift of your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Share:
 May the light of Christ bring peace upon us.

JANUARY 6, 2020
MYSTERY FOR EPIPHANY
Arise, Shine, for People!

EPIPHANY MILESTONES

Take a moment to sit or stand about a recent milestone high within your life to share the.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Share in one-on-one, small groups, or set for personal reflection:

- Why do some people feel other people they don't love?
- How does the light of Christ help us to compare our lives?
- If we had the same heart to share, what could you be doing?

DEVOTIONS

Read: **Matthew 2:1-12.**

People of another religion and another part of the ancient world used astrology to guide them in Jesus, and it was that God would the world be lit by the light of Christ that shines from Bethlehem to incite and pierce to the ends of the earth. It is that powerful light that has preserved the darkness of sin. Not only is that light lighted to the message that a King has been born to the world, so one of the people of Israel in it. There is, more the people lighted to faith, hope and charity. It was the first things, something was a heart to all. We really hear change, and if I have come to believe in, the received something new happens to us, we feel a sense of control. It is no longer about us, in the future, the change is about that's what God's will, and that's how that shines brightly into a darkness world. Thanks for the light that leads into the dark corners of our world and our lives. It is the only light and only hope that really matters. To change days or difficult for you? These things are God for help?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, when we see in your star who takes our fears and worries and turns them into joy and gladness. Amen.**

SERVICE

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, is a time when an age-old Christian tradition of offering incense takes place around the world. It is a custom to visit the 281,450,400 with gifts on the day of 1, 6, and 8 January that year. (2020 was the outbreak of the virus but also about for a Latin phrase meaning "three kings". The 3 symbolizes the three: the kings who appear, when daily spiritual practices take place i.e., reading scripture, praying, or listening others; what a person today who is fortunate and pray with them. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. We still need something to guide us in life. Take a moment to stand with your feet spread slightly and your arms stretched out. Look to the far blue horizon, imagine your hand, feet, and feet being the points of a star. When you think about the connection you have to a star, feeling others in Jesus, imagine how you can do this. Talk about, draw a picture, or make a list of ways you can lead others to Jesus through your actions and words.

In addition to Taking Faith Home, consider milestones in your daily life as an effective light foundation tool. Go to: www.worshipresources.org

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Children & Parents

Holy Week 2019

April 14, 2019: Palm Sunday - Luke 19:28-40

The Gospel Reading Luke 19:28
www.usccb.org/bible/reading/19-28

Read a short commentary on the Gospel: [Catholic Connection](#)
 Take a few moments as a parent to reflect on the story of Palm Sunday: www.usccb.org/resources/palm-sunday

Read a children's version of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem: [Luke 19:28-40](#)

Use a coloring page together of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem. Read the reflections on Palm Sunday and share its insights with your children.
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Jesus' Entry Into Jerusalem



Make a Palm Cross



An Introduction to Holy Week on "Eternity Moments"



A Catholic Guide to Holy Week

To learn more about the meaning of the Holy Week events read the "Guide" or "Eternity Moments":

- ["A Catholic Guide to Holy Week Sunday"](#)
- ["A Guide to Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday from Eternity Moments"](#)
- ["Your Essential Guide to the Triduum"](#)

Just for Parents: A Virtual Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion following the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Prayers accompanying a station reflect on the station of the cross. Prayers for the Stations of the Cross are available for children, adults, and young adults. Prayers for the Stations of the Cross are available in a variety of languages. Prayers for the Stations of the Cross are available in a variety of languages. Prayers for the Stations of the Cross are available in a variety of languages.

Stations of the Cross Activity

Watch the film together with the children of the Cross in color and part of the full film. Use the prayers throughout the week.
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Holy Week Story Telling Activity

Take the prayers and use them with Eternity Moments to explore the events of Holy Week and Easter.
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Holy Thursday - Last Supper Craft Activity

Make your own Last Supper with the bread and wine. Use the prayers and use them with Eternity Moments to explore the events of Holy Week and Easter.
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February 16, 2019: Call of the Disciples - Luke 5:1-11

The Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11: www.usccb.org/bible/reading/5-1-11

Take a few moments as a parent to reflect on the Gospel of Jesus calling the disciples: www.usccb.org/resources/call-of-the-disciples

For background on Luke's Gospel, watch the video of Luke 3 - 6. Focus on Luke 5 which is around 2 minutes into the video: [Gospel of Luke Video](#)

Read the Gospel together: [Luke 5:1-11](#)

Do a coloring page together of Jesus calling the disciples.
[pdf](#) [pdf](#) [pdf](#)

Symbol of the Week

Get small fish shapes cut out of paper for the children to color. Place these fish shapes in a clear glass bowl on the center of the table. Read the Gospel story together once or twice during the week. Talk about how Jesus calls us to follow him today.

The Call of the Disciples



Children's Storybook

[Storybook](#) in a fun, big fish. Reading the Gospels is for Who You Are.
 By Maria Montessori (Version for ages 4-7)

Liberty after a long night of work, the fishermen were washing their nets and preparing to return to their homes when Jesus came along and asks Simon to take him out in his boat. Jesus tells Simon to put his net back out into the water, and Simon fishes for fish already tired to catch fish all night long and caught nothing. But Simon does as Jesus says, trusting that...

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The Wise and Foolish Builders

The wise man built upon the rock and the foolish man built upon the sand. When the rain came, the man who had built upon the sand was washed away. The man who had built upon the rock was not washed away. This is the story of the Wise and Foolish Builders. When the rain came, the man who had built upon the sand was washed away. The man who had built upon the rock was not washed away.



Wise Story

- Read the story of The Wise and Foolish Builders in your Open Bible Story Book, in the [Open Bible Story Book](#), on [p. 10](#).
- Write about this story together.
 - Consider if you can remember a story with lots of rain.
 - Consider what happened in the story about the rain.
 - Consider what happened in the story about the man who built upon the sand.
 - Consider what happened in the story about the man who built upon the rock.
 - Consider if you can think of a time when you had to be a wise or foolish builder.
 - Consider if you can think of a time when you did not listen to a wise man or woman.
 - Consider how you listen to Jesus' teachings.
- Prayer:
 - Dear God, thank you for Jesus' promise to build our church and our lives. Help us remember what Jesus said about the builder of the church and the man who built upon the sand. Help us to be wise builders. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Michigan Conference UMC Children's Ministry

"Faith & Family Playlist" Rev. Kathy Pittenger

<https://michiganumc.org/resources/childrens-ministry-toolbox/faith-family-playlists>

Activities

1. **Prayer Cards**
2. **Build a Strong Foundation Activity**
3. **Active Learning Activity**
4. **Open Bible Lessons for all Ages**

Other activity ideas include:

- **Play Games**
- **Plan a time with an encouraging message and a prayer challenge for your day.**
- **Discussion and Reflection** - What kind of foundation can a strong foundation be? What kind of foundation might make a foundation weak or unstable? What is a strong foundation and what is a weak foundation? What is the word "foundation"?

Books

Open Reading: Richard Lamm



Building a strong foundation is our common goal. We want to make a strong foundation. When you build a strong foundation, you can stand on it. When you build a weak foundation, you can't stand on it. This is the story of the Wise and Foolish Builders. When the rain came, the man who had built upon the sand was washed away. The man who had built upon the rock was not washed away.






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<https://www.fpcfaithfulfamilies.com>

FAITH IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD

READ/WATCH/LISTEN






WONDER

WONDER

PRAY

PRAYER CHALLENGE

Examen

1. Recognize God's presence with you.
2. Reflect on your "today" from the day. (For what moment am I most grateful? When did I give and receive the "best" love? When did I feel loved when I felt?)
3. Reflect on your "yesterday" from the day. (For what moment am I most grateful? When did I give and receive the "best" love? When did I feel loved when I felt?)
4. Pray the day. (Share with God, praise, thanksgiving, repentance, forgiveness, and petitions. End with a prayer for the day.)

DO



Adult Playlist

September - A Month of Gratitude

The spiritual practice of gratitude has been called a state of gratitude or a state of thankfulness. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of an abundance of goodness that happens in our lives. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of a better life than we are currently living. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of a better life than we are currently living. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of a better life than we are currently living.

Learn

Want to be Happy? Be Grateful

Research shows that gratitude is a key to happiness. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of a better life than we are currently living. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of a better life than we are currently living. It is a state of mind that is open to the possibility of a better life than we are currently living.

Gratitude Living Life as Gift

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Pray

Gratitude Prayer for the Month

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Practices on Gratitude

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Read, Listen, & Watch

Articles

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Listen

Basic Daily Gratitude Practice

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Gratitude through the Day

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Programming Examples

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Online Programming

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Online Faith Formation

Monthly Live Stream Faith Formation + Online Faith Formation

- Schedule a monthly live stream of the class or program presentation to individuals or families. Consider using your existing schedule of classes/programs and leaders.
- Create online learning experiences for the other weeks of the month using a playlist of content/activities on a faith formation website.
- Add an interactive feature by using a Facebook Group (or online learning platform) to engage people in discussion, sharing learning, presenting projects, etc.

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Justice & Service Month-long Plan

1. Select a justice issue, social need, etc. as a focus.
2. Research the issue/need: curate learning resources and action projects (direct aid, advocacy, etc.).
3. Kick-off the month with a live stream presentation.
4. Engage adults in online learning experiences on the issue/need (video, activities, etc.). Add a small group option.
5. Engage in one or more action projects for all adults or in small groups (physical or online setting).
6. Bring everyone together (online) to share their experience.

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Online Faith Formation

Extended Time Program with Live Stream and Online Learning

- Extended time program (2-3 hours) such as a family or intergenerational program that is conducted online using live streaming.
- If you use Zoom, you can live stream the presentation and organize the participants (individuals or whole families) into break-out rooms for discussion. There are many ways to design an extended program using live streaming, Zoom discussions, and other digital learning tools.

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Extended Time	
Hour 1	Introduction, Prayer (song, video) Presentation/Demonstration #1 via Live Stream
	@ Home activity + break
Hour 2	Presentation/Demonstration #2 via Live Stream
	@ Home activity + break
Hour 3	Presentation/Demonstration #3 via Live Stream
	@ Home activity + break + snack
Closing	Reflections on the Program and Closing Prayer

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Family or Intergenerational Presented from a Central Location	
Welcome & Opening Prayer	
Part 1	All Ages Introduction to the Theme (live stream) All Ages Experience (live stream)
Part 2	Demonstration of Home Activities (live stream) At Home Family Activity (resources online) (age appropriate, together or individualized) At Home Adult Presentation (video or live stream)
Part 3	Quick Sharing from Participants using Facebook Page or Photos on Instagram Closing Reflections & Prayer/Ritual (live stream)

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Program Example: Called to Pray

- Gathering and Opening Prayer
- Welcome to Prayer Program
- Prayer Experiences: Demonstrate Live & Practice @Home
 - Activity 1: Creating a Space for Prayer
 - Activity 2: Praying with Scripture
 - Activity 3: Praying with the Psalms
 - Activity 4: Intercessory Prayer
 - Activity 5: The Jesus Prayer
- Making Prayer an Essential Part of Family Life
- Closing Prayer

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Online Faith Formation

Live Stream + Online Faith Formation + Zoom Gatherings

- Week #1: Live Stream of the class, program, or presentation.
- Week #2: Online learning experiences using a playlist for the content/activities on a website.
- Week #3: Zoom meetings by age group (or grades) or family clusters.
- Week #4: Online learning experiences using a playlist for the activities/content.
- Add an interactive feature by using a Facebook Group (or online learning platform) to engage people in discussion, sharing learning, presenting projects, etc.

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Online Faith Formation

Online Faith Formation + Online Small Group Gatherings

- Week #1: Online learning session using a playlist on a faith formation website.
- Week #2: Small group gatherings on Zoom or in a Facebook Group to discuss and apply the learning.
- Week #3: Online learning session.
- Week #4: Small group gatherings on Zoom or in a Facebook Group to discuss and apply the learning.

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**Alpha Online
Small Group & Live Stream**



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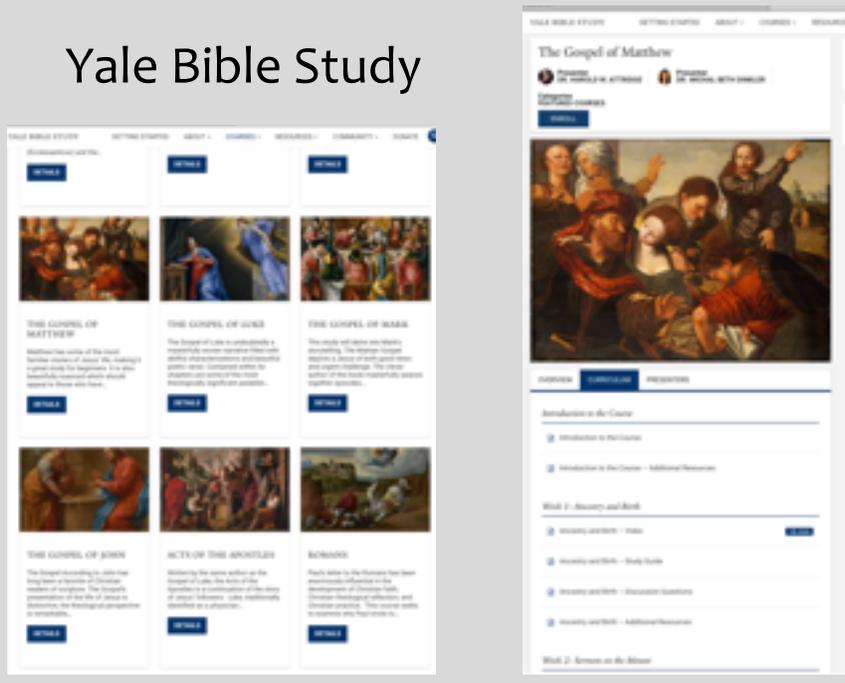
Fully Online Self-Directed Learning

Curate programming using a thematic approach (goals, topics, interests) into Playlists.

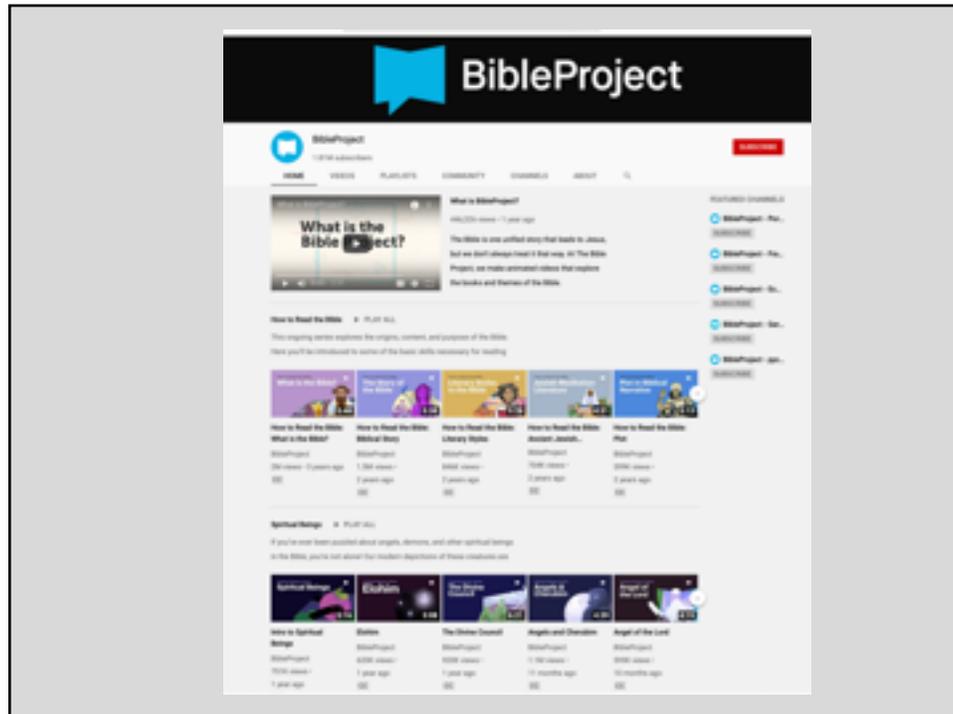
Develop Playlists for self-directed independent learning with courses from seminaries, universities, websites, etc.

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Yale Bible Study



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Hybrid/Blended Programming

1. In-person gathered faith formation + at-home online faith formation (playlists)
2. In-person gathered + at-home online (playlists) + online gatherings
3. In-person gathered + livestream or video presentations + at-home online (playlist)
4. Online + in-person small group gatherings + playlist
5. Worship + online faith formation (weekly playlist)

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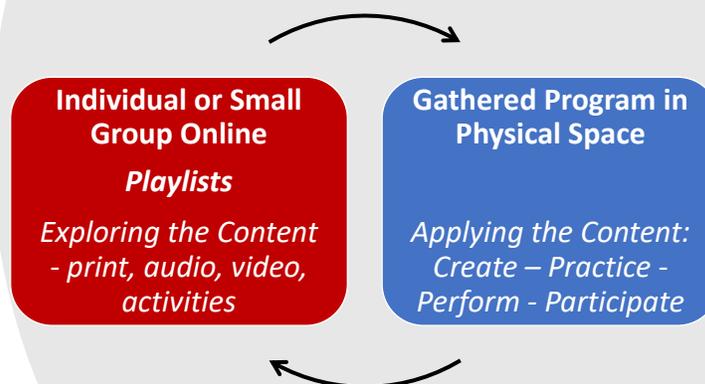
An Example

- Drive thru pick-up with the whole family to pick-up each month's materials and then engage as a family at home in the online posts that will lead you through the activities.
- Each month will incorporate Scripture, family prayer and activities (watching a video, making a craft, responding to questions, etc.) as part of the lesson.
- We will also frequently ask families to bring completed activities or responses back to us the following month to share with our community.
- We will invite you by email to RSVP each month for which of the 3 "program" nights works best, allowing you to tailor the night you come to your schedule as it changes month to month.
- We will offer safe parish-wide activities and ask you to commit to participating as a family in at least 2 during the year.
- You'll have the option of buying a pizza from Tuscany to pick up at your drive thru night. Take it home, have dinner together, complete the lesson---just like always but without coming into the church building.



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Hybrid Program: Flipped Learning



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Our Confirmation preparation program has two components: Once a month in-person classes and an online study. The online study is a place for students to develop their faith weekly by completing multi-media lessons which include videos, reading, Saint reflections, multiple-choice questions and online small group discussions. Each small group has their own online space to discuss faith topics, ask questions, and pray for one another.

- Class Sessions - Once a month (7 in total/year)
- Online Sessions - 3 per month
- "Insight" Youth Group Meetings - Attend 3 per year
- Service Projects - 2 per year
- Retreat - Year 1 and 2

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Hybrid Faith Formation

In-Person Gathered Faith Formation + At-Home Online Faith Formation

- Meet once per month (or every other week) for the program or class. Consider using your existing program schedule to meet. Led by the teachers or program leaders.
- Create online learning experiences at home for the other weeks of the month using a playlist for the content/activities on a faith formation website (or printed materials delivered to the home).

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Hybrid Faith Formation

In-Person Gathered Faith Formation + At-Home Online Faith Formation + Zoom Gatherings

- Week #1: Meet in-person for the program or class. Consider using your existing schedule to meet. Led by the teachers or program leaders.
- Week #2: Online learning experiences using a playlist for the content/activities on a faith formation website.
- Week #3: Zoom meetings by age groups (or grades) or family clusters. Consider using the existing schedule. Led by the teachers or program leaders.
- Week #4: Online learning experiences using a playlist format for the activities on a faith formation website.

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Four-Week Program Plan

Week 1 - Live Stream Presentation/Demonstration on the Theme OR Live In-Person Experience (synchronous)

Week 2 & 3 - Home Family Experience (asynchronous)

- Individual family or groupings of families
- Online playlist of age-appropriate faith formation activities on the theme
- Resources for parent enrichment on the theme

Week 4. Creating a Project and Sharing It (synchronous or asynchronous)

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Hybrid Faith Formation

In-Person Gathered Faith Formation + Live Streamed or Video Presentations + At-Home Online Faith Formation

- Week #1: Meet in-person for the program or class. Consider using your existing schedule to meet. Led by the teachers or program leaders.
- Week #2: Online learning experiences using a playlist format for the activities on a faith formation website.
- Week #3: Live Stream (using Zoom, Facebook Live, or YouTube Live) the teaching/presentation into people's homes using the existing schedule of class/programs and your teachers/leaders.
- Week #4: Online learning experiences using a playlist format for the activities on a faith formation website.

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Hybrid Faith Formation

Online Faith Formation + In-Person Small Group Gatherings

- Week #1: Online learning session using a playlist on a faith formation website.
- Week #2: Small group gatherings (10 or fewer) to discuss and apply the learning
- Week #3: Online learning session
- Week #4: Small group gatherings to discuss and apply the learning

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Hybrid Faith Formation

Worship + Online Faith Formation

- Weekly worship (in-person or live streamed)
- Online playlist of content and activities with a variety of age-appropriate resources: prayers, reflections/readings, video, podcast, art, music, creative activities, conversations, action ideas, and more.

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JANUARY 6, 2020
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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God's light shines through Jesus.

EPIPHANY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Epiphany celebration.

Monday **Matthew 2:1-12** **The wise men worship Jesus**
 Isaiah 60:1-4 **The glory of God shines on the people**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR EPIPHANY

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. **Isaiah 60:1 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Epiphany
 Dear God, in Jesus you share your glory to the nations. Come, Holy Spirit, bless all the nations of the world with peace, joy, and love. Amen.

Meditation Prayer
 Lord God, as the star shows your faithful love to reveal the presence of your Son, may the world respond so that the feast is a gift of your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Share
 May the light of Christ bring you peace and joy.

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HYMN FOR EPIPHANY
Arise, Shine, You Peoples!

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EPIPHANY MILESTONES

Take a moment to sit or think about a recent milestone high and/or rocky low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small groups or use for personal reflection.

- Why do some people fear other people they don't know?
- How does the light of Christ help us to conquer our fears?
- How do we love one another? What leads you to love?

DEVOTIONS

Prayer: Matthew 2:1-12
 People of another religion and another part of the ancient world used astrology to guide them to Israel, and I wonder: how would the world be blessed by the light of Christ that shines from darkness to darkness and on to the ends of the earth. It is God's powerful light that has entered the darkness of fear. Not only is King Herod frightened by the message that a king has been born to the Jews, so are all the people of Jerusalem (v. 1). That is, even the people faithful to God's reign are fearful. A new day that brings astonishing news is heralded by all. We really feel change, even if it has come to pass itself. The moment something new happens to us, we lose a sense of control. It is no longer about us. In this instance, the change is about God's love, God's ways, and God's love that shines brightly into a darkness world. Thanks for the God for the light that breaks into the dark corners of our world and our lives. It is the only light and only love that really matters. It change easy or difficult for you? How do you ask God for help?
 Pray: Dear Jesus, bless us to see in you the one who takes our fears and worries and turns them into joy and goodness. Amen.

SERVICE

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, is a time when an age-old Christian tradition of blessing homes takes place around the world. It is a custom to bless the home with salt on the door, C, M, and B (between the year 2020 are the initials of the Magi) but also stand for a Latin phrase meaning from the house. The + symbolizes the cross. Our homes are places where the spiritual practices take place (i.e., reading scriptures, praying, or blessing others). God is present today who is household and pray with them. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. We still need something to guide us to Jesus. Take a moment to stare with your eyes spread slightly and your arms stretched out. Just as a star has five points, imagine your hands, thumbs, and feet being five points of a star. When you think about the awesome role you have as a star, leading others to Jesus, imagine how you can do that. Talk about, share a picture, or make a list of ways you can lead others to Jesus through your actions and words.

In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate reflections in your daily life with online faith formation tools. Go to: www.worshipministry.org

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