

Catechetical Resources for Children and Youth with Disability

A PARTIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

CATHOLIC CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Network of Inclusion Catholic Educators (NICE), University of Dayton:

Sacramental Preparation Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation: Individualizing Lesson Plans

Sacraments: Gifts for All (Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation available)

Welcome One, Welcome All: Inclusive Religious Education Resource Binder

All About Mass - Student Edition (Uses limited vocabulary and simple images to explain the mass in a way that both young children and adults with developmental disabilities can understand.)

Apostles Creed/ Mary/Sacraments/Beatitudes/Saints: Individual books on a variety of topics that can be used as a supplement.

Contact: Margaret.Shufflebarger@notes.udayton.edu

www.udayton.edu/artsscience/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php, 1-888-532-3389

Loyola Press:

Adaptive First Eucharist Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs

Adaptive Reconciliation Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs

Adaptive Confirmation Preparation Kit for Children with Autism and Other Special Needs

The kits contain tactile components, including picture cards and other manipulatives. This kit also includes *social stories* and *picture exchange communication system* (PECS) strategies.

My Picture Missal App developed for children with special needs and for young children. With a choice of English or Spanish, **all children can learn, understand, and fully experience the Mass.** When used at Mass, it's a great tool to help children follow along step-by-step and join in appropriately and reverently. Available on the iPad now for purchase at itunes.com

Adaptive Finding God Program (available in fall of 2014) a program offering faith formation for children with special needs adaptable to a variety of settings and situations.

How to Welcome, Include and Catechize Children with Developmental Disabilities by Deacon Larry Sutton, PH.D 2013. A guide book that will include a curriculum.

Faith, Family and Children with Special Needs by David Rizzo 2012

Contact: www.loyolapress.com (Special Needs web site: www.loyolapress.com/special-needs)

Our Sunday Visitor

My First Eucharist / Sacrament of Reconciliation: These videos and teacher's guides created by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) provides a signed and closed captioned sacrament preparation to assist in preparing deaf children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation (www.ncod.org or www.osvparish.com).

Strengthened in Faith: Confirmation: Three DVD's that contain 12 video lessons in American Sign Language, captioned and voiced in English and a Teacher Manual. Produced by the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) for individuals who are deaf and very effective for any visual learners.

Contact: www.osvparish.org or call 1-800-348-2440, ext. 2173

RCL-Benziger:

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Program to Improve Catholic Religious Education for Children and Adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities.

- ✦ Level based Student Activity books are also available.
- ✦ Autism Supplement (Available Jan.2014)
- ✦ Published by Diocese of Pittsburgh; distributed by RCL-Benziger

Series of picture books published by Diocese of Pittsburgh and distributed by RCL-Benziger:

- ✦ *My Church: A young girl shares her Catholic Deaf Community*
- ✦ *Created in God's Image: A Photo-essay on Faith, Family, and Friendship*
- ✦ *Seeing Through God's Eyes*
- ✦ *Just Like Me*
- ✦ *We Go To Mass* (geared for children with autism)
- ✦ *One Flock, One Shepherd: A Collection of Prayers by Parents of Children Who Are Disabled*

Contact: RCL-Benziger - www.rclbenziger.com or 1-877-275-4725

Labosh Publishing:

The Child with Autism Learns the Faith: Bible Lessons From the Garden of Eden to the Parting of the Red Sea by Kathy Labosh. (ISBN: 0974434140)

Contact: Labosh Publishing: East Petersburg, PA, 2007. www.laboshpublishing.com

Cardinal Stritch University Bookstore:

Journey with Jesus: Call to Love by Sr. Sheila Haskett, O.S.F. Suggestions for Special Religious Education for Persons Categorized as Severely/Profoundly Mentally Retarded. Topics covered: Call to Be; Call to Respond; Call to be Loving

Call to Communion; Call to Reconciliation. Call to Service (Confirmation). Each of these also has a black line picture book for the participants. (Note: These are for those with special education needs, but not classified as severely/profoundly mentally retarded.)

Seasons of Grace: Sacramental Preparation for Mentally Handicapped Teens and Adults by Brigid O'Donnell

Journey with Jesus Gospel Study: A Curriculum Guide for Adult Special Religious Education by Sr. M. Sheila Haskett, O.S.F., Ph.D. and Sr. M. Coletta Dunn, O.S.F., Ph.D.

Contact: Cardinal Stritch University Bookstore; (414) 410-4035 or <http://www.csu.bkstr.com/>

OTHER CATHOLIC RESOURCES

A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs by John E. Barone, St. Mary Press, 2008. A manual that provides background and practical skills for creating a learning environment and preparing dynamic lessons to accommodate all youth in religious education programs. St. Mary Press, www.smp.org, 800-533-8095

Awakening Spiritual Dimensions: Prayer Services with Persons with Severe Disabilities I and II by Fr. William Gillum, OFM Cap. Available from: AuthorHouse 1663 Liberty Drive, Suite 200 Bloomington, IN 47043, 800-839-8640 or www.AuthorHouse.com or book order hotline 888-280-7715, bkorders@authorhouse.com.

Catechists for All Children by Dr. Joseph White and Ana Arista White, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, 2002. Offers insights and methods for accommodating unique emotional and behavioral needs in the classroom. Our Sunday Visitor, 800-348-2440, www.osv.com.

Creative Teaching website: Offers creative resources for understanding the sacraments and the teachings of Catholic Church. Useful for learners with and without disabilities. Creative Teaching activities have been given an Imprimatur. 1-586-992-2368 or www.creativeteaching.net

disAbility Awareness: *Activities for Children, Teens and Families* (Catholic Edition) by Joann E. Davis. This book offers children at home or in a classroom setting an understanding of what persons with disAbilities go through everyday. Over 50 pages of mazes, puzzles, coloring sheets, beatitudes of acceptance, Saints with disAbilities, Braille, signing pages, and more. Joannedavis22@hotmail.com or 517-787-1189.

Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis: Serving those with Special Needs by Michele E. Chronister. Ligouri Press, 2012. Explores how a parish religious education program can address the needs of children with special needs. Ligouri Press, 800-325-9521, www.ligouri.org.

Mass a Guide for Visual Learners. A booklet that goes through the Mass especially designed for children with ASD or children who are visual learners. Faith Publishing Service, Lansing MI, 48906. 517-853-7600 or www.faithmag.com

Opening Doors to People with Disabilities: The Resource File, Books A & B, Janice L. Benton and Mary Jane Owen, ed, 1997. Available from the national Catholic Partnership on Disability, 202-529-2933, www.ncpd.org.

This Is My Church. A power point template of a church tour that you may insert digital photos of your own church to share with your child(ren) to become familiar with it. Department for Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Newark. masteran@rcan.org or 973-497-4309

Resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

Bishops' Statements/Publications:

- ✦ *Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities*, 1978, rev. 1989.
- ✦ *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*, 1995.
- ✦ *Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities: A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*, 1998.
- ✦ *National Directory for Catechesis*. USCCB, 2005.
- ✦ *Special Needs Resource Directory*, published by the USCCB Department of Education and posted on their website. <http://www.usccb.org/education/fedasst/needs4.pdf>

Contact: USCCB Publishing, 800-235-8722, www.usccb.org.

Web Version of these documents also available at: www.ncpd.org

INTERFAITH RESOURCES

A Guide for Special Education Bible Teaching-Reaching Ministry by Athalene McNay. Nashville, TN: Convention Press, 1997.

A Place Called Acceptance: Ministry with Families of Children with Disabilities by Kathleen Deyer Bolduc.

Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community. A resource booklet for faith communities on including people and families living with autism. It is a collaborative product of The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and COSAC.

Autism and Your Church: Nurturing the Spiritual Growth of People with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Barbara J. Newman, 2006. This book will enable church leaders to more fully include children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) into the Church. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1-800-333-8300, sales@faithaliveresources.org, www.friendship.org.

Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities by Jim Pierson. Cincinnati: Standard Publishing, 2002, ISBN 0-7847-1255-7.

Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities by Barbara J. Newman, 2001. Available from Faith Alive Christian Resources, 1-800-333-8300, sales@faithaliveresources.org, www.friendship.org.

Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families & Congregations by Eric Carter. Baltimore, London, Sydney: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., 2007.

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What is God's Name? by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Woodstock VT: SkyLight Paths Publishing, 1999, www.skylightpaths.com, ISBN 1893361101.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Taste and See, The Goodness of the Lord by Therese Johnson Borchard. New York/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2000. ISBN: 0809166658.

What is God Like? by Marie-Agnès Gaudrat. Collegeville MN: The Liturgical Press. ISBN: 081462510X. There are other books in this series which are excellent, including: *The Presence of God*. ISBN: 081462135X and *The Love of God*. ISBN: 0814621376.

A Walk through Our Church by Gertrud Mueller Nelso. Mahwah NJ: Paulist Press, 1998. ISBN: 0809166488.

The Story of Creation with Catholic Scripture by Allia Nolan, Tracey Moroney, illus. Melville NY: Regina Press, 2002. ISBN: 088271094X. Also in the series: Noah's Ark, The Easter Story, The First Christmas.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESOURCES

My First Eucharist, The Sacrament of Reconciliation, The Sacrament of Confirmation and videos available from the National Catholic Office for the Deaf, www.ncod.org, 301-577-4184 (tty/vp), 301-577-1684 (voice/fax).

Catholic Prayers in American Sign Language (DVD with accompanying booklet) available from Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Deaf Apostolate, 1-215-587-3913, pcpddeaf@adphila.org.

Signing the Scriptures: A Starting Point for Interpreting the Sunday Readings for the Deaf (separate volumes for Year A, B and C) by Joan Blake. Chicago IL: Liturgy Training Publications, 800-933-1800, orders@ltp.org; www.ltp.org.

Liturgical Signs & Prayers: A Resource for Deaf Ministries (video) produced by the Deaf Ministry Offices of the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore, 2008. Available from the Center for Deaf Ministries, Archdiocese of Washington, 301-459-7464, adwterprequest@aol.com or Deaf Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, 410-347-0704, ecolarusso@archbalt.org.

www.aslpro.com – video online dictionary. Has religion section, as well as other categories.

Published by and available from Garlic Press, www.garlicpress.com.

✦ *Signing at Church for Adults and Young Adults*. Order # GP-098.

✦ *Signing at Sunday School*. Order #GP-099.

BRAILLE & LARGE PRINT RESOURCES

Xavier Society for the Blind—Provides free spiritual and inspiration reading materials and lending library services in Braille, large print and audiocassette formats. 1-212-473-7800; 1-800-637-9193, www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

Large print Lectionary and Sacramentary available from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, 1-202-529-2933, www.ncpd.org.

AUTISM-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

My Best Friend Will by Jamie Lowell and Tara C. Tuchel, M.S., CCC-SLP. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing col, 2005. www.asperger.net. Jamie introduces us to her friend Willie, who has autism. She does so in a way that is both informative and natural, as if we were sitting together in person. In the process, we learn many specifics about autism, which is part of his uniqueness, but also about the things that she and her friend shares. Jamie is a 5th grader from Wisconsin. She and Willie have been friends since Kindergarten.

the AUTISM ACCEPTANCE book: Being a Friend to Someone with Autism by Ellen Sabin. Watering Can Press, 2006. ISBN: 0975986821, www.wateringcanpress.com. This is an activity book that provides downloadable lesson plans to be used with grades K-8 to engage children in learning to embrace people's differences and treat others with respect, compassion, and kindness.

When My Autism Gets Too Big! A Relaxation Book for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Kari Dunn Buron. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Co., 2003, www.asperger.net.

The Science and Fiction of Autism by Laura Schreibman. Cambridge, MA & London, England: Harvard University Press, 2005.

"You're Going to Love this Kid!" Teaching Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom by Paula Kluth. Baltimore, London, Sydney: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Col, 2003.

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Inclusive Programming for Elementary Students with Autism by Sheila Wagner, M.Ed. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, Inc., 1998, 1999.

Inclusive Programming for Middle School Students with Autism/Asperger's Syndrome by Sheila Wagner, M.Ed. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons, Inc., 2002.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

NCPD – National Catholic Partnership on Disability, www.ncpd.org. Select Webinar for the Toolkit that includes Religious Education Materials and the Autism Task Force Updates.

NICE – The Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators,

www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php

NCOD - The National Catholic Office for the Deaf, www.ncod.org

Church Access for Persons with Disabilities; Catholic Theological Information & Practical Advice -

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

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