

Faith Formation Resources



Let's have a conversation!

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Websites for Ideas:

Flame Creative Children's Ministry <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/>

- activities & crafts

Building Faith <https://buildfaith.org/>

- activities, articles for leaders

Vibrant Faith at Home <https://www.vibrantfaithprojects.org/>

- intergenerational programs & at-home activities for families

Vibrant Faith Catalyst <https://vibrant-faith-catalyst.mn.co>

- network of faith formation leaders, forums, free webinars

From our Round Table:

- Illustrated Ministry <https://www.illustratedministry.com/>
- Sparkhouse Digital <https://www.wearsparkhouse.org/sparkhouse-digital/>
- From Sarah (St. Mark's)

- **Flat Jesus** - It is based on the popular children's book Flat Stanley who travels around.



Flat Jesus is meant to remind kids that he is with you wherever you go. We have encouraged the kids to take a picture of him as they go about life and send it to us where we share them in our e-news. Could also be shared on social media with hashtags. It's been especially meaningful in these times when we can't be together physically but are still reminded of walking with God.

- **Blog:** by educator and author Wendy Claire Barrie <https://wendyclairebarrie.com/>
- **New book:** A Hopeful Family by Amelia Richardson Dress
 - possible book study for parents/grandparents, etc.

- It looks like a wonderful read for our current times. And Amelia is providing videos for each chapter for studies. Here is a link to an excerpt:
<https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/excerpts/hopeful-family.pdf>

- **Lent in a Bag**



For Lent/Holy Week/Easter

Playlists for Lent & Holy Week – coming soon on *Grow in Faith* website

<https://www.growinfaith.ca/grow-in-faith/videos/>

Vibrant Faith at Home – lots of ideas!

<https://www.vibrantfaithprojects.org/vibrant-faith-home.html>

Holy Week in a Box

<https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Holy-Week-in-a-Box-1.pdf>

Specific activities – Have been done at in-person events, could be adapted to use virtually/at-home

Rolling Egg Art – adapted from

<https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/04/rolling-easter-egg-paintings.html>

Holy Week Box – adapted from <https://buildfaith.org/holy-week-in-a-box/>

Resurrection Garden <http://wearethatfamily.com/2012/03/diy-mini-resurrection-garden/>

Holy Week Bracelet - adapted from

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/02/easter-smarties-prayer.html>

Resurrection Eggs – adapted from various sources/Pinterest

- could use as an egg hunt activity
- use as part of storytelling
- each egg has an item or two as part of the story

example:

#1 palm, donkey - Everyone was so happy to see Jesus, shouting Hosanna, waving palm branches. Was like a parade

#2 soap - In Bible times, people wore sandals so their feet were dirty. They would need to clean up before eating. Usually a servant washed people's feet. Before the Last Supper, it was Jesus who washed the disciples' feet. Jesus loved the disciples knew what going to happen. By doing a servant's job, Jesus showed that we should serve others.

#3 cup/bread -Last Supper; connect to Communion at worship

#4 coins - Judas betrays Jesus

#5 praying hands - Jesus goes to the garden alone. He is sad and prays to God.

#6 soldier - Soldiers came to arrest Jesus because the high priests didn't like what Jesus was teaching.

#7 rooster - Peter denies knowing Jesus

#8 cloth, crown of thorns - Jesus was questioned. Soldiers took Jesus away and dressed him like a king in a robe and gave him a crown of thorns to wear. They made fun of Jesus.

#9 cross/nails - Jesus didn't do anything wrong, but was treated like he did

#10 dice - While Jesus was on the cross, soldiers made fun of Jesus and played mean game to see who would get Jesus' clothes after he died. This was not nice, but Jesus asked God to forgive them. Then Jesus died. This was a very sad day.

#11 rock - Jesus was buried in a tomb. A big rock was rolled in front of it.

#12 empty egg - On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and Mary went to the tomb, saw the stone rolled away and the tomb was empty! At first they were scared, but an angel told them that Jesus is not here, He is alive! They went to tell Jesus' disciples this wonderful news.

