# Resources

#### Free:

- <u>Building Faith</u>: an incredibly useful site for Christian Formation. A <u>blog</u>, a <u>curriculum center</u> that includes comparison charts for different curricula, and <u>home practices</u>.
- <u>Flame: Creative Children's Ministry</u>: A blog with ideas for creative arts/activities for parents and Christian Formation leaders to use to teach about God, the seasons of the church, and faith.
- Episcopal Relief & Development: Originally created for the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE campaign, these resources are for children, teens and adults to use at home or in your church community. You will find resources that involve the three priority areas of Episcopal Relief & Development: Women, Children and Climate.
- <u>Sermons 4 Kids</u>: With Sermons4Kids, you get tons of free children's sermons with object lessons, children's activities, Bible coloring pages, games, and <u>craft ideas</u>. Use these fun children's sermons for kids in children's church, Sunday school, children's ministry, and family ministry! Available in English and Spanish!
- Virginia Theological Seminary Episcopal Children's Curriculum (ECC) is a thematic Sunday school curriculum tied to the seasons of the church year. It was developed by the Center for the Ministry of Teaching under the direction of the Rev. Locke E. Bowman, Jr. and Amelia J. Dyer, Ph.D.
   Although no longer in print, ECC curriculum materials are available for FREE download here on our website. Use the navigation below to find the documents you need.
- Lesson Plans that Work: These lesson plans are written by experienced church teachers using practical approaches to respond to the needs of volunteer teachers. They are designed to follow the Revised Common Lectionary and published by The Episcopal Church.
- Faith for Life
- <u>Storypath</u>: Connecting children's literature with our faith story.

- <u>Synthesis</u>: a curriculum designed by Trinity, Iowa City for teenagers who had become disenchanted with flashy videos and were hungry for something that taught them a bit more about what it meant to be Christians and Episcopalians.
- Youth Ministry Formation Resources from FORMA
- FORMA Facebook Group
- <u>d365</u>: A daily devotional especially for youth and the people who work with them. Also available as an <u>app</u>.

### Low Cost:

- <u>Bible Story Basics</u>: Bible Story Basics is perfect for churches of any size. This curriculum is easy to teach, Bible-driven and provides kids with the basic tools for reading and learning the Bible.
- <u>Illustrated Ministry</u>: Illustrated Ministry creates accessible faith-based resources for the church and home. Our thoughtful and easy-to-use materials are designed to foster authentic faith engagement with our refreshing designs, creative activities, and intergenerational focus.-
- <u>re:form</u>: confirmation and youth formation resources using creative videos from Augsburg Fortress.
- <u>Celebrate Wonder</u>: Honor the spiritual life of children—their natural sense of awe, wonder, imagination, and curiosity—and help shape their growing faith with Celebrate Wonder. Leaders will guide children through engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection, giving them a safe space to ask big questions and helping them claim their spiritual identity as children of God.
- <u>Sparkhouse</u>: Explore one Bible-based curriculum with four flexible models, for age 2 to grade 6.
- <u>Growing in God's Love</u>: This relationally focused curriculum dives into the 148 stories from the story Bible. Each session also includes suggestions for intergenerational church and home activities around worship, education,

connections, and service. Ideal for any size church to use with multiage children's groups.

- <u>Weaving God's Promises</u>: Weaving God's Promises is a digital three-year formation curriculum for children ages 3 to 11 and youth ages 12 to 14. Fully revised and updated, the curriculum features class sessions structured around the Holy Eucharist and includes special sessions for the church seasons of the church year. Lesson plans are designed to be easy to understand and prepare.
- Edible Theology Worship at the Table: Worship at the Table is built on a fundamental tenet of Christian practice: the table set with bread and wine a simple setting that tells the most profound story of all time. The story of Christ's broken body and our fragmented humanity, of God's presence, provision, and promise to heal.

## Additional Curriculum

- <u>Godly Play</u>: Godly Play: Making meaning through story, wonder, and play. Nurturing spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children.
- <u>Beloved Me, Beloved We: Godly Play Equity Toolkit</u>: The Godly Play Equity Audit team has been busy developing materials and script toolkits to ensure our materials reflect the beauty of God's diversity. The team is thrilled to share with you the materials and toolkits for our first three stories: <u>Equity Audit Toolkit Introduction</u>, <u>Creation Toolkit</u>, <u>Parable of the Good</u> <u>Shepherd Toolkit</u>, <u>Circle of the Church Year Toolkit</u>
- Episcopal Youth in Mission Manual: A valuable resource for planning and leading youth mission trips, pilgrimages, and social action projects.
- <u>The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Formation</u>: A <u>book</u> and a <u>blog</u> that uses the prayer book as the cornerstone for Christian education at church, home and daily life.

# Confirmation Curriculum

- <u>Confirm not Conform</u>: From their site A confirmation program that celebrates questions and choices. Confirm not Conform provides a safe place for people to explore the breadth of the Christian tradition, to ask questions and express their doubts, and to discover what they truly believe.
- <u>My Faith, My Life: A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church</u> The Five Marks of Mission and what it means to be a disciple of Christ will be a focus of this new version, which also models student-centered learning as opposed to teacher-driven instruction. For teen study and confirmation preparation, this book can serve as a curriculum for helping teens discover Scripture, church history, sacraments, the meaning and practice of prayer, and what ministry means in the lives of real teens today. A framework for small-group gatherings for each chapter is included in the back of the book.
- <u>I Will With God's Help</u>: This confirmation program, developed with the help of Episcopal educators, clergy and theologians across the country, encourages youth and adults to enter into a uniquely Episcopal—yet profoundly Christian—faith journey. The easily-adapted format works for a traditional six- to twelve-week program, at a contemporary Confirmation retreat or conference, or as a sacramental supplement to other two- to three-year programs.
  I will, with God's help, built entirely on the Baptismal Covenant from The Book of Common Prayer, offers seekers a solid reflection on Episcopal heritage and belief, together with the riches of Episcopal liturgy and prayer.