

Websites

“Faith At Home” from Forward Movement and Forma - <https://www.dofaithathome.org/> - Daily lectionary-based readings and reflections

D365 – devotionals 365 days a year - <https://d365.org/> Devotional Menus of “pause, listen, think, pray, go”

Fuller Youth Institute [Leading Faith in an Anxious World Virtually](#). Web page offers tips on holding virtual gatherings. It is aimed at youth, but this video series can be relevant to adults as well. There are 4 sessions and a Daily Replay to help guide participants through reflection.

Amplify Media - <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/home>. This is a subscription site that gives you Bible Studies, inspiring videos, and children’s shows on all different types of topics. Monthly price ranges according to the size of your congregation. Under 100 is \$25/month.

Association of United Church Educators - <https://www.auce-ucc.org/copy-of-resources>. Curated resources for UCC faith formation leaders. COVID-specific list is here: <https://www.auce-ucc.org/covid-19-resources>. You can also [become a member of AUCE](#) for an active community of spiritual formation educators.

Traci Smith’s Faith in the Home – Treasure Box Tuesday - <http://www.traci-smith.com/treasure-box-tuesday/>. “...A weekly email of all the best resources for Children/Family Ministries.”

Building Faith - <https://buildfaith.org/> - Resources for Disciples of all ages. Provides free handouts, Advent calendars, and much more.

Refocus Ministry: <https://refocusministry.org/resources-for-parents/> - Resources for Ministers and Parents. This site has much more to offer, but this page focuses on practical discipleship for families.

Vibrant Faith Catalyst: <https://vibrant-faith-catalyst.mn.co/feed>. “A network of leaders committed to creating vibrant lifelong Christian faith formation.” You can join and become a member of the network, however, there are plenty of rich resources for free. The recorded webinars are also free and super helpful.

Yale Youth Ministry Institute: <https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resource/spiritual-practices/> - A curated list of resources and ideas for spiritual practices to help support spiritual health.

Andover Newton Seminary: <https://andovernewton.yale.edu/spiritual-community/congregational-resources-response-covid-19>. A deeper list of resources specific to COVID, such as: Reflections, worship Resources, talking to children, Youth Resources, Prayers, litanies, poem, and music, addressing anxiety and fear, working with vulnerable and at-risk populations, as well as Denominational Resources.

Network.CRCNA: <https://network.crcna.org/worship/free-resources-church-during-covid-19>. Collection of artists and companies who are offering free permissions to use songs and videos.

The Wellness Society: <https://thewellnesssociety.org/free-coronavirus-anxiety-workbook/>. Free download of the Coronavirus Anxiety Workbook.

30 Seconds or Less: Ideas Done Daily: <http://thirtysecondsorless.net/> - 30 second videos to use to start a discussion. At the bottom of the website, you will find many topics to search by. Granted, this site has not been updated for several years, but the videos and topics are still relevant to life and church seasons.

Ministry Architects: <https://ministryarchitects.com/> - They have a page dedicated to free tools and ideas for unprecedented times.

The Upper Room: <https://www.upperroom.org/resources> - Resources for various facets of Spiritual formation.

Praying in Color: <https://prayingincolor.com/>. Doodling is a great alternative to journaling.

Reinventing Advent and Christmas by The Wisconsin Council of Churches:

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/10/08/reinventing-advent-and-christmas/> - You can view the recorded webinar and find other helpful readings and videos.

Vibrant Church Communications: <https://vibrantchurchcommunications.com/free-resources>. Social Media resources to use on your churches' social media posts.

Practical Resources for Churches: <https://www.prcli.org/>. Their online resource center is rich and very helpful for all facets of Spiritual Formation.

Faith Inkubators – The Faith 5: <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>. Resource for families to share a devotion in 5 steps.

Illustrated Ministries - <https://store.illustratedministry.com/>. Provides curriculum for churches to purchase and use online and in person, as well as curriculum for families to use at home on their own.

YouTube Resources

Fear Not: A worship experience for those experiencing social distancing with Andra Moran and Suzanne Castle: <https://youtu.be/8qagRiCLv5g>.

Ministry-To-Children: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TonyKummer/videos>. Weekly Lectionary Children's Lesson videos, as well as a craft video to go with the lesson.

Godly Play Foundation: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GodlyPlayFndn/videos>. Bible stories for children.

Devozine: <https://www.youtube.com/user/devozine/videos> - Short videos aimed at youth to start conversations.

Ideas from a Faith Formation Support Group started by Lisa Hart from the Wisconsin Conference

Christmas/Epiphany Banner- Create a banner to hang in your church that can be seen during online worship services. Send stars to everyone in the congregation. Ask them to write their name on the star (you could have them decorate them, too) and then return the star to the church. Attach the returned stars to a banner that can be hung in the sanctuary so that it is visible during online worship services. If services are not recorded at the church, a photo of the banner hanging in the sanctuary could be included in the worship video.

Scripture Jar- Fill a jar with slips of paper with scripture verses written on them. Select one of the slips of paper each day... what you pull out always has a way of being perfect at the time.

Butterfly/Memory Jar- Cover a jar with 3-D butterflies. Give the jar to grieving families (or individuals) and encourage them to write down memories of their loved one and place them in the butterfly jar. Another suggestion was to have the jar and slips of paper available at a funeral or wake. People can write down memories and place them in the jar. This will be a nice keepsake for the family.

Family Advent Box – Fill a box with the items a family will need to set up their own sacred space, such as a blue (or purple) cloth, a circular green cloth, or something that represents a wreath, and electric tea light candles. You can add a guide and reading for each Sunday that follows the recorded or zoomed worship service. The boxes can be picked up from your church in a safe way, or dropped off at their homes, or mailed. To purchase the candles, you can find them on [amazon](#).

Nicole Havelka Consulting is offering several opportunities to connect in the coming months (some have a registration fee and some are free!):

You can find her events on Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nicole-havelka-consulting-26256480741>

Don't forget to check **Nicole Havelka Consulting** out on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/NicoleHavelkaConsulting/>

Sign up to receive emails about Nicole's upcoming offerings:
<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/b5i2g3>

*****This is not an exhaustive list, by any means. More and more resources are discovered every day! I find it invaluable to connect with support groups on a regular basis, where colleagues are sharing the things they have discovered and tried.***