

# Practicing Our Faith at Home

during COVID-19 church cancellations



During this time of effectively managing the CoVid-19 virus, we will experience rapid change and perhaps increasing isolation. This time of accommodations and experimentation may lead to some new practices that folks will want to embrace beyond the pandemic.

Faith formation practitioners have always shared resources freely with each other, so we are pleased to be able to share what we have curated with you.

If you have resources and ideas you'd like to share with us, please send them to [info@auce-ucc.org](mailto:info@auce-ucc.org) and if approved, we will add them.

## General resources for congregations relating to COVID-19

<https://www.sneucc.org/coronavirus>

## Resources Specifically for Children & Families Related to COVID-19

- What to Say to Your Child About the Corona Virus-Aha Parenting <https://www.ahaparenting.com/blog/talking-with-children-about-the-corona-virus>
- Talking With Children About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (from the CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>
- How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus (from PBS): <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>

## Article for Parents Related to COVID-19

Managing Fear and Anxiety During a Health Pandemic:

<https://theparentcue.org/managing-fear-and-anxiety-during-a-health-pandemic/>

## Article for Church Leaders Related to COVID-19

Coronavirus, Anxiety, Children, and the Church: <https://buildfaith.org/coronavirus-anxiety-children-and-the-church/>

## Send Resources to Families Via E-mail

After your families have engaged in the activities and resources you send to them, encourage them to share via your church's Facebook page and in other ways your congregation communicates.

## Where to Find Resources/Activities to Send Home

- Faithful Families: <http://www.traci-smith.com>
- *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith
- *Prayers for Faithful Families* by Traci Smith
- A daily family practice: <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>
- [VibrantFaithAtHome.org](http://VibrantFaithAtHome.org)
- Children's Ministry Resources from Practical Resources for Churches: <https://www.prcli.org/webinars-res/childrens-ministry/>
- Building Faith: <https://buildfaith.org/page/5/?s=at+home>
- [IllustratedMinistry.com](http://IllustratedMinistry.com)
- Milestones Ministry Taking Faith Home: <https://milestonesministry.org/taking-faith-home/>

- Minno Kids videos/streaming: <https://www.gominno.com>
- [ThirtySecondsOrLess.net](https://www.thirtysecondsorless.net) (very short videos with a discussion question - free)
- Godly Play videos (free): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTFi5xLBbZ6OmANYKiDI03Q>
- Children's book reviews: <http://storypath.upsem.edu>
- [WorshippingWithChildren.blogspot.com](http://WorshippingWithChildren.blogspot.com)
- Art/craft projects: <https://wehavekids.com/education/all-christian-crafts> and <https://rediscoveredfamilies.com/family-friendly-activities/>
- Worship At Home guide: [http://www.going4growth.com/downloads/Worship\\_at\\_home\\_March\\_2020.pdf](http://www.going4growth.com/downloads/Worship_at_home_March_2020.pdf)
- Take a virtual tour of a museum and talk about where you see God: <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours?fbclid=IwAR2IPtNt6gP9GiQfvkObgEkytnb0TgWO8pGYFQT2QfX3DmAEnPuevb6TDQ>
- Videos for kids: <https://crossroadskidsclub.net/video/>
- Creative Children's Ministry: <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com>

### Online Devotionals

- Faith 5 (for families): <https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>
- [d365.org](https://d365.org) (for teens)
- DevoZine (for teens by teens): <https://devozine.upperroom.org>
- [UpperRoom.org](https://UpperRoom.org) (for adults)
- [SanctifiedArt.org](https://SanctifiedArt.org) (for adults)
- [SaltProject.org](https://SaltProject.org) (for adults & church leaders)

### Books

- *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith
- *Prayers for Faithful Families* by Traci Smith
- *Praying in Color for Kids* by Sybil MacBeth – prompts for coloring, doodling our prayers
- *Worm Watching and other wonderful ways to teach children to pray* by Ingalls and MacDonald
- *Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life* by Sheila, Dennis and Matthew Linn
- *God and Goodnight Moon: Finding Spirituality in Storybooks* by Open Waters  
For children, every book opens a window to another world. Show them the world God would like them to see.

### Sharing Music

If you want to use any music — recorded, lyrics only, printed lyrics & music — when you use video conferencing or sharing of recordings, remember that it requires licensing! OneLicense is offering some temporary free licensing options through April 15th here:

<https://news.onelicense.net/2020/03/13/one-license-offers-gratis-licenses-to-help-cope-with-covid-19-challenges-valid-through-april-15/>

### Videos

- <https://t.e2ma.net/webview/qqyg8b/200aafe0b4a50a701529d7e13ef0b921> — (Amplify has made several resources free and accessible for churches to participate in a church-wide or group study and children's content — some from Deep Blue — to keep them engaged in the Bible.)
- Videos for kids: <https://crossroadskidsclub.net/video/>

## **Apps**

- Soulspace Christian Meditation (free) — with Family Sharing set up, up to six family members can use this app: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/soulspace-christian-meditation/id1474323716>
- Bible App for Kids: YouVersion — The Bible App for Kids (free): <https://www.bible.com/kids>

## **Facebook Conversations**

You can set up a private Facebook Group for your families to hold live or posted conversations, with photos and videos (Connect with the FB group “Online Church from PRC” if you need assistance: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/869402026839094/?\\_tn=HH-R](https://www.facebook.com/groups/869402026839094/?_tn=HH-R)).

## **Video Conferencing**

- Hold a service of worship and/or a faith formation “class” adapted for this medium. [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) allows a 45-minute session for free.
- Creating Online Media for Worship: [https://www.sneucc.org/blogdetail/13441933?fbclid=IwAR3smLL0QASDmeUiLrNwnWo0pFh3MpG3EANiNcnNEXE6\\_lqIDjAjQMbFDRQ](https://www.sneucc.org/blogdetail/13441933?fbclid=IwAR3smLL0QASDmeUiLrNwnWo0pFh3MpG3EANiNcnNEXE6_lqIDjAjQMbFDRQ)

## **Create Your Own Podcast**

[PodBean.com](https://podbean.com) (free)

## **Create Your Own Blog**

Check to see if you can set up a blog page on your church’s website. Website builders like [WordPress.com](https://WordPress.com) and [weebly.com](https://weebly.com) allow you to set up a blog for free.

## **Twitter**

Capitalize on a season such as Lent to tweet 140 character prayers, quotes, scripture, etc. to send out daily.

## **Create a “Traditional Session” for Online Use**

Using online discussion boards with [ProBoards.com](https://ProBoards.com), you can set up a discussion board based learning on a topic of your choice that you design (free).

## **Websites for Nurturing Parents’ Faith**

[beliefnet.com](https://beliefnet.com)

[gratefulness.org](https://gratefulness.org)

[spiritualparent.org/blog](https://spiritualparent.org/blog)