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The Family Catechesis Corner



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## ***Gospel Weeklies* Workbooks Make Catechesis Simple**

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Textbooks. They can be expensive and bulky. When designing a home catechesis learning program, Pflaum Publishing Group went with a different approach and instead chose a simple activity book.

Gospel Weeklies from Pflaum integrates faith formation lessons with the Sunday Gospel for preschool children up to grade 9. A parish subscription comes with a catechism handbook called “What the Church Believes and Teaches”, the weekly lessons, a teacher’s guide for parents, plus videos to access online. The handbook contains all the elements that are essential at every grade level. Parents and catechetical leaders can choose subscriptions that are hard copy, online, or both. Children will weekly receive their activity booklet that pertains to that Sunday’s Gospel from their catechist or catechetical leader.

“When I was asked to run our religious education program, I had no idea where to begin,” admits Christine Ward, Catechetical Leader for Saints Philip & James Church in Lisbon. “The first program we used we didn’t like as it was very hard to follow. I then switched us to the Gospel Weeklies and my teachers as well as myself were so happy with the program. It gives you step-by-step instructions on what the lesson needs to be for the week.”

Gospel Weeklies is a great option for parishes who are still looking for answers on how to keep lessons going with the COVID-19 pandemic closing classrooms. For parishes under financial burden, it is the best value compared to others, according to Pflaum. The company will even customize lesson plans for overwhelmed catechetical leaders and parishes who don’t know where to start for next year.

“We’re here to help and guide you along the way,” said Pflaum Publishing Sales Representative, Dave Barosci. “We want to make sure everyone is working together to better the families.”

If a family would like to get Gospel Weeklies on their own, head to [pflaumweeklies.com](http://pflaumweeklies.com). There are free unit overviews, The Gospel at Home provides a short description of the Sunday Gospel and suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level, and weekly review templates.