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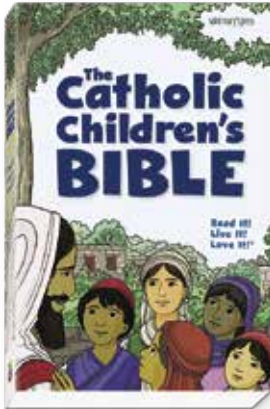
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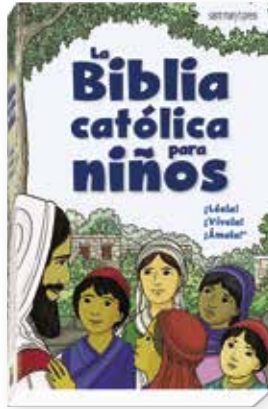
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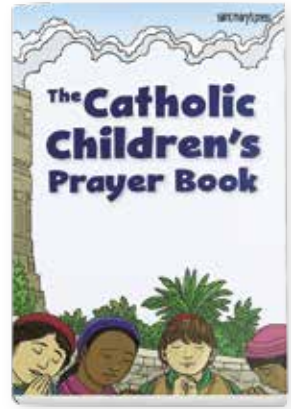
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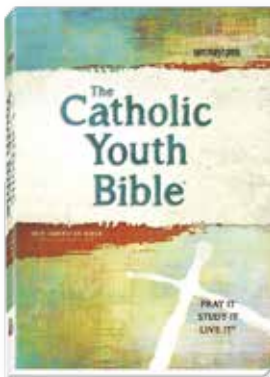
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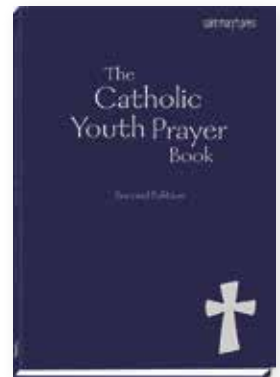
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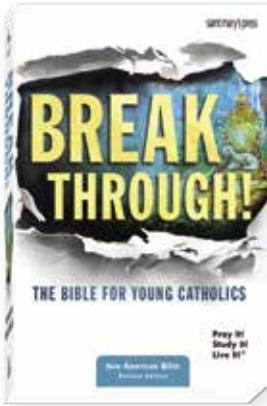


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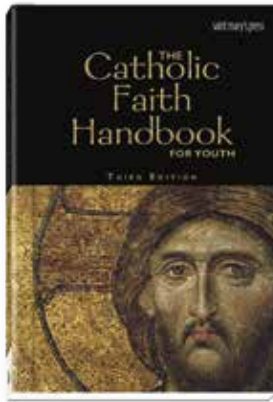


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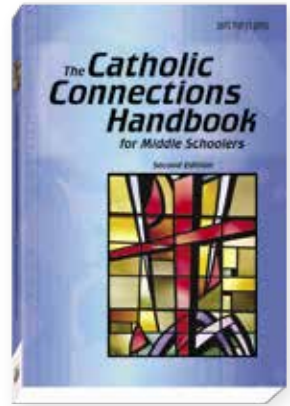
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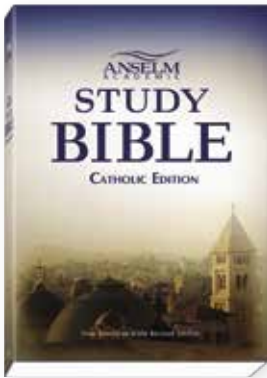
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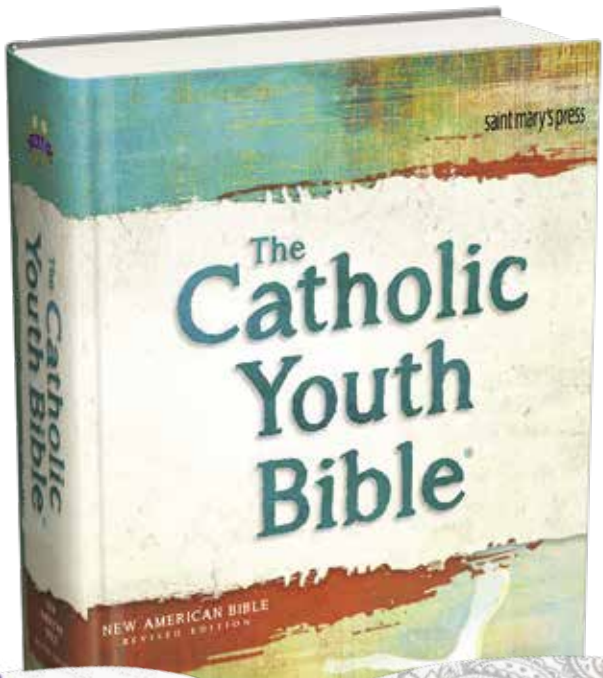
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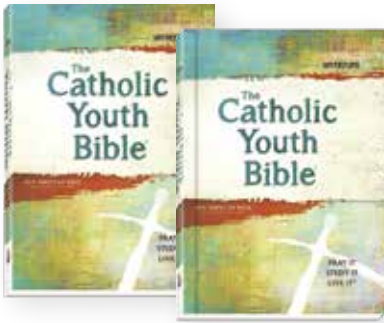


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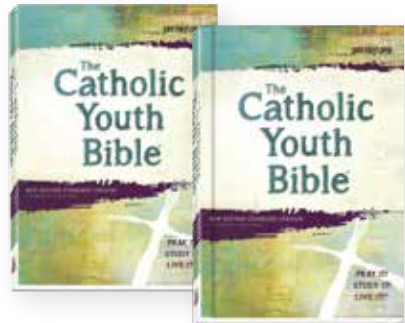


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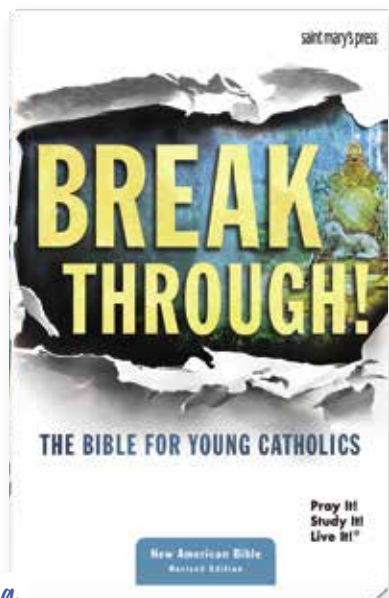


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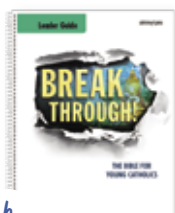
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Isaiah 1: You're right, God always loves us. That's why he called prophets to correct people when they sinned. When we turn from God, we forget what's important. It's hard to live a good life when we don't put God first.

Isaiah 2: So God didn't just send us to point out the people's sins. He sent us to call the people back to him. It wasn't always easy!

B: Why not?

Isaiah 3: The hardest thing was being faithful to preaching God's message, even when no one seemed to listen. It broke your heart to see people ignore God.

B: I can imagine how that feels. My sister stopped going to church last year, and it really upset my parents. Thanks for the encouragement!

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Let all the nations gather together,
let the peoples assemble!
Who among them could have
declared this,
or announced to us the earlier
things?

Let them produce witnesses to prove
themselves right,
that one may hear and say, "It is
true!"

18 You are my witnesses"—oracle of the
LORD—

my servant whom I have chosen
to know and believe in me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
and after me there shall be none.

19 (I am the LORD;
there is no savior but me.

20 It is I who declared, who saved,
who announced, not some strange
god among you;
You are my witnesses—oracle of the
LORD.

21 I am God,
yet, from eternity I am he;
There is none who can deliver from
my hand:
LORD and who can cancel it?

22 Thus says the LORD, your redeemer,
the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I send to Babylon;
I will bring down all her defenses,
and the Chaldeans shall cry out in
lamentation.

23 I am the LORD, your Holy One,
the creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters, of
Who leads out chariots and
horsemen,
a powerful army,
Till they lie prostrate together, never
to rise,

24 Remember not the events of the past,
stuffed out, quenched like a wick.
25 Remember not the events of the past,

the things of long ago con-
not;

19 See, I am doing something new
Now it springs forth, do you
perceive it?
In the wilderness I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers,
jackals and ostriches,
and rivers in the wilderness
for my chosen people to drink,
The people whom I formed for
myself,
that they might recount my praise

20 Yet you did not call upon me, Jacob,
for you grew weary of me, Israel.
You did not bring me sheep for your
burnt offerings,
nor honor me with your sacrifices.
I did not exact from you the service
of offerings,

21 nor weary you for frankincense,
You did not buy me sweet cane,
nor did you fill me with the fat of
your sacrifices;
Instead, you burdened me with your
sins,
wearied me with your crimes.

22 It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.
Would you have me remember, have
us come to trial?
Speak up, prove your innocence!
Your first father sinned;
your spokesmen rebelled against
me

23 Till I repudiated the holy princes,
put Jacob under the ban,
exposed Israel to scorn.

44 Hear then, Jacob, my servant,
Israel, whom I have chosen.
Thus says the LORD who made you,
your help, who formed you from
the womb:



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God Saves Noah's Family



Genesis 7:1-5 (For the full story, read Genesis 6:9-9:17.)

The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the boat with your whole family. We have found that you are the only one in all the world who does what is right. 2 Take with you seven pairs of each kind of ritually clean animal, but only one pair of each kind of **unclean animal**. 3 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of bird. Do this so that every kind of animal and bird will be kept alive to **reproduce** again on the earth. 4 Seven days from now I am going to send rain that will fall for forty days and forty nights in order to destroy all the living beings that I have made." 5 And Noah did everything that the LORD commanded.

unclean animal an animal that Jewish people had the custom of not eating, such as fish without fins or scales
reproduce to have babies



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Understand It!

We imitate others. You might like to wear the kind of clothes that other children wear. You may want the games they have. Noah understood enough to be different from others. When he lived, everyone was sinning. Only Noah and his family still served God. So God told Noah to build a boat, or ark. Noah worked on the ark for a long time. Though people probably made fun of him. This boat kept Noah, his family, and animals from drowning.

You need to have courage like Noah to be different from other children who do the wrong thing. You need to stand up for what is right. God will bless you for it.

Live It!

Noah listened to God and served him. We serve him when we pray and read the Bible. We serve him when we are kind to others. How will you listen to God this week? How will you serve him?

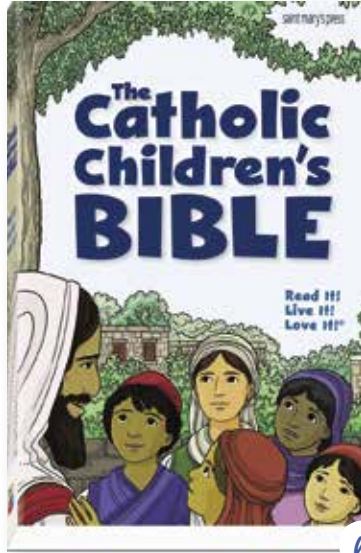
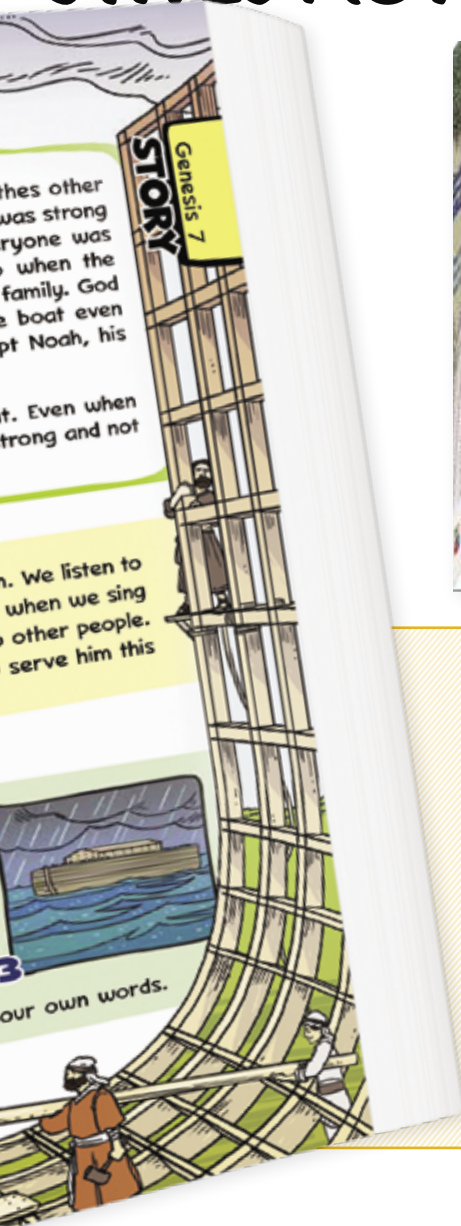
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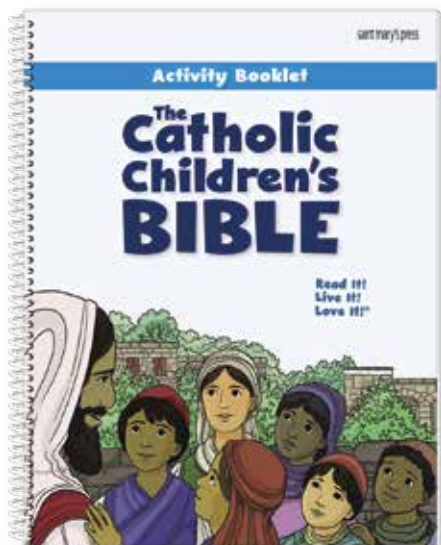
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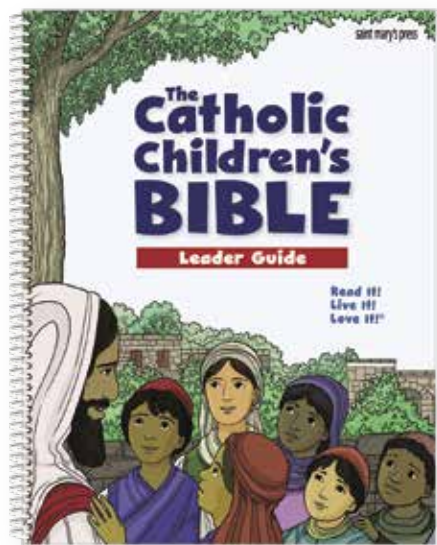
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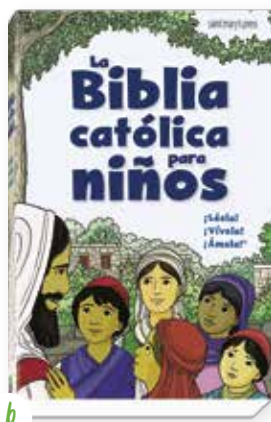
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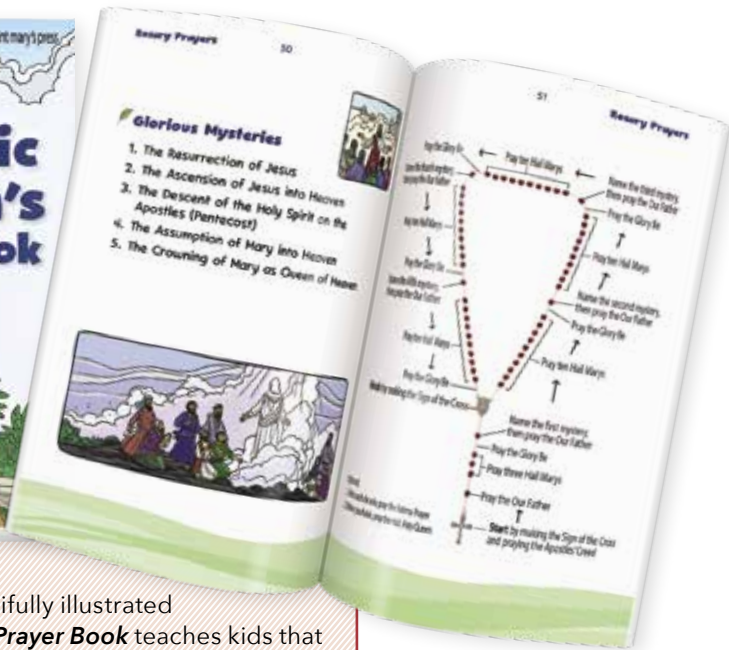
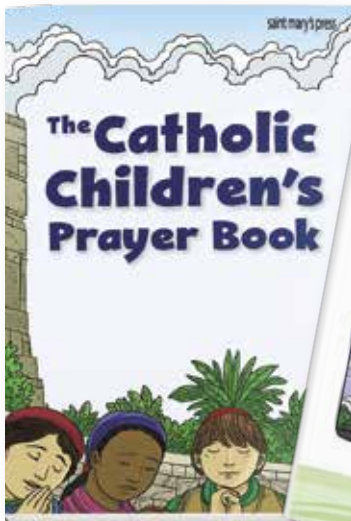
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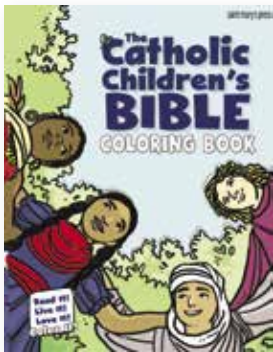


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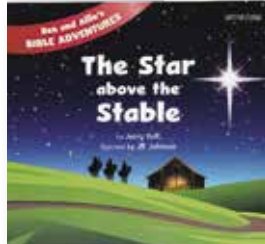
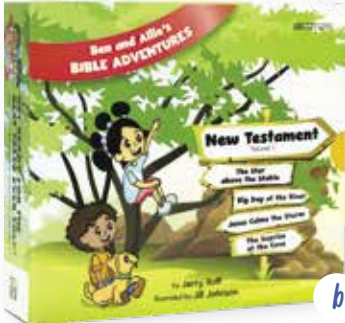
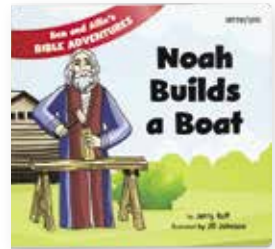
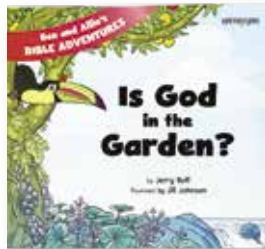
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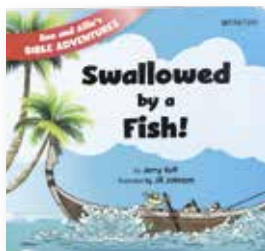
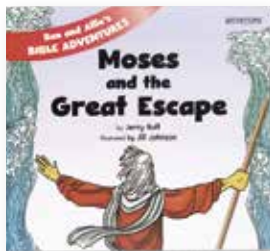
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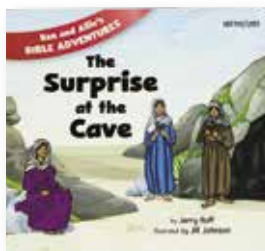
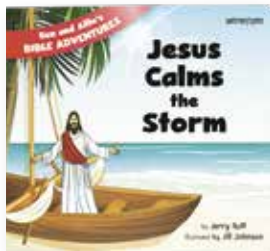
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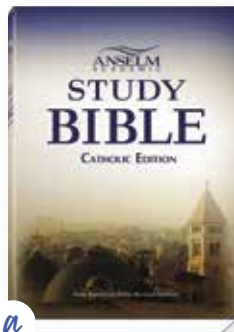
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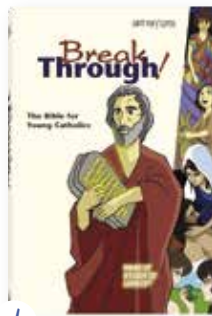
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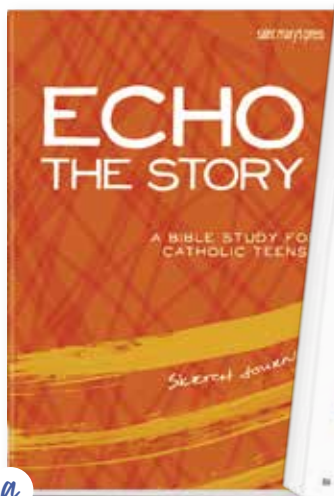
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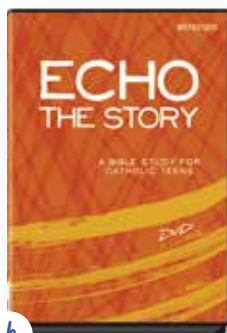
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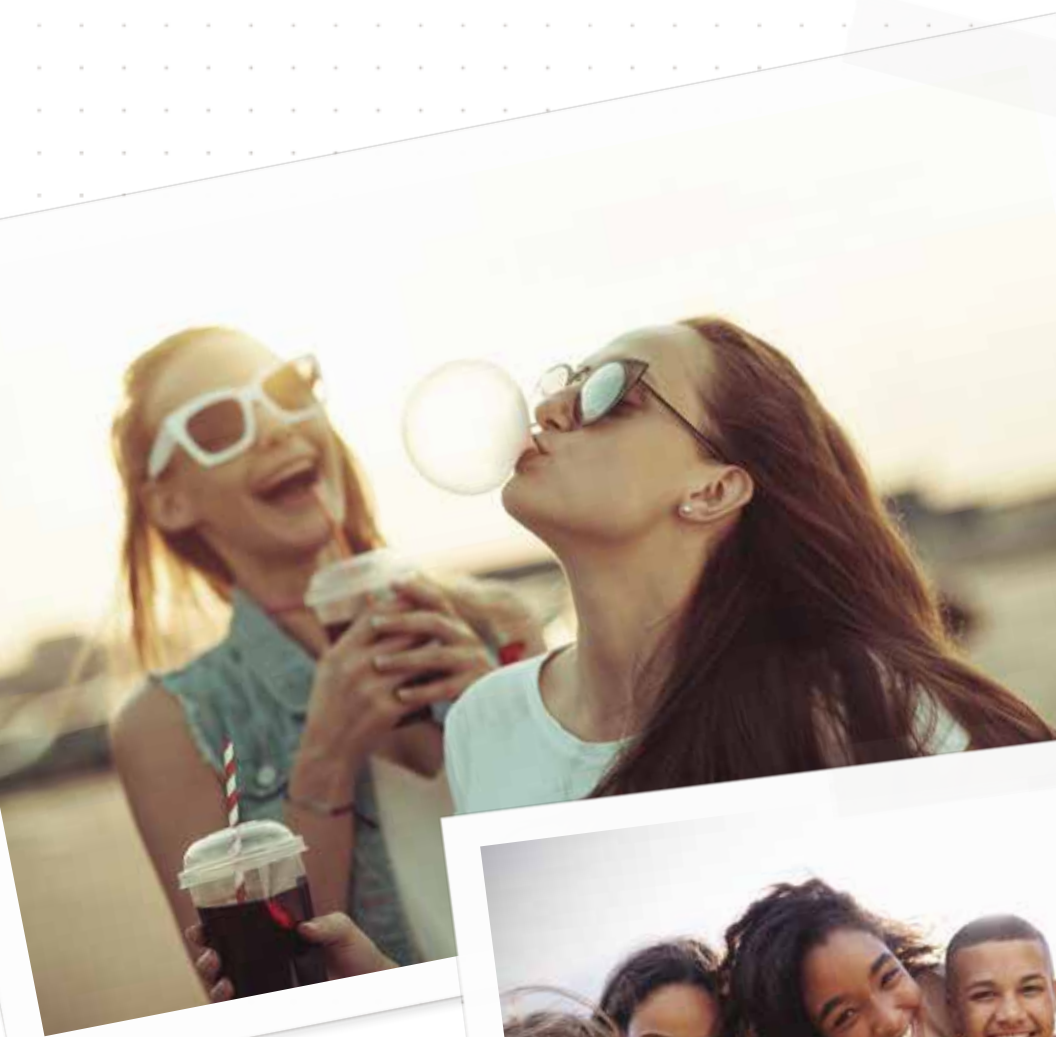


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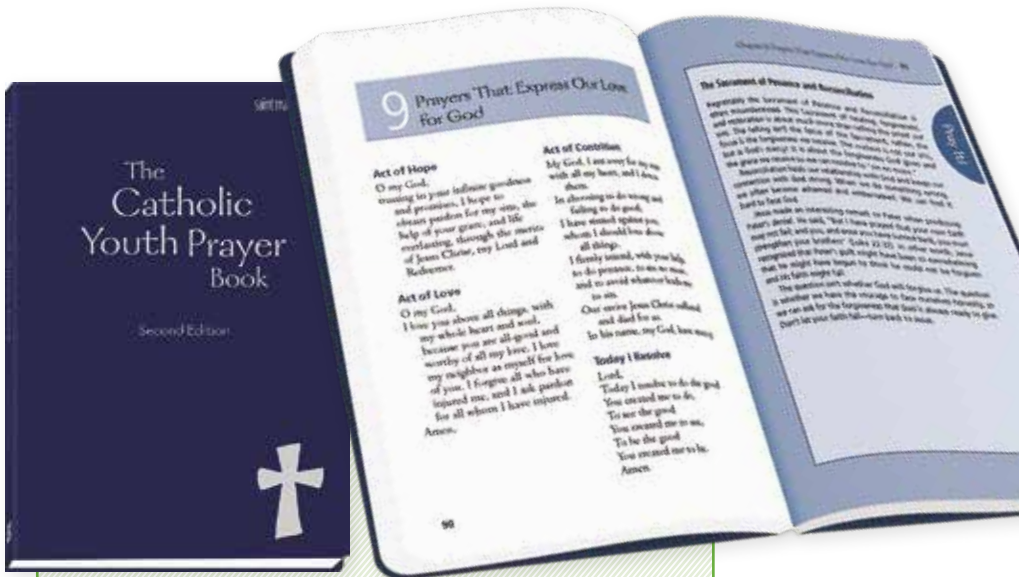


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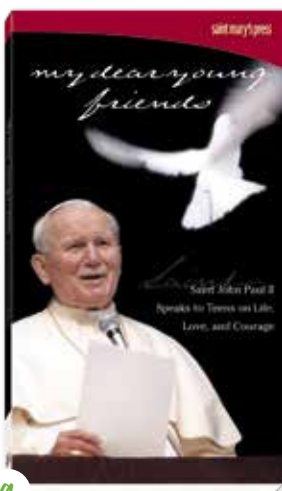




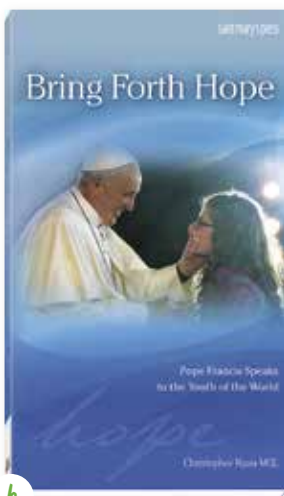
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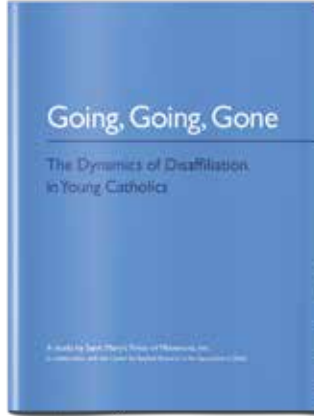
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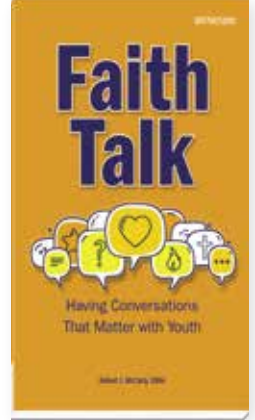
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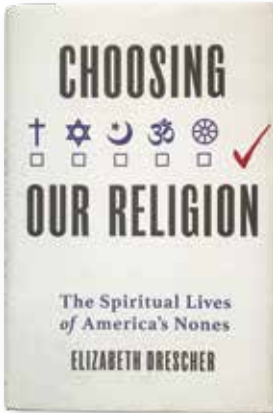
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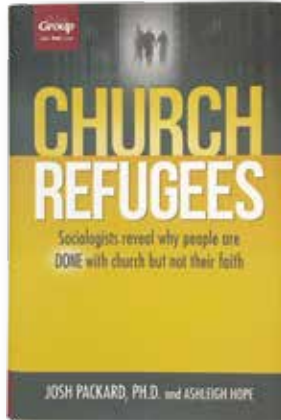
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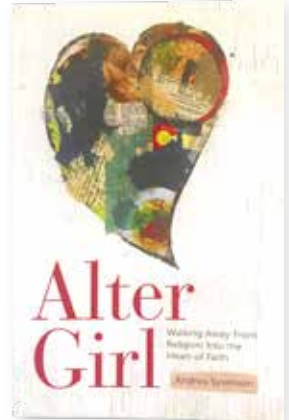
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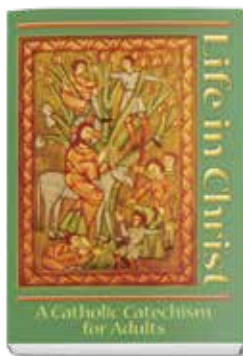
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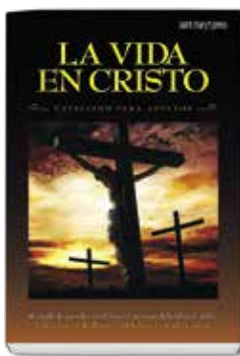
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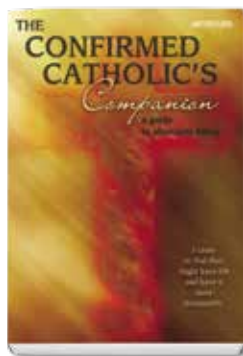
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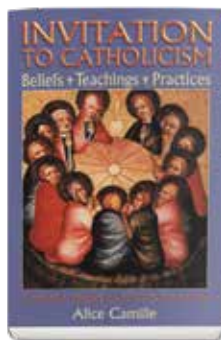
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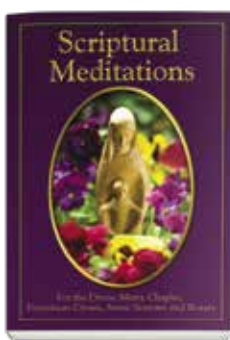
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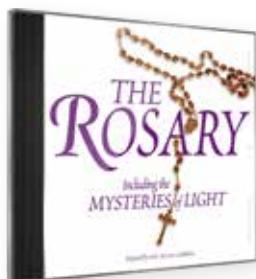
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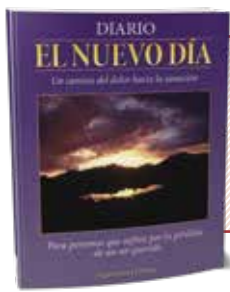
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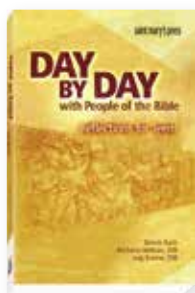
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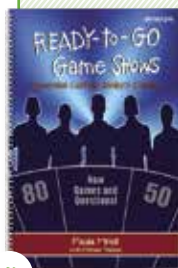
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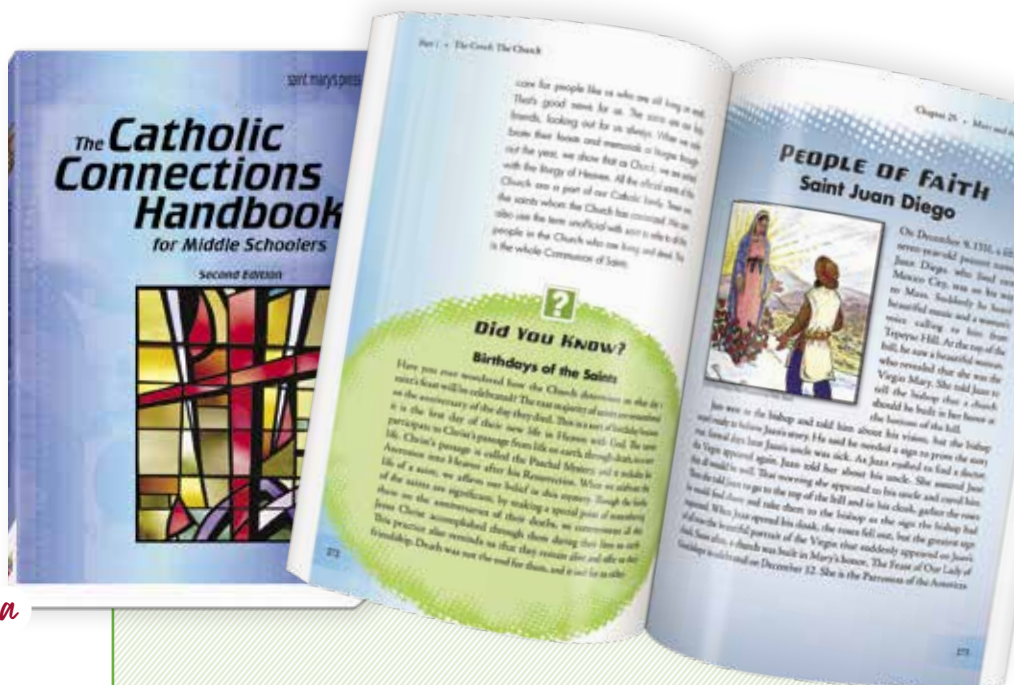
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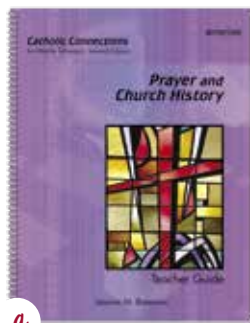
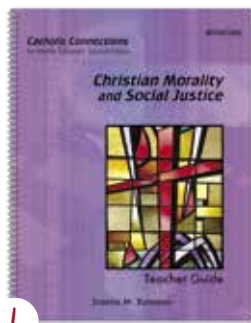
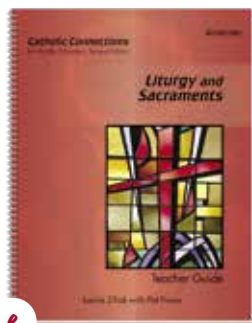
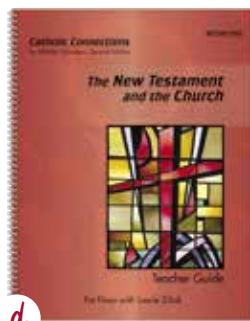
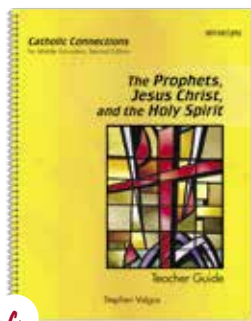
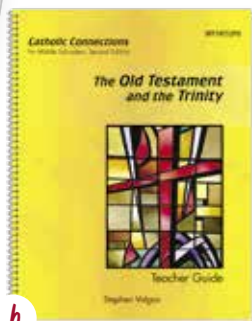
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- Deposit of Faith
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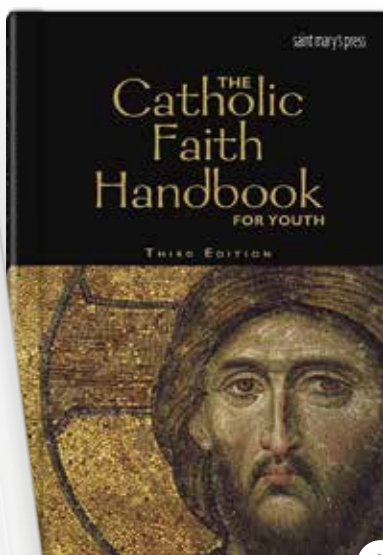
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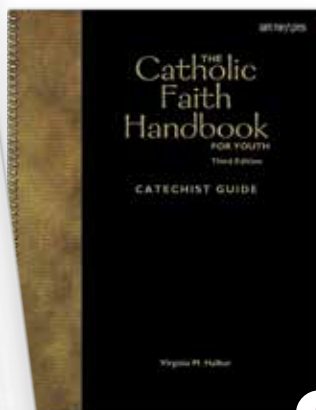


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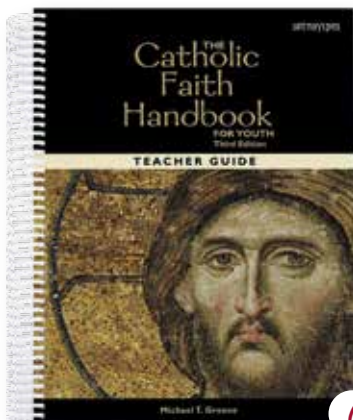
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