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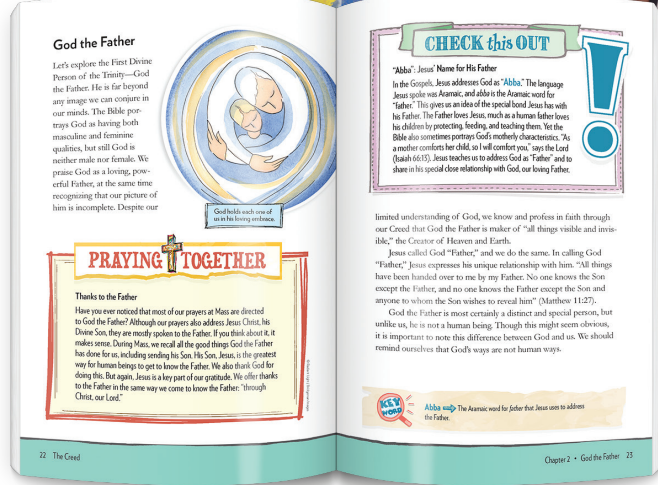
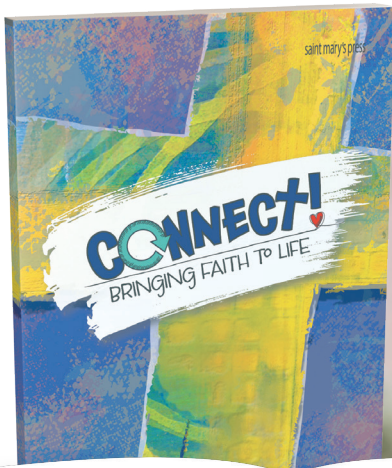
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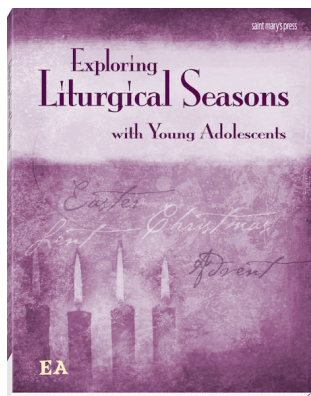
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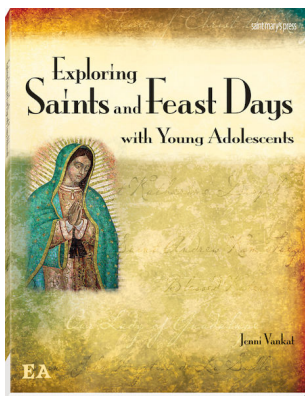
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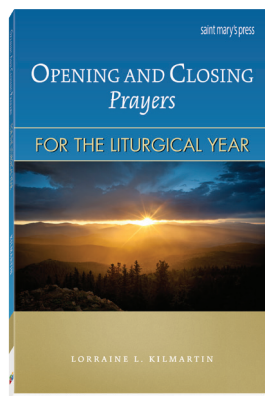
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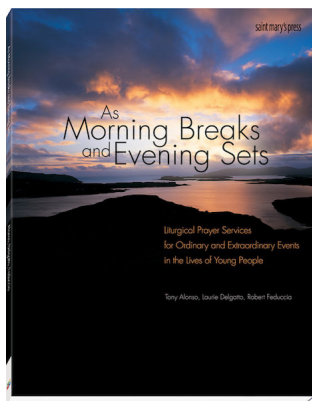
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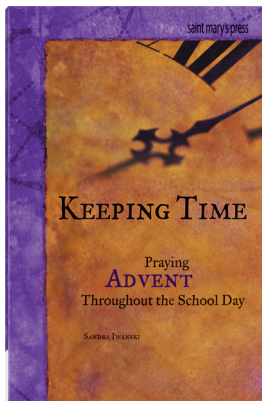
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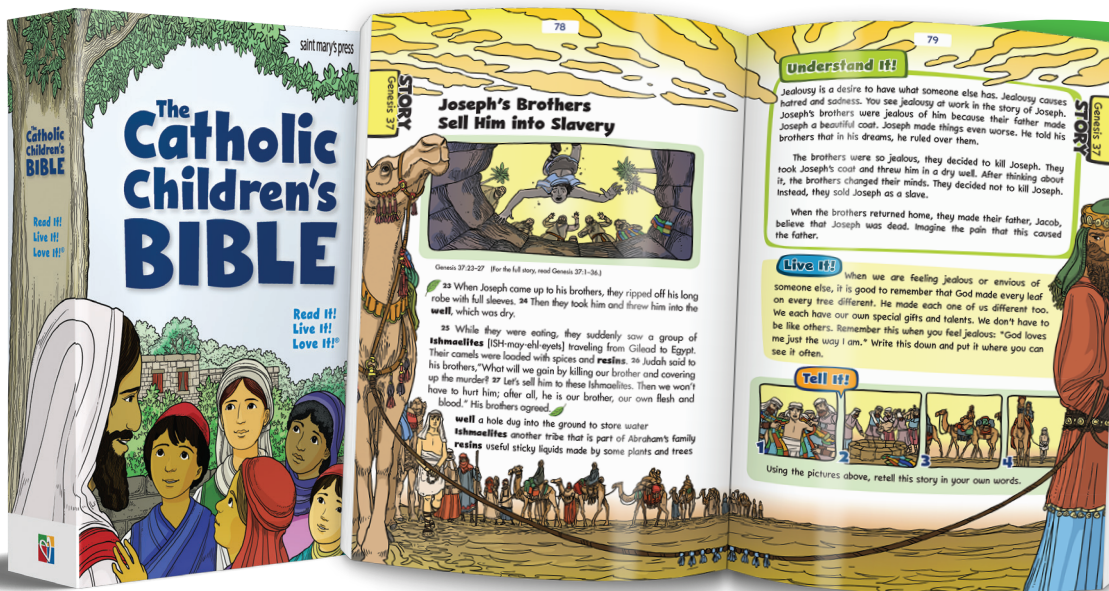


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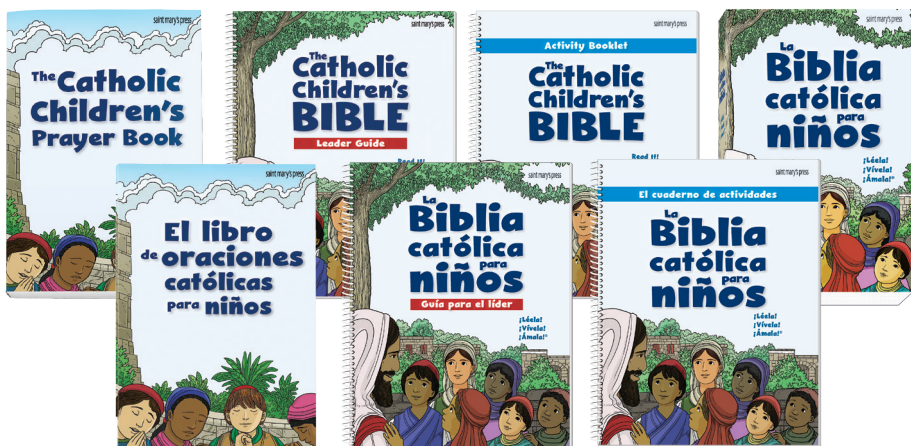


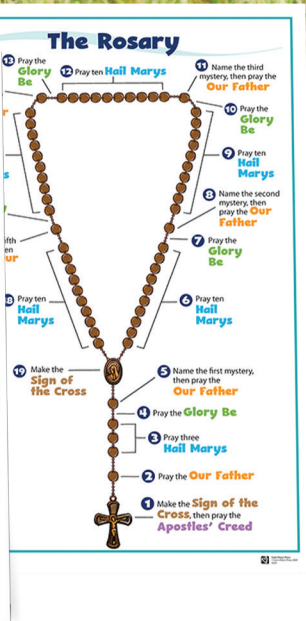
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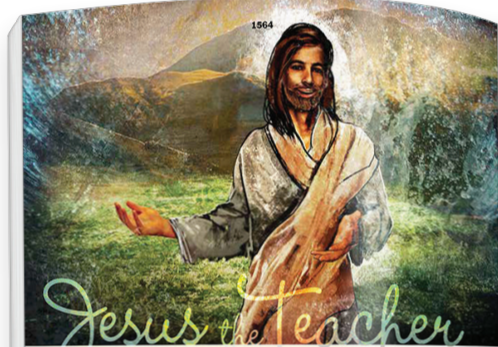


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For highlights of Jesus' teaching read Matthew chapters 5-7; Luke, chapter 12; John, chapters 6 & 8.

Breakthrough! Matthew, Jesus has quite a reputation as a teacher. The Gospels say he taught "as one having authority" (Matthew 7:29). What does that mean?

Matthew: Jesus taught like he had a right to teach. When he said something, you knew he meant it and that what he said was true. His words captivated many people!

B: Do you have an example?
Matthew: Sure, let's look at the Beatitudes.

B: Those are the statements that begin with "Blessed are," right?

Matthew: That's right. Although they are comforting, they're also very challenging. For example, he said that blessed are those who are poor, who mourn, who are merciful, who are persecuted.

B: Hold on! When I was sad because my grandma died, or when we didn't have enough money to visit my brother, I was supposed to feel blessed?

Matthew: Well, yes. But not because of the bad things. Jesus tells us we're blessed in

these situations because we can experience God's love in a different way. It makes us look for God and realize that he has always been there. Can you think of a time when, say, you were really happy?

B: Oh yeah! I got a new phone for Christmas, and we had relatives over. All day I was talking to my cousins, or downloading new apps, or...
Matthew: Oh, I think I get it. It didn't feel like I needed God at all.

Matthew: Exactly. Having good things or being happy isn't bad—God wants us to rejoice in those gifts! What's bad is when we forget that God should be the center of our lives—or we forget to reach out to our neighbor.

B: So when we are mourning, or poor, or humble, there's more room for God in our lives.

Matthew: Now you've got it! Blessed are the poor... because it's easier for them to see God.

B: Thank! I think I'll read the Beatitudes and see how to make room for God.



Catholic Connections A New Law

The Old Covenant is what people of Jesus' time were used to. The Old Covenant was a promise. God promised that the Israelites would be his special people, and the people promised that they would worship him alone. As a sign of their commitment, they followed the special Law that God gave to Moses. This Old Law was summed up in the Ten Commandments.

But the Israelites failed over and over again to be faithful to God. So Jesus brought a New Covenant. The New Covenant had a New Law that did not do away with the Old Law (Matthew 5:17-20) but fulfilled and completed it. The New Law focuses not just on our actions but also on what is in our hearts. In chapter 5, watch for the sentence, "You have heard that it was said: 'Each time this appears, Jesus gives a teaching from the Law of Moses and focuses on its true meaning.'"

The first section of the Sermon on the Mount is called the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes summarize what God's New Law is all about. They focus on the attitudes in our hearts rather than on specific actions. They are the key to human happiness. In the Beatitudes, we see the wisdom of the Old Law brought to a new level.

Matthew 5:1-12

so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.²¹ I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Teaching About Anger

²¹"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill, and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.'²²But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment,^e and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna.²³Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you,^f

²⁴leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.²⁵Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him.^g Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge,

and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.²⁶Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

Teaching About Adultery

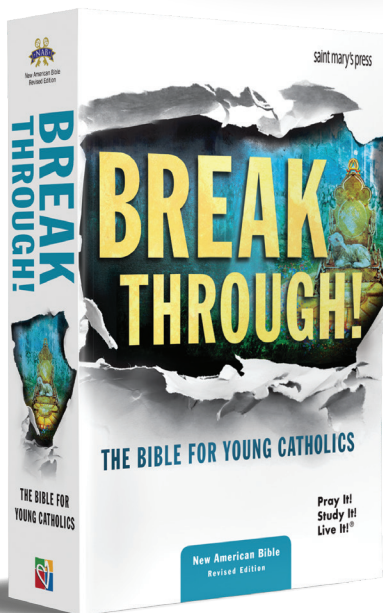
²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.^h It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna.³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

Teaching About Divorce

(Matthew 19:9; Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18)

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.'ⁱ But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful)

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