

How Can I Get Started?

Hello and welcome to the student-home website for the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* program. In this video, I will explain the features of the website and provide a brief introduction to each feature.

Many of your interactions with the student-home website will begin on the home page. The home page is where you can access a welcome message from Bishops; sacramental program content for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation; videos, songs, activities, and other media from the program; a digital version of the Student Book, Big Books and Posters; and basic calendars that suggest when different media from the program can be used throughout the school year.

The same resources that are available under the five large buttons on the home page are also available using the navigational menu at the top of each page. You may select either of these to make your way around the website. To return to the home page at any time, select “Home”.

Now let’s take a quick look at each feature of the website. In this demonstration, I will use the large buttons on the home page to navigate the website. Let’s start with the Message from our Bishops.

Message from our Bishops

The Catholic Bishops of Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories have written an introductory letter to welcome you to the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* program. You may read their letter on the page titled “Message from our Bishops”, or hear Bishop Gerard Bergie, the program’s Coordinating Bishop, welcome you by selecting the video icon.

eText

Families can access the digital version of the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* Student Book, Big Books (for grades 1 and 2 only), and Posters through this website. To access the digital version, select the “eText” button on the home page. To get a closer look at the eText, please review our video “Zoom In: eText”.

Sacramental Content in the Program

Next, select “Sacramental Content” from the navigational menu at the top of the page. The sacramental content identified in this chart is integrated throughout the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* Religious Education program for schools. On this page, resources that pertain to Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation have been organized into four menu tabs. Select any sacrament to access Student Book pages, Big Book stories (for grades 1 and 2 only), Posters, videos, songs, online activities, and work sheets that discuss or support learning about that sacrament.

Please note that the resources listed here do not stand alone and are not a suitable replacement for a sacramental preparation program.

This Week At Home

Let’s move on to “This Week At Home”. The section highlights activities that families can do together during the week to support Religious Education. The calendar lists the weeks of the school and calendar year.

To browse this guide, select the week and set of dates from the dropdown menu, or use the calendar feature on the right-hand side. Below you will see information on the Student Book pages, Big Book stories (grades 1 and 2 only), or Posters you can read together, the online activities you can try, the songs you can sing together or listen to, and the Scripture and prayers families can participate in together.

Using Program Content

Next are the resources under “Media by Unit” and “Media by Type”. In this video, I will only select “Media by Unit”. To see both pages in more detail, please watch our video “Zoom In: Media in the Program”.

Under “Media by Unit,” the media is organized based on where it appears in the *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* Student Book. Within each unit, the media is also organized by media type. Select a type of media to expand the entries, then select an entry to open and use that media.

Conclusion

This concludes our introduction to the student-home website for *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ*. Still have questions? Check out our other videos to see if we can help. Thank you for watching!