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*Envisioning a Catholic Church Where People with
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Are Welcomed for Their Gifts
and Their Presence*

Autism and Faith Resources by Kathy Labosh

The following materials make up what Kathy Labosh calls, "The Catholic Pack." Purchase them together and save money. She asks, "Do you need to teach a child with autism the faith and don't know where to begin? These two publications show the way."

The Child with Autism Learns the Faith

By Kathy Labosh

The Child with Autism Learns the Faith is a curriculum of stories from the Hebrew Scriptures. But despite its small size, it covers many areas and answers many questions. The introductory section has a strong statement promoting the inclusion and gifts of persons touched with autism. Learning and environmental difficulties for these children are helpfully and clearly described. Classroom set-up is suggested and there are practical sections on materials and resources. Praise for this book comes from diocesan directors, university professors, national publications and the bishop of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The curriculum covers fifteen stories from Creation to the Passover and the Red Sea. There are opening and closing group activities, but the core of each lesson is "packet time," the time each child spends with his or her aide (often a parent). "Packet time" consists of activities that match the child's skill and comprehension level and moves toward fulfillment of the child's yearly goal. Perhaps the most helpful part of each lesson plan is the parent's scripture study at the end, for both parent and child are on a journey of faith.

The Child with Autism Learns the Faith can be considered an interfaith resource. Nevertheless, it was issued in 2007 with *Nihil Obstat* and also with *Imprimatur* by the Bishop of Harrisburg.

On Sunday I Go to Mass

By Kathy Labosh

I Go to Mass is an interactive social story kit that puts the child and his or her parish in the story. It consists of a binder with blank flashcards for photos and everything needed to initiate inclusion of the child into the parish and to begin nine enjoyable activities that will help a special child feel at home. All activities correspond to skills taught in special education classrooms.

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