

New DVD's (January 2011)

St. Mary has purchase 10 new dvd's for the Faith Formation programs. The videos focus on the New Testament; however the series also includes movies from the Old Testament that we may purchase if you and your children enjoy this series. The series begins with the 12-year-old Jesus and continues through His life...then also includes two movies on Paul. This learning system includes an interactive element for "quizzing" the children after the movie to reiterate the scripture story and message.

NEST Family Entertainment presents... ***The Animated Stories of the New Testament Series***
(Run-time is about 30 minutes)

Jesus, the Son of God *Characters: 12-year-old Jesus and his family, Satan*

People often found themselves speechless when they came face-to-face with the wisdom of Jesus—from the learned rabbis in the temple who were astonished at the words of a 12-year-old Jesus, to the victory over Satan who unsuccessfully tempted the Savior even after He had grown pale with hunger from a 40-day fast. This story begins with Jesus' early years and follows with His triumph over Satan, marking the beginning of the ministry of Jesus, the Son of God.

John the Baptist *Characters: Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptizer of Jesus*

John the Baptist is a story of courage and conviction seen through the life of one of God's greatest prophets who gave everything to prepare the way for the Lord. It begins with the blessing John's birth was to his aged parents. John grows in strength and integrity as he stands against political and spiritual adversity to preach about the coming of the Lord. Finally, John beholds and baptizes Jesus, the Lamb of God.

CONVERSION/SALVATION/PARABLES

The Righteous Judge *Characters: Pharisees, adulteress, blind man*

The Righteous Judge recreates the vents that surround Jesus in teaching the principles of love, forgiveness and righteous judgment. In the story of the adulteress Jesus confronts the Pharisees with the simple phrase, "let him without sin cast the first stone," and thereby teaches us of God's immense mercy and grace. Caiaphas, who unrighteously judges a blind man sinful, is contrasted against the gratitude of the blind man when Jesus freely heals him.

The Kingdom of Heaven *Characters: Sower and the Seed, the Wheat and the Tares; the Ten Virgins*

The Kingdom of Heaven is a series of short stories including the Sower and the Seed, the Wheat and the Tares, and the Parable of the Ten Virgins. As Jesus teaches the people each parable, some begin to understand what the "Kingdom of Heaven" is like. Unfortunately, some have "ears that will not hear" and are not willing to become followers of the Savior. At the Second Coming they will not be counted as His own.

SACRAMENTS

Bread from Heaven – Eucharist *Characters: Jonas, thugs, and 5000*

Jonas, a street urchin, is desperate for bread. Yet, when he finds some, knife-wielding thugs steal it. Then one day Jonas hears that Jesus, the miracle worker, is nearby. While skeptical, Jonas decides to see this man for himself - and what he discovers convinces him that the bread

Jesus offers will satisfy one's hunger forever. This delightful story of the feeding of the 5,000 challenges us to consider afresh the One who is the Bread of Life.

Forgive Us Our Debts – Reconciliation *Characters: Disciples; Peter; men with debts*

Forgive Us Our Debts combines a classic parable with the teachings of Jesus to His disciples. Jesus teaches that forgiveness comes from God as He instructs Peter to catch a fish. Inside the fish's mouth Peter finds a coin to pay his debt. Jesus also teaches about a man who is forgiven by his king of an enormous debt. Yet, the forgiven man leaves and immediately casts a poor man, who owes him almost nothing, into prison. The king rescinds his forgiveness of the large debt. To receive forgiveness we must also forgive.

MIRACLES

Lord, I Believe *Characters: Disciples; Roman centurion and dying servant; raises son of poor widow; man with weak faith-heals his son.*

Lord, I Believe is a collection of three stories where Jesus teaches His disciples the power of faith. First, a kind Roman centurion kneels before the Master and pleads for his dying servant. The servant is healed because he asked in faith with nothing doubting. Saying "weep not," Jesus raises the son of the poor widow of Nain. Lastly, a man with weak faith begs the Master to make his son whole. Jesus answers, "all things are possible to him that believeth," and heals the child.

The Miracles of Jesus *Characters: Jairus' daughter; possessed by demons; fishing apostles*

The Miracles of Jesus is an exciting panorama of Jesus' most touching miracles. Healing the sick and afflicted, raising Jairus' dead daughter, casting out demons and calming the storm are attributed to the principle of faith. "All things are possible to those who believe," Jesus tells us. The stories of Christ's miracles increase our faith and teach character-building virtues such as love, mercy and service.

SAINT PAUL

Saul of Tarsus *Characters: Rabbi Gamaliel; Saul*

Saul of Tarsus is one of the most dramatic stories of repentance found in the Bible. The Rabbi Gamamiel is unable to convince his friend Saul, the arch-enemy and persecutor of Christians, to mend his ways. Saul is changed forever when the resurrected Lord miraculously appears to him on the road to Damascus. Saul becomes reborn as Paul, one of the greatest missionaries and apostles ever for Jesus Christ's gospel.

The Ministry of Paul

The Ministry of Paul is a dramatic story of adventure, faith and endurance. From his encounter with King Agrippa to this terrifying shipwreck, Paul's powerful preaching and example bring amazement and conversion as persecution is answered, again and again, with the gospel of love. Paul's timeless example beckons each Christian to faithfully witness for Jesus.