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“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism: An Introduction to Infant Baptism in the Roman Catholic Church” (17 minutes; *Diocese of Rockville Centre, 2009*) is a good video for use in baptismal preparation sessions. The program features Fr. Nick Zientarski, who unpacks the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism. Following the parts of the ritual Fr. Nick explains the symbols of Baptism, the role of godparents, the profession of faith and the importance of ongoing faith formation. Throughout the video three couples share their own real-life joys and challenges of living out the grace of Baptism at home in their “domestic church” and in their local parish communities.

“Don’t Drink the Holy Water!: Big Al and Annie Go to Mass” (50 minutes; *Ligouri Publications, 2010*) is a video that accompanies a 64 page hardcover book that explains the Mass for young children. In the video live excerpts of the Mass are shown, accompanied by a narrative from Fr. Joe Kempf. After each segment a prayer from the book is read by a child who is learning from Fr. Joe and his puppet friends Al and Annie. Parts of the Mass are covered in very short segments that help children understand how each piece of the ritual enhances the prayerful order and flow of the liturgy.

“Stories to Light Our Way: Journey to the World of Good” is an audio CD that introduces wisdom stories from a variety of cultural and religious traditions. The twelve stories have been written or adapted by Ralph Singh who also narrates the stories on the recording. Each story highlights a different virtue to help reinforce positive values in children and create a sense of shared values in the face of the divisions that often prevail in the world. To order a copy of the CD for your favorite child or for more information go to www.exploringspirituality.org.

And while we are talking about being a good citizen of the world here’s a “blast from the past” updated internet safety resource. Remember Desiderata, the philosophical exhortation for wisdom and happiness of 1972? (if not, check http://www.safeshare.tv/v/xxrsNCLr_xk) Here is <http://www.cyberbully.org>’s updated version, the DigiDesiderata (<http://www.safeshare.tv/v/UeSNA1VTfEE>). The pdf version at http://www.cyberbully.org/documents/DigiDesiderata_000.pdf contains reflection questions.

For further information about featured videos go to av.dor.org or www.dor.org (scroll down to the bottom of the page for a link to AV resources under Evangelization and Catechesis).