



## Religious Education Materials for Children with Special Needs

Working with children with special needs requires different teaching skills and methodologies. The publisher you are using for the other children lists activities in the side margins for special needs children; these often work well if the issue is ADD, ADHD, or high-functioning autism.

For other special needs, such as autism (levels 2 and 3) or down syndrome, here are a couple of publishers you may want to investigate. These materials may be purchased by the parish and lent out to the parents to use from home, OR, may be used in the parish's faith formation setting by a skilled catechist.

### Loyola Press

- This link will be of interest to you: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/parish-ministry/diverse-learners/>
- Adaptive Learning kits for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/diverse-learners/adaptive-learning-kits/>
- Adaptive for grades 1-8: Finding God program kit  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/diverse-learners/adaptive-finding-god/>

### Our Sunday Visitor

- Special Learning Needs <https://www.orderosv.com/product-category/faith-formation/special-learning-needs>

### Other Links for Inclusion: Special Needs

#### Autism Spectrum

Autism resources from the *National Catholic Partnership on Disability*:

<https://www.ncpd.org/disability-ministry/autism-spectrum-disorder>



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## Chronic Illness

*An Apostolate for People with Chronic Illness or with Disabilities:*

<https://cusan.org/>

## Physical Challenges

Resources from the University of Dayton Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, *The Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators*:

[https://udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/ipi/inclusive\\_catechesis\\_resources/index.php](https://udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/ipi/inclusive_catechesis_resources/index.php)

## Vision Challenges

*Xavier Society for the Blind:* <https://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org/>