

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

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### IF YOU USE COKESBURY'S DEEP BLUE CURRICULUM

[Amplify Media](#) has made several resources free to help communities remain engaged in the Bible, including the Deep Blue Kids Spring curriculum videos!

If your church uses the Deep Blue Sunday School program, you can forward the student materials home for the families to work on with the videos.

### SPARKHOUSE

Sparkhouse has temporarily expanded their licensing for their print and digital resources. More information can be found [here](#)

### ILLUSTRATED MINISTRY

Illustrated Ministry is offering free weekly faith formation resources. Sign up [here](#).

### PRACTICAL RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES

PRC has a web page filled with webinars and resources filled with ideas for your ministry. Follow this [link](#).

### LIVE STREAM/ONLINE PLATFORMS

Many churches have moved Sunday worship services to an online live stream. Consider doing something similar for Sunday school and children's ministries. Some churches have had issues with Sunday mornings, so think about a different day or platform. Remember, Sunday school doesn't have to be on Sundays.

[Discord](#) is an app used by a lot of gamers to set up different groups and rooms. [TeamViewer](#) is another option for connecting with families.

### THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

The internet is a great tool for us, especially right now, but one in four families in the United States does not have access to internet services in their home. Remember this when planning your children's programs during this time of social distancing. Don't forget to reach out to those families, too.

Be sure to confirm copyright permissions on any lessons, music, etc you may be using online or making copies of.

This is a time for us to be creative in our ministries. If I can help with any other suggestions, let me know. I would also like to hear about what you are doing in your ministries so I can share your stories with others.

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