



Media News

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Media Resource Services

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October is here and we finally got summer. We have much to be thankful for. I trust that everyone has settled into new routines..... We are all called to be God's children. Let us be thankful this month for all the special blessings we have in our lives. To some students, their special blessings are the teachers they spend each week with. Enjoy your students. Each and every one of them is a blessing.

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October Virtue: Acceptance

Acceptance is welcoming and including everyone as a child of God; each with differing views, talents and beliefs that bring value to our community life.

D0306-Belonging: The Search for Acceptance.

Belonging - The Search for Acceptance - a profound, penetrating and timely essay spoken from the heart of Jean Vanier. Truly one of the great spiritual leaders and modern day philosophers, Vanier has made his life work this message: "When we make others know they're welcome and that they belong then we know we all belong." - Jean Vanier Vanier's prophetic counter-culture ideas weave together a panorama of humanity in the 21st century. Drawn from the stories of real lives, from the ordinary and the extraordinary. Belonging celebrates the dignity and diversity of humanity and identifies that which unites us - our aloneness and our longing to belong. 2002, 50 Min. I, S, A

V3529-Glasses: Milo is always losing his lunch box, screwing up in class and humiliating himself on the playground. He wants to be invincible like his comic book hero Captain Cosmo, but for a shy near-sighted kid, the humiliations of Grade 1 know no bound! He lives in a lonely, blurry world and is blind to his one true friend, Gwenny. A visit to the eye doctor brings things into focus. His first pair of glasses gives him new power in class and on the playground. Full of new-found confidence, he loses sight of who his friends really are until a crushing accident reminds him. Glasses explores what it's like for a little boy who doesn't see things quite the way other kids do but longs to fit in. Children will be amused by this funny, poignant story. Teachers in elementary school will find it an entertaining discussion -starter for issues that affect their students: peer

pressure, fear of feeling left out, friendship and acceptance. 2005, 23 Min. P, J

V1611H-Kylie's Song: Being the best you can be.

That's what Kylie decides in this moving story that shows youngsters how important it is to develop their individual capabilities, since it is the difference among people that make them special. Born with a song in her heart, Kylie is at odds with the dictum that koalas are not supposed to sing. She soon learns that being different is lonely and hard, but she also discovers that conformity doesn't necessarily lead to acceptance. 1992, 12 Min., P, J

Prejudice

V3371-OVERCOMING PREJUDICE AND PROMOTING TOLERANCE

Victims of intolerance describe the challenges of dealing with prejudices. Challenges viewers to recognize their own prejudices. Experts offer advice on how to deal with prejudice in one's self and in others. 2002, 25 Min. I, S

V1109 THE UNFORGETTABLE PENPAL: PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

Members of the club are making prejudice remarks about elderly people until Teddy reminds A.J. of the Joey incident. When A.J. and Joey discover their interest in basketball, they become best friends. The chance to meet one another at a basketball game leads them to encounter prejudice. A.J.'s prejudice led him to discriminate against handicapped people and robbed him and Joey of a good friendship. We learn to evaluate people on who they are, not what they are. 1989, 28 Min., P., J, I

There are many more resources available on Acceptance and Prejudice. Check out the online catalogue.

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Thanksgiving Resources to check out.....

V3458 GIVING THANKS

Known as the Thanksgiving Address, this Native American good morning message is based on the belief that the natural world is a rare and precious gift - from the moon and the stars to the tiniest blade of grass. Chief Swamp's inspirational narration in English and the Mohawk language, along with Erwin Printup Jr.'s majestic landscapes, make "Giving Thanks" a timeless celebration of the beauty and spirit of the environment. Based on the book by Chief Jake Swamp.
P, J 7 Min 2005

V1820 CANADIAN HOLIDAYS

This series adds life to classroom holiday celebrations. The three presentations help get students involved in the meaning and traditions of our holidays. This video contains: A Thanksgiving Tale of Two Turkeys; Halloween According to Old Weird Harold; Hoodoo McFiggin's Christmas. For a description of each program, please see the individual title.
P, J 1993

NEW

D0350H CANADIAN HOLIDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND TRADITIONS

In this NEW program, we focus on the holidays, celebrations and traditions that are linked to the first peoples who settled our nation ? the First Nations people, and later the French and English. You will examine holidays such as Canada Day, Victoria Day, St. John Baptist Day, National Aboriginal Day, Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day. Other special days like Groundhog Day are uniquely North American in nature. And still other celebrations are regional in nature. We look at two ? Louis Riel Day in Manitoba and Guy Fawkes Night in Newfoundland. Holidays and celebrations give us unique insight into our country. This program will introduce your students to the history and reasoning behind specific holidays that we celebrate here in Canada. Hosted by four vibrant, young teens, the information is presented in a chaptered fashion allowing you to show it in its entirety or in segments.

P, J, I, S DVD 2008





The Saint of the Month : St. Francis of Assisi:

Almost 900 years ago, St. Francis grew up in a very rich family in Assisi, Italy. He gave up his money and fine clothes to live a life of poverty, devoted to joyfully accepting and welcoming everyone, both rich and poor, who came his way.

Resources available:



V0797-SAINTS ALIVE - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The life of St. Francis of Assisi is presented in a lively television format featuring the music of Mary Lu Walker. Along with the story about his life, are interviews helping relate the saint's life to today's world. This 15 minute program teaches a complete lesson about living the Christian life following the examples of the saints.

P, J 15 Min. 1987

V3000 SAINTS FOR KIDS VOLUME 1

Sure to inspire children, these delightfully animated stories are a perfect introduction to the saints. Each four-minute story highlights how a particular saint followed Jesus. Francis of Assisi - the carefree young man who gave up a life of wealth to follow Jesus. Elizabeth and Zechariah - the parents of John the Baptist as described in the Gospel of Luke. Martin of Tours - the young soldier who gave his cloak away to a poor man. Discussion and activity guide included.

P, J, I 15 Min. 1998

K0434 SAINTS KIT 3 COPIES

This collection of thirty seven novel-length biographies of prominent Saints of the Church, are accompanied by a wealth of group and individual Literature Circle ideas, as well as a set of twenty 11"x17" posters of individual saints. The media centre has three kits containing each of these resources, and these kits may be borrowed either individually to enable each student to research the life of a different saint, or together, to facilitate small group study. Either way, the kits provide a very helpful tool for assisting students to understand and appreciate the life story and exemplary deeds of these Christian Heroes of our Catholic faith tradition.

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New Science Resources



Eco Kids Series for Intermediate and Seniors:

D0298 HOW ECO ARE YOU?

How Eco are You? The episode challenges students to conduct an "Eco-Investigation" of their homes, schools and communities to determine which of our daily routines waste resources or are harmful to the environment. We examine our use of grocery bags, the packaging of products, what we eat and drink, water consumption, the safety of cleaning products and energy usage in our homes. We also take a closer look at paper and other material usage in schools, as well transportation in our communities. Once students understand how individuals contribute to the problem, they can become part of the solution to eco-friendliness.

I, S 15 Min. DVD 2008

D0299 THE EARTH NEEDS YOUR HELP

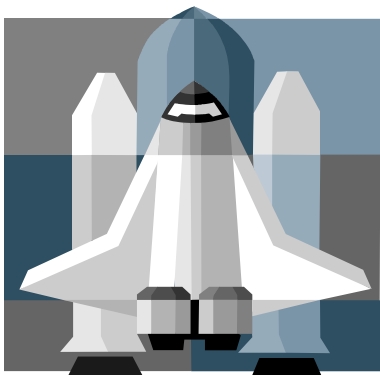
The Earth Needs YOUR Help discusses some of the things that are hurting the planet. Students learn common terminology used when talking about the environment, such as climate, ozone, fossil fuels, and carbon dioxide. We'll explore the issues of air pollution, the greenhouse effect, renewable resources and water usage while studying the factors contributing to all of them.

I, S 14 Min. DVD 2008

D0300 THE THINGS YOU CAN DO

This program urges students to become "power police" to put a stop to the wasteful things people do everyday and promote the use of Green Power. We cover what can be done in the home such as buying energy-efficient appliances, recycling cans, growing a garden, taking shorter showers and eating organic foods. It explores the things we can change in schools such as reusing paper and batteries. It also suggests changes that can be made in the community such as minimizing driving, boycotting bad products and writing petitions for change. Students are encouraged to spread the word about becoming eco-friendly and help our Earth recover.

I, S, A 16 Min. DVD 2008



D0318 TO THE LAND OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

For times immortal, the Aurora Borealis has spurned man's imagination. Together with our host and astronomer Dr. Jaymie Matthews we travel to Canada's Northwest Territories to view and photograph the aurora's brilliant curtain of color, one of nature's most unique phenomena.

I, S 24 Min. 2007

D0307 FAR OUT FLIGHT

FAR OUT FLIGHT – CAN WE FLY WITHOUT A PLANE?

Exploring alternative flight keeps our hosts busy! From amazing remote controlled planes that don't appear to have wings, to building a hovercraft that flies on a cushion of air, to flying a jet pack, they pursue airborne adventures!

J, I 27Min. DVD 2008

D0277 FLIGHT

If you've ever dreamed of flying, then this episode is for you. Project X meets the scientists and inventors who are pushing the limits of flight: from new machines with amazing designs to the human body itself. Engineer Dr. Brian Fleck takes a ride in a hang glider to help illustrate the basic physics of flight, along the way explaining how something the size of an apartment building can actually get off the ground. Grad student Marc Huot then goes skiing in a wind tunnel to unlock the secrets of an Olympic Gold alpine jump. Together they take a look at the human contribution to flight — rocket science. Microbiologist Dr. Jennifer Gardy picks up a few tips from some of Canada's top fighter pilots on how to sustain performance. And education expert Dr. Brian Alters gets up close and personal with the only mammals capable of really flying — bats.

J, I, S 23 Min. DVD 2008