



# GOLDEN KNIGHTS ONLINE

MATTERS OF TECHNOLOGY AND FAITH



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## SITES THAT HELP KIDS DO GOOD

by  
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*Jesus tells us what the ‘protocol’ is, on which we will be judged. It is the one we read in chapter 25 of Matthew’s Gospel: I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was in prison, I was sick, I was naked and you helped me, clothed me, visited me, took care of me. Whenever we do this to one of our brothers, we do this to Jesus. Caring for our neighbor; for those who are poor, who suffer in body and in soul, for those who are in need. This is the touchstone.” – Pope Francis*

While children often see electronics as entertainment, gaming, and social, there are opportunities to help them become better citizens for the world. See below a list of websites that promote social responsibility, community service, and global awareness.

### Age 8+

Habitat for Humanity [habitat.org/youthprograms](http://habitat.org/youthprograms) - Affordable housing charity shows kids how to get involved.

Imagination Café [imagination-cafe.com](http://imagination-cafe.com) - Articles, word games, and activities to inform and inspire.

National Geographic Education [natgeood.org](http://natgeood.org) - Rich resource preps kids to be conscientious citizens.

National Geographic Kids [kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com) - Lots of educational content, but stuffed with ads, promos.

Free Rice [freerice.com](http://freerice.com) - Learning and ending hunger, a few grains of rice at a time.

Kids Are Heroes [kidsareheroes.org/index.html](http://kidsareheroes.org/index.html) - Grassroots site honoring kid volunteers

### Age 10+

Kiva- [kiva.org](http://kiva.org) Micro-loan site gives everyone the chance to help.

PeaceCorps.gov/kids- [peacecorps.gov/kids/](http://peacecorps.gov/kids/)  
Peace Corps  
Challenge fosters understanding and compassion.

### Age 12+

Curating Change [imow.org/curating-change-2014](http://imow.org/curating-change-2014) Stories of strong women highlight positive role models.

The Learning Network [nytimes.com/learning](http://nytimes.com/learning)  
NYTimes blog gives young people fluff-free news, discussion.

### Age 13+

Bystander Revolution [bystanderrevolution.org](http://bystanderrevolution.org)  
Anti-bullying site is noble, limited by YouTube reliance.

TakingITGlobal [tigweb.org](http://tigweb.org) Excellent resource for activist-minded teens.

Youth Service America [ysa.org](http://ysa.org) Safe, thorough resource helps kids make a difference.

### Age 14+

Mobilize.org [mobilize.org](http://mobilize.org) Nonprofit site that empowers Millennials to get involved.

### Age 15+

Volunteer Match [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org) Safe, secure site links teens to volunteer opportunities.



## PRAYER CORNER

BY CHRIS ROBERTS

A new, beautiful Catholic library comes online - and it's free

[Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) is an online library that OMC parish is offering as a free gift. "Formed" provides spiritual movies, audios, and books. For example, the full set of the "Catholicism" videos from Robert Barron, as broadcast on PBS. This series was visually stunning, historically rich, spiritually accessible, and theologically smart. I can't recommend it highly enough.

Formed also carries e-books. I just snagged "Father Elijah," which is Catholic post-apocalyptic sci-fi, and a recent selection for the parish book group. Also worth noting are stream-able audios on marriage and family, children and Catholicism, how-to pray or read the Bible, and Catholic perspective on anger and forgiveness. Finally there are several films, many about the lives of saints.

## HOW ARE OUR STUDENTS USING TECHNOLOGY?

BY MS. NASH

Seventy students in grades 4 though 8 answered this question "Other than technology class, how do you use technology for school related activities, both in and out of school. What do you like about using technology for school?"

The word cloud (this type of "word cloud" uses the word frequency to establish a size hierarchy) shows some of what they are doing and what they are using. All school subjects were mentioned, but surprisingly, math and math-related websites had mentioned most often: [First in Math](https://www.firstinmath.com), [IXL](https://www.ixl.com), [Sumdog](https://www.sumdog.com), [Arcademics](https://www.arcademics.com) and [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org) were repeatedly cited.

Ask your children about the websites/applications and how they think it helps their learning. Start the conversation.



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## GOOD MEMORIES

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