Digital Learning Methods & Apps

The following digital tools have been selected because of their ability to be used in learning and faith formation. They include websites and apps, and often both formats. Most are free or have a low cost subscription. The American Association of School Librarians does a yearly review of the best websites, tools, and resources for teaching and learning. Check out the ALA website at: www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/best-websites and http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/best.

Anchor: For creating high quality podcasts with a free and easy to use creation tools and hosting service that includes a variety of sound effects and audio clips. (https://anchor.fm)

Animoto: For creating videos from your photos, video clips, music, and text. (http://animoto.com and https://animoto.com/business/education)

Book Creator: For engaging in the real-world application of online publishing by creating and publishing fiction, non-fiction, comic books, picture books, how-to guides, and more. (https://bookcreator.com/)

Brush Ninja: For making animated GIFs (elementary and up). (https://brush.ninja)

Chatterpix Kids: For giving photos a voice by taking a picture, drawing a line to make a mouth and recording your voice. (http://www.duckduckmoose.com/educational-iphone-itouch-apps-for-kids/chatterpix)

Clips: For turning your iPhone into a video production studio by creating and editing dynamic videos with the ability to add subtitles, animated stickers, filters, and music, all within the app. (https://www.apple.com/clips)

Deck.Toys: For creating interactive lessons with paths and activities for students to follow. (https://deck.toys)

Edpuzzle: For making any video your lesson by finding a video, adding questions, and assign it to the group, a great resource for the flipped classroom (https://edpuzzle.com)

Edublogs: For creating multi-media blogs that include videos, photos and podcasts—all in safe, easy, and secure environment. (https://edublogs.org)

Flipgrid: For engaging and empowering every voice in a class or at home by recording and sharing short, awesome videos (https://info.flipgrid.com)

Genially: For creating presentations, infographics, video presentations, resumes, and more with templates with access to photos, animations, and illustrations giving the user the ability to make any image or text interactive (grades: 6-8). (https://www.genial.ly)

Glogster: For creating online multi-media posters that combine images, graphics, audio, video and text on one digital canvas. (http://edu.glogster.com)

GooseChase: For creating and facilitating scavenger hunts with mobile technology to create exciting learning (elementary+). (https://www.goosechase.com)

Green Screen by Do Ink: For making it easy to animate and draw, and to create incredible green screen videos and photos by combining images from multiple sources into a single video. (http://www.doink.com)

LiveBinders: For creating online binders with digital content: websites, audio, video, and text (http://www.livebinders.com/welcome/education)

Kapwing: For creating everything from video montages and memes, to stop action videos and sound effects (grades 4 and up). (https://www.kapwing.com)

Loom: For creating screencast and webcam video creation of presentations, how-to videos, and more. (grades 4 and up). (https://www.loom.com)

Magisto: For creating polished short videos from photos and video clips using a smart video editor to create a video story. (https://www.magisto.com)

Nearpod: For creating interactive lessons in a 1:1 setting by easily importing existing lessons (pdfs, jpegs, ppts) and adding interactive features such as virtual field trips, 3D objects, quizzes, polls, open ended questions, etc. (https://nearpod.com)

NowComment: For having rich, engaging discussions in both large and small groups that allows people to converse about documents, videos, and images (grades: 5 and up). (https://nowcomment.com)

Padlet: For creating beautiful boards, documents, and webpages that are easy to read and fun to contribute to. (https://padlet.com)

Pixie: For creating digital stories, nonfiction pages, comics or podcasts with little instruction using an authoring to share ideas, imagination, and understanding through a combination of text, original artwork, voice narration, and images. (https://www.tech4learning.com/pixie)

PhotoPeach: For creating digital storytelling using photos, music, and more in a slideshow. (https://photopeach.com)

PowToon: For creating animated videos and presentations, and converting a PowerPoint presentation into a video. (https://www.powtoon.com and https://www.powtoon.com/edu-home)

PuppetMaster: For creating animation that can bring to life any image, just by acting things out in front of the camera with voice recorded resulting in an animated video (preschool – middle school). (https://www.shmonster.com/puppetmaster)

Quizlet: For creating digital flashcards, and generating interactive games. (https://quizlet.com)

Stop Motion Studio: For creating stop action movies with a frame-by-frame editor, backgrounds, foregrounds, sound effects, paint brushes, and more. (https://www.cateater.com)

Tour Creator: For building immersive, 360 tours right from a computer with photos, points of interest, image overlays, boxes with informational text, and "did you know?" points of interest. (https://arvr.google.com/tourcreator)

Typito: For creating videos incorporating icons, shapes, photos, audio, and video files (grades 4 and up). (https://typito.com/social)

Wakelet: For creating playlists and newsletters by curating and creating stories with links, images, notes, titles, PDFs, YouTube and Vimeo videos, Tweets, Facebook and Instagram posts, Google or Dropbox Documents, Soundcloud tracks, Spotify playlists, Google Maps, Flipgrid responses. (https://wakelet.com)

WeVideo: For video creation, with a stock media library of videos, images, and music tracks. (https://www.wevideo.com)