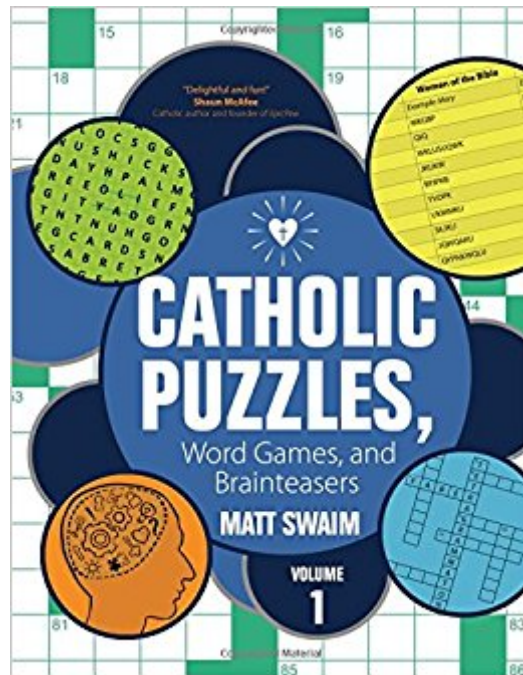




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# Catholic Puzzles, Word Games, And Brainteasers: Volume 1



## Synopsis

"What do John the Baptist and Winnie the Pooh have in common?" "Where is Solomon's temple located?" These jokes and an array of faith-based puzzles, brainsteasers, and word games are the creation of Catholic puzzlemaster and popular media personality Matt Swaim. Combining his wit and far-reaching knowledge of Catholicism into these entertaining, original puzzle books for adults, Swaim gives you a chance to slow down, test your brain, have fun, and increase your understanding of Catholic teaching and history. Puzzles and games of all kinds are becoming an increasingly popular way to relax while building brain power and concentration. Catholic Puzzles, Word Games, and Brainteasers: Volumes 1 and 2 are the first of their kind for Catholics and a great way to have fun and increase your knowledge of the Church at the same time. Swaim, cocreator and former host of the Son Rise Morning Show, offers a challenge for puzzlers of all skill levels and interests with code scrambles, syllacrostics, dial-a-quotes, wordfalls, and messages in the middle. He provides a twist on classic word games with the missing vowels word search and trial-and-error crossword. There are instructions and solutions for the various types of puzzles included in the book. All of the puzzles offer the reward of helping you learn more about your Catholic faith.

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