

Lent and Easter resources for teachers of children and youth

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DVDs

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: HE IS RISEN (101016) This DVD begins at the crucifixion of Jesus and the soldier recognizing him as the son of God. Tells the story of his burial, the resurrection, appearances to the women and disciples, and concludes with his ascension into heaven forty days later. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Activity book available separately. Age: Preschool – Middle school. 30 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: HE IS RISEN ACTIVITY BOOK (810084) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. 60 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE MESSIAH COMES! (101001) In His final days on earth, Jesus' disciples struggle to understand His mission. They are blinded by their expectations of the Messiah, thinking He would deliver them from Roman rule. Journey with the disciples as they witness Jesus cleansing the temple, triumphantly entering Jerusalem, and healing a lame man. After Jesus' resurrection the disciples finally understand! Jesus offers deliverance from the bondage of sin and death, giving hope of eternal life through His atonement. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Activity book available separately. Age: Early elem. – Middle school. 30 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE MESSIAH COMES! ACTIVITY BOOK (810087) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. 60 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: WORTHY IS THE LAMB (101003) This DVD explains how the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in the Passion of Christ, highlighting the following events: Judas plots with the chief priests, the colt, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Jesus is tried for blasphemy, Peter's denial, Pontius Pilate, and the Crucifixion. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Activity book available separately. Age: Early elem. – Middle school. 28 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: WORTHY IS THE LAMB ACTIVITY BOOK (810090) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. 60 Pages.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: AMAZING ANIMALS! (102041) Join the fun and lively bedbugs and learn the stories of Daniel for Dinner, The Lost Sheep, and The Furriest Float (Palm Sunday). Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the song 'Bedbugs on Safari.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 23 Minutes.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: EASTER PARTY! (102025) Join the fun and lively bedbugs and learn the stories of the Palm Parade, The Garden Surprise, and Doubting Thomas. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the song 'Jolly Jelly Jellybean Factory.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 27 Minutes.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: NIFTY NEW TESTAMENT STORIES! (102079) Join the fun and lively bedbugs to learn Bible stories. Three 23-minute episodes on one DVD: 1) Bundle of Bucks! features The Greedy Farmer, Rich Guy and Needle Eye, The Ten Talents; 2) Positively Peter! features Peter's Problem (denial), Feed My Sheep, Tabitha; 3) Hey, That's God! features The Centurion Sees (belief at the crucifixion), Road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the songs 'The Bedbug Vacation,' 'The Bug Dollhouse,' and 'Once Upon a Bedbug.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 69 Minutes.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: PLANTS AND ANIMALS! (102062) Join the fun and lively bedbugs to learn Bible stories. Three 23-minute episodes on 1 DVD: 1) Playing with Plants! features The Wheat and the Weeds, Jonah and the Shade Tree, Vine and Branches; 2) Animal Pals! features Daniel for Dinner, The Lost Sheep, Palm Sunday Donkey; 3) Shepherds and Sheep! features Burning Bush, Bethlehem Shepherds, The Sheep and the Goats. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the songs 'Bedbug Dance Party,' 'Bedbugs on Safari,' and 'Bedbug Alphabet.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 69 Minutes.

EASTER (105005) Part of the 'Holidays for Children' series. DVD chapters: Introduction; The Story of Jesus; Easter Customs; Storybook: The Myth of Persephone; Greek Dancing; Making an Easter Basket Part 1; Easter Fun; Making an Easter Basket Part 2; Conclusion. Includes leader's guide. Has English and Spanish language tracks. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Elementary. 23 Minutes.

EASTER PROMISE/THE WITNESS (105015) Two animated stories for children on one DVD. *'Easter Promise'* (44 minutes). Jerem dreams of being a soldier for a king. He is thrilled to hear about the upcoming arrival of the true King. Jerem, however, is fooled by appearances and soon rejects Jesus along with most of Jerusalem. In a wonderful lesson about truth, appearances, and forgiveness, Jerem ultimately trusts in Jesus and witnesses the resurrection. *'The Witness'* (44 minutes). For Barabbas, his journey to faith starts with his doubts about Jesus Christ's divinity. His secure unbelief is shattered as he tries to prove to himself that Jesus was a man like any other. After interviewing a variety of witness to the life, ministry, miracles, and power of Jesus he comes to faith in Him. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: Elementary. 88 Minutes.

EASTER STORYKEEPERS (105026) Dark times befall Ben the Baker, the leader and storykeeper of a valiant group of Christians, in this animated tale. Ben, his wife Helena, and their band of adopted children face the full fury of the Roman emperor Nero as he tightens his brutal grip on the city. A daring escape leads them to shelter in the catacombs, where Ben's stories of the last days of Jesus and his resurrection give new hope and strength. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Elementary. 70 Minutes.

FISH EYES LIVE (106021) Author: Swartz, Ted and Eshleman, Lee. These humorous skits help you see Bible events in a new way: Cana Wedding Receiving Line (4 min.); Cana Wedding Reception (3 min.); Nicodemus (5 min.); Feeding of the Five Thousand (10 min.); Woman Caught in Adultery (6 min.); The Last Supper Footwashing (6 min.); The Arrest of Jesus (4 min.); Peter's Denials (3 min.); Breakfast on the Beach (9 min.). Age: Middle school - Adult. 50 Minutes.

GREAT BIBLE DISCOVERY SERIES: VOLUME 3 (107026) Join host David Mead as he guides the way through classic stories of the Scripture, explaining the action and posing questions in a fresh, entertaining way. Each of the three episodes on this DVD features a lively interactive approach with live action mixed with storybook style animation. A final quiz following the credits of each story serves as a learning summary. Includes: 1) Discovering the Baby King: The Story of Christmas (30 min.); 2) Discovering the Empty Tomb: The Story of Easter (35 min.); 3) Discovering the Kingdom: Jesus' Kingdom Parables (30 min.). Age: Elementary. 95 Minutes.

GOOD GOD THEATER, ACT 2: NEW TESTAMENT (107042) Author: Ted & Company TheaterWorks. Sixteen humorous skits help you see Bible events in a new way: Gabriel's Announcement (15 min.); Temptation (7 min.); The Call (6 min.); Feeding 5,000 (11 min.); Sermon on the Mount (9 min.); Don't Tell Anyone (5 min.); Last Supper (9 min.); Arrest and Denial (7 min.); Breakfast on the Beach (13 min.); Pentecost (6 min.); Larry the Lame Guy (4 min.); Peter's Vision (6 min.); Philip and the Ethiopian (5 min.); Jerusalem Council (7 min.); Paul in Prison (10 min.); Don't Be Afraid (8 min.). Includes guide. Age: Middle school - Adult. 128 Minutes.

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE PASSOVER? (108020) A Young Christian's Introduction to the Seder. Spend a night of celebration with Digger as he learns the significance of the ancient feast of Passover while helping Beth prepare the Seder meal. He is excited to learn that young Christians can enjoy the Passover celebration with the knowledge that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Includes short rhyming versions of the following Bible stories: Moses, Pharaoh, and the plagues; the first Passover; Moses leads the Israelites to the Promised Land; Jesus celebrates Passover with His disciples. Includes a sing-along song 'The Dayenu.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 25 Minutes.

IN REMEMBRANCE (109022) Their darkest night together is recreated by the disciples of Jesus as they share their fears, doubts, loves, and loneliness in recounting their last supper and the meaning of Christ in their lives. Age: Middle school - Adult. 30 Minutes.

JESUS GROWS UP / JESUS: WHAT HE SAID, WHAT HE DID (110002) This DVD includes two short segments for children on the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus Grows Up -- This segment begins with the angel's visit to Mary and ends after the family's visit to Jerusalem for Passover (16 minutes). Jesus: What He Said, What He Did -- This segment shows Jesus' baptism, the parables of the prodigal son and the good Samaritan, Jesus performing miracles, and ends with the Crucifixion and the glorious Resurrection (21 min.). Includes leader's guide. Age: Preschool – Early elem. 37 Minutes.

LAST SUPPER (112027) This DVD emphasizes both Christian tradition and Jewish roots as it explores the recipes and courses served at the Seder meal. Filmed and dramatized in the Holy Land and the Middle East, the video is accompanied with a recipe booklet. DVD chapters: Why this night is different; Journey to Jerusalem; Arrangements for the Seder dinner; Traditional foods of the Seder; Jerusalem -- customs and changes; Symbolism; The Cenacle (Upper Room); The First Communion. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: Middle school - Adult. 58 Minutes.

MATTHEW: THE VISUAL BIBLE (113011) Actor Richard Kiley is Matthew, telling this New International translation of the first gospel. This 2-DVD set allows you to search by event or chapter. Includes English and Spanish language tracks. CLOSED CAPTIONED (English only). Age: Middle school - Adult. 240 Minutes.

PATH OF JESUS (116037) Seven short dramas of the life and teachings of Jesus: Introduction (1 min.); The Christmas Story (9 min.); The Temptation (5 min.); Jesus and the Pharisees (10 min.); The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (8 min.); The Decision (6 min.); The Absent King (10 min.); The New Covenant (13 min.). The DVD also includes a director's commentary for each story containing behind-the-scenes information that leaders may want to show before or after each segment. Includes guide. Age: Upper elem. - Adult. 62 Minutes.

STORY OF LENT: SPEED SKETCH BIBLE STORIES (119137) This DVD contains six Bible stories told in 'speed sketch' style which are appropriate for use with all ages. Each story is told in two versions: 1) an easy-to-understand narrated paraphrase; 2) narrated directly from the NIV 1984 translation of the Bible. Likewise, each story in both forms is available with either English or Spanish audio. Stories (paraphrase time/NIV scripture time): 1) Nicodemus (5 min./3 min.); 2) Triumphal entry (5 min./2 min.); 3) The Last Supper (4 min./2 min.); 4) Gethsemane (4 min./2 min.); 5) Crucifixion (4 min./6 min.); 6) Resurrection (4 min./2 min.). Lesson plans and coloring pages are available online at <https://www.wesleyan.org/2668/speed-sketch-bible-stories>. Age: All.

TRUE EASTER STORY, THE PROMISE KEPT (120018) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. This DVD reveals insights making the events of Easter meaningful, including the link between Jesus' death at 3 p.m. and the Jewish religious tradition, Jesus' burial in a stone tomb--a custom usually reserved for wealthy citizens, the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in every aspect of Jesus' death and resurrection, and the significance of the cup Jesus offered His disciples at the Last Supper (21 min.). Additional 'Lamb of God' segment discusses Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week (22 min.). Also includes a short segment 'Hebrew Thinking' (3 min.) CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Middle school - Adult. 46 Minutes.

VISUAL BIBLE FOR KIDS: CHRISTMAS/EASTER (122001) Includes two stories: 'The Birth of Jesus' (25 min.) and 'The Story Behind the Cross' (27 min.). Scenes from the Visual Bible are inserted into contemporary stories of skeptical youth learning about Jesus. Age: Elementary – Middle school. 52 Minutes.

VICTORY AT JERUSALEM (122006) Author: Kelly, Ronald. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this DVD tells the story of the most important event in all of human history -- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join pastor Ronald Kelly as he retraces the sites and events of Christ's last days. Age: Middle school - Adult. 70 Minutes.

Books

ALL-IN-ONE BIBLE FUN FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: STORIES OF JESUS (814163) Author: Flegal, Daphna. 13 lessons: 1) In the stable (Lk. 2:1-7); 2) By the star's light (Mt. 2:1-12); 3) With the elders (Lk. 2:39-52); 4) At the river (Lk. 3:15-23); 5) In the desert (Lk.4:1-13; Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13); 6) At the synagogue (Lk. 4:16-30; Mt. 13:54-58; Mk. 6:1-6); 7) By the sea (Lk. 5:1-11; Mt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20); 8) On the hillside (Mt. 5:1--7:28); 9) Through the roof (Mk. 2:1-12; Lk. 5:17-26); 10) With his friends (Lk. 10:38-42); 11) Out of the tomb (Mt. 27:32--28:10); 12) On the road (Lk. 24:13-35); 13) With us always (Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:14-18; Lk. 24:36-49; Jn.20:19-23). 139 Pages.

ALL-IN-ONE BIBLE FUN FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN: STORIES OF JESUS (814167) Author: Stickler, LeeDell and Flegal, Daphna. 13 lessons: 1) In the stable (Lk. 2:1-7); 2) By the star's light (Mt. 2:1-12); 3) With the elders (Lk. 2:39-52); 4) At the river (Lk. 3:15-23); 5) In the desert (Lk.4:1-13; Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13); 6) At the synagogue (Lk. 4:16-30; Mt. 13:54-58; Mk. 6:1-6); 7) By the sea (Lk. 5:1-11; Mt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20); 8) On the hillside (Mt. 5:1-12; Lk. 6:20-26); 9) Through the roof (Mk. 2:1-12; Lk. 5:17-26); 10) With his friends (Lk. 10:38-42; Jn. 11:1-44); 11) Out of the tomb (Mt. 27:32--28:10); 12) On the road (Lk. 24:13-35); 13) With us always (Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:14-18; Lk. 24:36-49; Jn.20:19-23). 139 Pages.

ALL-IN-ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL: VOLUME 3 -- SPRING (814170) Author: Keffer, Lois. 13 Bible-based programs full of creative ideas for classes with kids ages 4 to 12: 1) Jesus wants us to tell others about him / Parable of the sower (Mt. 13:3-9, 18-23; 1 Cor. 2:9); 2) God will always take care of us / Peter walks on water (Mt. 14:22-33; Jn. 14:1); 3) Jesus deserves our praise / Palm Sunday (Mt. 21:1-9; Phil. 2:3-4); 4) Jesus is alive / Easter joy! (Jn. 20:1-18; Lk. 8:1-3); 5) God's resurrection power is with us today / Living with resurrection power (Jn. 20:1-18; Eph. 1:19-20); 6) Jesus wants us to be like him / Peter -- betrayer to Miracle Worker (Lk. 22:31-34, 54-62; Acts 3:1-10, 4:1-20); 7) God hears and answers our prayers / Peter's escape (Acts 12:1-18; Lk. 11:1-4, 9-12); 8) God's love is for everyone / The woman at the well (Jn. 4:1-42; Gal. 5:22-23); 9) God gives us joy in good times and bad / Paul and Silas praise God in jail (Acts 16:16-40; Gal. 5:22); 10) God wants us to be at peace / Jesus visits Mary and Martha (Lk. 10:38-42; Gal 5:22-23); 11) We can trust God to help us / Nehemiah repairs the wall of Jerusalem (Neh. 1:1--6:16; Gal. 5:22-23); 12) God's people are gentle and kind / Abigail shares with David (1 Sam. 25:2-42; Gal. 5:22-23); 13) God wants us to be thoughtful and wise / Job trusts God (Job 1--42; Gal. 5:22-23). 140 Pages.

ALL TOGETHER NOW: VOLUME 3: SPRING (815111) Author: Keffer, Lois. 13 Sunday school lessons when you have kids of all ages in one room. 1) Everyone who believes in Jesus will have eternal life / Nicodemus visits Jesus by night (Jn. 3:1-17; Ezek. 36:25-27); 2) Worship is a special time set apart to honor God / Jesus clears the temple (Jn. 2:13-22; Isa. 56:6-8); 3) No matter what happens, God's timing is perfect / Jesus waits to go to Bethany (Jn. 11:1-44; Ps. 30:5); 4) As Jesus prepares a place for us in heaven, He wants us to remain in His love / Jesus teaches His disciples (Jn. 14 - 16; Ps. 27:13); 5) Praying can help us stand strong / Jesus struggles in prayer (Mt. 26:36-46; Ps. 105:4); 6) Jesus came to be king of our hearts / Palm Sunday (Jn. 12:12-19; Zech. 9:9); 7) Jesus is alive! / Easter (Mt. 28:1-10; Jn. 20:3-9, 19-20, 24-28; Isa. 53:1-11); 8) Jesus gave us a job to do / Jesus gives last instructions (Jn. 20:19-20; Acts 1-11; Ps. 62:5); 9) The Holy Spirit brings God's power / Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41; Joel 2:28-32); 10) God helps us speak the truth boldly / Peter heals and preaches (Acts 3:1 - 4:22; Ps. 118); 11) Jesus shows us the right path / Saul's conversion (Acts 9:1-19; Ezek. 36:26-27); 12) Jesus makes us new inside / Saul's friends help him escape from prison (Acts 9:19-25; Ps. 107); 13) We can trust God all the time / Paul is shipwrecked on Malta (Acts 27:1 - 28:10; Ps. 65:7). 143 Pages.

AROUND THE YEAR IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 52 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 7

(814159) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. This book contains active, hands-on lessons that will help children understand how the Christian church marks time. Each program contains a simple Christian message, a Bible verse, a story, a prayer, a music suggestion, and a craft to reinforce the message. Lessons include the major seasons of Advent, Lent, and Pentecost, and also lesser-known holidays including Candlemas, the Festival of Booths, World Communion Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday. God's world, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Back-to-School, and Thanksgiving are all viewed from a Christian perspective. Help the children in your Children's Church program understand these and other holidays! 128 Pages.

AUGSBURG SERMONS FOR CHILDREN (815068) Drawn primarily from Luke and John, this book contains sixty children's sermons based on Series C Gospel texts. 125 Pages.

BEYOND GROUNDHOGS AND GOBBLERS (804223) Author: Slazmann, Cyndy. Putting Meaning Back into Your Holiday Celebrations. Put the 'holy' back into your holidays with this month-by-month guide. Includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Groundhog Day, St. Valentine's Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Easter Season, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Birthdays, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Halloween/Halloween Alternatives, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas. Includes recipes.

BIBLE SONGS TO TUNES YOU KNOW (805245) Author: Flegal, Daphna and Miller, Linda Ray. Music is a fun and effective way to teach young children. This book is filled with songs about Old and New Testament stories that use familiar tunes so that the songs are easy for you and your children to sing together. Includes title and tune indexes.

BOOK OF UNCOMMON PRAYER 2: PRAYERS AND WORSHIP SERVICES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY (806219) Author: Case, Steven. Includes an audio CD with 13 songs. Chapter titles: Introduction; The Ways of Worship; Services (nine creative worship experiences); Blessings (more than 40); Prayers (nearly 200 on a variety of topics); Private Prayers for Youth Workers (18, for a variety of situations). Includes Scripture index and lyrics to the songs on the 'Spirit Draw Near' CD. 169 Pages.

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES!: 26 COMPLETE PARTIES FOR CHURCH AND HOME (806167) Author: Crisci, Elizabeth. Part 1--Seasonal Parties: New Year's Happenings; Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Celebration of Valentines; Easter Party; Cinco de Mayo; Fourth of July Picnic; Thanksgiving Party; Gingerbread Christmas; Part 2--Small Group Parties: Hey, Who Are You?; Football Party; Puzzles Galore; Fun with Nature; Laugh a Lot; Thrills Without Spills Meet; Teddy Bear Party. Part 3--Large Group Parties: Balls, Balls, and More Balls (Sports Night); Word Spectacular; Art Party; Floral Gala; Not Your Usual Auction; Track and Field Day. Part 4--Outreach Parties: First Time Fun Time; Hobby Share; For a Good Cause Carnival (Fundraiser); This Old Thing? (An Antique I.D. Party); 'Thank You' Party. Includes parties for children, youth, and adults.

CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS IN CHURCH AND FAMILY SETTINGS (826847) Author: Weaver, Judy. Includes ideas for the following days: New Year's Day, Epiphany, Martin Luther King Day, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Lent, St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Palm Sunday and Holy Week, Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, World-Wide Communion Sunday, Halloween or All Hallows' Eve, Reformation Day, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and seven Jewish holidays.

CHILDREN JUST LIKE ME: CELEBRATIONS! (805150) Author: Kindersley, Anabel. Festivals, Carnivals, and Feast Days from Around the World. Generously illustrated with full-color photographs, this book depicts real children around the world describing holidays and how they celebrate them.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR (805057) Author: Halverson, Delia. Useful, easy-to-use guidance, resources, and reproducible pages help new and veteran children's leaders interpret the meaning of the Christian year to children from preschool through elementary age.

CHILDREN'S DRAMAS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR: REPRODUCIBLE DRAMAS FOR LENT, EASTER, AND PENTECOST (814001) Author: Miller, Linda Ray. A collection of skits, readings, poems, and simple songs for use with children of all ages. Most selections take less than ten minutes to perform and props and scenery are minimal. 60 Pages.

DESTINATION EASTER! LENTEN PROGRAMS & PRACTICES FOR YOUTH (849911) Author: Hershman, Kathy & Hutson, Kaylea. There's more to Lent than giving up something! Programs include: Ash Wednesday, The Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Great Commission. Practices include: Ash Wednesday service, Peter's walk (devotional experience), Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, making a palm bouquet, agape feast, a footwashing service, Stations of the Cross. Includes reproducible materials.

DEVELOPING A CHILD'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH SIGHT, SOUND, TASTE, TOUCH & SMELL (826837) Author: Smith, Judy Gattis. Fifty-two examples of using our senses to bring us to God, to make us and our students more aware of seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, and smelling as miraculous avenues of

response to God. Part One: Experiencing worship through the spiritual classics. Part Two: Experiencing the Psalms. Part Three: Experiencing God through themes in Scripture. Part Four: Using body postures. Part Five: A new look at the familiar. Although designed for use with children aged five to twelve, these experiences can be adapted for all age levels. 79 Pages.

DO YOU SEE THE SAVIOR? (807196) Author: Mead, David. A Seek-and-Find Book for Lent. Similar to the popular 'I Spy' books, this book of daily devotions, rhymes, and full-color photos is a fun way of telling the Easter story to children. 32 Pages.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE: BIBLE STORIES THAT MOVE YOU FOR AGES 3-5 (826809) Author: Flegal, Daphna, editor. Young children learn with their whole bodies. Designed with young, active children in mind, these short, interactive stories use movement, sensory experiences, story props, and rhythm to teach Bible stories. Includes Scripture Index. 112 Pages.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE: BIBLE STORIES THAT MOVE YOU FOR AGES 6-8 (826810) Author: Stickler, LeeDell. You don't have to sit still to learn Bible stories! This book includes instructions for Bible story props, puppets, sensory learning experiences, songs, fingerplays, drama, and actions to teach the Scriptures to younger elementary children. Includes Scripture index. 112 Pages.

EASTER EXTRAS: FAITH-FILLED IDEAS FOR EASTER WEEK (808024) This small booklet includes ideas for Palm Sunday, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday for use with children. 24 Pages.

EASTER GARDEN: A LENTEN EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN (813000) Author: Flegal, Daphna and Stoner, Marcia. 'The Easter Garden' is an event where children of all ages hear the stories of Holy Week, create a garden, make banners for worship, prepare table decorations, and help serve a meal to their parents and/or congregation. The children will also participate in a worship service with parents or with the entire congregation. Includes plans for a six or seven-week study with or without a separate meal and worship service, Saturday evening/Sunday morning event, or a large one-day event with a shared meal and worship service. Sessions: 1) Jesus enters Jerusalem; 2) Jesus washes the disciples' feet; 3) The Last Supper; 4) The Garden; 5) Peter's denial; 6) The cross and the tomb; 7) Jesus lives. An opportunity for service is included as part of each session. An accompanying CD-ROM includes music, PowerPoint slides, and a variety of printable materials. 128 Pages.

EASTER LOST AND FOUND: THE STORY OF JESUS (805217) Author: Mead, Arden and David. A Seek-and-Find Book for Lent. Similar to the popular 'I Spy' books, this book of daily devotions, rhymes, and full-color photos is a fun way of telling the Easter story to children.

EASTER-RIFIC! (814215) Author: Houser, Tina. This idea book for teachers provides activities, games, crafts, snacks, science experiments, storytelling ideas, and object lessons for use with children in exploring the time between Palm Sunday and Jesus' Ascension and the Great Commission. 143 Pages.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLE GAMES FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (806175) Author: Witte, Vicki and Keefer, Mikal, editors. Part 1: Bible Story Games. Part 2: Jesus Is...Games. Part 3: The Bible Is...Games. Part 4: Holiday Games (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas). Part 5: Wild 'n' Wacky Games. Part 6: Total Silence Games. Part 7: Travel Time Games. Part 8: Icebreaker Games. Part 9: Group Builder Games. Includes Scripture and Energy-level indexes. 270 Pages.

ESSENTIAL LENT: HOLY MOMENTS AND SACRED EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR WHOLE CONGREGATION (814219) Author: Jannsohn, Aimee, editor. This book offers interesting, easy-to-prepare activities and worship experiences that invite your church to delve a little deeper into this season and make it more meaningful. Includes activities for adults, young adults, youth, older children, younger children, and intergenerational groups. 111 Pages.

FLOOD PUNCH, BOWL BREAD, AND GROUP SOUP: 60 MULTI-AGE ACTIVITIES FOR CHRISTIAN KIDS (805244) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. This book uses food as a teaching link to the Bible

and the Christian faith. Unit 1: Tasting the Goodness of God's Word. Unit 2: Exploring Stories of the Old and New Testaments. Unit 3: Celebrating Holy Days and Holidays. Unit 4: Sharing God's Bounty. Unit 5: Sampling Foods of the Holy Land. Unit 6: Savoring Symbols of Faith.

50 PRAYER SERVICES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS FOR EVERY SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR AND MORE (814048) Author: Clark, Connie. Designed for use with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, this book contains a variety of prayer activities for Catholics, but most of them can be used by Protestants with little or no adaptation. Includes seasonal prayers (starting the school year, fall feasts and remembrances, Advent and December, Christmas time and winter, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost), and anytime prayers. 139 Pages.

FOOD AT THE TIME OF THE BIBLE: FROM ADAM'S APPLE TO THE LAST SUPPER (804209) Author: Vamosh, Miriam Feinberg. This full-color reference book describes the various foods and how they were grown and prepared. Includes recipes and index.

H.E.L.P. HASSLE-FREE EVENTS AND LESSON PLANS FOR YOUTH GROUPS (811013) Author: Newell, Arlo, editor. Session titles: 1) Home alone (dealing with the pain of loneliness); 2) Are we having fun yet? (believe it or not, Christianity and fun do mix); 3) Forever friends (help teens develop the skills of solid friendship); 4) If life's a roller coaster, I want off! (handling the mountains and valleys of the Christian life); 5) Parent to teen to parent (comparing the different worlds of parents and teens); 6) The Moses dilemma (the struggle to believe in ourselves); 7) Words, words, words! (the mouth, for better or worse); 8) My will, Your will (What is the will of God for me?); 9) Mercy, mercy, me, oh, my! (giving and receiving forgiveness); 10) This means war (dealing with the dilemma of war as a Christian); 11) Where are the nine? (taking time to be thankful); 12) No trivial pursuit (the relationship and involvement of teens in the church); 13) Til death do us part (planning for successful marriage); 14) Racism (red and yellow, black and white); 15) Temptation busters (what to do with temptation when it gets in your way); 16) Thorny, hard, rocky, good (exploring the Parable of the Sower); 17) Family feud (discuss help from the Bible for a great family life); 18) Yes sir! No sir! (a tune-up for attitudes to authority); 19) Christmas (the story of stories); 20) Easter (from failure to hope); 21) Spiritual anatomy (help teens find significant identity in the church); 22) Materialism (getting loose from the grip of materialism); 23) Making life count (how much difference can one teen make?); 24) Rock 'n roll is here to stay (a look at rock 'n roll from a Christian perspective). 56 Pages.

HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS (814220) Author: Newby, Vicki, editor. Compiled from ideas submitted by youth leaders, this book contains over 200 festive activities, games, songs, and skits for use during the New Year, St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter/Lent, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/Advent seasons. Also includes a few ideas for Super Bowl, April Fool's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Graduation. 189 Pages.

HOMEMADE YEAR: THE BLESSINGS OF COOKING, CRAFTING, AND COMING TOGETHER (814006) Author: Greer, Jerusalem Jackson. The author shares her experiences of sharing the liturgical year with her family. Includes crafts and recipes. Chapters: Advent; St. Lucy's Day; Christmas Day; St. Stephen's Day; Epiphany; Candlemas; Shrove Tuesday; Ash Wednesday; The Season of Lent; St. Joseph's Day; Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday; Holy Saturday; Easter; Pentecost Sunday; Corpus Christi; St. James's Day; Ordinary Time; Holy Cross Day; Michaelmas; All Saints' and All Souls' Day; Christ the King Sunday. 212 Pages.

IT IS EASY BEING GREEN! 60 BIBLE STORIES AND CRAFTS WITH THE EARTH IN MIND (814013) Author: Stickler, LeeDell. Designed for use with children ages 6 - 8, each lesson includes a Bible story and an Earth-friendly craft using 'recycled' items that are common to most households. Includes Scripture index. 128 Pages.

JUST ADD KIDS: BUSY BOOGIE (808125) Author: Smith, Betsi, editor. And Other Bible Dramas for **Preschoolers**. This book shares ideas that will make a variety of Old and New Testament stories real for your boys and girls. Drama experiences for young children include movement, sounds, story props, rhythm, and rhyme. Includes subject and Scripture indexes. 112 Pages.

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