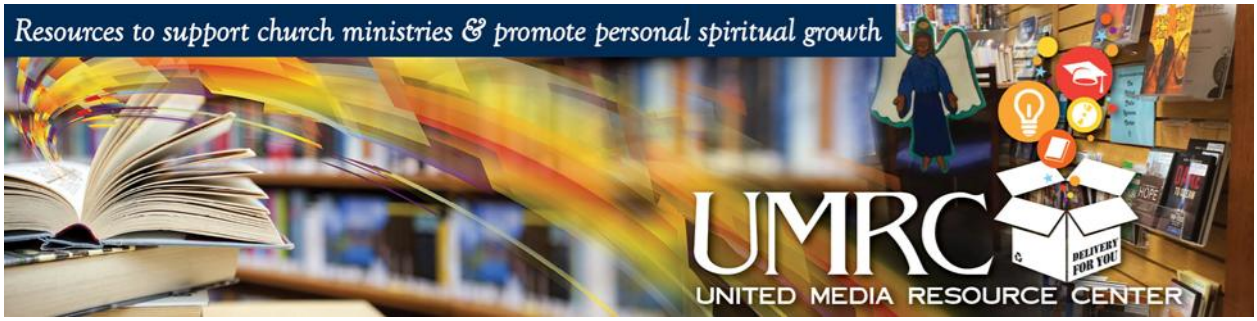

WINTER RESOURCE BOOKS -- NEW YEAR'S EVE THROUGH PRESIDENT'S DAY

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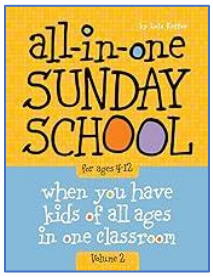
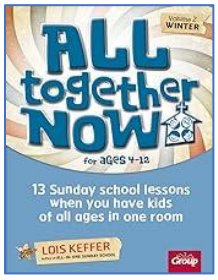
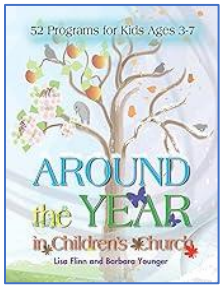


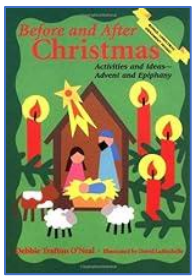
ALL-IN-ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL: VOLUME 2 – WINTER (814169) Author: Keffer, Lois. 13 Bible-based programs full of creative ideas for classes with kids ages 4 to 12: 1) Our faith in Jesus means we are a light to all nations / Celebrating the coming King (Ps. 118; 1 Peter 2:9); 2) Jesus is the Savior God promised / Beginning of Advent (Lk 2:1-20; Isa 7:14, 9:6-7, 43:25; Jer. 23:5; Micah 5:2); 3) Jesus' birth means God is with us / God sent His Son, Jesus (Mt. 1:18-25; Lk. 2:11-12); 4) Jesus is the light of the world / Jesus shows us the way to God (Jn. 1:1-9; Isa 9:1-2,6); 5) God can make us clean inside / Josiah celebrates Passover (2 Chron. 33:1--35:19; Ps 51:1-2,10); 6) Jesus is our Good Shepherd / The Shepherd's Psalm (Ps. 23; Jn. 10:1-15); 7) God is always ready to forgive us / Zacchaeus (Lk. 19:1-10; Lk. 6:37); 8) Jesus cares about our families / Jairus' daughter (Mk. 5:21-24, 35-43; Col. 3:12-21); 9) Jesus helps us when we're discouraged / The miraculous catch of fish (Jn. 21:1-14; Eph. 4:29); 10) We forgive as God forgives us / The Prodigal Son (Lk. 15:11-32; Mt. 6:14-15); 11) God wants us to be kind and loving / Ruth cares for Naomi (Ruth 1--4; Prov. 14:21,31); 12) God deserves first place in our lives / The rich young man (Mk. 10:17-27; Mt. 6:33); 13) Jesus is with us in tough times / Jesus calms the sea (Mt. 8:23-27, 28:20). 128 Pages.



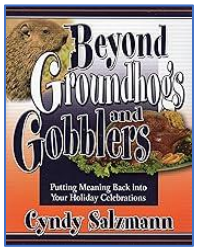
ALL TOGETHER NOW: VOLUME 2: WINTER (815110) Author: Keffer, Lois. 13 Sunday school lessons when you have kids of all ages in one room. 1) God gives us faith to do hard things / The mother of Jesus chooses to follow God (Lk. 1:26-38; Isa. 7:14); 2) God leads us in surprising ways / Joseph obediently follows God (Mt. 1:18-24; Isa. 9:6-7); 3) Those who seek God will find Him / Strangers follow a star to find Jesus (Mt. 2:1-12; Zech. 8:22); 4) God sent his son, Jesus, to save the world / Jesus is born in difficulty and chaos (Lk. 2:1-20; Mt. 2:9-11; Mic. 5:2); 5) Tell others about Jesus / John the Baptist baptizes Jesus (Mt. 3:1-17; Mk. 1:1-11; Lk 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66; 3:1-22; Jn. 1:19-34; Isa. 40:3-5); 6) Jesus' teachings and healings are amazing / Jesus begins his ministry of healing and teaching (Lk. 4:31-44; 5:12-16; Isa. 61:1-2); 7) We can put our faith in Jesus' power / Jesus rewards the faith of a Gentile (Mt. 8:5-13; Isa. 11:10); 8) Jesus' love can change anyone / Jesus calls a despised tax collector as a disciple (Mt. 9:9-13; Hos. 6:6); 9) Jesus provides everything we need / Jesus miraculously feeds thousands (Mk. 6:14-44; Jn. 6:1-14; Deut. 8:1-3); 10) Jesus helps people be friends / Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn. 4:1-42; Ps. 22:22-28); 11) Friends can help each other follow Jesus / Friends of a paralyzed man do whatever it takes to meet Jesus (Mk. 2:1-12; Mal. 2:1-9; 3:1); 12) God wants us to serve others / James and John ask Jesus for privileged status (Mk. 10:35-45; Isa. 52:13-15); 13) We can call Jesus our friend / Blind Bartimaeus shouts out to Jesus and is heard (Mk. 10:46-52; Ps. 40:1-3, 16). 154 Pages.



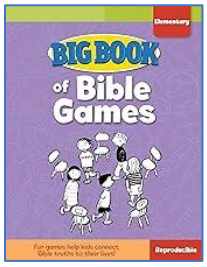
AROUND THE YEAR IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 52 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 7 (814159) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. This book contains active, hands-on lessons that will help children understand how the Christian church marks time. Each program contains a simple Christian message, a Bible verse, 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.



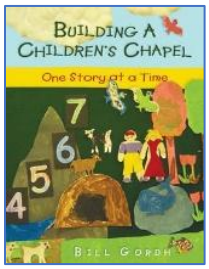
BEFORE AND AFTER CHRISTMAS (805212) Author: O'Neal, Debbie Trafton. Activities and Ideas for Advent and **Epiphany**. This book provides a variety of activities, service projects, crafts, Bible readings, reflections and family worship ideas, and fascinating facts and histories for Advent and the 12 days of Christmas. 64 Pages.



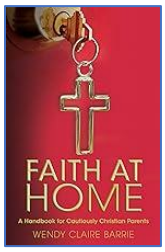
BEYOND GROUNDHOGS AND GOBBLERS (804223) Author: Salzmann, Cyndy. Putting Meaning Back into Your Holiday Celebrations. Put the 'holy' back into your holidays with this month-by-month guide. Includes **New Year's Day**, **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, **Groundhog Day**, **St. Valentine's Day**, **President's 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. 135 Pages.



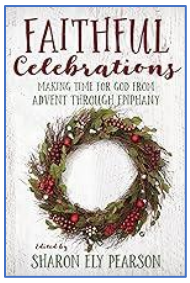
BIG BOOK OF BIBLE GAMES FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS (818010) This book provides games for the following topics: Bible skills; Bible story review; Bible verse memory; Faith in God; Forgiving others; Friendship; God's forgiveness; God's help; God's love; God's power; God's Word; Holidays and special days (**Valentine's Day**, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas); Leadership; Obeying God; Praising God; Prayer; Serving others; Showing love to God; Showing love to others; Telling others about Jesus; Recreational games. Includes Scripture and Energy-level indexes. 256 Pages.



BUILDING A CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: ONE STORY AT A TIME (819047) Author: Gordh, Bill. This book includes plans for half-hour chapel times with young children (preschool - early elementary, can be adapted for children up to 5th grade), preferably with parents present. The structure of each session is singing, Bible stories (the centerpiece of the program), and prayer. Children may create, in advance, the artwork used for storytelling. Provided are lesson plans for teaching 1) Stories of self (Creation, The Garden of Eden, Noah and the Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Jesus and the Three Fishermen, Jesus Heals the Sick, The Good Samaritan); 2) Stories of families and friends (The Naming of the Animals, Abraham and Lot, Joseph and His Family, Ruth and Naomi, Joshua and the City of Jericho, Jesus Call His Friends, The Lame Man Walks); 3) Stories of faith , new life, and celebration (David and Goliath, Moses and the Pharaoh, Daniel in the Lion's Den, The Christmas Story, Blessings for Baby Jesus, The Last Supper and the First Easter); 4) Stories of the value of all living things (The Parable of the Lost Sheep, Jesus and All the Children, The Parable of the Sowers, The Parable of the Mustard Seed); 5) Stories of giving and forgiving (Two Little Fish and Five Loaves of Bread, The Three Kings and the Young Girl, The Prodigal Son, Jesus and Zacchaeus); 6) Non-Bible stories for special occasions (Hanukkah, **Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations**, Saint Francis). Includes songbook. 259 Pages.



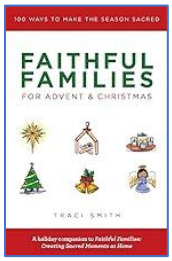
FAITH AT HOME: A HANDBOOK FOR CAUTIOUSLY CHRISTIAN PARENTS (817057) Author: Barrie, Wendy Claire. The author, a member of the Episcopal church, discusses how to give children a foundation of faith through practices and rituals in the home. Chapters: Talking about God; Talking with God; Bible stories; Why church?; Seasons and celebrations (discusses Advent, Christmas, **Epiphany**, **Martin Luther King Jr.**, **Valentine's Day**, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Summer saints -- Holy Women, Holy Men, Fall saints -- Saint Francis, Martin of Tours, Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day); Making home holy (special days, rituals, milestones); Finding God in difficult times; Meeting God in others; A note to clergy and church educators. Includes glossary and bibliography. 146 Pages.



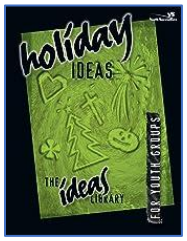
FAITHFUL CELEBRATIONS: MAKING TIME FOR GOD FROM ADVENT THROUGH EPIPHANY (818133) Author: Pearson, Sharon Ely. Designed to meet the need for generations to learn together, this book provides activities (crafts, recipes, discussion, worship, drama, games) that will bring families together and build strong communities of faith, whether it is in the home or a congregational setting. Chapters: Advent; The Annunciation; Our Lady of Guadalupe; Las Posadas; Christmas; **Epiphany**. 151 Pages.



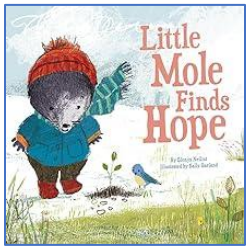
FAITHFUL CELEBRATIONS: MAKING TIME FOR GOD IN WINTER (818193) Author: Pearson, Sharon Ely. Designed to meet the need for generations to learn together, this book provides activities (crafts, recipes, discussion, worship, drama, games) that will bring families together and build strong communities of faith, whether it is in the home or a congregational setting. Chapters: **New Year's Day**; **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**; **Super Bowl Sunday**; **Valentine's Day**; **Snow Days**. 136 Pages.



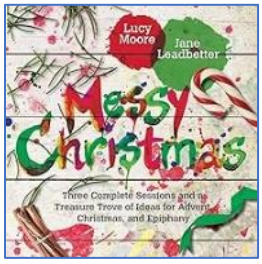
FAITHFUL FAMILIES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: 100 WAYS TO MAKE THE SEASON SACRED (821087) Author: Smith, Traci. In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy for families to forget the true meaning of the season. In this book of faith practices for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, pastors, and anyone who cares about kids will find 100 easy, fun, and meaningful ideas for bringing the sacred back into the season. Divided into three sections of prayers, practices, and lessons, this book offers families an abundance of ideas for making the Christmas season sparkle with faith and spirit. Chapters: Beginnings; Decorating; Family time; Giving; Telling the story; Advent values; Difficult moments; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; The 12 days of Christmas and **Epiphany**; Endings. 103 Pages.



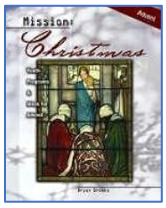
HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS (814220) Author: Newby, Vicki, editor. Compiled from ideas submitted by youth leaders, this book contains over 200 festive activities, games, songs, and skits for use during the **New Year**, **St. Valentine's Day**, St. Patrick's Day, Easter/Lent, Halloween, Thanksgiving, 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.



LITTLE MOLE FINDS HOPE (821014) Author: Nellist, Glenys. In this full-color picture book designed for ages 3 – 6, author Glenys Nellist and illustrator Sally Garland tell an endearing story sure to lift the spirits of people emerging from the cold of winter or a challenging season of life and inspire them to look for signs that spring will come again. When Little Mole is feeling sad in his dark, underground home, his mother shows him how to look for hope. He finds that signs of spring are everywhere, from the daffodil bulbs under the soil to the tiny buds on the branches above. Hope can be found--even in the darkest places. Includes discussion questions for children and notes for parents and caregivers. Ages: Preschool – Lower elementary. 28 Pages.



MESSY CHRISTMAS (817265) Author: Moore, Lucy and Leadbetter, Jane. Designed for use with intergenerational groups, this book includes three complete sessions and a treasure trove of ideas for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Chapters: Advent Messy Church; Christmas Messy Church; **Epiphany Messy Church**; Creative Christmas prayers; Christmas extras; Go for a green Christmas; Messy activity ideas; Global action and justice at Christmas; Christmas games; Christmas food crafts; Messy moments sheets. Includes index. 95 Pages.

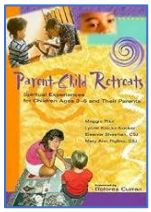


MISSION: CHRISTMAS -- YOUTH PROGRAMS AND IDEAS FOR ADVENT (805270) Author: Brooks, Bryan. The purpose of this book is to provide youth leaders, Christian education directors, and Sunday school teachers with programs and ideas they can use in a variety of settings throughout the Advent season. It includes: five programs, one for each of the four Sundays in Advent and one for the Sunday after Christmas; an easy-to-perform play for the Advent season; a variety of worship ideas; creative service project ideas; and plans for a Christmas party and a **New Year's celebration**. 80 Pages.

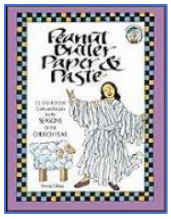


MOMENTS & DAYS: HOW OUR HOLY CELEBRATIONS SHAPE OUR FAITH (816248) Author: Van Loon, Michelle. This book explores the gift of time and takes a look at holidays in the Jewish and Christian calendars -- their stories, structures, and histories -- and offers suggestions on how you, your family, and your congregation can ponder their significance. Chapters: Measuring time, being measured by time -- the calendar; In the beginning -- introduction to the Jewish calendar; Day of yes, day of rest -- the Sabbath; Into freedom -- Passover, unleavened break, first fruits; Fifty days and first fruits -- Shavuot; May you be in scribed in the Book of Life -- Rosh Hashanah, Feast of Trumpets; Atonement and mercy -- Yom Kippur; God with us, us with God -- Sukkot / Feast of Tabernacles; Stones of remembrance -- Jewish history's holy days; From here to there -- introduction to the Christian calendar; Longing for home -- Advent; Welcoming the Word made flesh -- Christmas; **The Light to the world -- Epiphany**; Ashes to ashes -- Lent; Walking toward the cross with Jesus -- Holy Week; Living in resurrection time -- Easter; Signs,

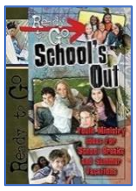
wonders, and new community -- Pentecost; Right here, right now -- Ordinary Time; Conclusion -- it's about time. Includes glossary and recipes. 213 Pages.



PARENT-CHILD RETREATS: SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 AND THEIR PARENTS (822048) Author: Knickerbocker; Pike; Figlino; Sheehan. A child's reality is sacred. This book helps parents explore that sacred reality and, in the process, invites them to identify themselves as their child's first religious educators. Activities are designed to be used in a variety of settings with 3- to 6-year-old children--in a classroom, a church or even at home with parents. Everything needed to give ten thematic children's retreats is contained in the ready-to-go scripts, material lists and step-by-step instructions. Retreat topics: Fish retreat, Bubbles retreat, **Valentine's Day retreat**, Kites retreat, Easter retreat, Mothers and Father's Day retreat, Picnic retreat, Candle retreat, Thanksgiving retreat, Christmas retreat. The retreat schedule includes parents-children together time, then time apart, then time together again. While the children are doing activities, parents meet together with a facilitator. Retreat activities take about two hours and, in addition, a meal may also be included before or after the retreat. 216 Pages.



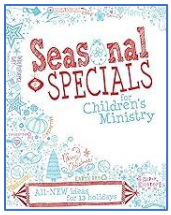
PEANUT BUTTER, PAPER, AND PASTE (805224) Author: Gilliam, Brenda. Classroom Crafts and Recipes for the Seasons of the Church Year. Contains activities for Advent, Christmas, **Epiphany**, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. 88 Pages.



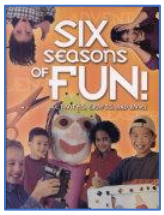
READY-TO-GO SCHOOL'S OUT (809030) Author: Outcalt, Todd. Youth Ministry Ideas for School Breaks and Summer Vacations. Here youth workers can find support and practical ideas that can help them minister to teens during times such as fall and spring breaks, summer vacation, Christmas break, **New Year's Eve**, and other special days such as **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, and more. Also includes ideas for youth leader rest and renewal times. 96 Pages.



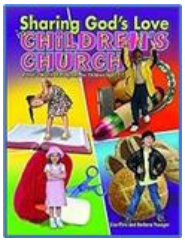
SACRED HOLIDAYS: LESS CHAOS, MORE JESUS (818208) Author: Kiser, Becky. Holidays are meant to be more than chaos with glimpses of grace; they are meant to draw us closer to God and one another. This book helps you avoid what has tripped you up in the past and gives you insights, tips, and tools to make your holidays less chaotic and more about loving Jesus and others. Don't let your holidays be marked by regret, whimsy whirlwinds, or survival mindset. Let's celebrate every holiday together purposefully and worshipfully - loving Jesus and others well in every moment. Chapters: Regrets, better ways, and baby steps; Social experiments and all things whimsy; Holidays (read 30-60 days before holiday): **New Year's**, **Valentine's Day**, Lent and Easter, Summer, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, Happy Birthday; Common struggles (read as needed): How to not be THAT Christian; Realistic expectations; Conflict, drama and all the feels; Budgets and generosity; Schedules and plans; Grief; Santa and the Easter Bunny; P.S. - be yourself and be with others. Appropriate for teachers and grandparents as well as parents. 242 Pages.



SEASONAL SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (814158) Celebrate 13 popular holidays with preschoolers through preteens, all from a Christian perspective. Each session includes a snack, craft, devotion, game, and more. Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas have extra activities to inspire, educate, and celebrate. Includes: **New Year's Day**; **Valentine's Day**; St. Patrick's Day; Palm Sunday; Easter; Earth Day; Mother's Day; Memorial Day; Father's Day; Independence Day; Halloween; Thanksgiving; Christmas. Includes index of activities by age-level. 158 Pages.



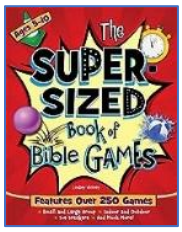
SIX SEASONS OF FUN! ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, AND MORE (822053) Author: Finegan, Katherine and Von Wezeman, Phyllis. This book is a collection of seasonal crafts, activities, and various resources that provide churches and families with a variety of ideas to use throughout the church year. In each chapter, you will find crafts, seasonal activities, and resources for pre-elementary, lower elementary, upper elementary, combined age groups, intergenerational age groups, and worship/education/music helps. Chapters: Advent, Christmas, **Epiphany**, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. 80 Pages.



SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (817214) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. A Year's Worth of Programs for Children Ages 3-7. Units include: Sharing God's love in our family; Sharing God's love with friends; Sharing God's love at church; Sharing God's love of nature; Sharing God's love in our community; Sharing God's love in our world; Sharing God's love during holidays - the new year, **Epiphany**, **Valentine's Day**, Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas (Visiting angels, Bethlehem bound, Shepherds' watch, Jesus is born!). 132 Pages.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIALS VOLUME 2: QUICK AND EASY BIBLE LESSONS FOR COMBINED AGES (810028) Author: Keffer, Lois. Thirteen fun, Bible-based programs full of creative ideas for classes of ages 4 - 12 on the topics of learning to know God, showing God's love, and celebrating special times. Sessions: 1) God in first place (The Rich Young Man); 2) Circle of forgiveness (Jacob and Esau); 3) The trust test (Peter Walks on Water); 4) More like Jesus (Peter -- Betrayer to Miracle Worker); 5) Promises to keep (God Saves Noah's Family); 6) All kinds of families (Joseph and His Brothers); 7) When things get tough (Joseph -- Slave, Prisoner, Commander); 8) Faith to give away (Naaman and the Servant Girl); 9) Thank you, Lord! (A lesson for Thanksgiving or any time); 10) God with us (A lesson for Christmas or for Christmas in July); 11) New Beginnings (A lesson for **New Year's** or any time); 12) A little love and kindness (A lesson for **Valentine's Day** or any day); 13) Jesus lives! (A lesson for Easter or any time). Includes supply lists, active learning experiences, interactive Bible stories, life applications, and reproducible handouts. 123 Pages.



SUPER-SIZED BOOK OF BIBLE GAMES (818152) Author: Whitney, Lindsey. Over 250 games for ages 5-10. Includes Old Testament games, New Testament games, ice breaker games, indoor active games, outdoor games, water games, **ice and snow games**, small group games, large group games, little ones games, quiet games, quick/no prep games, lesson review games, and memory verse review games. Includes index. 311 Pages.



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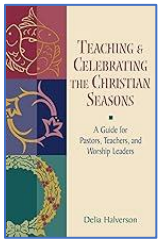

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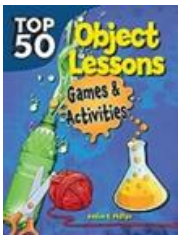

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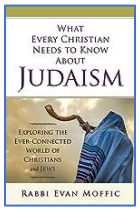

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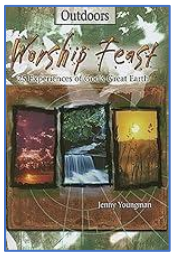

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