



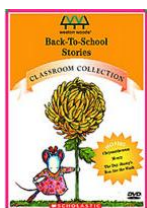
Resources for Fall Holidays

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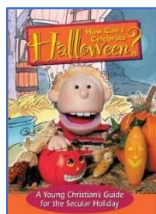
DVDs



BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORIES (102172) This DVD contains three stories for children ages 4 - 9.

CHRYSANTHEMUM - written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes, narrated by Meryl Streep. A little mouse thinks her name is absolutely perfect until she starts school and the kids make fun of her - except for Mrs. Twinkle, the music teacher, who thinks Chrysanthemum's name is absolutely perfect too! (15 min.); **MONTY** - written and illustrated by James Stevenson. Monty, a dependable and considerate alligator taxi for three children who need to get to school every day, decides that he needs a vacation when their back seat driving proves more than he can handle. The children have a new appreciation for him when he returns. (7 min.); **THE DAY JIMMY'S BOA ATE THE WASH** - written by Trinka Hakes Noble, illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Jimmy brings along his pet boa constructor on a class trip to the farm. (5 min.).

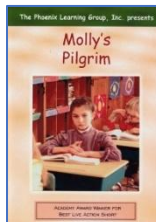
Age: Preschool – Elementary. 27 Minutes



HOW CAN I CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN? (108012) A Young Christian's Guide for the Secular Holiday.

Digger is a curious boy who would like to join in on the Halloween festivities, but some of his friends say that celebrating Halloween is wrong. His sister calms his fears by teaching him that young Christians can enjoy the Halloween celebration with the knowledge that God is our refuge and strength, therefore we have nothing to fear. Includes short rhyming versions of the following Bible stories: Jesus' ascension (He is always with us and when Christians die, they go to heaven with Him), the parable of the weeds and the wheat (we can still 'grow for God' even when bad things are around us), and Psalm 23 (God is our shepherd and He takes care of us). Also includes a sing-along pumpkin parable song.

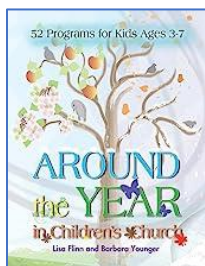
Age: Preschool – Early Elementary. 23 Minutes.



MOLLY'S PILGRIM (113018) The story of a 9-year-old Russian-Jewish girl who is the subject of her classmates' taunts because of her foreign accent, strange ways, and peculiar clothes. For a class display of the first Thanksgiving, Molly brings a doll dressed from her tradition that leads the children to understand Molly and her family's search for religious freedom. Includes guide.

Age: Upper Elementary - Adult. 24 Minutes.

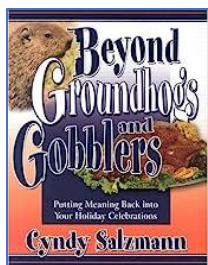
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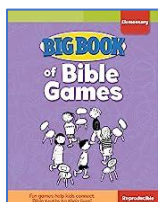
AROUND THE YEAR IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 52 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 7

(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!

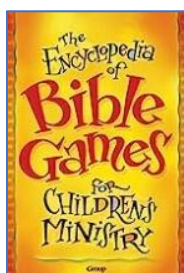
Age: Adult. 128 Pages.



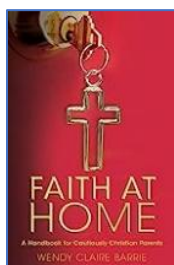
BEYOND GROUNDHOGS AND GOBBLERS (804223) Author: Salzmänn, Cyndy. Putting Meaning Back into Your Holiday Celebrations. Put the 'holy' back into your holidays with this month-by-month guide. Includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Groundhog Day, St. Valentine's Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's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



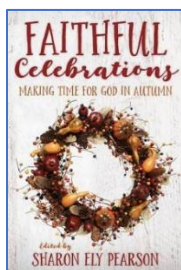
BIG BOOK OF BIBLE GAMES FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS (818010) This book provides games for the following topics: Bible skills; Bible story review; Bible verse memory; Faith in God; Forgiving others; Friendship; God's forgiveness; God's help; God's love; God's power; God's Word; Holidays and special days (Valentine's 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. Age: Adult. 256 Pages.



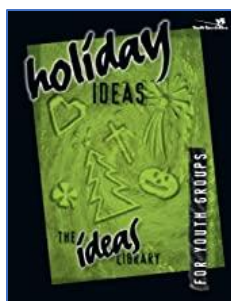
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLE GAMES FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (806175) Author: Witte, Vicki and Keefer, Mikal, editors. Part 1: Bible Story Games. Part 2: Jesus Is...Games. Part 3: The Bible Is...Games. Part 4: Holiday Games (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Labor Day, 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. Age: Adult. 270 Pages.



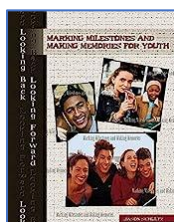
FAITH AT HOME: A HANDBOOK FOR CAUTIOUSLY CHRISTIAN PARENTS (817057) Author: Barrie, Wendy Claire. The author, a member of the Episcopal church, discusses how to give children a foundation of faith through practices and rituals in the home. Chapters: Talking about God; Talking with God; Bible stories; 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. Age: Adult. 146 Pages.



FAITHFUL CELEBRATIONS: MAKING TIME FOR GOD IN AUTUMN (818137) 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: Building a church family; Back to school; Labor Day; St. Francis of Assisi (October 4); International Day of Peace (September 21); All Hallows' Eve/Halloween; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving. Age: Adult. 180 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. Age: Adult. 189 Pages.



MARKING MILESTONES AND MAKING MEMORIES FOR YOUTH (804387) Author: Schultz, Jason. A variety of ideas and activities to enhance your youth program. Chapter titles: Games, retreats, and events; Family, gender-specific, and intergenerational activities; Identity markers; Tearjerkers; Service and outreach; Holidays and annual occasions; Milestones; Fundraisers. Age: Adult. 112 Pages.

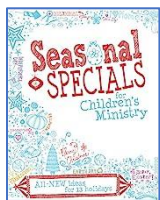


READY-TO-GO SCHOOL'S OUT (809030) Author: Outcalt, Todd. Youth Ministry Ideas for School Breaks and Summer Vacations. Here youth workers can find support and practical ideas that can help them minister to teens during times such as fall and spring breaks, summer vacation, Christmas break, New Year's 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. Age: Adult. 96 Pages.

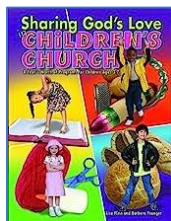


SACRED HOLIDAYS: LESS CHAOS, MORE JESUS (818208) Author: Kiser, Becky. Holidays are meant to be more than chaos with glimpses of grace; they are meant to draw us closer to God and one another. This book helps you avoid what has tripped you up in the past and gives you insights, tips, and tools to make 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;

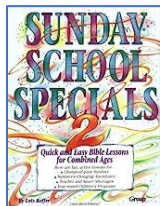
Realistic expectations; Conflict, drama and all the feels; Budgets and generosity; Schedules and plans; Grief; Santa and the Easter Bunny; P.S. - be yourself and be with others. Appropriate for teachers and grandparents as well as parents. Age: Adult. 242 Pages.



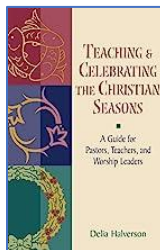
SEASONAL SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (814158) Celebrate 13 popular holidays with preschoolers through preteens, all from a Christian perspective. Each session includes a snack, craft, devotion, game, and more. Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas have extra activities to inspire, educate, and celebrate. 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. Age: Adult. 158 Pages.



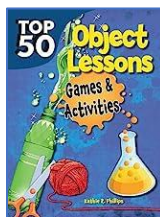
SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (817214) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. A Year's Worth of Programs for Children Ages 3-7. Units include: Sharing God's love in our family; Sharing God's love with friends; Sharing God's love at church; Sharing God's love of nature; Sharing God's love 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!). Age: Adult. 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. Age: Adult. 123 Pages.



TEACHING & CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN SEASONS (826392) Author: Halverson, Delia. A Guide for Pastors, Teachers, and Worship Leaders. For each season and special day, the author explains its history and significance and suggests age-appropriate ways to teach and celebrate these special times, helping to deepen our understanding of Christian traditions and to enrich our Sunday experience. Chapter titles: Why follow the Christian calendar?; The Lord's Day; Advent; Christmas; Epiphany; Season after Epiphany; Lent; Holy Week; Easter Sunday and the Easter Season; Pentecost; Ordinary Time or the Season after Pentecost; Other special days (Trinity Sunday, Worldwide Communion, All Saints' Day/Halloween, Thanksgiving). Includes a 'Hanging of the Greens' service and 'Way of the Cross' centers. Age: Adult. 120 Pages.



TOP 50 OBJECT LESSONS: GAMES AND ACTIVITIES (818124) Author: Phillips, Kathie. Designed to launch your lesson, wrap up your worship time, or add fun to your curriculum, these object lessons for children cover relevant topics including courage, goals, joy, kindness, obedience, prayer, service, teamwork, wisdom, and more! Each lesson includes a Bible verse, supplies, presentation notes, and discussion questions. Also included are instructions for ten games and additional lessons on holidays (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Good Friday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Grandparent's Day (September), and Thanksgiving. Includes Scripture and topic indexes. Age: Adult. 205 Pages.