

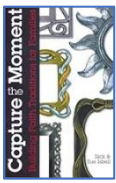


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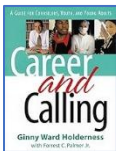
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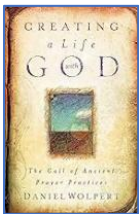
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CAPTURE THE MOMENT: BUILDING FAITH TRADITIONS FOR FAMILIES (804232) Author: Isbell, Rick and Sue. This book helps families celebrate the good times, find strength in the bad times, and preserve the memories of the in-between times. For each milestone event the authors provide a description of its significance, biblical background, discussion starters for family conversation, and ideas for celebrating or recognizing the event. Includes suggestions for using the book in small groups, classes, **retreats**, and other church settings. 127 Pages.



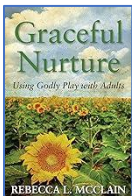
CAREER AND CALLING (806057) Author: Holderness, Ginny Ward and Palmer, Forrest C. A Guide for Counselors, Youth, and Young Adults. This book contains a six-session, small group career counseling program that focuses on God's calling, individual interests, gifts, and talents, and the world of work. The program also encourages the development of spiritual disciplines, scripture reading and study, journaling, mentoring, and conversations with professionals. Includes plans for a **spirituality retreat**. 141 Pages.



CREATING A LIFE WITH GOD: THE CALL OF ANCIENT PRAYER PRACTICES (816153) Author: Wolpert, Daniel. Chapter titles: Solitude and silence -- the journey begins; Lectio Divina -- encountering Scripture through sacred reading; The Jesus Prayer -- there is power in His name; Apophatic prayer -- be still and know; The examen -- God in day-to-day life; Creativity and the divine -- to create is to pray; Journaling -- writing what God shows us; Body prayer -- the body and the spiritual life; Walking toward God -- the journey made visible; Praying in nature -- contemplation and creation; Prayer and life in the world -- the rubber meets the road; A praying community -- bringing it all together. Includes a step-by-step guide to the prayer practices and a **retreat model**. 192 Pages.



GO DEEPER RETREATS: 12 LIFE-CHANGING WEEKENDS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY (804385) Author: Trujillo, Kelli, Editor. Plans for each retreat include a motto, theme verse, and theme song; master supply list; suggested schedules (Friday night-Sunday morning or one-night lock-in); teaching sessions; small groups; student quiet times; free time, group activities, and games; and leader tips. 150 Pages.



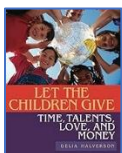
GRACEFUL NURTURE: USING GODLY PLAY WITH ADULTS (817132) Author: McClain, Rebecca. This book serves up Godly Play for adults by offering four creative 'courses': The Heavenly Banquet -- for preparing adults for baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation of vows (12 weeks); Dessert Only -- for preparing families who are beginning Godly Play; Slow Cooking -- a **Godly Play retreat weekend**; Coffee and Cream -- using Godly Play on Sunday mornings (12 weeks). Chapters: Getting ready; Essentials; Lesson Planning; Overview of the stories. 106 Pages.



GREAT TWEEN GETAWAYS: 8 RETREATS FOR TWEENS (806172) Author: Balcolb, Marcey. This book provides complete instructions for eight retreats, including schedules, preparation, and activities. One-Day Retreats: 1) Resisting temptation; 2) Family support and communication; 3) Peaceful solutions; 4) A passionate heart; 5) Doing justice--a service retreat. Overnight Retreats: 6) Being a positive influence; 7) Building Christian character; 8) Living in Christian community. 96 Pages.



INVITATION TO RETREAT: THE GIFT AND NECESSITY OF TIME AWAY WITH GOD (818162) Author: Barton, Ruth Haley. Chapters: Invitation to retreat; Strategic withdrawal; Just flop down; The sources of our exhaustion; Finding your rhythm on retreat; Sweet hours of prayer; Letting go of your grip; Relinquishing false-self patterns; Space for discernment; Invitation to recalibrate; Finding spiritual freedom; Remember the signs; In returning and rest you shall be saved. 149 Pages.



LET THE CHILDREN GIVE: TIME, TALENTS, LOVE, AND MONEY (807054) Author: Halverson, Delia. This book provides adults the resources to demonstrate and teach a stewardship lifestyle to kids. Chapter titles: 1) The biblical and historical background of stewardship; 2) Age level and learning goals for stewardship; 3) Everyday classroom learning--adding stewardship to regular curriculum; 4) Art and craft activities for stewardship; 5) Drama, storytelling, and reflection activities for stewardship; 6) Writing and research activities for stewardship; 7) Games and puzzle activities for stewardship; 8) Music, rhythm, and reading activities for stewardship; 9) Celebrations, projects, and hands-on experiences for stewardship; 10) Involving children in the church stewardship plan; 11) **A mini-retreat for parents and children together.** 123 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.

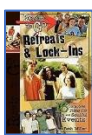
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PARENT-CHILD RETREATS: SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-10 AND THEIR PARENTS (822049) Author: Knickerbocker; Pike; Figlino; Sheehan. Everything needed to give nine thematic children's retreats is contained in the ready-to-go scripts, material lists and step-by-step instructions. Retreat topics: Eucharist retreat, Reconciliation retreat, Good Friends retreat, Good News retreat, Great Commandment retreat, Come As You Are retreat, Respect retreat, Shining Light retreat, Presence 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. 214 Pages.



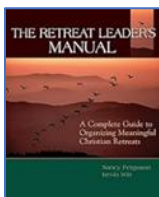
PRACTICING YOUR PATH: A BOOK OF RETREATS FOR AN INTENTIONAL LIFE (812086) Author: Whitcomb, Holly. This book offers seven one-day retreats that can be followed in the privacy of your own home or in the company of other spiritual seekers. Each retreat focuses on one component of classical Christian spirituality: Practicing Sabbath; Practicing Hospitality; Practicing Prayer and Action; Practicing the Fast; Practicing Giving Back to God; Practicing Your Call; Practicing Accountability. 125 Pages.



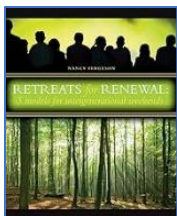
READY-TO-GO RETREATS AND LOCK-INS (806218) Author: Miller, Beth. 16 Complete Plans for Fun and Soulful Events. This book and the accompanying CD-ROM contain plans and handouts for nine weekend retreats and seven lock-ins designed for youth groups. Retreat titles: Seek and Find; Learning Love; Grace and the Good Shepherd; Light Your Soul Fire; Faith Prints; Soul Mates: Friends for the Journey; Hope: The Rock; Christmas Retreat; Lenten Retreat. A notebook with printed copies of the CD-ROM material is also provided. 95 Pages.



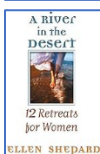
REFRESH, REVIVE, RENEW: ONE YEAR OF MONTHLY PRAYER RETREATS FOR MINISTRY LEADERS (821116) Author: Bosarge, Anne. Prayer should be the foundation of every ministry, the driving force of every decision, and a natural part of the way leaders relate to each other. Within the church, we talk about the importance and power of prayer, yet church staff and key leaders often spend very little scheduled time together praying for the direction and vision of church ministries. If prayer is the way we hear from God and learn His direction for our lives and ministry, time spent together in prayer should be a priority. This book is a collection of monthly prayer retreats for church staff and key leaders. As a leadership team, set aside a few hours each month and follow the simple guidelines in this book to create corporate and individual prayer experiences that help you seek God's will for your church and ministries. As you pray and share what God has revealed, your team will grow closer as a community, and deeper in their personal faith. As a result, church programs and ministries will develop a richness that can only be found through knowing and doing God's will. Schedule time for your church leadership to break away from the unending list of to-dos and take advantage of these regular opportunities to refresh, revive, and renew your focus and direction. 92 Pages.



RETREAT LEADER'S MANUAL (807056) Author: Ferguson, Nancy and Witt, Kevin. A Complete Guide to Organizing Meaningful Christian Retreats. This book provides a solid base for faith formation in retreats and is also a practical guide for organizing and leading them. It includes the nuts and bolts of how to plan a budget, the right questions to ask about a potential retreat site, and ideas for making Bible study and worship memorable for people of all ages. 126 Pages.



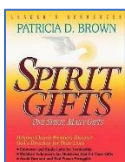
RETREATS FOR RENEWAL (808037) Author: Ferguson, Nancy. 5 Models for Intergenerational Weekends. This book will help deepen and strengthen relationships within the whole congregation by offering a chance for all people of all ages within a congregation to praise God, find a shared story, learn about one another, and discover those things that bind them together in Christ. In addition to an overview of planning a retreat, including ideas for adapting the session designs for two- or three-day retreats, each retreat design has everything you need to plan and lead an intergenerational retreat. Retreat titles: 1) Follow the Good Shepherd; 2) Come to the Waters; 3) Shine the Light; 4) Sow Seeds of Faith; 5) Claim Your Name. 123 Pages.



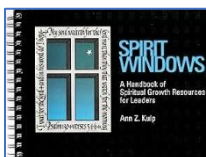
RIVER IN THE DESERT -- 12 RETREATS FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS (826960) Author: Shepard, Ellen. This book provides detailed plans for one-day and weekend retreats for women on a variety of topics such as spiritual gifts, faith-enriching habits, community, prayer, priorities, and spirituality. 193 Pages.



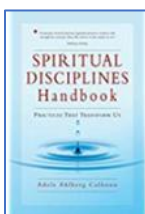
SERVING FROM THE HEART FOR YOUTH: LEADER'S GUIDE AND PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK (807047) Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service. This six-session study helps youth learn about their spiritual gifts, talents, resources, individuality, dreams, and experiences so they can feel equipped and ready to serve God through the church. Includes spiritual gifts inventory/assessment and **an optional retreat module**. 80 Pages



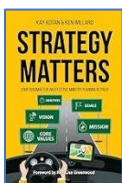
SPIRITGIFTS: LEADER'S RESOURCES AND PARTICIPANT'S WORKBOOK (805186) Author: Brown, Patricia D. One Spirit, Many Gifts. SpiritGifts is a community-building experience of discovery and growth that will empower and equip Christians for service and leadership in the local church and beyond. The leader book includes step-by-step guides for offering this class in four-, six-, nine-, and twelve-week sessions as well as **a weekend retreat**, one-day workshop, and one-hour overview. 187 Pages.



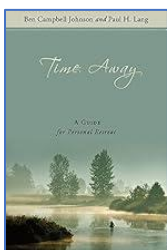
SPIRIT WINDOWS (876666) Author: Kulp, Ann Z. A Handbook of Spiritual Growth Resources for Leaders. This resources book addresses the necessity for resources in the realm of spiritual enrichment--whether it be a church school class learning about the different types of prayer, a Lenten series reflecting on Scripture, **a one-day retreat for church leaders, or a weekend retreat for 're-treating' ourselves**. This collection is intended to give one a choice of materials that can be assembled to suit particular needs. 195 Pages.



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES HANDBOOK: PRACTICES THAT TRANSFORM US (806160) Author: Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. The author discusses the following disciplines, providing reflection questions and spiritual exercises: accountability partner, Bible study, breath prayer, care of the earth, celebration, centering prayer, chastity, community, compassion, confession/self-examination, contemplation, contemplative prayer, control of the tongue, conversational prayer, covenant group, detachment, devotional reading, discernment, discipling, examen, fasting, fixed-hour prayer, gratitude, Holy Communion, hospitality, humility, inner-healing prayer, intercessory prayer, journaling, justice, labyrinth prayer, liturgical prayer, meditation, memorization, mentoring, practicing the presence, prayer of recollection, prayer partners, praying Scripture, prayer walking, rest, **retreat**, rule for life, Sabbath, secrecy, self-care, service, silence, simplicity, small group, solitude, spiritual direction, spiritual friendship, stewardship, submission, teachability, truth telling, unity, unplugging, witness, worship. The appendices include ideas for using the disciplines in personal, small group, and congregational settings. 293 Pages.



STRATEGY MATTERS: YOUR ROADMAP FOR AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY PLANNING RETREAT (820097) Author: Kotan, Kay and Willard, Ken. Many churches do a good job at planning activities, but this is often not producing the effective and fruitful ministries churches had hoped for or expected. Instead, churches must go beyond planning activities to intentional and strategic planning for the church to be faithful to its mission. This book provides the step-by-step process for preparing, conducting, and following up for strategic ministry planning retreats that will lead your church into more effective, focused, and fruitful ministry. Chapters: Understanding the five elements of strategic ministry planning (core values, mission, vision, SMARTER goals, objectives); Planning for the retreat; Conducting the strategic planning retreat; Following up after the retreat. 133 Pages.



TIME AWAY: A GUIDE FOR PERSONAL RETREAT (816111) Author: Johnson, Ben Campbell and Lang, Paul. Chapter titles: What is a retreat?; Why go on a retreat?; Preparing for a retreat; Creating a plan for your retreat -- a half-day or day retreat, when plans don't work out, an overnight retreat, a five-day retreat; Retreat at a monastery; Entering the silence; Returning from time away -- 15 watchwords; Lesson plans for a class on personal retreats; A retreat leader's resource. 143 Pages.