

Lent and Easter resources for use with children and youth

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DVDs:



ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT #7: 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 – Elementary. 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. Age: Preschool – Elementary. 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: Elementary. 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. Age: Elementary. 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: Elementary. 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. Age: Elementary. 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 elementary. 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 elementary. 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 elementary. 69 Minutes.

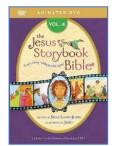


BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: PLANTS AND ANIMALS! (102062) Join the fun and lively bedbugs to learn Bible stories. Three 23-minute episodes on 1 DVD: 1) Playing with Plants! features The Wheat and the Weeds, Jonah and the Shade Tree, Vine and Branches; 2) Animal Pals! features Daniel for Dinner, The Lost Sheep, 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 elementary. 69 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.

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 elementary. 37 Minutes.



JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE: VOLUME 4 (110054) Author: Lloyd-Jones, Sally. Using illustrations from 'The Jesus Storybook Bible,' this DVD includes twelve short New Testament Bible stories: 1) The friend of little children (Jesus and the children); 2) The man who didn't have any friends (Zacchaeus); 3) Running away (The lost son); 4) Washed with tears (Sinful woman anoints Jesus); 5) The Servant King (The Last Supper); 6) A dark night in the garden (Garden of Gethsemane); 7) The sun stops shining (The crucifixion); 8) God's wonderful surprise (The resurrection); 9) Going home (The ascension); 10) God sends help (Pentecost); 11) A new way to see (Story of Paul); 12) A dream of heaven (John sees the future). Segments are 4 - 7 minutes long. Age: Preschool – Early elementary. 66 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.



STORIES OF JESUS IN MATTHEW: SPEED SKETCH BIBLE STORIES (119146) 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) Sermon on the Mount/House built on the rock (4 min./4 min.); 2) Jesus heals sickness (3 min./2 min.); 3) Jesus walking on water (3 min./2 min.); 4) The Transfiguration (3 min./1 min.); 5) The rich young ruler (3 min./2 min.); 6) **Peter's denial** (4 min./3 min.). Lesson plans and coloring pages are available online at https://resources.wesleyan.org/speed-sketch-bible-stories Age: All.



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://resources.wesleyan.org/speed-sketch-bible-stories Age: All.



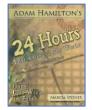
TRUE EASTER STORY, THE PROMISE KEPT (120018) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. This DVD reveals insights making the events of Easter meaningful, including the link between Jesus' death at 3 p.m. and the Jewish religious tradition, Jesus' burial in a stone tomb--a custom usually reserved for wealthy citizens, 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.

Books:



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

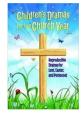
(814159) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. This book contains active, hands-on lessons that will help children understand how the Christian church marks time. Each program contains a simple Christian message, a Bible verse, a story, a prayer, a music suggestion, and a craft to reinforce the message. 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.



24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD FOR OLDER CHILDREN (911007) Author: Stoner, Marcia. Designed for children ages 9 - 12. Seven sessions: The Triumphal Entry; Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet; The Last Supper; The Garden of Gethsemane; Arrest and Peter's Denial; The Crucifixion; The Resurrection. 64 Pages.



CELEBRATING SEASONS: PRAYERS LESSONS FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, LENT, AND EASTER (822052) Authors: Vos Wezeman, Phyllis and Fournier, Jude Dennis. This book is a guide that teaches about the most significant seasons of the liturgical year through 20 prayer 'lessons.' Each lesson helps upper elementary children to explore, experience, and enjoy a variety of approaches to prayer. Chapters: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter. 73 Pages.



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.



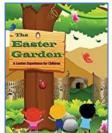
CLIP & TELL BIBLE STORIES: CAPTIVATE CHILDREN WITH SIMPLE PAPER CUTOUTS THAT UNFOLD AS THE STORY IS TOLD! (820057) Author: Keffer, Lois. Instructions and patterns for 25 Bible stories: 1) God's garden (Gen. 2:8 – 3:24); 2) Two offerings (Gen. 4:1-15); 3) Two by two in the floating zoo

(Gen. 6:1 – 9:17); 4) Abram's journey (Gen. 11:27 – 12:7); 5) Abram makes peace (Gen. 13:5-18); 6) A wife for Isaac (Gen. 24:1-67); 7) Joseph and his brothers (Gen. 37 – 50); 8) Moses meets God (Ex. 1 – 3); 9) Stronger than a king! (Ex. 7 – 14); 10) The tale of 12 spies (Num. 13 – 14); 11) A shepherd who loved God (1 Sam. 16 – 18; Ps. 23); 12) The fiery furnace (Dan. 3); 13) Walls for God's city (Neh. 1 – 6); 14) God sends a savior (Mt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:26 – 2:20);

15) A gift for Jesus (Mt. 2:1-12); 16) Fishing for people (Mt. 4:18-22); 17) The woman at the well (Jn. 4:1-42); 18) Let your light shine (Mt. 5:14-16); 19) Love your enemies (Mt. 5:43-47); 20) Birds and lilies (Mt. 6:25-34); 21) Ask, seek, knock (Mt. 7:7-12); 22) The miracle lunch (Jn.6:1-13); 23) Let the children come (Mt. 18:1-6; 19:13-15); 24) Jesus' parade (Mt. 21:1-11); 25) The cross and the empty tomb (Lk. 24:1-12; Jn. 20:1-20). 110 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. 81 Pages.

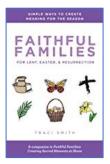


EASTER GARDEN: A LENTEN EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN (813000) Author: Flegal, Daphna and Stoner, Marcia. 'The Easter Garden' is an event where children of all ages hear the stories of Holy Week, create a garden, make banners for worship, prepare table decorations, and help serve a meal to their parents and/or 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

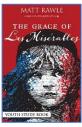
variety of printable materials. Age: Preschool – Elementary. 128 Pages.



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.



FAITHFUL FAMILIES FOR LENT, EASTER, AND RESURRECTION: SIMPLE WAYS TO CREATE MEANING FOR THE SEASON (822004) Author: Smith, Traci. How do you share the deep mysteries of Lent, Easter, and Resurrection with children? Parents, guardians, teachers, and ministers will find dozens of fun and easy practices for celebrating the Easter season with our kids. The practices and seasonal prayers are grouped into chapters titled Ash Wednesday, Symbols, Lenten Prayers, Lenten Refraining, Lenten Acts of Service, Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Day, and the Season of Resurrection. Traci Smith also offers theological notes guiding parents on addressing the violence of the crucifixion and the meaning of Jesus' death. Chapters: Beginning the season; Pancake Tuesday and Ash Wednesday; Praying; Simplifying; Giving; Symbols; Holy Week; Easter vigil and Easter; The season of resurrection; Ending the season. 110 Pages.



GRACE OF LES MISERABLES: YOUTH STUDY BOOK (919046) Author: Tinley, Josh. Based on Matt Rawle's adult study, this six-session study, appropriate for use during Lent or any time of year, will help youth in grades 6-12 explore six themes found in 'Les Miserables' -- grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope. The DVD from the adult study is also used in this study (#107119). Sessions: 1) Grace well received -- the story of Jean Valjean; 2) When grace and justice collide -- the story of Javert; 3) The poor are always with you -- the story of Fantine; 4) The gift of love -- the story of Marius and Cosette; 5) Building the barricade -- the story of Les Amis; 6) The blessed garden -- a hopeful vision. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 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.



J IS FOR JESUS: AN EASTER ALPHABET AND ACTIVITY BOOK (817194) Author: O'Neal, Debbie Trafton. In this full-color picture book for young children, the Easter story from Palm Sunday through Easter morning is told with simple text, highlighting one alphabet letter per page. The following activities are suggested: place mats or table runner, window paintings, outdoor banner or flag, a diorama. Illustrated by Jan Bryan-Hunt. Age: Preschool – Early elementary. 28 Pages.



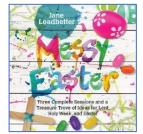
LENTEN TREE (808000) Author: Smith, Dean Meador. Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for Christ's Death and His Resurrection. This book includes devotions and patterns for decorating a Lenten tree with 41 symbols that represent Jesus Christ and his life. 189 Pages.



MADE FOR A MIRACLE: YOUTH STUDY (917061) Author: Tinley, Josh. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Made for a Miracle," this six-session study will help youth examine the two parts of every miracle - divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, directing our gifts, talents, and abilities toward God's work in the world. Sessions: 1) You were made for a miracle; 2) Miracles come with a cost; 3) The miracle of love; 4) Activate the power of faith; 5) Activate the power of prayer; 6) Activate health and healing. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 Pages.



MAKE ROOM: A CHILD'S GUIDE TO LENT AND EASTER (817023) Author: Alary, Laura. This full-color book for children talks about the Kingdom of God and events in Jesus' life and Holy Week and explains that, during Lent, we think about the following concepts: making time (prayer, listening for God's voice, thinking about choices); making space (repentance, forgiveness, sharing, simplicity); and making room (reaching out to the sick, lonely, and strangers). Illustrated by Ann Boyajian. Age: Elementary. 32 Pages.



MESSY EASTER (817299) Author: Leadbetter, Jane. Designed for use with intergenerational groups, this book includes three once-a-month sessions and a treasure trove of ideas for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Chapters: Lent Messy Church; Holy Week Messy Church; Easter Messy Church; Creative Easter prayers; Easter extras; Easter food and food crafts; Easter games; Easter trail. Includes index. 91 Pages.



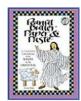
MISSION: EASTER (805062) Author: Outcalt, Todd. Youth Programs and Ideas for Lent. The purpose of this book is to provide youth leaders, Christian education directors, and Sunday school teachers with programs and ideas they can use in a variety of settings throughout the Lenten season. It includes: seven programs, one for each Sunday in Lent; 3 short programs for the sacred weekdays of Lent: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday; two easy-to-perform skits for the Lenten season; a variety of worship ideas; and a Lenten retreat plan. 80 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.



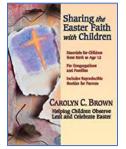
RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS – CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (917043) Author: Hoelscher, Sally. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Renegade Gospel," this six-session study, designed for children in grades K - 6, teaches about Jesus and what it means to follow him. Sessions: 1) Who is Jesus?; 2) Following Jesus; 3) Jesus asks a question (Who do you say that I am?); 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. For reference only: do not photocopy pages from this book. 64 Pages.



RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS – YOUTH STUDY BOOK (915026) Author: Youngman, Jenny. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus," this six-session study will help youth see who Jesus really is, what He really was about, and what it means to follow Him. Sessions: 1) Discovering the rebel Jesus; 2) Revolutionary lifestyle; 3) The most important question you will ever have to answer; 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. The adult-level DVD can be used for this study but is not necessary. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 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.



SHARING THE EASTER FAITH WITH CHILDREN (806047) Author: Brown, Carolyn. Helping Children Observe Lent and Celebrate Easter. Part 1: Telling the Easter Story to Children. Part 2: Keeping Lent and Easter with the Congregation and Family. Part 3: Study Sessions for Parents, Teachers, and Worship Committees. Part 4: Lent-Easter Resources for Children and Their Adults. 123 Pages.

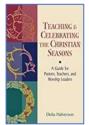


SIMPLY EASTER: EASY DRAMAS, SPEECHES, AND RECITATIONS FOR CHILDREN (822043) Author: various. A collection of easy dramas, speeches, recitations, and poems for children (and youth) about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Can be used in the classroom or shared with the congregation in worship or Lenten events. 32 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,

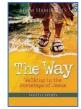
intergenerational age groups, and worship/education/music helps. Chapters: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. 80 Pages.



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. 120 Pages.



WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS -- CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (912038) Author: Hoelscher, Sally. Based on Adam Hamilton's book "The Way," this six- or seven-session study, designed for ages 5 to 11, explores the life and ministry of Jesus. Sessions: 1) Jesus is baptized; 2) Jesus heals; 3) Jesus goes up on a mountain; 4) Jesus calms the storm; 5) Jesus talks to outcasts; 6) Jesus enters Jerusalem; Optional Session 7) Jesus is alive!. 80 Pages.



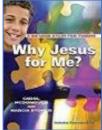
WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS – YOUTH STUDY (912039) Based on Adam Hamilton's book "The Way," this six- or seven-session study, designed for ages 13 to 18, explores the life and ministry of Jesus. Sessions: 1) Baptism and temptation -- the Jordan River and the Wilderness; 2) The healing ministry -- Capernaum; 3) Proclaiming the Kingdom -- the mountains; 4) Calming the storm -- the Sea of Galilee; 5) Sinners, outcasts, and the poor -- Samaria; 6) The final week -- Jerusalem; Optional Session 7) Epilogue: your defining story -- the resurrection (5 min.). Use of the adult-level DVD is recommended but not necessary. Youth book also acts as the leader guide. 72 Pages.



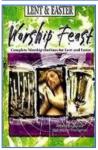
WHAT MAKES A HERO? CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (917063) Author: Groseclose, Susan. Based on the Matt Rawle study "What Makes a Hero? - The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus," this study contains ideas for younger (ages 5 - 7) and older (ages 8 - 11) children. Children will learn what it means to follow Jesus and be faith heroes in their families and communities. Sessions: 1) Faith heroes show God's goodness; 2) Faith heroes continue God's story; 3) Faith heroes create community; 4) Faith heroes serve others; 6) Faith heroes live as Easter people. 63 Pages.



WHAT MAKES A HERO? YOUTH STUDY BOOK (917062) Author: Poteet, Mike. This six-session study, based on Matt Rawle's study, examines aspects of Jesus' life and work with reference to the stories of superheroes currently popular in mass entertainment. Written for youth grades 6 to 12. Sessions: 1) Jesus is not my hero!; 2) Jesus didn't worry about doing the right thing; 3) Yes, Jesus loves 'them;' 4) What Jesus thinks a wasted life looks like; 5) Jesus' death saves us all. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 Pages.



WHY JESUS FOR ME? (816196) Author: McDonough, Carol and Stoner, Marcia. A Six-Week Study for Tweens. Sessions: 1) Why Christmas?; 2) Why baptism?; 3) Why Lent?; 4) Why Easter?; 5) Why Pentecost?; 6) Why church? 64 Pages.



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