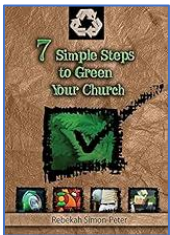




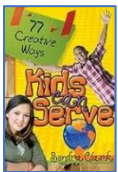
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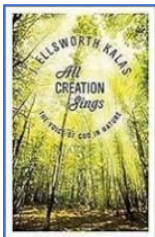
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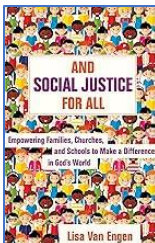
**7 SIMPLE STEPS TO GREEN YOUR CHURCH (817013)** Author: Simon-Peter, Rebekah. Part One: 7 Simple Steps -- Form a green team; Calculate your carbon footprint; Make a plan; Take action; Report your progress; Celebrate in worship; Pay it forward. Part Two: Areas of Focus -- Recycling; Lighting; Worship; Electricity and energy efficiency; Heating and cooling; Water; Christian education; Vehicles and travel; The kitchen; The office; Missions; Grounds; Building green. Age: Adult. 143 Pages.



**77 CREATIVE WAYS KIDS CAN SERVE (815104)** Author: Clark, Sondra. Step-by-step directions on ways kids can serve in their home, school, and community -- service projects with animals, volunteer ideas for crafty kids, activities connected with recycling and the environment, collecting items for those in need. Age: Adult. 175 Pages.



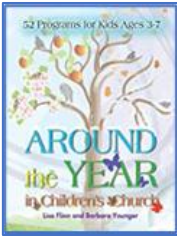
**ALL CREATION SINGS: THE VOICE OF GOD IN NATURE (811053)** Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. J. Ellsworth Kalas wants us to go further than the "green" movement and being simply conscious of the wonder of our creation and the necessity of caring for it passionately. He calls us to not only see and be grateful for these wonders but to be responsible for them, to go beyond its exquisite beauty to learn some of the lessons it would teach us, lessons about both life and God. Includes discussion guide. Age: Adult. 124 Pages.



**AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL: EMPOWERING FAMILIES, CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD (819015)** Author: Van Engen, Lisa. In this resource for parents and teachers, Lisa Van Engen shares basic information on fourteen global issues and provides discussion questions, Bible studies, book and activity suggestions, and 'ways to make a difference' for each topic. Ideas are provided for the following age groups: ages 3-6, ages 7-11, and ages 12+. Chapters: **Clean water and sanitation - cracked cisterns; Creation care - an open window;** Disabilities - a place for everyone; Education - summoning the best of us; Fair trade - giving beyond our means; Families - those we love; Health care - to touch the hem of His robe; Human trafficking - modern-day abolitionists; Hunger - gleaning the edges; Immigrants and refugees - the gift we received; Peace - how we see others; Poverty - having been entrusted much; Race - mend our fractures; Changemakers - fierce light. Includes lists of books and films on these topics for adults. Also included is a simple framework for a community gathering. Age: Adult. 332 Pages.

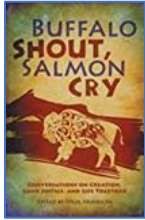


**ANTS WORK BEST TOGETHER: 31 OBJECT LESSONS FROM NATURE (807236)** Author: Gee, Joy. From preschoolers through late elementary age, all children are interested in learning more about the world of nature. This book provides object lessons about ants, frogs, butterflies, grass, and more. Age: Adult. 79 Pages.



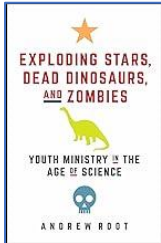
### **AROUND THE YEAR IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 52 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 7**

**(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! Age: Adult. 128 Pages.



### **BUFFALO SHOUT, SALMON CRY: CONVERSATIONS ON CREATION, LAND JUSTICE, AND LIFE TOGETHER (814021)**

Author: Heinrichs, Steve, editor. How can North Americans come to terms with the lamentable clash between Indigenous and settler cultures, spiritualities, and attitudes toward creation? Showcasing a variety of voices -- both traditional and Christian, Native and non-Native -- this book offers up alternative histories, radical theologies, and subversive memories that can unsettle our souls and work toward reconciliation. Includes subject and Scriptural indexes. Age: Adult. 359 Pages.

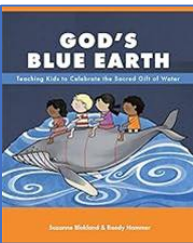


### **EXPLODING STARS, DEAD DINOSAURS, AND ZOMBIES: YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE AGE OF**

**SCIENCE (818036)** Author: Root, Andrew. Many things threaten the faith of youth today, but none more than science. The commitments of science and Christianity seem to be at odds — science makes truth claims based on experiments and proofs, while religion asks for belief and trust. But the author demonstrates that, in fact, the two are not incompatible. Andrew Root, a renowned expert on adolescent spirituality, shows how science overstates its claims on truth, while faith often understates its own claims. Both faith and science frame the experience and reality of teenagers, and both have something valuable to offer as adolescents develop. Drawing on a fictional account of a youth pastor and the various students he encounters, he paints a compelling picture of how faith can flourish, even in our scientific age. Age: Adult. 292 Pages.



**FAITHFUL CELEBRATIONS: MAKING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS (819091)** 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: **Earth Day**; Cinco de Mayo; Mother's Day; Memorial Day; Father's Day; **Summer Solstice**; Fourth of July; **Summer celebration of God's creation**. Age: Adult. 152 Pages.



### **GOD'S BLUE EARTH: TEACHING KIDS TO CELEBRATE THE SACRED GIFT OF WATER (822051)**

Author: Blokland, Suzanne and Hammer, Randy. This book includes six interactive, Christian-based lessons on the importance of water conservation. Each lesson includes fun scientific facts with Biblical reinforcement and hands-on activities to engage children. This resource will encourage children to discover, experience, appreciate, respect, and celebrate God's sacred gift of water. Sessions: Water in the creation story (Gen. 1:1—2:4, selected verses); Noah and the flood (Gen. 6:9—9:16, selected verses); Moses in the basket on the Nile River (Ex. 1:8-10, 22; 2:1-10); The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River (Matt. 3:13-17); Jesus stills the waves (Matt. 8:23-27); Gathering at the community well (Jn. 4:5-11, 13-15, 25-26, 28-30, 39-40). Appropriate for use in a classroom or for Vacation Bible School. Age: Adult. 134 Pages.



**GOD'S GOOD EARTH: PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR CREATION (819035)** Author: Rowthorn, Anne and Jeffery. This book offers Christians and their communities an engaging resource for prayer, reflection, and worship that reflects and nourishes their efforts to serve God and care for God's creation. Compilers Anne and Jeffery Rowthorn have prepared 52 beautiful, ready-made prayer services, each around a specific theme, drawing from a rich variety of ecumenical resources: psalms and other responsive readings, Scripture, hymns, prayers, and reflections from the world's most engaging nature writers and interpreters of the social and cultural landscape. Units: God the Creator and God's glorious creation; God's physical universe; The diversity of God's creatures; The human community and its needs; The whole creation groaning in travail; Hope and the future. Age: Adult. 352 Pages.

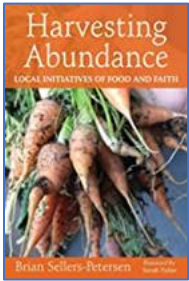


### **GREEN CHURCH: CARETAKERS OF GOD'S CREATION (821093)**

Author: Flegal, Daphna and Wade, Suzann. A Six-Week Study for Kids. Sessions: 1) Be green; 2) Think green; 3) Act green; 4) Live green; 5) Turn green; 6) Celebrate green. Each lesson includes introductory activities that children select based on their interest, a large group time when children come together to hear and interact with the Bible story, and a small group time when children discuss ways to take action for God's creation (divided into younger children and elementary children). Age: Elementary. 64 Pages.



**GREEN CHURCH: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, REJOICE! (811040)** Author: Simon-Peter, Rebekah. Climate change is in the news, but what does it mean for Christians and how can you help? This book answers these questions in ways that are both hopeful and engaging. Citing Scripture and science, the author weaves in personal stories of Sabbath, gardening, recycling, camping, and the power of faith. She challenges us to consider our role in the care of creation and to help save the earth for future generations. Larger than average print. Age: Adult. 114 Pages.



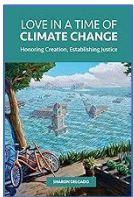
**HARVESTING ABUNDANCE: LOCAL INITIATIVES OF FOOD AND FAITH (817126)** Author: Sellers-Petersen, Brian. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of the land and to share its produce. Learn how congregations, schools, and organizations across the United States are reaching out to their neighborhoods to share God's story of abundance through a variety of agricultural initiatives, offering inspiration to all of us to nurture our own relationship with our Creator -- and with each other -- by planting a garden and feeding the hungry. Includes color photos. Age: Adult. 152 Pages.



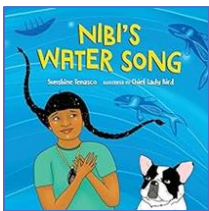
**HOSPITABLE PLANET: FAITH, ACTION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE (817254)** Author: Jurovics, Stephen. This book explores the biblical commandments that relate to the environment and discusses what individuals and organizations can do to help move toward more environmentally-friendly energy sources. Topics: Environmental teachings in the Bible Jesus knew; A call to action - national level; A call to action - local level. Age: Adult. 155 Pages.



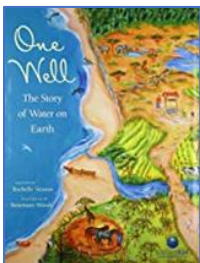
**INWARD AND OUTWARD HEALTH (815001)** Author: Madden, Deborah, editor. John Wesley's Holistic Concept of Medical Science, the Environment and Holy Living. Chapter titles: Saving souls and saving lives -- John Wesley's Inward and Outward Health; Reclaiming the eccentric parent -- Methodist reception of John Wesley's interest in medicine; **A Wesleyan theology of environmental stewardship**; Pastor and physician -- John Wesley's cures for consumption; A necessary relationship -- John Wesley and the body-soul connection; This curious and important subject -- John Wesley and The Desideratum; Health of soul and health of body -- the supernatural dimensions of healing in John Wesley. Includes index. Age: Adult. 238 Pages.



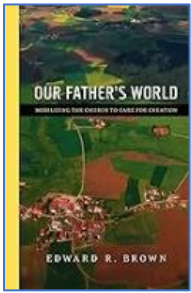
**LOVE IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE: HONORING CREATION, ESTABLISHING JUSTICE (818201)** Author: Delgado, Sharon. This book challenges readers to develop a loving response to climate change, which disproportionately harms the poor, threatens future generations, and damages God's creation. This book creatively adapts John Wesley's theological method by using scripture, tradition, reason, and experience to explore the themes of creation and justice in the context of the earth's changing climate. Age: Adult. 205 Pages.



**NIBI'S WATER SONG (822036)** Author: Tenasco, Sunshine. This bright and vivacious full-color picture book from two Indigenous creators celebrates the energy, moxie, and determination of water activists of all ages. When Nibi, an Indigenous girl, turns the tap in her house, only mucky brown water comes out. That starts her on a search for clean water to drink. Though she must face polluted rivers, unfriendly neighbors, and discouragement, Nibi's joyful energy becomes a catalyst for change and action as her community rallies around her to make clean drinking water available for all. **LARGE PRINT**. \*2023 UWF Reading Program: Social Action - suitable for children. Age: Preschool – Upper Elementary. 30 Pages.

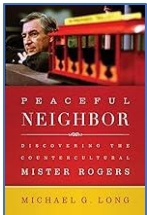


**ONE WELL: THE STORY OF WATER ON EARTH (818028)** Author: Strauss, Rochelle. Designed for ages 8 - 12, this full color picture book explores the concept that everyone on Earth shares the same water supply and shares ways we can protect it. Includes index. Illustrated by Rosemary Woods. Larger than average print. Age: Elementary – Middle school. 32 Pages.



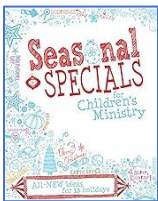
### **OUR FATHER'S WORLD: MOBILIZING THE CHURCH TO CARE FOR CREATION**

**(808158)** Author: Brown, Edward. The author offers a biblical framework for creation care as well as practical steps that ordinary Christians can take to exercise good ecological stewardship. Includes discussion questions. Age: Adult. 203 Pages.



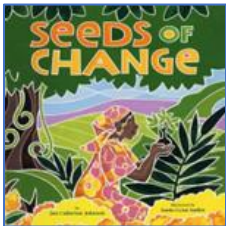
### **PEACEFUL NEIGHBOR: DISCOVERING THE COUNTERCULTURAL MISTER ROGERS**

**(816029)** Author: Long, Michael. Author Michael Long discusses Fred Roger's convictions and their expression through his children's program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Chapters: 1) "Isn't Peace Wonderful?": against the Vietnam War, for Gandhi; 2) "War Isn't Nice": against the arms race, for peaceful imagination; 3) "I Like You": against the Cold War, for puppet détente; 4) "Just the Way You Are": a theology of peace; 5) "It's Okay to Be Angry": a psychology of peace; 6) "A Gross Form of Abuse": from the Persian Gulf War to the war on terror; 7) "A Black Brother": race and diversity; 8) "Food for the World": tears for hungry children; 9) "I'm Tired of Being a Lady": tough girls, sensitive boys; 10) "He Understood": homosexuality and gay friends; 11) **"I Love Tofu Burgers and Beets": animals and mothers**; 12) **"Take Care of This Wonderful World": peace on earth.** Includes index. Age: Adult. 203 Pages.



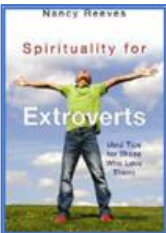
### **SEASONAL SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (814158)**

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.



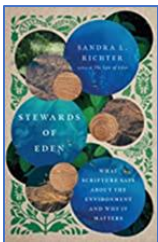
### **SEEDS OF CHANGE: PLANTING A PATH TO PEACE (811047)**

Author: Johnson, Jen Cullerton. This full-color picture book for children is a biography of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize winner and environmentalist Wangari Maathai, a female scientist who made a stand in the face of opposition to women's rights and started her own Green Belt Movement, an effort to restore Kenya's ecosystem by planting millions of trees. Age: Elementary. 39 Pages.



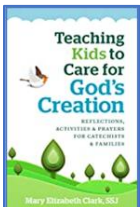
### **SPIRITUALITY FOR EXTROVERTS (AND TIPS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THEM) (808086)**

Author: Reeves, Nancy. Part 1: Getting to Know Spiritual Extroverts. Part 2: Extrovert Spiritual Practices (praying and meditating, singing, cultivating spiritual friendships, moving prayer, practicing spirituality in groups, spiritual reading and writing, **praying in nature**). Part 3: Living More Deeply into Spiritual Extroversion. Includes discussion questions and ideas for using the book in groups. Age: Adult. 156 Pages.



### **STEWARDS OF EDEN: WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND WHY IT MATTERS (821005)**

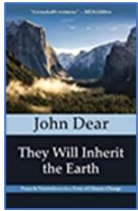
Author: Richter, Sandra. Chapters: Can a Christian be an environmentalist?; Creation as God's blueprint; The people of the Old Covenant and their Landlord; The domestic creatures entrusted to adam; The wild creatures entrusted to adam; Environmental terrorism; The widow and the orphan; The people of the New Covenant and our Landlord; How should we then live? Includes discussion questions, bibliography, subject index and Scripture index. Age: Adult. 158 Pages.



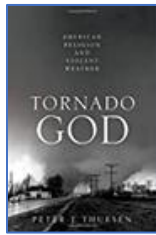
### **TEACHING KIDS TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION: REFLECTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND PRAYERS FOR CATECHISTS AND FAMILIES (820000)**

Author: Clark, Mary Elizabeth. This book gives ideas to parents and teachers for helping young people and their families do the good work of keeping our planet livable and sustainable for coming generations. Chapters: On care for our common home; What is our common home?; What is happening to our home now?; What can I do about pollution?; Who lives in our common home?; How do we live in our common home?; What can I do about how I live?; What does Jesus in the gospels show us?; What can I do to be more like Jesus?; What does my faith teach me about how to live?; What does science teach?; What do I know about

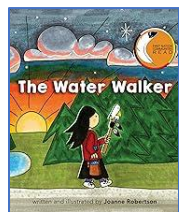
the mystery of the universe?; What can I learn from nature?; What are some ways I can be more creative?; How can I practice being in harmony?; How do I get along with people?; Steps to make a decision to keep the peace; How does technology help me to care?; What does food have to do with our common home?; What kinds of games can deepen our care?; What would a new way of being look like?; Ways to celebrate the joy and peace; How does the mystery of the Holy Trinity help us?; How do I celebrate the Sabbath?; What sacramental signs help us to remember?; What can we do during Advent?; What can we do during Lent?; Mary is a model for us; What saints are good examples of caring?; Canticle of the Sun - ways to celebrate Earth every day. Age: Adult. 80 Pages.



**THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH: PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE (819165)** Author: Dear, John. At his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes the connection between our practice of nonviolence and our unity with creation. From that, this book extrapolates that our rejection of nonviolence is inevitably linked to the catastrophic effects of climate change and environmental ruin. These personal stories of John Dear's life and work invite us to return to nonviolence as a way of life and a living solidarity with earth and its creatures. \*2020 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: Adult. 160 Pages.



**TORNADO GOD: AMERICAN RELIGION AND VIOLENT WEATHER (820130)** Author: Thuesen, Peter. One of the earliest sources of humanity's religious impulse was severe weather, which ancient peoples attributed to the wrath of storm gods. Enlightenment thinkers derided such beliefs as superstition and predicted they would pass away as humans became more scientifically and theologically sophisticated. But in America, scientific and theological hubris came face-to-face with the tornado, nature's most violent windstorm. Striking the United States more than any other nation, tornadoes have consistently defied scientists' efforts to unlock their secrets. Meteorologists now acknowledge that even the most powerful computers will likely never be able to predict a tornado's precise path. Tornadoes have repeatedly brought Americans to the outer limits of theology, drawing them into the vortex of such mysteries as how to reconcile suffering with a loving God and whether there is underlying purpose or randomness in the universe. In this groundbreaking history, Peter Thuesen captures the harrowing drama of tornadoes, as clergy, theologians, meteorologists, and ordinary citizens struggle to make sense of these death-dealing tempests. Chapters: 'Whirlwind of the Lord' – the enduring god(s) of the storm; 'The violence of winds, and the reasonings of men' – storms and providence in colonial America; 'Stormy wind fulfilling His Word' – meteorology and theology in the nineteenth century; 'Every wind of doctrine' – explaining the whirlwind, 1900-1965; 'As stubble before the wind' – divine mystery and human responsibility; The primal whirlwind. Includes black and white illustrations and photographs, general and Scripture indexes and bibliography. Age: Adult. 293 Pages.



**WATER WALKER / NIBI EMOSAARDANG (819185)** Author: Robertson, Joanne; Williams, Shirley; Toulouse, Isadore. A full-color paperback book. An Ojibwe grandmother (nokomis) loves nibi (water). No-komis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect nibi for future generations and for all life on the planet. She and others have walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example she challenges us to take responsibility for protecting our water and to protect our planet for all generations. Ages: Elementary – Adult. 38 Pages.



**WORSHIP FEAST: OUTDOORS (812072)** Author: Youngman, Jenny. 25 Experiences of God's Great Earth (plus bonus experiences). This book provides Scriptures, activities, song suggestions, and prayers for leading worship without the constraints of walls and a ceiling: Sunrise on the beach; At a well; At a swimming pool; In a spring rain; In a river; Lakeside; In sight of a waterfall; On a boat; On a mountaintop; In a cave; In view of a rainbow; Under a starlit sky; In a green pasture; At a farm or garden; On a trail; In view of a sunset; At a rest area; At a campground; At a park; At a bonfire; At an amusement park; In a backyard; At a sports event; At a mall; In a snow fall; Among budding trees and flowers; In the fullness of spring; In the heat of a summer day; A late summer night; When autumn leaves are falling; On a windy day; On a freezing cold day. Age: Adult. 111 Pages.