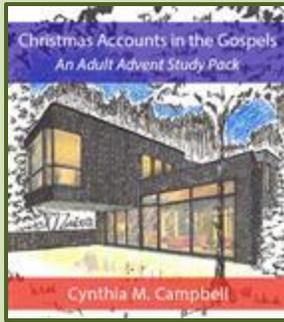


A Website Resource Idea from your Resource Center

An often overlooked resource for Presbyterians is the website, <https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com>, which is part of the Presbyterian Publishing Inc. having resources for just about any subject for which you might be looking.



Besides many books on theology, religion and Christian living, it also offers studies that you may instantly download for a small cost. For instance, right now, there is an interesting looking downloadable study titled ***Christmas Accounts in the Gospels***, which is a four-session study. In it, we are asked to consider what each Gospel writer's house might have looked like at Christmas based on the writer's description of Jesus' birth. The study includes participant handouts, leader's guides and illustrations of each imagined Gospel house.

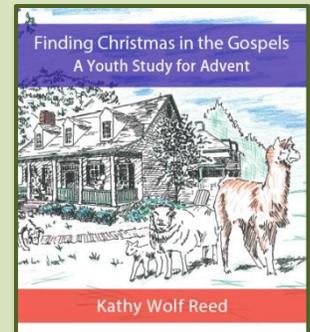
If you are researching studies for a variety of classes throughout the year, you might consider a subscription to The Thoughtful Christian. For just \$125 a year, you have access to all their downloadable studies, though each may be bought individually without a subscription.

Some other downloadable studies for adults to take us through the Advent and Christmas season are listed below. Each study is \$18, unless otherwise noted. To learn more about each study, go to <https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com> and write the title in the search box.

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns for Adults
- A Season of Hope and Anticipation: Advent Themes in the Four Gospels
- Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited
- Spiritual Practices for the Season
- Christmas Study Pack (*seven sessions \$35.00*)
- From Longing to Receiving
- Held in God's Grace
- Pausing on the Road to Bethlehem
- People, Look East: A Study Pack on Advent Hymns
- Rejoice! Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns
- Repentance, Faith, Holiness, and Love
- The Messiah



There are additional downloadable Advent and Christmas studies styled just for youth. In particular, there is a new study titled **Finding Christmas in the Gospel**, which is a four-session study based on **Christmas Accounts in the Gospels: An Adult Advent Study**. Like that study, it challenges high schoolers to envision what each Gospel writer's house might have looked like at Christmas based on the writer's description of Jesus' birth. The study leads youth to think about Gospel themes such as *lifting the lowly, finding hope, seeking simplicity, seeing God's presence among us* and more.



Other Advent and Christmas youth studies are:

- Preparing Our Hearts: A Youth Advent Study Based on the Gospels
- Hope, Peace, Joy and Love
- The Real Christmas Story
- Preparing Our Hearts: A Youth Advent Study Pack
- Preparing the Way
- Stories and Symbols of the Nativity
- Using Our Gifts for God's Creation
- Walking and Waiting with Biblical Figures
- Advent (*one-session, \$7.50*)

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