

Resource List: Children and Youth Ministries

Children: General

Dawn, Marv. *Is It A Lost Cause? Having the Heart of God for the Church's Children.* (William Eerdmans Publishing, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1997) ISBN 0802843735

Keffer, Lois & Stone, Dean and the God Prints team. *Hearts, Brains and Growing Pains.* (Cook Communication Ministries, 2000) ISBN0781436842. Presents a light-hearted and humorous look at how we can help children build a faith relationship with God. Absolutely loaded with great ideas but book is challenging as a resource due to lack of contents page or index.

Elliott, Penny. *(Creation is !WoW! A Bible study about creation for kids between eight and twelve.* (Christian Art Publishers, Vereeniging. 2000) ISBN 1-86852-7239

Kushner, Harold S. *When Children Ask About God.* (Schocken Books, New York. 1989.) ISBN 0-8052-0879-8

Haack, Kelly J. *Family Faith Walks: On the Go Faith Activities.* (Concordia Publishing, St. Louis. 2002) ISBN 0-7586-0045-3. Through the year indoor/outdoor activities for families with children from 7-11. Flexible and easily adaptable for programming.

Trulson, Darrel A. *Good Choice, Bad Choice: 18 studies on making good decisions.* (InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois. 1995.) ISBN 0-8308-1114-1. These studies were created for families with children aged 4-12. They could easily be adapted for use in after school programmes. Each would take 15-20 mins to complete.

VanderMeer, Harriet. *Rings, Kings, and Butterflies: Lessons on Christian Symbols for Children with CD Rom.* (Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis 2006) ISBN 0-8066-49311-3. A helpful resource for teachers, worship leaders, and parents who want to help children learn about Christian symbols and the seasons of the church year.

Children: Curriculum/Storytelling

Berryman, Jerome and Stewart, Sonya. *Young Children and Worship.* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1989) ISBN 0-664-25040-8

White, William R. *Stories for the Journey: A Sourcebook for Christian Storytellers.* (Augsburg, Minneapolis 1988) ISBN 0-8066-2364-0

White, William R. *Speaking in Stories: Resources for Christian Storytellers.* (Augsburg, Minneapolis 1982.) ISBN 0-8066-11929-5

Stohs, Anita Reith. *Show Me a Story! Visual Aids for Telling Stories.* (Concordia Publishing House. 2004 www.cph.org) ISBN 0-7568-0783-0

Aurelio, John. *Story Sunday: Christian Fairy Tales for Young and Old Alike*. (Paulist Press, New York, Toronto. 1978) ISBN 0-8091-211-8

Wiggly, Giggly Bible Stories from the Old Testament. (Group Publishing Inc. 2000 www.grouppublishing.com) ISBN 0-7644-2145-X

Youth: Youth Ministry/Theology

White, David. *Practicing Discernment with Youth: a transformative youth ministry approach*. (Pilgrim Press, Cleveland 2005) ISBN 0-8298-1631-3

This book is focused on inviting youth to be disciples, the author describing the context of ministry as a place where youth can discover their incarnationally centered discipleship

Borgman, Dean. *When Kumbaya is not Enough: A practical theology for youth ministry*. (Henderson Publishers, Peabody, Mass. 1997) ISBN 1-56563-247-8. A theological framework for youth ministry.

Creasy Dean, Kenda; Clark, Chap and Rahn, David. Editors. *Starting Right: Thinking Theologically about Youth Ministry*. (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2001) ISBN 0-310-23406-9. A reference tool that calls all youth workers to consider their ministry in terms of practical theology. A primary text book for undergraduate and seminary youth ministry courses. A wide range of well respected contributory writers.

Youth: General

Johnson, Scott. *Can I Be a Christian without being Weird?* (Bethany House Publishers, Minneapolis, Minnesota 1992) ISBN 1-55661-281-8. A collection of forty-six readings for early teens on getting to know God.

Rice, Wayne. *Great Ideas for Small Youth Groups: (Youth Specialties, Zondervan , Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1986) ISBN 0-310-34891-9*

101 Affirmations for Teenagers. Esteem Building Activities for Youth Ministry. (Group Publishing, Loveland, Colorado. 1993) A book with ideas to help your teenagers to feel good about themselves, build confidence, deal with emotional challenges and to learn to love and accept others.

English, June A. *Anglican Young People's Dictionary*. (ABC Publishing, Toronto, Ontario. 1995) ISBN 1-55126-423-4. "The Anglican Young People's Dictionary contains concise, engaging, easy-to-read definitions of some 150 often-spoken but frequently misunderstood words used by Anglicans.

Creasy Dean, Kenda. *Practicing Passion: Youth and the quest for a passionate church.* (Eerdmans Publishing, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2004) ISBN 978-0-8028-4712-6. This book recognizing that if the church is to speak meaningfully to youth and share the many gifts they have to offer, then its ministry must be predicated on passion – of Christ, of youth. It presents a new model for reaching, discipling, and empowering today's young adults.

Schmitt, Betsy and Veerman, David. *365 Trivia Twist Devotions: An almanac of fun facts and spiritual truth for everyday of the year.* (Standard Publishing, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2005.) ISBN 0-7847-1737-0 . A collection of devotions, colourful and attractive, suitable for youth to read on their own or present to group. Particularly suited to pre teens but would be useful for all age groups.

Kempe, Jan. *You and God and Me Together: A Special Book for Parent and Teen: Exploring life, learning about our faith, and making the right moves.* (Discovery House, Grand Rapids. 1992) ISBN 0929239555

Kohlenberger, John. Editor. *1 Minute Bible 4 Students: With 366 Devotions for Daily Living.* (Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville, Tennessee. 1998) ISBN 080549348-4

Johnson, Donald. *Praying the Catechism.* (Wallinford Press, Manitoba. 1995) ISBN

Worship:

Hapemann, Zach. *Object Talks that Teach the Gospels.* (Standard Publishing, Ohio 1984) ISBN 0784709416

Van Seters, Virginia Ann. *26 Object Talks for Children's Worship.* (Standard Publishing, Cincinnati. 1986) ISBN 0-87403-497-3

Michaels, Larry R. *Easy Bible Object Talks.* (Standard Publishing, Cincinnati. 1985) ISBN 0-87239-846-3

Augsburg Sermons for Children: 60 Creative and Easy to Use Messages on Gospel Texts: Gospels, Series B. (Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis. 1993) ISBN 0-8066-2622-4

Wangerin, Walter. *Ragman and Other Cries of Faith.* (Harper, San Francisco. 2004) ISBN 0-06-052614-9

Rabalais, Sister Maria and Hall, Howard. *Children Celebrate! Resources for Youth Liturgy.* (Paulist , New York 1974) ISBN 0-8091-1820-3. Though dated this book continues to provide good starting points.

Richards, Blair and Sigmund, Janice. *Come Let Us Celebrate: A Resource Book of Contemporary Worship Services.* (Hawthorn Books Inc., New York. 1976) ISBN 0-8015-

1457-6. Contains 26 complete and easily adaptable worship services planned around themes for different times and seasons.

Bausch, William J. *A World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers*. (Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic. 2004) ISBN 0-89622-919-X

Sladen, Kathleen. *Let Them Worship: A Cross-Denominational Book of Worship-Resources for ages 4-18*. (S.K.H.S Publications, Toronto 1976) A resource for teaching children about worship and prayer as well as liturgical material for young people.

Weems, Ann. *Reaching for Rainbows*. (Westminster John Knox Press, Philadelphia. 1980) ISBN 0-664-24355-X

Weems, Ann. *Family Faith Stories*. (Westminster Press, Philadelphia. 1985) ISBN 0-664-24670-2

Dawn, Marva J. *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down- A Theology of Worship for the Turn-of-the-Century Culture* (Eerdmans Publishing Company, Michigan. 1995.) ISBN 0-8028-4102-3. Helps parishes to think more thoroughly about both worship and culture- this book discusses music, preaching, Scripture readings, rituals, liturgies, art, and all the accoutrements of offering practical suggestions for choosing the best tools to deepen worship life and nurture faith.

Dunn, Greig S. *Servers and services: Instructions for serving Anglican liturgies*. (Anglican Book Centre, Toronto. 1986) ISBN 0-919891-41-1. A resource for servers and priests arranging services and training servers.

Kwatera, Michael *The Ministry of Servers*. (Liturgical Press, Minnesota. 1982) ISBN 0-8146-1300-4. Gives detailed instructions for altar servers.

Rogers, Tom. *Because God has called: devotions for church workers*. (C.P.H. St. Louis. 1999) ISBN 0-570-05392-7. Collection of 70 devotions focus on how God constantly provides the resources to accomplish the tasks he sets before his disciples.

Games:

All Star Games from all star youth leaders (Group Publishing, Loveland, Colorado 1998.) ISBN 0-7644-2020-8. A collection of over 60 tried and tested games for youth, including ice breakers, mixers, cooperative games, competitive games, off-the-wall games, games that make a point, and event games.

Wilson, Pip. *Games Without Frontiers*. (Marshall Pickering/Zondervan. 1998) ISBN 0-551-01554-3

Hohenstein, Mary. *A compact encyclopedia of Games for people of all ages*. (Bathany House Publishers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1980.) ISBN 0-87123-191-3

Quick Games for Children's Ministry. (Group Publishing, Loveland, Colorado. 1992) ISBN 1-55945-157-2. A collection of 100 games suitable for preschoolers and

elementary aged children. Designed to help them get to know others, increase sensitivity to others, increase knowledge of bible stories and of have fun.

Miscellaneous:

McMullen, Shawn. Ed. *Unleashing the Potential of the Smaller Church* (Standard Publishing, Ohio. 2006) ISBN 0-7847-1621-8. Chapters in this book on many aspects of small church ministry including Family Ministry, Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry. Introductory but with practical suggestions.

Marshall, John. *The Bumper book of family activities*. (Scripture Union, London, England. 1994.) ISBN 0-86201-933-8 . A collection of activities which would be useful in building fellowship for all-age groups in churches. Outdoor, indoor, fun, playful, learning, worship.

Robbins, Duffy and Fields, Doug. *Memory Makers:50 moments your kids will never forget*. (Zondervan Publishing House. Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1996.) A collection of activities to help you create vivid memories in children and youth in personal and group settings.

Stevens, R. Paul. *Equippers's Guide to Every Member Ministry: Eight ways ordinary people can do the work of the church*. (InterVarsity Press, Illinois.1992) ISBN 0-8308-1337-3

Townley, Rosalind M. *Creative Church Bulletin Boards*. (CSS Publishing Co. Lima, Ohio.2005) ISBN 0-7880-2359-4

Lockhart, Ann. Editor. *The Pitkin Guide to Celtic Saints*. (Pitkin Unichrome Ltd., Andover, U.K. 2001) ISBN 0- 85372-741-4. Attractive, colourful 20 page guide to the principal celtic saints.

Walker, Laura and Michael. *God Rest Ye Grumpy Scroogeysmen: New Traditions for Comfort and Joy at Christmas*. (Revell, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2005) ISBN 08000718348

Weising, Gwen. *Finding Dollars for Family Fun: Creating Happy Memories on a Budget*. (Fleming Revell, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1993) ISBN 0800754700

Murray, Tamela Hancock. *Bible Survival: A Trivia Challenge for the Adventurous Soul*. (Barbour Publishing, Uhrichville, Ohio.2001) ISBN 1-58660-408-2

Candolini, Gernot. *Labyrinths:Walking Towards the Center*. (Crossroad Publishing, New York. 2003.) ISBN 0-8245-2102-1