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## Centered Teaching Cycle B Spring

Centered Teaching, a new supplemental resource for Cycle B, adapts materials for broadly-graded or traditional age groupings. Plans are used with existing teacher and student materials. Buy 1, photocopy as needed. **\$14.99 US, \$20.99 CAN**

**New for Jubilee!**

*"Centered Teaching is concise and helpful, and the suggestions for responses are so varied and interesting—I wish we had time to try all of them!"*  
— Mary, Waterloo, Ontario

### FREE!

#### Jubilee Guidebook

The Jubilee Guidebook provides foundational information and an overview of the entire curriculum, for educators and pastors.

While supplies last.



## Spring Overview: Cycle B

### Early Childhood

#### Jesus, Our Teacher

This quarter's stories, from Matthew, are grouped around the theme of Jesus as teacher. Through stories, Jesus taught his disciples and the crowds of people who gathered around him. He taught them to love God and each other and to show love for Jesus in many ways.

### Primary

#### Jesus Shows God to Us

We are formed by the stories we hear of Jesus' promised birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. These stories invite us to be friends with Jesus and part of God's family. By his actions, teaching, and death, Jesus showed God to us and showed us how God wants us to act. Jesus showed God's love and power to many different kinds of people.

### Middler

#### God Takes People Seriously

In this quarter, Jesus tells a series of parables to teach his disciples about their choices. Jesus made it very clear beforehand that some choices will delight God, and other choices will be upsetting to God. The choices we must make are whether to forgive; whether to celebrate with God; whether to be prepared to act; and whether to care for the needy.

### Junior Youth

#### Jesus Brings in the New

In the spring quarter, Jesus brings in the new. In the book of Matthew, Jesus gave other important instructions to the disciples after the Sermon on the Mount. Consistent themes in this teaching are the surprising action of God and the new responses of human beings. Jesus taught the disciples that God is going to do new and unexpected things.



Find more information and a sample session of **Centered Teaching** at [www.mph.org/jubilee](http://www.mph.org/jubilee)

#### Story Figures

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**Upcoming Featured Units:**

**Summer 2005:** Living Without Violence;  
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**Other titles available**

- Awesome God
- Celebrating Advent
- Encountering Jesus
- Friends Forever
- Get Real: God and Media
- God Rules: The Ten Commandments
- God's Gift of Sex
- Online with the Holy Spirit
- Peace Heroes
- Say What?
- Some Body
- Understanding Gangs
- Unmasking the End Times
- What Gives? Using God's Money
- Winning: Competition and Faith

**All studies:**

**\$9.99 US, \$13.99 CAN**

**Featured for Spring 2005**

**Praying the Lord's Prayer**

This inspiring, five-session study uses the familiar Matthew 6 text to help junior high students become more comfortable with the act of prayer. It seeks to move prayer beyond form and function to become the intimate fellowship God intended it to be.

**Living the Beatitudes**

An eight-session Bible study focusing on the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Lessons challenge students to become followers of God by following Christ's example. The material helps young people: seek God's guidance, ask for and receive forgiveness, turn control over to God, strive for justice, respond with compassion, examine their motivations, and become peacemakers.



Find a **free sample session** of Fast Lane at [www.mph.org/flr](http://www.mph.org/flr)

"The whole Fast Lane series is wonderful...."

— Jane Charlotte, North Carolina

Fast Lane Bible Studies address issues facing young teens today in a way that is fun for them. Each study includes active learning, reproducible student materials, flexible step-by-step teaching plans, options for different learning styles and interests, and topics not found elsewhere. No student pieces required.

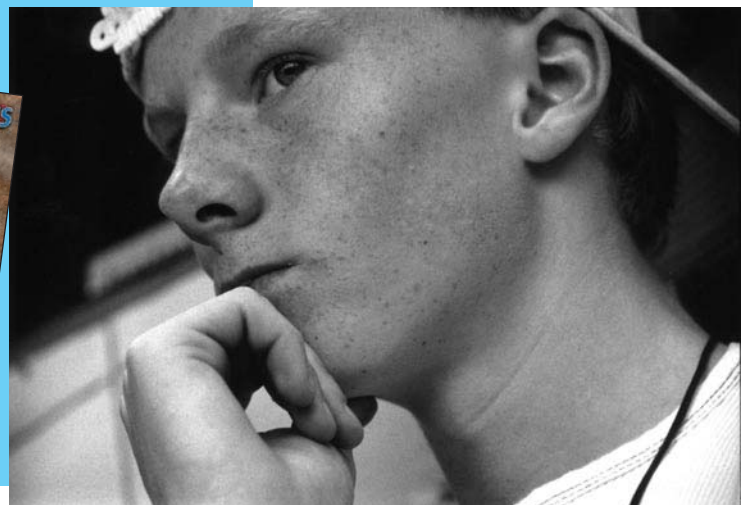
**Adventures with the Anabaptists**

is a core resource recommended for all Mennonite youth. Ten active sessions, adaptable to junior or senior high, introduce youth to the major personalities, events, and issues of the Anabaptist movement in Europe in the 16th century. Each session has a Bible study component and teaches youth through storytelling, role-play, and discussion that connects the issues to their own lives in the 21st Century. This study grounds Mennonite youth in the roots of their faith tradition in a fun, accessible, and relevant way. Spiral back format.

**\$29.99 US, \$41.99 CAN**



Mennonite heritage study



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In a time of violence, injustice, materialism, and hard questions, Generation Why Bible Studies help youth apply the Bible to real life. No student pieces required.



*"Generation Why is flexible, and involves students. Our group gave every session a 'thumbs up'!"*

— Darrell Pulaski, Iowa

### Featured for Spring 2005

#### Reconcilable Differences: Biblical Insights for Repairing Relationships

This unit will help youth evaluate and repair relationships—with creation, other races, male-female, adversarial ones, and with family—in response to the Christian life of faith. (5 sessions)

#### Does God Fight? Violence in the Bible

What does the Bible say about violence and armed conflict? A discussion of issues in the Old and New Testaments. (6 sessions)



### Upcoming Featured Units

#### Summer 2005:

Pain and Praise: The Book of Psalms;  
The Place Just Right: Biblical Teachings on Simplicity

#### All five-session studies:

\$12.99 US,  
\$20.29 CAN

#### All six-session studies:

\$14.99 US,  
\$23.49 CAN

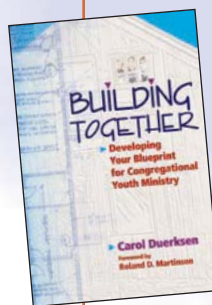
Find a **free sample session** of Generation Why at [www.mph.org/flr](http://www.mph.org/flr)

### Recommended for youth ministry teams

#### Building Together: Developing Your Blueprint for Congregational Youth Ministry

Practical reference and real-life examples combine to offer an inspiring, comprehensive approach to youth ministry that takes seriously the needs of youth, the congregation, and the changing culture. Building Together promotes involving youth in the whole life of the congregation, and outlines how to nurture dynamic Christian discipleship.

\$12.99 US, \$18.29 CAN



#### One on One: Making the Most of Your Mentoring Relationship

This guide reviews the basic elements of mentoring youth in the Christian context and provides resources for planning and living out a mentoring relationship. The 8½ x 11 inch spiral binding format has 16 share sheets to provide a practical format for discussion topics and issues.

\$15.99 US, \$22.99 CAN



### Other titles available:

Apocalypse When?  
Daniel and Revelation

Bad News, God News:  
Prophets Speak Truth to Power

The Bold and the Dutiful:  
The Book of James

Close Encounters: New Testament Personalities

Clueless and Called:  
Discipleship and the Gospel of Mark

Dating: The Art of Respect

Deal With It: The Bible on Death and Dying

Do Miracles Happen? Signs and Wonders in the Gospel of John

Do the Right Thing: Ethics with Meaning

Fight Right: A Christian Approach to Conflict

The Gospel Revolution

Hangin' Loose, Holdin' Tight: Paul's Epistles

Holy Hogwash: What the Bible Never Said

How Do You Know? Wisdom in the Bible

How to Be a True Friend

How to Read the Bible

Keeping the Garden: a Faith Response To God's Creation

Living Beyond Our Means: Biblical Stewardship

Mantras, Menorahs, and Minarets: Encountering Other Faiths

Maxed Out! How Old Testament Personalities Handled Stress

Moneytalk: Living Generously

Morphed: New Life in Romans

Pain and Praise: Psalms

The Radical Reign: Parables of Jesus

Rocky Road: The Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount

The Serpent's Apple: Temptation in the Bible

Singing in the Reign: Joy and Celebration in the Bible

A Speck in the Universe: What the Bible Says About Self-Esteem and Peer Pressure

Take Two Tablets: The Ten Commandments

Testing the Waters: Considering Covenant, Community, and Baptism

Who is God?

Who is Jesus?

Who's In, Who's Out?

You Can't Make Me Go To Church

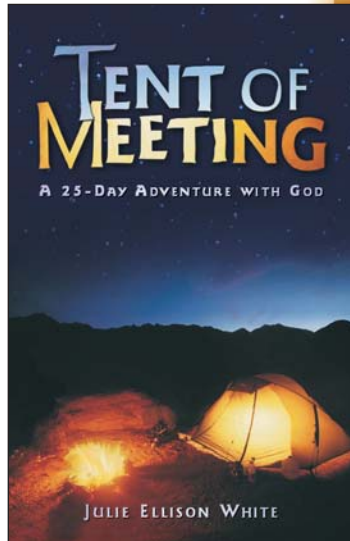
**NEW!**

## Tent of Meeting

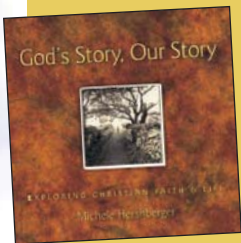
**A 25-day Adventure with God**

Tent of Meeting will help youth grow spiritually by taking them deeper in their friendship with God. They will learn to know God by entering into a “tent of meeting,” a sacred space where they can practice spiritual disciplines that have enriched the lives of Christians for centuries. Available in a youth version with guided daily journaling exercises, and an expanded version with leader tips outlining weekly group experiences.

**Youth \$7.99 US, \$11.29 CAN**  
**Leader \$9.99 US, \$13.99 CAN**



## Baptism and Church Membership

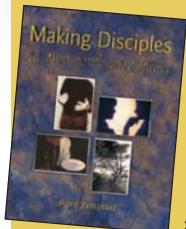


### God's Story, Our Story: Exploring Christian Faith & Life

This resource, for those considering baptism or church membership, addresses essential issues of Christian faith through

an engaging survey of the biblical story, and sidebars containing real conversations from believers of all ages. Suitable for group and individual study.

**\$11.99 US, \$16.79 CAN**



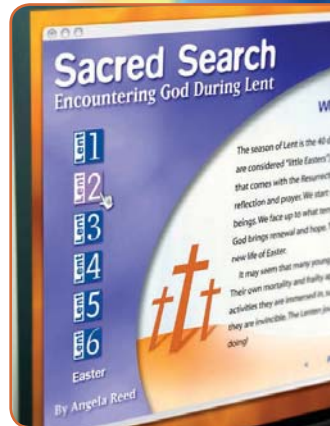
### Making Disciples: Preparing People for Baptism, Christian Living, and Church Membership

This practical guide helps pastors and other leaders invite, instruct, baptize, and follow up with new members.

It includes an adaptable 10-session study plan linked with God's Story, Our Story and to Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. Three-ring binder with reproducible handouts.

**\$19.99 US, \$27.99 CAN**

**New!**



### SACRED SEARCH: ENCOUNTERING GOD DURING LENT

Today's youth seek intimacy, identity, and a greater spiritual awareness of what lies beyond themselves. Sacred Search: Encountering God During Lent invites youth to know God, themselves, and others in deeper ways by doing a kind of “internal housekeeping” during Lent. This leader resource outlines six Lenten exploration sessions and an Easter celebration.

**\$14.99 US, \$20.99 CAN**

Download **free** student response pages for Sacred Search at [www.mph.org](http://www.mph.org)

*“Sacred Search teaches youth how to use ancient Christian prayer traditions and encourages them to make them their own.”*

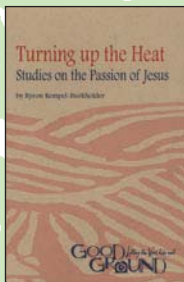
*— Irma Fast Dveck, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Canadian Mennonite University*

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# GOOD GROUND

*Letting the Word take root*

"I love using these studies. We've appreciated the Bible focus, and the ideas for group participation."  
— Claude Pandora, Ohio

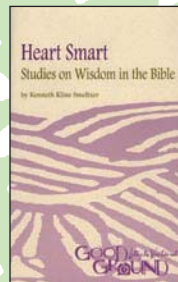


## Featured for Spring 2005

### Heart Smart:

#### Studies on Wisdom in the Bible

Heart Smart looks at the Bible's perspectives on true wisdom and the good life it offers.



### Turning up the Heat:

#### Studies on the Passion of Jesus

In these sessions, you will discover how the story of Jesus' journey to the cross reveals not only God's passionate love for humanity, but also Jesus' invitation to a life of servanthood and nonviolence.



Free sample session available at [www.goodground.org](http://www.goodground.org)

"It seems like we have more discussion with Good Ground than we've had with other curriculums."  
— Betty, Pea Ridge, Arkansas

Good Ground: Letting the Word Take Root is an interactive Bible study series for Sunday school or other adult groups. Each unit includes six easy-to-use sessions and provides opportunities to apply biblical wisdom to real-life challenges and problems. All participants use the same book and leader's tips are included following each session. Studies are not dated and can be used at any time.

### Upcoming Featured Units

Summer 2005

#### Banking on God:

#### Exploring Salvation in the Bible

#### Of Brats and Brothers:

#### Joseph's Coming of Age in Genesis

All units: \$5.99 US, \$9.49 CAN

### Other Good Ground titles available:

All Heaven Breaks Loose: Studies in the Gospel of Mark  
An Odd Body: Church, Witness, and Culture  
Banking on God: Exploring Salvation in the Bible  
Bursting the Wineskins: Five Radical Sermons of Jesus in Matthew  
Choosing Sides: Faithfulness in the Book of Joshua  
Come Again? Exploring the Hard Sayings of Jesus  
Cracking the Code: Making Sense of Daniel and Ezekiel for Today  
Curse God and Die? Struggling with Faith in the Book of Job  
Diamond in the Rough: The Spiritual Apprenticeship of David  
Down to Earth: The Parables of Jesus  
Fierce, Flawed, and Favored: God's Unlikely Helpers in the Book of Judges  
First Love: Community and Faith in 1, 2, 3 John  
For Better, For Worse: God's Relentless Love in Amos and Hosea  
For Crying Out Loud: Studies in Exodus  
Going on a Promise: Stories of Abraham  
Hanging on to Hope: Studies in Revelation  
Inside Out: God's Radical Love in Jonah and Ruth  
Into the Deep: Exploring Prayer  
In the Flesh: The Identity of Jesus in John's Gospel  
No Small Wonder: Stories of Hope from the Nativity  
Of Brats and Brothers: Joseph's Coming of Age in Genesis  
Partners in Peace: God's Vision of Shalom in the Book of Romans  
Preach It! Great Messages of the Bible  
Rhythms of the Soul: The Psalms as Public Worship  
Second Wind: Re-energizing Faith in the Book of Hebrews  
Such a Time As This: Faith and Risk-taking in the Book of Esther  
Voice from the Fringe: Studies in Isaiah

## Closer Than a Brother: Men's Series

Today's Christian men long to be spiritually grounded and have a meaningful relationship with God, as well as to understand their roles in family, church, and society. This series helps men's groups enter together into reflection and growth, and guides them to become communities of disciples. Each study of five sessions, designed for ages 40–60, contains biblical reflections on the topic with an emphasis on personal sharing in the context of Christian community. Sessions include ideas for reflection, discussion, and response, with leader's tips at the end of each booklet.

Titles available

#### What Really Matters: Conversation Starters for Men

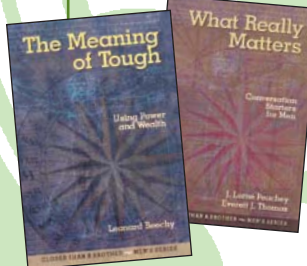
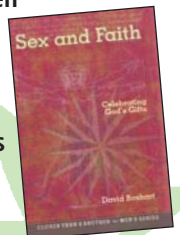
#### The Meaning of Tough: Using Power and Wealth

#### Sex and Faith: Celebrating God's Gifts

#### Relatively Speaking: Strengthening Family Ties

#### Closer than a Brother: Building Deeper Friendships

All units: \$5.99 US and CAN



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**Second Mile:**

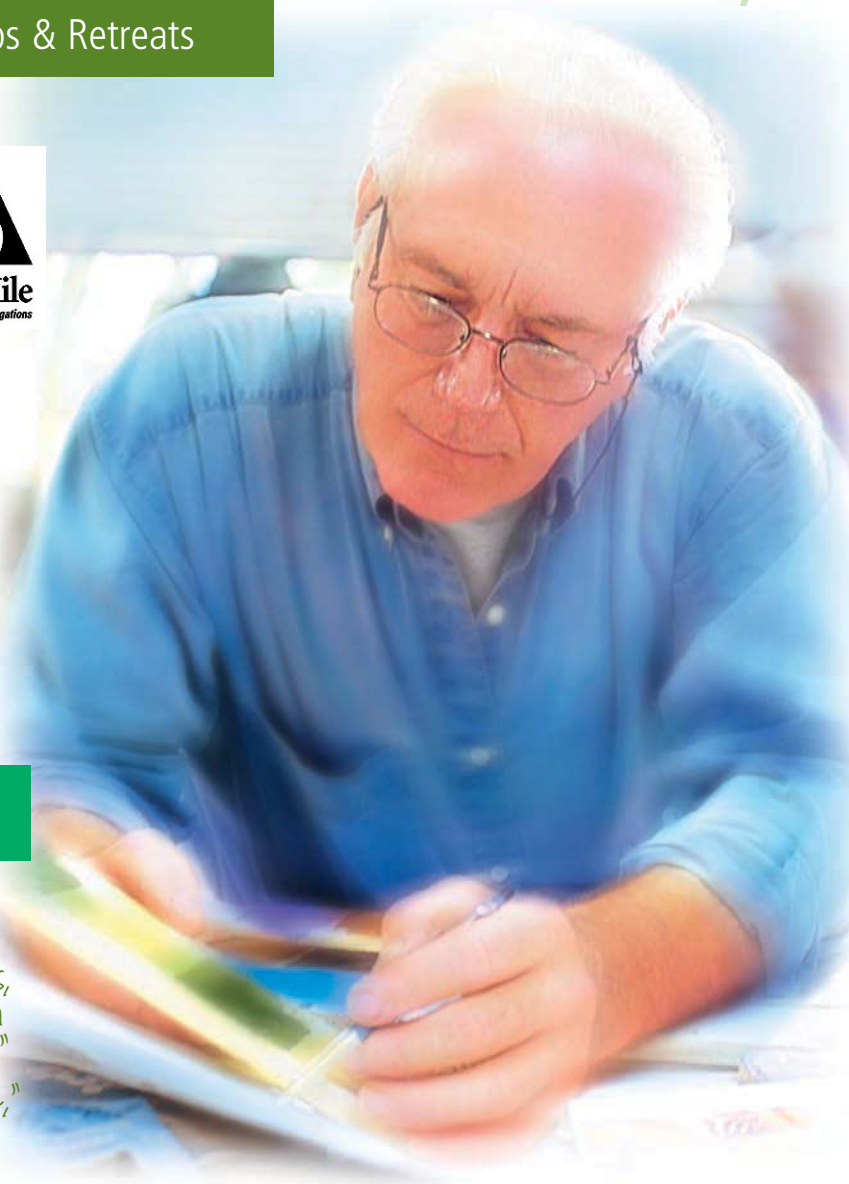
**A Peace Journey for Congregations**

What does it mean to follow Jesus' way of peace today? Second Mile invites congregations and small groups to enter a journey of worship, study, action and reflection to become active signs of Christ's peace in a broken world.

Pathways currently available are  
**The Land That I Will Show You**  
**Heading for the Promised Land**  
**The Road to Emmaus** *NEW!*

**Student guide:**  
 \$14.99 US, \$20.99 CAN  
 \$9.99 US, \$13.99 CAN  
**Leader's guide:**  
 \$6.99 US, \$9.79 CAN

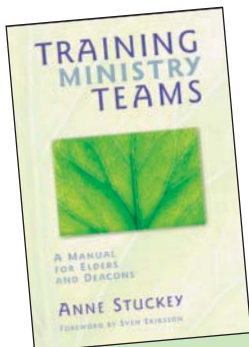
**New  
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**Free sample session and leader's guide**  
 available at [www.gosecondmile.org](http://www.gosecondmile.org)

*"If we truly believe in the power of prayer, then let us wed together our prayer and our social concerns. When we pray for the widows, the weak, and sick...pray also for a change in our social attitudes which devalue the elderly."  
 — Leo Hartshorn, from "A Spirituality of Peace," Pathway C: The Road to Emmaus*

**Training Ministry Teams:**

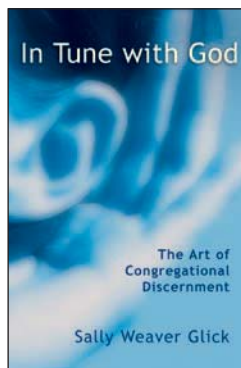


**A Manual for Elders and Deacons**  
 Elders or deacons have a vital calling and function in building strong congregations. But they need clear guidelines and training to be effective. Anne Stuckey's manual provides practical instruction to help pastors and congregational leaders bring clarity to this key role and teach elders and deacons what they need to know to minister. (9 sessions)  
**\$8.99 US, \$12.79 CAN**

**For individual or group study**



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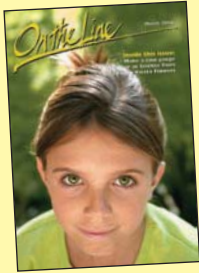


**For congregational study**

**In Tune with God:**  
**The Art of Congregational Discernment**  
 Is God calling us to start a day care in our neighborhood? Whom shall we call as our next pastor? Sally Weaver Glick approaches congregational discernment as a process of hearing and entering God's "song."  
**\$12.99 US, \$18.29 CAN**

*"When true discernment happens, creativity is released, energy is freed for tackling problems together, and relationships with God and one another are strengthened."  
 — Sally Weaver Glick  
 in the introduction to In Tune with God*

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*"What a wonderful, unique approach to help children experience the Psalms and discover how awesome our God is!"*

— Marlene Bogard  
Minister  
of Christian  
Nurture, Kansas

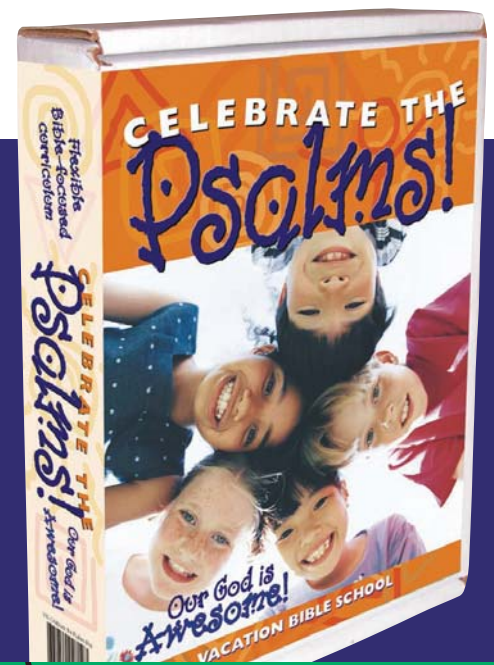
### Celebrate the Psalms!: Our God is Awesome!

The Psalms represent every possible human emotion and can provide expression to the feelings experienced by children – joy, trust, fear, sorrow, and gratitude. This flexible five-day Vacation Bible School curriculum guides children to know God in all situations. Like David, children will experience and celebrate God's presence in their worship and everyday life. Each day's plan includes worship, music, dramas, and fun "Celebration Station" activities. For age 4 through grade 8.

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*"Celebrate the Psalms brings the Psalms to life, and is packed with creative ideas. Children will be actively engaged... I can hardly wait for summer!"*

— Sandi Hannigan  
Minister of Christian Education, Ontario



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