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We are so grateful for these quality resources."
— Anne, Mundelein, Illinois*

Summer Overview Cycle B and Cycle E

Early Childhood (ages 2, 3, 4)

Cycle B: Stories of Faith

Stories about creation and special people who inspire us will help children understand the awesome mystery of God.

Broadly Graded (Primary, Middler, Junior Youth)

Cycle E: God's People: Surprised and Changed

This quarter tells the stories of people in the Bible who changed or had conversions—each in different ways—and how God's grace helped each one come to new understandings.

SUMMER TEACHING TIP

Let summer be a time of renewal and innovation for teachers and students. Involve parents, families with older children, or adult Sunday school classes to act as helpers or leaders when possible.

Summer Worship/Education Guide:

God's People: Surprised and Changed

Expands summer options by providing ideas and resources to connect worship with Jubilee summer curriculum. Scripture and hymn suggestions, activities, and discussion can be used to involve the whole congregation in the study *God's People: Surprised and Changed*, or as a supplemental worship resource coordinated with the Sunday school themes. Purchase one and photocopy as needed for pastors, educators, and others.

\$8.99 US, \$11.29 CAN



Also recommended

Jubilee Celebrations 1, 2 & 3

Make your next church event a Jubilee Celebration! Each of these books outlines eight spirited celebrations that involve the whole church—children, youth and adults—for two hours of combined worship and education. Five celebrations relate to the church year, and three are topical.

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"Fast Lane helps young teens grow in faith."

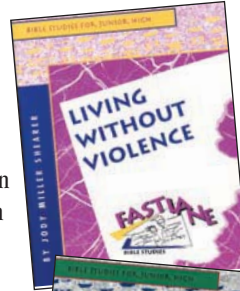
- Tom,
West Virginia

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.

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Living Without Violence

Through storytelling, activities, and scriptural reflection, students discover there are many ways, outside of violence, to deal with anger. They will become familiar with nonviolent responses, discover the importance of honesty in times of conflict, and form a new perspective on their relationships with "the enemy." 5 sessions



Challenging Racism

This four-session study challenges students to work at changing systems that oppress people of color. Discussions and activities will help young people envision an inclusive church, identify barriers of prejudice, consider how and why privileges are given to white people, and work at dismantling systems that discriminate.



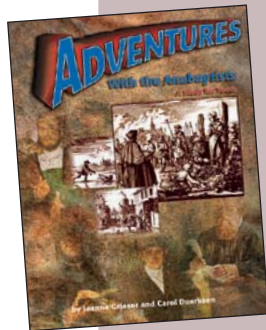
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Other titles available

- Awesome God
- Celebrating Advent
- Encountering Jesus
- Friends Forever
- Get Real: God and Media
- God Rules: The Ten Commandments
- God's Gift of Sex
- Living the Beatitudes
- Online with the Holy Spirit
- Peace Heroes
- Praying the Lord's Prayer
- 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, \$12.49 CAN



Mennonite heritage study

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.

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~~\$19.99 US, 24.99 CAN~~

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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.



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

Pain and Praise: The Book of Psalms

The psalms are lyrics to songs people wrote to respond to God in both the pain and joy of their lives. Through this study of the psalms, youth will explore what it means to trust God in crisis, and how to maintain an attitude of thanks in a materialistic world. (6 sessions)

The Place Just Right: Biblical Teachings on Simplicity

The last thing youth want is another set of rules. But simple living can be a creative adventure in faithfulness, not another burden we impose on ourselves. (6 sessions)




All five-session studies:

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Being There: The Bible Through Simulation

Promote deeper biblical understanding and help youth learn from the Bible by "Being There"! These fun, adaptable simulations can be used in multiple settings. Each book contains three simulations—one from the Old Testament, one from the Gospels, and one from the early church. Extend the learning even further by adding the recommended Generation Why Bible Studies that connect to each unit, or the optional worship suggestions, also included.

\$15.99 US, \$24.99 CAN each

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SUMMER TEACHING TIP

Use the Being There studies to guide youth in preparing part of a worship service. Have youth enact a simulation with the congregation as audience, or even as added "participants," involving everyone in the creative Bible learning!

Book One: Beginnings

What Happened in the Garden? (Genesis 1–3)

The Wise Men (Matthew 2)

The House Church (Philemon)

Book Two: Trying Times

Job and His Friends (Job)

What Shall We Do with Jesus? (John 11)

The Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15)

Book Three: Faith Takes Action

The Council at Mizpah (Genesis)

The Acceptable Year (Luke 4)

The Silversmiths of Ephesus (Acts 19)

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

Does God Fight? Violence in
the Bible

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

Reconcilable Differences:
Biblical Insights for Repairing
Relationships

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

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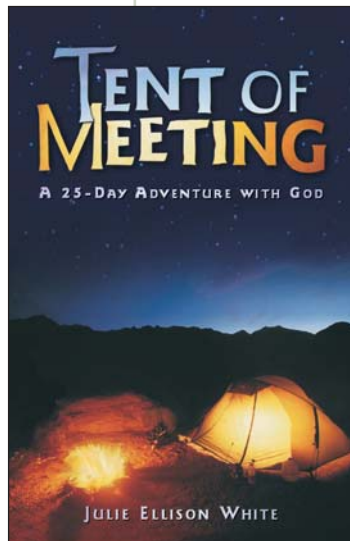
Tent of Meeting

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, \$9.99 CAN

Leader \$9.99 US, \$12.49 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, \$14.99 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, \$24.99 CAN



"With helps me think through important issues. It's entertaining, yet informative."

— James, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

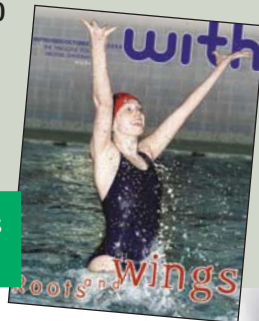
With:

The Magazine for Radical Christian Youth
True teen stories, Bible studies, humor, and media review challenge youth to be radically committed to Jesus Christ, to peace and justice, and to sharing God's good news in word and action.

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GOOD GROUND

Letting the Word take root

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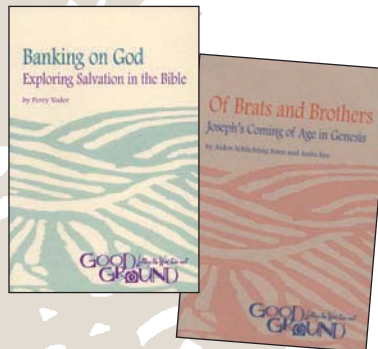
Banking on God: Exploring Salvation in the Bible

Contrary to popular belief, salvation is not the end of our sinning or a ticket into heaven. It's the beginning of life. Delve into this study on salvation and celebrate new life, new purpose, new peace.

Of Brats and Brothers: Joseph's Coming of Age in Genesis

This interactive study explores how good purposes lie waiting to be realized in our own lives—even out of tragic circumstances, false motives, and family feuds.

All units: \$5.99 US, \$7.49 CAN



Free sample session available at www.goodground.org

"It seems like we have more discussion with Good Ground than we've had with other curriculums."

— Betty,
Pea Ridge,
Arkansas

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

— Claude
Pandora, Ohio

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
Heart Smart: Studies on Wisdom in the Bible
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
Turning up the Heat: Studies on the Passion of Jesus
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

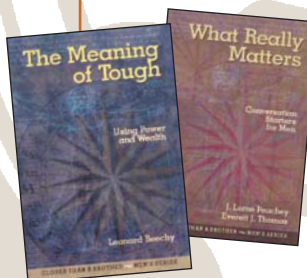
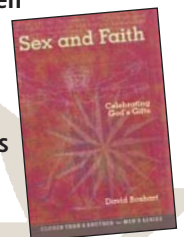
The Meaning of Tough: Using Power and Wealth

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



Free sample session available at www.mph.org/mennonitemen

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:

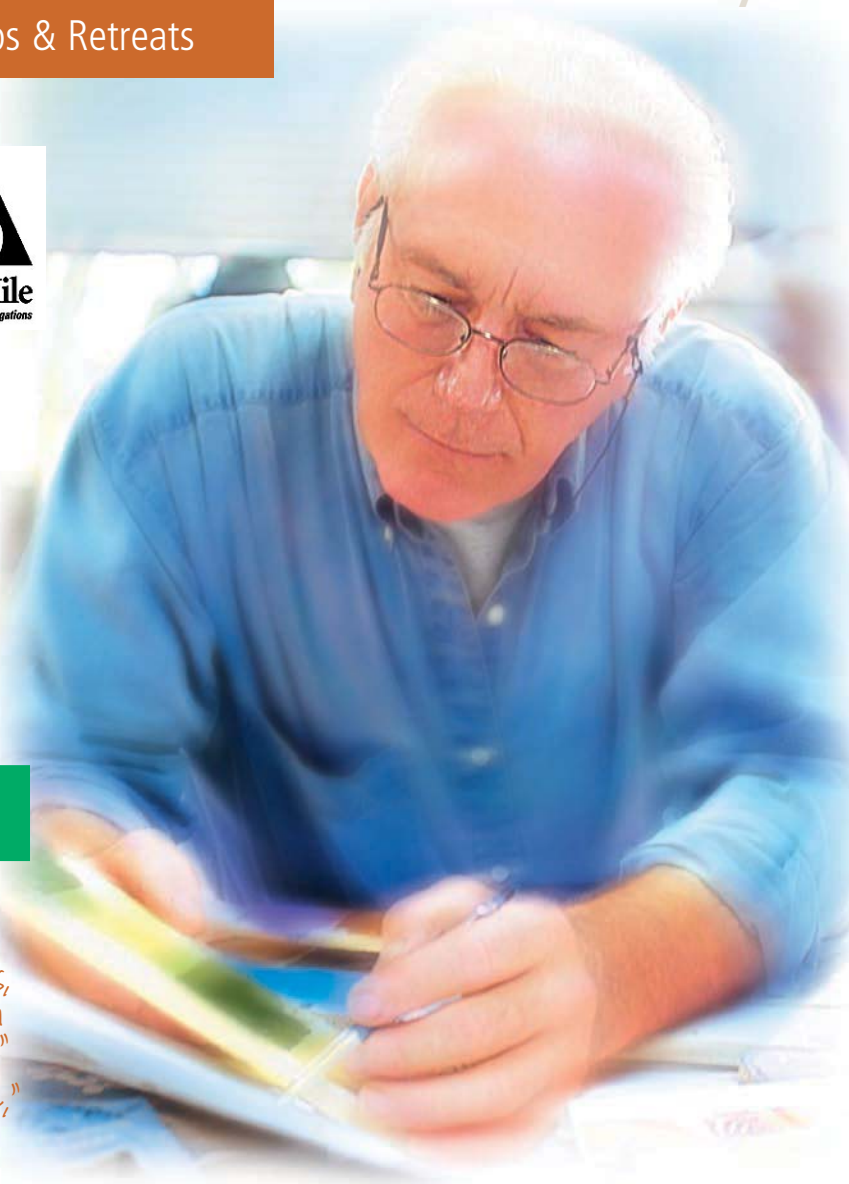
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Leader's guide:

\$6.99 US, \$8.79 CAN

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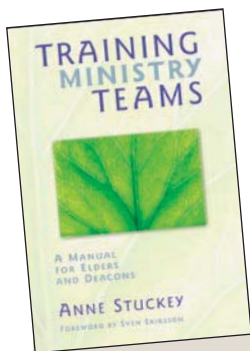


Free sample session and leader's guide available at www.gosecondmile.org

"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:

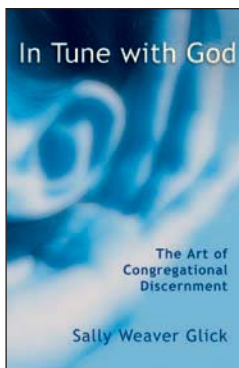


A Manual for Elders and Deacons

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, \$11.29 CAN

For individual or group study



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, \$16.29 CAN

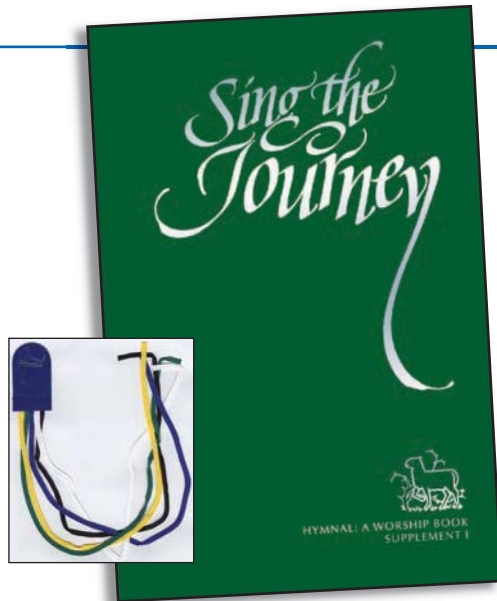
"When true discernment happens, creativity is released, energy is freed for tackling problems together, and relationships with God and one another are strengthened."

— Sally Weaver Glick
 in the introduction to In Tune with God



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Sing the Journey: Hymnal: A Worship Book Supplement I

This 200-page congregational songbook highlights themes of the missional church, with inspiring new hymns and praise songs, familiar standards, and over 15 pages of fresh worship resources. An accompaniment resource is available separately.

\$8.99 US, \$11.29 CAN

Hymnal Bookmarks

Five colorful ribbons mark hymns or Bible passages.

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SUMMER TEACHING TIP

Look for congregational worship resources on the Psalms in the summer issue of *Leader: Equipping the Missional Congregation*

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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

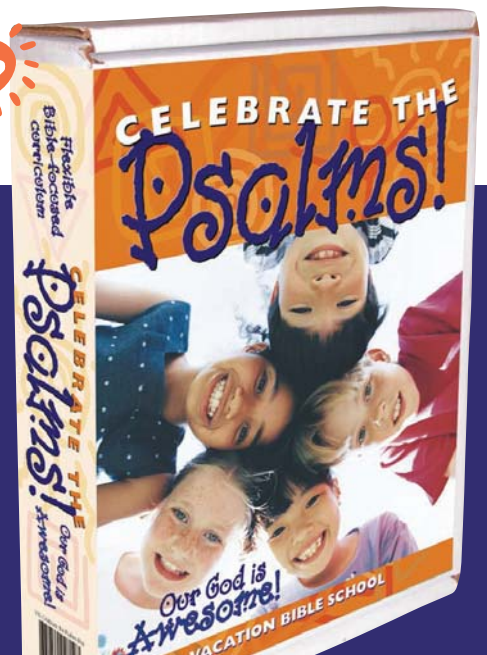
Celebrate the Psalms!: Our God is Awesome!

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.

See order form inside.

"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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