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Winter Overview: Cycle C

Early Childhood

Jesus, our Caregiver

This quarter's focus is Mark, but the first five lessons come from Luke and Matthew with two announcements by angels about the births of John and Jesus. Children will also learn to know Jesus in his youth--in the temple and at his baptism. The quarter ends with a series of sessions about Jesus who healed and helped and befriended.

Primary, Middler & Junior Youth

Come and See

The Gospel according to John was written so that people would believe that Jesus was the anointed one, God's special Son, and in believing would have life. John's Gospel wants to show us the glory of God as demonstrated by Jesus in his actions and teaching. The "signs" of this glory are seen in the life-giving and sight-restoring powers that Jesus brought to those he encountered.

Centered Teaching Cycle C Winter

Centered Teaching, a new supplemental resource for Cycle C, 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, \$18.79 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

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Jubilee Guidebook

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

While supplies last.



Coming in Fall 2006:



Find Bible outlines and more at www.gatherround.org

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Peace Heroes

This Bible-based, five-session study examines the lives of five people who worked for peace--Jesus, Mother Teresa, Francis of Assisi, John Perkins, and Muriel Lester. Stories of these peace heroes combined with scripture inspire youth to become peacemakers in their communities.



Other titles available

- Awesome God
- Celebrating Advent
- Challenging Racism
- Encountering Jesus
- Friends Forever
- Get Real:
 - God and Media
- God Rules: The Ten Commandments
- God's Gift of Sex
- Living the Beatitudes
- Living Without Violence
- Online with the Holy Spirit
- Praying the Lord's Prayer
- Some Body
- Understanding Gangs
- Unmasking the End Times

All studies:
\$9.99 US,
\$12.49 CAN

What Gives? Using God's Money

This unit addresses some of the questions that junior high youth face as they start to earn, save, give, and spend money: Through interactive Bible study, youth are challenged with the notion that money is a gift from God and that the most joyful use of money is in the promotion of God's kingdom.



*"Fast Lane has a very teacher-friendly format. It's really great material."
 - Merv,
 Gordonville, Pennsylvania*

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.

Upcoming Featured Units:

Spring 2006: Some Body; Awesome God

Summer 2006: Say What?; Winning: Competition and Faith

Find a **free sample session** of Fast Lane at www.mph.org/flr

NEW FOR ALL AGES:

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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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Do the Right Thing: Ethics Shaped by Faith

How do you know what's right and what's wrong? Even when you figure it out, the right thing is often the unpopular or hard choice. This unit uses both Old and New Testament texts to explore ethical issues young people face in their everyday lives and helps them identify the right course of action. (6 sessions)



Who's In? Who's Out?

A Look at Jonah & Ruth

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Lebanon,
New Jersey*



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Peace resources for youth

PEACE-Just Live It!

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Decide for Peace: A Guide for Personal Bible Study and Reflection on Conscientious Objection

A study and journaling workbook for high school youth or young adults grappling with the issue of conscientious objection, with a four-session leader's guide.

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Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation

Designed for group study, Let's Talk includes a personal inventory on conflict management style, discussion guides, personal reflection exercises, and role plays for active listening and appropriate speaking, for high school through adults. Includes 10 chapters with leader's guide.

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Generation Why: Upcoming Featured Units:

Spring 2006:

A Speck in the Universe: The Bible on Self-Esteem and Peer Pressure;
How Do You Know? Wisdom in the Bible

Summer 2006:

How to Read the Bible: Building Skills for Bible Study;
Moneytalk: Living Generously

Other titles available:

Apocalypse When? Daniel and Revelation
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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
Does God Fight? Violence in the Bible
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: The Extravagance of 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: The Book of Psalms
The Place Just Right: Biblical Teachings on Simplicity
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: Basic Tenets of Faith
Who is God?
Who is Jesus?
You Can't Make Me Go To Church

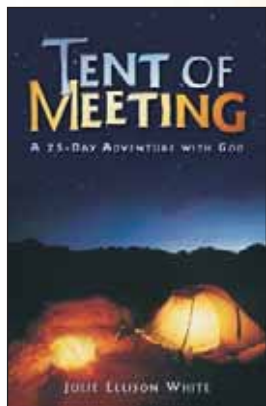
Tent of Meeting:

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

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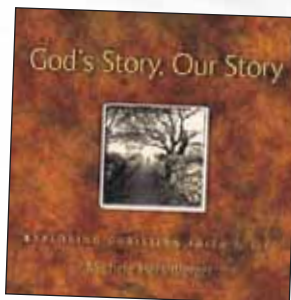
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God's Story, Our Story: Exploring Christian Faith & Life

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"God's Story, Our Story makes Christian initiation accessible. I have teens who are engaged when they come to the table, ready with responses, asking questions, wrestling with the reasons for why Jesus died."

— Dave Boshart,
pastor, Parnell, Iowa

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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

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Diamond in the Rough: The Spiritual Apprenticeship of David

David, Israel's greatest king, matured through a series of close encounters with his own humanity and with God. This study explores how his example spurs us on to grow as faithful servants of God.



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Upcoming Featured Units

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Fierce, Flawed, and Favored: God's Unlikely Helpers in the Book of Judges
Down to Earth: The Parables of Jesus

Summer 2006

Rhythms of the Soul: The Psalms as Public Worship
Second Wind: Re-energizing Faith in the Book of Hebrews

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



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Other Good Ground titles available:

All Heaven Breaks Loose: Studies in the Gospel of Mark
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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
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

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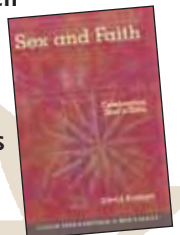
The Meaning of Tough: Using Power and Wealth

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Relatively Speaking: Strengthening Family Ties

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— Nancy, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*

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The Road to Emmaus
Walking Through the Valley

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Leader's guide: **\$6.99 US, \$8.79 CAN**

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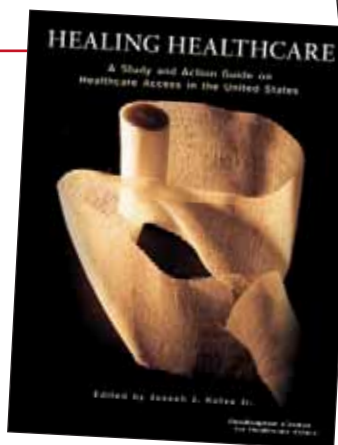


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Mennonite Faith and Practice
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*"This is an honest and helpful introduction to historic Anabaptist convictions and contemporary Mennonite understandings."
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