



# Faith & Life Resources

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Now available:  
**Gather 'Round**  
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Begins Fall 2006

## Gather 'Round Sample Kit:

The Gather 'Round Sample Kit contains everything you'll need to evaluate Gather 'Round for use in your congregation.

- Teacher's guides for all children's levels (Preschool, Primary, Middler, Multiage, and Junior Youth) and Parent/Caregiver
- Student books for all children's levels
- Quarter 1 Talkabout

\$79.95 US, \$99.99 CAN



Find Bible outlines and more at [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org)

## Summer Overview: Cycle C and Cycle F

### Early Childhood

#### Cycle C: People in the First Church

Summer lessons explore the story of the first church as recorded in the book of Acts. It is the story of people who chose to love and follow Jesus, who served in a variety of ordinary and meaningful ways.

### Broadly Graded:

#### Cycle F: Partners with God

Partners with God helps children explore thirteen stories of biblical characters who actively followed God through prayer and study, proclamation and peacemaking. When people offer their abilities to God, they say “yes” to God.



Last quarter of usage.

### Summer Worship/Education Guide: Partners with God

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.

\$8.99 US, \$11.29 CAN



### Fall 2006 Talkabout: Creation and Covenant

Order one Talkabout for each family with children in Sunday school.



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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.

## Featured for Summer 2006

### Say What: The Power of the Tongue

Help junior high youth understand how to use language in a way that honors God and builds others up through five interactive Bible study sessions.

### Winning: Competition and Faith

Through these five sessions, junior youth will be guided to establish healthy values and behavior patterns as they enter the world of competition in sports, music and academics.

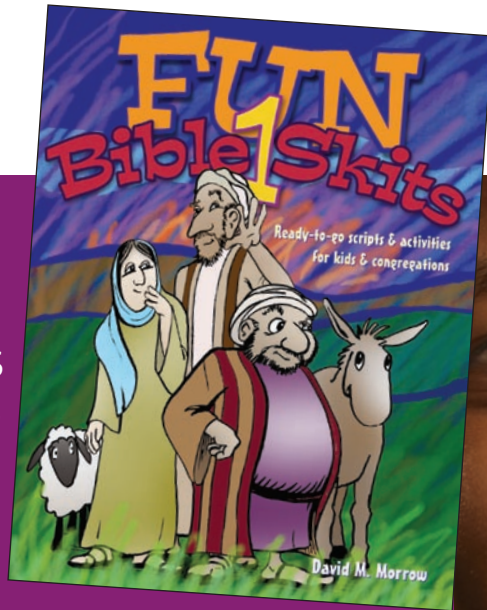


### Other titles available

- Awesome God
- Celebrating Advent
- Encountering Jesus
- Friends Forever
- Get Real
- God Rules
- God's Gift of Sex
- Online with the Holy Spirit
- Peace Heroes
- Some Body
- Understanding Gangs
- Unmasking the End Times
- What Gives?

**All studies:**  
\$9.99 US, \$13.99 CAN

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



NEW FOR ALL AGES:

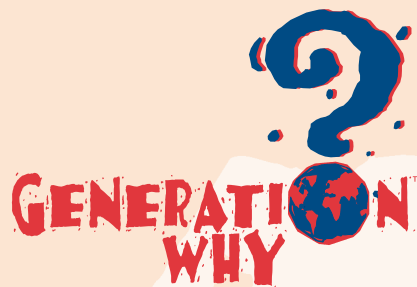
## Fun Bible Skits: Ready-to-go scripts & activities for kids & congregations

Bring Bible stories to life with these 24 ready-to-go skits! Each short script is reproducible, and accompanied by tips for discussion and activities to provide flexible options for clubs, midweek, retreats, camp, Sunday school, worship or other church settings. This mix of Old and New Testament stories will be a welcome resource for teachers, leaders, and pastors.

\$23.99 US, \$29.99 CAN



**TO ORDER, CALL 1-800-245-7894**



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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### How to Read the Bible: Building Skills for Bible Study

What kind of book is the Bible? What does this book mean to me? This unit looks at the Bible as revelation, as history, and literature. Selected scripture. 5 sessions.

### Moneytalk: Living Generously

Every time it is used, money illustrates values, confirms choices, and releases spiritual energy. This unit will help youth articulate faith understandings about money and put these beliefs at the heart of life. 5 sessions.

### All five-session studies:

**\$12.99 US,  
\$20.29 CAN**

### All six-session studies:

**\$14.99 US,  
\$23.49 CAN**

### Other titles available:

- A Speck in the Universe
- Apocalypse When?
- Bad News, God News
- The Bold and the Dutiful
- Close Encounters
- Clueless and Called
- Dating
- Deal With It
- Do Miracles Happen?
- Do the Right Thing
- Fight Right
- The Gospel Revolution
- Hangin' Loose, Holdin' Tight
- Holy Hogwash
- How Do You Know?
- How to Be a True Friend
- How to Read the Bible
- Keeping the Garden
- Living Beyond Our Means
- Mantras, Menorahs, and Minarets
- Maxed Out!
- Moneytalk
- Morphed
- Pain and Praise
- The Radical Reign
- Rocky Road
- The Serpent's Apple
- Singing in the Reign
- A Speck in the Universe
- Take Two Tablets
- Testing the Waters
- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Who's In, Who's Out?
- You Can't Make Me Go To Church



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

## Peace resources for youth

### PEACE-Just Live It!

Ten sessions include topics such as peace in the Bible, family violence, racism, criminal justice and reconciliation, conscientious objection, and more. Includes step-by-step teaching plans and reproducible student sheets. **\$18.99 US, \$23.79 CAN**



### Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation

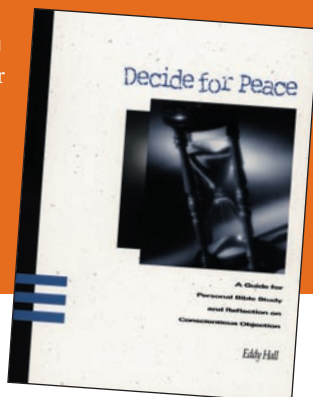
Designed for group study, Let's Talk includes a personal inventory on conflict management style, discussion guides, personal reflection exercises, and role plays for active listening and appropriate speaking, for high school through adults. Includes 10 chapters with leader's guide. **\$8.99 US, \$11.29 CAN**



### 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. **\$6.99 US, \$8.79 CAN**



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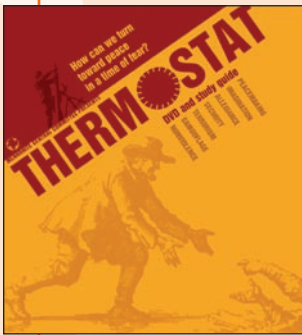
## Thermostat: Turning Toward Peace in a Time of War

**NEW**

This DVD and study guide from MCC helps make real to youth complex issues relating to war, peace and Christian conscience. Included are Bible studies, role plays, personal stories, video clips, dramas, handouts, background reading and more.

Many of the 33 sessions encourage conversation between youth and adults, and can be used individually or to support other study.

**\$25.00 US,  
\$35.00 CAN**



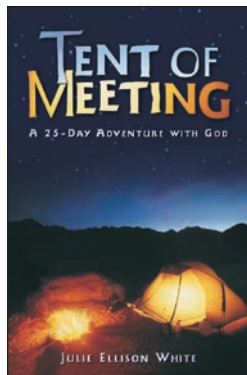
### Tent of Meeting:

#### 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**

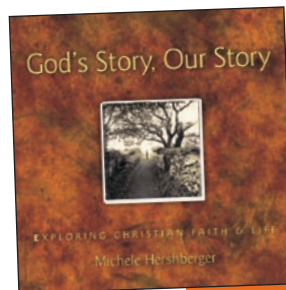


## Baptism and Church Membership

### 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**



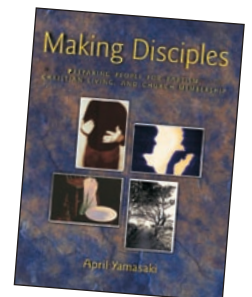
“God’s Story, Our Story makes Christian initiation accessible. I have teens who are engaged when they come to the table, ready with responses, asking questions, wrestling with the reasons for why Jesus died.”

– Dave Boshart, pastor, Parnell, Iowa

### 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**



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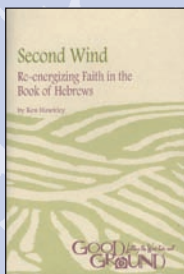
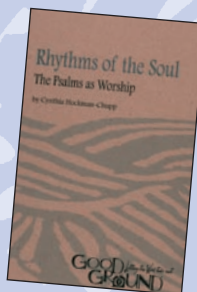
# GOOD GROUND *Letting the Word take root*

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.

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### Rhythms of the Soul: The Psalms as Public Worship

This ancient hymnbook expresses almost every human emotion there is. By using Psalms in worship, we give ourselves permission to bring our whole selves to God for healing and transformation.



### Second Wind: Re-energizing Faith in the Book of Hebrews

Hebrews speaks to the faithful who have faced disappointments and burnout, revisiting our extraordinary past and calling us to claim the future with new faith.

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

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:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| All Heaven Breaks Loose     | Hanging on to Hope    |
| An Odd Body                 | Inside Out            |
| Banking on God              | Into the Deep         |
| Bursting the Wineskins      | In the Flesh          |
| Choosing Sides              | No Small Wonder       |
| Come Again?                 | Of Brats and Brothers |
| Cracking the Code           | Partners in Peace:    |
| Curse God and Die?          | Preach It!            |
| Diamond in the Rough        | Rhythms of the Soul   |
| Down to Earth               | Second Wind           |
| Fierce, Flawed, and Favored | Such a Time As This   |
| First Love                  | Turning up the Heat   |
| For Better, For Worse       | Voice from the Fringe |
| For Crying Out Loud         |                       |
| Going on a Promise          |                       |

## 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
- Walking Through the Valley

### Student guide:

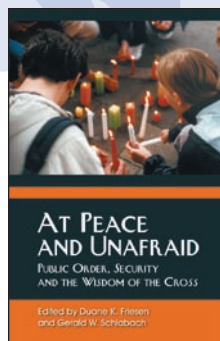
\$9.99 US, \$12.49 CAN

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



Second Mile has generated good discussion, new ideas, and valuable storytelling around the theme of what it means to be a peacemaker in all areas of life.

— Nancy, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



In a time of terror, this book deserves to become the center of a new national, ecumenical debate.

— Drew Christiansen, editor, America

### At Peace and Unafraid: Public Order, Security, and the Wisdom of the Cross

At Peace and Unafraid explores principles and practices to guide Christians in living out Jesus's way of nonviolent love in societies that often do not share their convictions.

\$16.99 US, \$21.29 CAN



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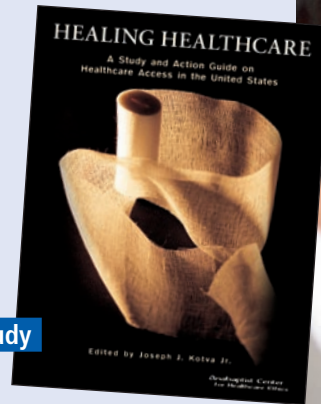
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## Healing Healthcare: A Study and Action Guide on Healthcare Access in the United States

This six-session study guide guides congregations in discussing key issues of healthcare access. It explores what the Bible and Christian faith have to say, and helps us respond to current needs through creative and faithful action.

**\$5.99 US, \$7.49 CAN**

**New for congregational study**



## Adult Bible Study: Year-Round Bible Learning

**Summer 2006:**  
Called to Be a Christian Community



Adult Bible Study provides weekly sessions from an Anabaptist perspective, based on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching (2002 by the Committee for the Uniform Series). Adult Bible Study Teacher includes all of the student material plus leader's notes for insight, discussion, and class activities.

I have found ABS Online very helpful in teaching my Adult Bible Study class. Thank you for the insightful material.

– Grant Frederick, Kitchener, Ontario



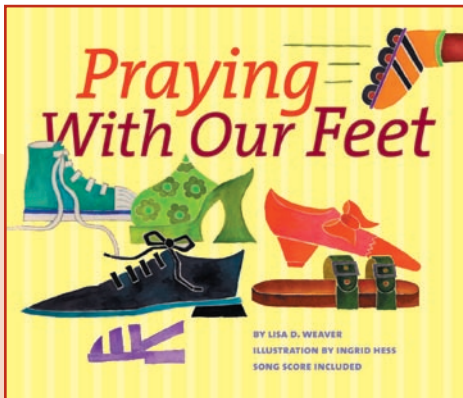
Adult Bible Study Online offers **timely updates to each ABS lesson**. Find it at [www.mph.org/abs](http://www.mph.org/abs).

### Adult Bible Study 2006–2008



	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
2006–2007	<b>God's Living Covenant</b> (Old Testament Survey) Theme: <b>Covenant</b> (13) Anne Stuckey Willmar T Harder	<b>Jesus Christ: A Portrait of God</b> (John; Philippians; Colossians; Hebrews; 1 John) Theme: <b>Christ</b> (13) Sheila Klassen-Wiebe Linda Gehman Peachey	<b>Our Community Now and in God's Future</b> (1 John; Revelation) Theme: <b>Community</b> (13) John Yeatts Duane Yoder	<b>Committed to Doing Right</b> (Various prophets; 2 Kings; 2 Chronicles) Theme: <b>Commitment</b> (13) Leonard Beechy George Epp
2007–2008	<b>God Created a People</b> (Genesis) Theme: <b>Creation</b> (13) Wilma Bailey Karen A Yutzky	<b>God's Call to the Christian Community</b> (Luke) Theme: <b>Call</b> (13) Sue Steiner Fred Unruh	<b>God, the People, and the Covenant</b> (1 & 2 Chronicles, Daniel, Haggai, Nehemiah) Theme: <b>Covenant</b> (13) Perry B Yoder Dale E Shenk	<b>Images of Christ</b> (Hebrews, Gospels, James) Theme: <b>Christ</b> (14) Rita Halteman Finger David M Morrow

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## Praying With Our Feet

A young girl joins her parents, her pastor, and members of her church on a walk for peace.  
**\$12.99 US, \$16.29 CAN**

recommended reading

All magazine pricing for annual subscriptions.  
 See order form insert for quarterly bulk pricing.



## 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.  
**\$27.55 US, \$34.45 CAN individuals**

“With clues me in to what is on the minds of youth; I often use material I've read in With as I teach.”

— Myra, Oxford, Kansas youth teacher



## Purpose

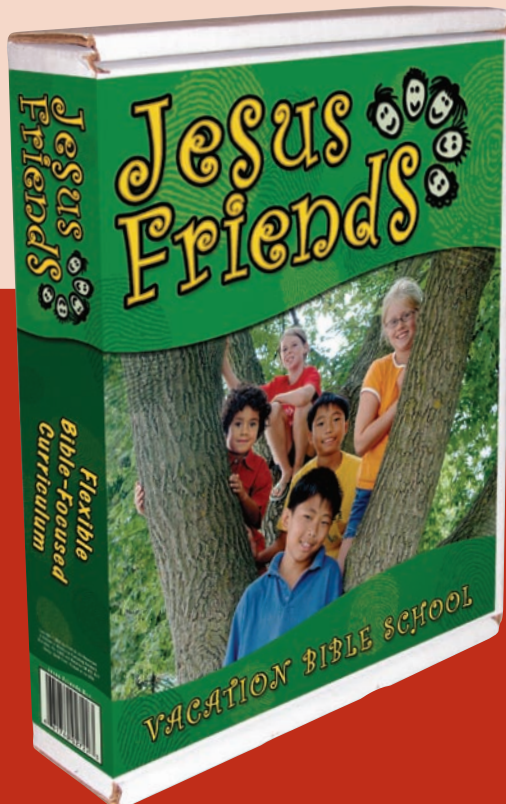
Inspirational short stories and verse by Christian writers for older youth and adults.  
 Published monthly in weekly segments  
**\$21.20 US, \$26.50 CAN individuals**



## Rejoice!

A daily devotional guide, offering encouragement for adults and families.  
 Published quarterly  
**\$26.20 US, \$32.75 CAN individuals**

**new design**



Jesus Friends connects with children in a wonderful, creative way. Children will learn how Jesus is their friend, and how they can be like Jesus to others.

— Pam Nyce Yoder, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

VBS 2006



Find a **5-day overview** with Bible texts at [www.mph.org/vbs](http://www.mph.org/vbs)

### Jesus Friends

Stories of Jesus teach children how to reach out “across the street and around the world.” This flexible five-day curriculum helps today’s kids grow to become “Jesus Friends” by exploring five themes: Jesus friends know God; Jesus friends share; Jesus friends care; Jesus friends invite; Jesus friends go. Each day begins with a Bible drama based on a New Testament story of one of Jesus’ relationships: with the disciples, a child, a sick person, his friends Mary and Martha, and with God. Ten lively “Friendship Stations” provide active learning and response opportunities. Ages 4 through grade 8.

**See order form inside**



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