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# GOOD GROUND *Letting the Word take root*

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*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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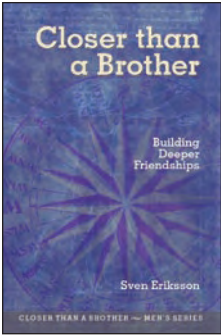
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— Nancy, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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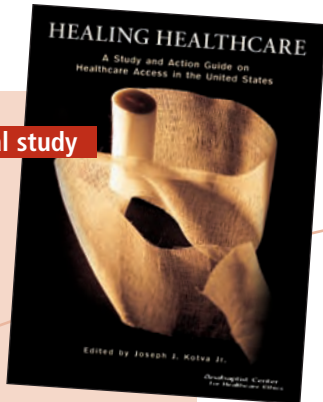


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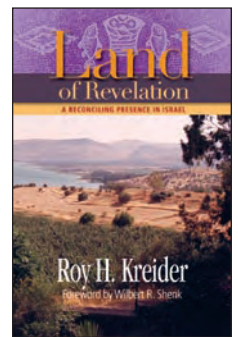
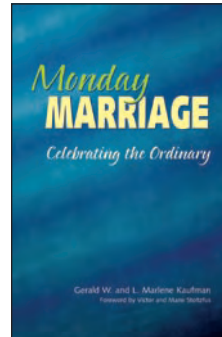
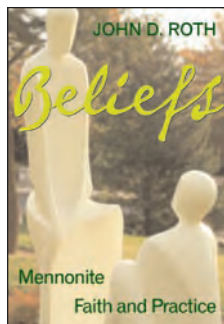


For congregational study

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Fall 2006 • September – November



## GOD'S LIVING COVENANT

Through a survey of Old Testament historical and prophetic writings, Fall study focuses on the covenants God made with the Hebrew people from Noah's day through the exile. The responses of the people to God's actions are highlighted.

### UNIT I

#### In covenant with God

September 3, 2006, Genesis 9:1-15  
**Finding security**

September 10, 2006, Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22  
**Trusting promises**

September 17, 2006, Exodus 19:1-6; 24:3-8  
**Being mutually responsible**

September 24, 2006, Joshua 24:1, 14-24  
**Making life's choices**

### UNIT II

#### God's covenant with judges and kings

October 1, 2006, Judges 2:16-23  
**Seeking deliverance**

October 8, 2006, Judges 4:4-10; 12-16  
**Leadership counts!**

October 15, 2006, 1 Samuel 7:3-13  
**Prayer makes the difference**

October 22, 2006, 2 Samuel 7:8-17  
**A promise you can trust**

October 29, 2006, 1 Kings 3:3-14  
**God answers prayer**

### UNIT III

#### Living as God's covenanted people

November 5, 2006, 1 Kings 18:20-24, 30-35, 38-39  
**Depending on God's power**

November 12, 2006, 2 Kings 22:8-10, 23:1-3, 21-23  
**Josiah brings renewal**

November 19, 2006, 2 Chronicles 36:15-21; Psalm 137:1-6  
**Making wrong choices**

November 26, 2006, 2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:5-7  
**Experiencing forgiveness**

Winter 2006-2007 • December – February

## JESUS CHRIST: A PORTRAIT OF GOD

Winter quarter introduces Jesus Christ and provides insight into his ministry. The lessons provide a theological framework for understanding where Jesus came from and a practical perspective on what he came to do.

### UNIT I

#### Christ, the image of God

December 3, 2006, Colossians 1:15-23  
**Seeking reconciliation**

December 10, 2006, Hebrews 1:1-9  
**Learning about God**

December 17, 2006, 1 John 1:1-2:5  
**Walking in the light**

December 24, 2006, John 1:1-18  
**Receiving the Word**

December 31, 2006, Philippians 2:1-11  
**Keeping the balance**

### UNIT II

#### Christ sustains and supports

January 7, 2007, John 8:31-38, 48-56, 58-59  
**Be free!**

January 14, 2007, John 5:19-29  
**Ultimate fairness**

January 21, 2007, John 6:34-40; 7:37-39  
**Lasting results**

January 28, 2007, John 8:12-20; 12:44-46  
**Overcoming darkness**

### UNIT III

#### Christ guides and protects

February 4, 2007, John 10:1-5, 7-18  
**Protection from evil**

February 11, 2007, John 11:17-27  
**Life after death**

February 18, 2007, John 14:1-14  
**A guide for life**

February 25, 2007, John 15:1-17  
**Secure connections**

Spring 2007 • March – May

## OUR COMMUNITY NOW AND IN GOD'S FUTURE

Using 1 John for insight, Spring lessons interpret the meaning of God's love for today. Studies then draw on passages from Revelation to explore the new community in Christ and how it will live in God's new world. The final lesson focuses on Christ's return.

### UNIT I

#### Known by our love

March 4, 2007, 1 John 2:7-11, 15-17  
**Love is light**

March 11, 2007, 1 John 3:11-24  
**Striving for pure love**

March 18, 2007, 1 John 4:7-21  
**Showing divine love**

March 25, 2007, 1 John 5:1-12  
**The way to love and life**

### UNIT II

#### A new community in Christ

April 1, 2007, Revelation 1:1-8; Luke 19:28-40  
**Yielding to Christ's lordship**

April 8, 2007, Revelation 1:9-20; John 20:1-18, 30-31  
**Discovering resurrection**

April 15, 2007, Revelation 4  
**Worshipping God alone**

April 22, 2007, Revelation 5:1-5; 11-14  
**Redeemable**

April 29, 2007, Revelation 7:1-3, 9, 13-17  
**Source of security**

### UNIT III

#### Living in God's new world

May 6, 2007, Revelation 19:5-10  
**Finding community**

May 13, 2007, Revelation 21:1-8  
**The eternal home**

May 20, 2007, Revelation 21:9-10; 21:22-22:5  
**Living in our new home**

May 27, 2007, Revelation 22:6-10, 12-13, 16-21  
**The ultimate happy ending**

Summer 2007 • June – August

## COMMITTED TO DOING RIGHT

Summer quarter features a study of Old Testament prophets. Most lessons place the prophetic messages in their historical setting. One of the requirements of God's people is that they do right.

### UNIT I

#### Life as God's people

June 3, 2007, Amos 5:10-15, 21-24  
**Committed to doing right**

June 10, 2007, Hosea 4:1-4; 7:1-2; 12:8-9  
**God's indictment of Israel**

June 17, 2007, Isaiah 1:10-11, 14-20  
**True worship!**

June 24, 2007, Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-11  
**Finding satisfaction**

### UNIT II

#### What does God require?

July 1, 2007, Micah 3:1-4; 6:6-8  
**Doing the right thing**

July 8, 2007, Zephaniah 3:1-5, 8-9  
**Getting ready for judgment**

July 15, 2007, Habakkuk 2:6-14  
**A reason to hope**

July 22, 2007, Jeremiah 7:11-15; 2 Kings 23:36-37  
**Your actions, your consequences**

July 29, 2007, Jeremiah 29:1-14  
**Calling through the pain**

### UNIT III

#### How shall we respond?

August 5, 2007, Lamentations 3:25-33, 55-58  
**Maintaining hope!**

August 12, 2007, Ezekiel 18:4, 20-23, 30-32  
**Personal consequences of sin!**

August 19, 2007, Zechariah 1:1-6; 7:8-14  
**Call for repentance**

August 26, 2007, Malachi 2:17-3:5; 4:1  
**Living responsibly in the community of faith**

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# Adult Bible Study: Year-Round Bible Learning



Adult Bible Study provides weekly adult Sunday school 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. Adult Bible Study Online features a current application of each week's lesson, published shortly before the week of use. Find it at [www.mph.org](http://www.mph.org).

"I have found ABS Online very helpful in teaching my Adult Bible Study class. Thank you for the insightful material."  
 – Grant Frederick, Kitchener, Ontario

## Coming in Adult Bible Study 2007-2008

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
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## Other resources related to Adult Bible Study



**Rejoice!**  
 Four of the daily Bible readings from Adult Bible Study (Monday through Thursday) are used in the *Rejoice!* daily devotional guide.

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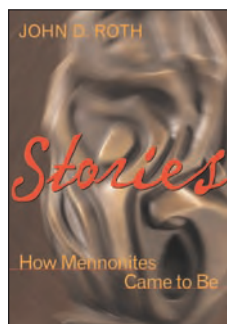
**Purpose**  
 The themes of Adult Bible Study form the basis for selection of the stories and verse in *Purpose*, a discipleship magazine for older youth and adults.

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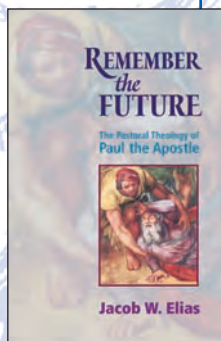
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## Recommended Reading



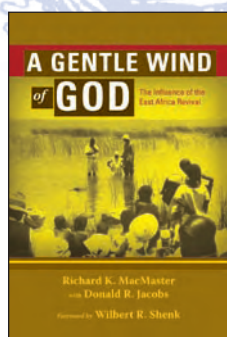
**Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be**  
John Roth links the life of Dirk Willems with the present, exploring what relevance the radical teachings of his day might have for modern-day Mennonites who claim his story as their own.  
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**Remember the Future:**  
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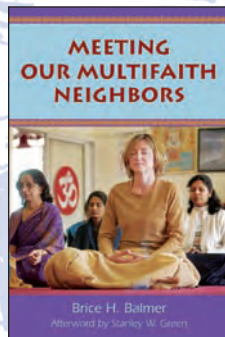


Elias helps readers look backward, forward, and all around to see the story of God creating a people.

Michelle Hershberger, Hesston College



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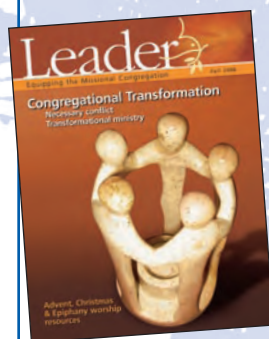
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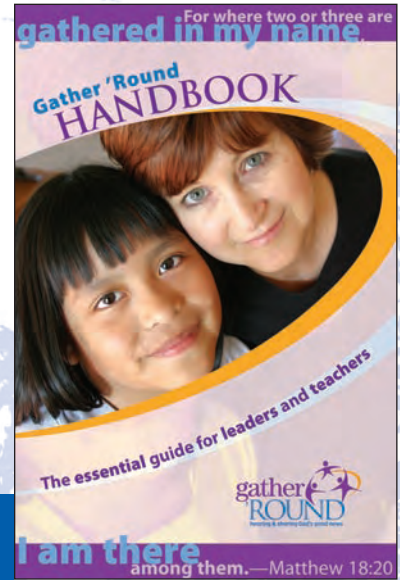


## Gather 'Round Handbook:


### Essential Guide for Leaders and Teachers

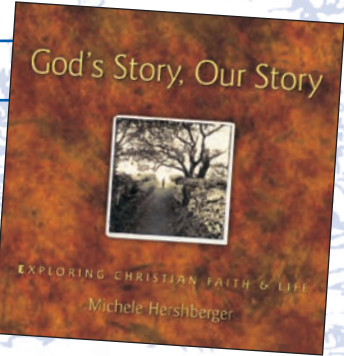
In addition to a complete overview of the *Gather 'Round* Sunday school curriculum plan, this essential guide includes easy-access articles and tips on everything from stages of faith formation in children, youth, and adults, to connecting Sunday school with the life of the congregation, to setting up a Sunday school classroom.

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## Spanish Leadership Resources

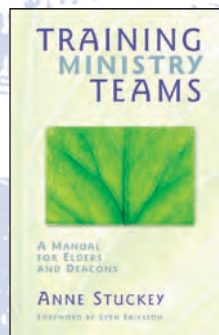


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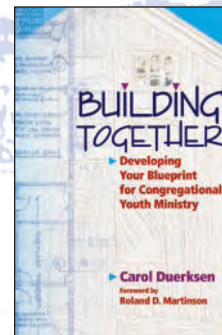
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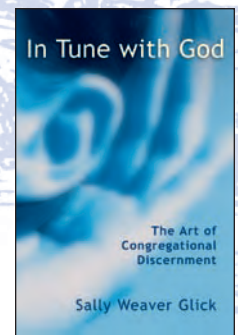
## Congregational Leadership Resources



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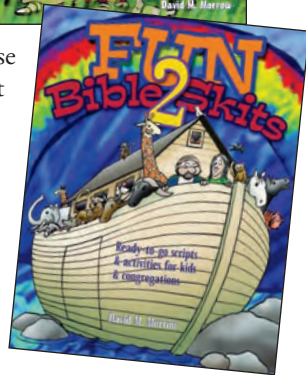
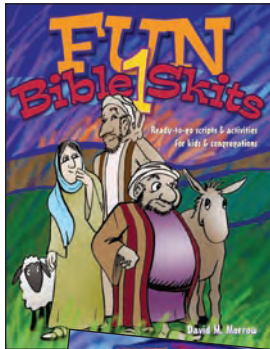
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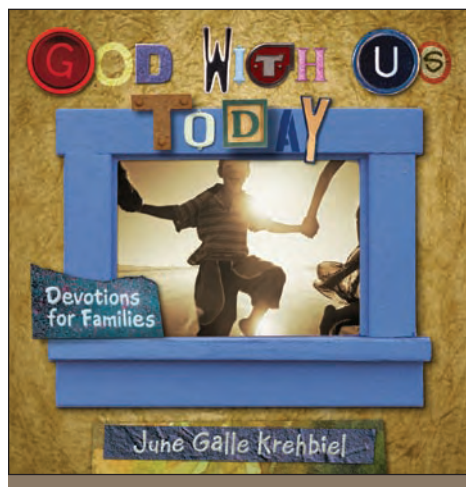
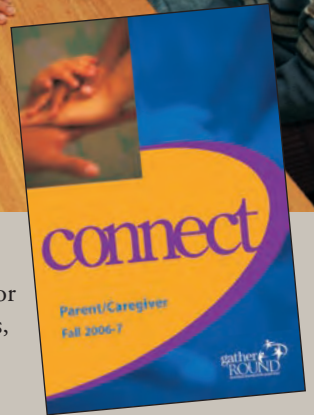
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