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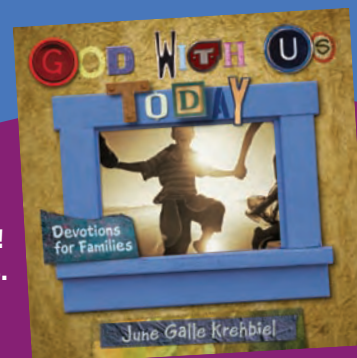
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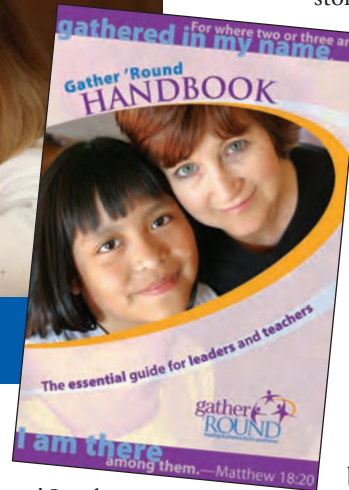
hearing & sharing God's good news

Bible learning for all ages

With Gather 'Round, all ages study from the same broad Bible texts at the same time. Materials are available for seven age levels: Preschool, Primary, Middler, Junior Youth, Multiage, High School Youth, and Parent/Caregiver.



Recommended for all church leaders, pastors, and Christian educators.



Gather 'Round Handbook:

Essential Guide for Leaders and Teachers

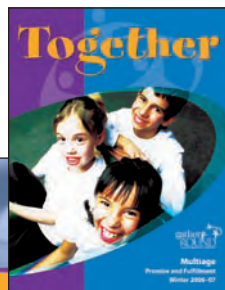
In addition to a complete overview of the *Gather 'Round* Sunday school curriculum plan, this essential guide includes easy-access articles and tips on everything from stages of faith formation in children, youth, and adults, to connecting Sunday school with the life of the congregation, to setting up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

Winter 2006-07 Theme: Promise and Fulfillment

The stories this quarter come from the book of Luke. These stories about the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus are told with an emphasis on promise and fulfillment. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus fulfills the promises of the Old Testament and brings salvation to all people. Through Jesus, God's word is proclaimed and God's plan is being worked out on earth. The message of God's salvation is extended to everyone, regardless of social background or status.



Connect, a quarterly study guide for parents, has weekly Bible sessions and ideas to discuss faith topics with children and youth.



Together is the multi-age student guide geared to grades K-6. Multiage resources are available each quarter.



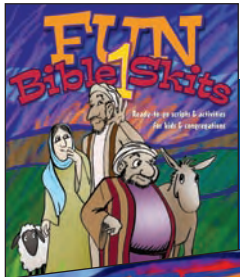
Winter 2006-07 Talkabout: Promise and Fulfillment

The Talkabout, a tabletop resource for each family, encourages faith talk at home.

Find Bible outlines, product details, and more at www.gatherround.org



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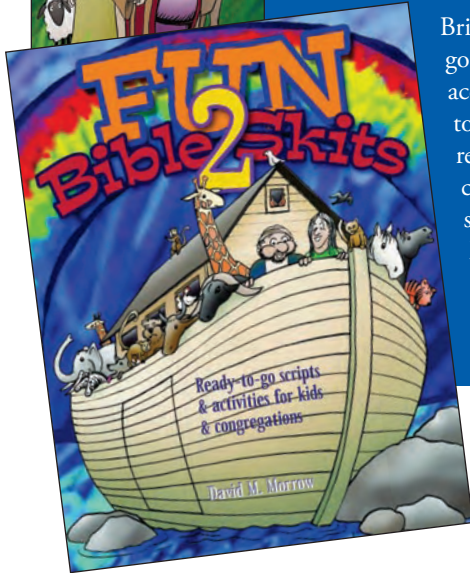


NEW FOR ALL AGES:

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

Bring Bible stories to life with these 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. These Old and New Testament stories will be a welcome resource for teachers, leaders, and pastors.

Fun Bible Skits 1 \$23.99 US, \$28.79 CAN
Fun Bible Skits 2 \$23.99 US, \$28.79 CAN



Flexible options for children and junior youth:

Adventures with the Anabaptists

Ten active sessions, adaptable to junior or senior high, introduce youth to the major personalities, events, and issues of the early Anabaptist movement. Each session has a Bible study component and teaches youth through storytelling, role-play, and discussion which connects the issues to their lives. Spiral back format.

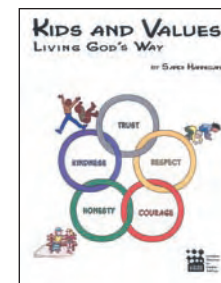
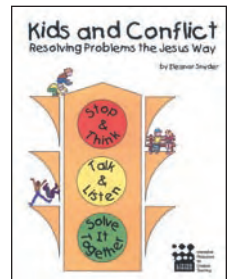
\$19.99 US, \$23.99 CAN
Mennonite heritage study



Kids and Conflict: Resolving Problems the Jesus Way

Stories from the New Testament, with engaging skits and activities, teach children how Jesus handled conflict.

\$32.99 US, \$39.79 CAN



Kids and Values: Living God's Way

Old Testament stories teach the values of trust, respect, courage, honesty, and kindness. Through fun skits and activities, children learn that

living God's way is the best way to live.
\$32.99 US, \$39.79 CAN

Winter 2006-2007 Featured Bible Studies

for Junior High Clubs and Midweek



God Rules: The Ten Commandments

Through five active sessions, junior high youth will discover that God's rules are not just a bunch of do's and don'ts, but a loving invitation to life.

Friends Forever

Junior high youth will explore biblical models of godly friendship, which have qualities of loyalty, service, and openness. 5 sessions.

\$9.99 US, \$11.99 CAN

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To order in CANADA call 1-800-631-6535



NEW! Gather 'Round Sunday School for Youth

Gather 'Round offers weekly Sunday school sessions for youth grades 9-12.

Search, an online youth leader resource, includes 13 6-page sessions and 8 reproducible student pages.



Also available on CD. See order form for details.

New for 2006-2007

In addition to true teen stories, Bible study, humor, and media review *With Magazine* now has themes coordinated with Gather 'Round Sunday school materials. Interactive helps allow teachers and leaders to use *With* in group sessions. Published quarterly. Buy one for each youth in grades 9-12. Annual individual subscription **\$22.00 US, \$26.40 CAN each** Quarterly bulk pricing: 5 or more to one address **\$4.75 US, \$5.70 CAN each**



With can be used with Gather 'Round Sunday school materials.

With helps me think through important issues. It's entertaining, yet informative.
— James, Lancaster, Pennsylvania



Peace resources for youth

Second Mile: A Peace Journey

What does it mean to follow Jesus' way of peace today? Second Mile invites youth and adults to become active signs of Christ's peace in a broken world.

Studies available

- 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



PEACE-Just Live It!
\$18.99 US, \$23.79 CAN

Decide for Peace: A Guide for Personal Bible Study and Reflection on Conscientious Objection
\$6.99 US, \$8.79 CAN

Let's Talk: Communication Skills and Conflict Transformation
\$8.99 US, \$11.29 CAN



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Featured for Winter 2006-2007 Midweek & Retreat

Who is Jesus?

Youth will spend time getting to know Jesus: teacher, prophet, troublemaker, Savior. What did his life, death, and resurrection mean to the world? 6 sessions.

\$14.99 US, \$17.99 CAN

The Serpent's Apple: Temptation in the Bible

Using passages from Genesis and Luke, these five sessions challenge youth to overcome the temptations they face, and to find courage to be followers of Jesus.

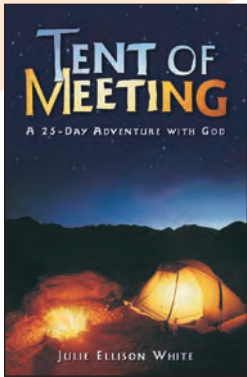
\$12.99 US, \$15.79 CAN



Tent of Meeting:

A 25-day Adventure with God

Helps youth 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



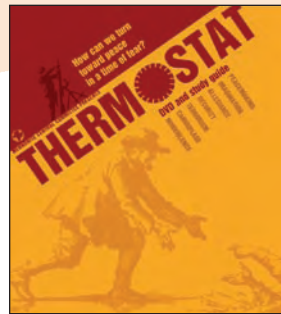
version with guided daily journaling exercises, and an expanded version with leader tips outlining weekly group experiences.

Youth \$7.99 US,

\$9.79 CAN

Leader \$9.99 US,

\$11.99 CAN



Thermostat: Turning Toward Peace in a Time of War

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.

\$25.00 US, \$35.00 CAN

Sacred Search: Encountering God During Advent



Invites youth to know God, themselves, and others in deeper ways during the Advent and Christmas season. This leader resource outlines four Advent sessions and an extender session for Christmas. Youth take a deeper look at the impact of the coming of the Christ child on Mary, Joseph and others in the familiar story and are invited to make connections to their own lives.

\$14.99 US, \$17.99 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, \$14.49 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



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GOOD GROUND *Letting the Word take root*

OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

- Genesis** For the Love of Earth: Studies in Genesis 1-3
Genesis Of Brats and Brothers: Joseph's Coming of Age in Genesis
Joshua Choosing Sides: Faithfulness in the Book of Joshua
Judges Fierce, Flawed, and Favored: God's Unlikely Helpers in the Book of Judges
Jonah & Ruth Inside Out: God's Radical Love in Jonah and Ruth
I Samuel Diamond in the Rough: The Spiritual Apprenticeship of David
Kings Playing God: Rebellion and Grace in 1 and 2 Kings
Esther Such a Time As This: Faith and Risk-taking in the Book of Esther
Job Curse God and Die? Struggling with Faith in the Book of Job
Psalms Rhythms of the Soul: The Psalms as Public Worship
Isaiah Voice from the Fringe: Studies in Isaiah
Daniel & Ezekiel Cracking the Code: Making Sense of Daniel and Ezekiel for Today
Amos & Hosea For Better, For Worse: God's Relentless Love in Amos and Hosea

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

- Mark** All Heaven Breaks Loose: Studies in the Gospel of Mark
Luke & Acts Enter the Kin-dom: Studies in Luke and Acts
John In the Flesh: The Identity of Jesus in John's Gospel
Matthew & Luke No Small Wonder: Stories of Hope from the Nativity
Matthew & Luke Down to Earth: The Parables of Jesus
Selections from Gospels Turning up the Heat: Studies on the Passion of Jesus
Romans Partners in Peace: God's Vision of Shalom in the Book of Romans
Hebrews Second Wind: Re-energizing Faith in the Book of Hebrews
1, 2, 3 John First Love: Community and Faith in 1, 2, 3 John
Revelation Hanging on to Hope: Studies in Revelation

TOPICAL STUDIES


- Selections from Old Testament and New Testament
Salvation Banking on God: Exploring Salvation in the Bible
Wisdom Heart Smart: Studies on Wisdom in the Bible
Prayer Into the Deep: Exploring Prayer
Sermons Preach It! Great Messages of the Bible

Weekly Good Ground Bible Studies



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.

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

 Free sample session available at www.goodground.org.

Second Mile:

A Peace Journey for Congregations

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- Walking Through the Valley


Student guide:

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“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

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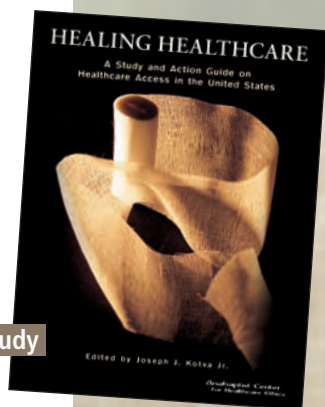


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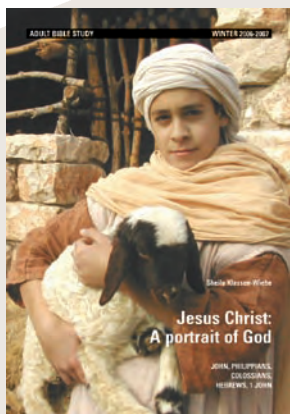
Healing Healthcare: A Study and Action Guide on Healthcare Access in the United States

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

For congregational study



Adult Bible Study: Year-Round Bible Learning



Winter 2006-2007:
Jesus Christ: A portrait of God

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.



Spring 2007:
Our community now and in God's future

Adult Bible Study 2006–2008

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

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A daily devotional guide, offering encouragement for adults and families.

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Purpose

Inspirational short stories and verse by Christian writers for older youth and adults.

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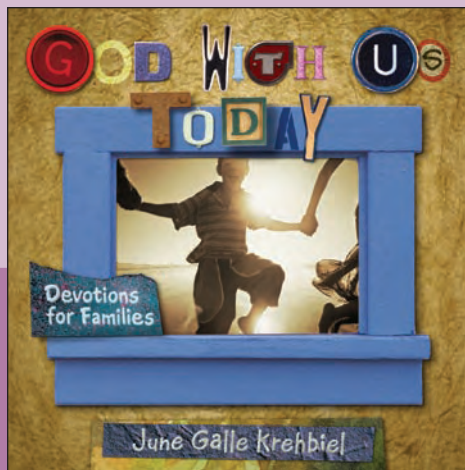
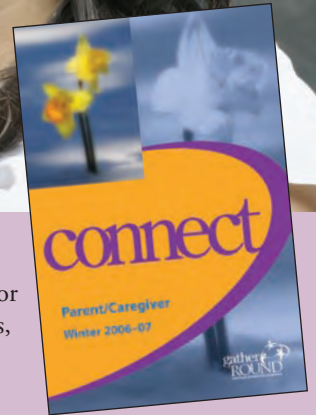
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New for Parents!

Connect, the *Gather 'Round* study guide for parents, includes 13 weekly Bible sessions, ideas to discuss faith topics with children and youth, and brief daily devotions on parenting themes. Use *Connect* for adult Sunday school, small groups, or to reach out to parents not currently attending church or Sunday school.

Order one per class participant or parent.
\$8.95 US, \$10.79 CAN




New for Families

God With Us Today: Devotions for Families

This delightful book offers families a warm, inviting way to share devotions at home each day. Each of the 100 devotions includes a brief meditation on a scripture passage, a prayer, and some questions that explore how God is reaching out to each of us today.

\$12.99 US, \$15.79 CAN

Order copies for each family in your church.

 Coming Soon: New resources to promote Bible reading for all ages. Check www.mph.org for more information.

