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*Attention pastors and Christian educators:*

Is your congregation using the special resources available from *Gather 'Round* Sunday school curriculum to help strengthen church-home connections?

Pastors, teachers, parents, and other leaders and members from Menonite Church USA, Menonite Church Canada, the Church of the Brethren, and beyond have widely affirmed these resources as innovative and effective.

The **Parent/Caregiver unit**, called *Connect*, includes weekly Bible study on the common themes, daily devotions on parenting topics, and ideas to discuss faith with children and youth.

The **Talkabout** is a take-home item that offers families a way to bring up the weekly *Gather 'Round* scripture texts in conversation and simple activities. Each quarter offers a different item. The Talkabout for spring 2007 is a refrigerator magnet puzzle, while the summer Talkabout is a set of Parable cards (pictured: see other side for related article).

If you have not yet reviewed these resources, we invite you to do so soon. Please call 1-800-245-7894 (US) or 1-800-631-6535 (Canada) to place an order.

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*“Since everyone is studying the same scriptures we can use those scriptures as the focus for worship.”*

—Mark, St. Jacobs, Ontario

*“In my adult class, we are following the same lessons. That makes it very easy to continue talking about the stories with our kids after Sunday school.”*

—Beth, Parnell, IA

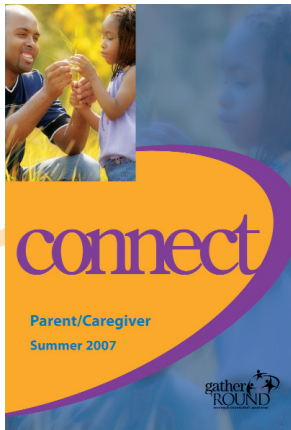
*“Gather 'Round definitely has the right idea. Extending Sunday school lessons into family devotion and activities, and providing resources to talk about the same faith topics across the ages, makes a real difference. As a parent, I know the Talkabout has earned a much more prominent place in our household than a simple printed piece would have.”*

—Alan, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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