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Resources**

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"We love using Jubilee....
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— Anne, Mundelein, Illinois

Summer Overview Cycle A and Cycle D

SUMMER TEACHING TIP

Let summer be a time of renewal and innovation for teachers and students. Involve parents, families with older children, or adult Sunday school classes to act as helpers or leaders when possible.

Early Childhood (ages 2, 3, 4)

Cycle A: *Worshipping God*

Children will learn about people of the Bible who encountered God in the events of daily life, and responded in expressions of worship. Throughout the sessions, children will worship God.

Broadly Graded (Primary, Middel, Junior Youth)

Cycle D: *God Gives Good Gifts*

Through Bible stories, children will recognize that God's gifts to us are visible and extraordinary. They will use their senses to experience and appreciate the gifts of food, life, wisdom, memory, creation, comfort, acceptance, protection, space, generosity, and more.



Find helpful information and more tips for teaching Jubilee in the **Jubilee Update**, at www.mph.org/jubilee

Summer Worship/Education Guide: *God Gives Good Gifts*

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 in the study *God Gives Good Gifts*, or as a supplemental worship resource coordinated with the Sunday school themes. Purchase one and photocopy as needed for pastors, educators, and others.

\$8.99 US, \$12.79 CAN



Also recommended

Jubilee Celebrations 1, 2 & 3

Make your next church event a Jubilee Celebration! Each of these books outlines eight spirited celebrations that involve the whole church—children, youth and adults—for two hours of combined worship and education. Five celebrations relate to the church year, and three are topical.

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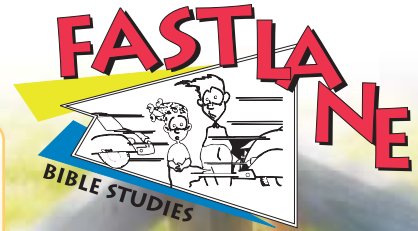
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Also available: teacher training & classroom items.





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

"The whole Fast Lane series is wonderful...."

—Jane Charlotte, NC

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 2004

Online with the Holy Spirit

Junior high young people often have powerful encounters with God's invisible movement in their lives. How can they explain it? How can they experience it more as they follow Christ? This five-session study brings alive the Bible's key teachings on the Holy Spirit's work in the world and in our lives: guiding, encouraging, empowering, and recreating.

God's Gift of Sex

This five-session study helps youth get beyond media messages, and think about sexuality in ways that are biblical and healthy. Through sensitive discussion, fun dramatizations of Bible stories, and thought-provoking handouts, God's Gift of Sex upholds God's ideals of marriage, honest relationships, and respect. It also helps kids begin to deal with issues of abuse, date rape, and peer pressure.



Also Recommended

Building Together:

Developing Your Blueprint for Congregational Youth Ministry

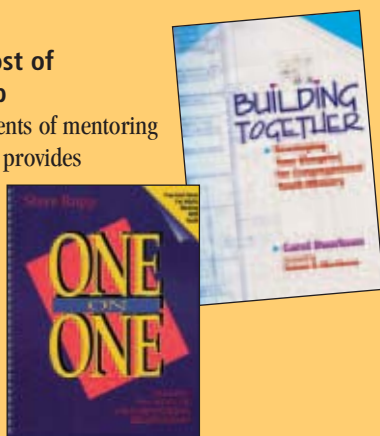
Practical reference and real-life examples combine to offer an inspiring, comprehensive approach to youth ministry that takes seriously the needs of youth, the congregation, and the changing culture. Building Together promotes involving youth in the whole life of the congregation, and outlines how to nurture dynamic Christian discipleship.

\$12.99 US, \$18.29 CAN

One on One: Making the Most of Your Mentoring Relationship

This guide reviews the basic elements of mentoring youth in the Christian context and provides resources for planning and living out a mentoring relationship. The 8 1/2 x 11 inch spiral binding format has 16 share sheets to provide a practical format for discussion topics and issues.

\$15.99 US, \$22.99 CAN



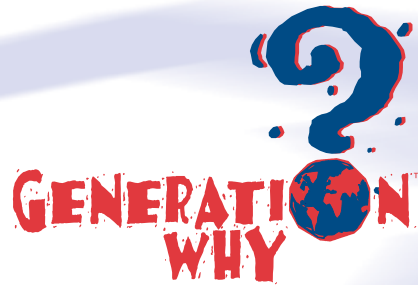
Other titles available

- 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
- Peace Heroes
- Praying the Lord's Prayer
- Some Body
- Understanding Gangs
- Unmasking the End Times
- What Gives? Using God's Money

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

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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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Faith That Works: Serving God's Vision

Using the book of James, youth will wrestle with the truth that neither serving nor riches guarantees safety, but one of them leads to the good life. (5 sessions)

Relatively Loving: Family Dynamics in the Bible

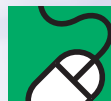
A news flash for youth: Family life of Bible times encountered sibling rivalry, the birth order question, and family histories. (6 sessions)

All five-session studies:

\$12.99 US, \$18.29 CAN

All six-session studies:

\$14.99 US, \$20.99 CAN



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Other titles available:

Apocalypse When? Daniel and Revelation
 Bad News, God News: Prophets Speak Truth to Power
 The Bold and the Dutiful: The Book of James
 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
 Do the Right Thing: Ethics with Meaning
 Does God Fight? Violence in the Bible
 Fight Right: A Christian Approach to Conflict
 The Gospel Revolution
 Hangin' Loose, Holdin' Tight: Paul's Epistles
 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: 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: Psalms
 The Radical Reign: Parables of Jesus
 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: Considering Covenant, Community, and Baptism
 Who is God?
 Who is Jesus?
 Who's In, Who's Out?
 You Can't Make Me Go To Church

"We have truly enjoyed the thought, theology, and effort put into these studies and are glad to order more."

— Ted
 New Orleans,
 LA

Being There: The Bible Through Simulation

Promote deeper biblical understanding and help youth learn from the Bible by "Being There"! These fun, adaptable simulations can be used in multiple settings. Each book contains three simulations—one from the Old Testament, one from the Gospels, and one from the early church. Extend the learning even further by adding the recommended Generation Why Bible Studies that connect to each unit, or the optional worship suggestions, also included.

~~\$15.99 US, \$24.99 CAN each~~

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Book One: Beginnings

What Happened in the Garden? (Genesis 1–3)

The Wise Men (Matthew 2)

The House Church (Philemon)

Book Two: Trying Times

Job and His Friends (Job)

What Shall We Do with Jesus? (John 11)

The Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15)

Book Three: Faith Takes Action

The Council at Mizpah (Genesis)

The Acceptable Year (Luke 4)

The Silversmiths of Ephesus (Acts 19)

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Use the Being There studies to guide youth in preparing part of a worship service. Have youth enact a simulation with the congregation as audience, or even as added "participants," involving everyone in the creative Bible learning!

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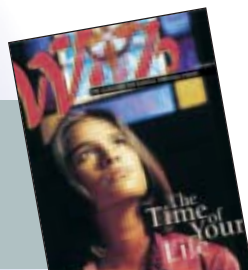
With:

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.

6 issues per year

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Each issue features **With Devotion** —devotions just for teens.



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"Once I picked up God's Story, Our Story, I just couldn't put it down.... It has depth of thought, understandable language, creative format, and a connection to our roots..."

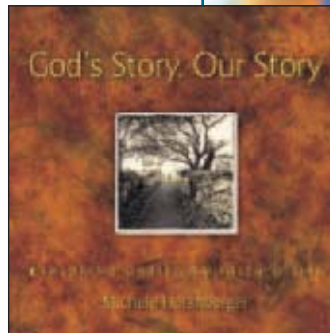
— Kathy Giesbrecht, youth pastor, Winnipeg, MB

New for 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.

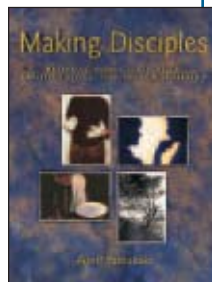
\$11.99 US, \$16.79 CAN



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, \$27.99 CAN



Adventures with the Anabaptists

A core resource recommended for all Mennonite youth. 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. This study grounds Mennonite youth in the roots of their faith tradition in a fun, accessible, and relevant way. Spiral back format.

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Mennonite heritage study



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GOOD GROUND

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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An Odd Body Church, Witness, and Culture in 1 and 2 Corinthians
Paul counseled Christians in Corinth to live fully in this world but also according to a new way. Give up the old, he said, and cling to Jesus' way of doing things.

For the Love of Earth Studies in Genesis 1–3
This study provides solid ground for faith-based approaches to caring for the earth.

All units: \$5.99 US, \$8.49 CAN

Other Good Ground titles available:

All Heaven Breaks Loose: Studies in the Gospel of Mark
Banking on God: Exploring Salvation in the Bible
Of Brats and Brothers: Joseph's Coming of Age in Genesis
Bursting the Wineskins: Five Radical Sermons of Jesus in Matthew
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
Diamond in the Rough: The Spiritual Apprenticeship of David
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
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
Voice from the Fringe: Studies in Isaiah

"It seems like we have more discussion with Good Ground than we've had with other curriculums."
— Betty, Pea Ridge, Arkansas

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.



Free sample session available at www.goodground.org



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

What Really Matters: Conversation Starters for Men

The Meaning of Tough: Using Power and Wealth

Sex and Faith: Celebrating God's Gifts

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Relatively Speaking: Strengthening Family Ties
Closer than a Brother: Building Deeper Friendships

All units: \$5.99 US and CAN



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**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.

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Heading for the Promised Land
The Road to Emmaus **NEW!**

Student guide:
\$14.99 US, \$20.99 CAN
Leader's 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*

 **Free sample session and leader's guide** available at www.gosecondmile.org

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Use one of Soul Care's intergenerational retreats as a fun summertime event for the whole congregation.

**Soul Care:
How to Plan and Guide
Inspirational Retreats**
edited by Rose Mary Stutzman

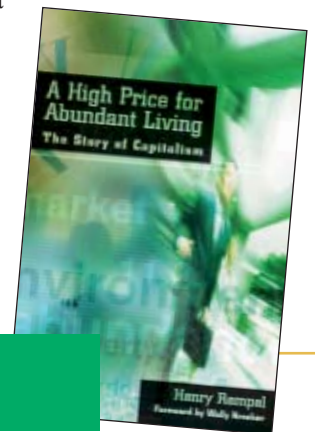
God uses spiritual retreat to transform lives. This guide offers 40 retreats to inspire and renew church leaders, Sunday school or small groups, families, and individuals.
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by Henry Rempel

This gentle critique of the current economic system recognizes the powerful impact the system has in generating a high material standard of living with considerable human freedom. Yet it dares to believe that we can aspire to an even better system that is more responsive to changing social and environmental realities—a system where the creative and enterprising spirit is encouraged to seek a better life for the entire global community.
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*— Katrina, age 9
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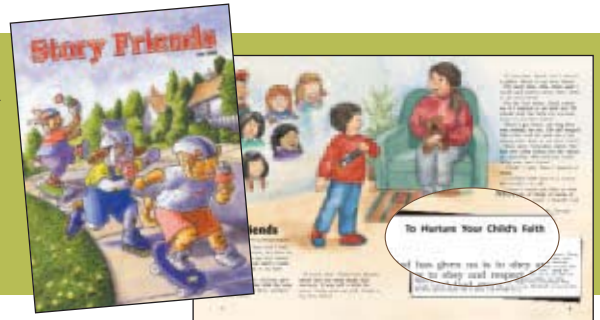
Rejoice!
A daily devotional guide, offering encouragement for adults and families.
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"I find my day goes much better after reading Rejoice and praying, than on the days when I rush around feeling busy."

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VBS 2004

"Then & Now materials are consistently the best VBS resources on the market... relevant, inspirational, and adaptable."

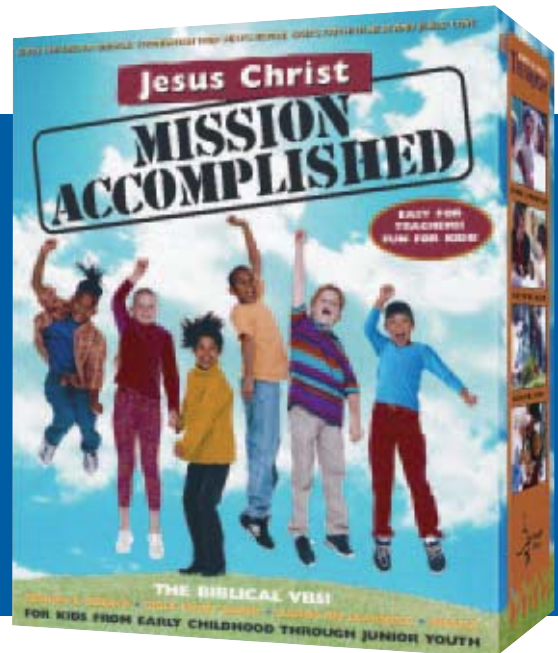
— Ron, Ohio

New from The Bible Then & Now: Jesus Christ: Mission Accomplished

Through participating in the dramatic events of Holy Week, children will learn to know Jesus, a servant leader. They will learn how he taught his disciples to pray, and that we can call on him in difficult times. They will understand how Jesus' death broke the power of evil, and that his resurrection is a promise of new life for believers.

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