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# Resource Update

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Highlighting Resources for Sunday school, Family Ministry & Worship...

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## CALENDAR

### September

26 Publishing Sunday

### October

3 Worldwide Communion Sunday

10 Thanksgiving Sunday

31 Mennonite Heritage Sunday

### November

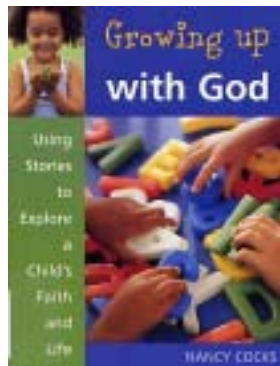
7 Peace Sunday

28 First Advent

## Circulate your worship materials here!

Congregations are always looking for current, tested resources from our member congregations. Email, fax or post us your copy of a special service, litany or celebration, and we'll pass it on.

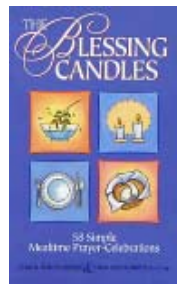
## New Family Ministry Resources



**Growing Up With God: Using Stories to Explore a Child's Faith and Life** by Nancy Ecks

Cocks. How can you help children "grow up with God"? One way is through storytelling. The author argues that by

telling children stories, by listening to the stories that children long to tell, and by exploring their questions, we can help them to grow up trusting that God will be at the centre of their lives.



**The Blessing Candles: 58 Simple Mealtime Prayer-Celebrations.**

The authors invite the family to the practice of simple rituals at mealtime as a way to uncover the wonder and wisdom of faith. Each prayer-celebration includes a

gathering prayer, the lighting of two candles, a reading and a prayerful response to it, reflection questions and a sending prayer.

## Peace Sunday Resources

**Peace Boxes** - All about peace. All in one box. Dozens of resources for children, families, youth, small groups, congregational worship, leadership, and more. A generous sampling of Anabaptist peace materials that can be used in many areas of your congregational life. We'll give you a 10-week renewable loan! Reserve from the Resource Centre now, in time for Peace Sunday activities.



**Peace Sunday materials** from MCC "Come and Eat: Invited to the Dinner Table, Called to be Peacemakers." We are eaters. We are food growers. How do our choices contribute to peace and justice for our sisters and brothers, and

for the earth itself? Watch for your copy sent to your congregation. Or visit [www.mcc.org/canada/peace/peacepacket.pdf](http://www.mcc.org/canada/peace/peacepacket.pdf) to get a preview of these resources on food justice.

**Peace Bulletin Inserts** "The Peace of Christ and the Peace of Rome." A bulletin insert from the Second Mile curriculum, created for Peace Sunday, that raises the question: Are we working for Caesar's peace or Christ's peace?

## Children's Corner

Resources for the church library, home, Sunday School class or Sunday morning storyteller.



**And to Think That We Thought That We'd Never Be Friends** by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. In rhyming verse that's a deliberate homage to Dr. Seuss, this book takes on quarreling and its consequences, and shows how turning fighters into friends leads to greater peace. A possible Peace Sunday children's story.



The Peace of Christ and the Peace of Rome

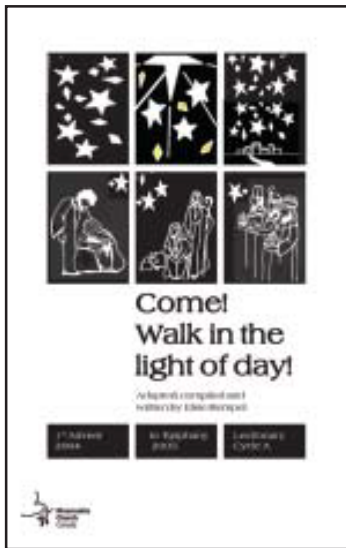


And suddenly  
Here we see with the angel  
a multitude of the  
heavenly host, praising  
God and saying,  
"Glory to God  
in the highest  
heaven, and  
on earth  
peace  
among those whom  
he desires!"  
(Luke 2:13-14)

Download from  
[www.gosecondmile.org/bulletin.htm](http://www.gosecondmile.org/bulletin.htm)

## Advent Resources

### At-Home Advent Family Resource.



**“Come! Walk in the light of Day!”** by Elsie Rempel. One way to connect worship as a household with congregational worship. Includes family activities, prayers, rituals, symbols, scriptures. Six weeks, from First Advent through to Epiphany, following the Lectionary Cycle A. Order your copy from the Resource Centre for a nominal charge or download the materials free at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/family](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/family).

**On the Journey of ‘God With Us’: An intergenerational Christmas Pageant/ Worship service**, by Elsie Rempel. This Christmas Pageant is adapted from this year’s **Centered Teaching**, supplementary material for multi-graded use of *Jubilee: God’s Good News*. Sunday Schools using this material, or the regular **Jubilee** sessions, will be able to easily co-ordinate their sessions with preparation for a congregational Christmas event. Look for this resource online at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources)

**Advent Travel Tax.** Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem

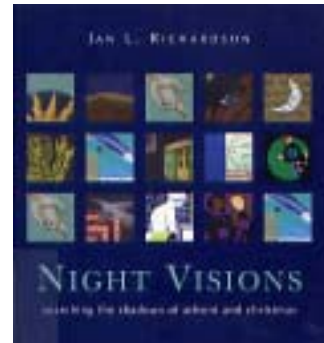


Witness worker, Rad Houmphan, with children eager to learn more about the story of Jesus.

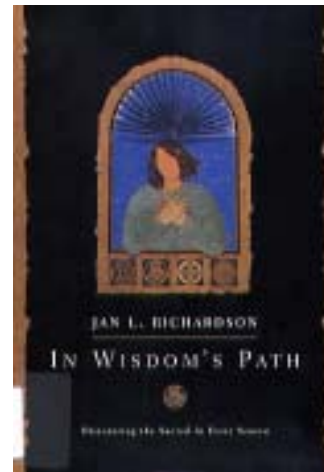
for taxation purposes. This Advent remember their journey by participating in an Advent Travel Tax that supports our ministry in Thailand where Pat and Rad Houmphan

travel on difficult roads to share good news with Isaan people. For further details, check out **KidsPak 2004-2005**. Many other games, activities, recipes, songs are offered to accompany this type of event.

## New Advent Resources



**Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent and Christmas** by Jan Richardson. A devotional guide for pilgrims awaiting the birth of hope. Leads spiritual travelers on a journey through the Christmas season, ushering quiet moments of introspection into a time that is often rushed and hurried.



**In Wisdom’s Path: Discovering the Sacred in Every Season** by Jan Richardson. Through colourful art, reflections, prayers, story and poetry, the author creatively moves through the seasons of the church year: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time. In it she bears witness to an array of biblical images of God. This piece also reflects the author’s own ongoing search for God, the process

of recognizing, naming and claiming the sacred as we each experience it in our daily lives.



**KidsPak** “The *KidsPak* projects and activities in this booklet are designed to invite intergenerational participation in the life of your congregation. As you engage both small and tall with these stories and activities, I hope that

participants will be eager to know more about the ministries of the broader church and experience the joy of giving.” –Al Rempel, Director, Resource Development. *Copies can be obtained from the Resource Centre, free of charge.*