

# Resources for Youth Ministry

This doc contains a listing of the resources from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery's Resource Center that can help youth workers and teachers carry out their ministry. All of these are available for you to use free-of-charge. Check with Patty to see if what you are interested in is available. Or better yet, come in one day and browse. The Resource Center is open every day that Patty is here.

The resources are listed alphabetically and categorized in the following ways: 1) General Resources for Youth Ministry Leaders; 2) General Program Resources; 3) Children's Program Resources; 4) Program Resources for Junior High; 5) Program Resources for Senior High; 6) Resources for Young Adult Ministry; 7) Adult Program Resources.

## for Youth Ministry Leaders

- 110 Tips, Time Savers and Tricks of the Trade** BK. F.105  
Youth Specialties 1984  
This book contains 110 words of wisdom that were compiled by a group of youth workers with a combined total of more than 130 years of youth ministry experience.
- Award Certificates for Almost All Occasions** BK. F.676  
Bev Gundersen 1989 Standard Publishing Co.  
Includes a variety of reproducible award and appreciation certificates to encourage the students in your class to work harder and to reward those who have earned recognition.
- Better Safe than Sued** BK. F.119  
Jack Crabtree 2002 Group Publishing  
Protect your youth ministry from accidents, lawsuits and other preventable mishaps that will kill your ministry. Includes information on insurance coverage, screening volunteers, proper safety planning, surviving wilderness trips and more.
- Building an Effective Youth Ministry** BK. F.102  
Glenn E. Ludwig 1979  
This book concentrates on the theory and theological bases for the establishment of an effective youth ministry and emphasizes having a variety of choices open before a youth ministry is ever started.
- Building Community In Youth Groups** BK. F.117  
Denny Rydberg Group 1985 Youth Leaders  
Here's how to transform your group into a close, caring family! Here are over 100 ready-to-use, creative activities and discussion starters to break down barriers between young people and develop trust and caring.
- Children Among Us** BK. F.120  
Cassandra Williams, editor 2003 Witherspoon Press  
An approach to welcoming children that calls on the commitment of the entire faith community to engage children in multiple venues of ministry.
- Choosing Church** BK. F.121  
Carol E. Lytch 2004 WJK  
A study of what attracts teenagers to the church and what keeps them there. The research includes interviews of a number of teenagers and their parents from mainline Protestant, evangelical and Roman Catholic congregations.

- Creative Youth Leadership** BK. F.101  
Jan Corbett 1977  
This book begins by giving simple, basic information for inexperienced youth leaders, and goes on to give added suggestions for leaders who have mastered the basics, feel comfortable with their group, and are ready to become even more creative in their leadership.
- Dealing with Crisis** BK. F.112  
Bob Tuttle 1997 Roots of Youth Ministry  
This book offers an informed and pastorally sensitive examination of several crisis scenarios. It offers an unflinching look at the statistics dealing with young people in crisis, as well as a detailed resource listing and a quick reference for the adult leader needing an immediate and appropriate response.
- Ecumenism and Youth** BK. F.106  
David Devadas 1995  
EGGYS, the Ecumenical Global Gathering of Youth and Students in Brazil in July, 1993, was a microcosm of the rich diversity of today's Christian youth movements - Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic. Through their encounters, discussions, worship, and fellowship, the five hundred participants expressed the frustrations and hopes of Christian young people. In this book, a young Indian journalist draws on his own experiences at EGGYS and elsewhere to highlight "the basic unity of the problems which face the generation which was born between 1960 and 1975 as they prepare to enter the next century."
- Even the Stones Will Shout** BK. F.120  
2001 Presbyterian Youth Triennium  
Seven session program for teens produced for 2001 Triennium
- Faith Findings** BK. F.122  
2004 Presbyterian Youth Connection  
Program designs for middle and high school youth. 25 for middle school students and 45 for high school students. Each program is about an hour.
- Getting Connected: Presbyterian Youth Connection Congregational Guide** BK. F.108  
1996 Presbyterian Church  
Sections include: Planning helps, a theological basis for youth ministry, ways to organize your youth ministry, and how to use the five intentions of the Presbyterian Youth Connection in your congregation. Can also be used for group study.
- Go Team! 101 Ideas to Energize Youth Ministry Volunteers** BK. F.123  
Kurt Johnston and Katie Edwards 2004 Group Publishing  
Ideas for encouragement notes, team meetings, and more.
- Great Fundraising Ideas for Youth Groups** BK. F.107  
David and Kathy Lynn Youth Specialties 1993  
Over 150 Easy-To-Use Money-Makers That Really Work.
- Growing Leaders** BK. F.115  
Bob Tuttle 1998 Bridge Resources (PCUSA) Youth  
The author looks at a wide range of topics important to assist and sustain youth ministry leadership: leader recruitment, volunteer leadership, profiles of effective youth leaders, and leadership support.
- Growing a Group** BK. F.116  
Lynn Turnage 1998 Bridge Resources (PCUSA) Youth  
In this book, Lynn Turnage offers her "Top 10" games/activities and the "whys" for using them. She also includes her choice of "Mop" activities – those activities that may sound fun and effective but whose end results are not appropriate for group building.
- Humongous Book of Games for Children's Ministry, The** BK. F. 667  
Group Publishing 2007  
A book of over 200 games to use for children's ministry, daycare or after-school programming gathered from children's workers. Games are arranged by age and topics. Each game lists an energy level and makes a key

Bible point.

- Ideas** BK. F.104  
Youth Specialties 1989  
Contains dozens of tried and tested programming ideas submitted by the world's most creative youth workers.
- Intensive Caring: Practical Ways to Mentor Youth** BK. F.118  
Group 1998 Youth  
In this book you'll find honest, candid evaluations of 5 unique Mentoring Programs. You get an insider's view of the strengths and weaknesses of what's working and why.
- Parachute Games** BK. F.126  
Todd Strong and Dale LeFevre 1996 Human Kinetics  
60 games for teachers and leaders to conduct using the play parachutes available from UOVP's Resource Ctr.
- Presbytery and Synod Connections** BK. F.125  
Presbyterian Youth Connection Resource 1996  
A guide for synod and presbytery Youth Connection Councils
- Rooted in Love** BK. F.113  
Rodger Nishioka 1997 Roots of Youth Ministry  
52 Meditations and stories for Youth Ministry Leaders.
- Roots of Who We Are, The** BK. F.110  
Rodger Nishioka 1997 Roots of Youth Ministry Pres. Church  
In this book, Christian Educator Rodger Nishioka explores youth ministry in a clearly Presbyterian and Reformed context. Nishioka provides youth leaders a clear understanding of how to work effectively and meaningfully with young people.
- Sowing the Seeds** BK. F.114  
Rodger Nishioka 1998 Bridge Resources (PCUSA)  
This book is for youth leaders called to sow the seeds of faith in our youth. This book examines John Westerhoff's styles of faith, and how they relate to youth ministry, to help youth leaders understand how to effectively reach and nurture each individual in the faith.
- Storyteller Series: Along the Road with Jesus** BK. F.613A (includes video tape and cassette)  
1998 Presbyterian Vacation Bible School material.  
Stories include: Calling of the disciples, Friends bring the paralyzed man, feeding of the 5000, Mary and Martha, and Road to Emmaus.
- Storyteller Series: Shepherd King – Stories of David** BK. F.613C (includes video tape and cassette)  
1998 Presbyterian Vacation Bible School material.  
Stories include: 1) David and Samuel; 2) David and Jonathan; 3) David and King Saul; 4) Davgid, Abigail, and Nabal; 5) King David and the Ark.
- Storyteller Series: Stories Jesus Told** BK. F.613B (includes video tape and cassette)  
1996 Presbyterian Vacation Bible School material, all-in-one planning.  
Stories include: 1) Who is My Neighbor? 2) The Unforgiving Servant; 3) The Father and Two Sons; 4) The Widow and the Judge; 5) The Great Dinner.
- Surveying the Land** BK. F.111  
Lynn Turnage 1997 Roots of Youth Ministry Pres. Church  
In this book, the author surveys the land of the church, our youth, and the culture in which the two live. Her survey yields significant insights into how to build a strong, relevant youth ministry program.
- Teaming Up: Shared Leadership in Youth Ministry** BK. F.109  
Ginny Ward Holderness with Robert S. Hay 1997  
The author provides the reader with actual accounts of her ideas on developing an effective youth-led youth ministry. She instructs the reader on how to enlist effective leaders, both youth and adult, create "lock-ins," and develop a variety of youth retreats that meet the different needs of youth by including a myriad of activities.

**Youth Ministry in Small Church** BK. F.124  
Rick Chromey 2004 Group Publishing  
How to build an effective ministry in a small church. Learn about the special dynamics of a small church and what a small church can do that a big church can't. Includes: starting from scratch, building a budget, plus 28 ready-to-use activities.

## Program Resources - General

**10-Minute Devotions for Youth Groups** BK. F.221  
J.B. Collingsworth 1989 Group  
52 ready-to-use devotions come complete with scripture reference, discussion questions and a closing. Each devotion applies God's word to kids' lives and addresses important concerns.

**Africa Game, The** KIT F.246  
PC(USA)  
A game designed by missionaries in Africa to teach young people what growing up in many parts of Africa is like.

**All the Way: On Discipleship** BK. F.208  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week Bible study for youth dealing with high adventures, meaning of discipleship, getting in shape, when the going gets rough, a balanced spiritual diet, passing it on, and a special power.

**Belonging: What's a Friend** BK. F.211  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week Bible study for youth dealing with being friendly, building friendships, breaking up fair, loneliness, the greatest friend, and becoming a community.

**Best Discussion Launchers for Youth Ministry** BK. F.235  
Group 1997 Youth  
Here are hundreds of thought-provoking questions kids can't resist discussing, compelling quotes that demand a response, and quick activities that pull kids into an experience they can't wait to talk about.

**Beyond Leaf Raking: Learning to Serve/Serving to Learn** BK. F.223  
P. Benson & E. Roehlkepartain 1993  
Presents a rationale for youth service, shows how to integrate service-learning into youth ministry, and features stories and illustrations from congregations.

**Biblical Themes in Children's Literature** BK. F.669  
MaryAnn McKibben Dana 2009 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
This series of Bible studies explores biblical themes in children's books by authors such as C.S. Lewis, Katherine Paterson, Madeleine L'Engle and more. Each 3-page guide in the series features a brief plot synopsis, discussion questions, and scriptural references to engage young people as they draw connections between the characters and stories they love and their own personal life of faith.

- A. *Prince Caspian*, by C. S. Lewis
- B. *Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo
- C. *Holes*, by Louis Sachar
- D. *A Wind in the Door*, by Madeleine L'Engle
- E. *Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson
- F. *The Book of Jude*, by Kimberley Heuston
- G. *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry
- H. *The Higher Power of Lucky*, by Susan Patron
- I. *The Wednesday Wars*, by Gary D. Schmidt
- J. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, by J. K. Rowling

- Breaking the Code: Language of the Church** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1989 Youth  
Participants will dive into the many confusing "Church words" and surface with a better understanding of how to articulate their own faith.
- Chips and Salsa: Children (YOUTH) in Plays: Short and Lively Sacred Action** BK. F.224B  
Carolyn Bohler 1998 Bridge Resources Children/Youth/Adults  
All plays in this book are biblically based, avoid gender stereotypes, are adaptable for a varying number of players, require little or no musical ability from the players, and need only minimal staging requirements - simple props, costumes, and sound.
- Choices: On Morality** BK. F.213  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week Bible study for youth on the following subjects: Starting point, tempting choices, tongue control, your mind matters, sex, sex, and sex; forgiveness, and honesty.
- Christ in Popular Culture** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1990 Youth  
In this study of how Christ is presented in popular culture, there are four sessions on television, two on advertising, three on music and two on the movies – with a final, wrap-up session.
- Circle of Wholeness, The** BK. F.202  
Presbyterian Church, USA 1991 Youth  
An addiction prevention curriculum for young people and their parents or other adults.
- Clip & Tell Bible Stories** BK. G.507A  
Lois Keffer 1995 Group  
Bring Bible stories to life for young children with just a few simple scissor snips! Each Bible story has a pattern for you to fold and cut as you tell the story. Patterns are photocopyable.
- Controversial Discussion Starters for Youth Ministry** BK. F.232  
Stephen Parolini 1992 Group  
Help your kids find biblical answers to today's tough issues using the unique point-counterpoint approach in this book. Topics include: Abortion, Euthanasia, Premarital Sex, New Age Movement, and more.
- Dear Me: On My Identity** BK. F.212  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week Bible Study for youth dealing with specialness, interests, abilities, problems, values, faith and tomorrow.
- Do We All Have to Be Alike?** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1991 Youth  
On a personal level, a familial level, and a global level, this minicourse enables young people to explore who they are as persons of faith amidst the diversity of experiences that exists within the church, the community, and within themselves.
- Everyday Object Lessons for Youth Groups** BK. F.234  
Youth Specialties 1999 Youth  
45 Strange and striking ways to get your point across to teenagers. Easy-prep ideas for Sunday School, Bible Studies, youth talks, and more!
- Facing Racism: In Search of the Beloved Community** BK. F.228  
Lonna Chang-Ren Lee 1998 Youth Study-PCUSA Peacemaking  
Encourages youth to dialogue about diversity, model new awareness, and challenge communities to reconcile and live in a new way.
- Faith Journey** BK. F.238  
V. Patton and S. Graham 2000 Bridge Resources  
A study developed in partnership with the Office of African American Leadership Training, providing youth leaders with sessions for special times in the life of the black church.

**Far-Out Ideas for Youth Groups** BK. F.205  
Youth Specialties 1975 Youth  
Contains ideas for crowd breakers, special events, games, attendance contests, skits, camping, and more.

**Go for It: On Becoming a Christian** BK. F.210  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week Bible Study for Youth dealing with beginnings, turning points, growing pains, struggles, life together, hanging in there and next steps.

**God's Gift of Sexuality** BK. J.601  
1989 Presbyterian Church USA  
This curriculum addresses such topics as puberty, anatomy, physiology, sexually transmitted diseases, relationships, and decision making. Helps youth examine sexuality in a biblical context and develop appreciation for guidance from church and parents. Contains Leader's Guide, Younger Youth Guide, Older Youth Guide, and Parent's Guide.

**Good Clean Fun** BK. F.218  
Tom Finley 1988  
Fifty games on paper for youth groups.

**Got a Call?** VT F.239  
Office of Communication PC(US) 2000  
This brief video is designed to help youth and young adults explore the concept of call to ministry. Film clips of students and others share what it means to be called by God to be involved in ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Greatest Skits on Earth** BK. F.224  
Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli 1986 Youth Specialties  
Every skit in this book was contributed by a youth worker who had already tried it in his own youth group-and found that it worked.

**Hassles: On Relationships** BK. F.214  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week bible study for youth dealing with life's headaches, family flare-ups, killer cliques, break-ups, power plays, why me, Lord?, and breaking free.

**Holiday Ideas for Youth Groups** BK. F.217  
Wayne Rice and Mike Yaconelli 1989  
Presents knock-'em-dead activities for youth of every age - secular and Christian. Every major holiday from Christmas and New Year to Easter and Thanksgiving is included. (Even some less-celebrated holidays, Groundhog Day, for example).

**Honest Talk about Eating Disorders** BK. F.241  
Bridge Resources 2001  
A four-session curriculum for youth examines types of eating disorders, root causes, Biblical and medical perspectives on a healthy body image, and more.

**Honest Talk about Suicide** VT F.244  
Bridge Resources 2001 23 mins.  
A four-session curriculum for youth. A videotape and study guide that introduces young people whose lives have been affected by suicide. Teaches learning signs and how faith communities can respond to the issue.

**How Can I Be "Me" in the Many "We's"?** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1991 Youth  
In this study, youth will examine the unique intertwining of the individual and the community. They will be challenged to look carefully at the influence of their families, their parents, their friends, and the society of which they are a part.

**How Can We Live in Community?** BK. F.201

P.R.E.M. 1991 Youth  
In this minicourse, youth will be challenged with the question, How does the creator-Creature relationship inform our response to environmental concerns? Youth will be asked to form concepts about Christians and ecology. They will explore questions that relate to the responsibility and accountability of humans to and for air, water, earth, and plant and animal life.

**Imaging Christ** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1990 Youth  
This minicourse invites young people to examine how Jesus Christ has been "imaged" by artists: painters, musicians, filmmakers, dramatists. Leads to the question, "But who do you say that Jesus Christ is?"

**Incredible! Questionnaires for Youth Ministry** BK. F.236  
Rick Bundschuh and E.G. Von Trutzschler 1995 Youth Specialities/Zondervan  
50 ways to find out all sorts of neat stuff about your kids. Spot youth trends, get to know your kids better, challenge your kids to act on their faith, give your programs a creative spark, and have more fun!

**Last Impressions: Unforgettable Closings** BK. F.221A  
Group Publishing Inc. 1996  
Here's a collection of Group's best-ever low-prep (or no-prep!) youth meeting closings, over 170 favorites, and each is tied to a thought-provoking Bible passage!

**Looking at Life Piece by Piece** BK. F.225  
Kristen Kemper 1996 Educational Ministries  
The programs in this book will challenge youth to explore their beliefs and feelings, while giving them an opportunity to gain insights from the reflections and opinions of the other participants.

**Make a Movie** BK. and VT F.243  
Billy Field 1998 Wings Video  
A training program teaching youth groups how to make a movie that tells a story, using equipment already owned, like a camcorder. Includes a videotape and book giving step-by-step instructions for writing a screenplay, shooting camera, directing actors, recording sounds, and editing picture.

**More than Words Can Say** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1989 Youth  
When words are not enough to communicate what we know and feel about God, then symbols, art, and music play important roles. Include in the course are scripts to help the youth create their own videotape drama.

**Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers** BK. F.233  
Group 1993 Youth  
Complete meetings for Youth Groups and Sunday School. his book gives you the tools to work with the very basics of faith – who God is, who Jesus is, why we need a Savior. And lessons use active learning – so there's no boring lecturing or endless notetaking. Teenagers apply their beliefs to daily living and discover biblical perspectives to faith issues.

**My Creator, My Life, My Choices** BK. F.240  
Bridge Resources 2000  
Nurturing tobacco-free kids. Leaders's guide for an eight-session program for youth.

**New Song: Musical Expressions for Youth Ministry** CD & BK. C.313a  
1998 CD and participant's book with words and chords for guitar.

**New Song: Musical Expressions for Youth Ministry Second Edition** CD & BK. C.313  
2002 CD and Leader's Guide of music.

**Ordered Life: Discipleship in Today's World** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1990 Youth  
How the young people at Pan (a Presbyterian boarding school) work, play, pray, and serve and have become a case study of a spiritual life.

**Reel to Real** BK. F.245A, B, and C

Structure youth group meetings or an entire retreat around a movie. Three books feature six movies each and include games, discussion, food and other ideas. Explore Christian themes and beliefs in each movie. Films include Liar, Liar; Michael; Dances with Wolves; Forrest Gump; Chariots of Fire; Independence Day; Phenomenon; The Preacher's Wife; 101 Dalmations and Twister.

**Salt and Light** BK. F.242 (2 copies)  
Martha Miller, editor 2001 Congregational Ministries Division, PCUSA  
Youth retreat designs: A resource designed for youth leaders by youth leaders. Designed to give young people a chance to experience their life and faith in a community, with creativity and with intentional God time.

**Seeing in a New Way** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1989 Youth  
Challenges participants to examine the history and traditions of their own congregation and denomination and then compare and contrast with other congregations.

**Service!!! Why ??? Where???** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1992 Youth  
Youth will dig deeper into the understanding that, as God's servants, we are to reach out and serve in different contexts to proclaim the Christian message by word and deed. Youth will discuss what it means to serve God at home, at school, within the community, and by caring for the environment.

**Service (Creative): Using Our Imagination** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1992 Youth  
To recognize that we are created in the image of God leads us to affirm our own creative possibilities. This minicourse helps young people recognize their own creativity and develop new ways of creatively sharing themselves in play and prayer, in rest and resurrection, in serving others and serving God. Six sessions.

**Service in Crisis** BK. F.201  
P.R.E.M. 1992 Youth  
People experience crisis in times of change and transition, including death and divorce. Youth will look at what crisis is and how they can be of service to others during times of crisis.

**Sexual Abstinence and the Abundant Life: Study Guide for Youth** BK. F.229A  
The Rev. Kyle Walker 1999 Witherspoon Press  
This study guide can be used to supplement the Presbyterian Church (USA) youth sexuality curriculum, *God's Gift of Sexuality*, or it can be used on its own. It was developed partially in response to the General Assembly Overture #98-45.

**Testing the Wind** BK. F.219  
Terry Deffenbaugh 1993  
Through this book youth might be challenged to look at their lives to see where the Spirit is directing them to go and what to do. It is hoped that these sessions will help the youth to understand that God is in all of their lives, both in and out of church, but that God, as parent, does at times let us learn lessons the hard way.

**To Move in Faith** BK. F.203  
P.R.E.M. 1983 Youth  
Living the word through dance. A youth elect series course for younger and older youth.

**Together Growing Up Drug Free: Prevention Curriculum for the Whole Church** BK. F.230  
Judith Caine Ekman 1998 Bridge Resources  
This resource recognizes the importance of peer leadership in keeping children drug free. It is designed to educate teens to become peer leaders so that they are able to communicate clear no-use messages to youth. Contains a full range of materials to assist peer leaders, teachers, and children.

**Torn Between: On My Lifestyle** BK. F.209  
Serendipity 1989 Youth  
A seven week Bible Study for youth dealing with issues of peer pressure, priorities, possessions, prejudices, personal convictions, passages, and power source.

**Ways of Telling about Our Faith** BK. F.201

P.R.E.M. 1988 Youth  
This course focuses on different ways we express our faith, such as creative Bible study, drama, and music.

**What If...?** BK. F.226  
Les Christie 1996 Youth Specialties  
450 thought provoking questions to get teenagers talking, laughing, and thinking.

**What Would Jesus Do?** BK. F.224C  
Diane M. King CSS Publishing Company Youth Play  
This youth drama addresses the struggles young people face when they attempt to deal with peer pressure while being true to their faith. Young people and adults who see this play will walk away determined to be a little less angry, more patient, more kind, more loving, and certainly more forgiving.

**Workshop Rotation** BK. F.237  
Melissa Armstrong-Hansche and Neil MacQueen 2000 Geneva Press  
The workshop rotation model of church school has breathed new life into Sunday school programs. This book is a basic manual for this creative approach, written by the educators who originated it, and provides a step-by-step guide through the process of setting up and conducting the rotation model in any church.

**Would You Rather...?** BK. F.227  
Doug Fields 1995 Youth Specialties  
465 provocative questions to get teenagers talking.

**You Choose the Ending Skits for Youth Ministry** BK. F.224A  
Stephen Parolini 1997 Group  
Here are 19 hot-topic skits guaranteed to keep your kids on the edge of their seats – because each skit has three possible endings!

**Youth Ministry Encyclopedia** BK. F.204  
Serendipity 1985 Youth  
Included are exercises for group games, scripture happenings, communication exercises, values clarification, scripture heavies and group building.

## Children's Program Resources

**1001 Wonderful Wonders Activities for All Children** BK. F.621  
Anne Rogovin 1992 Abingdon Press  
The author presents years' worth of things to do that are uncomplicated, inexpensive, and not trendy; she underscores the importance of spending time helping children discover their world and develop their emotional, social, and intellectual growth.

**All about Noah** BK. F.608  
Jodi Holley 1990  
This book contains 12 learning/activity centers to help explore the story of Noah and the basic truths it tells. They can be used together as an intergenerational event, the focus of a vacation church school, or as resource material to supplement your own Noah lesson.

**Amazing Science Devotions for Children's Ministry** BK. F.650  
1999 Group Publishing  
This book uses children's natural curiosity to involve them in 10- to 15-minute devotions. Can use for sermons, Sunday school, and midweek programs and clubs.

**Attention Grabbers for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** BK. F.605  
David Lynn 1990 Leaders  
Terrific crowd breakers, relationship builders, and group promoters to strengthen your 8-12 year olds.

Titles are: VT F.656 The Fiendish Works of Dr. Fear  
 VT F.657 Defeating the Shadow of Doubt  
 VT F.658 Shattering the Prince of Price  
 VT F.659 Silencing the Gossip Queen  
 VT F.660 Lead Us Not into Temptation

**Bible Story Games for Preschoolers** BK. F.610A-02

Group 1998 Preschoolers

Help your preschoolers remember dozens of Bible stories as they play these fun, active-learning games. Games are fun, simple and most take 5 minutes or less to play.

**Biblical Arts Festival** BK. F.607

Robert G. Davidson 1988

This program, based on biblical themes, will transform the church school into a variety of learning centers: The Pottery Shed, The Cookery, The Print Shop, The Stitchery Corner, Dance and Music Center, and The Metal Works.

**Children's Ministry Guide for Smaller Churches** BK. F.639

Rick Chromey 1995 Group Ministries

Practical help for making the most of your small church setting. You'll find case histories, encouraging examples, and sound advice from children's workers who are making a difference in small churches.

**Children's Worker's Encyclopedia of Bible Teaching Ideas: Old Testament** BK. F.619

**Children's Worker's Encyclopedia of Bible Teaching Ideas: New Testament** BK. F.620

Group 1997

Captivate even children who have grown up in church with over 340 attention-grabbing, active-learning devotions, art and craft projects, creative prayers, service projects, field trips, music suggestions, quiet reflection activities, skits, and more.

**Churchtime for Children** BK. F.602

Jim Larson 1978 Elementary Grades

Older resource used for developing a successful churchtime ministry for children in elementary grades.

**Discover David** BK. F.628

Mary Nelson Keithahn 1994 Educational Ministries

This book offers a variety of learning activities that will enable children to work with manageable bits and pieces of the story until they can put them all together in a meaningful way.

**Does God Have a Favorite Color?** BK. F.663

Anita Edlund 2004 Abingdon Press

A way to teach Bible stories to preschoolers using crayons. These lessons connect eight basic colors to Bible stories.

**Everyone's a Winner Games for Children's Ministry** BK. F.611A

Group Publishing Inc. 1995

Over 100 quick-and-easy games that build cooperation and make kids feel great!

**Family Story Bible, The** BK. F.626

Ralph Milton 1996 Westminster/John Knox Press

A fresh, contemporary perspective on the Bible, featuring inclusive language for God and over 500 colorful illustrations.

**First and Favorite: Bible Lessons for Preschoolers** BK. F.610A-01

Beth Rowland Wolf and Bonnie Temple 1996 Group Publishing

These quick-prep, complete plans guide you step-by-step in leading your children – no matter how large or small your class. And your children will see, hear, touch, taste, and even sniff each Bible lesson – so your children will remember these truths throughout their lives!

**Fun & Easy Games: 89 Ways to Make All Kids Winners** BK. F.645

1998 Group

Games designed for children's cooperation instead of competition. Can be used in a gym, classroom, outside or when traveling. Contributing authors are all veteran children's workers.

**Fun to Learn Bible Lessons** BK. F.610, F.610B  
Group 1995 F.610B for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade F.610 for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.  
Use these 20 lively Bible Lessons to give your kids an overview of the Bible and lay important faith foundations  
Includes photocopyable handouts. Use for Sunday School, VBS and Children's Church.

**Gentle Dark, The** BK. F.642  
Alyson Huntly 1999 ParseNip Press  
Nighttime prayers and poems for children that uphold an image of God whose love sustains and embraces us all.

**God Is Like a Mother Hen** BK. F.615  
Carolyn Stahl Bohler 1996 Presbyterian Publishing Corporation  
This book explores some metaphors we use to say "Yes, God is like that!" but we can also say, "But in some ways, God is not like that!"

**I Saw a Purple Cow: And 100 Other Recipes for Learning** BK. F.675  
Ann Cole, Carolyn Haas, Faith Bushnell, and Betty Weinberger 1972 Little, Brown and Company  
Learning recipes for preschool curriculum includes the subjects of creating, pretending, exploring, music and rhythm, parties and learning games. Fun and easy to do, most require only a few recycled household items.

**Incredible Meetings for Kids Grades 4-6** BK. F.634  
Kid Builders/Victor Books 1991 Grades 4-6  
Meetings include lessons on: Enthusiasm, competition, self-image, patience, thankfulness, Bible Times, AIDS, prayer, home life, and the opposite sex.

**Instant Games for Children's Ministry** BK. F.611B  
Susan L. Lingo 1995 Group  
Play 101 new children's games using just 14 everyday items!

**Jesus for Kids** VT F.655  
Vision Video 1997 Five, 10-minute segments  
A five-part video to introduce children to Jesus. Part 1: The First Christmas; Part 2: Jesus the Storyteller; Part 3: Jesus the Miracle Worker; Part 4: Jesus the Healer; Part 5: The First Easter.

**Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet** BK. F.614  
Educational Ministries 1996 5 lessons  
This curriculum was written as a Vacation Church School program based on a three hour schedule for elementary children. Each session includes: Learning Goals, background about the scripture, and learning activities.

**Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments** BK. F.653b  
Carol Mader 2003 Group  
Children from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade learn about right and wrong. 13 lessons with activities, stories and prayer.  
Reproducible handouts included.

**Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer** BK. F.653a  
2003 Group  
Children from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade learn the exciting power of prayer. 13 lessons with stories, activities and ideas. Reproducible pages.

**Kids' Travel Guide to the Fruits of the Spirit** BK. F.653  
2002 Group  
Children from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade can go on an adventure into the fruits of the spirit of Galatians 5:22-23. Activities, stories, prayer. Children will learn about expressing God's love to others through caring actions and healthy attitudes. 13 lessons with reproducible pages.

**Laws to Love By: The Ten Commandments** BK. F.635  
Judith Chase and Phyllis Wezeman 1996 Educational Ministries  
This book is intended to help participants explore the Ten Commandments in Creative ways, and to experience

them as values for living rather than as restrictive laws.

**Learning the Lord's Prayer** BK. F.636

Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Judith Harris Chase 1998 Educational Ministries  
In each chapter the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples is examined phrase by phrase.

**Life and Bible Times** BK. F.640

Anne Gilbert 1992 Educational Ministries  
This exciting resource is a complete unit of Bible Stories, activity sheets, creative arts, music, recreation, worship and field trips for three age groups. The easy-to-use material is perfect for a five-day or 10-day Vacation Church School, for 10 or more weeks in church school, or for a summer group.

**LifeSavers** BK. F.643

Susan Reith Swan 1999 Judson Press  
Lessons requiring little preparation and basic supplies. A tool for times when the teacher is in a pinch. Good for summertime or VBS groups.

**Living in God's Family** BK. F.601

G/L Publications 1978 Elementary Grades  
Older curriculum for use in churchtime, Sunday evening, and weekday ministries with children in elementary grades.

**Lizzy Gets a New Liver** BK. F.624

Lizzy Ribal 1997 Bridge Resources  
Lizzy was just 8 years old at the time of her liver transplant surgery. This is her story, written by Lizzy herself, of the transplant experience.

**Magic Forest, The** BK. F.630

Michele Hemenway 1998 Bridge Resources, PC(USA)  
Do you believe in magic? Morgan and Joey aren't sure if they do until they find themselves in a mysterious, magical forest. The adventure begins! Includes story on cassette, activity book, and personal journal.

**Make It, Shake It, Mix It Up** BK. F.672

Nancy B. Kennedy Concordia  
44 Bible stories brought to life with science. Help students learn Bible concepts using these attention-grabbing science activities. For third through fifth grades.

**Making Scripture Memory Fun** BK. F.638

80 Unforgettable Ideas For Children's Ministry 1998 Group  
These 80 Scripture passages come with fun, kid-friendly activities that build Bible understanding – and make Scripture stick!

**Meet Moses** BK. F.627

Mary Nelson Keithahn 1996 Educational Ministries  
This book offers a variety of learning activities that will enable people of all ages to get acquainted with him and his people in manageable bits and pieces until they can put the whole story together in a meaningful way.

**More Attention Grabbers for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** BK. F.606

David Lynn 1991 Leaders  
More terrific crowd breakers, relationship builders, and group promoters to strengthen your 8-12 year olds.

**More! Quick and Easy Activities for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** BK. F.604

David Lynn 1991 Leaders  
More fantastic meeting starters, teaching activities, and special events to spark your 8-12 year olds.

**Movie Clips for Kids** BK. F.662

2004 Group Publishing  
A captivating and creative way to reinforce over 50 Bible stories. Includes 100 referenced clips, activities, follow-up questions. Flexible, so devotions can take as little as 3 minutes or as much as 20.

**No-Miss Lessons for PreTeen Kids: 25 Faith Building Lessons to Keep Kids Coming Back!** BK. F.617  
1996 Group Publishing

Discover 25 faith-building, active learning lessons that deal with self-esteem, relationships, making choices, and other topics - and all of them are designed specifically for 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Each lesson is approximately one hour long and includes 2-3 optional activities for maximum flexibility.

**Party! Party! For Children's Ministry** BK. F.611C  
Susan L. Lingo 1996 Group Publishing

Here's everything you need to plan a dozen foolproof parties that build friendships, make visitors feel welcome, and create closeness within your group!

**Play It!** BK. F.612

W. Rice and M. Yaconelli 1993

Over 150 games! Categories include outdoor, large and small groups, indoor games for small groups, quiet games, and water games.

**Popcorn Clouds and Bubblegum Trees** BK. F.648  
Susan Damon 1994 CRC Publications

Twenty-six devotions, one for each letter of the alphabet, for children ages 4 – 8. Examples: "N is for Nasty," "V is for Voices." A scripture and prayer accompany each story.

**Quick and Easy Activities for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** BK. F.603

David Lynn 1990 Leaders

Fantastic meeting starters, teaching activities, and special events to spark your 8-12 year olds.

**Selfish Giant, The** VT F.661

Oscar Wilde's fable of a lonely ogre who keeps his gates locked and forbids the children from playing in his beautiful garden. Winter then overtakes the garden until a little boy shows the giant how to share. 30 minutes

**Servants of the Mist** BK. F.631

Gary Brewer 1998 Bridge Resources (PC USA) Younger Youth

Called by a voice that cannot be denied, fourteen-year-old Gurion journeys to an island of mist and mystery. Go with Gurion on his adventures and trials to heed the voice, a quest that ultimately leads to self-understanding and transformation.

**Show Me! Devotions for Leaders to Teach Kids** BK. F.618

Here are all the eye-catching science tricks, slight-of-hand stunts, and illusions that kids love learning so they can flabbergast adults. But now there's an even better reason to know them! Each amazing trick is an illustration for an "Oh, Wow!" devotion that drives home a memorable Bible truth.

**Signs of God's Love** BK. F.647

Jeanne S. Fogle 1984 Geneva Press

Children's book exploring baptism and communion.

**Stories of Jesus, Stories of Now** BK. F.641

Alexander Campbell 1980 Educational Ministries 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

This collection of 12 sessions begins with stories from the life of Jesus and continues with stories drawn from today's culture. Six concepts (Forgiveness, Friendship, Trust, Thoughtfulness, Helping, and Touching God's Power) are dealt with through the telling of stories included in this resource.

**Sunday School Specials: Quick and Easy Bible Lessons for Combined Ages** BK. F.623

Lois Keffer 1992 Combined ages

Here are fun, active lessons for a change of pace Sunday; summer's changing attendance; teacher and space shortages and year-round children's programs.

**Sunday School Specials 2** BK. F.652

Lois Keffer 1994 Group Publishing

Original and creative programs allowing children between the ages of four and 12 to be in the same class. Especially useful for small churches that combine classes every Sunday and large churches that combine classes during the summer. 13 lessons.

**Teaching Children about Prayer** BK. F.609  
Judy Gattis Smith 1988  
This resource of five sessions will help teachers enlighten elementary grade children on the many dimensions of prayer.

**Tell Me the Stories of Jesus** BK. F.629  
Nancy Regensburger and Carole Essenmacher 1996 Educational Ministries  
This 13-session curriculum makes teaching the parables of Jesus easy and fun! This resource contains over 140 pages of action packed ideas, far more than you will need for 13 one-hour sessions. All lessons are "teacher friendly."

**Terrific Meetings for Kids Grades 4-6** BK. F.633  
Kid Builders/Victor Books 1984  
Lessons include: The Occult, Racism, Money, Stepfamilies, Christian Thinking, Salvation, Listening, Getting Along, and School Success.

**Things to Make and Do Anytime: Creative Activities for Children's Ministry** BK. F.632  
Martha Bettis Gee 1998 Bridge Resources  
This book concentrates on what we call, "ordinary time." Activities are grounded in the ordinary. They offer children a window into the life of faith. Activities also allow children a way to take time from their own busy schedules of school and music lessons and sports to deeply experience God.

### **Veggie Tales**

Big Idea Productions 1997 Time: 25 min.  
VT 289 Very Silly Sing-Along - Collection of songs from the following videos  
VT 291 God Wants Me to Forgive Them? (forgiveness)  
VT 295 The Toy that Saved Christmas (meaning of Christmas)  
VT 296 Larry-boy! and the Fib from Outer Space! (lying)  
VT F.644 Madame Blueberry (thankfulness)  
VT F.649 Heroes of the Bible (collection of three; 75 minutes)  
VT F.664 King George and the Ducky (selfishness)  
VT F.665 Esther – The Girl Who Became Queen (courage)

**When Did We See You?** BK. F.616  
Phyllis Vos Wezeman/Colleen Aalsburg Wiessner 1994 Ave Maria Press  
Sixty creative activities to help fourth to eighth graders recognize Jesus today.

**When the Well Runs Dry** BK. F.622  
Mary Rose Pearson 1995 Broadman and Holman Publishers 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
Inside this book you'll find exciting activity pages and games that will help support your teachings of favorite Bible stories and will encourage Scripture memorization. Reproducible pages.

**World of Children's Books** BK. F.625, BK. F.625A, BK. F.625B  
BK. F.625 **A World of Children's Songs** - by Mary Lu Walker  
Singing songs from around the world is not only fun, it is also a great way for children and adults to learn about the lives of other peoples.  
BK. F.625A **A World of Children's Stories** - by Anne Pellowski  
This book is a treasure trove of wonderful tales, parables, fables, and riddles from around the world, sure to delight children of all ages.  
BK. F.625B **A World of Children's Games** - by Mary Duckert  
A variety of children's games from around the world.

## **Program Resources - Junior High**

- A Pile of Stones** BK. F.312  
 Jessie Schut 1998 CRC Publications  
 Devotions for children, ages 8 - 12. Brief stories of children and what God did in their lives. Includes relevant scripture verse, a question for discussion and a prayer for each story.
- Alcohol and Other Drugs** BK. F.307  
 Youth Elect Series 1982 Younger Youth  
 The purpose of this course is to enable younger youth to gain knowledge of and verbalize their feelings about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.
- Christ as Model** BK. F.301  
 P.R.E.M. 1992 Younger Youth  
 As young people look to Christ as a model for service, they will have the opportunity to explore the shape of that service and its risks. Their imaginations may be sparked to discover a variety of opportunity to explore the shape of that service and its risks. Their imaginations may be sparked to discover a variety of opportunities to reach out to others.
- Cross Training – Junior Hi Electives** VT F.311  
 1995 Strang Communications  
 A video curriculum 13-week course for junior high students, comprised of three sets: Growing Up (body changes, earning independence and more), Heroes (Abraham, Esther, Joseph, Ruth and Jeremiah), and School Matters (self-motivation, always doing their best, campus evangelism and more). Leader book for each set included.
- Digging Up Our Roots** BK. F.301  
 P.R.E.M. 1989 Younger Youth  
 Helps young people know who we are as Presbyterian and Reformed Christians. Unit 1 on archaeology lets participants do some digging. Unit 2 dips into the Reformation period. Unit 3 introduces twentieth-century heroes of the faith.
- Explore I** BK. F.302  
 Janice M. Corbett 1974 Junior High  
 Five sections for the book contain individual program ideas, project plans, and other suggestions relating to: Friendship, My Own Identity, Values/Beliefs, Social Issues, and the Arts.
- Explore II** BK. F.303  
 James E. Grant, Editor 1976 Junior High  
 This book contains a variety of resources for ministry with Junior Highs in the church.
- Faith 4 Life** BK. F.313 A-D  
 2003 Group Publishing  
 Junior High Bible Study Series. Every book in this series includes four interactive Bible studies, flexible options and reproducible handouts. A) Friends. What does it really mean to be a friend? And what's really the point of friendship after all? B) My Life as a Christian. Four Bible studies that answer the question, "What does it really mean to be a follower of Christ?" C) God's Purpose for Me. Knowing God's purpose for them helps young people make good decisions about their future, moral issues and day-to-day concerns. D) Understanding the Bible. Helping teens navigate and understand God's written word.
- Growing through Change** BK. F.301  
 P.R.E.M. 1992 Younger Youth  
 By asking young people to consider lots of questions, this minicourse helps them understand the dynamics of change. 6 sessions.
- Growing Up to Love: Meaning of Sexuality** BK. F.306  
 Youth Elect Series 1978 Younger Youth  
 The goal of this course is to provide information, resources, and guidance, through open dialogue, on concerns and issues related to sexuality and the developmental needs of younger youth, including the physical, emotional, relational, ethical, and spiritual aspects of sexuality.
- History and Visions of Our Congregation** BK. F.301  
 P.R.E.M. 1989 Younger Youth

To help youth to produce multimedia expressions of their congregation's story - its history and its relationship to the larger church. 6 sessions.

**How Can I Be a Friend and Make Friends?** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1991 Younger Youth

Youth will examine the essential ingredients in making and maintaining friendships. 12 sessions.

**Human Variety Is Beautiful** BK. F.308

Tricia J. Culverhouse 1981 Younger Youth

This course affirms the uniqueness and individuality of each person, while recognizing the potential we each have for experiences of being set apart as "different".

**Idea-Log: Creative Ideas for Younger Youth** BK. F.305

William Ross Forbes, Editor 1979 Younger Youth

Each activity presented follows this outline: 1) objectives 2) planning processes 3) Steps in carrying out the objective 4) Creative options for implementation 5) Evaluation questions and processes.

**It's God Calling** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1990 Younger Youth

Participants will identify some of the many "voices" they hear in life and think about how Jesus knew God's voice and understood God's call. 6 sessions.

**Junior High Game Nights** BK. F.309

Dan McCollam and Keith Betts 1991

Wild and crazy outreach events for junior high ministry.

**Mission Possible** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1992 Younger Youth

Young people examine how Christ's people can be servants in the midst of hunger, poverty, homelessness, AIDS, and war.

**New Truth: Jesus' Teachings in the Sermon on the Mount** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1990 Younger Youth

Focuses on what it means to be a Christian in today's world and lays a basis for answering the question "Why should I care? Especially appropriate for young people who are preparing to join or have recently joined the church. 6 sessions.

**Presbyterian Youth Connection: Program Designs: (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)** BK. F.310 & F.310A

Presbyterian Youth Connection 1996 Presbyterian Church

Twenty program designs for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth groups. Each design offers a plan for a 60-minute program session.

**Rainbow People! People of Promise** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1988 Younger Youth

The theme of covenant is developed by use of the rainbow - the individual colors are related to biblical themes. Six sessions.

**Secret Church, The** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1989 Younger Youth

Study of six hidden or secret churches in different places and at different times. 6 sessions.

**Strategies for Youth Programs** BK. F.304

Geneva Press 1978 Junior High

Study sessions for Junior Hi Youth.

**What If Crisis Comes?** BK. F.301

P.R.E.M. 1991 Younger Youth

A study on the impact that change has on community. Participants will identify times of crisis and develop positive coping strategies. 6 sessions.

**What Is There to Cheer About?** BK. F.301  
P.R.E.M. 1991 Younger Youth  
Through exploration of Christian celebration, youth will be challenged to find new ways to celebrate their faith. Six sessions.

**Who Is Jesus Christ?** BK. F.301  
1990 1990 Younger Youth  
Jesus' question, "Who do people say that I am?" central to Mark's Gospel, is what youth must ask as they begin to sort through values and commitments for their adult lives. Six sessions.

**Whose Story Is It?** BK. F.301  
P.R.E.M. 1988 Younger Youth  
A course on the authority of Scripture to help younger adolescents begin to understand the role of the Bible in the church's life. Six session.

## Program Resources - Senior High

**All the Difference in the World** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1992 Older Youth  
Helps older youth discover how similar all people are in the problems they face and in their needs and hopes.

**Alone in the Dark** VT F.422  
1994 Vision Video 27 minutes  
Giving in to peer pressure a teenager gets drunk at a party then gets behind the wheel of her boyfriend's car. Biblical discussion guide included.

**Believing and Belonging** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1989 Older Youth  
What does it mean to believe in God, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit in our midst, and to belong as active members of the church? Key activities include Bible study, discovering faith stories of others, sharing personal faith stories, and keeping journals. 6 sessions.

**Can I Be a Christian in a Consumer World** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1991 Older Youth  
Focuses on the importance of relationships in a consumer world - our relationship to God, to ourselves, to other people, and to the environment. 12 sessions.

**Can We Change Our World?** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1991 Older Youth  
This study gives youth opportunity to struggle with the question, "Can we change our World?" Provides a model for addressing community issues in need of a change. 6 sessions.

**Cross Training – Senior Hi Electives** VT F.418  
1995 Strang Communications  
A video curriculum 13-week course for senior high students, comprised of three sets: Passion for Jesus (building the fire of desire for God), Revelation (exploring the Second Coming, the Rapture and more), and Counterfeit Faiths (compare fundamental Christian beliefs with New Age, Christian Science and others). Leader book for each set included.

**Eight Special Studies for Senior Highs** BK. F.414  
Lois Kilgore 1976 Senior High  
Each of the eight concepts (happiness, fear, tradition, obedience, sin, forgiveness, justice, and faith) is organized into a "unit of study" intended for six sessions of 60 to 90 minutes duration.

- Exploring Other World Religions** BK. F.409  
 Hubert N. Whitten 1978 Senior High  
 Introduces the participants to the world's greatest faiths.
- Exploring the Word** BK. F.406  
 United Presbyterian Church Senior High  
 Idea starters for Senior High Group discussion.
- Faith Questions: Being Presbyterian** BK. F.432a  
 Hansen Wendlandt 2009 PCUSA Congregational Ministries  
 From We Believe curriculum. Six sessions for young people, based on questions from older youth of the PC(USA). Questions include "How is Presbyterian worship different from other churches?" and "What do Presbyterians believe about God?"
- Faith Questions: Prayer** BK. F.432b  
 2010 PCUSA Congregational Ministries  
 From We Believe curriculum. Six sessions for young people, based on questions from older youth of the PC(USA). Questions include: "Why is praying important?" and "Does God answer prayer?"
- I Am** DVD F.430  
 David Nasser 2007 bluefish tv  
 A 4-part video-driven Bible study for youth groups. How can I have a relationship with a God who is invisible? Two DVDs, 60-page leader's guide, printable handouts.
- Idealog: Creative Ideas for Older Youth** BK. F.407  
 CE:SA 1979 Senior High  
 Ideas and programming material for those responsible for senior high youth ministry.
- Ideas** BK. F.104  
 Youth Specialties 1989  
 Contains dozens of tried and tested programming ideas submitted by the world's most creative youth workers.
- Jesus Story, The** BK. F.401  
 P.R.E.M. 1990 Older Youth  
 Helps participants understand the question "Who do you say that I am?" When the risen Jesus stands in the midst of the startled and frightened disciples in Jerusalem, they're troubled and very skeptical. Jesus says, "Handle me, and see." That's the purpose of this course - to get in touch with Jesus of Nazareth and see who he really is. 6 sessions.
- Let's Go to the Movies** BK. F.401  
 Bridge Resources Booklets  
 Provide your youth groups with an opportunity to view and understand contemporary films in a Christian context. Each booklet examines several popular movies using biblical passages and related themes.
- Listen Up!** CD F.417  
 Ministers of the Gospel 1997/98 C.U.B. Productions  
 Christian rap.
- Making Your Own Gospel** BK. F.401  
 P.R.E.M. 1990 Older Youth  
 Enables young people to fashion their own "good news stories." In the process, they will discover what they find most compelling about Jesus Christ, and they will have opportunity to affirm faith in Christ. 6 sessions
- Matter of Life and Death, A** BK. F.412  
 Shirley Heckman 1978 Senior Highs  
 A plan of study about death and dying for young people for use in retreats, youth groups or short term studies for class. 6 sessions.
- Moooooo!** DVD F.435  
 Bluefish tv 2007

Six funny videos to entertain and loosen up youth groups. Each runs about 1 minute.

**My Truth, Yours Truth, Whose Truth?** VT F.423  
2000 Focus on the Family 30 minutes  
Explores the heart of every moral dilemma – absolute truth – and helps teens think through how faith is critical to daily decision-making. Includes a panel of teens discussing opinions on moral dilemmas.

**Our Vocation: Reflecting God** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1992 Older Youth  
Young persons will consider how their vocation is to reflect God by living lives as followers of Christ, including whatever they choose as their career.

**Presbyterian Youth Connection: Program Designs: (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** BK. F.415  
Presbyterian Youth Connection 1996 Presbyterian Church  
Twenty program designs for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth groups. Each design offers a plan for a 60-minute program session.

**Radical Revolutionary, The** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1990 Older Youth  
Explores the relationship between Christ and culture by examining the conflict between Jesus and his culture. It sees Jesus as a radical, one who sought to get at the root of faithful behavior. The texts for study are taken from Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount. Twelve sessions.

**Re:form** KIT F.434  
2010 Sparkhouse  
Confirmation curriculum for teens that answers their many questions: Am I really supposed to believe Mary was a virgin? Why does the Bible contradict itself? How can God be “three in one”? plus 37 others. Includes two DVDs, a leader’s guide and an anti-work book for students. Engaging but not “cheesy.”

**Re:form Traditions – Reformed** KIT F.434a  
2011 Sparkhouse  
Four questions specific to the Reformed Tradition are explored. Included are a DVD, a leader’s guide and an anti-work book for students.

**Religions** BK. F.436  
1995 Abingdon Pres  
Teaching teens about those from other cultures and faiths. Along with articles on non-Christian religions, the book includes nine complete 40-minute programs for groups.

**Respond, Vol. 4** BK. F.404  
Barbara Middleton, Editor 1975 Senior High  
Contains outlines of study sessions, suggestions for worship, helps for leaders, and lists of additional resources.

**Respond, Vol. 5** BK. F.405  
Robert Howard, Editor 1977 Senior High  
Contains programming ideas that outlines the Bible, Christian faith, ethical and social issues, and personal development.

**Search for Intimacy, The** BK. F.411  
Stackhouse and Saunders 1981 Senior High  
A six session course for use with senior highs who are exploring understanding of their own sexuality; the need for love and intimacy in light of the biblical faith.

**Strategies for Youth Programs Vol. 1** BK. F.402  
Judy R. Fletcher, Editor 1978 Senior High  
Ideas for Senior High Youth Groups that are practical for any congregation's youth group and that are economical, using materials that are inexpensive and readily available.

**Strategies for Youth Programs Vol. 2** BK. F.403  
Bernie C. Dunphy-Linnartz, Editor 1979 Senior High

The themes are designed to give specific ideas and directions for youth ministry programs and projects.

**Students' Rights** BK. F.413

Elsa Weber 1978 Older Youth

A six session study to motivate students to explore their rights and to encourage them to appreciate the meaning of education.

**Teenage Pregnancy: The Kids Next Door** BK. F.410

R. Claussen and B. Stackhouse 1983 SeniorHighs

A six session study for teens and their parents to examine this issue in light of Christian values.

**Teens vs. Parents** DVD F.431

Mark Matlock 2007 bluefish tv

A 4-part video-driven Bible study for youth groups. What if you had the perfect relationship with your parents? Two DVDs, 60-page leader's guide, printable handouts.

**Thespian Theology** BK. F.321

John A. TenBrook 2001

Twelve of Jesus' parables are depicted in a humorous, offbeat way in scripts that were developed for presentation by a high school-age youth group. Can also be used by adolescents. Simple, easy-to-perform sketches in one act.

**This 1's for U** CAS F.416

Ministers of the Gospel 1998  
Christian rap band.

**Unfiltered** VT F.420

2001 TotalTV Network

13-week youth Bible study. Each video runs 24 mins.

- VT F.420a Real Survivors. Follows three young people who are surviving things like life-threatening illness or bad home life.
- VT F.420b Change Hurts. Nothing stays the same. Things are out of control. Change can be scary.
- VT F.420c You're Not the Boss of Me. The stories of four teens who felt confined by everyone else's rules so they "fought" for their freedom.
- VT F.420d Just Get Even. How to be protected from emotional pain and learn to forgive.
- VT F.420e Living in a Material World. Follows a group of teens as they experience homelessness, and two teens who live with missionary parents.

**Unfiltered** VT F.419

1999 TotalTV Network

13-week youth Bible study. Each video runs 24 mins.

- VT F.419a Against All Odds. Three stories of teenagers who have overcome huge challenges.
- VT F.419b Killer Friendships. Teenagers will discover how to mend broken friendships, how to recognize destructive relationships, and how to deal with them
- VT F.419c God Is Loser-Friendly. This helps teenagers learn that God places a high value on each of us no matter how we fail.
- VT F.419d Raw Deal. Life can be unfair – illness, parents' divorce – but God's love can comfort even in the darkest hours.
- VT F.419e On the Road: Argentina. Fifteen young people on a backpacking journey through the Andes Mountains. Along the way, it becomes spiritual pilgrimage.

**Walking in His Footsteps** KIT F.424

Group Publishing 2004

A multimedia journey through Jesus' last week. Participants are guided by dramatic narrative on CD as they move through 12 interactive multi-sensory stations. Can use at retreats, camp, as outreach, special events or a Christmas/Easter event. Includes CDs, videos, leader's guide and 10 participant booklets.

**What Do I Believe?** BK. F.401

P.R.E.M. 1989 Older Youth

New Religious Movements and the Reformed Tradition. Equips youth to deal with new religious movements

before they are confronted by their advocates. Evaluation standards are the Reformed confessions. Among groups considered are the Mormons, the Unification Movement, the New Age Movement, and various psychic, occult, and satanic cults.

**What's Shaking the Church?** BK. F.401  
P.R.E.M. 1989 Older Youth  
Investigates some aspects of the church and of our culture that are pressing hard for change: women; the needs of children; ethnic groups; ecumenism. 12 sessions.

**Why of Cults, The** BK. F.408  
Marie Vimont 1982 Senior High  
This course provides background material and asks questions. The participants formulate their own answers. The goals of the course is to 1) recognize the dynamics underlying groups described as cults so that they can identify others that develop and come into existence; and 2) enable the participants to evaluate their own religious needs and maturity.

## Resources for Young Adult Ministry

**Creative Bible Studies for Young Adults** BK. F.511  
Denny Rydberg 1990 Group  
Faith-stretching Bible studies tackling life issues of today's young adults. Five four-week studies, including handling stress, God's view of sexuality, success, God's will, and spiritual growth.

**Developing Faith in Young Adults** BK. F.506  
Alban Institute Publication 1990  
This book will help your congregation take a thoughtful, insightful approach in its outreach ministry of adults ages 18-35.

**Money: Handling the Bucks** BK. F.503  
Serendipity 1989  
In the following studies, we will see that while money is not overtly evil, it is often abused. As an alternative, Jesus teaches that money is a tool to be used to further God's kingdom.

**Single in the Church: New Ways to Minister** BK. F.510  
Kay Collier-Slone 1992  
Stats show that by the year 2000, 52% of the population of the US over the age of 25 will be single. The patterns of worship and program will require a radical shift away from the traditional nuclear family. This book not only helps the leadership on congregations but also gives a reassuring new perspective to those who are living alone.

**Singles: Looking Out for Number One** BK. F.505  
Serendipity 1989  
This study looks at some of the issues which affect single adults today. We will consider what the Bible says about friendship, intimacy, and sexuality. We will then look at what Scripture says concerning rejection and loneliness.

**Stressed-Out: Keeping It Together** BK. F.501  
Serendipity 1988  
Come and look at some of the common causes of excessive stress and examine what the Bible has to say about them.

**Success: Does the One with the Most Toys Win?** BK. F.509  
Serendipity 1988  
As you move through this group study, you will be interacting with your group and the Bible on the varying dimensions of success. With a little help from your friends, you should more clearly understand what constitutes true success.

**Wholeness: Putting the Pieces Together** BK. F.504

Serendipity 1989

In the following studies we will consider the wholeness offered by Jesus. He offers us wholeness for our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. In a world which is frail, fractured, and frazzled, this truly is good news!

**Young Adult Ministry Resource** CD F.513

A CD of issues, music and information for young adult ministry.

## Adult Program Resources

**12 Steps: The Path to Wholeness** BK. F.706

1990 Serendipity

Become a support group while discussing what is involved in recovery from addiction via Twelve Step program.

**Addictive Lifestyles: Breaking Free** BK. F.704

1991 Serendipity

Become a support group while discussing how it is possible for innocent activities and harmless substances to become addictive and develop into behaviors that seriously damage people's lives.

**Amazing Grace: 5 Hymns that Changed the World**

VT F.712

Questar 70 minutes

Amazing Grace, It Is Well with My Soul, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Silent Night, and How Great Art. The stories behind the writing of these treasured hymns.

**American Prophet: William Sloane Coffin**

VT F.752

A tribute to the life and call of the liberal religious and social force, William Sloane Coffin.

**An Ordinary Day with Jesus**

KIT F.748

John Ortberg and Ruth Haley Barton 2003

Willow Creek Resources

A leader's guide, participant's guide, video and PowerPoint CD-ROM

A study designed to show how to experience all of life with God by recognizing and welcoming Christ's presence into every moment. Can be used by small or large groups in eight 50-minute sessions, four 2-hour sessions or a retreat setting.

**Bridge, The** VT F.744

Vision Video/Gateway Films

Three short films make good discussion starters.

1. The Bridge – A dramatic parable on God's sacrifice of his son. (Note: Very powerful – view before showing to a group.) 11 mins.

2. The Pump – A man journeying through the desert has car trouble and decides to walk until he comes upon a ghost town. There he finds a pump with a note advising him not to drink the water in the bottle but rather to prime the pump using the bottled water. Gulp down the water or trust the note? 9 mins.

3. The Mouths of Babes – A series of questions asked to very young children. The responses are natural and sincere. 15 mins.

**Carpe Diem (Seize the Day)**

KIT 28

Tony Campolo

1994

Ecuofilm

4 segments/45 minutes each

This curriculum helps individuals and groups get in touch with their unspoken needs, release a passionate faith, and transform the world around them through the willingness to seize the moment and live life to its fullest. If the fire in your heart has turned to ashes, Carpe Diem is a clarion call to seize the day and rekindle your passion for life.

**Christ in Art**

VT F.751

Vision Video

45 minutes

Three 15-minute programs that examine religious art masterpieces that deal with Jesus. Three parts: The Birth of Christ, the Madonna and Child, and Faces of Christ. Artists include Botticelli, da Vinci, and Raphael.

**Compassion Fatigue: Worn Out from Caring**

BK. F.705

1990 Serendipity

Become a support group while discussing the issues of caregiving and compassion fatigue, and attempting to become better caregivers as a result.

**Diversity Activities and Training Designs**

BK. F.747

Julie O'Mara

A notebook of resources for leaders of diversity workshops and programs.

**Encyclopedia of Icebreakers**

BK. F.746

Sue Forbees-Greene 1983 Jossey-Bass Pfeiffer

Over 400 pages of warm-ups, openers, energizers, tension reducers and get-acquainted games and brainteasers for workshop and conference attendees. Almost all take less than 30 minutes.

**Fathering Our Daughters**

BK. F.710

Ken Little 2000 Witherspoon Press

A timely six-session study that helps both new and seasoned fathers build a better relationship with their daughters.

**First Church of Political Correctness**

BK. F.711

Robert A. Allen 2001 Contemporary Drama Service

Five tongue-in-cheek skits about churches that don't really exist, but have recognizable features: 1. First Church of Political Correctness; 2. First Church of Fast Food; 3. First Church of Contention; 4. First Church of Reminiscence; 5. First Church of Fortune. For teens to adults. About 10 minutes each.

**Golden Years: Riding the Crest**

BK. F.707

Serendipity Support Group Series 1984

Deals with becoming a support group while discussing issues related to aging.

**Gospels, The**

KIT F.749

Tom Wright Tabgha

Video Bible study of the four Gospels. Six 25-minute video segments. Comes with 10 participant guides.

**Jesus I Never Knew, The**

VT F.710

Philip Yancey 1998 Zondervan

The popularity of Yancey's book led to the development of an entire teaching curriculum. This 14-session curriculum utilizes video clips from well-known and little-known movies portraying various views of Jesus, as well as video input from the author. For groups of any size. 130 minute video with 24 film clips, copy of the book, participant's guide and leader's guide.

**Karla Faye Tucker, The Story of**

VT F.750

2000 Vision Video 30 minutes

Karla Faye Tucker was put to death in 1998 for the murder of two persons, but while in prison she went through a religious conversion. Family members of one of her victims have conflicting views: one forgave her, another couldn't.

**Kiss Me**

BK. F.708

1976 Serendipity

These exercises have a deep purpose – to lead a group of people through a process of history giving, affirmation, and depth sharing into spiritual community.

**Mid Life**

BK. F.701

1990 Serendipity

Use to become a support group while exploring the problems and potential of midlife.

**Network**

KIT F.753

Zondervan Publishing

A program to help Christians understand who God has uniquely made them to be and mobilize them to a place of meaningful service in the local church. Participants work through a series of assessments to discover their unique blend of gifts, passion and style. Includes videos, leader's guide, participant's guide and overhead masters. Can be presented in one all day session, or up to eight, 45 minute sessions.

**Questions of Faith** VT 318A, 318B, 318C, 318D, 318E, 318F  
Ecufilem 18-25 minutes each Young Adults/Adults  
Basic questions of belief and meaning are explored in these videos:  
1) Who Is God?  
2) What Good Is Prayer?  
3) What's God Got to Do with Evil?  
4) What's Being Good Good For?  
5) Who Needs Organized Religion?  
6) What Matters Anyway?

**Questions of Faith V** VT F.713A, F.713B  
Ecufilem 19-25 minutes for each question segment Young Adults/Adults  
More questions of belief and meaning are explored in these videos:  
1) What Kind of Power Does God Have?  
2) Whose Money Is It?  
3) Can Faith Wipe Out Fear?  
4) How Do You Pray?  
5) How Can We Love Practically Anybody?  
6) What's Holiness All About?

**Tabernacle, The** VT F.745  
Antioch Interactive, Inc. 2000 28 minutes  
A walk-through of the ancient Tabernacle. This meeting place between man and God is seen in three-dimensional computer-generated detail. The Table of Shewbread, the Altar of Incense, and the Ark of the Covenant are all explored.

**Unemployed/Unfulfilled: Down but Not Out** BK. F.702  
Serendipity 1990 Adults  
Use to create a support group while discussing issues related to employment transition.

**Very Present Help, A** BK. F.709  
Miriam Dunsom  
Psalms study for older adults.