



Easter Resources (selected titles – more will be added)

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Key to age categories:

P = preschool e = lower elementary (K-Grade 3) E = upper elementary (Grade 4-6)
M = middle school/ junior high H = high school Y = young adult A = adult (age 30-55) S = adult (age 55+)

DVDs:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (120032) Author: Hamilton, Adam. This seven-session DVD study will help you better understand the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus' life; to see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death; and to reflect upon the meaning of these events for your life. DVD segments: Introduction (1 min.); 1) The Last Supper (11 min.); 2) The Garden of Gethsemane (7 min.); 3) Condemned by the Righteous (9 min.); 4) Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate (9 min.); 5) The Torture and Humiliation of the King (9 min.); 6) The Crucifixion (13 min.); 7) Christ the Victor (11 min.); Bonus: What If Judas Had Lived? (5 min.); Promotional segment (1 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: YA. 77 Minutes.

Related book:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: 40 DAYS OF REFLECTION (811018) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this companion volume that can also function on its own, Adam Hamilton offers 40 days of reflection and meditation enabling us to pause, dig deeper, and emerge changed forever. The reflections, ideal for use in Lent or any other time of the year, include Scripture, reflection on the events of Jesus' final day, stories from Hamilton's own ministry, and prayers. Age: HYA. 176 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT #7: HE IS RISEN (101016) This DVD begins at the crucifixion of Jesus and the soldier recognizing him as the son of God. Tells the story of his burial, the resurrection, appearances to the women and disciples, and concludes with his ascension into heaven forty days later. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Activity book available separately. Age: PeE. 30 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: HE IS RISEN ACTIVITY BOOK (810084) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. Age: PeE. 60 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE MESSIAH COMES! (101001) In His final days on earth, Jesus' disciples struggle to understand His mission. They are blinded by their expectations of the Messiah, thinking He would deliver them from Roman rule. Journey with the disciples as they witness Jesus cleansing the temple, triumphantly entering Jerusalem, and healing a lame man. After Jesus' resurrection the disciples finally understand! Jesus offers deliverance from the bondage of sin and death, giving hope of eternal life through His atonement. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Activity book available separately. Age: eE. 30 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE MESSIAH COMES! ACTIVITY BOOK (810087) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. Age: eE. 60 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: WORTHY IS THE LAMB (101003) This DVD explains how the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in the Passion of Christ, highlighting the following events: Judas plots with the chief priests, the colt, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Jesus is tried for blasphemy, Peter's denial, Pontius Pilate, and the Crucifixion. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Activity book available separately. Age: eE. 28 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: WORTHY IS THE LAMB ACTIVITY BOOK

(810090) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. Age: eE. 60 Pages.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: EASTER PARTY! (102025) Join the fun and lively bedbugs and learn the stories of the Palm Parade, The Garden Surprise, and Doubting Thomas. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the song 'Jolly Jelly Jellybean Factory.' Age: Pe. 27 Minutes.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER (103034) Author: Brickner, David. David Brickner, executive director of Jews for Jesus, demonstrates the Passover seder before a live audience. Learn the Hebrew names and meanings of each element and discover the connection between Passover and Christian Communion. Also includes the sights and sounds of a Jewish family's Passover celebration. Age: A. 40 Minutes.

CROSS OF CHRIST (103036) Author: Rolheiser, Ron. Through Scripture and examples from life, Fr. Ron Rolheiser gives new insight into the cross and what it has to teach us as Christians. Part 1: The cross reveals God's unconditional love. It allows God to descend into hell. What does this say about the limits of God's forgiveness and love? The cross reveals that vulnerability is the path to intimacy. How does this impact my image of God? (55 min.). Part 2: The wisdom of the cross teaches us that there is a connection between suffering and a coming into glory. How can I carry the cross without being resentful in life, love, and sacrifice? What will I give over freely? (50 min.). Includes guide. Age: A. 105 Minutes.

DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH (104019) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. FAITH LESSONS Volume 4. Ten lessons give keys to Godly living today through Holy Spirit empowerment. Sessions: 1) When storms come -- Sea of Galilee (15 min.); 2) Piercing the darkness -- Kursi (17 min.); 3) Gates of hell -- Caesarea Philippi (18 min.); 4) City of the great king, part 1 -- The Temple (22 min.); 5) City of the great king, part 2 -- Jerusalem (16 min.); 6) The Lamb of God -- Mount of Olives (20 min.); 7) The weight of the world -- Capernaum/Gethsemane (18 min.); 8) Roll away the stone -- Garden Tomb (21 min.); 9) Power to the people -- Southern Stairs (16 min.); 10) Total commitment -- Caesarea (18 min.). Part of the 'That the World May Know' series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant book ('Discovery Guide'). CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: HYA. 181 Minutes.

DEATH OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN (104032) Author: Koester, Craig. Three lectures from Craig Koester, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN: 1) The Trial of Jesus, the Trial of the World (60 min.); 2) The Crucifixion of Jesus (63 min.); 3) The Death of Jesus and the Human Condition (72 min., plus 8 min. Q & A session). Includes guide. Age: A. 206 Minutes.

DRIVE THRU HISTORY: JERUSALEM TO CALVARY (104070) Author: Stotts, Dave. Volume 4: Temple, Cross, and the Empty Tomb. Join host Dave Stotts as he speeds through the ancient world of the Bible. He delivers a fast-paced and even humorous encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith. Three 27-minute episodes per DVD: 10) Temple Mount and the story of Stephen; 11) 'The City of David,' Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam; Pool of Bethesda; 12) Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, trial of Jesus, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Pharisees and Saducees. Includes guide with Scripture references and discussion questions. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: YA. 81 Minutes.

EASTER EXPERIENCE: WHAT IF WHAT HAPPENED THEN CHANGES EVERYTHING NOW? (105029) This six-session DVD small group Bible study brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Sessions: 1) My life has a purpose; 2) My life can change; 3) My pain is understood; 4) My life has a plan; 5) I have the promise of eternal life; 6) My hope is secure. DVD segments are approx. 27 minutes per session. Includes leader's guide, sample participant's guide, and a leader DVD that includes hints for the leader, music videos, and behind-the-scenes footage. Age: HYA. 158 Minutes.

EASTER PROMISE/THE WITNESS (105015) Two animated stories for children on one DVD. 'Easter Promise' (44 minutes). Jerem dreams of being a soldier for a king. He is thrilled to hear about the upcoming arrival of the true King. Jerem, however, is fooled by appearances and soon rejects Jesus along with most of Jerusalem. In a wonderful lesson about truth,

appearances, and forgiveness, Jerem ultimately trusts in Jesus and witnesses the resurrection. 'The Witness' (44 minutes). For Barabbas, his journey to faith starts with his doubts about Jesus Christ's divinity. His secure unbelief is shattered as he tries to prove to himself that Jesus was a man like any other. After interviewing a variety of witness to the life, ministry, miracles, and power of Jesus he comes to faith in Him. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: eE. 88 Minutes.

EASTER STORYKEEPERS (105026) Dark times befall Ben the Baker, the leader and storykeeper of a valiant group of Christians, in this animated tale. Ben, his wife Helena, and their band of adopted children face the full fury of the Roman emperor Nero as he tightens his brutal grip on the city. A daring escape leads them to shelter in the catacombs, where Ben's stories of the last days of Jesus and his resurrection give new hope and strength. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: eE. 70 Minutes.

FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS (106041) Author: Hamilton, Adam. This DVD study has seven sessions: 1) "Father, forgive them" (10 min.); 2) "Today you will be with me in paradise" (9 min.); 3) "Behold your son . . . Behold your mother" (10 min.); 4) "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (9 min.); 5) "I thirst" (10 min.); 6) "It is finished" . . . "Into your hands I commit my spirit" (10 min.); Postscript: the words after that (10 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Up to four copies of the book are also available to borrow (#814008). Age: YAS. 68 Minutes.

GOSPEL OF JOHN (107094) Author: Witherington, Ben. A 12-session DVD study led by Ben Witherington. The study consists of daily assignments (found in the study book) and weekly group discussions during which you will view the week's DVD segment (7-11 min. each). Sessions: 1) Jesus changes water into wine and clears the temple courts; 2) Jesus teaches Nicodemus; 3) Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman; 4) Jesus heals a man born blind; 5) The Good Shepherd and his sheep; 6) Lazarus raised from the dead; 7) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem; 8) The Last Supper; 9) Farewell discourse; 10) The death of Jesus; 11) Jesus' resurrection and appearances; 12) Jesus' appearance by the Sea of Galilee. A study book for each participant will need to be purchased. Kit includes DVD and sample study book. Part of the 'OneBook Daily-Weekly' series. Age: YAS. 99 Minutes.

GREAT BIBLE DISCOVERY SERIES: VOLUME 3 (107026) Join host David Mead as he guides the way through classic stories of the Scripture, explaining the action and posing questions in a fresh, entertaining way. Each of the three episodes on this DVD features a lively interactive approach with live action mixed with storybook style animation. A final quiz following the credits of each story serves as a learning summary. Includes: 1) Discovering the Baby King: The Story of Christmas (30 min.); 2) **Discovering the Empty Tomb: The Story of Easter (35 min.)**; 3) Discovering the Kingdom: Jesus' Kingdom Parables (30 min.). Age: eE. 95 Minutes.

GREAT FIGURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: PART 2 (107049) Author: Levine, Amy-Jill. 12 lectures, each 30 minutes long: 1) Pharisees and Sadducees; 2) The Herodians; 3) Judas Iscariot; 4) Pontius Pilate; 5) James; 6) Stephen; 7) Philip; 8) The Centurions; 9) Paul, the hero of Acts; 10) Paul, the epistolary evangelist; 11) Jesus of Nazareth; 12) The Christ of faith. Includes lecture transcript and course guidebook. Age: A. 360 Minutes.

GREAT REVERSAL: THE LIFE AND DEATH AND LIFE OF JESUS (107099) Author: LeRoy, Matt. A nine-week journey through the Gospel of John. Sessions: 1) John 1 - the new creation story (11 min.); 2) John 2-3 -- the new way (12 min.); 3) John 4 -- the water of life (20 min.); 4) John 5-6 -- miracles (9 min.); 5) John 7-10 -- authority (15 min.); 6) John 11-12 -- the beginning of the end (21 min.); 7) John 13-17 -- last words (11 min.); 8) John 18-19 -- it is finished (9 min.); 9) John 20-21 -- the pioneer (12 min.). Includes paperback book. Age: HYAS. 120 Minutes.

HE CHOSE THE NAILS (108061) Author: Lucado, Max. In this five-session DVD study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. Sessions: 1) He chose to be one of us (15 min.); 2) He chose to forgive us (16 min.); 3) He chose to invite us into His presence (15 min.); 4) He chose to love us forever (16 min.); 5) He chose to give us victory (18 min.). Includes study guide. Age: YAS. 80 Minutes.

HISTORICAL JESUS: PART 2 (108027) Author: Ehrman, Bart. 12 lectures, each 30 minutes long: 1) Jesus and Roman rule; 2) Jesus the apocalyptic Prophet; 3) The apocalyptic teachings of Jesus; 4) Other teachings of Jesus in their apocalyptic context; 5) The deeds of Jesus in their apocalyptic context; 6) Still other words and deeds of Jesus; 7) The controversies of Jesus; 8) The last days of Jesus; 9) The last hours of Jesus; 10) The death and resurrection of Jesus; 11) The afterlife of Jesus; 12) The Prophet of the new millennium. Includes lecture transcript and course guidebook. Age: A. 360 Minutes.

HOLY LAND REVEALED: PART 2 (108041) Author: Magness, Jodi. 18 lectures, each 30 minutes long: 1) Herod as builder -- Jerusalem's Temple Mount; 2) Caesarea Maritima -- harbor and showcase city; 3) From Herod's last years to Pontius Pilate; 4) Galilee -- setting of Jesus's life and ministry; 5) Synagogues in the time of Jesus; 6) Sites of the trial and final hours of Jesus; 7) Early Jewish tombs in Jerusalem; 8) Monumental tombs in the time of Jesus; 9) The burials of Jesus and James; 10) The first Jewish revolt -- Jerusalem destroyed; 11) Masada -- Herod's desert palace and the siege; 12) Flavius Josephus and the mass suicide; 13) The second Jewish revolt against the Romans; 14) Roman Jerusalem -- Hadrian's Aelia Capitolina; 15) Christian emperors and pilgrimage sites; 16) Judaism and synagogues under Christian rule; 17) Islam's transformation of Jerusalem; 18) What and how archaeology reveals. Includes transcript book. Age: A. 540 Minutes.

IN REMEMBRANCE (109022) Their darkest night together is recreated by the disciples of Jesus as they share their fears, doubts, loves, and loneliness in recounting their last supper and the meaning of Christ in their lives. Age: MHYA. 30 Minutes.

JESUS GROWS UP / JESUS: WHAT HE SAID, WHAT HE DID (110002) This DVD includes two short segments for children on the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus Grows Up -- This segment begins with the angel's visit to Mary and ends after the family's visit to Jerusalem for Passover (16 minutes). Jesus: What He Said, What He Did -- This segment shows Jesus' baptism, the parables of the prodigal son and the good Samaritan, Jesus performing miracles, and ends with the Crucifixion and the glorious Resurrection (21 min.). Includes leader's guide. Age: Pe. 37 Minutes.

JESUS I NEVER KNEW (110008) Author: Yancey, Philip. Six Sessions on the Life of Christ: 1) The Jesus I thought I knew; 2) The Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount; 3) A revolution of grace; 4) Jesus' miracles; 5) Jesus' death and resurrection; 6) The difference Jesus makes. DVD segments approx. 20 minutes each. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. Age: YA. 115 Minutes.

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE: VOLUME 4 (110054) Author: Lloyd-Jones, Sally. Using illustrations from 'The Jesus Storybook Bible,' this DVD includes twelve short New Testament Bible stories: 1) The friend of little children (Jesus and the children); 2) The man who didn't have any friends (Zacchaeus); 3) Running away (The lost son); 4) Washed with tears (Sinful woman anoints Jesus); 5) The Servant King (The Last Supper); 6) A dark night in the garden (Garden of Gethsemane); 7) The sun stops shining (The crucifixion); 8) God's wonderful surprise (The resurrection); 9) Going home (The ascension); 10) God sends help (Pentecost); 11) A new way to see (Story of Paul); 12) A dream of heaven (John sees the future). Segments are 4 - 7 minutes long. Age: Pe. 66 Minutes.

JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT AND LIFE (110049) Author: Hamilton, Adam. In this six-session DVD study, Adam Hamilton explores the major themes of the Gospel of John. Sessions: 1) The Word made flesh (13 min.); 2) The miraculous signs of Jesus (15 min.); 3) The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus (17 min.); 4) The farewell discourse (12 min.); 5) The arrest, trial, and crucifixion of the King (14 min.); 6) Eternal life (16 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: HYAS. 87 Minutes.

LAST DAYS OF JESUS (112056) Six In-Depth DVD Studies Connecting the Bible to Life. Each session includes an introduction filmed in Israel and two video teaching segments (for a total of approx. 26 minutes of video per session). Sessions: 1) From warrior to servant: Jesus the Messiah (Mt. 16:13-28); 2) A glimpse of glory: The transfiguration (Mt. 17:1-9); 3) The rejected king: The triumphal entry (Mt. 21:1-22); 4) Love to the full: The Last Supper (Jn. 13:1-5, Mt. 26:21-29); 5) The ultimate victory: The trial and death of Jesus (Lk. 22:66 -- 23:3; 23:32-34, 44-47); 6) The death of death: The resurrection of Jesus (Mt. 28:1-10). Part of the "Deeper Connections" series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: YA. 156 Minutes.

LAST SUPPER (112027) This DVD emphasizes both Christian tradition and Jewish roots as it explores the recipes and courses served at the Seder meal. Filmed and dramatized in the Holy Land and the Middle East, the video is accompanied with a recipe booklet. DVD chapters: Why this night is different; Journey to Jerusalem; Arrangements for the Seder dinner; Traditional foods of the Seder; Jerusalem -- customs and changes; Symbolism; The Cenacle (Upper Room); The First Communion. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: MHYA. 58 Minutes.

LIKE NO OTHER: THE LIFE OF CHRIST (112116) Author: Evans, Tony. An eight-session DVD study with Tony Evans. Sessions: Promised like no other (6 min.); 2) A birth like no other (7 min.); 3) Power like no other (5 min.); 4) Teachings like no other (6 min.); 5) A death like no other (7 min.); 6) Resurrected like no others (6 min.); 7) Ascended like no other (8 min.); 8) Exalted like no other (5 min.). Includes guide. Age: A. 50 Minutes.

MADE FOR A MIRACLE: FROM YOUR ORDINARY TO GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY (113085) Author: Slaughter, Mike. In this six-session DVD study, Mike Slaughter examines the two components of every miracle - divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place we must act with God, using whatever gifts, talents, and abilities we have and directing them toward God's work in the world. Sessions: 1) You were made for a miracle; 2) Miracles come with a cost; 3) The miracle of love; 4) Activate the power of faith; 5) Activate the power of prayer; 6) Activate health and healing. DVD segments are 11 minutes long. Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: YAS. 66 Minutes.

PASSION NARRATIVES (116073) Author: Efid, James 'Mickey'. This 18 session study examines the passion narratives in the gospels of Mark, Luke, Matthew, and John. DVD segments vary from 12-23 minutes in length. Includes sample participant workbook. Age: AS. 338 Minutes.

PASSION OF CHRIST (116032) Author: Rolheiser, Ron. Through Scripture and examples from life, Fr. Ron Rolheiser gives new insight into Jesus' passion and what it has to teach us as Christians. Part 1: The Passion of Christ refers to Jesus' passivity, not to his physical suffering and death. After a life of activity, now Jesus is passive and things are done to him. In what way does this change or deepen my understanding of Jesus and his passion? How do I react when I feel powerless? How can I live so that my death can be a blessing for my family and friends? (40 min.). Part 2: In the Agony in the Garden, Jesus was "a stone's throw away" from his disciples. That is, he was experiencing that loneliness in which the deepest part of us is alone. What in my life helps me to understand him in this experience? (49 min.). Includes guide. Age: A. 89 Minutes.

PASSION: A SANDSTORY PRESENTATION (116067) Author: Castillo, Joe. In this dynamic visual experience with a music soundtrack, Joe Castillo tells the Easter story in a series of scenes created by manipulating black sand on a colored lightboard. Age: HYAS. 19 Minutes.

PATH OF JESUS (116037) Seven short dramas of the life and teachings of Jesus: Introduction (1 min.); The Christmas Story (9 min.); The Temptation (5 min.); Jesus and the Pharisees (10 min.); The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (8 min.); The Decision (6 min.); The Absent King (10 min.); The New Covenant (13 min.). The DVD also includes a director's commentary for each story containing behind-the-scenes information that leaders may want to show before or after each segment. Includes guide. Age: EMHYA. 62 Minutes.

PATH TO THE CROSS (116055) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. FAITH LESSONS Volume 11. Discover how the passionate faith of God's people prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did -- by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Five lessons: 1) The Way of the Essenes (Qumran), 29 min.; 2) The Way of John the Baptist (Machaerus), 29 min.; 3) Into the Desert to Be Tested (En Gedi), 30 min.; 4) The Last Passover (Jerusalem), 32 min.; 5) The Fifth Cup -- Our Way of Hope (Gethsemane), 29 min. Part of the 'That the World May Know' series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant book ('Discovery Guide'). CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: HYA. 120 Minutes.

PRAYERS OF JESUS (116036) Six In-Depth DVD Studies Connecting the Bible to Life. Each session includes an introduction filmed in Israel and three video teaching segments (for a total of approx. 26 minutes of video per session). Sessions: 1) Watch and pray: Jesus' model prayer life (Mk. 1:32-39; 9:9-29; 14:32-42); 2) Our God listens: The persistent widow (Lk. 18:1-8); 3) Joining in Jesus' prayer: The Lord's prayer (Mt. 6:9-13); 4) Praying to a good God: The friend at midnight (Lk. 11:5-13); 5) Praying with purpose: Jesus' final prayer (Jn. 17); 6) A friend in high places: Faith, prayer, and answers (Jn. 14:13-14). Part of the "Deeper Connections" series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: YA. 156 Minutes.

RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS (118060) Author: Slaughter, Mike. In this six-session DVD study, Mike Slaughter invites us to replace our version of a benign, Sunday school Jesus with the rebel Jesus, who came to initiate a revolutionary movement to bring God's kingdom into the world. We are encouraged to consider what it means to follow Him and what the true cost of discipleship is. Sessions: 1) Discovering the rebel Jesus; 2) Revolutionary lifestyle; 3) The most important question you will ever have to answer; 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. DVD segments are 10 minutes long. Includes leader's guide and paperback book. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: HYAS. 59 Minutes.

SERIOUS ANSWERS TO HARD QUESTIONS: TEN THEOLOGIANS CONFRONT TEN CHALLENGES TO FAITH (119122) Sessions and presenters: 1) Evil--R. Kendall Soulen; 2) Religion and Science--John Polkinghorne; 3) Other Religions--Sathianathan Clarke; 4) Evangelism and Tolerance--Scott Jones; 5) The God of the Old Testament--Amy-Jill Levine; 6) Jesus and Christianity--Richard B. Hays; 7) **Resurrection--N. T. Wright**; 8) The Gnostic Gospels--Ben

Witherington; 9) The Sins of the Church--Douglas M. Strong; 10) Forgiveness--L. Gregory Jones. DVD segments are approx. 30 minutes each. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. Up to six copies of the participant's guide are also available to borrow (#912015). This is an outstanding introductory-level course that appeals to a very wide audience. Each lesson is freestanding, so it is easy to adapt the course to your particular needs. This is a great starter course that encourages a lot of lively discussion. Age: A. 300 Minutes.

STORY OF JESUS (119142) Author: Frazee, Randy. This seven-session DVD study presented by Randy Frazee provides individuals and small groups the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply Jesus' life, work and teachings to their lives. Max Lucado adds introductory insights. Sessions: 1) The birth of the King (13 min.); 2) Jesus' ministry begins (12 min.); 3) No ordinary man (11 min.); 4) Jesus, the Son of God (11 min.); 5) The hour of darkness (12 min.); 6) The resurrection (10 min.); 7) New beginnings (11 min.). Includes guide. Age: HYAS. 80 Minutes.

STORY OF LENT: SPEED SKETCH BIBLE STORIES (119137) This DVD contains six Bible stories told in 'speed sketch' style which are appropriate for use with all ages. Each story is told in two versions: 1) an easy-to-understand narrated paraphrase; 2) narrated directly from the NIV 1984 translation of the Bible. Likewise, each story in both forms is available with either English or Spanish audio. Stories (paraphrase time/NIV scripture time): 1) Nicodemus (5 min./3 min.); 2) Triumphal entry (5 min./2 min.); 3) The Last Supper (4 min./2 min.); 4) Gethsemane (4 min./2 min.); 5) Crucifixion (4 min./6 min.); 6) Resurrection (4 min./2 min.). Lesson plans and coloring pages are available online at <https://www.wesleyan.org/2668/speed-sketch-bible-stories>. Age: All.

VICTORY AT JERUSALEM (122006) Author: Kelly, Ronald. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this DVD tells the story of the most important event in all of human history -- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join pastor Ronald Kelly as he retraces the sites and events of Christ's last days. Age: MHYA. 70 Minutes.

WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS (123062) Author: Hamilton, Adam. Join Adam Hamilton in the Holy Land as he explores the life and ministry of Jesus in this six- or seven-session DVD study: 1) Baptism and temptation -- the Jordan River and the Wilderness (10 min.); 2) The healing ministry -- Capernaum (9 min.); 3) Proclaiming the Kingdom -- the mountains (9 min.); 4) Calming the storm -- the Sea of Galilee (10 min.); 5) Sinners, outcasts, and the poor -- Samaria (13 min.); 6) The final week -- Jerusalem (12 min.); Optional Session 7) Epilogue: your defining story -- the resurrection (5 min.). Includes leader's guide and hardback book. Age: HYAS. 68 Minutes.

WHAT MAKES A HERO? THE DEATH-DEFYING MINISTRY OF JESUS (123103) Author: Rawle, Matt. In this six-session DVD study, Matt Rawle offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, he shows us how Jesus turned the concept of a hero on its head. Sessions: 1) Good, evil, and God (9 min.); 2) Right, wrong, and holy (8 min.); 3) Us, them, and the Body of Christ (10 min.); 4) Have, have-not, and the Kingdom of God (10 min.); 5) Old, new, and covenant (10 min.); 6) Life, death, and resurrection (9 min.). Includes leader's guide and paperback book. Age: YAS. 56 Minutes.

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE: HOLY WEEK IN WORD AND ART (123064) This DVD explores the story of Holy Week through the work of contemporary artist John August Swanson. Each segment includes commentary from members of the faculty at Candler School of Theology as well as comments by the artist. The DVD can be viewed in its entirety, or can be divided into six chapters for group discussion: 1) The Raising of Lazarus (8 min.); 2) The Entry into Jerusalem (6 min.); 3) Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (6 min.); 4) The Last Supper (6 min.); 5) The Betrayal and Arrest (5 min.); 6) The Crucifixion/The Burial of Jesus (8 min.). Includes sample discussion guide. Age: YAS. 39 Minutes.

WHO IS THIS MAN? THE UNPREDICTABLE IMPACT OF THE INESCAPABLE JESUS (123063) Author: Ortberg, John. In this five-session DVD study, John Ortberg discusses how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world and how you as a Christian can make an inescapable influence, too. Sessions: 1) The man who won't go away (17 min.); 2) A revolution of humanity (22 min.); 3) The power of forgiveness (23 min.); 4) Why it's a small world after all (21 min.); 5) Three days that changed the world (22 min.). Includes guide. Age: YA. 105 Minutes.
Related book:

WHO IS THIS MAN? THE UNPREDICTABLE IMPACT OF THE INESCAPABLE JESUS (815046) Author: Ortberg, John. Chapters: The Man Who won't go away; The collapse of dignity; A revolution in humanity; What does a woman want?; An undistinguished visiting scholar; Jesus was not a great man; Help your friends, punish your enemies; There are things that are not Caesar's; The good life vs. the good person; Why it's a small world after all; The truly old-fashioned marriage; Without parallel in the entire history of art; Friday; Saturday; Sunday. Age: YA. 219 Pages.

Curriculum:

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD FOR OLDER CHILDREN (911007) Author: Stoner, Marcia. Designed for children ages 9 - 12. Seven sessions: The Triumphal Entry; Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet; The Last Supper; The Garden of Gethsemane; Arrest and Peter's Denial; The Crucifixion; The Resurrection. Age: EM. 64 Pages.

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (911006) Author: Flegal, Daphna. Designed for children ages 4 - 8. Seven sessions: The Triumphal Entry; Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet; The Last Supper; The Garden of Gethsemane; Arrest and Peter's Denial; Good Friday; The Resurrection. Age: Pe. 72 Pages.

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD FOR YOUTH (911008) Author: Gant, Jason. Seven sessions: The Last Supper; The Garden of Gethsemane; Condemned by the Righteous; Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate; The Torture and Humiliation of the King; The Crucifixion; Christ the Victor. Age: MH. 80 Pages.

AT TABLE WITH JESUS (910052) Author: Gooch, John O. Eight Sessions. Available for two-week preview only. Age: A. 96 Pages.

GIVE UP SOMETHING BAD FOR LENT: A LENTEN STUDY FOR ADULTS (814109) Author: Moore, James W. In this seven-session study, James Moore challenges us to seek God's help to eliminate a bad habit or attitude while preparing to fully embrace the good news of Easter. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for discussion, and a closing prayer. Print study only; no DVD component. Up to 36 copies available.

HE CHOSE THE NAILS: AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE CROSS -- PARTICIPANT'S WORKBOOK (917012) Author: Lucado, Max. This 12-session participant workbook can be used to provide supplementary material to the five-session DVD study (#108061). Age: YAS. 236 Pages.

MADE FOR A MIRACLE: YOUTH STUDY (917061) Author: Tinley, Josh. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Made for a Miracle," this six-session study will help youth examine the two parts of every miracle - divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, directing our gifts, talents, and abilities toward God's work in the world. Sessions: 1) You were made for a miracle; 2) Miracles come with a cost; 3) The miracle of love; 4) Activate the power of faith; 5) Activate the power of prayer; 6) Activate health and healing. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. Age: MH. 64 Pages.

MOSIAC: WHEN GOD USES ALL THE PIECES (816006) Author: Stanford, Shane. In this eight-session study, Shane Stanford examines how the God of the universe uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful -- a mosaic in which God uses all of the pieces. Session titles: 1) When God uses our rebellion; 2) When God uses our restlessness; 3) When God uses our regret; 4) When God uses our rejection; 5) When God uses our responsibilities; 6) When God uses our resources; 7) When God uses our relationships; 8) After words. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a brief reading, questions for discussion, a brief prayer, and guided helps for daily Scripture reading and additional reflection in the coming week. Print study only; no DVD component. Up to 35 copies available.

PLENTY GOOD ROOM (916072) Author: Thornton, Marilyn, and Baldwin, Lewis. This print-only Bible study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. Sessions: 1) Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit -- a mountaintop experience; 2) This Lonesome Valley -- a time of temptation; 3) Bow Down on Your Knees -- a time of repentance; 4) Plenty Good Room -- preparing the guest room; 5) Ain't-a Dat Good News? -- shouldering the cross; 6) Were You There? -- a collective memory. Includes notes for the leader. Age: YAS. 59 Pages.

RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS - CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (917043) Author: Hoelscher, Sally. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Renegade Gospel," this six-session study, designed for children in grades K - 6, teaches about Jesus and what it means to follow him. Sessions: 1) Who is Jesus?; 2) Following Jesus; 3) Jesus asks a question (Who do you say that I am?); 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. For reference only; do not photocopy pages from this book. Age: eE. 64 Pages.

RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS - YOUTH STUDY BOOK (915026) Author: Youngman, Jenny. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus," this six-session study will help youth see who Jesus really is, what He really was about, and what it means to follow Him. Sessions: 1) Discovering the rebel Jesus; 2) Revolutionary lifestyle; 3) The most important question you will ever have to answer; 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. The adult-level DVD can be used for this study but is not necessary. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. Age: MH. 64 Pages.

WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS -- CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (912038) Author: Hoelscher, Sally. Based on Adam Hamilton's book "The Way," this six- or seven-session study, designed for ages 5 to 11, explores the life and ministry of Jesus. Sessions: 1) Jesus is baptized; 2) Jesus heals; 3) Jesus goes up on a mountain; 4) Jesus calms the storm; 5) Jesus talks to outcasts; 6) Jesus enters Jerusalem; Optional Session 7) Jesus is alive!. Age: eE. 80 Pages.

WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS -- YOUTH STUDY (912039) Author: Doyle, Clare Golson. Based on Adam Hamilton's book "The Way," this six- or seven-session study, designed for ages 13 to 18, explores the life and ministry of Jesus. Sessions: 1) Baptism and temptation -- the Jordan River and the Wilderness; 2) The healing ministry -- Capernaum; 3) Proclaiming the Kingdom -- the mountains; 4) Calming the storm -- the Sea of Galilee; 5) Sinners, outcasts, and the poor -- Samaria; 6) The final week -- Jerusalem; Optional Session 7) Epilogue: your defining story -- the resurrection (5 min.). Use of the adult-level DVD is recommended but not necessary. Youth book also acts as the leader guide. Age: MH. 72 Pages.

WHAT MAKES A HERO? CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (917063) Author: Groseclose, Susan. Based on the Matt Rawle study "What Makes a Hero? - The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus," this study contains ideas for younger (ages 5 - 7) and older (ages 8 - 11) children. Children will learn what it means to follow Jesus and be faith heroes in their families and communities. Sessions: 1) Faith heroes show God's goodness; 2) Faith heroes continue God's story; 3) Faith heroes create community; 4) Faith heroes serve others; 6) Faith heroes live as Easter people. Age: eE. 63 Pages.

WHAT MAKES A HERO? YOUTH STUDY BOOK (917062) Author: Poteet, Mike. This six-session study, based on Matt Rawle's study, examines aspects of Jesus' life and work with reference to the stories of superheroes currently popular in mass entertainment. Written for youth grades 6 to 12. Sessions: 1) Jesus is not my hero!; 2) Jesus didn't worry about doing the right thing; 3) Yes, Jesus loves 'them;' 4) What Jesus thinks a wasted life looks like; 5) Jesus' death saves us all. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. Age: MH. 64 Pages.

Books:

ALL SHALL BE WELL: READINGS FOR LENT AND EASTER (816010) This anthology contains 54 selections from a wide spectrum of classic and contemporary writers: T. S. Eliot, G.K. Thomas Merton, Joan Chittister, Rob Bell, Pope John XXIII, Phyllis Tickle, Dorothy Day, Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, Richard Rohr and many others. Includes author index. Age: YAS. 359 Pages.

AROUND THE YEAR IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 52 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 7 (814159) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. This book contains active, hands-on lessons that will help children understand how the Christian church marks time. Each program contains a simple Christian message, a Bible verse, a story, a prayer, a music suggestion, and a craft to reinforce the message. Lessons include the major seasons of Advent, Lent, and Pentecost, and also lesser-known holidays including Candlemas, the Festival of Booths, World Communion Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday. God's world, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Back-to-School, and Thanksgiving are all viewed from a Christian perspective. Help the children in your Children's Church program understand these and other holidays! Age: A. 128 Pages.

BEHOLD HIS CROSS (805171) Author: Stroble, Paul. Lent 2002: A Lenten Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Seven sessions: Sin abounds--grace abounds more; Abundant grace through faith; All that we need; Seeing as God sees; For death, no victory; The journey to Golgotha; Behold our Savior! Age: A. 71 Pages.

BETWEEN TWO GARDENS: FROM EDEN TO GETHSEMANE (817209) Author: Rubietta, Jane. Come to the Garden and Walk with Jesus. Focusing on both Eden and Gethsemane, these forty short devotional readings, appropriate for any time of year, discuss the topics of creation in the garden, oneness in the garden, darkness in the garden, shame in the

garden, sacrifice in the garden, thorns in the garden, failure in the garden, exile and the garden, suffering in the garden, and life in the garden. Includes daily reflection questions. Age: YAS. 203 Pages.

BREAD AND WINE: READINGS FOR LENT AND EASTER (809019) This anthology contains meditations from a wide spectrum of classic and contemporary Christian writers: C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton, Philip Yancey, Frederick Buechner, Madeleine L'Engle, Henri Nouwen, Dorothy Day and many others. Contains 72 entries grouped around the themes of Invitation, Temptation, Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and New Life. Includes author index. Age: YAS. 412 Pages.

CAIAPHAS: THE HIGH PRIEST (814000) Author: Reinhartz, Adele. As the Roman-appointed high priest who had a hand in orchestrating Jesus' crucifixion, Caiaphas secured his place in infamy alongside Pontius Pilate. Who was he really? The author's thorough reconsideration of representations of Caiaphas in the Gospels and other ancient texts as well as in visual arts, literature, film, and drama emerges a portrait that challenges long-held beliefs about this New Testament figure. Age: A. 254 Pages.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR (805057) Author: Halverson, Delia. Useful, easy-to-use guidance, resources, and reproducible pages help new and veteran children's leaders interpret the meaning of the Christian year to children from preschool through elementary age. Age: A. 116 Pages.

CHILDREN'S DRAMAS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR: REPRODUCIBLE DRAMAS FOR LENT, EASTER, AND PENTECOST (814001) Author: Miller, Linda Ray. A collection of skits, readings, poems, and simple songs for use with children of all ages. Most selections take less than ten minutes to perform and props and scenery are minimal. Age: A. 60 Pages.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER (807210) Author: Rosen, Ceil and Moishe. Enter the celebration of Passover, rich with history and significance for both Jew and Gentile. Through this book, you'll trace God's involvement through the history of this holy day--from the first Passover, all the way to the modern seder. The authors show how the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah are forever interwoven with the Passover and its symbolism. Includes index. Age: A. 166 Pages.

CLEARING SEASON: REFLECTIONS FOR LENT (806211) Author: Parsons, Sarah. Welcome the Lenten season as an opportunity to clarify your relationship with God. The author shows you how to clear a space in your life for God, identify obstacles that keep you from God, and choose a Lenten practice to help you remove those obstructions. Includes a chapter for each of the six weeks of Lent and a guide for small-group use. Age: A. 111 Pages.

CRIES FROM THE CROSS: SERMONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS (816012) Author: Farrell, Leighton. Chapters: First Word -- Father, forgive them; Second Word -- Today you will be with me in Paradise; Third Word -- Here is your son, here is your mother; Fourth Word -- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?; Fifth Word -- I am thirsty; Sixth Word -- It is finished; Seventh Word -- Father, into your hands I commend my spirit; Easter 1 -- Easter proclaims good news; Easter 2 -- He is not here, but has risen. Age: A. 96 Pages.

CRUCIFIXION: UNDERSTANDING THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST (817301) Author: Rutledge, Fleming. Chapters: The primacy of the cross; The godlessness of the cross; The question of justice; The gravity of sin; The Passover and the Exodus; The blood sacrifice; Ransom and redemption; The Great Assize (Last Judgment); The Apocalyptic War - Christus Victor; The descent into hell; The substitution; Recapitulation; Condemned into redemption - the rectification of the ungodly. Includes bibliography and names, subjects, and Scripture/ancient literature indexes. Age: A. 669 Pages.

DANCING IN THE DESERT: PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS FOR LENT (817034) Author: Foster-Fulton, Sally. Reflections, meditations, prayers, activities, and liturgies for Lent. Includes a liturgy for Mother's Day, worship for Ash Wednesday, an all-age service for Shrove Tuesday for making and sharing pancakes, and other all-age resources. Also includes segments on baptism, fasting, slowing down, journeying, new perspectives, and taking action. Resource from the Iona Community. Age: YAS. 150 Pages.

DAY THE REVOLUTION BEGAN: RECONSIDERING THE MEANING OF JESUS'S CRUCIFIXION (817002) Author: Wright, N. T. N. T. Wright explores both the Old and New Testaments to explore the meaning of the cross. Chapter titles: A vitally important scandal -- Why the cross?; Wrestling with the cross, then and now; The cross in its First-Century setting; The covenant of vocation; 'In all the Scriptures;' The divine presence and the forgiveness of sins; Suffering, redemption, and love; New goal, new humanity; Jesus's special Passover; The story of the rescue; Paul and the cross

-- apart from Romans; The death of Jesus in Paul's Letter to the Romans -- The new exodus; The death of Jesus in Paul's letter to the Romans -- Passover and atonement; Passover people; The powers and the power of love. Includes Scripture and subject indexes. Age: YAS. 440 Pages.

DEEP BLUE YEAR OF FESTIVALS: INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATIONS (816165) Eight intergenerational celebrations organized to include worship, fun, and faith formation. Each plan includes schedules, activities, worship outlines, event setups, and suggestions for advertising and outreach into the community. Includes: Harvest jamboree; Fall festival; Reverse Advent celebration; New year praise and prayer; Lenten community pilgrimage; Pentecost planting -- salad in a pot; Summer fun progressive picnic; Costume party. Age: A. 48 Pages.

DESTINATION EASTER! LENTEN PROGRAMS & PRACTICES FOR YOUTH (849911) Author: Hershman, Kathy & Hutson, Kaylea. There's more to Lent than giving up something! Programs include: Ash Wednesday, The Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Great Commission. Practices include: Ash Wednesday service, Peter's walk (devotional experience), Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, making a palm bouquet, agape feast, a footwashing service, Stations of the Cross. Includes reproducible materials. Age: MHYA. 81 Pages.

EASTER EARTHQUAKE: HOW RESURRECTION SHAKES OUR WORLD (817300) Author: Harnish, James A. James Harnish invites us to explore how Jesus' resurrection shifts our assumptions about ourselves and God. Each week of this six-week Lenten study contains five readings, a prayer focus, a hymn of the week, and suggestions for small-group interactions. Also includes a guide for daily meditation and prayer. Age: A. 125 Pages.

EASTER EXTRAS: FAITH-FILLED IDEAS FOR EASTER WEEK (808024) This small booklet includes ideas for Palm Sunday, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday for use with children. Age: A. 24 Pages.

EASTER FROM THE BACK SIDE (809002) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. The author looks beyond the traditional Gospel scriptures to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories throughout the Bible. His creative approach both clarifies basic teachings and introduces new possibilities of meaning, even for those who are most familiar with the Easter story. Seven chapters. Includes a study guide for group use. Age: A. 91 Pages.

EASTER GARDEN: A LENTEN EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN (813000) Author: Flegal, Daphna and Stoner, Marcia. 'The Easter Garden' is an event where children of all ages hear the stories of Holy Week, create a garden, make banners for worship, prepare table decorations, and help serve a meal to their parents and/or congregation. The children will also participate in a worship service with parents or with the entire congregation. Includes plans for a six or seven-week study with or without a separate meal and worship service, Saturday evening/Sunday morning event, or a large one-day event with a shared meal and worship service. Sessions: 1) Jesus enters Jerusalem; 2) Jesus washes the disciples' feet; 3) The Last Supper; 4) The Garden; 5) Peter's denial; 6) The cross and the tomb; 7) Jesus lives. An opportunity for service is included as part of each session. An accompanying CD-ROM includes music, PowerPoint slides, and a variety of printable materials. Age: PeE. 128 Pages.

EASTER STORIES: CLASSIC TALES FOR THE HOLY SEASON (816009) Author: LeBlanc, Miriam, editor. An anthology of short stories that illumine the true meaning of Easter. Includes: 'The White Lily' by Jane Tyson Clement; 'The Coming of the King' by Laura Richards; 'How Donkeys Got the Spirit of Contradiction' by Andre Trocme; 'The Church of the Washing of the Feet' by Alan Paton; 'Stories from the Cotton Patch Gospel' by Clarence Jordan; 'Saint Veronica's Kerchief' by Selma Lagerlof; 'The Way of the Cross' by Lew Wallace; 'Robin Redbreast' by Selma Lagerlof; 'The Atonement' by Ludwig von Gerdtehl; 'The Flaming Heart of Danko' by Maxim Gorky; 'John' by Elizabeth Goudge; 'The Legend of Christophorus' by Hans Thoma; 'Robert of Sicily' by Sara Con Bryant; 'Two Old Men' by Leo Tolstoy; 'The Golden Egg' by Ivy Bolton; 'The Case of Rachoff' by Karl Josef Friedrich; 'The Deserted Mine' by Ruth Sawyer; 'The Student' by Anton Chekhov; 'A Dust Rag for Easter Eggs' by Claire Huchet Bishop; 'The Barge-Master's Easter' by J. W. Ooms; 'The Ragman' by Walter Wangerin Jr.; 'Easter Under a Park Bench' by Kirk Wareham; 'The Death of the Lizard' by C. S. Lewis; 'Mary's Child' by The Brothers Grimm; 'The King and Death' by Ger Koopman; 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde; from 'The Everlasting Mercy' by John Masefield. Age: A. 374 Pages.

EASTER-RIFIC! (814215) Author: Houser, Tina. This idea book for teachers provides activities, games, crafts, snacks, science experiments, storytelling ideas, and object lessons for use with children in exploring the time between Palm Sunday and Jesus' Ascension and the Great Commission. Age: A. 143 Pages.

ESSENTIAL LENT: HOLY MOMENTS AND SACRED EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR WHOLE CONGREGATION (814219) Author: Jannsohn, Aimee, editor. This book offers interesting, easy-to-prepare activities and worship experiences that invite your church to delve a little deeper into this season and make it more meaningful. Includes activities for adults, young adults, youth, older children, younger children, and intergenerational groups. Age: A. 111 Pages.

FAITH AT HOME: A HANDBOOK FOR CAUTIOUSLY CHRISTIAN PARENTS (817057) Author: Barrie, Wendy Claire. The author, a member of the Episcopal church, discusses how to give children a foundation of faith through practices and rituals in the home. Chapters: Talking about God; Talking with God; Bible stories; Why church?; Seasons and celebrations (discusses Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Martin Luther King Jr., Valentine's Day, **Lent**, **Easter**, Pentecost, Summer saints -- Holy Women, Holy Men, Fall saints -- Saint Francis, Martin of Tours, Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day); Making home holy (special days, rituals, milestones); Finding God in difficult times; Meeting God in others; A note to clergy and church educators. Includes glossary and bibliography. Age: YAS. 146 Pages.

FINDING LIFE: FORTY DAYS OF DEEPER DEVOTION THROUGH LENT (815005) Author: Rubietta, Jane. From Eden to Gethsemane -- The Garden Restored. Forty short devotional readings designed for use during Lent but appropriate for any time of year. Focusing on both Eden and Gethsemane, topics include creation, oneness, darkness, shame, sacrifice, thorns, failure, exile, suffering, and life. Includes daily reflection questions and a small group guide. Age: YAS. 255 Pages.

FIRST EASTER: THE TRUE AND UNFAMILIAR STORY IN WORDS AND PICTURES (815031) Author: Maier, Paul. Written by a professor of ancient history, this book explores the Easter story. Chapters: The friends -- up to Jerusalem; The enemies -- intrigue and conspiracy; The betrayal -- a Last Supper; The arrest -- in the garden; The hearings -- Annas and Caiaphas; The judge -- Pontius Pilate; The judgment -- a Roman trial; The execution -- at Skull Place; The unanticipated -- Easter dawn; The explanations -- doubts and criticism; The evidence -- an empty tomb. Illustrated with black-and-white and color photos. Age: A. 128 Pages.

GIVE UP SOMETHING BAD FOR LENT: A LENTEN STUDY FOR ADULTS (814109) Author: Moore, James W. In this seven-session study, James Moore challenges us to seek God's help to eliminate a bad habit or attitude while preparing to fully embrace the good news of Easter. Each session includes a Scripture reference, a personal reading, questions for discussion, and a closing prayer. Print study only; no DVD component. [Up to 36 copies available.](#) Age: YAS. 96 Pages.

GOD IS ON THE CROSS: REFLECTIONS ON LENT AND EASTER (815103) Author: Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. Brief daily readings for Lent on the topics of prayerful reflection, self-denial, temptation, the purpose of suffering, the cross, preparing for Holy Week, and Holy Week. Includes Scripture index. Age: A. 114 Pages.

GREAT LENT: JOURNEY TO PASCHA (809006) Author: Schmemmann, Alexander. An exploration of the spiritual journey through Lent as experienced in the Orthodox tradition. Age: A. 140 Pages.

HE WAS CRUCIFIED: REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST (814110) Author: Stanley, Gerard Joseph. This full-color book offers the reflections of a medical doctor on the physical and mental anguish Jesus underwent in the hours leading up to His death. Paired with this commentary are masterpieces old and new -- from Michelangelo and Rubens to Dali and Siqueiros -- as well as prayers, hymns, Scripture, and poetry to enrich your meditations on Jesus' Passion. Age: A. 192 Pages.

HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS (814220) Author: Newby, Vicki, editor. Compiled from ideas submitted by youth leaders, this book contains over 200 festive activities, games, songs, and skits for use during the New Year, St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, **Easter/Lent**, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/Advent seasons. Also includes a few ideas for Super Bowl, April Fool's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Graduation. Age: A. 189 Pages.

INTO YOUR HAND: CONFRONTING GOOD FRIDAY (817024) Author: Brueggemann, Walter. This small book contains seven sermons by Walter Brueggemann on the Seven Last Words of the Cross. Includes bibliography and Scripture index. Age: YAS. 44 Pages.

J IS FOR JESUS: AN EASTER ALPHABET AND ACTIVITY BOOK (817194) Author: O'Neal, Debbie Trafton. In this full-color picture book for young children, the Easter story from Palm Sunday through Easter morning is told with simple text, highlighting one alphabet letter per page. The following activities are suggested: place mats or table runner, window paintings, outdoor banner or flag, a diorama. Illustrated by Jan Bryan-Hunt. Age: Pe. 28 Pages.

JESUS, THE FINAL DAYS: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED (809013) Author: Evans, Craig and Wright, N. T.. What do history and archaeology have to say about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? Authors Craig Evans and N. T. Wright convey the drama and the significance of Jesus' final days on earth. Includes index of ancient sources and index of subjects, names, and places. Age: A. 116 Pages.

JEW NAMED JESUS: DISCOVER THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE (814233) Author: Simon-Peter, Rebekah. Chapter titles: What's a nice Jewish girl like me doing in a place like this?; Was Jesus a Christian?; Did the Jews reject Jesus?; Did the Jews kill Jesus?; Has God rejected the Jews?; A new heaven and a new earth. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. Age: YAS. 126 Pages.

LAST DAYS OF JESUS (806184) Author: Bovon, Francois. Detailing the similarities and differences in the passion narratives of the four canonical Gospels and the Gospel of Peter, the author shows that these stories were not composed by objective witnesses but are reflections of the perspectives of those who wrote them. Includes indexes of ancient sources, modern authors, and subjects. Age: A. 101 Pages.

LAST WEEK: WHAT THE GOSPELS REALLY TEACH ABOUT JESUS'S FINAL DAYS IN JERUSALEM (807107) Author: Borg, Marcus & Crossan, John Dominic. The authors discuss, against the background of Jewish high-priestly collaboration with Roman imperial control, the last week of Jesus's life on earth as given in the Gospel According to Mark, the earliest gospel and the first narrative account of Jesus's final week. Includes a reading and discussion guide. Age: A. 238 Pages.

LENTEN TREE (808000) Author: Smith, Dean Meador. Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for Christ's Death and His Resurrection. This book includes devotions and patterns for decorating a Lenten tree with 41 symbols that represent Jesus Christ and his life. Age: A. 189 Pages.

MAKE ROOM: A CHILD'S GUIDE TO LENT AND EASTER (817023) Author: Alary, Laura. This full-color book for children talks about the Kingdom of God and events in Jesus' life and Holy Week and explains that, during Lent, we think about the following concepts: making time (prayer, listening for God's voice, thinking about choices); making space (repentance, forgiveness, sharing, simplicity); and making room (reaching out to the sick, lonely, and strangers). Illustrated by Ann Boyajian. Age: eE. 32 Pages.

MEDITATIONS ON THE CROSS (832555) Author: Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. Focuses on the themes of the cross and resurrection, suffering, and overcoming death and their relevance for human life and actions. Age: A. 94 Pages.

MESSY CHURCH: FRESH IDEAS FOR BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY (817205) Author: Moore, Lucy. The Messy Church model offers your church a tool to bring people of all ages and stages of faith together for a unique come-as-you-are experience of creativity, celebration, and hospitality. With instructions for starting a program at your church, this book includes 15 sessions for use throughout the year. Session topics: Abraham and Sarah; Joseph; Moses; Joshua; I Am the True Vine; I Am the Light of the World; I Am the Good Shepherd; Messy Christmas; Creation; A new start (Noah and the flood); **New life in Jesus (Easter)**; New life in the Spirit (Pentecost); Bible mountains; Bible roads; Bible seashores. Age: YAS. 205 Pages.

MESSY EASTER (817299) Author: Leadbetter, Jane. Designed for use with intergenerational groups, this book includes three once-a-month sessions and a treasure trove of ideas for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Chapters: Lent Messy Church; Holy Week Messy Church; Easter Messy Church; Creative Easter prayers; Easter extras; Easter food and food crafts; Easter games; Easter trail. Includes index. Age: A. 91 Pages.

MISSION: EASTER (805062) Author: Outcalt, Todd. Youth Programs and Ideas for Lent. The purpose of this book is to provide youth leaders, Christian education directors, and Sunday school teachers with programs and ideas they can use in a variety of settings throughout the Lenten season. It includes: seven programs, one for each Sunday in Lent; 3 short programs for the sacred weekdays of Lent: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday; two easy-to-perform skits for the Lenten season; a variety of worship ideas; and a Lenten retreat plan. Age: A. 80 Pages.

MOMENTS & DAYS: HOW OUR HOLY CELEBRATIONS SHAPE OUR FAITH (816248) Author: Van Loon, Michelle. This book explores the gift of time and takes a look at holidays in the Jewish and Christian calendars -- their stories, structures, and histories -- and offers suggestions on how you, your family, and your congregation can ponder their

significance. Chapters: Measuring time, being measured by time -- the calendar; In the beginning -- introduction to the Jewish calendar; Day of yes, day of rest -- the Sabbath; Into freedom -- Passover, unleavened bread, first fruits; Fifty days and first fruits -- Shavuot; May you be inscribed in the Book of Life -- Rosh Hashanah, Feast of Trumpets; Atonement and mercy -- Yom Kippur; God with us, us with God -- Sukkot / Feast of Tabernacles; Stones of remembrance -- Jewish history's holy days; From here to there -- introduction to the Christian calendar; Longing for home -- Advent; Welcoming the Word made flesh -- Christmas; The Light to the world -- Epiphany; Ashes to ashes -- Lent; Walking toward the cross with Jesus -- Holy Week; Living in resurrection time -- Easter; Signs, wonders, and new community -- Pentecost; Right here, right now -- Ordinary Time; Conclusion -- it's about time. Includes glossary and recipes. Age: YAS. 213 Pages.

PARABLES AND PASSION: JESUS' STORIES FOR THE DAYS OF LENT (807043) Author: Indermark, John. This book allows reflection on one parable each day arranged around the following themes (one theme per week of Lent): Simple gifts; Studies in contrast; Attending to creation; Responsible relationship; Customs and choices; Upside down, inside out. The prologue offers a reading for Ash Wednesday, and the epilogue provides readings for the final days of Holy Week. Includes a leader's guide for a 6-week study. Age: A. 175 Pages.

PASSING IT ON: HOW TO NURTURE YOUR CHILDREN'S FAITH SEASON BY SEASON (815174) Author: Oliver, Kara Lassen. Providing plans for four units (Advent -- preparing to receive the gifts of Christmas, **Lent -- living in the awkward season**, summer -- turning ordinary into extraordinary, and back-to-school -- growing fruit of the Spirit) this book provides plans for weekly family gatherings with age-appropriate activities. A leader's guide for parent groups using the book together is also provided. Age: A. 94 Pages.

PEANUT BUTTER, PAPER, AND PASTE (805224) Author: Gilliam, Brenda. Classroom Crafts and Recipes for the Seasons of the Church Year. Contains activities for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, **Lent, Easter, and Pentecost**. Age: A. 88 Pages.

PLAYS OF THE PASSION (874333) Author: Creighton, Linn. Eight plays written for adults and older youth to perform. Each play is based on the personality of a New Testament character. Includes John the Baptist, the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the rich young ruler, Simon the Pharisee, Nicodemus, Claudia Procula (Pilate's wife), and Mary of Magdala. Age: A. 124 Pages.

POWER AND PASSION: SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF RESURRECTION (807042) Author: Wells, Samuel. This book explores the most important events in human history by examining six characters in the Easter drama -- Pontius Pilate, Barabbas, Joseph of Arimathea, Pilate's wife, Peter, and Mary Magdalene. Each one comes alive as the author shows how they reflect and shape our reactions to contemporary issues such as marriage, friendship, discipleship, politics, and violence. Includes questions for discussion and reflection. Age: A. 192 Pages.

PREACHING THE ATONEMENT (809087) Author: Stevenson, Peter and Wright, Stephen. The authors discuss 10 important Bible passages connected with the sacrifice of Christ. Each chapter includes a complete sermon on the passage followed by discussion. Chapter titles: 1) The cost of a father's commitment (Gen. 22:1-19); 2) Taking away their iniquities (Lev. 16:15-22); 3) The suffering of a servant (Isa. 52:13--53:12); 4) The crucified God (Mk. 15:25-39); 5) Forgiveness from the cross (Lk. 23:32-43); 6) The Word became flesh (Jn. 1:1-14); 7) The achievement of God's justice (Rom. 3:21-26); 8) The reconciliation of the world (2 Cor. 5:11--6:2); 9) The decisive victory (Col. 2:8-15); 10) The final sacrifice (Heb. 9:11-14). Includes name, subject, and biblical reference indexes. Age: A. 207 Pages.

PRESUMED GUILTY (805138) Author: Tomson, Peter. The author explores how Jesus' trial and execution are portrayed in the New Testament and how that portrayal has affected biblical studies, Christian theology, and Jewish-Christian relations. Chapter titles: Jesus through the ages; The quest for the 'real' Jesus; The Jews in the Roman Empire; Jesus and His disciples; Jesus' trial; The apostles' testimony; The impact of the war with Rome; The writings of the New Testament; The readers of the New Testament. Includes name and subject index and index of ancient sources. Age: A. 146 Pages.

SCRIPTURES COME ALIVE: READING SCRIPTURE ALOUD (857200) Author: Bradford, Grace. Includes readings for two or three persons, speeches for choirs, and short skits: People Be Joyful; Bread and Water from God (Ex. 16, 17:1-7); Call to Disciples (Old Testament); All Parts of One Body (1 Cor. 12:12-26); God's Faithfulness (Ps. 78); Righteous Living (Ps. 26, Mic. 1:2, 2:1-18, 2 Tim. 2:19), Depending on God for Help (Ps. 121), Message from the Mount (Mt. 5:1-12), I Remember Jesus, A Homecoming (Lk. 15:11-32), Palm Sunday (Mt. 21), Maundy Thursday (Jn. 13), Good Friday (Jn. 18:29-19:16), He Arose, The Walk to Emmaus, Looking for Jesus, Dedication of the Temple (2 Chr. 5-7). Age: A. 48 Pages.

SEASON OF ASH AND FIRE: PRAYERS AND LITURGIES FOR LENT AND EASTER (814088) Author: Meeks, Blair Gilmer. This book is a treasury of scripture-based prayers, liturgies, and other worship aids to enrich worship from Ash Wednesday through the celebration of Pentecost. Age: A. 159 Pages.

SEASONAL SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (814158) Celebrate 13 popular holidays with preschoolers through preteens, all from a Christian perspective. Each session includes a snack, craft, devotion, game, and more. Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas have extra activities to inspire, educate, and celebrate. Includes: New Year's Day; Valentine's Day; St. Patrick's Day; **Palm Sunday; Easter;** Earth Day; Mother's Day; Memorial Day; Father's Day; Independence Day; Halloween; Thanksgiving; Christmas. Includes index of activities by age-level. Age: A. 158 Pages.

SEASONS OF FAITH: TEACHING THE CHRISTIAN YEAR (805055) Author: Stoner, Marcia Joslin. A study of the Christian year can be a fun way to unite the generations. This book contains crafts and activities for all ages on special days throughout the year. Includes ideas for service projects. Age: A. 160 Pages.

SEVEN LAST WORDS: AN INVITATION TO A DEEPER FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS (817001) Author: Martin, James. Rev. James Martin, SJ, a Jesuit priest, offers meditations on the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross, which reveal not only Jesus's love and forgiveness, but also why we can confidently turn to him with our worries, fears, and even doubts. Chapter titles: Jesus understands the challenge of forgiveness (Lk. 23:26-37); Jesus understands doubts about the afterlife (Lk. 23:39-43); Jesus understands a parent's love (Jn. 19:26-27); Jesus understands feelings of abandonment (Mk. 15:33-39); Jesus understands physical pain (Jn. 19:28-29); Jesus understands disappointment (Jn. 19:30); Jesus understands self-offering (Lk. 23:44-49). Age: YAS. 134 Pages.

SEVEN LASTING WORDS-JESUS SPEAKS FROM THE CROSS (823296) Author: Seitz, Christopher R. A series of vignettes based on the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross. Illustrated with woodcuts by Helen Firth. Age: HYAS. 58 Pages.

SEVEN NEXT WORDS OF CHRIST: FINDING HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION SAYINGS (806156) Author: Stanford, Shane. Chapter titles: Who are you looking for?; Greetings...don't be afraid; What are you so concerned about?; Peace be with you; Go into the world; Have you caught any fish?; Wait for the gift. Includes study guide. Age: A. 98 Pages.

SHARING THE EASTER FAITH WITH CHILDREN (806047) Author: Brown, Carolyn. Helping Children Observe Lent and Celebrate Easter. Part 1: Telling the Easter Story to Children. Part 2: Keeping Lent and Easter with the Congregation and Family. Part 3: Study Sessions for Parents, Teachers, and Worship Committees. Part 4: Lent-Easter Resources for Children and Their Adults. Age: A. 123 Pages.

SIDE BY SIDE: FAMILIES LEARNING AND LIVING THE FAITH TOGETHER (805246) Author: Halverson, Delia. With these family-oriented Sunday school lessons, parents and children learn about and experience the Christian faith together. Includes nine complete classroom sessions (45-60 minutes), plus suggestions, ideas, and activities for nine additional topics. Includes reproducible handouts. Includes: **"Easter: Our Celebration"** and **"Lent: A Time to Prepare."** Age: A. 173 Pages.

SON RISES: RESURRECTING THE RESURRECTION (808021) Author: Wise, Robert. In this exploration of Jesus Christ's resurrection, the author presents an engaging dialogue with a first-century eyewitness to the resurrection, offers stories of personal encounters with Jesus throughout history, and gives insight into the meaning and significance of the resurrection. Includes instructions for observing the Stations of the Cross and the Stations of the Resurrection. Age: A. 234 Pages.

STAGES ON THE WAY (805008) Author: Iona Community. Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Resource from the Iona Community. Age: A. 234 Pages.

STEP GENTLY IN THE WORLD: RESOURCES FOR HOLY WEEK (817026) Author: Foster-Fulton, Sally. Reflections, meditations, prayers, and liturgies for Holy Week following the journey of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. Resource from the Iona Community. Age: YAS. 131 Pages.

STORIES BEHIND THE TRADITIONS AND SONGS OF EASTER (807040) Author: Collins, Ace. The author tells the stories of 21 songs and discusses the history of the Easter celebration, Lent, passion plays, sunrise services, Easter parades, dressing up for Easter, the Easter egg, and the Easter bunny. Age: A. 183 Pages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIALS VOLUME 2: QUICK AND EASY BIBLE LESSONS FOR COMBINED AGES

(810028) Author: Keffer, Lois. Thirteen fun, Bible-based programs full of creative ideas for classes of ages 4 - 12 on the topics of learning to know God, showing God's love, and celebrating special times. Sessions: 1) God in first place (The Rich Young Man); 2) Circle of forgiveness (Jacob and Esau); 3) The trust test (Peter Walks on Water); 4) More like Jesus (Peter -- Betrayer to Miracle Worker); 5) Promises to keep (God Saves Noah's Family); 6) All kinds of families (Joseph and His Brothers); 7) When things get tough (Joseph -- Slave, Prisoner, Commander); 8) Faith to give away (Naaman and the Servant Girl); 9) Thank you, Lord! (A lesson for Thanksgiving or any time); 10) God with us (A lesson for Christmas or for Christmas in July); 11) New Beginnings (A lesson for New Year's or any time); 12) A little love and kindness (A lesson for Valentine's Day or any day); 13) **Jesus lives! (A lesson for Easter or any time)**. Includes supply lists, active learning experiences, interactive Bible stories, life applications, and reproducible handouts. Age: A. 123 Pages.

TEACHING & CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN SEASONS (826392) Author: Halverson, Delia. A Guide for Pastors, Teachers, and Worship Leaders. For each season and special day, the author explains its history and significance and suggests age-appropriate ways to teach and celebrate these special times, helping to deepen our understanding of Christian traditions and to enrich our Sunday experience. Chapter titles: Why follow the Christian calendar?; The Lord's Day; Advent; Christmas; Epiphany; Season after Epiphany; **Lent; Holy Week; Easter Sunday and the Easter Season**; Pentecost; Ordinary Time or the Season after Pentecost; Other special days (Trinity Sunday, Worldwide Communion, All Saints' Day/Halloween, Thanksgiving). Includes a 'Hanging of the Greens' service and 'Way of the Cross' centers. Age: A. 120 Pages.

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY: ENCOUNTERING THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

(807044) Author: Willimon, William H. Eight chapters: 1) The first word -- Lk. 23:32-38; 2) The second word -- Lk. 23:39-43; 3) The third word -- Jn. 19:26-27; 4) The fourth word -- Mt. 27:45-49; 5) The fifth word -- Jn. 19:28-29; 6) The sixth word -- Jn. 19:30; 7) The seventh word -- Lk. 23:46-49; 8) Afterword. Includes name and Scripture indexes. Up to 18 copies available. Age: YAS. 104 Pages.

TREASURY OF EASTER CELEBRATIONS (806092) Author: Hogan, Julie. An Exploration of Easter Celebrations Around the World. Filled with full-color paintings and photographs, this book includes Scripture, traditions, poetry, recipes, songs, and commentaries. Includes index. Age: A. 160 Pages.

UNDOING OF DEATH: SERMONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER (817019) Author: Rutledge, Fleming. A collection of forty-two sermons presented from Palm Sunday through Eastertide. Age: YAS. 360 Pages.

VOICES FOR GOOD FRIDAY: WORSHIP SERVICES WITH DRAMATIC MONOLOGUES BASED ON THE

GOSPELS (814119) Author: Burr, Amanda. This book includes three to four narratives from each of the Gospels. Each narrative is 7 - 10 minutes long when performed. They allow for easy stage setup and prep time, require few rehearsals, and call for only a small cast of readers and/or actors. Director's notes are provided. Narratives based on the Gospel of Matthew (Year A): 1) The Gadarene demoniacs (Mt. 8:28-34); 2) The Canaanite woman (her daughter speaks) (Mt. 15:21-28); 3) The centurion (Mt. 8:5-13; 27:54). Narratives based on the Gospel of Mark (Year B): 1) Peter's mother-in-law (Mk. 1:29-31); 2) The leper (Mk. 1:40-45); 3) The man forgiven (Nahum's daughter speaks) (Mk. 2:1-12); 4) Levi, the son of Alphaeus (Mk. 2:13-17). Narratives based on the Gospel of Luke (Year C): 1) The Samaritan's story (Lk. 10:25-37); 2) The woman with the alabaster flask (Lk. 7:36-50); 3) Joanna, the wife of Chuza (Lk. 8:1-3; 23:50-56; 24:1-10). Age: A. 44 Pages.

WALK IN JERUSALEM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (806046) Author: Peterson, John. Designed for use on Good Friday or for general devotions, this book provides the appropriate episode of the Passion story along with a meditation and a brief liturgy that apply that story to today's world. Includes a brief history of the Stations of the Cross ritual. Age: A. 52 Pages.

WALKING THE WAY: FOLLOWING JESUS ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY OF GOSPEL NONVIOLENCE TO THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION (815132)

Author: Dear, John. In twenty chapters, each with questions for reflection, John Dear encourages us to follow in the footsteps of the nonviolent Jesus. Age: A. 138 Pages.

WALKING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT: DEVOTIONS FOR LENT (816011)

Author: Stroble, Paul. On a seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the resurrected Jesus captivated two travelers with stories from the Old Testament pointing to his life and death. This book invites readers to embark on this journey with Christ throughout the Lenten season. Author Paul Stroble imagines what Jesus would have said to his companions and guides readers along the way with 46 daily devotions referencing the Old Testament. Age: YAS. 142 Pages.

WERE YOU THERE?: FINDING OURSELVES AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS (805002) Author: Kolbell, Erik. Chapter titles: She anointed His feet; The disciples fell asleep at Gethsemane and the slave is attacked with the sword; Caiaphas; The riddle of Peter; The tragedy that was Judas; Pilate, Herod, and the myth of leadership; The mob calls for Jesus' crucifixion; Simon of Cyrene; The good thief; Mary, the mother of Jesus; The centurion; The women of the cross; Joseph of Arimathea; What Cleopas didn't know; Doubting Thomas; Who He was, who we are. Age: A. 163 Pages.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT PASSOVER (815002) Author: Moffic, Evan. What It Means and Why It Matters. Includes a Passover seder guide and a study guide for individuals and groups. Chapters: 1) From slavery to freedom -- the biblical exodus; 2) Rituals of freedom -- the celebration of Passover during the lifetime of Jesus; 3) Around the table -- why Passover is a holiday celebrated primarily at home; 4) Cleanse your spirit and cleanse your kitchen -- how to prepare for a Passover seder; 5) The seder plate -- how ritual objects connect us to one another and to God; 6) Blessing and questioning -- the seder begins; 7) As though you yourself journeyed from slavery to freedom -- telling the Passover story; 8) Praising and singing - the seder concludes; 9) From ancient Israel to contemporary America -- the universal story of freedom; 10) Celebrating the Passover seder yourself -- a Haggadah for home use by Christians and Jews. Age: YAS. 190 Pages.

WHY JESUS FOR ME? (816196) Author: McDonough, Carol and Stoner, Marcia. A Six-Week Study for Tweens. Sessions: 1) Why Christmas?; 2) Why baptism?; 3) **Why Lent?**; 4) **Why Easter?**; 5) Why Pentecost?; 6) Why church? Age: A. 64 Pages.

WHY THE CROSS? (815020) Author: Senior, Donald. Chapter titles: The cross and crucifixion in the first-century Greco-Roman and Jewish world; The cross and human suffering; The cross and salvation; Paul and the saving power of the cross; The saving death of Jesus in other New Testament traditions; The cross and discipleship. Includes bibliography, Scripture index, index of modern authors, and subject index. Part of the 'Reframing New Testament Theology' series. Age: A. 168 Pages.

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WORLD WORTH SAVING: LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR ACTION (815007) Author: Donigan, George Hovaness. This book provides a six-session study that looks at the basic acts of mercy and justice and connects these outer actions with the inner practices of prayer, Bible reading, and the Lenten fast. Chapters: 1) Fasting from apathy; 2) Serving God by serving others; 3) Feeding others and starving our guilt; 4) Seeking justice; 5) Healing the world; 6) Refining friendship. Includes daily reflection exercises and questions and a leader's guide for group use. Age: YAS. 124 Pages.

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WORSHIP FEAST: LENT AND EASTER (723017) Author: Baughman, Mike and Jenny Youngman. Complete Worship Outlines for Lent and Easter. Designed for use with youth, this collection contains ideas for the entire season of Lent. The theme of the services focuses on submission and how we can live out our submission to the will of Christ. Includes a music CD with five original Lent-themed songs. Age: A. 19 Minutes.

