

Fall 2011 Recommended Resources

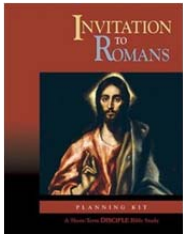
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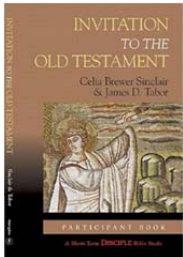
As children go back to school, Fall is a time to begin careful study and an excellent opportunity to begin serious Bible study. Many Bible Study and Sunday School groups are looking for intriguing Christian education studies to lead them into the Advent season. The recommendations listed here include in-depth Bible studies for adults and fun educational materials focused on Bible study for youth and children. Contact the Media Center at 800-849-4433 x264 or www.nccumc.org/mediacenter to make a request.

Resources for Adults

Short-Term DISCIPLÉ Bible Studies



The popular DISCIPLÉ Bible Study series provides in-depth study of the Bible in a serious group setting intended to train Christian disciples. These studies consume most of a year, but there is an alternative option for groups that want to engage in a similar study for a shorter period of time. Short-term DISCIPLÉ studies are designed to be used in a Bible Study or Sunday School setting and can be led by any Christian educator. They do not require the leader to complete the specific DISCIPLÉ leader training. Although participants do study the lessons outside of the group meeting, the requirements are adaptable and much less time-intensive. Short-term DISCIPLÉ studies are an excellent option for groups looking to deepen their Bible study without a large time commitment. Each study is 8-10 sessions.



- DVD49 Invitation to the Old Testament
- DVD56 Invitation to the New Testament
- DVD99 Invitation to Genesis
- DVD122 Invitation to Romans
- KIT81 Invitation to John
- KIT99 Invitation to Psalms

Bible Studies by Dr. Mickey Efirm

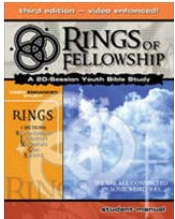
Many in our Conference may have taken a course with Dr. Efirm in Duke Divinity School. You can also share Dr. Efirm's ideas with your church. He has released several courses of in-depth, video-driven Bible studies that are popular with many groups in our Conference and United Methodist churches everywhere. The Media Center has almost all of his courses in our collection. Number of sessions ranges from 4 to 20 and each participant will need their own workbook. Because of their popularity, availability is limited, so check with us before making your plans. If we don't have a certain study available at the moment, it is likely that another one will be.



- DVD47 Birth Narratives
- DVD57 Passion Narratives
- DVD85 Revelation
- DVD186 Romans
- DVD198 Genesis
- DVD199 Luke
- DVD200 Matthew
- DVD201 Wisdom Literature 1: Job
- DVD202 Wisdom Literature 2: Ecclesiastes
- DVD203 Wisdom Literature 3: Ruth, Jonah
- DVD204 Wisdom Literature 4: Esther
- DVD205 Wisdom Literature 5: Song of Solomon, Daniel, Apocrypha, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, Book of Tobit, Judith, Gospel Wisdom
- DVD206 How to Get the Greatest Benefit from Bible Study
- DVD323 John (7 sessions)
- DVD353 John (15 sessions)
- DVD378 Acts
- DVD379 From Genesis to Revelation

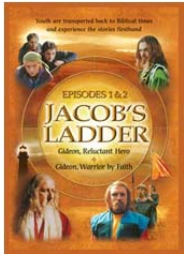
Resources for Youth

Rings of Fellowship



This 20-session DVD-driven youth Bible study is based on the DISCIPLE Bible Study series. RINGS stands for Responsibility, Invitation, Neighbors, God, and Service. The study is designed to get students actively involved in learning an overview of the Bible and the Christian faith while promoting positive community with their peers. Each session includes prayer, fellowship, video, group creativity exercise, and Bible lesson.

Jacob's Ladder



This series features 9 episodes of young British teens traveling back in time to view biblical stories firsthand. Each 30-minute episode focuses on a person from the Old Testament such as Gideon, Samuel, or Ruth. The program is designed for ages 10-15 but can be enjoyed by the whole family. Biblical dramatizations designed for this age group are rare, and this series does an excellent job of connecting with young teens while accurately portraying interesting Bible stories. Each DVD features a PDF of study materials including scripture passages, life application lessons, and discussion questions.

DVD82 Episode 1: Gideon, Reluctant Hero & Episode 2: Gideon, Warrior by Faith

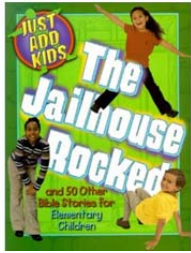
DVD83 Episode 3: Naomi and Ruth & Episode 4: Ruth and Boaz

DVD84 Episode 5: The Invitation (Hannah and Samuel) & Episodes 6 & 7: Samuel's Destiny

DVD108 Episode 8: A King for the Hebrews & Episode 9: Saul Takes Charge

Resources for Children

The Jailhouse Rocked & 50 Other Bible Stories for Elementary Children



Part of the Just Add Kids series, this book covers 50 Bible stories from the Old & New Testaments with reproducible activity sheets and interactive instructions for storytelling. The stories may include call and response readings, acting scripts, simple props and costumes, movement, sign language, or writing. Each story is designed to get the kids' attention and involve them in the story. Scripture references are included.

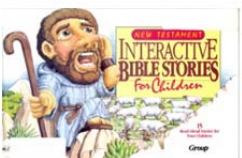
Interactive Bible Stories for Children



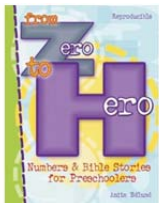
This set of books includes 15 stories from the Old Testament and 15 stories from the New Testament. Each story gives directions as part of the narrative, so that the reader can just read the text and do what it says while instructing the children to do the same. The pages are not reproducible, but the text is large enough that the book can be held up to show the black & white pictures scattered throughout the stories.

BK87 Interactive Bible Stories for Children: Old Testament

BK362 Interactive Bible Stories for Children: New Testament

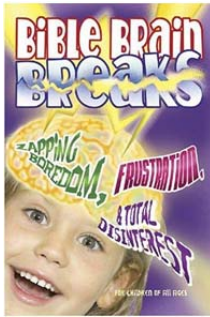


From Zero to Hero: Numbers and Bible Stories for Preschoolers



This book simplifies Bible stories for preschoolers using numbers and activities to show how God takes something or someone ordinary and makes it extraordinary. Each of the 12 lessons includes an Old Testament story to be followed in the next session with a New Testament story. Five different activities are offered for each story. Pages are reproducible.

Bible Brain Breaks for All



Take a break from your Bible study to recharge with the helpful exercises in this book. Four sections provide Bible brain break activities for younger children, older children, preteens and youth, and adults. Each of these sections is divided into physical and mental brain breaks. The book starts off with an interesting introduction into how the brain works and why you need to take breaks during periods of concentrated effort. Although some of these activities may be familiar, you'll learn why they are so helpful to your brain. These brain breaks may include dancing, creating, walking, thoughtful writing and sharing, puzzles, scripture memorization, meditation, hand motions, drawing, breathing exercises, and much more.