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ADULTS 220
SPARKHOUSE

Animate Facilitator Guide: Bible . Minneapolis, Minn. : Spark House, 2013.

Summary: Animate: Bible is an adult faith formation series that explores seven big conversations about the Bible, including the canon, history, testaments, Gospels, genre, interpretation, and grace. Resources include dynamic videos, a creative journal, and complete Facilitator Guide. This Facilitator Guide includes complete information for each Animate: Bible session, and helpful aids to guide and lead vibrant discussions. --Spark House

Content Notes:

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- - Canon: Mining for the Word / Eric Elnes
 - History: Parchment to Pixel / Phyllis Tickle
 - Testaments : One Story, Two Parts / Rachel Held-Evans
 - Gospels : Unexpected Good News / Nadia Bolz-Weber
 - Genre : Rhythm of the Text / José Morales
 - Interpretation : Scripture Reads Us / Will Willimon
 - Grace : Love Is the Bottom Line / Jay Bakker

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SPARKHOUSE

Animate Journal: Bible . Minneapolis, Minn. : Spark House, 2013.

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ADULTS 226.6 **Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics.** Waco, Tex: The
BAYLOR Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2015.

Summary: The Acts of the Apostles is a hidden treasure. John Chrysostom found it to be "replete...with Christian wisdom and sound doctrine" to guide believers. Acts is thoroughly "missional," Steve Walton notes, for it "is focused on God's mission, as God draws people into his orbit and brings them into his community." Chad Hartsock adds that Acts "recalls us to a radically selfless gospel whose mission is to reach the ends of the earth... which can be in a land far away, or among the socially marginalized neighbors who live in our shadows every moment." Luke's remarkable literary skills support his vision of discipleship. Timothy Churchill shows how recounting Paul's Damascus road experience three times allows Luke to present the gospel in kernel form and point to the exalted Christ. Timothy Brookins admires the artistry of Paul's speech in Athens. Andrew Arterbury and Joshua Jipp find important teachings in two of the stranger stories-- Eutychus's death-fall and Paul's shipwreck--by studying their recurring literary themes. Mikeal Parsons traces the themes in Acts not only to Luke's Gospel, but also to "a plurality of Gospels, which Luke refers to as 'many.'" The study guides and lesson plans integrate Bible study, prayer, and worship to help us understand the role of anger in the Christian life. The guides can be used in a series or individually. You may download and reproduce them for personal or group use. --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "A Spirituality of Acts," / Steve Walton -- "Reading Acts as a Sequel to the Fourfold Gospel," / Mikeal C. Parsons -- "Paul and the Philosophers," / Timothy A. Brookins -- "A Warning to the Wise: Learning from Eutychus's Mistake," / Andrew E. Arterbury -- "Philanthropy, Hospitality, and Friendship," / Joshua W. Jipp

ADULTS 230 **The Alpha Course Manual.** Deerfield, Ill: Alpha North America, 1993.
GUMBEL

Summary: The Alpha course is a 15-session practical introduction to the Christian faith. It addresses foundational questions while providing guests with an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. The Alpha course is based on "Alpha--Questions of Life" by Nicky Gumbel. This manual contains outlines for each session of the course as well as space for notes. --Back Cover

ADULTS 231.7 Weatherhead, Leslie Dixon. **The Will of God.** Nashville: Abingdon Press,
WEATHERHEAD [1944].

Summary: The phrase "the will of God" is used loosely, says Leslie Weatherhead, and the consequence of that looseness to our peace of mind is serious. Weatherhead's recognition of this problem led him to write The Will of God, a classic that has helped more than a million grieving persons better understand the meaning of the phrase. It can help you as well. It was during the tumultuous era of World War II that Leslie Weatherhead preached five sermons on understanding the will of God for the congregation at City Temple in London. These sermons became the classic

book *The Will of God*, which has helped hundreds of thousands of Christians explore how God's will is related to God's character and ultimate intentions for us. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 232
FUQUAY

Fuquay, Rob. **The God We Can Know DVD: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus.** Nashville: Upper Room, 2014.

Summary: The DVD for *The God We Can Know* was filmed on location in the Holy Land, and allows you to travel with Rob Fuquay and actually see the places where Jesus stood. The gospel comes to life as you move from the Judean wilderness to the Galilean hills and into the heart of Jerusalem in this fast-paced, interactive journey that helps you discover Jesus anew. A Leader's Guide for adults is included for group discussion and reflection. Age-level study guides for youth and children are also available as PDFs on the DVD and online. --Upper Room

Content Notes:

- Introduction: Knowing the Great "I Am" -- "I Am the Bread of Life" : Knowing God's Satisfaction -- "I Am the Light of the World" : Knowing God's Guidance -- "I Am the Good Shepard" : Knowing God's Care -- "I Am the True Vine" : Knowing God's Power -- "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" : Knowing God's Way -- "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" : Knowing God's Possibilities

ADULTS 232
FUQUAY

Fuquay, Rob. **The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus.** Nashville: Upper Room, 2014.

Summary: *The God We Can Know* is a 7-week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent or any time of year, this series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known. --Upper Room

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- Introduction -- Knowing the Great "I Am" -- "I Am the Bread of Life" : Knowing God's Satisfaction -- "I Am the Light of the World" : Knowing God's Guidance -- "I Am the Good Shepard" : Knowing God's Care -- "I Am the True Vine" : Knowing God's Power -- "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" : Knowing God's Way -- "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" : Knowing God's Possibilities -- Notes -- About the Author

ADULTS 232.96 Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **Meditations on the Cross** . Louisville, Ky. :
BONHOEFFER Westminster John Knox Press, 1998.

Summary: The cross and the resurrection were central themes for Bonhoeffer's theology. These excerpts from sermons and letters contain his personal and faithful words about the crucifixion and the power of the cross for all Christians. *Meditations on the Cross* is ideal for devotional reading and personal reference. --Back Cover

ADULTS 232.96 Borg, Marcus J. **The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem.** New York: HarperOne, 2007.

Summary: Top Jesus scholars Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan join together to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus. As both authors reacted to and responded to questions about Mel Gibson's blockbuster *The*

Passion of the Christ, they discovered that many Christians are unclear on the details of events during the week leading up to Jesus's crucifixion. Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings. The Last Week depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged, and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him. --HarperOne

ADULTS 232.96 Evans, Craig A. **Jesus, the Final Days : What Really Happened** .
EVANS Louisville, Ky. : Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

Summary: What do history and archaeology have to say about Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? In this superb book, two of the world's most celebrated writers on the historical Jesus share their greatest findings. Together, Craig A. Evans and N. T. Wright concisely and compellingly convey the drama and the world-shattering significance of Jesus' final days on earth. --Back Cover

Content Notes:

- The shout of death / Craig A. Evans -- The silence of burial / Craig A. Evans -- The surprise of resurrection / N.T. Wright.

ADULTS 234.23 Guthrie, Clifton F. **Faith : Living a Spiritual Life** . Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon
GUTHRIE Press, 1999.

Summary: This volume in the 20/30 Bible study series examines various aspects of faith and faithfulness : beliefs, feelings, and action. The seven sessions emphasize small group sharing and discussion of case studies. Suggestions are offered on ways to put faith into action through specific service projects.

Content Notes:

- 1. Faith and belief -- 2. Confidence -- 3. Faithfulness -- 4. Faith that saves -- 5. Faith and action -- 6. Faith as knowledge of Jesus -- 7. Tradition -- Case studies -- Service learning options.

ADULTS 239 Gumbel, Nicky. **Searching Issues: [The Seven Most Common Questions Raised on the Alpha Course]**. Deerfield, Ill: Alpha North America, 2004.

Summary: Searching Issues is for those seeking insights into some of the most difficult and complex questions surrounding Christianity. This book is also for those interested in bringing their friends to Christ. Whether you are studying on your own or with a small group, you will find helpful answers. -- alpharesources.org

Content Notes:

- Preface -- Why Does God Allow Suffering? -- What about Other Religions? -- Is There Anything Wrong with Sex before Marriage? -- How Does the New Age Movement Relate to Christianity? -- What Is the Christian Attitude toward Homosexuality? -- Is the Trinity Unbiblical, Unbelievable, and Irrelevant? -- Notes

ADULTS 242.34 **Masks: The Power of Vulnerability : 40 Day Devotional Guide.** Apex, 519 CHURCH NC: 519 Church, 2015.

Summary: We all wear masks. We wear them to hide our imperfections and present our best self to the world. But what if those masks are actually preventing us from having the things we really want—love, belonging, compassion, freedom. Or worse, what if they are preventing us from knowing God. The biblical account presents God as vulnerable— and through that vulnerability, powerful beyond measure. Our willingness to remove the mask and be vulnerable, ourselves, is the way we access this strength. This guide is an intentional 40 day Lenten journey to remove the mask. Each day provides a prompt to guide your experience with God. Every week starts with the WORD, a scripture to set the theme for the week. You can revisit the week's scripture each day as you REFLECT, CONFESS, ACT, or PRAY. --Introduction

ADULTS 242.34 Harnish, James A. **Radical Renovation : Living the Cross-Shaped Life : A Lenten Study for Adults** . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 2008.

Summary: Radical Renovation is a powerful image of what can happen in our lives during Lent. Just as a house can be rebuilt after it has fallen into disrepair or devastation, says author James A. Harnish, so God can enter in to our brokenness and completely rebuild our lives so that we can become the kind of people in whom the living Christ can take up residence and through whom the loving purpose of God can become a tangible reality in this world. This seven-session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, will provide one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for discussion or reflection, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week. --Back Cover

Content Notes:

- First week in Lent -- Discipleship : the design of the cross-shaped life --
- Second week in Lent -- Servanthood : a peculiar way to greatness --
- Third week in Lent -- Surrender : nothing short of everything --
- Fourth week in Lent -- Love : the radical center --
- Fifth week in Lent -- Reconciliation : something that doesn't love a wall --
- Holy Week -- Sacrifice : it's nothing if it costs nothing --
- Easter -- Hope : He goes before you!

ADULTS 242.34 Moore, James W. **The Common People Heard Him Gladly : A Lenten Study for Adults** . Nashville, Tenn. : Abingdon, 2004.

Summary: Mark 12:37 (KJV) sums it up: "And the common people heard him gladly." Why was this so? What was about Jesus that attracted the masses to him? In this study, we will look for answers to these and other questions. And as we take a closer look at some of the people who heard Jesus and were touched by him in some way, we will discover even more that these people were regular folks, folks like you and me. This seven-session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for study or discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week. --Back Cover

ADULTS 248.4 Glen, Jo. **A Life Worth Living Leader's Guide: [Nine talks based on the Book of Philippians]**. New York: Alpha North America, 1999.

Summary: This Leader's Guide is an essential tool for any course leader and helper for running the course and is to be used in conjunction with the DVDs, Course Manuals, and book. Includes key points for each talk, Bible verses, discussion questions, tips for the sessions, and space for notes. A

Life Worth Living, based on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a practical and positive guide to achieving exactly this, uncovering in us a new heart, new purpose, new attitude, and a new confidence to the way we can live our lives joyfully. This book is especially written for those who are just starting out in the Christian life and is an ideal follow-up to the Alpha course. This book is the primary text and companion guide for a nine-week discipleship course, with video talks presented by Nicky Gumbel. --alpharesources.org

Content Notes:

- Leading a Group -- Preparing a Talk -- Suggested Format for an Evening -- 1. New Heart -- 2. New Purpose -- 3. New Attitude -- 4. New Responsibilities -- 5. New Friendships -- 6. New Confidence -- 7. New Ambitions -- 8. New Resources -- 9. New Generosity

ADULTS 248.4 Gumbel, Nicky. **A Life Worth Living Course Manual: [An Official Follow-Up to the Alpha Course]**. Deerfield, Ill: Alpha North America, 1999.

Summary: The Course Manual is designed for guests to follow along during the talks and chapters of A Life Worth Living. With an organized outline format, bulleted main points, and plenty of space for notes, this manual will ensure that guests can follow along, understand, and remember the teachings of A Life Worth Living for many years to come. A Life Worth Living, based on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a practical and positive guide to achieving exactly this, uncovering in us a new heart, new purpose, new attitude, and a new confidence to the way we can live our lives joyfully. This book is especially written for those who are just starting out in the Christian life and is an ideal follow-up to the Alpha course. This book is the primary text and companion guide for a nine-week discipleship course, with video talks presented by Nicky Gumbel. --alpharesources.org

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ADULTS 248.4 Gumbel, Nicky. **A Life Worth Living DVD: An Official Follow-Up to the Alpha Course**. Deerfield, Ill: Alpha North America, [Date of publication not identified].

Summary: A Life Worth Living is a nine-week course based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Each talk explains how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully and is aimed specifically at those who are starting out in the Christian life. Filmed at Holy Trinity Brompton church in London, and presented by Nicky Gumbel, A Life Worth Living is designed to be used as a follow-up to Alpha, and is ideal for use in small groups. A book, a Course Manual, and a Leader's Guide are available to accompany this DVD set. --alpharesources.org

Content Notes:

- New Heart (38:30) -- New Purpose (38:32) -- New Attitude (34:55) -- New Responsibilities (35:14) -- New Friendships (36:11) -- New Confidence (38:30) -- New Ambitions (36:32) -- New Resources (37:09) -- New Generosity (37:54)

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Content Notes:

- Preface -- Introduction -- 1. New Heart -- 2. New Purpose -- 3. New Attitude -- 4. New Responsibilities -- 5. New Friendships -- 6. New Confidence -- 7. New Ambitions -- 8. New Resources -- 9. New Generosity -- Endnotes

ADULTS 248.4
ORTBERG Ortberg, John. **God is Closer Than You Think : If God is Always With Us, Why is He So Hard to Find?** . Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 2005.

Summary: God Is Closer Than You Think shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. Bestselling author John Ortberg reveals the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. He shows you God's hand stretching toward you. And, with his gift for storytelling, Ortberg illustrates the ways you can reach toward God and complete the connection—to your joy and his. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- God's great desire -- Where's Waldo? -- Life with God -- The greatest moment of your life -- A beautiful mind -- Waldo, Junior -- Spiritual pathways -- As you wish -- When God seems absent -- The hedge.

ADULTS
248.845 ST.
CLAIR St. Clair, Barry. **Parent Fuel : For the Fire Inside Our Kids** . Wheaton, Ill. : Crossway Books, 2007.

Summary: Parent Fuel: For the Fire Inside our Kids will fuel the fire in our most important relationships - with Christ and our kids. More than any other generation, today's children and teenagers find themselves feeling isolated from caring adults. Our kids need love, security, and support from their parents now more than ever. How do we connect with a disconnected generation? Parent Fuel makes that connection! It offers you a new, fiery perspective on parenting filled with possibilities. As a result of reading and applying this book, you will: Move past your guilt over what you have not done, Make your passionate pursuit of Jesus a priority, Change from raising your kids by rules to raising them by God's amazing grace, Take steps toward connecting or reconnecting in your relationship with your children, Relate to your children heart to heart Invest in a discipling relationship with your kids and their friends, Help move your children from dependence to independence. --parentfuel.org

Content Notes:

- Wanted: fire-builders--perfection not required for this job: how do we break through our imperfections to pursue God's purpose for our kids? -- Stoke the spark: from God to parents to kids: how do we connect with God's primary desire for us and our kids? -- Dry out the firewood: gain new purpose for old pain: how do we find healing for our pain to avoid passing that pain to our children? -- Dry more firewood: gain more new purpose for old pain: how do we face our pain to avoid imposing that pain on our children? -- Create a draft: open the door and let grace blow in: how do we rely on God's resources to raise our kids? -- Kindle the fire by relating to our kids: how do we connect with a disconnected generation? -- Burn away the junk to find the heart of gold: how do we help our children discover their hearts? -- Build a fire that blazes with intimacy: how do we love our kids unconditionally? -- Feed the fire with communication: how do we communicate positively with our kids? -- Pour fuel on the fire by making

disciples: how do we invest in Jesus-focused relationships with our kids and their friends? -- Fan the flame with discipline: how do we equip our children to move from dependence to independence? -- Intensify the heat with destiny: how do we inspire our kids to discover their unique mission in life? -
- Don't let disappointment douse the fire: how do we build our children's confidence in God when life lets them down? -- Glow in the light of God's vision: how do we motivate our children to pursue God's kingdom dream? -- Spread the fire of God's desire: how do we release our children to change the world?

ADULTS 248.86 Lucado, Max. **Fearless : Imagine Your Life Without Fear** . Nashville, LUCADO Tenn. : Thomas Nelson, 2009.

Summary: Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- Why are we afraid? -- The villagers of Stiltsville : fear of not mattering -- God's ticked off at me : fear of disappointing God -- Woe, be gone : fear of running out -- My child is in danger : fear of not protecting my kids -- I'm sinking fast : fear of overwhelming challenges -- There's a dragon in my closet : fear of worst-case scenarios -- This brutal planet : fear of violence -- Make-believe money : fear of the coming winter -- Scared to death : fear of life's final moments -- Caffeinated life : fear of what's next -- The shadow of a doubt : fear that God is not real -- What if things get worse? : fear of global calamity -- The one healthy terror : fear of God getting out of my box -- Conclusion: William's Psalm.

ADULTS Lesniewski, Linda. **Connecting Women : A Relational Guide for Leaders in Women's Ministry** . Grand Rapids, MI : Baker Books, 2007. 253.082

LESNIEWSKI

Summary: Women's ministry today addresses the needs of women in all walks and stages of life. Drawing on her years of church staff experience, Linda Lesniewski describes the changing and varied needs of women and encourages Christian women to become involved in leadership. The book emphasizes the biblical foundation of women's ministry and explores the call of God to minister to women. Moving to more practical issues, it discusses leadership training, following church protocol, communication, and ways to make ministry fresh, creative, and vital. Whether a veteran looking for inspiration and new ideas or a person exploring God's direction in life, any woman can benefit from the wealth of information and inspiration found in Connecting Women. --Baker Books

Content Notes:

- Sharing God's vision for women -- Heading forward in faith -- Enjoying fruitful leadership -- Proclaiming his message.

ADULTS 253.7 Watson, Gayle Turner. **Guide for Covenant Discipleship Groups** . WATSON Nashville, TN : Discipleship Resources, 2000.

Summary: Covenant discipleship groups have a long history of helping Christians grow as disciples. Based on the early Methodist class meetings, Covenant Discipleship Groups provide a way for Christians today to be accountable disciples of Jesus Christ. --Back Cover

ADULTS 260 Stetzer, Ed. **Transformational Church: Creating a New Scorecard for Congregations**. Nashville, Tenn: B&H Publishing Group, 2010. STETZER

Summary: Based on the most comprehensive study of its kind, including a survey of more than 7,000 churches and hundreds of on-site interviews with pastors, Transformational Church takes us to the thriving congregations where truly changing lives is the norm. Stetzer and Rainer clearly confirm the importance of disciple making for all through active biblical engagement and prayerful dependence on God alongside of ever-increasing, intentional participation in mission and ministry activities. --B&H Publishing Group

ADULTS 263.9
FLOYD
Floyd, Pat. **The Special Days and Seasons of the Christian Year: How They Came About and How They Are Observed by Christians Today.** Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998.

Summary: In observing the Christian Year, we celebrate the central mystery of our faith: the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Special Days and Seasons of the Christian Year provides families, worship committee members, Christian educators, and clergy with a concise overview of the cycle of the Christian year and a treasury of information that will stimulate new ideas for worship. This brief, to-the-point information can be adapted to children's sermons, Sunday school programs, or family worship. Adult Sunday school classes will enjoy learning more about the special days and seasons of the Christian year, too! --Back Cover

ADULTS 263.9
OUTREACH
Mother's Day: Wow! Sunday Church Kit. Vista, Calif: Outreach Publishing, 2012.

Summary: This year, use Mother's Day to bring in new visitors and help connect them to your church! The Wow! Sunday Mother's Day Church Kit makes planning and leading a special service easy. The kit includes everything you need for an effective, outreach-oriented Mother's Day including a themed, customized sermon, fun video, professional graphics, and matching Wow! Sunday Guide booklets for individual and group study. Kit includes: A Planning and Idea Guide, A Customizable sermon, A video you can use as a sermon illustration or to promote your Wow! Sunday service, 5-in-1 Bulletin Guides with study questions and tear-out response sheet, PowerPoint templates and matching bulletin inserts, Planning and promotional tools, Branded graphics for your website, Sample visitor gift book, Three promotional posters, and Invitation and Promotional Tool Samples. --Outreach Publishing

ADULTS 264.36
WALLACE
Wallace, Robin Knowles. **Communion Services** . Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 2006.

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RAMSEY
Ramsey, Dave. **The Total Money Makeover : A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness** . Nashville, Tenn. : Thomas Nelson Pub, [2009,c2003].

Summary: "Ramsey offers a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters, providing not only the how-to but also a grounded and uplifting hope for getting out of debt and achieving total financial health. Ramsey debunks the many myths of money (exposing the dangers of cash advance, rent-to-own, debt consolidation) and attacks the illusions and downright deceptions of the American dream, which encourages nothing but overspending and massive amounts of debt. "Don't even consider keeping up with the Joneses," Ramsey declares in his typically candid style. "They're broke!" This book isn't theory. It works every single time. It works because it is simple. It works because it gets to the heart of the money problems: you"--Publisher's description.

Content Notes:

- Introduction: What this book is NOT -- Flying turkeys and skinny dipping -

- The total money makeover challenge -- Denial: I'm not that out of shape -- Debt myths: the (non)secrets of the rich -- Two more hurdles: ignorance and keeping up with the Joneses -- Save \$1,000 fast: walk before you run -- The debt snowball: lose weight fast, really -- Finish the emergency fund: kick Murphy out -- Maximize retirement investing: be financially healthy for life -- College funding: make sure the kids are fit too -- Pay off the home mortgage: be ultrafit -- Build wealth like crazy: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mr. Universe of money -- Live like no one else -- Meet the winners of the Total Money Makeover Challenge -- Budgeting forms.

ADULTS 658.11 Kawasaki, Guy. **The Art of the Start : The Time-Tested, Battle-Hardened Guide for Anyone Starting Anything** . New York : Portfolio, 2004.

Summary: In *The Art of the Start*, Guy Kawasaki brings two decades of experience as one of business's most original and irreverent strategists to offer the essential guide for anyone starting anything, from a multinational corporation to a church group. At Apple in the 1980s, he helped lead one of the great companies of the century, turning ordinary consumers into evangelists. As founder and CEO of Garage Technology Ventures, a venture capital firm, he has field-tested his ideas with dozens of newly hatched companies. And as the author of bestselling business books and articles, he has advised thousands of people who are making their startup dreams real. From raising money to hiring the right people, from defining your positioning to creating a brand, from creating buzz to buzzing the competition, from managing a board to fostering a community, this book will guide you through an adventure that's more art than science—the art of the start. -- Portfolio

Content Notes:

- Read Me First -- Causation: Chapter 1: The Art of Starting -- Articulation: Chapter 2: The Art of Positioning -- Chapter 3: The Art of Pitching -- Chapter 4: The Art of Writing a Business Plan -- Activation: Chapter 5: The Art of Bootstrapping -- Chapter 6: The Art of Recruiting -- Chapter 7: The Art of Raising Capital -- Proliferation: Chapter 8: The Art of Partnering -- Chapter 9: The Art of Branding -- Chapter 10: The Art of Rainmaking -- Obligation: Chapter 11: The Art of Being a Mensch -- Afterword -- Index

ADULTS
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JONES

Jones, Laurie Beth. **The Four Elements of Success : A Simple Personality Profile that Will Transform Your Team** . Nashville, Tenn. : Nelson Business, 2005.

Summary: Laurie Beth Jones, management expert and business consultant extraordinaire, noticed that none of the personality/temperament profiles in the market today, none of them provided a tool that was simple, visual, intuitive, and powerful enough to create a shift in thinking as well as relating. So she developed The Path Elements Profile (PEP), which can be used in recruitment, placement, retention, team building, and customer relations as businesses transform many individuals into a harmonizing, humming force for good. Within the framework of the book will be scriptural examples as well as modern day business stories. Based upon the elements of Earth, Water, Wind and Fire, the Path Elements Profile helps determine both individual and team behavioral tendencies that affect everything from career choice to daily "to do" lists. We choose to act on what we value, and each element type values very different things: Fire personality types love and thrive on challenge, Water personality types thrive on harmony and calm, Wind personality types love chaos and change, Earth personality types love order and structure. PART I of this book provides an overview of the

elements themselves as individual personality types. Jones will explain each element's strengths and challenges and will have the readers identify their own as well as those of their team members. Then in PART II, readers will assess their teams. There are 28 one-day principles, that, if followed will take readers on a simple yet radical journey to a transformed workplace. INCLUDES an Assessment Test for Your Team's Elemental Strengths and Weaknesses. --Thomas Nelson

- CHILDREN 221 **Children's Heroes of the Bible: The New Testament.** Worcester, Pa:
GATEWAY Gateway Films/Vision Video, [Date of publication not identified].
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• 7. Jesus' Birth and Youth -- 8. Jesus Teaches and Calls Disciples -- 9. Jesus Heals and Works Miracles -- 10. Jesus' Struggles and Opponents -- 11. Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection -- 12. The Apostles and the Early Church -- 13. Paul's Ministry and Trials
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• 1. The Story of Joseph -- 2. The Story of Moses -- 3. The Story of David -- 4. The Story of Elijah -- 5. The Story of Jeremiah -- 6. The Story of Esther
- CHILDREN 221 **Animated Stories from the Old Testament: Creation to Moses.** London:
ST. PAUL St. Paul Multimedia Productions, [1998].
Summary: What is the greatest love story in the Bible? Jon reluctantly begins to explore this homework assignment with the help of BibleMouse,™ who unexpectedly whisks him into his computer screen. There they meet the Scribe, who takes them on an amazing journey through the Bible. The stories of creation, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and Moses come alive in an entertaining way that engages today's children. Through their adventures, Jon and the young viewer discover God's faithful love for His people, both then and now. For ages 4-11. A free discussion and activity guide in PDF is available at www.visionvideo.com. --Container
- CHILDREN **Big Book of Holiday and Bible Celebrations: 30 Ready-to-Use Bible**
263.9 GOSPEL **Lessons for Ages 6 to 12.** Ventura, Calif: Gospel Light, 2005.
Summary: This book provides children's ministry leaders and teachers with 30 ready-to-use lessons that can be used throughout the year. Includes 14 seasonal holiday lessons (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter, Mother's Day, etc.) and 16 lessons about Bible-times celebrations (Feast of

Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Jubilee and more.) Each lesson provides holiday information for the teacher, a Bible story, object talk, art activity, game and coloring page. The book also contains a Bible verse index and Bible story index. --Gospel Light

CHILDREN
263.925
HOUSER

Houser, Tina. **Easter-rific!: teaching kids...It's More than Just One Day!**. Anderson, Ind: Warner Press, 2011.

Summary: The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is not ONE simple story! Tina Houser provides Sunday school teachers, children's pastors and children's workers with elements to make each part of Jesus' last week come alive to your kids! This book includes: Nineteen stories that occurred during Easter Holy Week, Four more stories that occurred before Christ's Ascension, Between two and four activities per story such as: games, crafts, snacks, science experiments, storytelling ideas and/or object lessons. Two outreach activities to use during the Easter season that will encourage parents and grandparents who do not attend church regularly to include worship as part of their Easter celebration. --Warner Press

CHILDREN
268.432
HALVERSON

Halverson, Delia. **Children's Activities for the Christian Year** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2004.

Summary: Children's Activities for the Christian Year by Delia Halverson offers Sunday school teachers and leaders of children's ministries practical information and activities on the cycle of the Christian church calendar. Useful, easy-to-use guidance, resources, and reproducible pages help new and veteran children's leaders interpret the meaning of the Christian year for children from preschool through elementary age. Each chapter includes: Brief information about the season/celebration, its origin, and its meaning; An introduction to the symbols and colors of each season/celebration; Learning activities such as art, writing, crafts, drama, stories, and music; Reproducible pages including puzzles, litanies, songs, and readings; Active games; Worship suggestions. In addition to chapters on the Christian year as a whole and Sundays (mini-Easters), the book is organized by the following seasons and holy days: Advent and Christmas, Epiphany, Season after Epiphany (Ordinary Time), Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Holy Week, Eastertide, Pentecost, Season after Pentecost (Kingdomtide), Other Special Days (Trinity Sunday, Worldwide Communion Day, All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving). By combining ready-to-use advice and activities, Children's Activities for the Christian Year is destined to become an essential guide in every children's ministry resource library. --Back Cover

Content Notes:

- The Christian year -- Sundays (mini-Easters) -- Advent and Christmas -- Epiphany -- Season after Epiphany (ordinary time) -- Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Holy Week -- Eastertide -- Pentecost -- Season after Pentecost (Kingdomtide) -- Other special days.