

New Resources January 2018

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ADULTS 220 **Disciple Fast Track: Into the Word, Into the World.** Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, ABINGDON 2017.

Summary: Four hosts, one for each book of the Bible, share insights related to the week's session and help the group think about what they've learned and how it applies to their lives. DVD includes 24-weekly video clips of 3-5 minutes each. This 24-week study will immerse you in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Disciple Fast Track Into the Word Into the World is an adaptation of the original, bestselling Disciple Bible Study Into the Word Into the World. The study is ideal for busy people who want to fit an in-depth Bible study into their schedule. The study retains the familiar Disciple format with its theme word, theme verse, statement of the human condition, daily and weekly assignments, and prayer. Into the Word helps readers deepen their understanding of Scripture and make connections between what they already know and what they are reading. Each week you will encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are, and how you can engage those disciplines. The first discipline varies from week to week, then moves into Sabbath and prayer. In every session, you commit to how you will respond to Scripture in terms of ministry in the world. Into the World identifies some needs in the world for which ministry is needed and suggests possible responses, then invites participants to summarize the scripture message that will shape their ministry and to decide what response and commitment to make to that message. Each week you will be guided in experiencing the gift of Sabbath rest and renewal. Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks, studying Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts for 12 sessions each. Daily preparation is manageable, with 3-5 chapters of the Bible to read each day. Minimal additional preparation is needed for the leader—just follow the Guide. Weekly sessions last 75 minutes. Flexible for use with small groups of 8-14, or for large groups of 15-100. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 230 Gumbel, Nicky. **Alpha Film Series: Begin the Greatest Adventure.** [Naperville, IL], Alpha GUMBEL USA, 2016.

Summary: Alpha re-imagined for a new generation. Nicky Gumbel and two new presenters, Toby Flint and Gemma Hunt, walk us through the traditional Alpha material in an engaging way that everyone can relate to. The crew has been all around the world, filming in Canada, UK, France, Hong Kong, Israel, Kenya, and Chile. The episodes feature inspiring stories and interviews, as well as visual illustrations and motion graphics. Alpha creates an environment of hospitality where people can bring their friends, family, and work colleagues to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends to have spiritual conversations which explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful way. Alpha's approach to hospitality, faith, and discussion is designed to welcome everyone, especially those who might not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers. Each session includes time for a large group meal, short teaching, and small group discussion. The DVD includes fifteen episodes (30 minutes each), an introduction to the Alpha weekend (10 minutes), two required team training sessions on how to lead an Alpha small group, and how to lead prayer ministry (30 minutes each). --Church Source

Content Notes:

- DISC 1: Is There More to Life Than This? -- Who Is Jesus? -- Why Did Jesus Die? -- How Can I Have Faith? -- DISC 2: Why and How Should I Pray? -- Why and How Should I Read the Bible? -- How Does God Guide Us? -- DISC 3: Introduction to the weekend -- Who Is the Holy Spirit? (Weekend talk 1) -- What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (Weekend talk 2) -- How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? (Weekend talk 3) -- How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life? (Weekend talk 4) -- DISC 4: How Can I Resist Evil? -- Why and How Should I Tell Others? -- Does God Heal Today? -- What About the Church? -- DISC 5: BONUS MATERIALS: Alpha Film Series Teaser -- Training 1 Small Groups -- Training 2 Prayer and The Weekend

ADULTS 230 **Alpha Team Guide.** Naperville, IL, Alpha North America, 2016. GUMBEL

Summary: The Alpha Team Guide is recommended for Alpha small group hosts and helpers. It includes notes for the two required team training sessions on how to lead an Alpha small group, and how to lead prayer ministry, that can be found online or on either the Alpha Film Series DVD or Alpha with Nicky Gumbel DVD. It also provides weekly key concept summary and suggested questions to help guide the discussion time for each session of Alpha. Alpha creates an environment of hospitality where people can bring their friends, family and work colleagues to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends to have spiritual conversations which explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful way. Alpha's approach to hospitality, faith, and discussion is designed to welcome everyone, especially those who might not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers. Each session includes time for a large group meal, short teaching, and small group discussion. --Church Source

Content Notes:

- Section 1: Training: 1. Small Groups -- 2. Prayer & the Weekend --Section 2: Small Group Questions: Is There More to Life Than This? -- Who Is Jesus? -- Why Did Jesus Die? -- How Can I Have Faith? -- Why and How Should I Pray? -- Why and How Should I Read the Bible? -- How Does God Guide Us? -- Who Is the Holy Spirit? -- What Does the Holy Spirit Do? -- How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? -- How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life? -- DISC 4: How Can I Resist Evil? -- Why and How Should I Tell Others? -- Does God Heal Today? -- What About the Church? -- Section 3: Alpha Basics

ADULTS 230 **Run Alpha Handbook**. Naperville, IL, Alpha North America, 2017.

GUMBEL

Summary: For Alpha directors and leaders, this is one of the most important tools in setting up and running an Alpha course. This essential how-to resource offers a guided tour through every stage of setting up and running the Alpha course, including reproducible resources to make it easy to recruit and train your Alpha team. Contains: Job descriptions, Questionnaires, Bulletin inserts, Sample forms, Planning timeline, Schedules, Reusable checklists, Forms for recording and organizing information, Tips on booking venues for the weekend or day away, Advice on organizing guest services. Alpha is based on a pattern found in the New Testament of people bringing their friends, family, and work colleagues to meet Jesus. Alpha is an easy way to say to friends, "Come and see, come and explore your questions, come and hear about Jesus, come and see for yourself." Everyone is welcome at Alpha, but the program is designed especially for people who would not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers. --Church Source

ADULTS 232 Rawle, Matt. **What Makes A Hero? DVD: The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus**.

RAWLE [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: What Makes a Hero? 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, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives. Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero? The DVD contains six video segments of 10-12 minutes each, to go with the six book chapters. For use during the group sessions, these videos feature Matt Rawle teaching in his friendly, casual, and appealing style. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Preview (1:38) -- 1. Good, Evil, and God (8:45) -- 2. Right, Wrong, and Holy (7:55) -- 3. Us, Them, and the Body of Christ (9:40) -- 4. Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God (10:30) -- 5. Old, New, and Covenant (10:28) -- 6. Life, Death, and Resurrection (8:38)

ADULTS 232 Rawle, Matt. **What Makes A Hero? Leader Guide: The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

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Content Notes:

- A Note to Group Leaders -- 1. Good, Evil, and God -- 2. Right, Wrong, and Holy -- 3. Us, Them, and the Body of Christ -- 4. Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God -- 5. Old, New, and Covenant -- 6. Life, Death, and Resurrection

ADULTS 232 Rawle, Matt. ***What Makes A Hero? Worship Resources Flash Drive: The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2017.
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ADULTS 232 Rawle, Matt. ***What Makes A Hero?: The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.
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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Good, Evil, and God -- 2. Right, Wrong, and Holy -- 3. Us, Them, and the Body of Christ -- 4. Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God -- 5. Old, New, and Covenant -- 6. Life, Death, and Resurrection -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

ADULTS Gallyat, Robby. ***The Forgotten Jesus: How Western Christians Should Follow an Eastern Rabbi.*** Nashville, Tennessee, LifeWay, 2017.
232.904
GALLATY

Summary: The Forgotten Jesus Leader Kit includes a Bible Study Book and two DVDs with a promotional video and six eight- to ten-minute videos that introduce the topic, explore biblical teachings, and suggest life application. Most Christians would say they know Jesus, but do we really know Him? Through the years our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences. Many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing His life in Jewish men and women. This disciple-making Bible

study takes us on a journey back to biblical times to rediscover who Jesus really was by seeing Him in the cultural and religious context in which He ministered. Exploring the implications of Jesus' teachings and actions as a first-century rabbi will give you new reasons to fall in love with Him all over again. Kit includes: Bible Study Book, One DVD with a promotional video and six eight- to ten-minute teaching sessions, Original book on which the study is based, Additional leader resources through WORDsearch Bible. --LifeWay

Content Notes:

- Promotional Video (00:56) -- 1. Considering Jesus' Jewishness (10:04) --2. Jesus' Childhood (08:46) -- 3. Jesus' Teaching Ministry (08:28) -- 4. Messianic Miracles (09:01) -- 5. The Last Week (08:02) -- 6. Words from the Cross (08:01) -- Session Previews -- Robby Gallaty Story -- Social Media Content

ADULTS DeVega, Magrey R. ***Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times.***
242.34 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.
DEVEGA

Summary: Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can alter the lives and landscapes of entire communities. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail. Uncertainty can definitely be uncomfortable. Many of us prefer stability and a predictable future to an unknown fate. We are wired to want to control our destiny. The reality is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world there are few guarantees in life. It's those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and make the risky decision to follow Jesus despite the many "unknowns" who will reap the greatest rewards. *Embracing the Uncertain* invites readers this Lent to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The first six chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. Each of these stories are signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience. Includes discussion questions that can be used in small-group Bible study session or for personal growth. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Thornton, Marilyn E. ***Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals.***
242.34 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2016.
THORNTON

Summary: This unique short-term Bible study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. The six-session study provides biblical, social, and historical analyses of the spirituals: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," "This Lonesome Valley," "Bow Down on Your Knees," "Plenty Good Room," "Ain't Dat Good News," and "Were You There?" Marilyn E. Thornton wrote all-new lessons appropriate to the season. Leader helps can be found in the book providing discussion questions and activities. *Plenty Good Room* is a powerful resource for small groups, Sunday schools, choir groups, and any setting where persons seek to enrich their devotional and spiritual experience through God's Word and music. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Brown, Teresa L. Fry. ***African American History & Devotions: Readings and Activities for Individuals, Families, and Communities.***
242.6 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
BROWN

Summary: Within these 28 devotions, you'll discover new ways to celebrate your heritage, deepen your faith, and build stronger communities. A Scripture verse, a reflection on the Scripture, a prayer, and related activities are included for each day and are perfect for use by families and groups as well for individual devotion. Although this intergenerational devotional makes a wonderful study for use during Black History Month, it may be used at any time of the year. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Teasdale, Mark R. ***Go!: How to Become a Great Commission Church.*** Nashville, TN,
262.0017 Wesley's Foundery Books General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United
TEASDALE Methodist Church, 2017.

Summary: God tells us to "Go " Let's do it Don't get left behind. God's mission for us and our churches is more exciting and rewarding than we can possibly imagine. This book gives tactics to get your church moving forward in mission by looking at biblical passages where God commands us to "Go "

God calls us to break stereotypes and witness in surprising and unexpected ways. God tells us to "Go " but most churches don't. We all know that we are supposed to go and make disciples to transform the world, but drag our feet or sometimes simply refuse. Dr. Mark Teasdale says it doesn't have to be that way. There is a wide range of options available to us. We don't have to be held back. God's mission for us and our churches is more exciting and rewarding than we can possibly imagine. We don't have to worry about winning or losing, succeeding or failing. We aren't responsible for the results, but we are called to obey and go where God leads. --Cokesbury

ADULTS **Chuck Knows Church.** [Nashville, Tenn.], GBOD, 201.
262.076
GBOD

Summary: Chuck Knows Church is a fun and informative (and free!) weekly web series about the objects, symbols and terms used in church. Take a couple of minutes each week and have some fun while you learn from Chuck! The latest 25 episodes of the fun and informative series now on DVD. Complete with a full menu.

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ADULTS Trent, J. Dana. **For Sabbath's Sake: Embracing Your Need for Rest, Worship, and**
263.3 TRENT **Community.** Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2017.

Summary: Discover a spiritual practice that helps you maintain spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental health. In our culture of constant busyness, most of us feel like we're never caught up. The lines between home and work have blurred as we stay tethered to our mobile devices and computers. Many people use weekends to catch up on errands and other work that doesn't get done during the week. God's commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" seems like a relic from a simpler time. Many Americans balk at the idea of setting aside a whole day for worship, rest, and time with those who matter most to them. Yet we long for more time to spend on what matters most—unrushed time to rest, reconnect with friends and loved ones, and deepen our relationship with God. An ancient spiritual practice exists that can help restore balance to our lives: the practice of keeping sabbath. But how exactly do we manage to build time for sabbath into our busy lives? Dana Trent explores this question in *For Sabbath's Sake*. With humor and honesty, Trent reveals her own struggles with setting apart a day devoted to God, rest, and community. This book traces the rich history of sabbath, helps you find ways to overcome barriers to this spiritual practice, and suggests achievable ways to build sabbath into your life. --Upper Room

Content Notes:

- I'll take a buffet of chaos, with a dash of botox -- Sabbath roots -- 48-7, the age of frenzy -- A different calling -- Restless hearts; Sabbath as solitude and respite -- Sabbath as worship -- Sabbath as gathered community -- My Sabbath journey (what I've learned so far) -- Making a Sabbath plan.

ADULTS Leadbetter, Jane. **Messy Easter: Three Complete Sessions and a Treasure Trove of**
263.92 **Ideas for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.** Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, 2017.
LEADBETTER

Summary: Chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chicks, colored eggs, and baskets are a lot of fun, but is that really what this season is all about? The new resource *Messy Easter* offers your church a tool to bring together people of all ages and stages of faith for a unique come-as-you-are experience of creativity—allowing space for all to play and create, celebration—worshiping God and his redeeming work in Jesus, hospitality—sharing a meal where all are welcome. These three once-a-month sessions

include ideas for activities, games, crafts, food, and much more to help us learn about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter in an excitedly messy way! This season, give your community the gift of a Messy Church! The Messy Church series provides resources to help your church bring together people of all ages and stages of faith, allowing them to experience a creative and fun-filled Christian community. -- InterVarsity Press

ADULTS McLaren, Brian D. ***The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian.*** New York, Convergent, 2016.

270.83
MCLAREN

Summary: The Christian story, from Genesis until now, is fundamentally about people on the move--outgrowing old, broken religious systems and embracing new, more redemptive ways of life. It's time to move again. Brian McLaren, a leading voice in contemporary religion, argues that--notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance--Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun. Drawing from his work as global activist, pastor, and public theologian, McLaren challenges readers to stop worrying, waiting, and indulging in nostalgia, and instead, to embrace the powerful new understandings that are reshaping the church. In *The Great Spiritual Migration*, he explores three profound shifts that define the change: Spiritually, growing numbers of Christians are moving away from defining themselves by lists of beliefs and toward a way of life defined by love; Theologically, believers are increasingly rejecting the image of God as a violent Supreme Being and embracing the image of God as the renewing Spirit at work in our world for the common good; Missionally, the faithful are identifying less with organized religion and more with organizing religion--spiritual activists dedicated to healing the planet, building peace, overcoming poverty and injustice, and collaborating with other faiths to ensure a better future for all of us. With his trademark brilliance and compassion, McLaren invites readers to seize the moment and set out on the most significant spiritual pilgrimage of our time: to help Christianity become more Christian. --Cokesbury

ADULTS McLaren, Brian D. ***Way of Life DVD: A Study Based on The Great Spiritual Migration.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2017.

270.83
MCLAREN

Summary: The study *Way of Life* will help groups approach and engage the spiritual, theological, and missional proposals in Brian McLaren's book *The Great Spiritual Migration*. The four-session DVD features teaching sessions with author Brian McLaren and others in a conversational approach. The video segments are approximately 10-12 minutes each and when combined with the introduction and three sections of the book, make an ideal four-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Introduction (15:03) -- 2. The Spiritual Migration (15:29) -- 3. The Theological Migration (16:03) -- 4. The Missional Migration (15:13)

ADULTS McLaren, Brian D. ***Way of Life Leader Guide: A Study Based on The Great Spiritual Migration.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. A Better Way to Be Christian -- 2. From a System of Beliefs to a Way of Life -- 3. Toward a Loving God of Liberation -- 4. For the Common Good

ADULTS McLaren, Brian D. ***Way of Life Participant Guide: A Study Based on The Great Spiritual Migration.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. A Better Way to Be Christian -- Devotion: What You Love, You Protect -- 2. From a System of Beliefs to a Way of Life -- Devotion: Supporting Characters-- 3. Toward a Loving God of Liberation -- Devotion: Nonviolent God -- 4. For the Common Good -- Devotion: Organizing Religion -- Conclusion

ADULTS Kinnaman, David. ***You Lost Me Discussion Guide: Starting Conversations Between***
277.30830842 ***Generations...On Faith, Doubt, Sex, Science, Culture, and Church***. Grand Rapids,
KINNAMAN Michigan, BakerBooks, 2012.

Summary: Identifying a problem is not a solution. But starting a conversation is the beginning of restoration. In *You Lost Me*, the bestselling coauthor of *unChristian* trained his researcher's eye on Christians ages 18 to 29, exposing why they leave the church and rethink their faith. With this insightful and honest DVD, you and your small group can connect across generational lines, discuss the most pressing faith issues of our day, and begin the process of building up the next generation of Christ followers. This DVD and the accompanying discussion guide will help you understand why the next generation often sees the church as overprotective, shallow, anti-intellectual, exclusive, repressive, and intolerant of doubt. You'll hear the voices of young people who want to be part of a community of faith, but have been marginalized by the church. And you'll discover loving, biblical ways to reconnect to them with kindness, compassion, and humility. --Baker Books

Content Notes:

- An Introduction -- 1. Overprotective -- 2. Shallow -- 3. Antiscience -- 4. Repressive -- 5. Exclusive -- 6. Doubtless --Bonus Session: What's Next? -- Leader's Notes

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Content Notes:

- An Introduction (8:21) -- 1. Overprotective (10:44) -- 2. Shallow (11:45) -- 3. Antiscience (13:55) -- 4. Repressive (12:31) -- 5. Exclusive (11:55) -- 6. Doubtless (12:29) --Bonus Session: What's Next? (12:41) -- *You Lost Me* Trailer (2:59) -- *Mosaics* Trailer (2:55)

ADULTS ***Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist***
 287.607 ***Witness.*** Nashville, TN, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United
 GBHEM Methodist Church, 2018.

Summary: It's about witness and mission. When we love God with our minds, conversations matter, especially faithful conversations about difficult and divisive topics. This book represents the clear reasoning and earnest conferencing by an international group of scholars who met to discuss human sexuality and the future of The United Methodist Church. The contributors to this book informed the Colloquy on the Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality, sponsored by the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools. The meeting convened at Candler School of Theology in March 2017. Contributors: William J. Abraham, Lisa M. Allen-McLaurin, Karen Baker-Fletcher, Barry E. Bryant, Anne L. Burkholder, Ted A. Campbell, Kenneth H. Carter Jr., Philip Clayton, Kenneth J. Collins, Morris L. Davis, Christopher Evans, Philip Clayton, Jack Jackson, Catherine L. Kelsey, Scott T. Kisker, Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Jan Love, Kevin D. Newburg, L. Edward Phillips, Russell E. Richey, R. Kendall Soulen, Mark R. Teasdale, Jorgen Thaarup, Júlio André Vilanculos, Kevin M. Watson, Sondra Wheeler, Charles M. Wood. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Foreword / Dr. Kim Cape -- Session One: The Conversation Matters -- Session Two: Loving God with Our Mind Matters -- Session Three: The United Methodist Church Matters -- Session Four: Finding a Way Forward Matters -- Afterword by Bishop Kenneth H. Carter -- Appendix A: "An Ecclesial Vision for The United Methodist Church" / Dr. Charles M. Wood -- Appendix B: Helps for Group Leaders

ADULTS ***The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict.*** Oakland, CA, Berrett-Koehler
 303.69 Publishers, Inc., a BK Life book, 2015.
 ARBINGER

Summary: What if conflicts at home, conflicts at work, and conflicts in the world stem from the same root cause? What if we systematically misunderstand that cause? And what if, as a result, we systematically perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? Every day. From the authors of *Leadership & Self-Deception* comes the expanded second edition of an international bestseller that instills hope and inspires reconciliation. Through a moving story of parents who are struggling with their own children and with problems that have come to consume their lives, we learn from once-bitter enemies the way to transform personal, professional, and global conflicts, even when war is upon us. --Arbinger Institute

CHILDREN ***One Rainy Day I Took Jesus to School With Me: A story of hope.*** Washington, NC,
 232 FUMC First United Methodist Church, 2017.
 WASHINGTON

Summary: Jesus goes with a young child to school and protects everyone at the school from an unexpected tornado. After the tornado, Jesus disappears and a homeless man who worked as a custodian at the school stands in his place, but the child finds Jesus' sandals as a reminder of his presence. The United Methodist Committee on Relief comes to help the town after the tornado. The book was written and colored by elementary school children at First United Methodist Church in Washington, NC as a fundraiser for the United Methodist Committee on Relief after a tornado came to their town.

CHILDREN Rawle, Matt. ***What Makes A Hero? Children's Leader Guide: The Death-Defying***
 232 RAWLE ***Ministry of Jesus.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

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Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero? The Children's Leader Guide contains session plans for younger and older children, including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Faith Heroes Show God's Goodness -- 2. Faith Heroes Continue God's Story -- 3. Faith Heroes Create Community -- 4. Faith Heroes Serve Others -- 5. Faith Heroes Love -- 6. Faith Heroes Live as Easter People

CHILDREN 268.432 FLINN Flinn, Lisa. ***Around the Year in Children's Church: 52 Programs for Kids Ages 3-7.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: Holy days and holidays, special times and ordinary time, the celebration of the church year adds spiritual meaning and depth to our lives as Christians. *Around the Year in Children's Church* is a resource created to help children understand and celebrate the entire liturgical year from the first Sunday of Advent through Kingdomtide. *Around the Year in Children's Church* is filled with fifty-two active, hands-on programs. Each featuring a simple Christian message related to the season of the church year or a particular holiday; a Bible verse; a story; a prayer; a time for sharing; a snack; and a musical activity, a craft, or a game. The programs are structured to last from thirty-five to forty minutes. An additional activity is included for those who want to extend *Children's Church* to a full hour. Supplies and set-up are kept to a minimum, and the book's easy-to-use format makes it just right for today's busy teacher. --Cokesbury

YOUTH 230 BALLARD Ballard, Jason. ***Alpha Youth Film Series DVDs.*** [Naperville, IL], Alpha USA, 2017.

Summary: The Alpha Youth Film Series is perfect to create an environment of acceptability where students can bring their friends to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha makes it easy to invite friends to have spiritual conversations which explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful way. The Alpha Youth Film Series is created for audiences 13-18 years old. Alpha's approach to hospitality, faith, and discussion is designed to welcome everyone, especially those who might not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers. Each session includes time for a large group, short teaching, and small group discussion. This DVD also includes three training sessions for your small group hosts and helpers and the discussion guide. --Church Source

Content Notes:

- Disc one: Life: Is This It? -- Jesus: Who Is Jesus? -- Cross: Why Did Jesus Die? -- Faith: How Can I Have Faith? -- Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray? -- Disc 2: Bible: Why and How Do I Read the Bible? -- Follow: How Does God Guide Us Into Full Life? -- Spirit: Who Is The Holy Spirit and What Does He Do? -- Fill: How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? -- Evil: How Can I Resist Evil? -- Disc 3: Healing: Does God Heal Today? -- Church: What About Church and Telling Others? -- Training 1 – How to Run a Great Alpha -- Training 2 – How to Lead a Great Small Group -- Training 3 – Prayer Ministry

YOUTH 230 BALLARD ***Alpha Youth Film Series Discussion Guide.*** Naperville, IL, Alpha North America, 2014.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction --How to Use -- Life: Is This It? -- Jesus: Who Is Jesus? -- Cross: Why Did Jesus Die? -- Faith: How Can I Have Faith? -- Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray? -- Bible: Why and How Do I Read the Bible? -- Follow: How Does God Guide Us Into Full Life? -- Spirit: Who Is The Holy Spirit and What Does He Do? -- Fill: How Can I Be Filled with the

Holy Spirit? -- Evil: How Can I Resist Evil? -- Healing: Does God Heal Today? -- Church: What About Church and Telling Others? -- End Notes

YOUTH 232 RAWLE Matt. ***What Makes A Hero? Youth Study Book: The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: What Makes a Hero? 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, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives. Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero? This Youth Study Book takes the ideas presented in Matt Rawle's book and interprets them for young people grades 6-12. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Good, Evil, and God -- 2. Right, Wrong, and Holy -- 3. Us, Them, and the Body of Christ -- 4. Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God -- 5. Old, New, and Covenant -- 6. Life, Death, and Resurrection -- Notes

YOUTH 232.96 HEIERMAN ***Fathom: The Passion, The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Student Journal: A Deep Dive Into the Story of God.*** Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: The Passion Student Journal will explore the events surrounding Jesus' suffering and crucifixion and their meaning for believers today. Fathom is a Bible study for teens that covers the Old and New Testaments in 18 4-session studies. The lessons are a blend of narrative and traditional theological approaches to understanding the Bible story. Each lesson will focus on one passage that will launch into the larger context of God's story, and how that story is meant to be theirs. Fathom is suitable for groups with middle schoolers, high schoolers, and any combination of the two. Acknowledges the differences between older and younger youth and the way they learn. It provides activities specific to each age group, and gives leaders the option to let youth take ownership of their learning through teaching and leading alongside adults. Fathom creates space and tension for teens to wrestle with how to interpret and experience the Bible. Through youthministrypartners.com, leaders will have access to planning and teaching tools, to support their use of Fathom as well as their youth ministries in general. --Cokesbury

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