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ADULTS 220.07 Joyner, Belton. ***Belton Joyner's Bible Study***. Garner, N.C, North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, 2015-.

JOYNER

Summary: Based on the scripture lessons of Cokesbury's Adult Bible Study Series. -- Belton Joyner, Jr.

ADULTS 221.6 Brueggemann, Walter. ***Chosen? : Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, [2015].

BRUEGGEMANN

Summary: "The conflict is only 'seemingly' beyond solution, because all historical-political problems have solutions, if there is enough courage, honesty, and steadfastness." In *Chosen?*, Walter Brueggemann explores the situation in modern-day Israel that raises questions for many Christians when reading biblical accounts of God's saving actions with the Israelites. Are modern Israeli citizens the descendants of the Israelites in the Bible whom God called chosen? Was the promise of land to Moses permanent and irrevocable? What about others living in the promised land? How should we read the Bible in light of the modern situation? Who are the Zionists, and what do they say? In four chapters, Brueggemann addresses the main questions people have with regards to what the Bible has to say about this ongoing issue. A question-and-answer section with Walter Brueggemann, a glossary of terms, study guide, and guidelines for respectful dialogue are also included. The reader will get answers to their key questions about how to understand God's promises to the biblical people often called Israel and the conflict between Israel and Palestine today. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS 230 ***'The End': How Do the Practices and Tenets of Christian Faith Help Us See God's Purpose in Our Daily Lives?***. Durham, N.C, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, 2016.

ADDIS

Summary: In this curriculum set of four visual poems with accompanying lesson plans and resources, we will reflect on four aspects of Christian theology -- baptism, communion, our identity in Christ and the incarnation -- as means of exploring God's transformative work in our lives. --Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Content Notes:

- Lesson 1: Baptism as 'the end' -- Lesson 2: Communion as 'the end' -- Lesson 3: Identity as 'the end' -- Lesson 4: Incarnation as 'the end'

ADULTS 231 ***Rock, Shepherd, Friend: Enriching Our Images of God***. Chicago, Illinois, The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church, [2016].

COSROW

Summary: *Rock, Shepherd, Friend* is a four-session study designed to help Christians look at the way we talk about God and examine the images we hold of God. It is designed primarily for use by local congregations. It may be downloaded or copied. -- General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church

Content Notes:

- Session One: Exploring Our Images of God -- Session Two: Uncovering Biblical Images of God -- Session Three: Singing the Names of God: Creeds and Hymns of the Church -- Session Four: Expanding Our Images of God

ADULTS ***Divine Innovation: How is God Making All Things New?***. Durham, N.C.,
231.7 ADDIS Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, 2016.

Summary: This curriculum set, including four visual poems, lesson plans and resource guides, invites your small group to consider God's creative work in our daily lives -- even in the midst of limitation, lamentation, harm and mess. --Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Content Notes:

- Lesson 1: Divine innovation in the face of limitation -- Lesson 2: Divine innovation in the face of lamentation -- Lesson 3: Divine innovation in the face of harm -- Lesson 4: Divine innovation in the face of mess

ADULTS Raheb, Mitri. ***The Cross in Contexts : Suffering and Redemption in***
232.3 RAHEB ***Palestine***. Maryknoll, Orbis Books, 2017.

Summary: Why did Jesus die? And in what ways did his crucifixion offer redemption to the world? Those questions, which lie at the heart of Christian faith, remain a pressing concern for theological reflection. What sets this work apart is that the authors—a Palestinian theologian from Bethlehem and a New Testament scholar from the United States—explore the meaning of the cross in light of both first and twenty-first century Palestinian contexts. Together, their insights coalesce around themes that expose the divine power of the cross both for Jesus' first followers and for contemporary readers alike. --Orbis Books

ADULTS ***Eating Well: For Ourselves, For Our Neighbors, For Our Planet : A***
248.4 NCCC ***Faith-Based Curriculum about the Food We Eat and Why It Matters***.
[Raleigh, N.C.], North Carolina Council of Churches, 2014.

Summary: Everyone eats. Our relationship with food is as simple — and as complex — as that. Every living thing is dependent on nutrition, which makes food an incredibly valuable resource. And because food is essential for life, how we get it, who gets enough of it, and the choices we make around it become critical social justice issues. For people of faith, food has incredible symbolic meaning. It is the stuff of miracles, of punishment, a symbol of welcome and the generosity of the Creator. For Christians, reenacting the Last Supper is one of our most sacred rituals of our faith. With these things in mind, we have developed “Eating Well: For Ourselves, For Our Neighbors, For Our Planet” from a faith perspective, recognizing both the spiritual significance of a shared meal together as well as the broader social justice implications of how our food reaches our plates. As sisters and brothers in Christ, we are called to be good neighbors to one another (Luke 10:25-37), good stewards of creation (Genesis 1:28), and good caretakers of the bodies that God has given us (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Our relationship with food touches our relationship with just about everyone and everything else: God, ourselves, our neighbors and creation. Together, let's explore this intersection of food and faith. --North Carolina Council of Churches

Content Notes:

- Week 1: Overview -- Week 2: Creation -- Week 3: Enough -- Week 4: Honoring Neighbors -- Week 5: Diversity -- Week 6: Peace -- Week 7: Hospitality -- Week 8: Reflection

ADULTS
248.5
HALLIDAY

Halliday, Adele. ***Connections: Reimagining Evangelism: A Video & Study Guide Resource Created by Evangelism Connections.*** [Nashville, TN], Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, [2016].

Summary: Evangelism Connections is proud to present this all new ecumenical study guide entitled *Connections: Reimagining Evangelism*, intended not only for church leaders but all Christians and communities of faith interested in engaging in a deeper exploration of what it means to share the Gospel and our faith. This guide embodies the mission of Evangelism Connections as we strive to frame evangelism, hospitality, and church vitality in a 21st-century context and to provide shared resources toward that end. We invite you to participate, comment, and share your own thoughts and ideas on sharing Jesus' message in a postmodern world. "Evangelism" can be a scary word. For some people, the term conjures up negative images of people forcing their faith onto resistant people. This study guide is written in the recognition that this kind of evangelism is not usually welcome in our communities of faith today. The study guide also recognizes, however, that evangelism is much more than that. Evangelization is part of our Christian call, and it means something different to many Christians today than it did yesterday. The study guide will invite participants to ask and explore questions, stretch their understandings of evangelism, confront their fears and skepticism, and consider what might be an authentic expression of evangelism for them. --Evangelism Connections

Content Notes:

- Session 1: Fears -- Session 2: Excitement -- Session 3: Community -- Session 4: Changes -- Session 5: Words -- Session 6: Go -- Session 7: Disciples

ADULTS
251.53
BROWN

Brown, Carolyn C. ***You Can Preach to the Kids, Too! : Designing Sermons for Adults and Children.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1997.

Summary: Many preachers are aware of the presence of children in Sunday morning worship and wish to include them effectively in worship, but have a hard time figuring out how to do so. Preachers who are unhappy with children's sermons in general and all the books of printed children's sermons in particular are looking for a theologically and educationally sound approach to preaching to congregations that include children. This practical guide offers preachers a variety of ideas and helps for making any sermon one that is suitable for both children and adults. The author includes an introductory chapter on the importance of children's participation in worship during their elementary school years as part of their faith development. The chapter concludes with a discussion of how children "listen" to a sermon and the importance of planning for children in preparing sermons. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Why Preach to Children? -- 2. The Children's Sermon vs. The Real Sermon -- 3. Preparing to Preach to Kids -- 4. Presenting Scripture So Children Can "Hear"; -- 5. Shaping a Sermon That Children Can Follow -- 6. Choosing Illustrations That Draw Children In -- 7. Using Sermon Props -- 8. Assigning Sermon Seat Work -- 9. Helping Parents Help

Children Listen to Sermons -- 10. At the Back of the Church -- 11. A Final Word -- Appendix

ADULTS ***Vocation: How Does God Call Us to Live Our Faith?***. Durham, N.C.,
253.2 ADDIS Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, 2016.

Summary: Theologian Frederick Buechner is often quoted as saying, "Vocation is the place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need." In this set of four visual poems with accompanying lesson plans, a small group can explore how God calls all Christians to live their faith. --Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Content Notes:

- Lesson 1: Vocation as worship -- Lesson 2: Vocation as service -- Lesson 3: Vocation as obligation -- Lesson 4: Vocation as commission

ADULTS Raheb, Mitri. ***Faith in the Face of Empire : The Bible through Palestinian***
261.70899274 ***Eyes***. Maryknoll, New York, Orbis Books, [2014].
RAHEB

Summary: Through Palestinian eyes, a challenging view of how the reality of empire shapes the context of the biblical story and the ongoing experience of Middle East conflict. Jesus was a Middle Easterner. If he were to travel through Western countries today he would be 'randomly' pulled aside and scrutinized. For Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian Christian living under Israeli occupation, the Middle Eastern context of the biblical story is crucial to its understanding and its relevance to his people today. A Palestinian reading of the Bible begins with an awareness of the role of empire--a constant feature of Palestine for thousands of years, from the Babylonians and Egyptians, to the Romans, Ottomans, British, and the state of Israel. Each empire imposed its own system of control undergirded by an imperial theology. For "the people of the land," those who endure from one empire to the next, the question, "Where is God?" carries practical and theological urgency. For Raheb, faith in God is the hope that there is something greater than empire. Jesus embodied that hope, and so Raheb spells out Jesus' political program in relation to the Roman Empire of his time, its relevance for his community, and the biblical values relevant for the Middle East, past and present. --Orbis Books

ADULTS ***Becoming the Church Together: Immigration, the Bible, and Our New***
261.8 NCCC ***Neighbors : A Biblically Based Curriculum***. Raleigh, North Carolina
Council of Churches, 2011.

Summary: Together we will embark on a course to study the Bible and see how it addresses the issue of modern day immigration. Our goal will be to foster an open, honest, loving, and biblically focused conversation about this important – and controversial – topic. Each lesson focuses on Scripture, while incorporating prayer, activities, videos, and group discussion to help everyone investigate how faith in Christ affects views on immigration. Even as we study issues related to United States law and policy, our first responsibility will always be to examine God's witness and imagine appropriate responses for our churches as we strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ together. --North Carolina Council of Churches

Content Notes:

- Lesson One: The Life of Christ -- Lesson Two: Bible Stories -- Lesson Three: Economics -- Lesson Four: Laws in the Bible -- Lesson Five: Immigration

Enforcement -- Lesson Six: The Bible & Citizenship

ADULTS Hyde, Daniel R. ***The Nursery of the Holy Spirit : Welcoming Children in***
 264.0083 ***Worship***. Eugene, Oregon, Wipf & Stock, 2014.
 HYDE

Summary: Public worship is the nursery of the Holy Spirit. As you enter the sanctuary, you notice them at once. Then, as you take your seat next to a family, they are right there beside you. Throughout the ensuing service, you see them--and hear them. The presence of children in public worship is not only striking, but also increasingly strange in modern American church life. In fact, the idea of your children sitting or standing next to you during prayer, singing, or the pastor's sermon can be downright scary. This book is based in the conviction that public worship is the nursery of the Holy Spirit and that bringing children in is both beneficial and a blessing. The Nursery of the Holy Spirit offers practical advice on how to make this ideal a reality in your children's lives. --Wipf and Stock

ADULTS Ritchie, James H. ***Always in Rehearsal : The Practice of Worship and the***
 264.0083 ***Presence of Children***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2005.
 RITCHIE

Summary: Always in Rehearsal lays a theological, liturgical, and child-sensitive foundation for the inclusion of young persons in congregational worship, and provides a wealth of ideas for how this approach can be implemented. --Back Cover

ADULTS Skelton, Stephen. ***Mothers of Faith: And the Children that Changed the***
 270.092 ***World***. Franklin, Tenn, The Entertainment Ministry, 2017.
 SKELTON

Summary: Ten more short biographies of the mothers of world-changing icons and how the Christian faith of the mothers influenced the children. Each story is told leaving the reader guessing who the famous child is until the end. Photographs of the mothers and/or children are included.

ADULTS ***UMC LEAD Talks***. United States, UMC LEAD, 2016.
 287.6 UMC
 LEAD

Summary: UMC LEAD exists to be engaged in conversation around leadership, theology, worship, mission, and innovation within The United Methodist Church. Our hope is that this site might be exactly that: a place of hope. We want to share thoughts, stories, and have conversations around what God is doing and what God can do through the movement began centuries ago. We hope to not only talk about what the church CAN be, but what the church ALREADY is. The Talks portion of the website includes videos of talks from the UMC LEAD conference. --UMC LEAD

ADULTS ***Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United***
 287.607 ***Methodist Witness : Study Guide***. Nashville, TN, General Board of
 GBHEM Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 2017.

Summary: Join the conversation. Suitable for a four-week study, this resource addresses how the church can be a witness and provide for a diversified human community. Based on the research of Dr. Charles M. Wood, this study guide offers United Methodists an opportunity to think about what has become a cultural and

ecclesial flash point--human sexuality--and comes out of the conviction that the church is thirsty for theological conversation. Methodism is no stranger to controversy. John Wesley addressed the contentious issues of his day and strove to hold the Methodist societies together across many lines of difference. This guide plumbs the depths of the Wesleyan heritage to enhance our faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ at a time when devout followers are deeply divided. --Back Cover

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 ***Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony.*** [Arlington, VA], PBS, 1999.
305.42092
PBS

Summary: Two women, one allegiance. Together Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony fought for women everywhere, and their strong willpower and sheer determination still ripple through contemporary society. Ken Burns's Emmy® Award-winning documentary recounts the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of two pioneers striving to give birth to the women's movement. Not until after their deaths was their shared vision of women's suffrage realized. --PBS

ADULTS ***Timeline for Women's Suffrage.*** Garner, NC, NC Conference of The United
324.6 Methodist Church, 2017.
COSROW

Summary: 2020 marks the Centennial Anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the vote. Check out this fascinating journey of the history of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. --NC Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women

ADULTS Franzen, Trisha. ***Anna Howard Shaw : The Work of Woman Suffrage.***
324.6 Urbana, University of Illinois Press, [2014].
FRANZEN

Summary: Acknowledged by her contemporaries as the most outstanding woman suffrage orator of her time, Anna Howard Shaw (1847-1919) has nonetheless received minimal attention from historians. Trisha Franzen rectifies that oversight with this first scholarly biography of Shaw, a study that illuminates Shaw's oft-ignored early years and challenges existing scholarship on her time in the suffrage movement. An immigrant from a poor family, Shaw grew up in an economic reality that encouraged the adoption of non-traditional gender roles. Challenging traditional gender boundaries throughout her life, she put herself through college, worked as an ordained minister and a doctor, and built a tightly-knit family with her secretary and longtime companion Lucy E. Anthony. Drawing on unprecedented research, Franzen shows how these circumstances and choices both impacted Shaw's role in the woman suffrage movement and set her apart from her native-born, middle- and upper-class colleagues. Franzen also rehabilitates Shaw's years as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, arguing that Shaw's much-belittled tenure actually marked a renaissance of both

NAWSA and the suffrage movement as a whole. Anna Howard Shaw: The Work of Woman Suffrage presents a clear and compelling portrait of a woman whose significance has too long been misinterpreted and misunderstood. --University of Illinois Press

ADULTS ***One Woman, One Vote.*** [Arlington, VA], PBS, 1995.
324.6230973
PBS

Summary: How could America call itself the world's greatest democracy, but continue to deny the right to vote to more than half of its citizens? This program documents the struggle which culminated in the passing of the 19th Amendment in the U.S. Senate by one vote. Witness the 70-year struggle for women's suffrage. Discover why the crusaders faced entrenched opposition from men and women who feared the women's vote would ignite a social revolution. --PBS

ADULTS Carroll, Andrew. ***Grace Under Fire: Letters of Faith in Times of War.***
355.00973 [Franklin, Tenn.], [The Entertainment Ministry], [2017].
CARROLL

Summary: This booklet includes a letter from a soldier from each American war from the American Revolution through the war in Afghanistan and Iraq. All branches of the military are included. The letters are annotated with biographical information and relevant scripture. The letters are intended to show the power of faith in times of war.

ADULTS ***Heaven is for Real.*** Culver City, CA, Sony Pictures Home Entertainment,
791.43 [2014].
TRISTAR

Summary: The true story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world. Colton claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience. He recounts the details of his amazing journey with childlike innocence and speaks matter-of-factly about things that happened before his birth.

ADULTS Chacour, Elias. ***We Belong to the Land : The Story of a Palestinian Israeli***
956.94 ***Who Lives for Peace and Reconciliation.*** Notre Dame, Indiana,
CHACOUR University of Notre Dame Press, 2001.

Summary: Nominated several times for the Noble Peace Prize, world-renowned Palestinian priest Elias Chacour narrates the gripping story of his life spent working to achieve peace and reconciliation among Israeli Jews, Christians, and Muslims. From the destruction of his boyhood village and his work as a priest in Galilee to his efforts to build schools, libraries, and summer camps for children of all religions, this peacemaker's moving story brings hope to one of the most complex struggles of our time. --University of Notre Dame Press

CHILDREN Ransom, Nick. ***Instant Bible Dramas: Easy Skits for Elementary Kids.***
220 Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2016].
RANSOM

Summary: Children really learn from participating in dramas and skits. If only the preparation wasn't so time-consuming for you, the kids, and their parents. Guess what? It doesn't have to be! Instant Bible Dramas is designed to allow elementary children to

participate in the telling of Bible stories without the planning and rehearsals. You read the engaging stories while your kids provide the action to fifty-six of the Bible's major stories. Kids will love the fun and you'll appreciate such an easy way to provide Bible education. --Cokesbury