

Resources Report

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(BK1363) Making Wise Choices: Helping Children Understand Social and Moral Development This book offers information to those concerned adults who choose to accept the responsibility of assisting children in their social and moral development. The chapters in the book cover poverty, race relations, illiteracy, health-related issues, conserving Earth's resources, and self-esteem. Each chapter includes ideas for ministry and reproducible activity pages. Age: eEM 58 Pages	1	Various	New Hope	1995
(BK1364) A Country Far Away Told in the first person by two young boys, this story relates their identical experiences with full-color illustrations of a small African village and a modern suburban setting. Awarded Best Book of the Year by Parents Magazine. Age: Pe 32 Pages	1	Nigel Gray and Philippe Du	Scholastic	1991
(BK1365) Bible Learning Games: Reproducible Activities for Ages 4 & 5 This book for ages 4 & 5 is filled with a variety of active and quiet games, relays and races, games of Bible knowledge, games to make and much more. Age: e 64 Pages	1	Mary Rose Pearson	Rainbow Books	1992
(BK1366) Money, Motivation, and Mission in the Small Church What you will find in this book is a practical, on-the-job understanding of small church culture, what motivates its members, and fundraising suggestions specifically tailored to the way small congregations live, think, and act. Age: YAS 125 Pages	1	Anthony Pappas	Judson Press	1989
(BK1367) Guidelines: Finance, 2009-2012 Funding ministries that nurture persons in their faith, 2009-2012. Official guidelines from The United Methodist Church on church finance. Age: YAS 32 Pages	1	Wayne C. Barrett, David S.	Cokesbury	2008
(BK1368) Money Isn't/Is Everything: What Jesus Said About The Sp The way we use or misuse money is a spiritual matter that affects both the quality of our lives and our relationship with God. Written for laypersons, each chapter includes a mixture of biblical concepts, humor, illustrative stories, spiritual insights, and reflection/discussion questions. For groups to use prior to the annual stewardship campaign and for pastors preparing sermons on this topic. Age: YAS 72 Pages	1	Herb Miller	Discipleship Resources	1994
(BK1369) The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: Special Church Edition The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: Special Church Edition features a new version of America's favorite Halloween tale. This edition not only streamlines Washington Irving's original story, but it also provides Christian insights and discussion questions by Stephen Skelton. Now, ride with Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman—and find out just how fully their midnight race through Sleepy Hollow was guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Plus, four discussion sections cover the questions Christians usually ask about Halloween. "Did Halloween start as a pagan celebration?" "Is Halloween celebrated as a Satanic holiday today?" "Why is the focus of Halloween so dark?" And, "What should a Christian do on Halloween?" The Media Center owns a Certificate of License for this book so that you may make copies for everyone in your group. Age: HYAS 36 Pages	1	Steohen Skelton, Washingt	The Entertainment Ministr	2013

<i>(ResCode) Title</i>	<i>Copies</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Pub Yr</i>
(BK1370) Lay Pastoral Care Giving A distinguished historian, academic and occasional evangelist I know was hushed by his stunned wife after he said to a friend he was visiting in the hospital, "I hope you don't die." A sentiment appreciated but oh-so-awkward. Expressing care to someone in need - whether within the community of faith or beyond - may seem the most natural thing in the world. For some, it is; for others, it's less so. All can improve. Learn to reach out with God's love and care for others as outlined in this practical book. Farabaugh offers a systemic path for pastoral care using the gifts of the laity in the church. "At a district Council on Ministries' meeting, our conversation focused on the realization that most of the clergy had no assistance in the area of pastoral care and felt overwhelmed by their many, sometimes conflicting, responsibilities," writes Farabaugh. "Most of the churches did not train anyone in caring ministries. Today it is time for clergy and laity to partner in caring for one another." Unique to this course is the ongoing training and accountability meetings outlined for those in this invaluable ministry. During the monthly meetings, participants report on what they have learned and also learn about aspects of caring for situations and conditions of life, such as illness, suffering, grief and loss. This book is a required text in Lay Servant Ministries certification. Age: YAS 154 Pages	1	Timothy M. Farabaugh	Discipleship Resources	2009
(BK1371) From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermo "Let me tell you a story." Since childhood, those introductory words capture our attention like few others. Sharing our faith story can be just as captivating and influential. Yet, a lot of us would choose a day of hard back-breaking labor under a broiling sun rather than speaking before a small group for a few minutes in an air-conditioned room. The prospect of teaching laity (of diverse backgrounds and apprehensions) who will one day teach, preach or speak publicly about their faith could be nerve-wracking. Fortunately, Franks and Carroll make it easy, providing creative guidance for all - from the apprehensive newcomer to the rusty professional. "As an educator, I have found there are many ways people learn," write the authors. "Some people learn by interaction with a small group, some learn by reading instructions and some learn by practical experience. We have designed this course with all these learning styles in mind." The instructor's guide for From Your Heart to Theirs breaks down the important ideas to relate as you plan your study, the preparatory tasks, logistical steps and the session goals in short practical outlines. The objective of this guide is to help you lead a 10-hour advanced course for certified lay speakers who want to hone their preaching skills. During the training, you'll lay the groundwork to help each speaker present a short sermon, and you'll be equipped to coach them to their best. Part of the Learning & Leading Series, which is a course that helps participants to prepare sermons by providing plans and worksheets, stressing good oral communication, offering suggestions on incorporating stories, and providing time for prayer, study and revision. Age: YAS 36 Pages	1	Tony Franks, David Carroll	Discipleship Resources	2007
(BK1372) You Can Preach! Participants develop an understanding of the basic theories and practices of the art of preaching and have opportunities to practice their preaching skills. Helps participants increase confidence in their ability to preach effectively without formal seminary training. This book is a leader's guide for use in Lay Servant Ministries certification. Age: YAS 24 Pages	1	John P. Gilbert	Discipleship Resources	2002
(BK1373) Lay Speakers Tell Stories: Advanced Course Lay speakers will learn what makes a good story, discover their own style as a storyteller, study the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experience. This booklet is the leader's guide for a course in Lay Servant Ministries certification. Required text: Dancing With Words by Ray Buckley. (2003) Age: YAS 15 Pages	1	Ray Buckley	Discipleship Resources	2004
(BK1374) Leading from Your Strengths: Building Close-Knit Ministr Do you know the four inescapable "transitions" that every ministry team must face? The answer to that question lies at the heart of successful ministry teams and is found in the powerful book, Leading from Your Strengths: Building Close-Knit Ministry Teams. Whether you're a pastor or in para-church ministry, a lay leader or a team member, the principles you learn here can make a tremendous difference in how effective and intimate your ministry team becomes. From eye-opening stories, to understanding the four inescapable "transitions," you'll discover your unique God-given strengths, learn to understand and appreciate the strengths of others, and learn to blend the differences. Building strong, effective ministry teams is like taking a whitewater-rafting trip, with many unexpected rapids along the way. Join Dr. John Trent, Rodney Cox, and Eric Tooker, your guides on the journey to Leading From Your Strengths. Age: YAS 112 Pages	1	John Trent, Eric Tooker an	Broadman & Holman Publ	2005

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(BK1375) Just Add Kids: Levi, the Tax Guy and Other Dramas from For teachers of elementary-age children, this new volume in the Just Add Kids series will provide fun educational experiences through drama to supplement their lesson plans. Levi the Tax Guy makes it possible for teachers to engage their student's natural ability to learn Bible stories and Christian concepts through drama. Levi the Tax Guy is chock-full of drama-based activities that imprint the Bible message in a fun and participatory way. These drama activities help children concentrate their energies and improve their communication skills as they learn the Bible stories. Drama activities will enhance children's self-esteem and encourage cooperative learning skills. Many of the dramas require few props and little or no advance preparation. Age: eE 112 Pages	1	Leedell Stickler (Editor)	Abingdon Press/Alban Bo	2005
(BK1376) Singing the Lord's Song: A Study of Isaiah 40-55 Bible study on Isaiah 40-55 written by United Methodist Minister Bruce C. Birch for a United Methodist Women study. Includes discussion questions after each chapter. Age: YAS 137 Pages	1	Bruce C. Birch	General Board of Global	1981
(BK1377) Lose Your Cool: Discovering a Passion that Changes You Throughout history there have been passionate people who have used their passion to change the world. Some changed it for the better, while others were passionate about things that had terrible outcomes. But whatever it was, each of these people was willing to make big sacrifices for what they were passionate about. In Lose Your Cool, you'll read the stories of these people and their passions. Age: MH 160 Pages	1	Zach Hunter	Zondervan	2009
(BK1378) Generation Change: Roll Up Your Sleeves and Change the Just look around and you'll be reminded that our world is broken. People are hurting and dying every day. But it can change. God wants you to help change the world for the better. Zach Hunter is not that different from you. He's a teenager who likes to listen to music and hang out with his friends. But he's also committed to ending modern-day slavery and helping address other issues facing our world. Zach believes that your generation can be the one to change things ---and this book will help you find tangible ways that you can be the generation of change. In the process, Zach hopes you'll discover God's love for you and for people who are suffering. Inside you'll find stories about real people who are doing amazing things to change the world around them. As you read, you may discover the thing you're passionate about changing, and you'll find ideas that will help you do just that. Read about people who are: * Feeding the hungry * Healing the sick * Providing clean water for the thirsty * Clothing the poor * Housing the homeless * Protecting human rights * Taking the Bible to new people * Improving the environment Don't just sit there wondering why our world is so messed up. Get up and be the generation of change. Contents: Change begins here -- Shelter -- Justice -- Kindness -- Poverty --Health -- Education -- Thanks -- Clothing -- Hunger -- Truth -- Environment-- Creativity -- Unity -- Friendship -- Change begins now. Age: MH 175 Pages	1	Zach Hunter	Zondervan	2011
(BK1379) Now, Concerning the Offering This booklet is on the offertory experience for worship and stewardship leaders. It open with a readable and biblical explanation of why we introduce and pray over offerings. The other chapters are developed to aid worship and stewardship leaders who want to articulate thoughtful scripture sentences and written prayers before or after the gathering of the offering. Age: YAS 26 Pages	1	Hilbert J. Berger	Discipleship Resources	1992
(BK1380) Get Well! Stay Well!: Prescriptions for a Financially Health Wayne C. Barrett guides the reader to assess the current reality of the congregation's financial system, describe its financial potential, suggest ways to change how the congregation's financial system operates, and design a plan. Age: YAS 96 Pages	1	Wayne C. Barrett	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1381) Choices and Challenges: Stewardship Strategies for Yout In 4 down-to-earth, idea-filled chapters, youth discover how stewardship impacts their hopes, dreams, and even their problems. Each chapter features real-life dilemmas, biblical reflections, group discussion questions, and practical applications. Designed to help youth with issues that are important to them, such as balancing priorities (school, home, sports, relationships). Age: MH 72 Pages	1	Dan R. Dick	Discipleship Resources	1994

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(BK1382) Bring the Full Tithe: Sermons on the Grace of Giving Shows the biblical foundation for tithing and the transformation that results when people offer their full tithes to God. Age: YAS 112 Pages	1	William D. Watley	Judson Press	1995
(BK1383) Dare to Be Stewards: Stewardship Education for Youth - Pictures, poems, and prayers by youth for a six-session exploration of stewardship. Leader's guide also available. Age: MH 34 Pages	1	Norma W. Gaskill	Discipleship Resources	1986
(BK1384) Inviting Elementary Children: To be Stewards / To Join in Solidify your own definitions of stewardship and mission education in order to invite elementary school children to join in these Christian activities. Age: eE 32 Pages	1	Norma W. Gaskill, Cecile A.	Discipleship Resources	1988
(BK1385) 44 Ways to Expand the Financial Base of Your Congregati FROM THE PUBLISHER: '44 ways to expand the financial base of your congregation' CONTAINS STRATEGIES TESTED AND PROVEN IN SCORES OF LOCAL CONGREGATIONS ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA. THE 44 STRATEGIES ARE HUMOROUSLY ILLUSTRATED BY EDWARD LEE TUCKER'S 'FRIAR TUCK' CARTOON CHARACTERS. Age: YAS 172 Pages	1	Lyle E. Schaller, Edward Le	Abingdon Press	1989
(BK1386) Holy Smoke!: Whatever Happened to Tithing? FROM THE PUBLISHER: Christopher and Mather offer a renewed look at a subject discussed very little in congregations today: tithing. They propose the discipline of tithing as a way for Christians to symbolize and renew their relationship with God. The key to achieving this is to present the tithe, not as a legal obligation, but as a benchmark in a spiritual relationship that is generous and giving. In 6 provocative chapters, the authors present: (1) a comprehensive survey of the current literature on tithing and giving, followed by a close look at the practice of tithing in Scripture and church history; (2) Questions and answers related to tithing; (3) A step-by-step process to help congregations develop a long-term plan for nurturing individuals in the spiritual discipline of tithing. Key issues addressed in the appendices: the relationship between tithing and planned giving and between tithing and the capital campaign. Age: YAS 112 Pages	1	J. Cliff Christopher and Her	Discipleship Resources	2005
(BK1387) Giving: Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship FROM THE PUBLISHER: Jesus said more about money than just about any other topic. Clearly, it is an important issue--and a touchy one! Deep down, we know it is not a matter of what we earn but how we manage what we earn that shows our ultimate priorities. Giving demonstrates how good stewardship is more than a responsibility--it's an adventure. As you study the connection between your wallet and your heart, you'll learn how money management is a powerful tool for shaping your character. You'll discover how giving is as much a part of spiritual growth as prayer and Bible study. And you'll learn about the rewards of cultivating wise financial habits and a generous heart. Above all, you'll find out how a lifestyle of giving reflects the heart of God, who freely gives his best to you. Leader's guide included! Giving group sessions are: Money: Why Is It So Important to God? The Open Hands of God Tithing: A Training Exercise for the Heart Behind the Scenes of Debt What Is a Biblical Lifestyle? Cultivating a Heart of Compassion The Chance of a Lifetime Age: YAS 144 Pages	1	John Ortberg, Judson Polin	Zondervan Publishing	2000
(BK1388) Stewardship Talks and Resources When you need to say something on stewardship, check here for poems, anecdotes, scripture selections, short messages, and simple litanies. Age: YAS 66 Pages	1	Leila T. Ammerman	Baker Book House	1962
(BK1389) Giving & Tithing: Includes Serving and Stewardship Although it is better to give than to receive, giving is harder for most people. Giving is not only good stewardship; it enables the church to help those in need. Respected Christian financial expert Larry Burkett uses God's Word to show the strong biblical basis for giving to and serving in the church. Using benevolence ministries as an example, Burkett explains how God uses Christians to minister in His name. This is accomplished by giving back to God a portion of what He has graciously given. Age: YAS 62 Pages	1	Larry Burkett	Moody	1998
(BK1390) About Tithing Booklet that explains tithing with illustrations. Age: MHYAS 15 Pages	1		Channing Bete Company	1982

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(BK1391) Basic Bible Sermons on Christian Stewardship 17 easy to use sermons based on scripture on the topic of stewardship. Age: YAS 128 Pages	1	J. Alfred Smith	Broadman Press	1992
(BK1392) Your Money Counts: The biblical guide to earning, spendi FROM THE PUBLISHER: This workbook helps a person effectively create, plan, and organize his or her important estate documents. This tool provides a practical, thoughtful expression of care to loved ones. Age: YAS 169 Pages	1	Howard Dayton	CROWN FINANCIAL MINIS	1996
(BK1393) One Minute Stewardship Sermons This resource provides scores of different ways for clergy and leaders to connect the mission and vision of the local church with the stewardship of its members' time abilities, and financial resources. Age: YAS 118 Pages	1	Charles Cloughen	Morehouse Group	1997
(BK1394) The Gospel of Church Fund-raising Joins New Testament teachings and classic professional fund-raising methods to increase giving in your church. Age: YAS 190 Pages	1	Gary L. Arnold, Cecil D. Lac	Church Fund-raising Servic	1992
(BK1395) Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church: A Guide f This complete guide to giving and stewardship asserts that money is not the first issue of stewardship. Callahan shows that a church needs a clear sense of mission in the local community to be successful in fund-raising and illustrates the six sources of giving available to a congregation and the five major motivational resources that help people give generously. Age: YAS 132 Pages	1	Kennon L. Callahan	HarperSan Francisco	1992
(BK1396) Stewardship and You How to use your time, health, talents, relationships, property and the Gospel in a partnership with God. Age: MHYAS 15 Pages	1		Channing Bete Company	1974
(BK1397) Take the Pizza and Run: And Other Stories for Children A Four delightful stories about children who are learning to share and care for their own money and possessions will help 5 to 10-year-olds begin to think of themselves as stewards. Age: eE 32 Pages	1	Barbara DeGrote, Ray Mart	Augsburg Fortress	1992
(BK1398) How Does Your Choir Grow? The sixth book in Abingdon's series of how-to books for church musicians desiring further training, How Does Your Choir Grow? treats the subject of recruiting and maintaining choir members, a key task in the role of church music leadership. The area of choir recruiting is a time-consuming, often frustrating task, particularly in light of the many other aspects of the job. Designed to help directors develop a concrete plan for growth, this book deals with choir recruitment at all age levels. David Donathan has written an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand treatment of concern faced by all choir directors in their ongoing ministry. Any choir director, no matter the number of years of their leadership, will find this book to be a valuable resources. * Helps choir directors develop an organized program of recruitment * Contains practical, useful information on getting and keeping choir members * Written in an easy-to-read, easy to understand style * Written by someone who has conducted numerous workshops in this area Age: YAS 64 Pages	1	David F. Donathan	Abingdon Press	1995
(BK1399) Wednesday Workout: Practical Techniques for Rehearsin "By the Way- You Start Tomorrow Night". The recruiting of a less-than-fully-trained person is usually done at the last minute, since the search for a fully trained person will continue as long as there is either time or hope. Our last-minute, inexperienced director, then will be starting immediately. This first chapter is the most light-hearted, the most general, and the most basic of the book. It is pep talk and a look at the thing to do the first night for the first Sunday. The remainder of the book covers the other ongoing aspects of planning and directing effective choral rehearsals. * Easy-to-use practical format and style * Light, anecdotal reading * Covers all elements of rehearsal planning and techniques * Provides directors handles on how to use rehearsal time * Helps directors learn to better plan and work ahead * Gives directors more confidence in this area of leadership Market * Church choir directors * Music directors Age: YAS 96 Pages	1	Richard Devinney	Abingdon Press	1994

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(BK1400) More Bible Songs to Tunes You Know This second collection of approximately 100 piggyback songs for preschool children differs from the first collection by using new texts never published before. While the texts are based on Scripture and themes such as God's love, friends, and so forth, the tunes are familiar children's songs such as "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" or "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." The words are written around a story, character, or theme, and are created to fit a popular tune. Piggyback songs are popular to use with preschool children's choirs, vacation Bible school, and children's Sunday school settings, and with teachers who are not overly musically inclined. For ages 3-7. Key Benefits: * Allows teachers to be comfortable with music because of the use of familiar tunes * Fun for children because they already know the tune of the new song * Songs included for all parts of the Bible Age: Pe 48 Pages	1	Daphna Flegal	Abingdon Press	2005
(BK1401) Sing and Say: Bibles Verses for Children Following her very popular Sign & Say: Bible Verses for Children, Daphna Flegal now presents a book that will help children learn Bible verses through song. Each verse is set to the music of a popular song, such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." For children ages 3-7. Age: Pe 48 Pages	1	Daphna Flegal and Robert	Abingdon Press	1999
(BK1402) Hymn Stories for Children: Resources for Children's Wors FROM THE PUBLISHER: Hymn Stories for Children: Resources for Children's Worship does just that--it provides brief stories from the history of thirty classic hymns as well as learning activities and craft exercises keyed to each hymn's theme. Includes 30 reproducible craft sheets. Age: eE 72 Pages	1	Phyllis Vos Wezeman and	Kregel Publications	1995
(BK1403) iWorship Christmas: A Total Christmas Worship Experi 24 selections from the popular Christmas album, including: Away in a Manger * The Birthday of a King * Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) * Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus * Hallelujah * Joy to the World * More Precious Than Silver/One Small Child * O Holy Night * What Child Is This? * You Are Emmanuel * and more. Age: MHYAS 98 Pages	1	Various	Hal Leonard Corporation	2005
(BK1404) Hymn Stories for Children: The Apostles' Creed FROM THE PUBLISHER: the basic teachings of the Apostles' Creed are presented in combination with 30 classic hymns, learning activities, and craft exercises keyed to each hymn's theme. Includes craft sheets and instructions that can be easily duplicated for class use. The suggested story narration provides an attention-getting tool to teach the lesson theme and background of each hymn. Age: eE 64 Pages	1	Phyllis Vos Wezeman and	Kregel Publications	1995
(DVD1335) General Conference 2012: Act of Repentance Video and Resource DVD of the Act of Repentance to Indigenous Persons at the 2012 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Includes video of the service and PDF downloads. Age: YAS	1	General Commission on Ch	GCCUIC	2013
(DVD1336) The Christmas Experience The Christmas Experience is a 6-week small group study that examines the Christmas story in detail, helping groups prepare for the Christmas season. Each episode will focus on how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. Those participating in The Christmas Experience study will be able to find themselves in the Christmas story, as they learn that what happened then changes everything now. Includes a printed leader's guide and participant book. Subtitles in English, Spanish, and French. Age: YAS 180 mins	1	Kyle Idleman	City on a Hill Productions	2012

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(DVD1337) When Your Parents Need You	1	Beth Witrogen McLeod, Av	Paraclete Press	2005
<p>When Your Parent Needs You acknowledges that caring for an aging parent is an all-encompassing experience that affects every aspect of life. It brings changes and challenges that are difficult emotionally and physically. Through interviews with caregivers and experts on aging, this video addresses issues such as becoming your parent's caregiver, balancing work and personal life with the never-ending tasks of caregiving, coping with negative emotions and anxieties, and caring with compassion. When Your Parent Needs You emphasizes that caring for an aging parent can be more than an experience that is merely survived. It is an opportunity for personal growth, and most importantly, a window of time to give back to your parents and share their final years with them.</p> <p>The video features two specialists in caregiving and aging issues: Beth Witrogen McLeod and Avrene L. Brandt, Ph.D. Beth Witrogen McLeod is a journalist, speaker, consultant and author of <i>Caregiving: The Spiritual Journey of Love, Loss and Renewal</i>, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. She has appeared on NBC's Today Show, and her articles on elder care have appeared in Good Housekeeping, Health, Family Circle, and The Wall Street Journal. Dr. Brandt, a practicing licensed clinical psychologist, is a consultant to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. She is the author of <i>Caregiver's Reprieve</i>.</p> <p>Age: AS 35 mins</p>				
(DVD1338) When A Loved One Dies: Walking Through Grief As A T	1	Alicia Sims Franklin	Paraclete Press	2002
<p>When a Loved One Dies: Walking Through Grief as a Teenager is an ideal resource to help a teen dealing with grief. It features interviews with bereaved teens, because teens are most receptive to their peers. They speak from the heart, sharing candidly about their pain and healing. Divided into segments, the video covers topics such as surviving the first days, weeks, and months after the death, grieving the relationship lost, facing the future, and rebuilding your life. When a Loved One Dies gives insight not only to teenagers, but also parents, teachers, and counselors who want to know how to help bereaved youth. The accompanying resource guide provides information about the grief process, activities that can aid grief, and grief support organizations. Alicia Sims Franklin, LCSW, is a grief management specialist and a bereaved sibling. Emerging as an internationally recognized authority on children and grief, Ms. Franklin has designed an award-winning self-help model for children's grief support programs. She has spoken worldwide on children and grief, providing training for professionals as well as parents, children and teenage support groups.</p> <p>Age: MH 30 mins</p>				
(KIT140) Dude, You Hear What I Hear?: A Christmas Musical for Ki	1	Steve Moore, Rob Howard,	Little Big Stuff Music	2011
<p>In the hustle and bustle at a crowded "Mondo-Mart" filled with shoppers, shy Taylor and the rest of her youth group have stopped for some last-minute snacks on their way to a fun Christmas camp. Taylor -- not much for talking, but a great hide & seek player -- has found the perfect hiding place. So perfect, in fact, that she doesn't notice when the rest of the group boards the bus and the store is closed for the night! Hard to tell who is more surprised -- Taylor, when she emerges from her hiding place, or the fun-loving store mannequins who break their silence assuming that once again, the store is theirs for the night.</p> <p>Taylor quickly discovers that everything store mannequins know about Christmas is what they've heard over the PA system during the Christmas season, and boy, are they misinformed! And, the not-so-high-tech night watchmen listening in from outside the store are nearly as confused as the mannequins.</p> <p>From the creators of <i>Arrest These Merry Gentlemen ... Dude, You Hear What I Hear?</i> is a rollicking adventure for kids that ensures that nobody will miss out on hearing the REAL Christmas story! The hippest music you'll hear in a kids musical this season, a fun story that is performable by the smallest group to the largest, and the solid Biblical message that is the hallmark of musicals from Little Big Stuff.</p> <p>Includes choral book and CD.</p> <p>Age: eE 2</p>				

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(PM35) Christian Reflection Vol. 49: Acedia	1	Robert B. Kruschwitz, ed.	The Center for Christian Et	2013
<p>Despite its prevalence in our culture, acedia may be the least understood of the seven capital vices, or 'deadly sins.'</p> <p>"At its core, acedia is aversion to our relationship to God because of the transforming demands of his love," Rebecca DeYoung explains. "God wants to kick down the whole door to our hearts and flood us with his life; we want to keep the door partway shut so that a few lingering treasures remain untouched, hidden in the shadows." We deploy two, dissimilar strategies to avoid the demands of love, whether human or divine: not doing what's required of us, or pouring ourselves into something else.</p> <p>Andrew Michel discusses the relationship between the spiritual torpor that attends acedia and clinical depression. Dennis Ockholm and Amy Freeman examine a primary remedy for acedia, namely stabilitas, or staying put and not running away from love's demands. The novels of Evelyn Waugh reveal the pervasiveness of acedia in modern culture, Heather Hughes explains. Kyle Childress and Alvin Ung track its toxins in congregations and the workplace.</p> <p>The study guides and lesson plans integrate Bible study, prayer, and worship to explore the stories of women in Scripture. The study guides can be used in a series or individually. You may download and reproduce them for personal or group use.</p> <p>Age: YAS 93 Pages</p>				