

New Resources September 2020

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ADULTS
220.7
GAVENTA

The New Interpreter's Bible One-Volume Commentary. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2010.

Summary: A brand-new volume in the New Interpreter's line, offering in one volume articles on all books of the Bible, including the Apocrypha. Pastors and students who want a one-volume commentary to complement the New Interpreter's Study Bible will be pleased to find in this resource the quality of scholarship that is a hallmark of other New Interpreter's Bible resources. The portability, accessibility, and affordability of the one-volume commentary will appeal to professors and students as well as lay persons and pastors. This commentary contains articles on all the books of the Bible, including the Apocrypha, as well as numerous general articles on biblical interpretation, geographical and historical setting, religion, text, canon, translation, Bible and preaching/teaching, with bibliographies for each article. Extra value includes: chronology/timeline, table of measures and money, and a subject index. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
220.77 CEB

The CEB Storytellers Bible. Nashville, Common English Bible, 2017.

Summary: The Bible is our story. Help tell it. Stories convey truths through plot, character, and point of view. Nowhere is that more true than in the Bible. Jesus and the prophets taught through story, and The CEB Storytellers Bible helps readers see the big themes and important truths of the Bible while also guiding them in how to tell these stories in contemporary language. The supplementary material in this Bible comes from the acclaimed Storyteller's Companion to the Bible, which Madeleine L'Engle endorsed: "In a day when unquestioning literalism is on the increase, it is a delight to receive a book that takes biblical storytelling seriously and gloriously! The writers and editors are indeed to be commended for their willingness to understand biblical imagination and narrative richness. This book should be a real mindstretcher and encourage many people to return to the Bible with newly opened eyes." Key Features • Articles about reading and telling Bible stories. • Extensive commentary on all the best-known (and many of the less common) stories of the Bible. • Midrashim by rabbis and commentary by early Christian Fathers. • Learn to tell Bible stories to make them come alive for listeners. • Improve sermons with better storytelling and with better understanding of the Bible's stories. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 222
COKEBURY ***Journey Through the Bible: Joshua, Judges, Ruth Leader's Guide.*** Nashville, TN, Cokesbury, 1994.

Summary: Journey Through the Bible uses the NRSV to study the Bible book by book. Each volume: Contains 13 sessions. Highlights pivotal points in the Scripture. Lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. Features questions. Describes the historical and cultural setting. Includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers. Gives insight into possible life applications for individuals,

congregations and communities. Maps out a daily personal Journey Plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible, verse by verse. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
226.9
LEVINE

Levine, Amy-Jill. ***Toward the Kingdom of Heaven: 40 Daily Readings on the Sermon on the Mount.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Explore the most popular sermon ever delivered! The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live? In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today. The book provides a rich and challenging learning experience for the individual reader and makes a wonderful, six-week group study with the additional Leader Guide, DVD, and 40-day readings. This collection of 40 daily readings is drawn from Levine's teachings on the Sermon on the Mount. Containing additional stories, insights, and lessons from the author, the readings further illuminate the wisdom of Jesus' most famous sermon. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
230.041
ARMSTRONG

Armstrong, Jacob. ***The God Story: A Seven-Week Sermon Series.*** Nashville, Abingdon, 2013.

Summary: Help your church find their role in God's story. Developed by Jacob Armstrong, founding pastor of Providence UMC in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, *The God Story* is a toolkit with all you need to create and customize a seven-week sermon series to help congregants see the threads that run throughout the story of God's people culminating in Jesus and the resurrection. The series uses classic components of story to help people see their place and role in God's story. The series is based on *The God Story*, a devotional book that brings the whole congregation together in reading and prayer daily. The weekly introductions and reading form content for small group study. The toolkit includes a flash drive containing sermon outlines, a video trailer, professionally constructed PowerPoint graphics, promotional art, and a small group leader guide for discussion in Sunday school or house groups. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Week 1: Introduction -- Week 2: Suspension of Disbelief -- Week 3: Rising Action -- Week 4: The Inciting Incident -- Week 5: Soundtrack -- Week 6: Waiting for Resolution -- Week 7: Twist Ending

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230.041

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Content Notes:

- Week 1: Introduction (Genesis 1:1-2, 26-2:4) -- Week 2: Suspension of Disbelief (Genesis 18:1-15) -- Week 3: Rising Action (Exodus 16:2-4; Numbers 11:4-6) -- Week 4: The Inciting Incident (1 Samuel 16:1-13) -- Week 5: Soundtrack (Zephaniah 3:14-17) -- Week 6: Waiting for Resolution (John 12:12-19) -- Week 7: Twist Ending (John 20:1-18)

ADULTS
234.131
VOGEL

Vogel, Susan Sonnenday. ***What About Divine Healing?: A Study of Christian Healing.*** Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2004.

Summary: This study explores questions associated with healing in the Christian tradition. You will discover that divine healing occurs in many ways, often in ways we did not imagine.

ADULTS
236.2
HOVER

Hover, George. ***What Happens When I Die?: A Study of Life After Death.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2004.

Summary: This book explores a variety of personal experiences associated with life after death. This study looks at research on reports of near-death experiences, deathbed visions, out-of-body experiences, apparitions, reincarnation, and after-death communications. It explores the research in light of what the Bible and Christian tradition teach about life after death. Each chapter offers opportunities to reflect and discuss upon a particular kind of life-after-death experience and ways the Bible and Christian faith can help as people deal with deep questions about the meaning of life and death. -- back cover

ADULTS
236.9
STRINGER

Stringer, Denise L. ***What About the Rapture?: A Study of End-time Teachings.*** Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon, 2003.

Summary: This study surveys the origins, development, history, and current debate about end-time thought in the Christian tradition. --back cover

ADULTS
242.33
JOHNSON

Johnson, Jan. ***Taste & See: Experiencing the Stories of Advent and Christmas.*** Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2014.

Summary: Jan Johnson offers an innovative Advent small-group study built around a careful contextual reading of scripture combined with the imaginative reading approach introduced by St. Ignatius. The title "Taste and See" hints at how readers are invited to experience the stories of the season

with their senses. Drawing on that experience of scripture, participants then consider how these stories speak to their own lives. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
242.332
OWENS

Owens, Terri Hord. ***Imagining a New World: An Advent Devotional***. Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2020.

Summary: Advent's scripture passages call us to imagine a new world, one free from fear, not one based on a "return to normal." In this new daily devotional for Advent, Terri Hord Owens, leader of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, delves into Advent lectionary texts to reflect on God's vision for the world and how we might find the courage to imagine, the permission to change, and the freedom to fear no more. A prayer round outs each daily devotion. *Imagining a New World* offers an inspiring pause during the day to reflect more prayerfully on what the season of Advent inspires in you and your community. Buy a copy for each member of your congregation and get ready to imagine a new world together this Advent. --Chalice Press

ADULTS
242.34
CARTER

Carter, Kenneth H. ***Near the Cross: A Lenten Journey of Prayer***. Nashville, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 2015.

Summary: Pray with the mind and heart of Jesus. It is by coming near the cross through prayer that we can know and imitate the heart of Christ, and this thematic Bible study for both individuals and small groups will guide you to a deeper life of prayer and spiritual transformation this Lenten season. You'll learn how prayer nurtures our faith and encourages spiritual growth with practical, everyday applications. In addition to the main content, each chapter offers questions for reflection and discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the week. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
242.34
DEVEGA

DeVega, Magrey R. ***Embracing the Uncertain: 40 Devotions for Unsteady Times***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

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. This 40-day devotional journey is the perfect companion piece to the book and includes Scripture, reflections, and prayers for each day to help you renew your heart during Lent. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
242.36
KALAS

Kalas, J. Ellsworth. ***Easter from the Back Side***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2008.

Summary: Using an approach similar to the one he took in *Parables from the Back Side* and other books in the popular *Back Side* series, author J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into the biblical Easter story. The author looks beyond the traditional gospel scriptures to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories and scriptures throughout the Bible, including both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Kalas's creative approach both clarifies basic teachings and introduces new possibilities of meaning, even for those who are most familiar with the Easter story. Enriched with contemporary illustrations and personal experiences, this volume will provide new perspectives on Easter. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Why we need Easter (Genesis 3:1-7, 22-24) -- Easter from an ash heap (Job 19:13-27) -- Easter for the disillusioned (Ecclesiastes 2:14-26) -- Ezekiel celebrates Easter (Ezekiel 37:1-10) -- Easter is a love story (John 20:1-18) -- Late for easter (Corinthians 15:1-11) -- Forever Easter (Revelation 21:1-4) -- Study Guide.

ADULTS Armstrong, Jacob. ***Loving Large: A Four-Week Sermon Series***. Nashville, Abingdon, 2013.
248.4
ARMSTRONG

Summary: Infuse world-changing love into your community and the world. *Loving Large* is based on a four-week sermon series that seeks to move people to action in their Christian faith. In a world that seems to run on money, greed, oil, power, etc., what would our world look like if it ran on the love of God? How can we infuse this world-changing love into our community and world? The series, developed by Jacob Armstrong, founding pastor of Providence UMC in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, gives real opportunities for people to serve God and love their neighbor. It could possibly culminate with a church-wide day of service to the community. Week 1: The Distracted Life Week 2: Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher Week 3: Loving is Giving Week 4: Can We Really Change the World? The series includes a flash drive containing sermon outlines, a video trailer, professionally constructed PowerPoint graphics, promotional art, and a small group leader guide for discussion in Sunday school or house groups. The *Loving Large* devotional book brings the whole congregation together in reading and prayer daily. The weekly introductions and reading form content for small group study. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Week 1: The Distracted life -- Week 2: Your love keeps lifting me higher -- Week 3: Loving is giving -- Week 4: Can we really change the world?

ADULTS Armstrong, Jacob. ***Loving Large: Daily Readings***. Nashville, Abingdon, 2013.
248.4
ARMSTRONG

Summary: Four weeks of daily readings with seven daily devotions which include prayer, Scripture and reflection. These devotions invite you to let love change you. The author, Jacob Armstrong, is the founding pastor of Providence Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Pastor Armstrong is passionate about what he called "Worship Without Wall," taking God's love beyond the calls of a building to places of need in the community and the world.

Content Notes:

- Week 1: The Distracted life -- Week 2: Your love keeps lifting me higher -- Week 3: Loving is giving -- Week 4: Can we really change the world?

ADULTS

248.4

ARMSTRONG

Armstrong, Jacob. ***Upside Down Daily Readings: A Different Way to Live.*** Nashville, Abingdon, 2013.

Summary: Turn your church upside-down for Christ! The Sermon on the Mount calls us to a radically different way of life; one that is contrary to the world around us. Upside Down is a church-wide devotional/study book with an accompanying toolkit with all you need to create and customize a four-week, topical sermon series that fits your congregation. Upside Down is perfect for kicking off a new year or anytime your church needs a fresh start. Drawing upon the teachings of Christ from the Sermon on the Mount, the author helps us understand our call to live differently as his followers. Each week, seven daily devotions with prayer, Scripture, and reflection invite you to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Week 1: Happiness Redefined -- Week 2: You Can Change Your World -- Week 3: A Higher Standard -- Week 4: Love the Ones You Hate

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248.4

ARMSTRONG

Armstrong, Jacob. ***Upside Down: A Four-Week Sermon Series: A Different Way to Live.*** Nashville, Abingdon, 2013.

Summary: Turn your church upside-down for Christ! In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls us to a radically different way of life. Jacob Armstrong shares all the tools you need to create a sermon series right for your congregation. This series is an inspiring New Year worship event or fall kickoff. Resources include • Four sermons in outline form and complete text; • "How to Use" section—advice from Jacob and his team on how to accomplish your goals with the Upside Down sermon series; • A month-long subscription to MinistryMatters.com with links to helpful commentary information and reference; • Ideas for worship, prayer, and service activities; • Small group leader guide for groups reading Upside Down Daily Readings together; • Tweetables—four excerpts ready for tweeting for each week; • Promotional art (poster, web banner, art for print banner, cover images, bulletin cover, postcards); • Promotional trailer video and four trailer versions to lead into each week's sermon; • PowerPoint templates. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Week 1: Happiness Redefined -- Week 2: You Can Change Your World -- Week 3: A Higher Standard -- Week 4: Love the Ones You Hate.

ADULTS
248.4019
SHERRILL

Sherrill, Andrew. ***The Enneagram for Spiritual Formation: How Knowing Ourselves Can Make Us More Like Jesus***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Brazos Press, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2020.

Summary: Author AJ Sherrill still remembers the moment when his life was forever changed by a word he didn't even understand at the time: Enneagram. A personality theory that includes nine different "types," the Enneagram has become a popular tool for self-awareness and improvement. But in this book, Sherrill goes deeper, exploring with Christians how the Enneagram can be a pathway to profound spiritual transformation. Sherrill reveals the Enneagram as a tool to unlock new ways of viewing identity, personality, discipleship, spiritual practices, evangelism, and the Bible. Using this fresh approach, Sherrill shows how our true identity is that of a beloved child of God. Recognizing that, we can move confidently into the world expressing this identity through our unique personality. Through Sherrill's detailed spiritual exploration of each type, readers will emerge viewing the Enneagram as a precious gift to following Jesus more closely. Foreword by Chuck DeGroat. --Provided by publisher.

Content Notes:

- Foreword by Chuck DeGroat -- Introduction -- 1. Identity: Rooted in Belovedness -- 2. Personality: How We Cope in a Harsh World -- 3. Discipleship: Spiritual Practices for Each Enneatype -- 4. Scripture: Finding Your Type in the Biblical Narrative -- 5. Evangelism: A Powerful Story of Beauty and Brokenness -- 6. Character: Creating a Rule of Life for Wholeness -- Conclusion -- Appendix: Additional Enneagram Insights.

ADULTS
248.843
DIXON

Dixon, Heather M. ***Renewed DVD: Finding Hope When You Don't Like Your Story : Lessons from Naomi in the Book of Ruth***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: We hear that we can write our own stories, but life can happen. The loss of a loved one, an unwanted transition, a difficult diagnosis...our stories can change in a heartbeat and suddenly we're dealing with disappointments through no fault of our own. In the Book of Ruth, Naomi was forced to chart a new path even as she mourned the loss of her husband and two sons. It was a hard story...a story she didn't choose or like. Using Naomi's story, *Renewed*, a four-week woman's Bible study, teaches women to flourish through a willingness to trust that God can transform them and trade their heartache for hope. Components for this four-week Bible study include a Participant Workbook with Leader Helps and a DVD with four 20- to 25-minute segments (with closed captioning). --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Story You Don't Want (Ruth 1) (18:49) -- 2. The Movement You Can't See (Ruth 2) (20:34) -- 3. The Intersection of Our Action

and God's Plan (Ruth 3) (20:51) -- 4. The God Who Rescues, Redeems, and Renews (Ruth 4) (18:12) -- Promotional Video (1:11) -- Personal Story (2:29)

ADULTS
248.843
DIXON

Dixon, Heather M. ***Renewed Participant Workbook: Finding Hope When You Don't Like Your Story : Lessons from Naomi in the Book of Ruth***. Nashville, Abingdon Women, 2020.

Summary: We hear that we can write our own stories, but life can happen. The loss of a loved one, an unwanted transition, a difficult diagnosis...our stories can change in a heartbeat and suddenly we're dealing with disappointments through no fault of our own. In the Book of Ruth, Naomi was forced to chart a new path even as she mourned the loss of her husband and two sons. It was a hard story...a story she didn't choose or like. Using Naomi's story, *Renewed*, a four-week woman's Bible study, teaches women to flourish through a willingness to trust that God can transform them and trade their heartache for hope. Components for this four-week Bible study include a Participant Workbook with Leader Helps and a DVD with four 20- to 25-minute segments (with closed captioning). --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction to This Study -- 1. The Story You Don't Want (Ruth 1) -- 2. The Movement You Can't See (Ruth 2) -- 3. The Intersection of Our Action and God's Plan (Ruth 3) -- 4. The God Who Rescues, Redeems, and Renews (Ruth 4) -- Leader Helps -- Video Notes Answers -- Notes.

ADULTS
251.6
GREEN

Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.

Summary: *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship* provides new resources to help preachers achieve the goal of connecting congregations to Scripture. This nine-volume series offers creative commentary on each reading in the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. It does so first by viewing that reading through the lens of its connections to the rest of Scripture; and then seeing the reading through the lenses of culture, film, fiction, ethics, science, and other aspects of contemporary life. Included as well are commentaries on the Psalm readings that connect them both to the other readings for the day and to the congregation's experience of worship. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253
BROWN

Brown, Quincy D. ***Discipleship Path: Guiding Congregations to Connect with Jesus***. Knoxville, Market Square Publishing, 2020.

Summary: "The church's mission is to make disciples and teach them to obey everything Jesus taught. The Bible commands us to make disciples but does not give us a "cookie cutter" approach on how to do it. *Discipleship Path* is designed the help churches to discern, dream, and dream next step practices for discipleship. For purposes of this work, a disciple is a person who gives attention to God's presence through participating in corporate worship, serves inside and outside the church walls, grows through prayer by investing their time, talents, and financial gifts to demonstrate a faithful

witness to others of what it means to follow Jesus. As a District Superintendent, Dr. Brown has worked with many churches to help them address the challenges of discipleship, church decline, and attendance plateau. In *Discipleship Path*, he addresses five common questions from local congregations: Isn't discipleship and membership the same thing? What is a disciple culture, and how do we create one? Are there classes involved, and how long does it take? What do we have to change? Will the process fit our church's context and culture? Dr. Brown has collapsed these five questions into one overarching question that guides in helping churches with discipleship: What are the next steps to get churches to move from program to pathways that help people to practice the marks of discipleship: Presence, Service, Prayers, Gifts, and Witness? For a church to change its trajectory from plateauing and declining, it must have a discipleship strategy that moves away from multiple programs to a pathway of next steps for people to become disciples. The first-century Jewish world of Jesus influences this shift of emphasis from program to path"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
254.7
WARREN

Warren, Audrey. ***Fresh Expressions of People Over Property***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "Our church buildings, synagogues, and other religious places - which once stood as beacons of hope and reverence for its community - have become a burden for the organizations who seek to keep them standing. In efforts to patch leaky roofs and paint over years of wear, leaders are putting more and more money each year into property instead of people. The practices we have fallen into to keep a building running are not only demoralizing to the pastoral profession and the mission of the church, but they also run the risk of violating property tax laws and incurring more debt. What if our properties didn't have to be a source of pain but purpose and profit? Can we as faith-based organizations begin to think collaboratively about how we might further our missions by creatively and intentionally rethinking how we utilize the space we inhabit? In this book the authors reflect on strategies, scriptures, and stories that help leaders faithfully reimagine their community spaces so that they reflect that God and God's people value people over property"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
259.419699
GIRA

Gira, David. ***How Cancer Cured Me: Healing Brokenness and Disease***. Durham, NC, Torchflame Books, 2020.

Summary: Like most people, when diagnosed with cancer, David only wanted physical healing. God had bigger plans and used David's cancer experience to heal many areas of brokenness in his life. By the time of his first cancer-free report, two years later, his life had been radically transformed. In *How Cancer Cured Me*, David Gira, seasoned pastor and cancer survivor, shares fifteen ways God used his cancer experience, with all its challenges, to heal his life including ultimately providing physical healing. The topics range from becoming more courageous to finding his get-up-and-go. David also writes about the ways God used the cancer journey to positively impact his most important relationships. With refreshing honesty and humor, David tells his cancer story, shares inspiring stories of other cancer patients, and reflects on relevant Scripture. --Author

ADULTS 261 PAVLOVITZ Pavlovitz, John. ***A Bigger Table Expanded Edition with Study Guide: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community.*** Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2020.

Summary: A Bigger Table invites readers to envision a church that is big enough for everyone, by holding up a mirror to the modern church and speaking clearly on issues at the heart of the Christian community: LGBT inclusion, gender equality, racial tensions, global concerns, and theological shifts. John Pavlovitz shares moving personal stories, his careful observations as a pastor, and his understanding of the ancient stories of Jesus to set the table for a new, positive, more loving conversation on these and other important matters of faith. Though there are many who would remove chairs and whittle down the guest list, we can build the bigger table Jesus imagined, practicing radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agenda-free community. This new edition includes a small-group study guide complete with ideas for exploring A Bigger Table in a congregation-wide sermon series and program along with a new foreword by Jacqui Lewis and new afterword by the author to explore the challenges of living out the bigger table when voices of hate and exclusion seem stronger and louder than ever. --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS 262.0017 VATERS Vaters, Karl. ***The Church Recovery Guide: How Your Congregation Can Adapt and Thrive After a Crisis.*** Chicago, Moody Publishers, 2020.

Summary: "What's Next for Your Church? In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, church leaders are facing challenges they've never encountered. As you scramble to adapt to this fast-changing situation, you must also begin thinking through the months ahead to consider: how will my church recover? The Church Recovery Guide outlines the practical steps you can take to help your church not only survive but also thrive in the aftermath of the coronavirus crisis. Pastor Karl Vaters offers insights from his extensive experience in church ministry to help you think through: - Reconnecting with your congregation - Dealing with the financial repercussions - Encouraging and supporting your staff - Clearly communicating a fresh vision for the future - Reworking your church's technology and online strategy - Ministering to people feeling isolated and fearful The Church Recovery Guide will provide the direction you need to help your church bounce back to full health and chart a path forward to even greater vitality"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS 263.91 ABINGDON ***Worship in a Flash for Advent & Christmas: Everything you need for a season of inviting and inspiring worship.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2012.

Summary: Worship planning for Advent & Christmas just got a lot easier. You know how important it is to plan meaningful, engaging worship services—especially during this season. What you don't know is how you're going to find the time to research dozens of websites and pull together all the prayers, music, sermon ideas, projection images, and everything else you need for an authentic encounter with God in worship. What if all these elements were together for you in one place? What if all that help fit easily in your pocket or your purse? Welcome to Worship in a Flash. Drawing on a vast library of worship resources, Abingdon Press provides everything you need to plan worship throughout Advent and Christmas, all on a convenient USB drive with room to store your notes as you plan worship each week. The Worship

in a Flash USB drive is compatible with Windows and Macintosh formats. It includes prayers, calls to worship, litanies, benedictions, sermons, music, projection images, and more. Liturgies, prayers, sermon outlines, and other text materials are in PDF format. Images are in JPEG format. Ready – Set – Plan. Included on this flash drive you will find the following resources: Preaching Materials 1: Thematic Preaching, Advent Sermon Series 1: Wise Men Still Seek Him, Advent Sermon Series 2: The Arrival, Christmas Eve Sermon 1: When God Shows Up, Christmas Eve Sermon 2: Poor Mary, Christmas Day/Christmas Sunday Sermon 1: An Unlikely Christmas Card, Christmas Day/Christmas Sunday Sermon 2: Life Interrupted . . . Or?, Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord Sermon 1: Not Your Standard Wise Man, Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord Sermon 2: Praying to an Absent God. Preaching Materials 2: Lectionary Preaching: Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel Readings for Years A, B, and C from the New Revised Common Lectionary for each Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day/Christmas Sunday. The following prayers and litanies with multiple options to choose from for each service: Gathering Word litanies, Calls to Worship, Opening Prayers, Prayers of Confession, Assurances of Pardon, Benedictions. The following musical resources, with multiple options to choose from for each service: Suggested Traditional Hymns, Suggested Contemporary Hymns and Songs, Suggested Solos and Anthems. Projection Images: Keyed to particular scriptures, sermons, or music. --Cokesbury

ADULTS
263.913
BROWN

Brown, Olu. ***Hope: An Advent Journey***. Knoxville, Tennessee, Market Square Books, 2020.

Summary: This year's Advent season will be like none before. As the year began, there were high hopes of 2020 being a year when visions and plans would be fulfilled, but as the year progressed many of these hopes were dashed as so many found themselves simply trying to survive each day. Perhaps, the most disappointing part of 2020 was watching as people began losing hope and turning to despair as they came to grips with the fact that, as humans, we can't control or manage everything in life. It would be easy to put Advent on the back burner, forgetting that it is a time when we rejoice and give God praise for the fulfillment of scripture. In the new work, *Hope: An Advent Journey*, author Olu Brown encourages readers to reclaim Advent as something already here, not a season waiting to arrive. Matthew's gospel speaks of Jesus as Emmanuel, which means "God with us." This name does not speak of the future, but of the present. In spite of our present difficulties, we have Emmanuel. Our hope is not based on external situations, but eternal promises. This Advent season can be the best ever if you dare to embrace the hope of Jesus right now, knowing that God's grace and love are present to carry you through the most challenging times in your life. --Market Square Books

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Worship in a Flash for Lent & Easter: Everything you need for a season of inviting and inspiring worship. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: Worship planning for Lent and Easter just got a lot easier. You know how important it is to plan meaningful, engaging worship services—especially during this season. What you don't know is how you're going to find the time to research dozens of websites and pull together all the prayers,

music, sermon ideas, projection images, and everything else you need for an authentic encounter with God in worship. What if all these elements were together for you in one place? What if all that help fit easily in your pocket or your purse? Welcome to Worship in a Flash. Drawing on a vast library of worship resources, we provide everything you need to plan worship throughout Lent and Easter, all on a convenient USB drive with room to store your notes as you plan worship each week. The Worship in a Flash USB drive is compatible with Windows and Macintosh formats. It includes prayers, calls to worship, litanies, benedictions, sermons, music, projection images, and more. Liturgies, prayers, sermon outlines, and other text materials are in PDF format. Images are in JPEG format. Ready — Set — Plan. Included on this flash drive you will find the following resources: Teaching Materials 1: Thematic Preaching, Ash Wednesday Sermon 1, Ash Wednesday Sermon 2, Lenten Sermon Series 1, Lenten Sermon Series 2, Palm Sunday Sermon 1, Palm Sunday Sermon 2, Holy Thursday Sermon 1, Holy Thursday Sermon 2, Good Friday Sermon 1, Good Friday Sermon 2, Easter Day Sermon 1, Easter Day Sermon 2, Preaching Materials 2: Lectionary Preaching. Sermons on the Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel Readings for Years A, B, and C from the New Revised Common Lectionary for Ash Wednesday, each Sunday of Lent, Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The following prayers and litanies with multiple options to choose from for each service: Gathering Word litanies, Calls to Worship, Opening Prayers, Prayers of Confession, Assurances of Pardon, Benedictions. The following musical resources, with multiple options to choose from for each service: Suggested Traditional Hymns, Suggested Contemporary Hymns and Songs, Suggested Solos and Anthems, Projection Images, Appropriate to the season. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN
248.845
CALDWELL

Caldwell, Elizabeth. ***I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible***. Nashville, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Help the Bible become your child's life-long companion for faith and spiritual growth. Who created God? Will there be another flood? Is the Bible true? It's only a matter of time before your child asks you to answer the difficult questions about the Bible. *I Wonder* helps you talk to your child about the Bible...plus, it acts as a resource—providing you with expert advice about what translations may be best for your child, which passages and stories of the Bible are age-appropriate, and what methods you can use to help your child learn as the Scriptures are read. How we read and interpret the Bible with children can make a difference in whether or not the Bible continues to be an important source for their faith. *I Wonder* helps you know how to make it your child's life-long companion for spiritual growth. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- What story does the Bible tell? -- How can we use children's natural curiosity to help them read the Bible? -- What Bibles and Bible storybooks do we read with children? -- Stories that form us for a life of faith -- How we support families with children.

CHILDREN
264.0083
BROWN

Brown, Carolyn C. ***Forbid Them Not: Involving Children in Sunday Worship : Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1993.

Summary: This resource shows how to create meaningful worship experiences for everyone who comes to your church--children, youth, and adults. A three-volume series based on the Revised Common Lectionary, *Forbid Them Not* offers specific suggestions for prayers, hymns, litanies, sermon illustrations, and ways to present Scripture so that children--as well as older worshipers--can really hear the message. (Even if your church does not follow the lectionary, you can find suggestions related to any Scripture passage by using the index.) *Forbid Them Not, Year B* includes 52 full-page, reproducible activity worksheets related to each Sunday's worship theme. With these ideas and resources at hand, you can create worship services that minister to adults and to children. --Cokesbury

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264.0083
BROWN

Brown, Carolyn C. ***Forbid Them Not: Involving Children in Sunday Worship : Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1994.

Summary: This resource shows how to create meaningful worship experiences for everyone who comes to your church--children, youth, and adults. A three-volume series based on the Revised Common Lectionary, *Forbid Them Not* offers specific suggestions for prayers, hymns, litanies, sermon illustrations, and ways to present Scripture so that children--as well as older worshipers--can really hear the message. (Even if your church does not follow the lectionary, you can find suggestions related to any Scripture passage by using the index.) *Forbid Them Not, Year C* includes 52 full-page, reproducible activity worksheets related to each Sunday's worship theme. With these ideas and resources at hand, you can create worship services that minister to adults and to children. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN
268.432
KEFFER

Keffer, Lois. ***All Together Now: 13 Sunday school lessons when you have kids of all ages in one room.*** Loveland, Colo, Group, 2012.

Summary: All Together Now Sunday School is a best-selling Sunday school series by Lois Keffer. You'll find All Together Now Sunday school lessons available in four volumes--one for each season of the year starting with fall. Through these kids' Sunday school lessons, your children's ministry will experience life-changing adventures for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. Imagine the impact these 13 interactive Sunday school lessons will have on the children of your church. Through All Together Now Sunday School, you'll discover interactive Sunday school lessons filled with creative ideas for mixed-age classes ages 4 to 12. All Together Now Sunday school lessons work great for small churches, larger churches with multi-age classes, midweek programming, and anytime you want to teach meaningful Bible lessons to children of different ages in the same class. With these kid's bible lessons you will be ready no matter who shows up. All Together Now Volume 2: Winter Think your kids have heard all the stories about Jesus... his birth, his early ministry of healing and teaching, and his dynamic miracles? Think again Walk with Jesus like never before with these 13 brilliant bible lessons in All Together Now Volume 2: Winter. --Group

CHILDREN
[E] SLEGGERS

Slegers, Yoeri. ***Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home.*** Louisville, Kentucky, Flyaway Books, 2020.

Summary: Crocodile is tired, scared, and hopeful as he searches for his new home. Everything will be better where I'm going! he thinks. But where is that? Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home introduces children to the complex topic of immigration. Featuring bright artwork packed with playful details, this thoughtful tale sensitively portrays the challenges faced by refugees and other newcomers. --Flyaway Books

YOUTH 221 **Connect DVD.** Minneapolis, MN, Sparkhouse, 2013.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: With Connect, preteens revisit the Bible's greatest stories, uncover major biblical themes, and discover how the Bible relates to their own lives. It's Bible-centered Sunday school with just enough quirky tween humor to get them hooked. Connect sessions begin with a video that blends witty, slap-stick, just-for-them humor and solid theology to introduce the session theme. Each unit has its own DVD, complete with five session videos. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Babylon -- Diaspora -- Return -- Occupation -- Caesar.

YOUTH 221 **Connect Leader Guide.** Minneapolis, MN, Sparkhouse, 2013.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: With Connect, preteens revisit the Bible's greatest stories, uncover major biblical themes, and discover how the Bible relates to their own lives. It's Bible-centered Sunday school with just enough quirky humor to get them hooked. Connect's Leader Guides feature visual cues and brief, clear descriptions that help save time each week. Each guide contains all the lesson material leaders need, including supply lists and scripture references. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Babylon -- Diaspora -- Return -- Occupation -- Caesar.

YOUTH 225.9 **re:form Ancestors Anti-Workbook: New Testament.** Minneapolis, Minn,
SPARKHOUSE Sparkhouse, 2015.

Summary: re:form Ancestors: New Testament is a youth Bible study that explores the ancestors of our faith by exposing the real, unpolished, and unexpected personalities of 15 New Testament characters. With re:form Ancestors: New Testament, youth discover the similarities between themselves and the many unlikely people selected by God to do extraordinary things. re:form Ancestors: New Testament is designed for high school youth. --Sparkhouse

YOUTH 225.9 **re:form Ancestors DVD: New Testament.** Minneapolis, Minn,
SPARKHOUSE Sparkhouse, 2012.

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YOUTH 225.9 **re:form Ancestors Leader Guide: New Testament.** Minneapolis, Minn, SPARKHOUSE Sparkhouse, 2015.

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YOUTH **re:form Anti-Workbook.** Minneapolis, Minn, Sparkhouse, 2010.
230.071
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: The re:form Anti-Workbook provides individual and group activities to help youth engage the tough faith questions presented in the re:form session videos. This highly interactive workbook includes 192 pages of vivid illustrations and offers multiple types of engagement activities including drawing, interviews, photo reports, scrapbooking, Web searches, and an occasional thumb war. --Sparkhouse

YOUTH **re:form DVD.** Minneapolis, Minn, Sparkhouse, 2010.
230.071
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: With the re:form session videos, youth encounter a question from the historic Christian faith through creative, provocative humor, illustrations and animation. Each question is presented in simple terms to encourage exploration and discovery. The re:form DVD Set is a 2 disc set that includes 40 session videos. Each video is between 5-7 minutes in length. -- Sparkhouse

YOUTH **re:form Leader Guide.** Minneapolis, Minn, Sparkhouse, 2010.
230.071
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: For each lesson, the re:form Leader Guide provides a theological background on the question presented in the video, offers suggestions on supporting youth as they tackle the tough questions, and includes direction for the individual and group activities included in the re:form Anti-Workbook. The re:form Leader Guide includes 40 sessions of material. --Sparkhouse

YOUTH 248.32 ***T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do.: Prayer DVD***. Minneapolis, MN, Sparkhouse, SPARKHOUSE 2018.

Summary: Students today are growing up in a world defined by pluralism, and it is imperative that they are being empowered by the church to explore what they believe, understand what their beliefs mean, and how to act on them. T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do. is the small group resource for churches that trust youth to actively participate in their own faith development and want to embark on this journey with them. It aims to equip students to embrace the ongoing, sustainable process of discipleship. The first unit of T.B.D. focuses on prayer - helping students understand what prayer means, how it impacts their faith and their lives, and what it truly means to them. Throughout the four-session unit, students dive deep into the topic of prayer and uncover key beliefs, such as: Prayer is important There's a right way to pray Prayer changes things Prayer changes God The T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do.: Prayer DVD includes a live-action video for each topic within the four-session series. Each video encourages youth to delve deeper into their faith, provoking new perspectives and helping them reflect on their faith in a way he DVDs that accompany each T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do. unit include four live-action videos for each topic. Each video encourages students to consider questions and reflect on moments in Christian history they may not have encountered before. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- 1. Prayer is important -- 2. There's a right way to pray -- 3. Prayer changes things -- 4. Prayer changes God.

YOUTH 248.32 ***T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do.: Prayer Facilitator Guide***. Minneapolis, MN, SPARKHOUSE Sparkhouse, 2018.

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Content Notes:

- 1. Prayer is important -- 2. There's a right way to pray -- 3. Prayer changes things -- 4. Prayer changes God.

YOUTH 248.32 **T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do.: Prayer Student Journal.** Minneapolis, MN, SPARKHOUSE Sparkhouse, 2018.

Summary: Students today are growing up in a world defined by pluralism, and it is imperative that they are being empowered by the church to explore what they believe, understand what their beliefs mean, and how to act on them. T.B.D.: Think. Believe. Do. is the small group resource for churches that trust youth to actively participate in their own faith development and want to embark on this journey with them. It aims to equip students to embrace the ongoing, sustainable process of discipleship. The first unit of T.B.D. focuses on prayer - helping students understand what prayer means, how it impacts their faith and their lives, and what it truly means to them. Throughout the four-session unit, students dive deep into the topic of prayer and uncover key beliefs, such as: Prayer is important, There's a right way to pray, Prayer changes things, Prayer changes God. The T.B.D Student Journal for Prayer offers a way for students to journey through the topic. It offers a creative space for youth to write notes, make doodles, and capture the discussion. In addition, the Student Journal offers youth the opportunity to reflect and continue learning outside of the youth group discussion. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- 1. Prayer is important -- 2. There's a right way to pray -- 3. Prayer changes things -- 4. Prayer changes God.

YOUTH
268.432
GROUP

Grapple Jr. High: Three Big Questions: Tackling Tough Questions about God, Others, and Me : 12 Lessons. Loveland, CO, Group Publishing, Inc, 2011.

Summary: Hang out with junior highers and you'll quickly realize that they're searching for meaningful answers to important, life-defining issues. As a leader, you have the opportunity to help your students on the journey of discovering solid answers, which begins by asking the right questions. Wherever your students are in their spiritual journey, they all have inquisitive minds and a need for Christ-centered biblical depth. Grapple will help your junior highers examine tough topics in meaningful ways so they understand and own their faith. Each week, students engage with memorable Bible passages and characters, grapple with the issues that come to the surface, and discover a path that leads them straight to Jesus Christ. This 12-lesson volume of Grapple features series that address three big questions: Who Do I Think Jesus Is? Is It All About Me, Me, Me? Got Friends? Students will encounter lessons about how Jesus claimed to be the promised Messiah, how God helps them experience contentment and peace, and how life is more meaningful with friends along for the ride. Each lesson features interactive, hands-on elements that will get your junior highers talking, moving around, and seeking answers. --Amazon