

New Resources September 2016

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ADULTS 220
COKESBURY

Adult Bible Studies Teacher: Toward a New Creation. Nashville, Tenn: Cokesbury, 2016.

Summary: Developed for use with the student book based on the Uniform Series, this leader resource provides a wealth of information, planning ideas, and lesson guides for each of the 13 lessons in the quarter. This resource includes detailed study of the biblical text, suggestions for developing lessons, teaching options, maps, and charts. It features articles that explore biblical themes related to the passages studied in the lessons. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 232.92
HAMILTON

Hamilton, Adam. **Walking the Road to Bethlehem : Your Journey to Christmas** . Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: Based on Hamilton's The Journey: A Season of Reflections, this new edition contains added content to create an experience of preparation of heart and mind for Christmas. Experience the Nativity story in new ways as you take your own journey to Christmas. Walking the Road to Bethlehem combines content from Adam's travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a summary of the historical and scriptural content from each chapter of The Journey, links to travel video and photographs online, Scripture, prayers and room for personal journaling. Walking the Road to Bethlehem is excellent for individual devotion and reflection and can also be used as a small group experience. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 241.64 BAYLOR **Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics.** Waco, Tex: The Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2016.

Summary: We travel a lot, on short trips and long journeys. We inevitably return home transformed by the places we visit and persons we meet, if we pay them loving attention. Our contributors examine the trips we take--for vacation, pilgrimage, retreat, or short-term missions--and consider how we can travel well. "Vacations can be a corrective to both our overweening busyness and our fear of creaturely dependency," Karl Aho observes. "We can relax and rejoice in the world in general, and in the love of friends and family in particular." Christian George sketches the ancient practice of pilgrimage, and commends its modern revival. Eric Howell agrees, because "the hope of all pilgrimage is realized when we have renewed eyes to be happily surprised by God's mysterious presence in all times and places, even at home." Jeanie Miley explores the variety of spiritual retreats, from silent to family-oriented. Cindy Crosby describes hiking in the tallgrass prairie "to pay attention" to the creation and "recalibrate" her relationship with God. "Carelessly assembled short-term mission trips may jeopardize long-term ministry and create unhealthy dependencies," Curt Kruschwitz admits, but "when framed in the context of joining God's mission and used to nurture spiritual growth, they can be of immense value to God's kingdom." --Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

Content Notes:

- "Why We Need a Vacation," / Karl Aho -- "The Discipline of Christian Pilgrimage," / Christian T. George -- "Divine Hours Spent Hiking with God," / Cindy Crosby -- "Meeting God (Again) in Spiritual Retreat," / Jeanie Miley -- "Planning Mission Trips that Matter," / Curt Kruschwitz

ADULTS 241.672 EVANS Evans, Tony. **Watch Your Mouth Interactive Workbook: Understanding the Power of the Tongue.** Eugene, Or: Harvest House Publishers, 2016.

Summary: Do Your Words Create a Mess...or a Legacy? Dig deep into the Bible's life-changing truths about the tongue in this companion workbook to the Watch Your Mouth DVD series from Dr. Tony Evans. You'll discover how to be victorious with your voice, honor God with your mouth, and avoid wrecking relationships with your words. Prepare your heart and mind for a dynamic study on the power of speech as you work through sections such as...Video Group Discussion—questions to promote reflection and conversation; Group Bible Exploration—relevant Scripture passages to read and discuss; On Your Own—activities to complete for further personal study; Recommended Reading—corresponding chapter suggestions for Tony's book Watch Your Mouth. What you say can make a huge difference to others—and to your own quality of life. Learn how to surrender your words to God so your mouth can truly minister to the world around you. This interactive workbook is designed for use with the Watch Your Mouth DVD. -- Harvest House Publishers

Content Notes:

- Making the Most of This Interactive Workbook -- Who Is the Master of Your Mouth? -- Your Voice Has Victory -- Your Mouth Mirrors Your Heart -- The Wreckage of Your Words -- Appendix: Dr. Tony Evans and The Urban Alternative

ADULTS 242.33
PARACLETE

God With Us : Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas . Brewster Mass. : Paraclete Press, 2007.

Summary: Christmas is the season most difficult to grasp and understand in all its spiritual richness. The sentimentality and commercialism that dominate the season tend to obscure the profound mystery at its heart: the Incarnation. God with Us provides the perfect way to slow down and reconnect with the liturgical and sacramental traditions that illuminate the meaning of Christmas and the Incarnation. In daily meditations for the complete seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, the contributors offer a tapestry of reflection, Scripture, prayer, and history. --Paraclete Press

Content Notes:

- Introduction / Eugene Peterson -- Living the church year : an invitation / Beth Bevis -- First week of Advent / Richard John Neuhaus -- Second week of Advent / Scott Cairns -- Third week of Advent / Luci Shaw -- Fourth week of Advent / Kathleen Norris -- From Christmas to Epiphany / Emilie Griffin.

ADULTS 242.332
HAWKINS

Hawkins, Pamela C. **Simply Wait : Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent .** Nashville, TN : Upper Room Books, 2007.

Summary: What if it really wasn't that hard to find more peace, more quiet, more room in your heart for the Christ child to be born? Hawkins will guide you—calmly and simply—through the busy season of Advent, and you'll come out of the four weeks more centered, rested, and spiritually renewed. "The idea for this book arose from my own experience of contemplative prayer, prayer that finds its home not in busy doing or speaking but in becoming, in being," writes Hawkins. Some Advent titles promise reflective simplicity but actually require a lot of time or reading; Simply Wait is the exception. The exercises are very doable and focus on anticipation, hope, patience, and obedience. Questions and journal space are

provided to help you contemplate more fully. This is an ideal individual or small-group study; a guide for groups is included. Instead of doing more and moving faster, find a way to reflect more, worry less, and connect authentically to the season with the grace-filled wisdom of Simply Wait. --Upper Room Books

ADULTS 248.246
VISION

More Than Dreams. Worcester, Pa: Vision Video, 2010.

Summary: For decades, a phenomenon has been recurring in the Muslim world. Men and women, without any knowledge of the Gospel and without any contact with Christians, have been forever transformed after experiencing dreams and visions of Jesus Christ. Here are five stories of former Muslims who now know Jesus as their Savior, recreated in docu-drama format. View dubbed in English or in their original languages with English or Spanish subtitles. Widescreen. Khalil was a radical Egyptian terrorist who was transformed when Jesus appeared to him and changed his heart. (Arabic, 29 minutes) Mohammed is a herdsman in Nigeria who found the deep love of Christ. He survived various attempts on his life by his father and eventually led his father to faith in Christ. (Hausa, 46 minutes) Dini is an Indonesian teenager who became a Christian on a night that Muslims individualize their prayers to Allah. She was immediately filled with peace, even as persecution began. (Indonesian, 42 minutes) Khosrow is a young Iranian man who was depressed and without hope until he met Jesus. Now joy fills his heart. (Farsi, 30 minutes) Ali is a Turkish man in bondage to alcohol. While making the pilgrimage to Mecca, hoping to be freed of his addiction and be led in the way of a true Muslim, he found Christ instead. (Turkish, 40 minutes) --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Khalil (29:00) -- Mohammed (46:00) -- Dini (42:00) -- Khosrow (30:00) -- Ali (40:00)

ADULTS 259.24 GBHEM **The Term: A Word for the Campus by the Campus.** Nashville, Tenn: General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 2016.

Summary: The Term is a semiannual journal of preaching and worship for collegiate ministry. Written by collegiate ministers, The Term provides a place for sharing timely and beneficial homiletic, liturgical, and reflective resources for your ministry by utilizing collegiate ministers' own exemplary work. This new journal offers resources that target upcoming liturgical, academic, and social occasions relevant to each academic term. --General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church

ADULTS 261.27 ENVOY **The Challenge of Islam.** Worcester, Pa: Envoy Productions, 2010.

Summary: This two-part Bible study explores the beliefs of Islam and illuminates Muslim religious practice. Guiding the discussion is Sam Shamoun, an Arab-Christian born in Kuwait but raised in the United States. Well-grounded in the doctrines of Islam, he believes in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. In the first study, The Challenge of Islam (Part One): What is Islam?, Shamoun's narrative casts much-needed light on Islam's historical development and explains in layman's terms how this faith is put into action by Muslims today. Throughout this study, he articulates and emphasizes the great hope Christians share in the saving grace of Jesus against the works-based futility inherent in Islam's message. In the second study, The Challenge of Islam (Part Two): Defending the Christian Faith, Shamoun reviews key texts from the Qur'an and the Bible, challenges Islamic presuppositions concerning Qur'anic priority, and refutes the notion of the Bible's supposed textual

corruption. Additionally, he clarifies topics such as the Muslim concept of the Trinity; the basis for jihad or "holy war" and its dynamic, three-stage process; and how society might be altered if non-Muslims were subjugated to a world governed by Islam. This Bible study targets a topic of which Christians everywhere need to be informed. Estimates put Muslim numbers globally at well over one billion, yet their beliefs, religious practices, and social philosophy remain surprisingly unknown—and thoroughly confusing—to many Christians and non-Muslims alike. Informative and engaging, Shamoun's presentation throughout is centered on the goodness of God's saving grace through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Includes a PDF study guide for each part. Widescreen. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- What is Islam (84 min.) -- Defending the Christian (75 min.)

ADULTS 261.27 MOHAN **Christianity and Islam.** Worcester, Pa: Vision Video, 2004.

Summary: Based on the best-selling book, *Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad?* by Dr. Timothy George. Words unfamiliar to most Americans are now heard daily on the evening news: jihad, Islam, Allah, Quran, fatwa, imam, ummah, Ramadan. Today, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, with more than 13,000 mosques in North America alone. Now that Muslims are our neighbors, how do we talk to them about Christ? What do Muslims think about Jesus? Which beliefs do we share in common with Muslims and where do we differ from them? Do we worship the same God they worship? Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad? Noted theologian, best-selling author, Dr. Timothy George, teams with T N Mohan, producer-director of the award winning films, *Hanged on a Twisted Cross*, *Here I Stand*, *For One English Officer*, to answer these and other in this visually rich four-part TV series. Dr. George is dean of Beeson Divinity School of Samford University and an executive editor of *Christianity Today*. The series avoids the angry condemnation of all Muslims on the one hand, or a compromising of Christian truth-claims on the other. Muslim views are stated fairly and objectively from Muslim scholars who appear in the series. The programs set forth basic and foundational differences between Christianity and Islam and the implications for how we understand God, Christ, and the meaning of salvation. Fullscreen. Includes PDF of 32-page study guide. Optional English subtitles. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- 1. What is Islam? (25:00) -- 2. The Trinity (25:00) -- 3. The Bible and the Incarnation (25:00) --4. The Cross and Salvation (25:00)

ADULTS 261.27

In the House of Islam: God at Work in the Muslim World.

WORLDCHRISTIAN.COM Colorado Springs, Colo: WorldChristian.com, 2014.

Summary: Radical terror groups invade our cable news channels every day. But there is an even greater story that is unfolding across the Muslim world today. Join Dr. David Garrison, mission researcher and author of the book *A Wind in the House of Islam*, as he opens each room in the House of Islam. You'll learn about the Qur'an and about the five pillars of Islam, and get to know ordinary Muslim men and women from West Africa to Indonesia. Most importantly, you'll learn how God is at work drawing unprecedented numbers of Muslims to new life in Jesus Christ. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Full version (56:00) -- Shorter version (32:00) -- Shorter version (17:00)

ADULTS 263.91
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Down to Earth Devotions for the Season: The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight.**

Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: A virgin birth. God's son...a helpless baby. Fleeing certain death. Nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Mike Slaughter says it's enough to confound the mind and make the heart contrite. In his book, *Down to Earth*, Slaughter presents a four-week Advent study that opens up God's Christmas surprise to us and examines how it changed everything. A DVD, Leader Guide, Youth Study, Children's Leader Guide, and a seasonal devotional are available as part of the *Down to Earth* study. Four weeks of devotions for use during Advent and leading up to Christmas, based on the down-to-earth, missional messages of the book and videos. Each devotion includes Scripture, story, and prayer. --Cokesbury

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Slaughter, Michael. **Down to Earth DVD: The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- 1. Down to Earth Love (10:42) -- 2. Down to Earth Humility (11:12) -- 3. Down to Earth Lifestyle (11:23) -- 4. Down to Earth Obedience (12:19) -- Program Preview (1:19)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Down to Earth Love -- 2. Down to Earth Humility -- 3. Down to Earth Lifestyle -- 4. Down to Earth Obedience

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Down to Earth Love -- 2. Down to Earth Humility -- 3. Down to Earth Lifestyle -- 4. Down to Earth Obedience -- Epilogue: Be Loved. Do Love. -- Notes -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS 263.912
JANNSOHN

Jannsohn, Aimée J. **Essential Advent: Holy Moments and Sacred Experiences for Your Whole Congregation.** Celeveland, Ohio: Open Waters Publishing, 2014.

Summary: In one volume, *Essential Advent* offers interesting, easy-to-prepare activities and worship resources that invite your church to delve a little deeper into this season and make it more meaningful than ever. Gain new perspectives on this holy season as you learn about different Advent observances around the world. You'll be encouraged to try new things in worship, but will find it equally fulfilling to carry on traditional Advent preparations here, such as greening the sanctuary, lighting candles on the Advent wreath, and more. What's most appealing about *Essential Advent* is that it's designed to engage everyone in your congregation, regardless of age or individual faith journey: Adults, Young Adults, Youth (ages 12-17), Older Children (ages 7-11), Younger Children (ages 3-6), Intergenerational Groups, Seekers and Those New to Church. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 263.912
JOYNER

Joyner, F. Belton. **Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Services .** Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, 2010.

Summary: *Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Services* includes biblically-based sermons, suggested scriptures, children's time, hymn and prayers, as well as litanies for lighting the Advent wreath. Also included are suggestions for seasonal funerals. These services offer a completing message of hope during this important church season, when people often visit a church for the first time. Each service focuses on and celebrates a different aspect of the theme: Jesus: God's Unlikely Revelation . --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- First Sunday of Adven--Jesus: the unlikely image of God -- Second Sunday of Adven--Jesus: the unlikely gift from God -- Third Sunday of Adven--Jesus: the unlikely story of God with us -- Fourth Sunday of Advent--Jesus: the unlikely Messiah -- Christmas eve-- Jesus: an unlikely peacemaker -- Christmas day--an unlikely Christmas card -- Epiphany Sunda--John the baptizer: Jesus' unlikely herald -- Seasonal funerals.

ADULTS 263.915
MOORE

Moore, James W. . **All I Want for Christmas DVD: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: What's on your Christmas list this year? How about the greatest gift of all...God's gift to us of a Savior? Sometimes we concentrate so much on the gifts we want to give and to receive that we forget about the special gifts of Christmas. The truth is we need the miracle of God's grace to see them, feel them, hear them, wrap our arms around them, and celebrate them. This five-week

Advent study helps us think about what we really want for Christmas by reminding us of the amazing, life-changing gifts Christmas has in store for us. This Advent study has five sessions: one for each Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas. Each of the DVD's five sessions will run 8-10 minutes long. Each session will focus on real-life stories or interviews to draw out the theme of the chapter, showing how individuals and churches embody the key ideas from All I Want for Christmas. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Gift of Good News -- 2. The Gift of a New Understanding -- 3. The Gift of a Strong Foundation -- 4. The Gift of a New Style of Living -- 5. Christmas Gifts We Can Pass on to Others

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Content Notes:

- How to Lead This Study -- 1. The Gift of Good News (Matthew 1:18-25) -- 2. The Gift of a New Understanding (Luke 1:39-56) -- 3. The Gift of a Strong Foundation (Joshua 24:14-15) -- 4. The Gift of a New Style of Living (Matthew 23:23-26) -- 5. Christmas Gifts We Can Pass on to Others (Matthew 2:1-12) -- Bonus: Organize a Churchwide Advent Study

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ADULTS 263.915
RAWLE

Rawle, Matt. **The Redemption of Scrooge**. Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? The Redemption of Scrooge, from Matt Rawle's The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. A Leader Guide, a Worship Resources Flash Drive, a Youth Study, and a DVD complement the four-week study. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- A Quick Refresher -- 1. Bah! Humbug! -- 2. The Remembrance of Christmas Past -- 3. The Life of Christmas Present -- 4. The Hope of Christmas Future -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

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Content Notes:

- 1. Bah! Humbug! (8:01) -- 2. The Remembrance of Christmas Past (10:44) -- 3. The Life of Christmas Present (12:16) -- 4. The Hope of Christmas Future (10:49) -- Bonus: Interview with Scrooge (15:39) -- Program Preview (1:07)

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Leader Guide contains everything needed to guide a group through the 4-week study for Advent, making use of the book and videos. It includes session plans and discussion questions, as well as multiple format options. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Bah! Humbug! -- 2. The Remembrance of Christmas Past -- 3. The Life of Christmas Present -- 4. The Hope of Christmas Future

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RAWLE

Rawle, Matt. **The Redemption of Scrooge Worship Resources Flash Drive.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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ADULTS 263.915 ROBB Robb, Ed. **The Wonder of Christmas Devotions for the Season: Once You Believe, Anything is Possible.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: The Christmas season is always filled with wonder, but this year rediscover the true wonder of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with others. This four-week, all-church study centers on looking to the Christmas story and the stories of real people today to find inspiration and ideas for reflecting the light of Jesus at Christmas time and throughout the entire year. The devotional, a beautiful companion volume that functions beautifully on its own or as part of the churchwide experience, offers four weeks of daily devotions on four elements of the Christmas story. Each devotion includes Scripture and a reflection and prayer. --Cokesbury

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Content Notes:

- The Wonder of a Star / Rob Renfroe (11:24) -- The Wonder of a Name / Bert Snyder (12:00) -- The Wonder of a Manger / Ed Robb (11:41) -- The Wonder of a Promise / Susan Kent (11:32)

ADULTS 263.915 ROBB

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- Helpful Hints -- The Wonder of a Star -- The Wonder of a Name -- The Wonder of a Manger -- The Wonder of a Promise -- Notes

ADULTS 263.915 ROBB Robb, Ed. **The Wonder of Christmas Worship Resources Flash Drive: Once You Believe, Anything is Possible.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Using an Advent Wreath to Celebrate the Wonder of Christmas -- The Wonder of a Star -- The Wonder of a Name -- The Wonder of a Manger -- The Wonder of a Promise -- Notes

ADULTS 270.1 LABELLA **A.D.**

Summary: The Book of Acts comes alive in this epic covering the years 30-69 A.D. --Container

ADULTS 270.2092
LACHLAN

Saint Nicholas: The Real Story. [Place of publication not identified]: Lachlan Creative Group, Inc, [201?].

Summary: Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas Eve. But is there any historical evidence about the real man on which this jolly old character is based? SAINT NICHOLAS: The Real Story unveils the life, times and legacy of the man behind the legend. Unfortunately, throughout the

centuries, the power of his true story has been overshadowed by the creation of Santa Claus. But new translations of documents by professor Gerardo Cioffari from the St. Nicholas Study Center in Italy shed great light on the authenticity of Nicholas's life. This information illustrates his defiance of the Roman authorities, his care for his community and steadfast faith. It portrays the image of a courageous man of God, who stood for truth at a critical time in Church history and who profoundly impacted the culture in which he lived. Historian, Dr. Mark Wilson, leads the viewer on a journey to modern day Turkey and Italy to discover the reliable facts about this well-known saint's real life. This unique film also provides an understanding of why Nicholas became so famous throughout the world. For the first time, Christians, educators and audiences everywhere, can really appreciate this saint's legacy and gain a fresh perspective on his contribution to Christmas. --Lachlan Creative Group, Inc.

ADULTS 282.09 COOK Cook, William R. . **The Catholic Church Course Guidebook: A History.** Chantilly, Va: The Great Courses, 2009.

Summary: The Catholic Church. It began as a small band of supporters following the teachings of an itinerant preacher in an outpost of the Roman Empire. From there, the church expanded both its size and its importance in the grand scheme of Western history. Today, the church is the oldest continuously active organization on Earth and one of the most influential institutions in the world—a force capable of moving armies, inspiring saints, and shaping the lives of a billion members. But how did this powerful institution develop out of the early church community—a loosely associated group of disciples who were inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus? Why do today's Catholics worship the way they do? How has this institution influenced world history far beyond the walls of its churches and monasteries? In *The Catholic Church: A History*, you'll explore these and other questions as you follow the development of this important institution in 36 informative, fascinating lectures. With noted historian and Professor William R. Cook as your guide, you'll step into the world of the early church, hear tales of the martyrdom of the first Christian saints, witness the spread of Christendom across Europe, and learn about the origins of fundamental church institutions. --The Great Courses

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spread of Christendom across Europe, and learn about the origins of fundamental church institutions. --The Great Courses

ADULTS 394.2663
STUART

Stuart, Sarah Anne. **A Yuletide Treasury of Poems, Carols and Songs: Words that Celebrate the Season.** New York: Bristol Park Books, 2011.

Summary: The words to many classic and contemporary songs and poems of the Christmas season. Includes indexes to first lines; poets and lyricists; and poems, carols, and songs.

ADULTS 745.5941
GIBSON

Gibson, Diane L. **Chrismons: They Point to Jesus.** Lima, Ohio: CSS Publishing Company, Inc, 1996.

Summary: This book provides patterns, instructions and background information for twenty different Chrismons, or "monograms of Christ." It also includes a church program for presenting and explaining the meanings of these Christian symbols. The program includes children and adults and incorporates the singing of the Christmas hymns. ... a worship service ... a learning experience ... a dramatic presentation. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN 263.91
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Down to Earth Children's Leader Guide: The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight.**

Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: A virgin birth. God's son...a helpless baby. Fleeing certain death. Nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Mike Slaughter says it's enough to confound the mind and make the heart contrite. In his book, *Down to Earth*, Slaughter presents a four-week Advent study that opens up God's Christmas surprise to us and examines how it changed everything. A DVD, Leader Guide, Youth Study, Children's Leader Guide, and a seasonal devotional are available as part of the *Down to Earth* study. The Children's Leader Guide contains session ideas for younger and older children, including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. -Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Love -- 2. Be Humble -- 3. Serve -- 4. Be Grateful

CHILDREN 263.915
MOORE

Moore, James W. . **All I Want for Christmas : An Advent Study for Children: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: What's on your Christmas list this year? How about the greatest gift of all...God's gift to us of a Savior? Sometimes we concentrate so much on the gifts we want to give and to receive that we forget about the special gifts of Christmas. The truth is we need the miracle of God's grace to see them, feel them, hear them, wrap our arms around them, and celebrate them. This five-week Advent study helps us think about what we really want for Christmas by reminding us of the amazing, life-changing gifts Christmas has in store for us. This Advent study has five sessions: one for each Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas. The guide is simple to use, and includes reproducible activities for each session. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Schedule/All-Church Event -- 1. The Gift of Good News: Joseph's Gift -- 2. The Gift of a New Understanding: Mary's Gift -- 3. The Gift of Tradition: The Shepherds' Gift -- 4. The Gift of Beginnings: John's Story of the Gift -- 5. The Gifts We Give: The Gifts of the Magi

CHILDREN 263.915
ROBB

Robb, Ed. **The Wonder of Christmas Children's Leader Guide: Once You Believe, Anything is Possible.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: The Christmas season is always filled with wonder, but this year rediscover the true wonder of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with others. This four-week, all-church study centers on looking to the Christmas story and the stories of real people today to find inspiration and ideas for reflecting the light of Jesus at Christmas time and throughout the entire year. The Children's Leader Guide contains session ideas for younger and older children including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. -Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- The Wonder of a Star -- The Wonder of a Name -- The Wonder of a Manger -- The Wonder of a Promise

YOUTH 259.23 DEVRIES DeVries, Mark. **Sustainable Youth Ministry : Why Most Youth Ministry Doesn't Last and What Your Church Can Do About It** . Downers Grove, Ill. : IVP Books, [2008].

Summary: You're looking for a youth pastor. Again. What goes wrong? Why do youth ministries crumble? And what is the cost to students, parents, volunteers and church staff? Is a sustainable youth ministry possible, even after a youth pastor leaves? Youth ministry expert Mark DeVries knows the answer is yes, because he helps build sustainable youth ministries through his coaching service called Youth Ministry Architects. So take heart: No matter what state the youth ministry at your church is in--in need of a leader and volunteers, full of battles and stress, large or small in number--it can be built to survive and to last for the long haul. Based on his own experience and on his many conversations and interviews with churches in crisis, DeVries pinpoints problems that cause division and burnout and dispels strongly held myths. He then provides the practical tools and structures pastors and church leaders need to lay a strong foundation for your ministry so that it isn't built on a person or the latest, greatest student ministry trend. His accessible guidance helps senior pastors and search committees create a realistic job description for a youth pastor, provides tips for making wise hiring decisions, equips youth pastors to build a strong volunteer team, offers creative solutions to help youth pastors set and keep boundaries, gives a road map for navigating church politics, and more. Building a sustainable youth ministry is not easy, and it's not quick. But with commitment to the process, hard work and DeVries's guidance, you can put together a healthy youth ministry--one that fits your church and lasts for the long haul. Youth ministry can last. Here's how. --IVPress

Content Notes:

- Cracking the code : the anatomy of stuckness in youth ministry -- The easy button : the crisis of chronic underinvestment -- Hoping, wishing, and praying : beyond the frantic search for the youth ministry superstar -- The dance floor : a systems approach to youth ministry -- Building right : the structures of sustainability -- Changing culture : the work of the environmental architect -- Searching right : a primer for youth ministry search teams -- Aligning the heart : the emotionally healthy youth worker -- Monkeys, frogs and balconies : secrets of third-pig youth workers -- Architecting the constellation : from camp counselor to sustainable leader -- The magnet effect : making friendship contagious -- Dancing with alligators : navigating the turbulent waters of church

politics -- Rabbit trails and brick walls : when all the brilliant plans don't work.

YOUTH 263.91
SLAUGHTER

Slaughter, Michael. **Down to Earth Youth Study Book: The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight.**

Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Down to Earth Love -- 2. Down to Earth Humility -- 3. Down to Earth Lifestyle -- 4. Down to Earth Obedience

YOUTH 263.915 MOORE Moore, James W. . **All I Want for Christmas : An Advent Study for Youth: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- How to Use the Leader Guide -- 1. The Gift of Good News -- 2. The Gift of a New Understanding -- 3. The Gift of a Strong Foundation -- 4. The Gift of a New Style of Living -- 5. Christmas Gifts We Can Pass on to Others -- Bonus: Suggestions for Celebrating Advent

YOUTH 263.915 RAWLE Rawle, Matt. **The Redemption of Scrooge Youth Study Book.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

Summary: Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark, and sad character? *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's *The Pop in Culture Series*, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. A Leader Guide, a Worship Resources Flash Drive, a Youth Study, and a DVD complement the four-week study. The

Youth Study Book interprets Scrooge, his struggles, and his redemption in a way that youth can relate to and understand, using humor, down-to-earth discussion, and examples from contemporary culture. For young people grades 6-12. Includes leader helps with discussion questions that can be used with the adult-level DVD. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Bah! Humbug! -- 2. The Remembrance of Christmas Past -- 3. The Life of Christmas Present -- 4. The Hope of Christmas Future -- Notes

YOUTH 263.915 ROBB Robb, Ed. **The Wonder of Christmas Youth Study Book: Once You Believe, Anything is Possible.** Nashville, Tenn: Abingdon Press, 2016.

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Leader Instructions -- A Star -- A Name -- A Manger -- A Promise

YOUTH 268.433 WILTERDINK Wilterdink, Chris. **Everyday Disciples : Covenant Discipleship with Youth** . Nashville, TN : Discipleship Resources, 2016.

Summary: Everyday Disciples: Covenant Discipleship With Youth by Chris Wilterdink resources pastors, youth leaders, and youth groups with information and planning materials related to Covenant Discipleship and accountability practices. Covenant Discipleship encourages youth to connect with Christ and one another through mutual accountability. It also encourages a networked support structure for living in the world as Christ followers. --Upper Room