

New Resources on Parenting, Family and Marriage

I Love You Rituals.

Bailey, Becky A. Quill, 2000. 306.874 Bai

These rituals and "ways of being family together" boost brain power, encourage cooperation, promote learning and literacy, increase attention, decrease power struggles, and build bonds of unconditional love. Wonderful for home or classroom use.

Pilgrim Prayers for Mealtime.

Campbell, Alexander. Pilgrim Press, 2003. 242.2 Cam

Contains 150 prayers that relate to a particular Scripture passage and correspond to the themes of thankfulness and praise. This is an ideal resource for churches, families, and organizations that hold events in which meals are shared.

Teaching Kids Authentic Worship: How to keep them close to God for life.

Chapman, Kathleen. Baker Books, 2003. 264 Cha

Chapman claims that authentic worship is the key to maintaining a relationship with God. She offers practical suggestions and over fifty ideas for worship moments that will help kids become excited about knowing God.

Children Matter: celebrating their place in the church, family and community.

Eerdmans. 2005. 268.432 Chi

Parents, teachers and pastors are encouraged to explore the many contexts in which children live, investigate the biblical roots of children's ministries and make an informed and intentional commitment to nurture vibrant faith in children.

Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: how not to be your child's ATM.

Dungan, Nathan. John Wiley, 2003. 332.024 Dun

This parenting book addresses problems with financial irresponsibility in modern-day youth. Dungan, a long-time financial advisor, suggests methods for teaching children the real value of money by presenting practical advice on "share, save, and spend" approach.

Parenting With Purpose: nurturing faith and life from birth to age six.

Evenshaug, Oddbjorn. Youth and Family Institute, 2001. 249 Eve

Presents core values of parenting, insightful suggestions for various stages of a child's life and how faith can be nurtured every step along the way.

Protect Your Child from Sexual Abuse: a parent's guide.

Hart-Rossi, Janie. Parenting Press, 1984. 362.0744 Har

A how-to book on how to talk with children about sexual abuse prevention in a clear and simple way. Use with the book: "It's My Body." See next entry...

It's My Body: a book to teach young children how to resist uncomfortable touch.

Freeman, Lory. Parenting Press, 1982. 362.7044 Har

A simple book to be used with young children on safeguarding their body from inappropriate touch. Use with above book.

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For Everything A Season: 75 blessings for daily life.

Nilsen Family. Youth & Family Institute, 1999. 249 FOR

A response to the question "How can I make both the ordinary and the special events of my life and the lives of those I care about more intentionally sacred?" Compiled by a family who together discovered the power of ritual, this book provides services consisting of a welcome, prayer, Bible text, reflection, and ritual action.

Blessed Be the Pie That Binds.

Hardel, Dick. Youth & Family Institute of Augsburg College, 2001. 249 HAR

Designed for caregivers interested in growing in strong, loving families, this book encourages and motivates positive growth with children of all ages. Features reflections and activities that help incorporate practice of Christian faith in home settings.

Monday Marriage: Celebrating the ordinary.

Kaufman, Gerald W. and Marlene. Herald Press, 2005. 248.844 KAU

A practical approach to Christian marriage that helps debunk popular fantasies about what this relationship should look like. Instead, the authors develop the idea of marriage as a relationship between two imperfect people living in the real world. Helpful advice for counselors and engaged and married couples.

101 Simple Service Projects Kids Can Do: Creative ways to touch families, communities, and the world!

Lingo, Susan L. Standard Pub., 2000. 268.432 LIN

Features service projects, centered in Scripture verses, which help kids put the Bible into action. Includes supplementary stories and anecdotes, reproducible care cards, and a directory of several service organizations.

A Very Good Marriage.

Mullen, Tom. Friends United Press, 2001. 306.81 Mul

Author and former professor Tom Mullen writes about his forty-one year marriage to his wife, Nancy, in this inspiring account of their life together and the grieving process that followed her death.

Cents and Sensibility: how couples can agree about money.

Palmer, Bethany and Scott Palmer. Life Journey, 2005. 332.024 Pal

A good resource for couples who approach financial matters differently, this book gives advice about building a relation-

ship in which finances do not cause conflicts. Through simple-to-follow steps, it instructs on how to understand and respect another's perspectives, how to communicate more effectively, and ultimately how to find financial harmony in relationships.

Blessed Be Our Table: graces for mealtimes & reflections on food.

Paynter, Neil. Wild Goose Pub., 2003. 242.2 PAY

This book invites us to recommit ourselves to act for justice each time we join in the simple sharing of a meal. It is a celebration of food, diversity, community, sharing, and faith and includes many graces, prayers and reflections from a variety of viewpoints and traditions.

Ambassador families: equipping your kids to engage popular culture.

Perkins, Mitali. Brazos, 2005. 248.845 Per

A thoughtful and encouraging book for parents who want to raise faithful children in the midst of a complex pop culture.

Second Wife: stories of wisdom from women who have married widowers.

Stahl, Martha Denlinger. Good Books, 2005. 306.84

Drawing on her own experience and the experiences of other second wives, Stahl advises women about the preparation required for marrying a widower. She deals with such tricky questions as how to date privately in a small community, what to do with the first wife's things, and how to handle different expectations about money, sex, and vacations.

A Prayerbook for Husbands and Wives.

Wangerin, Ruthanne and Walter Wangerin, Jr. Augsburg, 2000. 242.844 WAN

Encourages the cultivation of spiritual intimacy in marriage relationships through read-aloud prayers for all occasions.

Table Talk: easy activity and recipe ideas for bringing your family closer at mealtime.

Wilson, Mimi and Mary Beth Lagerborg. Focus on the Family, 1994. 306.87 Wil

Serves up great advice for building memories and strengthening homes with ideas for family time around the table, entertaining, hospitality, manners, conversation and meal-planning.