

# Check It Out !

New Stuff from the Conference Resource Library  
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## Reading, Studying, Playing with the Bible

### **The Faces of Jesus: A life story.**

Buechner, Frederick. Paraclete Press, 2005. 232 Bue

A retelling of the story of Jesus that encourages readers to be changed and challenged as they read the gospel story in a new way.

### **On Jordan's Stormy Banks: lessons from the book of Deuteronomy.**

Brenneman, James E. Herald Press, 2004.  
222.1506 Bre

Described by some as the theological center of scripture, Deuteronomy has many stories of crossroads in life. This study helps us dip into these crossroads and discover for ourselves how we will answer the question, "Will we choose life?" Discussion questions Included—good adult study.

### **Joy in Our Weakness: a gift of hope from the book of Revelation.**

Dawn, Marva. Eerdmans, 2002. 228.07 Daw

Dawn writes compassionately for those who suffer, for this book was born out of her own struggles with physical limitations and chronic illness and it is intended to help the Church learn how to find joy in every circumstance. A practical look at Revelation's purpose – to comfort afflicted, suffering believers, spelled out in a biblically grounded "theology of weakness."

### **Truly the Community: Romans 12 and how to be the church.**

Dawn, Marva. Eerdmans, 1992. 227.106 Daw

Dawn helps us to recapture the joy of Christian community through a remarkable exegesis of Romans 12. Although theologically rich, this is not some heady academic tome. It includes plenty of personal illustrations and commentary. This would be a great small group or adult Sunday School study. Each chapter has lots of discussion questions.

### **How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A guided tour.**

Fee, Gordon D. and Douglas Stuart. Zondervan, 2002.  
220.61 Fee

This broad overview is designed to help people become better readers of Scripture by sharing information about each individual book as well as about how each book fits into the Bible as a whole.

### **3,285 Bible Questions and Answers.**

Filipi, Emily. Wings, 1994. 220 FIL

Quick! Who met her husband in a field? Where do we read about the tree of life? Who removed his shoe to seal a bargain? Ok, these questions may be trivial, but if you need some quick Bible quiz material, this book is full of it. 300 separate puzzles, quizzes and challenges to use with all ages, in a variety of settings.

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**The Bible From Scratch Series** by Donald Griggs.  
**The Old Testament for Beginners.** Westminster, 2002.  
 221.61 Gri

**The New Testament for Beginners.** Westminster,  
 2003. 225.61 Gri

These two books cover the essential content of the OT and the NT in a easy to read and easy to study format. Each book includes a part for the participant and one for the leader, for a minimum of eight lessons. Great for a review or a basic Bible course.

**In God's Time: the Bible and the Future.**  
 Hill, Craig C. Eerdmans, 2002. 236 Hil

A sensible, scholarly and readable approach to what the Bible says about the End Times and eschatology.

**Sharable Parables: Creative storytelling ideas for ages 3-12.**

James, Steven. Standard Pub., 2005. 268.432 Jam

Includes practical ideas and tips for developing more effective storytelling skills and techniques. Each chapter includes background information on the biblical passage, ready-to-use, interactive ideas for retelling Jesus' stories, and more.

**Grace in a Tree Stump: Old Testament stories of God's love.**

Kalas, J. Ellsworth. Westminster, 2005. 234 Kal

Helps readers see that grace has always been the character of God and that the stories from the OT demonstrate this in a variety of ways.

**The Ultimate Bible Fact and Quiz Book.**

Manser, Martin. River Oak, 2001 220 Man

Offers more than 7,000 facts and quiz questions to test your biblical knowledge. Will provide challenge and entertainment for family and friends alike.

**The Family Book of Bible Fun.**

Petersen, Randy. Tyndale, 1999. 249 Pet

For families or small gatherings in home or church or car! Includes car games and quizzes, bible-based games for rainy days, crosswords and searches, interactive family activities. And...all pages may be reproduced! have fun!

**After the Apple: women in the Bible – timeless stories of love, lust, and longing.**

Rosenblatt, Naomi H. Miramax, 2005. 220.92 Ros

Not only will the reader encounter Biblical women like never before, you will also encounter your parents, spouse, children and yourself in these stories.

**Wrestling With Angels: what Genesis teaches us about our spiritual identity, sexuality and personal relationships.**

Rosenblatt, Naomi H. Delta, 1995. 222.1106 Ros

Examines how the epic Bible stories we learned as children prepare us for the challenges we face as adults. Themes of marital conflict, midlife crises, blended families, fulfillment, heroes, jealousy, rage and strangers.

**The Faith of the Outsider: exclusion and inclusion in the biblical story.**

Spina, Frank Anthony. William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2005. 220.6 Spi

Explores the outsider motif found throughout the Bible. Considers how God's covenant with Israel, the chosen people, creates an insider-outsider dichotomy that is problematic in today's cultural climate of inclusivity. Using the stories of such biblical outsiders as Esau, Jonah, and Ruth, Spina shows that God's exclusive election actually has an inclusive purpose.

**A Turbulent Peace: the Psalms for our time.**

Waddle, Ray. Upper Room Books, 2003. 223.206 Wad

One page devotionals on each individual Psalm. An opportunity to engage the full range of emotions of the Psalms. It makes connections between the sacred and the secular world that are particularly relevant in our twenty-first century lives.

**Devotion: A raw-truth journal on following Jesus.**

Yaconelli, Mike. Youth Specialties, 2003.  
 259.2148 Yac

Designed as a daily devotional for youth, this book features thirty different traits – such as fear, boldness, immaturity, and strength – that the disciples exhibited in the New Testament. Each reading includes a discipleship event from the Bible, a student's commentary on the trait this event illustrates, lessons from the event, and more.