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**NEW!**

## Resources for Nurturing Faith in Kids

### **Tween Time: over 52 ways to celebrate life with kids age 8 – 12.**

Bishop, Ginny. HappyLife Press, 2003. 649 BIS

Suggests dozens of activities as ways for parents and tweens to connect and build relationships. Also wonderful ideas for mentors, teachers, grandparents and youth sponsors. Includes lots of quotes from kids – my favorite: “Anytime there is a cake on the table, I’m excited!” from Jen, age 13.

### **Tween Time: fellowship and service projects for preteens. V. 1 and V.2.**

Abingdon, 2003. 268.432 TWE V. 1 and V. 2

Each book has lots of ideas for 30 – 60 minute sessions on a variety of topics, all with reproducible pages.

### **Trouble in the Temple and Five Other Dramas for Tweens.**

Lee, Nate. Abingdon, 2005. 812.54 Tro

With simple props and six to ten speaking roles, these short plays are perfect for junior high age. Creative Bible stories include Jesus the troublemaker, Judas’ betrayal, and four friends through the roof.

### **Tween Spirituality: Offering Opportunities in Pre-teen Spiritual Growth.**

Stoner, Marcia Joslin. Abingdon, 2003. 268.432 Sto

This book suggests ways of including tweens ( older elementary or middle school age) in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, worship and more. For any church setting. Reproducible articles for parents to nurture the spiritual life of their tween.

### **Whatsa Tween?**

« A tween is an older elementary age youth or a middle school age youth, generally age 9 – 12. Google “Tweens” and you will get all kinds of helpful info and ideas for how the media is both nurturing and marketing to this group and their parents.

### **Great Spaces Learning Places: Creative environments for children’s ministry.**

Hubbard, Jan. Nexgen, 2005. 268.432 Hub

Offers assistance in assessing space needs, choosing decor themes, selling the concept to church leadership, getting the job done, detailed instructions on creating, sewing, building and ordering products.

### **The Creative Storytelling Guide for Children’s Ministry: When all your brain wants to do is fly.**

James, Steven. Standard Publishing, 2002. 268.432 Jam Cre

Offers creative storytelling techniques, story starters, scriptural reasons for telling stories in Christian education today.

### **Conference Resource Library**

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**32 Ways to become a great Sunday School Teacher.**

Halverson, Delia. Abingdon Press, 1997. 268.3 Hal

An excellent resource for beginning teachers or experienced teachers who want new ideas on specific issues as well as teacher training material.

**Earth Care: world folktales to talk about.**

MacDonald, Margaret Read. August House, 1999.  
J 398.2 Ear

A collection of traditional tales and proverbs from over twenty countries or ethnic groups, touching upon both human and ecological themes such as environmental protection, the care of other creatures, and the connection of all things in nature.

**The Big Book of Bible Crafts: 100 crafts using easy-to-find materials.**

Gospel Light, 2000. 268.432 Fia

**The Big Book of Bible Puzzles: 104 imaginative mazes and fun word puzzles.**

Gospel Light, 2000. 268.432 Ken

**Nursery Smart Pages: a guide for nursery directors and caregivers.**

Gospel Light, 1997. 268 Nur

A comprehensive manual on how to provide little ones with physical, emotional and spiritual care in the church nursery. Includes lists, sample forms, policies, clip art and more.

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Children—God  
Children—Prayer  
Family Ministry  
Parenting

**In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice.**

Miller-McLemore, Bonnie J. Jossey-Bass, 2007.  
248.845 Mil

This absorbing book transforms the chaos of parenting into an arena for spiritual practice in daily life.

**Workshop Wonders: the ultimate guide to rotation Sunday school.**

O'Donnell, Mickie and Vickie Bare. Nexgen, 2005.  
268.432 ODo

A guide to learning all about the movement that's re-energizing Sunday school, workshop rotation. Suggestions on multi-dimensional learning in the children's Christian education setting. Learn about essentials of starting the program and how to avoid common pitfalls.

**Signs of Faith: Bible verses for preteens and youth.**

Stoner, Marcia. Abingdon Press, 2001. 268.433 Sto

Based on American Sign Language, this book provides detailed illustrations and written instructions of each sign for 12 different scripture passages including the Lord's Prayer.

**The Humongous Book of Bible Skits for Children's Ministry.**

Group, 2006. 812.54 Hum

Includes 52 quick-prep skits for children that are reproducible and run three minutes or less. Search by Bible characters and topical index. Includes a CD with sound effects and mood music.

**100 Ways To Tell God's Great Story.**

Wezeman, Phyllis Vos. Abingdon Press, 2006.  
268.432 Wez

A collection of multi-dimensional approaches to learning. Chapters on art, creative writing, poetry, culinary, games, music and puppetry.