

The Youth Ministry Resources Sheet

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This list was compiled by youth ministers across the country. It represents a broad spectrum of thought, approach and belief. Use what you think will work best for your youth group.

The WWW

The Youth Ministry Page for the Diocese of Washington—www.edow.org/youth

The Ministries with Young People Cluster of the Episcopal Church—the office at the Church Center that focuses strictly on Children's, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries. www.episcopalchurch.org/myp.

Youth Specialties—the leader in publications and resources for youth leaders, including several helpful e-mail lists that are free. Also a great resource for games and ideas. They have a great online bookstore with many, many resource books. Also a great place to advertise your youth ministry opening, or look for a youth ministry job! www.youthspecialties.com

Group Publishing—a great source for ideas, games, and Bible Studies. www.groupmag.com

Center For Student Missions-- ministry with a goal to provide an effective urban mission and service experience for students that transforms lives, advances the church and honors Christ. www.gospelcom.net/csm

MinistryandMedia.Com—Offers practical and effective ways to use the latest music, movies and videos. Fee of \$25, but well worth it.

Egad! Ideas—Filled with games for all occasions www.egadideas.com

Center for Parent/Youth Understanding—Great resource for parents as well as youth ministers. www.cpyu.org

Youth Builders—Helping adults help kids www.youthbuilders.com

The Source for Youth Ministry—www.thesource4ym.com

Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary—about curricula, jobs, resources, and links. www.vts.edu/cmt/index.htm

Books for Your Library

Youth Specialties Resource Library, More than 3,000 games, Bible lessons, creative meeting, discussion & worship ideas, as well as special events and holiday ideas. \$129.00 for the CD Rom, \$223 for the 14-volume print edition. Individual books are \$19.99 each.

Teaching the Bible Creatively, Bill McNabb and Steve Mabry, Youth Specialties.

No Supplies Required Games & Crowdbreakers - Group Publishing

Have you ever, Would you rather, What if, Name Your Favorite, and Unfinished Sentences - Great for road trips, crowdbreakers, or discussion starters. Very affordable prices from Youth Specialties (they sell all 4 in a set or individually)

The *Talk Sheets* series (Talk Sheets, More Talk Sheets, Talk Sheets Psalms and Proverbs) for both Jr. and Sr. High. Great discussion starters. Can be used for Bible Study, youth group meetings, or Sunday School curricula. - Youth Specialties (they sell by grade in sets of 3)

The Lorax, The Sneetches, and Oh, the Places You Will Go by Dr. Seuss

All-Star Games from All-Star Youth Leaders—Organized into Icebreakers and Mixers, Cooperative and Competitive Games, Games that Make a Point, Off-the-Wall Games, Games for Special Days and Events. Games can be used as-is or adapted for your group. Published by Group

The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

Play It and *Play It Again*, Zondervan Publishing

The Access Bible, Oxford Publishing (probably the best study bible for use with young people. The commentary is great for teens.)

Praying Our Stories, Daniel Ponsetto, St. Mary's Press (a wonderful reflection book for professional youth workers whether they are paid or volunteer)

The Playbook—A resource for games and other group related activities by Roger Maness, Kenny Shackelford, Don Washburn

The Old Hermit's Almanac: Daily Meditations for the Journey of Life, *Ethopian Tattoo Shop*, and *Twelve and One-Half Keys* by Edward Hays

Resource Book for Ministries with Youth & Young Adults published by the Episcopal Church

Non-book resources

Every Picture Tells a Story, Mark Oestreicher, Youth Specialties. 48 Evocative Photographs for inspiring reaction and reflection. Includes a leader's guide.

YouthWorker Journal (www.youthspecialties.com/articles/Youthworker/)

Group Magazine (www.groupmag.com)

Faith Talks: A set of 192 index cards with conversation-starting questions in four areas: Memories, Etchings, Values, & Actions. Published by Youth & Family Institute of Augsburg College www.youthfamilyinstitute.com

Teen People Magazine (It is what the kids are reading and it is a good way to keep in touch with youth culture.)

Holy Motion—Energizing and Building Community Through Song and Dance. Book and a video available from Presbyterian Distribution Services. 1-800-524-2612

Bible Study

The *Creative Lessons* series—8 books with awesome ways of looking at scripture. Covers the books of Galatians and Philippians, I and II Corinthians, Romans, John, Psalms, as well as the Life of Christ, the Prophets, and the Old Testament. Each book contains 12 lessons. Youth Specialties

Downloading the Bible and *Backstage Pass to the Bible*—Jonathan Brandt (Youth Coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Uruguay) Both are great beginners tools for teaching basics about scripture, from history to meaning (then and now). Youth Specialties

Interlinc--- A Christian resource for Bible Study using the latest Contemporary Christian music. www.interlinc-online.com/about.cfm

Books for Personal & Professional Growth

The God Bearing Life, Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster, Upper Room Books.

Dangerous Wonder, Michael Yanconelli, Youth Specialties.

Blessing New Voices—Maren C. Tirabassi (Worship book for teenagers)

Deepening Youth Spirituality—Walt Marcum

A Tribe Apart—Patricia Herscht

Real Teens—George Barna

Help: I'm a Small Church Youth Worker—Rich Grassel

The Case for Christ & The Case for Christ (Student Edition)—Lee Strobel