
CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

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CHILDREN

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS (DVD2118CC) 1. (2008) A Charlie Brown Christmas (Deluxe Edition) - Christmastime is here. Christmas lights may be twinkling red and green, but Charlie Brown has the Yuletide blues. To get in the holiday spirit, he takes Lucy's advice and directs the Christmas play. And what's a Christmas play without a Christmas tree? But everyone makes fun of the short, spindly evergreen Charlie Brown brings back – until the real meaning of Christmas works its magic. (25:00)
2. **(1991) It's Christmastime Again, Charlie Brown** – Holiday preparations include Charlie Brown selling wreaths door-to-door to make extra money. Peppermint Patty sweating out an important book report and the entire crew appearing in a Christmas pageant. (22:57)
3. **A Christmas Miracle: The Making of a Charlie Brown Christmas** - includes interviews of Lee Mendelson, Bill Melendez, Jeannie Schulz, and others discussing the creation of the special, the adoption of Vince Guaraldi's music, the use of children's voices, and the network's negative reaction to the show. (15:58) *dvd/3 programs, 16-25 min./children/home use only*

A FRUITCAKE CHRISTMAS (DVD76CC) It's Christmastime and Hermie and his friends are preparing for the big day. Suddenly, Christmas is hijacked when Iggy and Ziggy Cockroach—the greediest bugs in the garden—steal Grannypillar's fruitcake. Hailey and Bailey, together remind the garden that the celebration of Christmas is nothing about fruitcake, but about God's gift to us. *dvd/60 min./children*

A STAR FOR JEREMY (VHS343CC) Jeremy's Christmas Eve dream shows God assigning places in the sky for the stars, all except for Stan, the tiniest star who is unaware of God's plan for that most special night—the night Jesus is to be born. *vhs/22 min./children*

ALABASTER'S SONG (VHS220CC) Alabaster is an angel, high atop a Christmas tree, and his remarkable song, is heaven sent. It is the tender music of the heart that unites a little boy, his father, and a glorious night long ago in Bethlehem. *vhs/30 min./children*

CHARLIE'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT (VHS221CC) Arfie, a stray dog, was picked up by the dog catcher and will be put to sleep on Christmas Eve. In the process of finding Arfie a home, Charlie shows a lot of adults that animals can unite human beings in many ways. As Christmas Eve gets closer, Charlie is in for the surprise of his life. *vhs/24 min./children*

CHARLIE'S CHRISTMAS SECRET (VHS222CC) Charlie's paper route brings him in contact with those less comfortable than him—a bitter and lonely old woman, a struggling single parent, a homeless person. Charlie finds the Christmas spirit by caring and giving of himself, changing the lives of those he encounters. *vhs/24 min./children*

CHERUB WINGS: THE ANGEL SONG (DVD1525CC) This presentation of the first Christmas will help young children understand the true meaning of this occasion. *vhs/25 min./children ages 3 –7*

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN (VHS223CC) & (VHS224CC)

The Christmas Donkey - Nicholas the donkey, is lazy. He is chosen to carry an unborn King to Bethlehem, and learns the rewards of readiness for service to God. *11 min.*

The Silent Night of Jeremy Rabbit - Jeremy and his friends argue over the roles played by different animals at the first Christmas, and nearly lose the true Christmas spirit. *12 min.*

The Christmas Journey of Deborah Dove - Deborah gets lost in a snowstorm flying to Bethlehem. She is discouraged until she learns Christ's real birthplace is in our hearts. *10 min.*

Peter and the Hermit - This is the story of an old hermit who didn't believe in Jesus, and a determined boy that taught him both friendship and faith. *9 min.*

The Other Wise Man - Artaban, the "other wise man," misses his rendezvous with his three companions and continues to seek the Messiah throughout his life. *16 min.*

The Joy of Christmas - The Christmas story told from Mary's joy at the angel's visit through the journey of the Wise Men and the rejoicing of Simeon and Anna. *vhs/9-16 min./ children*

CHRISTMAS IN HAPPY FOREST (VHS234CC) Children learn the true meaning of Christmas as they watch the animals in Happy Forest learn a valuable lesson from their grumpy teacher, Mrs. Orangeblossom. Because of their kindness to her at Christmas, they see her grumpiness turn to gladness, her frustration to friendship. *vhs/25 min./children*

CHRISTMAS LOST & FOUND (VHS246CC) *from the Davey & Goliath series* Davey just can't get into the Christmas spirit this year until he befriends a new boy in town and gives him something he values. *vhs/30 min./children*

CHRISTMAS STORIES (VHS236CC) This video presents four animated stories, adapted from children's books. Morris' Disappearing Bag; The Clown of God; The Twelve Days of Christmas; The Little Drummer Boy. *vhs/37 min./children*

ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS (DVD1180CC) *from Adventures in Odyssey series* The meaning of Christmas nearly gets lost in a contest of yard decorating in Odyssey. What follows is a powerful reminder that grounds the children in the true meaning of Christmas. *dvd/30 min. children*

FOUR STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS (VHS249CC) Friendly mice, inhabitants of a miniature world, entertain while they teach valuable lessons about love and giving. Too Busy for Christmas; Almond's Christmas Present; The Christmas Mystery; The Orange Christmas Tree. *vhs/4 stories, 8-11 min./children*

GO LOOK IN THE MANGER (DVD1167CC) Eight-year-old Ricky is desperate to impress his teacher and classmates with a memorable show-and-tell. He borrows his mother's favorite record on the condition that, if it is broken, Ricky will get no Christmas presents. Ricky quickly forgets his promise—until the record is broken. *dvd/30 min./children*

GOD MADE CHRISTMAS: A BABY-SIZED VERSION OF THE STORY OF JESUS (DVD1063CC) In this DVD babies will learn the important story of the birth of baby Jesus and will learn and feel safe in God's love for them. The children will be delighted with baby-sized Bible stories. *dvd/32 min./children 3-36 months*

HOLY MOLY (DVD1522CC) This DVD features animated scripture retellings that bring the Bible to life. Designed without narration, kids have a chance to watch each retelling and discuss in their own words, what surprised them and made them wonder. 1. The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38); 2. Mary and Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56); 3. Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-20); 4. The Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). *vhs/4 lessons, 5 min. each/children*

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE ADVENT? (DVD1161CC) Beth and her Brother, Digger, can hardly wait for the Christmas celebration to come, so they are excited to learn that the church has a special season of waiting and preparing in expectation of the coming Savior: the season of Advent. *dvd/27 min./children*

JESUS' BIRTH AND YOUTH (DVD1276C) *from the Children's Heroes of the Bible series* This series introduces children to the great people, events, teachings, and stories in the Old and New Testaments. Designed with a child's viewing habits in mind, these animated programs are based on Biblical accounts and interpreted at a child's level. This story tells of the birth and youth of Jesus. *dvd/each story 23 min./children ages 3-7*

MARTIN AND THE HEAVENLY TREE (DVD382CC) When his father becomes sick, Martin has to change his plans for an outdoor Christmas celebration. Will he be able to give his family his special Christmas present? Children will enjoy this tale of the origin of the Christmas tree, set in Germany in the early 16th century. *dvd/23 min./children—ages 4-8*

MARTIN THE COBBLER (DVD1074CC) In this claymation story, Martin lives alone, is sad, and has given up on life. Through a series of meetings with friendly strangers, Martin regains his lost faith and discovers that the presence of God can be found in unexpected places. *dvd/vhs/30 min./children*

MARY HAD A BABY, AMEN (VHS1139CC) This story of the birth of Christ is told by Simon, the rhyming mouse. He invites youngsters to travel back in time with him to experience the first Christmas. Children can relive all the events of that glorious night—Mary and Joseph finding refuge in the stable, the angels and shepherds, the wise men, and the star of Bethlehem leading the way. *vhs/15 min./children*

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS (VHS1188CC) Your family is away. Your friends are on a trip. You've watched It's A Wonderful life for the fifty-ninth time and you almost ran over the lady next door. How could you have ever known that this was going to be the best Christmas you ever had? My Favorite Christmas is about the Christmas miracle that happens in us, when we least expect it. The miracle of a broken heart and opened eyes. The story of how the last thing we'd ever want, could be the one thing we need the most. *vhs/24 min./children*

NESTOR: THE LONG-EARED CHRISTMAS DONKEY (DVD1075CC) Nestor, a little donkey who was mocked by everyone for his long ears, finds himself an outcast. Out in the snowy night cold, Nestor's mother tragically dies trying to protect her baby. In the spring a cherub arrives to help guide Nestor in assisting Mary and Joseph on their trip to Bethlehem where the baby Jesus is born. *dvd/vhs/23 min./children*

NICHOLAS: THE BOY WHO BECAME SANTA (VHS215CC) Nicholas, as a child discovered a special secret that changed his life forever. It was the gift of giving, by which he brought happiness to many people. More than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus. This animated film is based on historical facts and traditions. *vhs/30 min./children*

NOEL (VHS216CC) This video resource tells the heartwarming tale of a Christmas tree ornament that comes to life through the magic of a glassblower's love. Noel's happiness warms the Christmas season in the home of a loving family year after year—until the children grow up and move away and the ornaments are relegated to the attic. But new life comes to the house and to Noel in a surprising way. *vhs/25 min./children*

ONCE UPON A STABLE (DVD1366CC) Experience this hilarious tale of the very first Christmas and learn that there's more to life than being able to burp the loudest, be the party clown and even give the nicest gift! A study guide and coloring pages are available at <http://onceuponastable.com> *dvd/23 min./children*

PUNCHINELLO AND THE MOST MARVELOUS GIFT (VHS286CC) It's Maker Day and the citizens of Wemmicksville are trying to make this day special for Eli. Each Wemmick's has an idea for a special gift for their Creator. However, the gifts are becoming more important than the reason for giving. Punch and his friends learn a Christmas lesson that WHY you give is much more important than WHAT you give, and that true gifts are given...from the heart. *dvd/40 min./children*

READ AND SHARE BIBLE: CHRISTMAS (DVD1163CC) Animated straight from the pages of the popular Read and Share™ Bible, this story of Christmas is an uninterrupted half-hour presentation of Jesus' arrival on earth. With enchanting art style, warm narration, and gentle musical underscore, children will experience the Christmas story in a powerful way. *dvd/30 min./children*

READ AND SHARE BIBLE: THE JESUS MOVIE (DVD1069CC) Experience the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Jesus Movie transports children to Nazareth for Jesus' birth, follows his life and miracles along the shores of Lake Galilee and ends in Jerusalem with his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection. *dvd/80 min./children*

SPEED SKETCH BIBLE STORIES (DVD1782C) Innovative video-shorts (3-5 min. each) present Bible stories that will captivate both children and adults! Engaging illustrations in accelerated video speeds with narration bring scriptures to life. Narration in English and Spanish paraphrase the NIV and NVI Bible translations. Free downloadable, correlating resources are available at www.speedsketchbible.com.

Speed Sketch: The Story of Advent (DVD1782CC) Stories include: 1. Isaiah's Vision (Isaiah 1, 7, 9, and 53); 2. The Magi (Matt. 2:1-12); 3. The Annunciation (Luke 1:5-45); 4. Jesus' Birth (Luke 2:1-20) (19 min.)

Speed Sketch: Stories of Jesus in Luke (DVD1783C) Stories include: 1. Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:40-52); 2. Jesus's Baptism (Luke 3:1-22); 3. Jesus's Temptation (Luke 4:1-13); 4. The Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:17-26); 5. Ten Lepers (Luke 17:5-19); 6. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). *dvd/stories 3-5 min./children and youth*

STAR OF BETHLEHEM & WHEN THE LITTLEST CAMEL KNELT (VHS1418CC) Two animated stories telling the birth of Jesus. **1. Star of Bethlehem** - This video uses animated silhouettes against a background of colorful artwork to visualize the story. It opens with Mary and Joseph's traveling to Bethlehem, the shepherds worshipping the Christ Child, and concludes with an interpretation of how the Wise Men may have journeyed to the Star. **2. When the Littlest Camel Knelt** - The story of a little camel who carries the Wise Men's gifts, but believes they are traveling to see a rich and powerful king. The Baby King is so surprising that the little camel falls to his knees to express his feeling. *vhs/2 stories, 12-15 min./children*

THE CANDY MAKERS CHRISTMAS: THE WITNESS OF THE CANDY CANE (DVD1167CC) August is certain that he has made the perfect Christmas present for the royal family. But an accidental encounter in front of the Cathedral teaches him the gift of Jesus is the only perfect Christmas present. Children of all ages will enjoy finding the symbolism of the candy cane in this tasty tale of Christmas discovery. *dvd/2 stories, 30 min. each/children*.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPE: AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN (CDRM41CC) The Christmas Shoppe is an event where children hear the Christmas story, create Christmas symbols to be sold to support mission projects, and participate in a worship service with parents or the congregation. The Christmas Shoppe is experienced through six departments; Angel Department; Manger Department; Candy Department; Star Department; Card Department; Bakery Department. *CD-ROM/children*

THE CHRISTMAS SHOW (DVD34CC) *from the Bedbug Bible Gang series* Laugh and sing-a-long as the gang prepare for their biggest show of the year - Jesus' birthday. Listen to the stories of Mary's Surprise, The Wise Men, and The Shepherds of Bethlehem. *dvd/27 min./children*

THE CHRISTMAS STORYKEEPERS (DVD701CC) Surprises, thrills, and adventure are in store for the whole family in this special dramatization of the Christmas story. The Storykeepers are forced to flee from Nero's wrath, but they take along their most precious possession - memories of Jesus' wonderful birth and life. A suspenseful getaway and unexpected twists and turns are sure to make this a holiday favorite. *dvd/70 min./children*

THE CITY THAT FORGOT ABOUT CHRISTMAS (VHS237CC) An animated story that teaches children about the joy Jesus brings to our lives! Benji's grandfather shares the story of a woodcarver who lived in a village that had forgotten about Jesus and Christmas. When he teaches the town's children about Jesus, the uncaring village changes into one filled with the joy of Christ. (Ages 4-11) *vhs/25 min./children*

THE CRIPPLED LAMB (DVD2454CC) Author: Lucado, Max. 60 min/2015. This animated DVD is based on Max Lucado's story of Joshua, a little lame lamb who has a chance to honor the Christ child one starry night in Bethlehem. Features the voices of Robby and Jodi Benson. Includes bonus feature "Alabaster's Song."

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS: THE BIRTH OF JESUS (DVD2163CC) *from the Superbook series* When young Chris remarks to his family that their nativity scene is just another decoration---like reindeer or Santa's elves---he, Joy, and their robot, Gizmo, are swept away to Bethlehem to discover the true meaning of Christmas! *dvd/24 min./children*.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS (VHS248CC) Lucas the shepherd boy is nearly lost in a terrible winter storm but is saved by the sisters of a nearby abbey. Sister Theresa allows Lucas to stay until Christmas; in return, the boy decides to give all he owns: his flock. For his rare kindness, Lucas experiences a miraculous recovery. The pint-sized shepherd with the king-sized heart enjoys the greatest gift: the gift of love. *vhs/23 min./children*

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS (VHS1246CC) *from The Oxford Vision Children's Video Bible series* This Bible series has been produced to bring alive favorite Bible stories in a refreshing and absorbing way. Stories include: A Baby called John; The First Christmas; When Jesus was Young; Jesus' Special Friends; Jesus the Teacher; Jesus Gives the People Food; Secrets Jesus Told; The Story of the Good Samaritan; The Story of the Sower; The Story of the Two Brothers; The Story of the Great Feast. *vhs/11 stories, 5 min. each/children*

THE KING IS BORN (DVD274CC) *from Nest Family Entertainment series* This animated video is so powerful that it will truly make that first Christmas of wonder come alive again for the whole family! Enjoy this video classic about the birth of Jesus. *vhs/25 min./children*

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER (VHS1099CC) In Mexico in 1825, Dr. Joel Poinsett discovered the beautiful flower that now bears his name: the Poinsettia. Throughout Latin America, the flower has become known as the "Flower of the Holy Night." It's the whole story behind the world's favorite Christmas flower. *vhs/30 min./children*

THE LION AND THE LAMB (DVD35CC) Christopher Reeve and Amy Grant relate this touching story of how an escaped lion and newborn lamb teach a brother and sister the true spirit of Christmas. This animated story is a heartfelt holiday classic that promises to captivate viewers. *dvd/24 min./children*

THE LITTLE BROWN BURRO (DVD1076CC) This story tells of a burro, despised and belittled by people and animals alike. The burro's journey to self-confidence is a desert rat. Humorous and poignant incidents propel the burro into a role in the story of Jesus' birth. In this setting, the little brown burro realizes his own worth. *dvd/vhs/30 min./children*

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY (DVD1077CC) In this video, an orphaned drummer boy, is kidnapped by an evil man. After he escapes, he searches for his camel and finds him in the manger of the baby Jesus. Having no gift for the baby, he gives the only thing he has—a song on his drum. *dvd/30 min./children*

THE LITTLE TROLL PRINCE (VHS1112CC) This story tells of the once-frozen heart of the Little Troll Prince melting into joy upon receiving the greatest Christmas gift of all—God's Love. Journey along with Bu, who discovers the love of God and bravely battles the evil ways of his Royal Troll family and their upside-down Troll world where bad is good and no word for "Love" exists. *vhs/46 min./home use only/children*

THE LITTLEST ANGEL (VHS1113CC) Heaven is upside-down with the news that God is to have a son! As everyone rushes to get the perfect gift, the littlest Angel doesn't know what to do. Ultimately, he discovers that the best gifts always come from the heart! *vhs/30 min./children*

THE MOUSE IN THE MANGER (VHS1177CC) Oscar, the mouse, wants more straw for his bed, but his father refuses the extra hay; so he leaves home. Share Oscar's adventures with Martha, the cow - Hank, the sheep - Sidney, the donkey, and learn a lesson in friendship and sharing when Oscar enters a quiet stable in Bethlehem. *vhs/19 min./children*

THE SAVIOR IS BORN (DVD23CC) Follow Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem and celebrate the birth of Jesus. An awe-inspiring musical score and Morgan Freeman's poignant narration captures all the power and beauty of the very first Christmas. Music by Christ Church. *dvd/28 min./children*

THE SECRET OF THE SECOND BASEMENT (VHS1372CC) The second basement of the Church of the Good Shepherd holds a secret. Several street people, live there. Little Nanny Feather an abused child, finds her way to the basement with her cat, Gabriel. Through Nanny's actions, the street people, the minister and members of the church are able to experience God's gift of love in a wonderful way. *vhs/29 min./children*

THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS (DVD38CC) *from the VeggieTales series* Bob and Larry are playwrights. They decide to put on a musical to teach London how to love. They hear that the local church is displaying an ancient relic as part of their Christmas pageant on the same night which may ruin their production. See how they all learn about love. *dvd/45 min./children/CVLI license required*

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY (VHS449CC) *from The Beginners Bible series* Relive the events surrounding the very first Christmas as Mary receives a heavenly visitor. Travel with Mary and Joseph to a lowly manger in Bethlehem, and marvel at the fulfillment of God's promise as a host of angels proclaim the good news that Jesus is born! *vhs/30 min./children*

THE STORY OF THE SELFISH GIANT (DVD769CC) A giant frightens away children playing in his garden and builds a wall around it. With human warmth walled out, nature's warmth disappears—only snow and frost prevail. One morning the giant's garden is in bloom. With a gap in the wall, the children return bringing spring and teaching the giant about loving and sharing. His affection for one boy, an allegorical Christ figure, transforms him into a loving old man. *dvd/vhs/27 min./children*

THE STORYTELLER CAFÉ (DVD1131C) When the lights are out and the door is locked, the toys come alive at the Storyteller Cafe! Stories are brought to life as toys re-enact treasured stories from the Bible. Christmas stories include: Beyond the Manger (DVD1131CC) The story of

Jesus' life; The Gift (DVD1133CC) - A celebration of Christ all year long, not just at Christmas. *dvd/2 stories, 30 min./children*

THE TOY THAT SAVED CHRISTMAS (DVD1083CC) *from the Veggie Tales series* This video teaches children that Christmas isn't about getting, it's about giving. And it's especially about a little baby named Jesus, who was the greatest gift of all. *dvd/vhs/30 min./children/CVLI license required*

THE VISUAL BIBLE FOR KIDS (VHS631C) This video shows Jesus as a "real" person. Live actors portray the characters on authentic locations in Egypt and Africa, with well-known hosts who set up the stories and make them relevant to today's children. The Birth of Jesus; The Great Storyteller; The Story Behind the Cross. *3 vhs/30 min. each/children (8-12)*

THE WONDER STORIES (VHS802C) Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series makes Bible stories real for children, include:

1. **The Wonder of the Boy Jesus** - Jesus birth and early life.
2. **The Wonder of Living Things in the Land of Jesus** - Plants and animals in the Holy Land.
3. **The Wonder of the Days of Jesus** - Where Jesus walked and taught. *3 vhs/30 min. each/guide/children*

THREE CHRISTMAS CLASSICS (DVD1071CC)

1. **Christmas Is** - Benji, a disappointed little boy plays the second shepherd in the school play—again. Disappointment turns to joy when a day dream transports him and his dog Waldo, back to the first Christmas. *(22 min.)*
2. **The City that Forgot about Christmas** - A woodcarver who lived in a village that had forgotten about Christmas, taught the children of the town about the birth of Jesus and the uncaring village became filled with the joy of Christ. *(18 min.)*
3. **The Stableboy's Christmas**—Tammy travels back in time to the first Christmas in Bethlehem and witnesses the stableboy's act of unselfish love when he gives the Christ child his pet lamb. She realizes how sharing presents with others is a way of sharing God's love at Christmas. *(22 min.) dvd/vhs/67 min./children*

TIMMY'S GIFT (VHS1492CC) Little Timmy the angel is given the greatest honor in all of heaven – to deliver the jeweled crown to the newborn Prince. Timmy is sure he's much too little for such a long journey, and who knows what frightful things lie ahead. *vhs/23 min./children*

'Twas the Fight Before Christmas (DVD2225C) *from the McGee & Me series* Welcome to the world of Nicholas—a completely normal kid who happens to find himself in some not-so-normal situations—and his animated best friend, McGee. In *'Twas the Fight Before Christmas*, Nicholas and McGee learn about God's love for people who are hard to love. *dvd/24 min./children*

WALKING WITH JESUS (DVD296CC) *from the Wiser Family Puppets series* Tells the story of Jesus birth and follows His life and ministry as He heals the sick and shows that God is a good God who loves us. The Bible story is followed by a sing-a-long song with the Wiser Family Puppets. *dvd/25 min./children*

WELCOME THE STRANGER (VHS1572CC) Two children, friendless and alone in the world, are frightened, hungry and tired from walking a long distance. Suddenly they are thrilled to be witnesses to the angels' appearance and hear the angels' song on that first Christmas Eve. How this experience changes their lives unfolds in the story. They not only find the baby Jesus but they find a friend as well. *vhs/18 min./children*

WHY CHRISTMAS TREES AREN'T PERFECT (VHS1592CC) They say if you creep into an evergreen forest late at night you can hear the trees talking. If you listen very carefully, you might even hear one of the older trees telling the story of a place long ago where all the trees grew tall and every evergreen in the forest was perfect. One very special Christmas, Small Pine and his friends, learned that real joy comes from giving of ourselves to help others. *vhs/25 min./children*

WHY DO WE CALL IT CHRISTMAS? (DVD983CC) Ever wonder why we celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th? Or why we hang stockings and decorate trees? Or how Santa Claus became such a big part of the holiday? Join VeggieTales creator Phil Vischer and his friends for the most unusual Christmas party ever! Lessons include: 1. The BIG Questions of Christmas; 2. Jesus' Birth; 3. The Origins of Hanukkah; 4. Emmanuel & The Christmas Story. *dvd/54 min./children*

YOUTH & ADULT

A CHRISTMAS CAROL BIBLE STUDY (REMASTERED EDITION) (DVD1198CA) With practical applications for daily living, this Bible study features the classic film "A Christmas Carol" with relevant scriptures for you to use on the teachings of Jesus. Lessons include: 1. Scrooge - Selfishness (Mark 8:36); 2. Marley and the Ghost of Christmas Past - Regret (Ecclesiastes 3:15); 3. Ghost of Christmas Present - Repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10); 4. Ghost of Christmas Future - Salvation; (1 Thessalonians 5:9). *dvd/4 lessons, 15 min. each/leader's guide/wbk/youth-adult*

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS (DVD1062CA) This five-week study helps participants see the traps and discontentment of consumerism and the call of God to live generously to fulfill God's mission in the world. It inspires viewers to approach Christmas differently and be transformed in the process. Lessons include: 1. Expect a Miracle; 2. Giving Up on Perfect; 3. Scandalous Love; 4. Jesus' Wish List; 5. By a Different Road. *dvd/5 sessions, 10-15 min./guide/adult*

A LIFE-GIVING CHRISTMAS (DROM49CA) Have you ever woken up the day after Christmas feeling like you missed it? That with all the craziness (shopping, parties, cooking, family visits, etc..) you just didn't get the experience you had hoped for? Rethink Church invites you to A Life-giving Christmas – to widen the lens, focus on the real...the authentic...the things that really matter and the true gift of the season – life. And not just any life – rich, meaningful life from a very real part of God – God's own son. Hope, peace, joy and love are not just candles to be lit around an advent wreath – they are facets of a living Christ to be ignited in our lives and our communities. Christmas can be that time of refueling for the new year ahead, if we carefully invest ourselves and engage life-giving principles. This four-week lectionary-based (Year A) sermon series will engage your congregation in very tangible ways by practicing hope, peace, joy and love beyond the walls. Includes five videos for worship or study; worship slide and bulletin cover graphics; and direct mail, door hangers, newspaper and invitation card artwork to invite others. *dvd/5 segments, 1-2 min/adult*

A SAVIOR IS BORN (DVD911CA) How can we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior in our frantic, consumer-driven society? How do we make sure the Christmas holiday remains a Holy Day? In this series, short films capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Then Pete Briscoe will open up scripture to bring us back to the roots and heart of our faith in Christ. These sessions can serve as an Advent for the Christmas season. Sessions include: 1. Hope; 2. Peace; 3. Love; 4. Joy. *dvd/4 sessions, 13-18 min./leader's guide/adult*

A THRILL OF HOPE: THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN WORD AND ART (DVD1371CA) A Thrill of Hope is a DVD study designed for use in Sunday school classes, small group studies, and other church group gatherings. This 50-minute study presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas G. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom, and more. The study is divided into six 7-minute chapters, each one featuring a passage of Scripture, commentary by the scholars, and a Swanson work of art based on that passage. *dvd/50 min./adult*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS (DVD855CA) *from the Igniting Worship series* This series offers ten complete Advent & Christmas worship packages for the entire month of December. Each theme-coordinated worship plan includes: A Script for Welcome; An Overall Theme for the Day; A Foundational Scripture Reading; A Message for Children; A Coordinated Song List; A Coordinated Video Clip; A Candle-Lighting Liturgy; A Sermon; A Coordinated Call for Offering; Prayer & Benediction Scripts. Includes video clips and worship backgrounds. *dvd/book/adult*

ADVENT CONSPIRACY (DVD542CA) Are you fed up with how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? Join the growing groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth, not a retail circus. This series invites individuals to substitute compassion for consumerism by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts. Sessions include: 1. Worship Fully—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus! 2. Spend Less—and free your resources for things that truly matter. 3. Give More—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart. 4. Love All—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference. *dvd/4 sessions, 15 min. each/leader's guide/adult*

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS: OPENING THE GIFTS OF GOD'S GRACE (DVD1941CA) 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. Sessions include: 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. *5 sessions, 8-10 min./leader's guide/bk.*

ALMOST CHRISTMAS (DVD2446CA=) 4 sessions, 10-12 min/leader's guide/devotional bk/youth study bk /bk/2019. In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide, as well as Nativity hymns by Charles Wesley, litanies for lighting the Advent wreath, and prayers that can be incorporated into both worship and small group settings. A daily devotional and a Youth Study Book are also available. CC.

ANTICIPATE: AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE (DVD1773CA) Lead your faith community in rediscovering the true purpose and meaning of Christmas with the help of this Church Planning Kit. What makes this resource unique is that it seeks to combine the liturgical practice of following weekly common lections and family devotional practice of the Jesse Tree. *4 sessions, 1-2 min. each/planning guide/bk/downloadable resources on DVD/adult*

AWESOME ALTARS: HOW TO TRANSFORM WORSHIP SPACE (DVD854CH) Learn new ways to use altar design to help people more fully worship God. It includes recipes for altars, describes how imaginative and creative ideas can come together to prepare and attract the people of God. DVD includes: Eleven sections on: Crosses, Candles & Candlesticks, Plants, Props, Containers, Fabric & Color, Tools & Storage, Redoing the Altar Table, Dramas & Wedding, Advent, and Basic Arrangements; Also Slideshows featuring altar examples, calendar of the Christian and worksheet templates. *dvd/book/adult*

BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM (DVD1917CA) In this Bible study, Max Lucado explores how the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing and come into our world. Jesus' birth gives us the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always within us—and that we no longer need to have marks on our record. Sessions include: 1. God Has a Face (16:00); 2. Worship Works Wonders (18:00); 3. God Guides the Wise (14:00); 4. Every Heart a Manger (17:30). *4 sessions, 14-17 min./study guide*

BETHLEHEM YEAR ZERO (DVD1073CA) Jesus' birth and the surrounding events are presented as TV news would cover it today. The news team covers the mad tyrant Herod and the rebellious people under Roman occupation and mass executions. These are all under the shadow of the greatest astronomical event in 800 years. *dvd/6 segments, 15 min. each/youth-adult*

BREAK FORTH INTO JOY: BEYOND A CONSUMER LIFESTYLE (VHS157CA) This video helps us take a look at our lifestyle choices and the shape our lives have taken. It helps examine our search for fulfillment and security through material possessions, and reminds us of biblical teachings on wealth and poverty. *vhs/15 min./3 opt. 10 min. sections/youth-adult*

CELEBRATE: AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE (DVD1774CA) There are many ways to celebrate this time of anticipation festivities, gifts, songs, food, time with friends and family, and traditions. There is one tradition of receiving a small gift each day through the use of the advent calendar. In this 4-week devotional for families, you will be encouraged to participate in this tradition with a twist. This advent season, Celebrate will challenge you to fill your Advent calendar with daily acts of mercy. Instead of celebrating by preparing to lavish resources where there is merely want, prepare by lavishing mercy where there is need. *4 sessions, 1-2 min. each/planning guide/bk/downloadable resources on DVD/adult*

CHARTING CHRISTMAS (DVD1513CA) Filmed on location in the Holy Land and the United Kingdom, this documentary traces the origins of Christmas traditions beginning with the biblical prophecies concerning the Messiah and the New Testament accounts of His birth. See how Christmas celebrations evolved through the ages and were influenced by notable figures and entities including Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Boniface, Charles Dickens, and even the Coca-Cola Corporation. Selection Menu: Santa Claus; Victorian Christmas; Christmas Tree & Carols; Christmas Day; Advent & Nativity; The Gospels. *dvd/41 min./adult*

CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT WON'T BREAK (DVD2095CA) Author: Moore, James. 5 sessions, 10-12 min./leader's guide/bk/2017. Go on an Advent journey with beloved teacher and storyteller James W. Moore, exploring the spirit of Christmas. As you light the candles of your Advent wreath, reflect on the unbreakable gifts that God has given us: hope, love, joy, and peace. And remember God's greatest gift, who comes to us as a baby and leads us through all the days of our lives. The five-session DVD features Jacob Armstrong in his warm and pastoral style exploring the principles found in the popular Advent book by James W. Moore Christmas Gifts That Won't Break. The video segments are approximately 10-12 minutes each and when combined with the book chapters, make an ideal five-week Advent group study. CC. Age: YAS.

CONNECT (DVD1524Y) Connect takes tweens on a journey through the Old Testament and New Testament, exploring the connections between several stories each week. The following episodes explore: Jesus: Early Life; Jesus: Ministry; Jesus: The Savior. (Grades 5 & 6) *3 dvds/six stories, 5 min. each/youth*

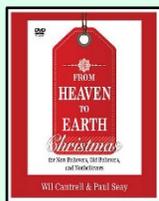
DOWN TO EARTH: THE HOPES & FEARS OF ALL THE YEARS ARE MET IN THEE TONIGHT (DVD1940CA) Nothing in all the vast, created universe could prepare us for God coming down as a helpless infant, or for Jesus the son of God intentionally positioning himself as a mere servant, identifying with the lowest of lows. It's enough to confound the mind, to make the heart contrite. This Advent, God's great surprise changes everything. Sessions include: 1. Down to Earth (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). *4 sessions, 10-12 min./leader's guide/devotional bk/bk*

FAITHFUL: CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF JOSEPH (DVD2096CA) Author: Hamilton, Adam. 4 sessions, 10-12 min/leader's guide/bk/2017. We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph and learn to accept and glorify God's will even when our situation makes it difficult to do so. CC. Age: YAS.

FINDING BETHLEHEM IN THE MIDST OF BEDLAM (DVD1772CA) When did Christmas get so chaotic? How about on the very night Jesus was born? We tend to picture softly lowing cows and a warm, cozy stable when we sing Christmas carols, but it couldn't have been very lyrical. Soldiers marched in the street. People were pushing and shoving. You couldn't find an empty room and food may have been scarce as well. In short, Bethlehem was the picture of bedlam. But in the midst of confusion and turmoil, God broke through and Jesus was born. This study, explores how God can still be heard over our human noise. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and discussion, a brief prayer, a focus for the week, and six daily Bible readings for personal devotional time. Resources for youth and children make this a perfect churchwide or small group Advent study. 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. CC. *5 sessions, 8-10 min./leader's guide/youth guide/children's guide/bk*

FIRST LIGHT: JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD (DVD620B) This study is based on the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Why did Jesus happen when he happened? Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus? Why the

tiny villages around the Lake? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? Many more questions are presented in this study. 2
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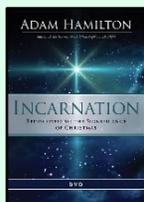
FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH: CHRISTMAS FOR NEW BELIEVERS, OLD BELIEVERS, AND NONBELIEVERS (DVD2663CA=) Author: Cantrell, Wil/Seay, Paul. 5 sessions, 8-10 min/study guide/2019.



Want to help your small group or Sunday School class discover the truth behind all our Christmas traditions? This DVD contains engaging discussion starter videos featuring Wil Cantrell and Paul Seay, authors of From Heaven To Earth: Christmas For New Believers, Old Believers, and Nonbelievers. The DVD videos are based on the 5 sessions outlined in the From Heaven To Earth: Study Guide For Leaders. The discussion starter videos offer an ideal introduction for each session to help participants engage the Christmas story with their minds and hearts. Sessions include: Session 1: Receiving the Message Based on The Best Way to Send A Message (Ch. 1) and Why Do I Need a Savior? (Ch. 2); Session 2: Genealogy and Heritage Based on Jesus' Family Tree (Ch. 3) and Jesus is Jewish? (Ch. 4); Session 3: Preparation Based on John the Baptist (Ch. 5) and A Virgin Birth? Seriously? (Ch. 6); Session 4: Disciples and Preachers Based on Mary and Joseph (Ch. 7) and Shepherds at the Manger (Ch. 8); Session 5: Witnesses Based on Wise Men & Refugees (Ch. 9) and Angels All Around (Ch. 10) Age: YAS.

GOD CAME NEAR (DVD1928CA) In the midst of the darkness and cold of the winter season, we celebrate the brightest holiday of all, Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Max Lucado presents heartening and devotional insights into a unique Advent experience. Filmed in the beautiful Blockley Church in England, Lucado weaves the biblical account of the first Christmas with common issues we face in our modern lives. Each episode brings you back in time with movie segments of biblical events as Lucado narrates relevant Scripture. (contains 4 weeks of Advent - Hope/Love/Joy/Peace, plus Christmas) (Church Edition). 6 sessions, 28 min. each

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: TALES OF HOPE AND SECOND CHANCES (DVD2328CA) Author: Coleman, Justin. Even during hard times, the light of Christmas shines brightly. Home for Christmas shares the real-life stories of formerly incarcerated men and women as they find work and opportunity through Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. As we hear about their struggles, we recognize the Advent themes of hope, love, and peace in their lives. This study is ideal for Sunday school, small groups, and home groups as well as for individual study. The four-session DVD features author and pastor Justin Coleman presenting to a group in his challenging and engaging style. The DVD also includes interviews with Homeboy participants about their experiences. dvd/4 sessions, 8-10 min/adult



INCARNATION: REDISCOVERING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS (DVD2662CA=) Author:



Hamilton, Adam. 4 sessions, 10-12 min/leader's guide/2020. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In Incarnation, best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores the meaning of these titles and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Join him and reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today! Sessions include: 1. The Royal Titles: Lord and Messiah; 2. The Deliverer's Title: Savior; 3. The Incarnate Title: Emmanuel; 4. The Light of the World; Epilogue: The Word Made Flesh. CC.

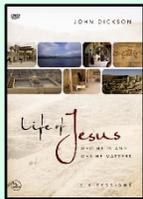
JESUS HIS LIFE (DVD94B) From the mysteries of his birth and little-known middle years to the legacy of his crucifixion and resurrection, this DVD presents a clear and deeply researched account of this simple carpenter from Galilee whose brief life forever altered the course of Western Civilization. Featuring the latest archaeological findings, onsite footage and in-depth interviews with leading scholars and theologians. dvd/100 min./adult

JESUS OF NAZARETH (DVD1391B) Praised by critics and religious leaders worldwide, this movie accurately portrays Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Filmed on location in Palestine, it features an all-star cast including Sir Laurence Olivier, Anthony Quinn, Olivia Hussey, and Robert Powell as Jesus. dvd/382 min./youth-adult

JESUS REVEALED (DVD1066 B) In this series, Andy Frost asks us to take a new look at Jesus. Built around reenactments of Jesus' life combined with Frost's incisive biblical commentary, each episode will peel away our safe and sanitized views of Jesus and reveal the original Jesus of the Gospels. Lessons include: 1. Underdog (Based on Matthew 4:18-22); 2. Revolutionary (Based on Luke 4:14-30, John 2:13-20); 3. Hero (Based on Matthew 27:24-54); 4. Headliner (Based on Matthew 17:1-9); 5. Dreamer (Based on Matthew 5-7); 6. Wildman; 7. Wrestler. dvd/7 sessions, 12-15 min./PDF study guide/adult

JESUS THE ONE AND ONLY (DVD547WM) How did it feel to walk the roads of Palestine with the incarnate Son of God? What was He like to know personally? Can you imagine placing your feet in the sand beside His, walking where He left footprints? Beth Moore leads you through Galilee, across the lake and, finally, on the road with the Savior—His face set toward the cross. Lessons include: Introductory Session; 1. The Word Made Flesh; 2. The Son of God; 3. The Way and Life; 4. The Esteem of Man; 5. The Christ of God; 6. The Necessity; 7. The Infinite Treasure; 8. The Answer; 9. The Lamb of God; 10. The Risen Hope. 6 dvds/11 sessions, 50 min. each/guide/wbk/adult

KEEPER OF THE PEACE (VHS1056CA) This drama unfolds in another stable in Bethlehem on that holy night. Marcus, a young Roman soldier, and Ruth, an old Jewish woman, stumble upon each other, unaware that this chance encounter will change both their lives. The birth of Christ is the greatest gift of all time, but only through forgiveness and reconciliation can Marcus and Ruth find the true *Keeper of the Peace*. vhs/22 min./youth-adult



LIFE OF JESUS: WHO HE IS AND WHY HE MATTERS (DVD2665B=) Author: Dickson, John. 6 sessions, 16-21 min/bk with guide/2010. What really happened back in the first century, in Jerusalem and around the Sea of Galilee, that changed the shape of world history? Who is this figure that emerges from history to have a profound impact on culture, ethics, politics, and philosophy? Join historian John Dickson on this six-session journey through Jesus' remarkable life. Filmed in Israel, this study introduces what we know of Jesus' birth, teaching, deeds, crucifixion, and resurrection. Sessions include: 1. God's Signpost (19:00); 2. Christos (19:00); 3. Kingdom Come (19:00); 4. Judge and Friend (16:00); 5. Cross Examination (18:00); 6. The Resurrection (21:00). CC. Age: YAS.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD (DVD2326CA) Author: Stanley, Andy. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year---but not because of all the things associated with it! In this 3-part DVD study, Andy Stanley reminds us that the nativity narrative---like our own stories---is complicated. He encourages us to see how Jesus overcomes the darkness of anger, shame, and disappointment. Includes three full-length messages, discussion questions, and promotional material. 1. Most Wonderful (24:40) 2. Toddler King (28:45) 3. It's Personal (40:15). *dvd/3 sessions, 24-40 min/adult*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD (DVD2445CA=) Author: Levine, Amy-Jill. 4 sessions, 9-13 min/leader's guide/bk/2019. In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. CC

MARY MAGDALEN: AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT (VHS204B) She stood by the cross after the disciples had fled. She watched His body laid to rest. On the third day it was to her that Jesus first appeared. Some say she was the closest to Jesus of all His followers but the world would call her a prostitute. This film explores the mysteries surrounding Mary Magdalen, one of the least understood women in history. *vhs/43 min./adult*

MARY OF NAZARETH (DVD92B) A&E's Biography presents the story of the mother of Jesus. Though she is barely mentioned in the Gospels, Mary is perhaps the most important—and the most revered—woman in history. Shortly after young Mary became engaged to Joseph, the fate of the world changed. Inexplicably pregnant, the frightened teenager faced the possibility of being stoned to death. After the birth of her Son, Mary continues to endure ridicule even as she saw her Son dying on the cross. *dvd/50 min./adult*

MARY OF NAZARETH: WITH JESUS FROM BIRTH TO DEATH (DVD1078B) This film traces the life of Mary in her many roles—mother of Jesus, wife of Joseph, and inspiration to all. Beginning with her days as a simple country girl, you'll see the story of Jesus unfold through the unique perspective of Mary. *dvd/vhs/130 min./youth-adult*

MATTHEW (DVD226B) *from the Visual Bible series* This video production will bring you face to face with God's awe-inspiring presence in the Scriptures. It uses a cast of thousands, with historically accurate costuming and breath-taking cinematography. *4 vhs/58-70 min./youth-adult*

NATIVITY: THE ART AND SPIRIT OF THE CRECHE (DVD719CA) This DVD unites theologians and collectors with an astonishing and beautiful array of nativity scenes collected from around the globe and housed at the Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner, S.C. *dvd/30 min./youth-adult*

NOT A SILENT NIGHT: MARY LOOKS BACK TO BETHLEHEM (DVD1532CA) Imagine Jesus from Mary's point-of-view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary. This DVD, meant for group use along with Adam Hamilton's book *Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem*, brings Hamilton and his dynamic teaching style into the group. Closed Captioned. *5 sessions, 10 min. each/leader's guide/bk./adult*

ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS: BIRTH AND MINISTRY (DVD1064B) Travel to the Holy Land with Ben Witherington as your guide. You'll visit Bethlehem, Cairo, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Rome, Athens, Istanbul, and Ephesus and gain a revitalized understanding of what it means to follow Christ. *dvd/60 min./4 sessions, 11-16 min./participant's book/adult*

SENT: DELIVERING THE GIFT OF HOPE AT CHRISTMAS (DVD1767CA) As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them . . . — John 17:18. God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. That's what Christmas is all about. In turn, Christ sends us into the world. But do we really understand how, where, and why we are sent? This five-week, churchwide Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart. Centered around a DVD with 8-10 minute videos created by a group of dynamic young pastors, *Sent* is appropriate for adults and youth. The study includes a Participant Book, a Leader Guide for adult small groups, a Youth Study Guide for students ages 13-18, and The Children's Leader Guide for use with kids 12 and under. A companion book, *Devotions for the Season*, offers four weeks of personal daily reflections. Closed Captioned. *5 sessions, 8-10 min./leader guide/participant's guide/youth study guide/children's leader guide/devotional book*

STAR OVER BETHLEHEM (DVD1521CA) Experience the wonders of Christmas more fully. From the Annunciation in Nazareth to the Nativity in Bethlehem, the story is full of insight and joy. The film includes ancient traditions, biblical sites and ancient chants. Filmed on the actual locations in the Holy Land, this is the complete Christmas story. *dvd/30 min./adult*

THE BIRTH NARRATIVES (DVD41EB) This Bible study series of Jesus' birth is told in two New Testament books, the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Matthew. Dr. Efirm provides comparative information on all four Gospels, and teaches specifically the background, circumstances and environment of Jesus' Birth as told by Luke and Matthew. *2 dvds/8 sessions, 17-20 min./guide/wbk/adult*

THE CENSUS AND THE STAR: EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS BIRTH (DVD1520CA) Explore the mysterious circumstances of Christ's birth in this captivating look at the first Christmas. The census has long confounded historians seeking to reconcile the Bible with recorded history. The mysteries continue when a star appears to announce the birth of the King of the Jews. Foreign Magi, or Wise Men, saw the star and followed it to Jerusalem and Bethlehem seeking Jesus. What did the star look like, and when did it appear? To better understand Christmas, explore the star as the Magi did. *dvd/30 min./adult*

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR (VHS158CH) The Christian Year is a calendar based on the story of the life of Jesus. Its origins, themes and personal significance are highlighted in this video. Segments can be used separately during the year to highlight the seasons. Segments include: Overview of the Christian Year; Advent; Christmas/Epiphany; Lent and Holy Week; Easter; Ordinary Time. *vhs/6 segments, 10 min./youth-adult*

THE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE (DVD1332CA) This study by Kyle Idleman, examines the important truths discovered in the first Christmas. There is an important truth that we discover as we experience that first Christmas. God always keeps His promises. For all of us that find ourselves feeling like it is always winter and never Christmas, we often feel distanced from God. But through this study, and the story of Christmas, we find out that we can always trust God's timing. *dvd/6 sessions, 30 min. each/ youth - adult*

THE GIFT OF THE NUTCRACKER (DVD2321CA) Author: Rawle, Matt. The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, quickly becoming a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In The Gift of The Nutcracker, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent series, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build. The study works well for a small group Advent study, but can also be adapted as a churchwide program to include youth and children. CC. *dvd/4 sessions, 10-12 min/adult*

THE GOSPEL OF IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE BIBLE STUDY (DVD1726CA) The Gospel of It's a Wonderful Life Bible Study follows the story of George Bailey as you study the biblical principles of goodness, godliness, prayers and miracles. Discover just how fully the journey of George Bailey was guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ - and make the connection from George's story to your story with scriptural applications for daily living. Sessions include: Goodness; Godliness; Prayers; Miracles. *4 sessions, 9-17 min./leader's guide/study guide/adult*

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2010 EDITION (DVD633EB) The Jesus we find in John is different from the one depicted in the synoptic Gospels. Learn how Jesus is presented on two levels as you gain new insights and marvel at how Jesus was in control even as he was nailed to the cross. (Original study available with 15 sessions) *2 dvds/7 sessions, 18-31 min./adult*

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (DVD65EB) In this study, Dr. Efirm helps viewers understand the births of John the Baptist and Jesus and Jesus' early life and ministry. He also helps viewers understand the context and background of many well-known stories and parables. Dr. Efirm ends the study with the passion narrative and the events following the resurrection of Jesus. *3 dvds/14 sessions, 16-26 min./adult*

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (DVD410EB) In this study, Dr. Efirm will highlight differences between Matthew and the other gospels. He help you understand the meaning of stories and parables, such as the "slaughter of the innocents", the baptism of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount, the life and death of John the Baptizer, and the feeding of the 4000 and 5000. *4 dvds/16 sessions, 16-24 min./adult*

THE GREATEST GIFT: UNWRAPPING THE FULL LOVE STORY OF CHRISTMAS (DVD1601CA) Ann Voskamp celebrates the majesty of God's greatest gift to us--His son, Jesus Christ-- through the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree. Now, in this stunning four-week video curriculum, Ann draws viewers even deeper into Scripture as she explores and illuminates the magnificence of God's Word through the unfurling of the greatest love story ever told--God's ardent and relentless pursuit of us. Perfect for families and ideal for small groups, "The" "Greatest Gift" is a moment of calm amid the busy holiday season. This is sure to become an annual Christmas tradition in homes and churches everywhere. *4 sessions, 18 min. each/discussion guide/adult*

THE JESUS FILE (VHS191B) In the years preceding and during Jesus' life, Roman and Jewish authorities relied heavily on data gathered by informers to maintain order in the Holy Land. In this four-part series, the security apparatus of a hypothetical 1st century secret service equipped with modern technology is used to study the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Using on-site archaeological evidence; expert commentary on ancient culture, architecture, and history; computer graphics; and beautiful aerial photography of historic sites, these programs chart Jesus' life within the context of the turbulent political, religious, and social conditions of his times. *4 vhs/30 min. each/adult*

THE JOURNEY (DVD248CA) Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this study of the birth of Jesus. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at the stories surrounding the birth, this moment in history becomes more real. Lessons

include: 1. Mary of Nazareth; 2. Joseph of Bethlehem; 3. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth; 4. From Nazareth to Bethlehem; 5. The Manger; Bonus: The Holy Land Today. *dvd/5 sessions, 10-13 min./guide/adult*

THE LIFE OF JESUS (DVD978B) *from the Deeper Connections series* This study by Matt Williams, explores the main events in Jesus' life to understand what made him extraordinary and to learn how to draw on his transforming power. Sessions include: 1. Birthday Surprises, Birth of Jesus; 2. John Prepares the Way, Baptism of Jesus; 3. The Victorious Son of God, Temptation of Jesus; 4. Fishing with the Master, Jesus Calls Disciples; 5. Disease Conquered, Jesus Heals the Sick; 6. Defeating the Enemy, Jesus Casts Out Demons. *6 sessions, 26 min. each/adult*

THE LIFE OF MARY (DVD540VC) *from Storytellers* Four brief illustrations to help teachers communicate the Bible. Stories include: **1. Unexpected** - Mary was a teenager when Gabriel told her she would carry the Messiah. How do we respond when the Lord comes to us with the unexpected? **2. Unscripted** - Mary had a difficult road ahead of her full of judgment, doubt and worry, but still, she stopped to worship. **3. Unfamiliar** - Mary's experience in the stable shows us that even in the most unfamiliar ways, God can be present and at work. **4. Unfulfilled/Fulfilled** - God used the obedience of a teenage girl to fulfill Old Testament prophecy. *dvd/9 min./youth-adult*

THE PATH OF JESUS: FROM BETHLEHEM TO GOLGOTHA (DVD1510B) This study follows Jesus' life and ministry with revealing moments and turning points. A wonderful resource for Bible study. The stories: 1. The Christmas Story; 2. The Temptation; 3. Jesus and the Pharisees; 4. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector; 5. The Decision; 6. The Absent King; 7. The New Covenant. *dvd/64 min./guide/adult*

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS (DVD544CA) This study by Rick Warren teaches why we celebrate Christmas and how it can change our lives forever. At the birth of Jesus, an angel announced three things. In those three statements, we find the three purposes of Christmas: Christmas Is a Time for Celebration; Christmas Is a Time for Salvation; Christmas Is a Time for Reconciliation. *dvd/3 sessions, 13-24 min./guide/youth-adult*

THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE (DVD1937CA) 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. Sessions include: 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). *8-15 min./leader's guide/youth study bk/flash drive/bk.*

THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI (DVD2331B) Based on her book, *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi*, Kathie Lee Gifford takes you on a journey through the Jewish roots of Jesus and the ancient paths of Israel in this study. You'll learn more about the Rock (Jesus Christ), explore the Road (Israel), and dig deeper into the Bible with the Rabbi (God's Word). When she began studying the biblical texts in their original Hebrew and Greek and hiking the ancient paths of Israel, Kathie Lee discovered a deeper understanding of the Bible and of God Himself. Throughout the study, Messianic Jewish Rabbi Jason Sobel provides additional insight into the Hebrew language, culture, and heritage will open your eyes to the Bible like never before. *CC. dvd/6 sessions, 14-17 min/study guide/bk/adult*

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM (DVD1519CA) Scholars debate whether the Star of Bethlehem is a legend created by the early church or a miracle marking the advent of Christ. Rick Larson walks you through Biblical, historical and scientific clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God's creativity. It features in depth scientific scholarship and attention to detail as it reveals a compelling explanation for the Star. Selection Menu: Introduction; Kepler's Discovery; The Stars and the Bible; Messiah's Star; The Starry Dance; The Day of the Cross Part 1 and Part 2. *dvd/65 min./adult*

THE STORY: GETTING TO THE HEART OF GOD'S STORY (DVD1199B) "The key to understanding the Bible," says pastor Randy Frazee, "is seeing the two perspectives involved." The Lower Story, our story, is actually many stories of men and women interacting with God in the daily course of life. The Upper Story is God's story, the tale of his great, overarching purpose that fits all the individual stories together like panels in one unified mural. *The Story* makes the stories, people, and places of the Bible accessible by presenting them in a familiar way; the way we're used to reading a great novel. From Genesis to Revelation, carefully selected verses are arranged chronologically, revealing the epic story God wants to share with us. *2 dvds, 31 sessions, 10-14 min./adult (Teen version available)*

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY (DVD1523CA) Tiny Bethlehem lay in the shadow of the Herodian, the magnificent home of Herod the Great. In this program, Ray Vander Laan leads a tour through the palace ruins, the modest dwellings of Bethlehem, and other historical sites in Israel. The contrast between the Palestine's king and the King of kings will astound you! *dvd/60 min./adult*

THE TWELVE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS (DVD1511CA) Author: Giglio, Louie. It's the greatest story ever told---and it began with 12 words! A dynamic and compelling teacher, Louie Giglio proclaims the triumphant message of Jesus' birth---God is with us, full of grace and truth; no one is beyond the reach of his love; and he's at work in you, even in the midst of life's messiness. *dvd/57 min./adult*

THE VISITOR (VHS1560CA) *The Visitor* is the story of a cobbler named Martin and his struggle with personal tragedy. Feeling abandoned by the Lord, he is surprised by a friend from the past who assures him that an important visitor is coming. Because Martin thinks the visitor will be the Lord, he finds new strength and faith. *vhs/33 min./youth-adult*

THE VISUAL BIBLE: MATTHEW (DVD226B) This powerful film takes word for word the text of the book of Matthew from the New International Version translation and brings to the screen a divine, yet warmly human Jesus. Filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco and South Africa, Matthew features a cast of thousands and historically accurate costuming, Emmy-award-winning, actor Richard Kiley portrays Matthew and Bruce Marchiano is introduced as Jesus. (Features English and Spanish audio, English subtitles, search by event (99 events) or by chapter, biographies of key personalities of Matthew, and music soundtrack. (While the film appeals to all ages, there are places with brief violence (such as the crucifixion itself). We recommend previewing for younger children. CC. *dvd/240 min./adult*

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS (DVD1962CA) No other time of the year captures our imagination as much as Christmas: God coming into the world on a dark winter's night; a baby's cry that would change the course of human history; the heavens bursting into song; the certain hope that God will have the last word over our brokenness. This season fills our hearts with the wonder that anything is possible. This year, rediscover the true wonder of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with others. Each session centers on one element of the Christmas story, looking to the Christmas story and the stories of real people today to offer inspiration and ideas for reflecting the light of Jesus at Christmas and throughout the year. *dvd/4 sessions, 11-12 min./adult*

TRUCE IN THE FOREST (VHS784CA) It's Christmas Eve 1944—right in the middle of the *Battle of the Bulge*. Three American soldiers have become separated from their unit and encounter a small party of German soldiers. The Americans escape, but not without injury. Their search for assistance leads them to a German woman and her young daughter, but their trail leads the German soldiers to the same spot. For one night they all put aside their differences and are united by their faith in a newborn Savior. Based on a true story. *vhs/40 min./youth-adult*

UNDER WRAPS: THE GIFT WE NEVER EXPECTED (DVD1600CA) Under Wraps is an all-church Advent experience that explores the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ. Through small group resources for all ages, teaching video, worship ideas and visuals, sermon lead-in videos, and preaching guides, all areas of church life weave together for an exciting, new Advent celebration. The adult study book is the centerpiece of the program, serving as the adult small group resource and the source of content for worship planners and leaders. Each week centers on a key word that describes a characteristic of God that is evidenced in the Old Testament and then seen more clearly through Jesus: faithful, dangerous, expectant and jealous. Additional material on the theme of "Joy" is provided for an optional Christmas week focus. Closed Captioned. *4 sessions, 10-15 min./leader's guide/adult study bk/devotional bk/flash drive with resources/adult*

WAITING HERE FOR YOU (DVD2325CA) Author: Giglio, Louie. 3 sessions, 50 min each/2016. It comes the same time every year. Christmas. We have plenty of time to anticipate it, or in some cases...dread it. And, before we know it, it's gone as quickly as it came. What's it all for? Is there really hope for today in the story of a baby born so long ago? These questions and others are answered in the promises of Advent. Advent is simply a season of expectant waiting and preparation. Most often, the arrival of an event or a person is made all the more sweet by our anticipation. How could waiting and expectation change your Christmas season? Join pastor and author Louie Giglio in an Advent journey to discover that waiting is not wasting when you're waiting on the Lord. Take hold of the chance to uncover the vast hope offered through the journey of Advent. In *Waiting Here for You*, readers will find peace and encouragement for their souls as anticipation leads toward celebration! 1. Seeing Christ in the Storms of Life 2. Who are You Waiting With? 3. The Wait is Worth the Weight. Age: YAS.

WHO NEEDS CHRISTMAS? (DVD2327CA) Author: Stanley, Andy. 3 sessions, 30 min each/2017. The details of the Christmas story can seem unbelievable. So now, thousands of years after shepherds watched their flocks and wise men followed a star, you may be asking, "Who needs Christmas?" In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley shows us that we still need Christmas - but maybe not for the reason you think. The DVD includes the three lectures along with additional resources including discussion questions (PDFs), a promotional handout, a logo, and a promotional video. 1. The World Did 2. God Did 3. We Do. Age: YAS.

WORSHIP IN A FLASH FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS - SERMON SERIES (FD3PS) We all know how important it is to plan meaningful, engaging worship services. You might even know how to get started trolling all the dozens of worship web sites, looking for a few nuggets to throw into this week's service. What you don't know is how you're going to find the time in your busy week to research and pull together all the prayers, music, sermon ideas, projection images, and everything else you need for an exciting, authentic encounter with God in worship. What if someone put all the elements of that kind of worship together for you in one place? What if all that help fit easily in your pocket or your purse? That's the idea behind *Worship in a Flash*. Drawing on a vast library of worship resources, Abingdon Press provides everything you need to plan worship throughout Advent and Christmas, all on a convenient USB drive. A drive that also gives you room to store your notes as you plan worship each week. The *Worship in a Flash* USB drive is compatible with Windows and Macintosh formats. It includes prayers, calls to worship, litanies, benedictions, sermons, music, projection images, and other elements of worship everything necessary for creating exciting, authentic worship encounters with God. Liturgies, prayers, sermon outlines, and other text materials are in PDF format. Images in JPEG format.

FAMILY

ADVENT CALENDAR ON DVD (DVD378CA) This DVD contains 25 mini-documentaries taking viewers on an informative journey through the Advent season. Featuring stories behind Christmas angels, Handel's "Messiah", Christmas trees and much more. *dvd/25 segments, 3-4 min. each/family*

ADVENT CALENDAR ON DVD 2: CHRISTMAS CAROLS EDITION (DVD1512CA) This DVD features 25 brief reflections on treasured songs and carols for the entire family to enjoy during Advent. *dvd/25 segments, 3-4 min. each/family*

AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CAROL (VHS153CA) This stirring 20th-century adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is the tale of a modern Scrooge, Benedict Slade (Henry Winkler). On Christmas Eve, Slade embarks on an enlightening journey through time and realizes that he has been given the chance to mend his ways. *vhs/98 min./family/home use only*

CHRISTMAS CHILD (DVD115CA) Author: Lucado, Max. 96 min./2004. As Christmas draws near, Jack finds himself disconnecting from the holidays, his job, and ultimately his wife. His latest assignment as a journalist takes him to Dallas, but a mysterious photograph draws him to the town of Clearwater, Texas. It is here he discovers the town's life sized, intricately carved nativity. As Jack delves into the mysteries surrounding the nativity and its creator, he uncovers secrets from his past, reunites with the family he never knew, and returns to the love that never left him.

COTTON PATCH GOSPEL DVD1079CA) This award winning musical drama retells the Gospels of Matthew and John—translated into a present day Southern vernacular. It brings the far away places of Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem closer to home—Atlanta and Valdosta, Georgia. From His birth in a Gainesville, Georgia trailer to His Good Friday lynching and Easter Sunday victory, the story of Mary Davidson's son, Jesus, is presented musically with zest and uninhibited joy. *dvd/vhs/111 min./family/CVLI license required*

JACOB'S GIFT (DVD118CA) Jacob struggles choosing a project for his woodworking class contest. Due to distractions, he's pulled away from his project. In the end, he sacrifices winning the contest to do a kindness for a family with a new baby and learns an important lesson about giving. *dvd/30 min./children*

MR. KRUEGER'S CHRISTMAS (VHS205CA) A lonely elderly man relies on his daydreams and Christmas music to help him feel the void of being alone on Christmas Eve, until a group of carolers show up to brighten up his evening. Featuring Jimmy Stewart. *vhs/25 min./family*

ROUGH EDGES (VHS219CA) In this Christmas story two women meet by chance on a wintry night and share a park bench and a portion of their lives. In the exchange, hope is given that the real meaning of Christmas can be brought back into the heart and in turn help a troubled family. *vhs/24 min./family*

SILENT MOUSE (VHS1397CA) The true story of the famous carol Silent Night starts in a little town in Austria where a chain of strange events happened on Christmas Eve 1818. Lynn Redgrave reveals a curious story about the part a mouse played in bringing us this wonderful carol. *vhs/60 min./family*

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER (DVD1080CA) BEWARE THE HERDMANS! They're the nastiest, dirtiest kids you could ever meet...and they've just decided they belong in this year's pageant. But the town thinks they belong in the care of the local police. When the curtain finally goes up, a miracle begins—and it all turns into...*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* *dvd/vhs/60 min./family*

THE CHRISTMAS BOX (VHS549CA) In this story, a young shopkeeper moves his family to a huge estate when he becomes groundskeeper for the aloof, mistress of the house. The discovery of a mysterious Christmas Box in the attic provides understanding of the old lady and a lesson in the meaning of Christmas. *vhs/90 min./family/CVLI license required*

THE FOURTH WISE MAN (DVD1081CA) A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. He takes with him three gifts. For 33 years he pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. On Easter Sunday, Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the New King, bringing peace to his final moments of life. *dvd/vhs/72 min./family*

THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS (VHS1406CA) This video reflects on the meaning of Christmas carols. Where did the songs come from? What messages do they bring us from the times and places in which they were created? It explores these questions with imagination, humor and wonderful music. Features Joyce Bulifant *vhs/49 min./family*

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON (VHS1409CA) In this video, Ernest Borgnine stars as a grandfather trying to make the Christmas season more meaningful for those around him. He begins with the story of *A Thieves Christmas*, a suspenseful tale of a band of thieves who love Christmas but only for what they can get. In part two of this video, Grandpa takes us back to the very first Christmas with, *The Gift*, the story of a young shepherd boy who conquers fear to see the miracle in Bethlehem and in doing so discovers the blessing of giving. *vhs/77 min./family*

THE STORY OF SILENT NIGHT (DVD1082CA) This program opens with *Silent Night, Holy Night* being sung by the Vienna Boys Choir in the Austrian Palace. This moving story tells how this beautiful carol, now sung in over 120 languages, has become a part of us all, world over. *dvd/vhs/55 min./family*

THE STRANGER ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (DVD677B) This series explains Bible themes using classroom instruction, visual aids, animated graphics and footage shot on location in biblical lands. This series is great for viewers who know nothing about the Bible and those more familiar with Scripture by tying the Bible into one cohesive story. *6 DVDs/52 sections, 4 to 27 minutes/guides/youth-adult*