

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Books for facilitators

- Gorin, Spencer; Steffens, Charlie. Learning to play; Playing to Learn: Games and Activities to Teach Sharing, Caring and Compromise. Los Angeles: Lowell House, 1997.
- Johnson, Julie Tallard. The Thundering Years: Rituals and Sacred Wisdom for Teens. Bindu Books: Rochester, 2001.
- Johnston, Kurt and Doug Fields, Controlled Chaos: Making Sense of Junior High Ministry *A biblical, practical, and culturally-relevant approach to junior high ministry. Topics include the world of the junior higher, ministry with parents, creative planning, programming on purpose, presenting the good news to junior high students, purposeful fun, visionary leadership, and perseverance. Other features include comments from real junior high kids and questions for reflection.*
- Lewis, Barbara A. What Do You Stand For? A Kids' Guide to Building Character. Minneapolis: Free Spirit, 1998. *Ages 11 and up. Text, anecdotes, and activities direct the reader to explore and practice honesty, kindness, empathy, integrity, tolerance, and more*
- McGil, Dan. No Supplies Required: Crowd Breakers and Games. Loveland: Group Publishing. *The perfect book for youth workers on a tight budget! The only supplies you'll need for these quick activities are kids! All 95 ideas are fun, easy-to-do, creative, and tested for guaranteed success!*
- Rice, Wayne. Junior High Ministry: a Guide to Early Adolescence for Youth Workers. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1997.
- Robinson, Jonathan. Little Book of Life's BIG Questions: 200 Ways to Explore Your Spiritual Life. Berkeley: Conari Press, 1995. *Great discussion starters.*
- Rydberg, Denny. Youth Group Trust Builders. Loveland: Group Publishing. *Break down cliques, bring out shy, quiet youth, help new youth feel welcome.*
- Schultz, Thom and Joan. Do It! Active Learning in Youth Ministry. Loveland: Group Publishing. *Get kids out of their chairs and make learning fun.*
- Teague, Raymond. Reel Spirit: A Guide to Movies That Inspire, Explore and Empower. Lee's Summit: Unity House, 2000.
- Templeton, Sir John. Wisdom from World Religions: Pathways toward Heaven. Philadelphia: Templeton Foundation Press, 2002. *Particularly suited for young people, this book brings spiritual laws to life through engaging stories and anecdotes. Wisdom from World Religions: Pathways toward Heaven on Earth is designed to offer people of all ages and all nations an opportunity to learn more about the laws, principles, and teachings of a variety of religions worldwide.*
- Zuck, Colleen, Elaine Meyer, Laurie Daven. Daily Word for Teens: Discovering What's Sacred in You. Emmaus: Rodale, 2002.

Periodicals

- “Teaching Tolerance” *Published twice a year, this magazine spotlights tolerance projects, innovative teachers, curriculum and resources. Offers excellent materials free or at minimal cost to school educators (and to churches too). Focus on older grade school and teen youth. Order on-line at <http://www.tolerance.org/pt/index.html>*
- “Group Magazine” Order on-line at <http://www.groupmag.com/>. *Six issues a year include ideas for lessons, mixers, discussion starters, strategies, insights into today’s youth culture.*

Resources

- Body Part Debrief Bag. *Help your group bring out their reactions to the activities of the day. Each item can represent a different metaphor, for instance the heart- name something you felt, or a feeling you experienced or the Brain- tell the group something that you learned. Great processing tool. \$25. Order on-line <http://shop.store.yahoo.com/wheels/index/html>*

Web sites

- <http://www.search-institute.org/assets/> *In an effort to identify the elements of a strength-based approach to healthy development, Search Institute developed the framework of developmental assets. This framework identifies 40 critical factors for young people's growth and development. When drawn together, the assets offer a set of benchmarks for positive child and adolescent development. The assets clearly show important roles that families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods, youth organizations, and others in communities play in shaping young people's lives. Books, training, great brochures and guidelines for all ages from infants to high school.*
- <http://www.youthministry.com/> *A website of group Publishing from which you can purchase resources. If you register your email address, you can also download free game, lesson, discussion, leadership strategies and retreat ideas.*
- <http://www.youthworkers.com/> *Resources for those who lead adolescents (with a Christian slant) with many freebies to download.*
- <http://www.youthspecialties.com/> *Articles, reviews of books and more resources (with a Christian slant).*
- <http://www.braingym.org/> *Brain Gym is a system of physical movements that produce measureable improvements in learning abilities such as memory, concentration, listening, writing, reading, physical coordination, more. Called educational kinesiology, it has helped many to overcome dyslexia, ADD, and learning problems. Recent research indicates these techniques are helpful for Alzheimer’s patients as well.*
- <http://www.teamworkandteamplay.com/> *Bringing teambuilding, leadership and staff development programs to corporate, academic and outdoor recreation programs anywhere in the world! Interesting resources.*

Game Ideas

- <http://www.residentassistant.com/games.htm>,
- <http://www.pastor2youth.com> click on "games"
- <http://www.thesourcefym.com/games/>
- <http://youthpastor.com/games/>

Videos

- "The Films of Charles and Ray Eames", "Powers of Ten", Pyramid Home Video, PO Box 1048, Santa Monica, CA.

Trainers/training

- Jim Campbell, "Discovery Learning", 800-753-9692.
- Rev. Beverly Craig and others, Virtues training for parents, teachers, and facilitators. 213-388-2181 EX 334.
- Love and Logic <http://loveandlogic.com/>
- Search Institute <http://www.search-institute.org/assets/>
- The Virtues Project <http://www.virtuesproject.com>

Curriculum

- "Teens on the Quest" A huge selection of great activities on various spiritual themes to use to put lessons together, enough to keep a group busy for years. www.unity.org.

Music

- Jami Lula <http://www.jamilula.com> *Jami Lula is a singer/songwriter with a voice that will inspire your soul to open and expand. He has performed at teen events.*
- Leroy White <http://www.leroywhite.com> *A favorite with New Thought teens, Leroy's music reaches deep with his message.*
- Mark Stanton Welch <http://www.markstantonwelch.com> *A prolific song writer, Mark has produced a large collection of CD's and tapes of easy chants and music on many spiritual themes and has been a popular performer at teen and adult events.*
- Melissa Phillippe <http://www.melissaphilippe.com/> *Her theme is the awakening of awareness: music with a message and messages with the power of music.*

Catalogues

- Oriental Trading: Holiday decorations, gifts, and fun stuff for youth.

Newsletters