

# ***Children with Special Needs Sunday***

## ***School Teacher Resources***

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### **Books:**

“Under His Wings: Meeting the Spiritual Needs of the Mentally Disabled” by Robert Bittner. Crossway Books, 1994.

“Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities” by Dr. Jim Pierson. Standard Publishing, 2002.

“Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities: A Guide for Service Providers, Families, and Congregations” by Erik W. Carter. Brookes Publishing Company, 2007.

“Let All the Children Come to Me” by Malesa Breeding, Dana Hood, and Jerry Whitworth. Nexgen, 2006.

“Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability” by Stephanie O. Hubach and Joni Eareckson Tada. P&R Publishing Company, 2006.

“The Special Needs Ministry Handbook: A Church’s Guide to Reaching Children with Disabilities and Their Families” by Amy Rapada. CGR Publishing, 2007.

“Children’s Ministry Pocket Guide to Special Needs: Quick Tips to Reach Every Child”. Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2008.

“A Place for All: Ministry for Youth with Special Needs” by John Barone. St. Mary’s Press, 2008.

“Enduring Connections: Creating a Preschool and Children’s Ministry (TCP Leadership Series)” by Janice Haywood. Zondervan Publishing House, 2007.

“Special Children, Special Needs: Integrating Children with Disabilities and Special Needs Into Your Church (Sure Foundations)” by Simon Bass. Church House Publishing, 2003.

“From Stumbling Block to Stepping Stones: help and hope for special needs kids” by Sari Furnstahl. Tyndale House Publishers, 2007.

“Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities” by Barb Newman. CRC Publications, 2001.

“Feed All My Sheep: A Guide and Curriculum for Adults with Developmental Disabilities” by Doris Clark. Geneva Press, 2000.

“All God’s Children” by Gene Newman and Joni Eareckson Tada. Zondervan Publishing House, 1981.

“Unexpected Guests at God’s Banquet” by Brett Webb-Mitchell. Crossroad Publishing Company, 1994.

“Special needs special ministry” by Jim Pierson, Louise Tucker Jones, and Pat Verbal. Group Publishing, 2004.

“That All May Worship” by Ann Rose Davie. National Organization on Disability, 1992.

“Autism and Your Church” by Barbara Newman. Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2006.

**Focus on the Family:**

<http://www.family.org/sharedassets/correspondence/pdfs/LifeChallenges/Disabilities.pdf> This PDF file is a resource list full of different books, CD’s, tapes, videos, information sheets, booklets, and referrals. It contains a lot of good information that is extremely helpful. I encourage you to check this out!

Check out this website <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/> to locate the broadcasts below and many others:

“Special Children: special joys and challenges”

“Special Needs for Special Kids”

“Hope for Autistic Children”

**Websites:**

[www.friendship.org/](http://www.friendship.org/) -- This website contains a section where you can order materials for your Sunday school class and it also gives information on what other types of resources are available. It has a list of different potential suggested readings. It has an “idea center” where they give ideas that you can do in your home, art ideas, and tips to nurture your growth. This website contains a lot of great information and resources.

<http://www.clcnetwork.org/>-- This website also contains different resources that you can look through and hopefully find what you are looking for. They have an area for adult services and a section where you can look for opportunities to help out. They also have a list of network schools where they focus on inclusion in education.

<http://www.bridgemin.org/> -- This website talks about the non-profit organization that helps provide spiritual care and support for those in the communities. They also help serve churches in their efforts to involve and build relationships with persons with disabilities. They also promote awareness throughout the community.

<http://www.ccfh.org/> -- This website also includes lots of ways to involve special needs people in ministries at church. They have a link where you can find different resources to use during Sunday school. They have a section where you can learn to set up your classroom to accommodate disability ministries. There is a lot of information on this website.

<http://www.fko.org/BookstoreSpecialNeeds.html> -- This website contains a bookstore where you can find and buy several books that are related to special needs children. This website contains information on teaching resources that are available and different books that would be good for different age groups. There is a blog that people write on. They have a section that talks about the different training workshops that are available and a section containing different ministry articles. This website has a lot of good information and resources on it.

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/downloads/departments/socialresponsibility/resources/childreninchurchupdateddec2008.pdf> -- This PDF file contains several different contacts and resources that could be helpful for parents.

<http://adhd.kids.tripod.com/sunday.html> -- This website simply contains a list of tips on what to do to help children with special needs in the Sunday School classroom.

[http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/article\\_main\\_page/0%2C1703%2CA%25253D164999%252526M%25253D201144%2C00.html](http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/article_main_page/0%2C1703%2CA%25253D164999%252526M%25253D201144%2C00.html) – This is a link from the Life Way website about special needs ministry. It has a place to look for different resources and it divides it up into different age groups. They offer some information to download and provide other resources such as articles and it gives information on different events occurring.

<http://www.comeunity.com/disability/index.html> -- This website contains lots of articles and resources relating to special needs and children's disabilities. This looks like it contains a lot of great information that would be extremely helpful.

### **Books for parents:**

“After the Tears: Parents Talk about Raising a Child with a Disability” by Robin Simons. Children’s Museum of Denver, Inc., 1985.

“When Your Child is Deaf” by David Luterman and Mark Ross. York Pr, 1991.

“Extraordinary Kids: nurturing and championing your child with special needs” by Cheri Fuller and Lousie Tucker Jones. Focus on the Family, 1997.

“Special Strength for Special Parents: 31 days of Spiritual Therapy for Parents of Children with Special Needs” by Nina Fuller. Special Strength Publishing, 2007.

\*\*“Breakthrough Parenting for Children with Special Needs: Raising the Bar of Expectations” by Judy Winter. Jossey-Bass, 2006.

\*\* “More Than a Mom: Living a Full and Balanced Life When your Child has Special Needs (Mom’s Choice Awards Recipient)” by Heather Fawcett and Amy Baskin. Woodbine House, 2006.

\*\* “Married with Special-Needs Children: A Couples’ Guide to Keeping Connected” by Laura E. Marshak and Fran P. Prezant. Woodbine House, 2007.

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