

Wednesday Night Live: Quick-prep Lessons and Meetings for Youth Ministry

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Visit the on-line catalog: www.mennowdc.org for more ideas!

DVDs (see dozens more at: www.mennowdc.org/VideoCatalog2008.pdf)

248.4 Noo. *Nooma Series*. Rob Bell.

Named for the Greek word for spirit, *Nooma* presents a fresh and innovative approach to communicate biblical truth. Similar to Jesus' parables, this film uses common everyday experiences to explore various topics relating to faith and discipleship. *We have over 20 Nooma's*. Each is about 12 minutes long.

259.2142 Mat. *Teens vs. Parents*. Mark Matlock.

Four sessions with these topics: The myth of a perfect family, living up to expectations, authority and rebellion, friend or foe? Includes real-life stories and helps teenagers find new ways to understand, communicate and forgive their parents. Most of the Bluefish DVD's are easy-prep.

259.2147 Vel. *Velocity, A Bible Study for Teenagers. Hope*. Doug Fields.

Through dramatic and real life stories, *Velocity* deals with the doubts and struggles of youth by bringing practical and Biblical solutions to their fast-paced world. In this episode teens will discover that God does not always do exactly what we ask, but God acts in ways we might not expect.

Magazines

Group: The World's Most-Read Youth Ministry Resource. www.youthministry.com.

Group equips churches to help children, youth, and adults grow in their relationship with Jesus. Find quick-prep activities, lessons, ideas.

The Journal. www.thejournalofstudentministries.com.

The Journal's primary purpose is to support adults in student ministry by providing insight into youth culture, fostering in-depth dialogue around important themes, and strengthening the student ministry community.

With: The Magazine for Radical Christian Youth. www.withonline.org.

With is published four times a year and seeks to empower youth to be radically committed to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to peace and justice, and to sharing God's good news through word and action. *It's Anabaptist!* Inside each edition is a bonus page for youth leaders: *4 Quick Ways to Use this With in your Sunday school or Youth Group.*

Books

259.2147 Fie. *Spontaneous Melodramas: 24 impromptu skits that bring bible stories to life.* Doug Fields, Laurie Polich and Duffy Robbins.

Ridiculous no-prep skits your kids will love – but only if they too, are ridiculous.

259.2145 Jon. *Soul Shaper: Exploring Spirituality and Contemplative Practices in Youth Ministry.* Tony Jones.

Soul Shaper explains how you can put postmodern ideas to work by learning powerful disciplines such as Sacred Reading, The Jesus Prayer, The Ignatian Examen, The Daily Office, Stations of the Cross, Sabbath, Silence and Solitude, Centering Prayer, Spiritual Direction, The Labyrinth, Pilgrimage, and Service.

259.2147 Jam. *Instant Skits: Using Improv to Create Memorable Moments in Ministry.*

James, Eddie and Tommy Woodward.

Filled with ready-to-go skits (indexed by topic and Scripture reference), *Instant Skits* can be used to illustrate just about any topic—lying, parents, love, etc. Scenes are designed for one person, two people, or a whole group. Not only does it contain more than 200 situations to dramatize, it also offers improv games, perfect for team building or developing the acting skills of students who want to use drama in ministry.

- 259.2147 Jam. *TV Shows That Teach: 100 TV Moments to Get Teenagers Talking*. James, Eddie and Tommy Woodward.
Included in this book are clip ideas from shows such as *Ugly Betty*, *Desperate Housewives*, *My Name Is Earl*, *Saturday Night Live*, *The Office*, *Lost*, *Heroes*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Survivor*, *Extreme Home Makeover*, *30 Days*, and more. Each clip contains start and stop points, Bible passages that relate to the topic in the clip, as well as questions to get your students thinking and talking about what they just watched.
- 259.2147 Mil. *Worship Feast: 15 Sketches for Youth Group, Worship, & More*. Beth Miller.
Worship Feast includes both information about doing drama and scripts for dramatic presentations. It explores the rationale for doing drama in the church, and contains eight thematic sketches, six Scripture sketches, and a full-length play.
- 259.2147 Oes. *Every Picture Tells a Story: 48 Evocative Photographs for Inspiring Reaction and Reflection*. Mark Oestreicher.
This box contains 48 black and white photographs and a leader's guide that includes 18 different uses for personal meditation or group discussion. Easy to use and generate reflection and discussion.
- 259.2147 Out. *Last-Minute Meetings: 101 Ready-to-Go Games & Lessons for Busy Youth Leaders*. Todd Outcalt.
In these time-saving pages you will find ready-to-go games, discussion starters, puzzles, handouts, talks, quizzes, and more!
- 259.2147 Pol. *Small Group Q's: 600 Eye-Opening Questions for Deepening Community and Exploring Scripture*. Laurie Polich.
Includes 300 questions divided among 30 complete Bible studies; 50 get-to-know-you questions; 50 questions for cultivating intimacy; 50 questions that explore the subject of God; 150 questions on topics of interest to youth.
- 259.224 Oes. *Imaginative Prayer for Youth Ministry*. Jeannie Oestreicher and Larry Warner.
Introduces 50 imaginative prayer exercises to allow God to move and speak through the participant's five senses.
- 259.224 Tru. *True: Real Stories about God Showing Up in the Lives of Teens*. Irene Dunlap.
A collection of real-life stories of God's presence in personal situations, both the ordinary and the more challenging, that help reveal the true nature of God in the universe and His work in people's lives. Useful if combined with a prayer exercise or a brief bible study on similar topic.

259.24 Bro. *Soul Tending: Life-Forming Practices for Older Youth and Young Adults*. Kenda Creasy Dean, and Ron Foster.

Soul Tending offers ways to engage the practices of the Christian faith in everyday life. If you want to offer an alternative to a fun and games faith, use one of the exercises with your youth. Caution – it's hard to **fake** authentic spirituality, prepare yourself!

Websites

www.ymroadtrip.org

This site contains youth ministry resources for leaders who journey with youth. Created by Hesston College, this site's resources are theologically sound, readily available and easy to use.

<http://www.youthministry.com/?q=freebie-library>

The goal of this site is to provide great resources, valuable freebies, and insightful daily content.

http://www.cyfm.net/deep_justice.php#curriculum

The resources on this site hope to catalyze students to get involved locally and globally in justice-related prayer and action, no matter what form that may take.

<http://www.pastor2youth.com/>

This is one of the largest youth ministry freebie archives on the internet. It provides youth workers with an online network to be able to exchange ideas, stories, resources and more online, all for free.

<http://www.youthspecialties.com/freeresources/>

This site contains programming and curriculum ideas, tips for youth ministry, podcast interviews with YS authors and speakers, and practical articles.