

Ideas for Christian Nurture in the Summertime !



Ready to mix it up a bit?

Anticipating sporadic attendance?

Hoping to find ways of connecting young and old?

Try these options:

Dig Into the Bible. Gather into small groups, including various age groups and read the Bible aloud. Ask simple questions of the text, pray, share. Use the Bible Reading Charts from Faith and Life Resources to track your progress. .95 each—from www.mpn.net. (all ages)

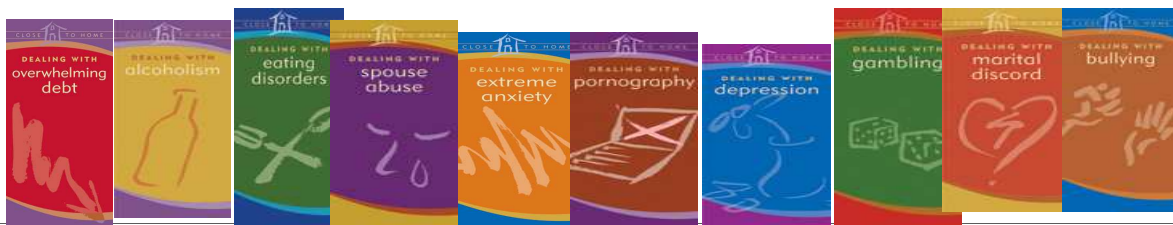


Traveling Peace Trunk. Open up and explore a couple dozen



resources on peacemaking. Set up a display, have cooperative games, read and review stories about peace—tell your own, watch DVD's on peace, use your own library and people resources. Call us—it's waiting to be used! (all ages)

Close to Home Series. Place difficult issues in the light of the Bible, Christian faith, and congregational care. Study discussion guides: www.faithandliferesources.org/supplies/closetohome/guides.html Each pamphlet .75 from www.mpn.net. (young adult—adult)



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Book Club / Book Share –Remember **B O O K S**?

Have 2-3 people each read a book (or just a chapter), then talk about it from their perspective. The key here is to involve folks from different generations - a 16 year old, a 41 year old and a 66 year old will all approach a book differently. Book ideas: *The Good and Beautiful God*; *Jesus Matters*; *They Like Jesus But Not the Church*; *Jesus for President*; *the Myth of a Christian Nation*; *Ask Third Way Café*. Call for more ideas. (youth–young adult–adult)



Sing through the *Hymnal: a Worship Book*, or *Sing the Story*, or *Sing the Journey*.

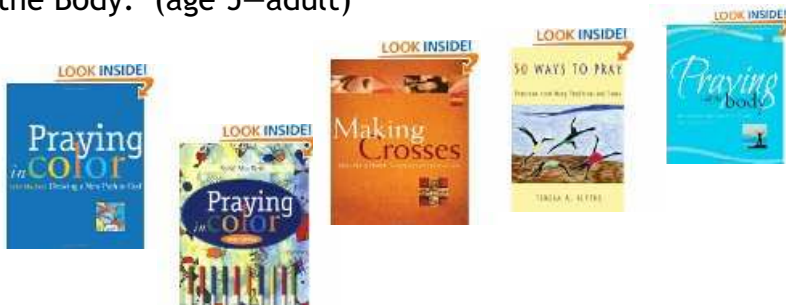
An awesome way to sing our faith, learn new songs, introduce young and old to harmony, new instrumentation and rhythms from around the world.

(junior high– youth--young adult--adult)



Praying in Many Ways.

Use resources, ideas, activities to join together prayer, learning, sharing and creating. Walk and pray through the neighborhood, create a labyrinth, pray the scriptures or use a resource to guide you: *Making Crosses*, *Praying in Color*, *50 Ways to Pray*, *Praying With the Body*. (age 5–adult)



Nooma DVD Series. These popular 14-minute videos are good options for classes with sporadic summer attendance, plus no prep required! Rob Bell will prompt stimulating conversation about faith, life, theology. We have a set of 24! (jr.-hi–adult)



The Thoughtful Christian. We have a subscription to this on-line resource center. Search, choose a study and then email: crlib@mennowdc.org with your request. Marlene will use her special powers, access the study and send it to you via email. Ahhh.....technology, theology, and a little money go a long way. (Studies for youth and adult)

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