

War may be confusing for children.....

You really should have a copy of the CD about Ready Click Grow!

Here is something you can check on and pass along to your members. Even though the war is over, there may still be questions children have about it:

The National Institute on Media and the Family has issued advice for talking to children about war. David Walsh, PhD., president and founder of the National Institute on Media and the Family, developed a set of tips in the wake of September 11th. The tips were used by hundreds of organizations and companies around the world.

Now, the National Institute on Media and the Family offers a revised version to ensure that families know the best strategies to use in dealing with the questions and concerns their children have about the war in Iraq.

“Even when war is happening far away, children can be profoundly

affected. Parents and people who work with children need to help them cope with confusing feelings and thoughts,” Dr. Walsh said. “With today’s access to media, images of war literally appear in our living rooms in real-time. Children of all ages may have questions.” Dr. Dave’s “Talking with Children About War” is available at www.mediafamily.org



Another great tool on war talk resources plus a jillion other good things, is the “Ready, Click, Grow” program from Augsburg Fortress. We have the current promotional CD. Stop by

and pick one up or call and we’ll send one. It has a ton of stuff families can do together, ideas for staff/leaders of congregations—it is just exciting to see all the things that can be done. The CD is yours for the asking—completely free.

Some excellent videos about the Middle East

We have some excellent videos that you will be anxious to show to any group at your church about the Middle East situation. All of them explain what has happened there over the thousands of years of struggle and war.

“Voices from the Holy Land” is a 38 minute video designed to introduce the voices of Jews, Christians and Muslims living in Israel/Palestine to the viewers.

“A Glimpse at the Spirit of Islam” contains two one-half hour sessions. The first one, covers Islamic practices, history and some hopes and fears common to many Muslims today. Session two turns to core Islamic be-

liefs and notes principal differences and similarities with Christianity. The goal is to help Christians move beyond stereotypes and toward loving Muslims in a Christ-like way.

“Jordan’s Stormy Banks” was produced in 1991, but it outlines the basic history of the relations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims. It focuses upon the conflicts between Palestinians (mostly Muslim, mostly Arab) and Israelis (mostly Jews).

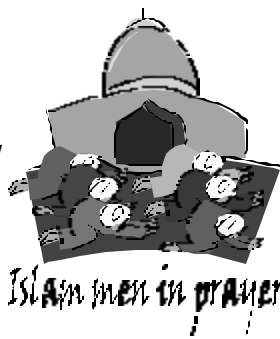
“After the Storm: Power and Peace in the Middle East” tells about the Middle East being the center of world history for 5000 years, as empires have come and gone. Babylon and

Baghdad, Jerusalem and Mecca have shaped our world. This video introduces some geographic, economic, political, and religious factors that have contributed to the permanent importance of the Middle East in world affairs.

Both “Jordan’s Stormy Banks” and “After the Storm...” give great history and understanding to why there is conflict. Both help viewers to see what has led up to so much strife. Leader’s Guides accompany the videos.

We also have Mosaic: Fall 1999 that contains: Healing in a Holy Land; Augusta Victoria Hospital; Dreams of the Future; Educating Palestine; and, Christians of the Pentecost: Our New Arab Neighbors.

Reserve your copy today!



New stuff, new stuff, new stuff....

It's that time of year when thoughts are turning to fall and curriculum for the church year. Rotational model is catching on more and more. We have lots of ideas for stories and lessons, plus other curriculum that isn't rotational.

"Hand in Hand: Helping Children Celebrate Diversity" is a great resource for kids. Lots of good ideas in the book and a cassette of songs and stories.

"The Purple Puzzle Tree" series continues to be popular among educators. It was written in the 60's and still contains all the strange sounds, simple songs and rich colors that make them exciting. There are 36 stories and each story is a piece of God's puzzle, the plan of God for all people. Each story has a read-along, sing-along, act-along CD.

If you are doing the "Zoom Zone" Vacation Bible School program from Augsburg, we have the BIG outdoor plastic banner advertising it. Measuring 4 feet by 3 feet, it looks just like the starter kit cover - very colorful and eye-catching. You are welcome to use it for your week. Reserve it now!

For your women's group, get the new book of reflections by women in Peru, "Amo a la vida" (I love life) which is written in Spanish with English translation. Questions for reflection accompany each poem. Download the entire book or an individual poem. Go to www.elca.org/wo/resource/globaled/amocontent.html and enjoy!

Not much is said about the excellent magazines we have that offer some great articles for your self/Committees. Net Results, Church Educator, Worship, Bible History, Voices, Leadership, Bible Review, Youth Worker, The Clergy Journal, just to name a few - these are wonderful aids to help in planning. All may be checked out just like books or videos.

Some general book titles:

The Journey Into God-Healing & Christian Faith by Kenneth Bakken

Grieving the Death of a Pet by Betty J. Carmack

Wrestling with Depression by William & Lucy Hulme

Our Stories of Miscarriage-Healing with Words, edited by R. Faldet & K. Fitton

A Servant's Manual-Christian Leadership for Tomorrow by Michael Foss

Everyday is Saturday-A Christian Guide to a Fantastic Retirement by J & J Harvey

Not Trying Too Hard-New Basics for Sustainable Congregations by Bob Sitze

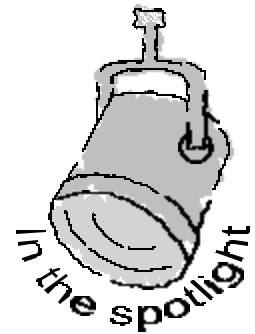
Lifelong Learning-A Guide to Adult Education in the Church, edited by R. Grothe

Clergy Renewal-Guide to Sabbatical Planning, by R. Bullock & R. Bruesehoff

Videos:

Mosaic-Spring 2003, The Story of the ELCA

Worship & Evangelism for Shy Christians by Pat Keifert



We have lots of good stuff for your planning and education needs!

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Blessings to you in your ministries,

Beth Lewis, President & CEO
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