

Incredible List of Resources for Ministry with Children, Youth, and Intergenerational Congregations

**note that if you live near Saskatoon, McNally Robinson offers a 20% discount to churches on most books (and you're supporting local!). Go upstairs to the desk and register for the discount and they can order books for you that aren't in stock at the moment. If McNally isn't accessible for you, the titles with McNally links here would also be available through Indigo or Amazon.*

Curricula

- [Young Children and Worship](#)
- [Godly Play](#)
- [Shine Curriculum](#)
- [JL Creative](#)
- [Faith Inkubators: Bible Song](#)
- [SparkHouse](#) (Middle/High School) [Young Children and Worship](#)
- [Frolic \(babies\)](#)
- [Work of the People \(Adult\)](#)
- [Living the Questions \(Adult\)](#)
- [Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints](#) - designed for middle years (grade 6-8) but has lots of flexibility for older or younger groups

Children's Bibles

- [The Peace Table](#)
- [Children of God Storybook Bible](#)
- [Frolic First Bible](#)

- [Frolic Preschool Bible](#)
- [Spark Story Bible](#)
- [Growing in God's Love, A Story Bible](#)

Books - Faith Formation at Home

- [Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home Traci Smith](#) - Ideas for how to practice faith at home through simple traditions, ceremonies and spiritual practices. See also the Christmas, Easter and Prayer versions.
- [Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family](#) Kara Powell - Practical ideas for faith at home
- [Faith Formation in a Secular Age Andrew Root](#) - A helpful take on the current culture and climate for youth and young adults in the church, and practical thoughts on reaching youth
- [I Wonder, Engaging a Child's Curiosity About the Bible, Elizabeth Caldwell](#) - A thoughtful guide for helping children engage the Bible
- [Sabbath in the Suburbs, MaryAnn McKibben Dana](#) - Thoughts about keeping the sabbath as a family
- [New Zealand Prayer Book](#) - Beautifully written prayers and liturgies, contains some family litanies as well
- [Devotions, Mary Oliver](#) - Lovely book of poems that can be read around the table or at other times in a family's day
- [New Directions for Holy Questions](#)

Books Children's Spirituality/Theology

- [Little Theologians](#), Dave Csinos
- [A Gospel for All Ages](#), Dave Csinos
- [Faith Like a Child](#), Lacy Finn Borgo
- [Queerfully and Wonderfully Made](#) - Leigh Finke

Books: Parenting

- [Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance](#) - A great read on how to help children succeed (and how to apply these lessons to ourselves)
- [Raising White Kids](#) - Jennifer Harvey - US context but applicable to anywhere there is racism and colonialism
- [How to Raise an Adult](#)
- [Parenting Forward](#), Cindy Wang Brandt
- [The Blessing of a Skinned Knee](#) - Wendy Mogel
- [Six Needs of Every Child](#), Jeffrey Olrick and Amy Olrick
- [Forming Resilient Children](#) - Holly Catterton Allen

Books: General Leadership, Theology / Children, Youth and Family Ministry

- [The Social Media Gospel](#) - Helpful overview of using technology in ministry
- [5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations](#) - Love this book for helping congregations thinking through what's important.
- [Piloting Church](#), Cameron Trimble
- [God, Gospel & Gender: A Queer Bible Study for Teens](#) - by Margie Baker (adults could and should do this study too!)
- [Dear Church](#), Lenny Duncan
- [When Church Stops Working](#), Andy Root
- [Field Notes for the Wilderness](#), Sarah Bessey
- [Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart](#), Brian McLaren
- [Original Blessing: Putting Sin in its Rightful Place](#), Danielle Shroyer

Children's Books

- [Make Room, a Child's Guide to Lent and Easter](#), Laura Alary - great for Lent and Holy Week, thoughtful treatment of the cross, see other books by Laura Alary
- [Cory and the Seventh Story](#), Brian McLaren and Gareth Higgins
- [Maybe God is Like that, Too](#) and [Maybe I can Love My Neighbor Too](#), by Jennifer Grant
- [Grit and Grace](#) by Caryn Rivadeniera
- [Picturing God](#)
- [Candle Walk](#)
- [Holy Troublemakers by Daneen Akers](#)
- [The Wonder that is You](#) by Glenys Nellist
- [The Day When God Made the Church](#), Rebekah McLeod Hutto
- [Images of God for Young Children, Marie-Helene Delval](#)
- [God's Paintbrush](#), Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (+ many others by her. All highly recommended)
- [When God Made You](#) - Matthew Paul Turner - also available as a board book. Beautiful baptism gift!
- [When God Made Light](#), Matthew Paul Turner (really anything by Matthew Paul Turner)
- [What is God Like?](#) Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner - absolutely beautiful imagery of God using expansive language and pronouns
- [God's Dream](#), Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- [Praying in Color, Kids Edition](#), Sybil MacBeth

- [The Lord's Prayer, Tim Ladwig](#)
- [Psalm 23, Tim Ladwig](#)
- [A Church for All](#) - celebrates diversity and LGBTQIA+ Inclusion (based on a real church!)
- [When God Was a Little Girl](#)
- [Dear Mama God](#), Akers

Intergenerational Ministry Resources:

- [CRCNA Intergenerational Church Toolkit](#) - Christian Reform Church North America
- [Uniting Church in Australia](#) - Intergenerational Church resources
- [Uniting Church in Australia - South Australia](#) - resources including 4 services ready to go
- [Karen Ware Jackson](#) - Creative Intergenerational Worship
- [Faith Inkubators](#) - Resources for home and intergenerational gathering - Lutheran roots but not limited
- [GenOn Ministries](#) - Supporting Churches with Logos and other Intergenerational Programming, including LIFT
- [InterGen](#) - Chris Barnett - resources for intergenerational services
- [STRANDZ](#) - A series of training videos from New Zealand about intergenerational ministry
- [Intergenerational Christian Formation](#) - Holly Catterton Allen
- [Intergenerate](#), Allen et. al

Websites

- [Traci Smith](#) - Faith Formation resources with an emphasis on faith + family and faith at home
- [Building Faith](#) - Resources by season and topic, lots of faith-at-home
- [Flame Creative Children's Ministry](#) - Tons of creative ideas for children's ministry in organized categories
- [Practicing Families](#) - Family Liturgies and other Ideas for Faith at Home
- [Vibrant Faith](#) - Coaching and consulting around faith formation
- [Theresa Cho](#) - Presbyterian minister with tons of creative prayer stations and other ideas
- [Rows of Sharon](#) - Episcopalian Christian Educator with outstanding articles and resources
- [Lilly Lewin](#) - Creative prayer and faith ideas "free range worship"
- [Worshiping With Children](#) - Revised Common Lectionary links
- [Salt Project](#) - Customizable Videos and printable resources
- [Faith 5](#) - Faith at Home Resources

Concepts

- Stages of Faith, Fowler
- Stages of Faith, Westerhoff
- [Fowler's Faith Development, from Keely's Perspective](#)
- [Faith Development Theories](#)
- Intergenerational Theory

- [Research on the Religiously Unaffiliated \(Nones and Dones\)](#)
- [Stages of Faith, Multiple](#)

Facebook Groups

- Cross + Gen Community
- Raising Children Unfundamentalist
- Forma (Episcopal)Hope4CE

Other Resources

- [Creative Prayer Stations](#)
- [More Creative Prayer Stations](#)
- [Lord's Prayer Body Prayer](#)
- [PCUSA Statistics / Demographic Reports](#)
- [St. Lydia's Dinner Church](#)
- [Advent Photo Challenge - LecFamily](#)
- [Mark Yaconneli - The Hearth Community](#) - Storytelling
- [Worship as One: Special Needs in Community](#)
- [CLC Network](#) - CLC Network equips congregations and schools to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities.

Continuing Education: So many great resources [HERE](#).

Conferences

- Faith Forward
- Progressive Youth Ministry
- Cross + Gen
- Evolving Faith