

**TEACHER TRAINING RESOURCES
RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHURCHES**

Berryman, Jerome W. Teaching Godly Play. Abingdon Press, 1995. BK2116

A handbook for using the godly play method of learning. Offers techniques, ideas, and other teaching tools for helping children develop spiritually.

Brown, Carolyn C. Developing Christian Education. A Griffs Educational Resource published by Abingdon Press, 1993. (7th printing) BK3919

Small churches have many things going for them -- a familylike atmosphere, lively services, and more. But there are problems -- one is starting a viable Christian education program. With relatively few resources at hand, the would-be church school organizer faces a formidable task. At last, here's a book that shows how to overcome the odds. Borrowing from her wide experience with smaller churches, Carolyn C. Brown presents a multitude of original ideas.

Comstock, Judy N. Children's Ministry. Abingdon Press, 2006. BK3512

This guide will: share practical and timesaving ideas; ignite creativity in teachers; boost teacher's confidence and equip teachers immediately. (Note: 64 pages, affordable and accessible to busy people, perfect for new teachers.)

Griggs, Donald L. Teaching Today's Teachers to Teach. Abingdon Press, 2003. BK2124

A revision of a standard resource for classes and seminary courses in Christian education. A revised edition of the best-selling Teaching Teachers to Teach (1974), this book is a basic, comprehensive manual offering practical guidance that helps teachers learn the art and practice of teaching. Throughout the book, Griggs identifies the basic elements of the teaching process and outlines the essential ingredients needed for effective teaching.

Halverson, Delia. How to Train Volunteer Teachers: 20 Workshops for the Sunday School. Abingdon, 1991. BK3062

Explores the purposes of teaching in the church, and offers specific advice on how to recruit, train, and support volunteer teachers. 20 workshops to enhance and empower educational programs in any church.

Halverson, Delia. 32 Ways to become a great Sunday School Teacher. Abingdon Press, 1997. BK2608

A self-directed teacher training resource offering four courses of study for both experienced teachers and beginners. (Highly recommended by practicing CE personnel.)

Johnson, Keith. Teacher Training On the Go. Group, 2003. BK2111

Train--and retrain--volunteers. This is an instant teacher training volunteers desperately need! A year's worth of reproducible training handouts helps volunteers be their best. Their skills and effectiveness in children's ministry will grow. Includes: 1 audio CD - 52 reproducible handouts; 1 CD-ROM with e-mail blasts & clip art - "Meeting format," appendix, and topic index . BONUS: Reproducible audio CD empowers volunteers as they drive to church!

Juengst, Sara Covin. Equipping the Saints: Teacher Training in the Church. Westminster John Knox Press, 1998. BK676

This book addresses a critical problem of how to prepare those who feel called to teach. It is a nine-month teacher-training course that covers biblical background, basic Christian beliefs, and good teaching techniques. Each segment contains thirteen sessions of interactive study, with lesson plans for each class session.

O'Neal, Debbie Trafton. Science, Kids and Christian Education, Augsburg Fortress, 2002. BK1876

From definitions and facts to activities and experiments, this book is a hands-on resource to explore all the following and more: air, water, light, sound, magnetism, electricity, energy, force, motion, chemistry, plant life, weather, the environment, the earth, and our senses.

Other titles in this series still offer some valuable information to those new to using computers and video/DVD in their Christian Education: *Video, Kids and Christian Education* by Russell W. Dalton (BK2281) and *Computers, Kids, and Christian Education* by Neil MacQueen (BK496).

Schaller, Lyle E. 44 Ways to Expand the Teaching Ministry of Your Church. Abingdon Press, 1992. BK814

Shows how to identify priorities for Christian education in any church. Explains how the Christian education program attracts new members, reaches young adults born after 1955, reinforces preaching and liturgy, activates the passive congregation, and helps grow a church.

Trimmer, Ed and Patty Meyers. BeTween Everything: Teacher Helps for Transitioning Preteens. Abingdon Press, 2004. BK209

BeTween Everything is a book designed to help Sunday school teachers deal with preteens - specifically fifth, sixth, and seventh graders. This book will help teachers smooth the transition for preteens as they take the giant steps from childhood to youth to adulthood, and from concrete thinking to abstract thinking. The book looks at how their

physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development affects how we teach tweens. The cultural issues that pervade their lives is also dealt with. Gives specific helps for teaching tweens including what to avoid.

Educator Certification Handbook.... Produced by the Educator Certification Council for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Rev. 1997. BK655

A guide to assist Christian educators become certified Christian educators, certified associate Christian educators, or enrolled educational assistants.

The Ministry of Christian Education and Formation. Discipleship Resources, 1989. BK1432

The Ministry of Christian Education and Formation provides practical suggestions to build and guide a ministry team through the many tasks and responsibilities of forming, informing, and transforming others as Christian disciples. This resource includes background information on the primary task of Christian education and formation, the means of grace, the vision and mission of the church in making disciples, and Christian practices; guidance for developing a shared congregational vision for teaching and learning for discipleship; helps for planning settings for teaching and learning that invite people into an ever-deepening relationship with God; suggestions for forming partnerships with others in your educational ministry; methods for identifying, equipping, and nurturing effective teachers and small group leaders; helps for understanding curriculum resources and selecting appropriate curriculum; tips on conducting effective meetings; helps for creating a reasonable budget; tools for planning your ministry, including more than 25 sample letters and forms, charts, checklists, job descriptions, meeting outlines, and more — all reproducible; and an up-to-date resource list (Spiral bound paperback)

Teaching Tips for Terrified Teachers. Abingdon Press, 1998. BK2122

Includes: activity ideas, Bible teaching helps, children in ministry, children in worship, teaching methods, relationships, and holidays.