

# Bibliography for “Offer Them Christ”

## Sunday School and Small-Group Study

### Suggested Resources to Focus on the Gospels

This resource list has been prepared for you by the Nurture Ministry Team and the Office of Connectional Ministries. For additional information on any resources listed here, contact your local Cokesbury Bookstore. For information related to Holston Conference Audio Visual Resources available (beginning on page 7), please contact the AV Library at 866-690-4080 or by e-mail at [avlibrary@holston.org](mailto:avlibrary@holston.org).

#### Adult Print Resources

*Beginnings* (Abingdon Press) How do you introduce the basic fundamentals of Christian faith, Christian living, and Christian community? How do you provide a refresher on “the basics” of Christianity – to long-time Christians? A video-based study series designed to help you introduce core Christian beliefs and practices to new Christians, as well as longtime members who want a refresher. Each segment includes 10 to 12 sessions of 60 to 120 minutes. Components include Participant’s Guide, Participant’s Companion Book, Small-Group Leader’s Guide, Director’s Manual, Planning Kit.

*Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith* – How should we welcome the “unchurched,” the seekers, and the new believers who are unfamiliar with Christian beliefs and culture?

*Beginnings: The Spiritual Life* – What do Christians do? Study 10 core practices of Christian spirituality

*Beginnings: Longing to Belong* – Who do I belong with? Discover the importance of community to the Christian faith.

*Behind the Pages* Series. Each video planning kit includes video presentations on DVD, participant’s book, and leader’s guide. The studies are each 7 to 12 sessions of 45 to 60 minutes.

*Parables from the Back Side: Bible Stories with a Twist* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

*More Parables from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

*Christmas from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

*Beatitudes from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

*Easter from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas

*Companions in Christ* Series (Upper Room Books) This series offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in spiritual formation. All resources in the series explore classic spiritual practices and invite participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another. Each study is 8 to 10 sessions of 1.5 to 2 hours and includes a Leader’s Guide and Participants Book.

*Companions in Christ*

*The Way of Prayer*

*Feeding on the Word*

*Embracing the Journey*

*Deepening Our Prayer*

*Responding to Our Call*

*Embracing the Journey*

*Exploring Spiritual Guidance*

*The Way of Grace*

*The Way of Forgiveness*

*The Way of Blessedness*

*The Way of Transforming Discipleship*

**DISCIPLE** Bible Study. Experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ as you engage the Scriptures together with a small group of people. Program design is daily individual study and prayer, weekly small-group gatherings, and video presentations by scholars. Program formats are Short-

Term Studies (8- to 11-week studies), Long-Term Studies (30- to 34-week studies), and Special Studies (30-week studies on special topics). Each Planning Kit includes Leader's Guide, Participant's Book, and Video.

- DISCIPLE *Invitation to John* (11 sessions)
- DISCIPLE *Invitation to the New Testament* (8 sessions)
- DISCIPLE *Christian Believer* (30 sessions)
- DISCIPLE *Jesus in the Gospels* (30 sessions)

*Faith Matters for Young Adults* (Abingdon Press) Each study looks at basic elements of Christian faith in order to grow in discipleship. Each study is 13 sessions of 45 to 60 minutes.

- Living the Faith*
- Practicing the Faith*
- Discovering the Faith*

*Following Jesus*. Carolyn Slaughter (Abingdon Press) 12-session study. Study teaches what it means to follow Jesus with one's entire being – through our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. [Also available: Leader's Guide]

*For Everyone Series* (Westminster John Knox Press) Series suitable for group study, personal study, or daily devotions. Each passage is offered and then followed by a discussion, background information, useful explanations, and thoughts on how the text can be relevant to our lives. The four Gospels can be purchased as a set (for a savings).

- For Everyone Complete Gospels Set*
- Matthew For Everyone: Parts 1 and 2*
- Mark for Everyone*
- Luke for Everyone*
- John for Everyone: Parts 1 and 2*

*Genesis to Revelation Series*. (Abingdon Press) A comprehensive verse-by-verse, book-by-book collection of 24 studies of the Bible using the New International Version (NIV). Students are guided to ask three questions in each study:

- What does the Bible say?
- What does this passage mean?
- How does the Scripture relate to my life?

Each book in the series contains 13 sessions of 45 to 60 minutes. The series includes:

- Matthew*
- Mark*
- Luke*
- John*
- Acts*

Leader's Guide is available for *Matthew to Acts*.

*Get Acquainted with Jesus* by Barbara Bruce and Larry Beman. (Abingdon Press) Provides an overview of the life and ministry of Jesus, focusing on the biblical accounts of Jesus, the church's doctrinal beliefs about Christ, and a person's experiential encounters with Jesus Christ today. Includes a Leader's Guide and Participant's Book.

*Great Themes of the Bible* (Abingdon Press) Topical Bible studies that present themes universally relevant to faith formation in adults. These short-term studies of profound themes are ideal for organizing new groups and assimilating newer members into the life of the congregation. Each study is seven sessions of 45 to 60 minutes.

*Jesus Christ: A Portrait of God*  
*God's Project: Effective Christians*  
*Jesus' Life, Teaching, and Ministry*  
*You Will Be My Witnesses*

*International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching: Uniform Series. Adult Bible Studies.* Each Bible study in this series is available in student book, teacher's guide, student book on audio CD, and student book large print format. The series explores the meaning of Scripture and encourages deeper faith in God. Fall 2008 series: The New Testament Community. Each study in the series is 13 lessons of 45 minutes.

*The Jesus Collection.* (Abingdon Press) This multi-faceted series offers an intriguing view of many aspects of Jesus' life and ministry from a diverse group of leading theologians, pastors, and scholars. Each study is 7 to 9 sessions of 45 to 60 minutes.

<i>The Coming of Jesus</i>	<i>The Miracles of Jesus</i>
<i>At Table with Jesus</i>	<i>The Moral Teachings of Jesus</i>
<i>Jesus and Prayer</i>	<i>The Parables of Jesus</i>
<i>Jesus Calls</i>	<i>The Passion and Death of Jesus</i>
<i>Jesus, God's Epiphany to the World</i>	<i>The Resurrected Jesus</i>
<i>The Kingdom Sayings of Jesus</i>	<i>The World-Shattering Ministry of Jesus</i>

*Jesus' Parables Study Series.* James W. Moore (Abingdon Press) A study series that examines ways in which these stories from the mind of Jesus can radically change our everyday lives.

*Jesus' Parables About Priorities*  
*Jesus' Parables About Making Choices*  
*Jesus' Parables of Life*  
*Jesus' Parables of the Lost and Found*  
*Jesus' Parables of Grace*

*Journey Through the Bible* (series) (Abingdon Press) 13-session study in volumes with study book and leader's guide available for each volume.

Vol. 9: *Matthew*  
Vol. 10: *Mark*  
Vol. 11: *Luke*  
Vol. 12: *John*

*The Kerygma Program* (Kerygma Partnership) The Kerygma Program's quality resources stimulate faith and challenge minds. Each study provides resources to start the Kerygma study program of shorter courses on particular themes or books. Each is available in Leader's Guide and Resource Book.

*Kerygma: The Gospel of Mark* (Jesus: Power, Courageous, Trusting)  
*Kerygma: That You May Believe* (The Gospel of John)

*The Message Series* (Abingdon Press) This series based on the New Revised Standard Version explores these questions:

- What was the world like when this Gospel was written?
- What does this Gospel teach about the human condition?
- What does this Gospel teach about Jesus Christ?
- What does this Gospel teach about living in today's world?

This series focuses on each Gospel as a whole, instead of focusing on particular passages. Each book in the series contains six sessions of 60 minutes. The series includes:

*Luke's Message*

*Matthew's Message*

*John's Message*

*Mark's Message*

*Parables and Passion: Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent* by John Indermark (Upper Room Books) Jesus' parables offer valuable insights into how Christ lived and taught. Readers will reflect on one parable each day of the season, with one thematic chapter per week. Leader's Guide and Participant's Book. Six-week study.

*Three Months With ...* (Abingdon Press) A series that uses the "See-Judge-Act" method to bring readers closer to the text – to inform and challenge their daily lives. The 13 sessions in each study (45 to 60 minutes each) are divided into seven parts for use with personal devotions throughout each week.

*Three Months With John*

*Three Months With Matthew*

*20/30 Bible Study for Young Adults* (Abingdon Press) Designed for adult learners in their 20s and 30s, each volume includes seven sessions of 60 to 90 minutes examining a powerful biblical theme and its associated images.

*Balance: Living Life with Demands*

*Abundance: Living Responsibly with God's Gifts*

*Afterlife: Finding Hope Beyond Death*

*Community: Living Faithfully with Others*

*Faith: Living a Spiritual Life*

*Grace: Being Loved, Loving God*

*Love: Opening Your Heart to God and Others*

*Mystery: Experiencing the Mystery of God*

*Power: Using and Abusing Our Potential*

*Prayer: Living in God's Power and Presence*

*What's in the Bible About Jesus?* (Abingdon Press) 4-week study series (2008). Entry-level group Bible study series for beginners. Series can help people understand the Bible's message, its relevance to the modern world, and its power to change lives. [Also available: *What's in the Bible About God, Jesus, & Us?* (Abingdon Press) Leader eTools on CD-ROM]

## Youth Print Resources

*BLAY: Bible Lessons for Youth* (Abingdon Press) Series has been redesigned to apply the Bible to real-life issues that teens face. Lessons follow this format: “The Word Was, The Word Is, The Word Will Be,” meaning that all Scriptures are connected to help youth examine Scriptures in their own context. Student Book and Leader’s Guide for each quarter.

Fall 2008 Theme: Community

Winter 2008-2009 Theme: Human Commitment

Spring 2009 Theme: Christ and Creation

*Companions in Christ: The Way of Pilgrimage Series* (Upper Room Books) An adventure in spiritual formation for the next generation. This is a 30-week small-group study resource for high school and college students. The series includes Leader’s Guide and Participant’s Book. Each series can be shared in six-week segments.

*Choosing Pilgrimage*

*The Bible: Pilgrimage Travel Guide*

*Prayer: Heart of the Pilgrimage*

*Companions on the Pilgrimage*

*Stepping into the World*

*Dive into Living Water* (Abingdon Press) This book (consider giving it as a gift) contains 50 devotions for youth on the Gospel of John. Each two-page devotion covers 10 to 30 verses of Scripture. The book includes questions for reflection and program ideas.

*Faith in Motion* (Abingdon Press) Sunday School Alternative with a Kick for Junior High Youth! Study series for teens that connects the Bible with daily life. Each quarter, youth examine timely, relevant life issues. Class activities capture teen attention by confronting them with thorny dilemmas and serious questions and helping them find solutions in the Bible. Each series includes a Leader’s Guide and Student Journal. Topics now available include:

*Choosing Jesus*

*Clothed in Christ*

*Flip the Switch (“Light” Living)*

*Man with a Mission (Knowing Jesus)*

*Walk the Talk (Following Jesus’ Example)*

*Jesus Christ for Youth* by Robert Conn (Abingdon Press) Ideal study for younger teens and those new to Christian study. The series includes 26 sessions on Jesus’ life, and is available in Leader’s Guide and Student Book.

*3V Bible Studies* (Abingdon Press) An investigative Bible study (Sunday School resource for youth) giving youth questions to examine Scriptures from three views. View 1: What’s the text? View 2: What’s the context? View 3: What’s next? New Testament studies include the following series:

*Radical Jesus*

*Jesus the Christ*

*Following Jesus*

*Transformation Stations* (Group Publishing) Media-rich worship journeys that bring teens face-to-face with Jesus – where amazing things happen. The DVD for each study includes images, music, and activities to transform teenagers. Two of the series include:

*Experiencing Jesus’ Passion*

*Surrendering My Life to God*

*Living My Faith in God*

## Children's Print Resources

*Companions in Christ: The Way of the Child (Helping Children Experience God)* (Abingdon Press) Designed to meet the needs of children's spirituality, this study series provides resources to teach the Bible and the basics of the faith. The series includes five chapters on the spiritual nature of children and their faith formation. These 39 sessions of 60 to 90 minutes are for children ages 6 to 11. Resources include Leader's Guide, CD, Family Booklet, Resource Booklet, and Training DVD.

*Live B.i.G.* (Abingdon Press) Help children learn about God in a B.i.G. way. This Sunday school curriculum helps children see, hear, and live their **B**elief in **G**od. Short video segments bring faith-filled excitement to children with characters who model B.i.G. behavior, travel segments that feature B.i.G. ministries by everyday people, and music that children will enjoy. Sunday school curriculum for ages 3 to 13. Leader's Guide, Student Books, and multiple other resources are available.

December 2008: *The Story of Bethlehem*  
January 2009: *Stories of Jesus*  
February 2009: *Stories Jesus Told*  
March 2009: *Peter, the Story of a Disciple*  
April 2009: *No the End of the Story*  
May 2009: *Stories of the Spirit*

*Power Xpress* (Abingdon Press) Rotation model Sunday school curriculum for ages 3 to 13. Teacher's Guide and multiple resources for each rotation station are provided for each unit. Available units include the following:

Christmas Units *Journey to Bethlehem, The Gift of Jesus, Follow the Star, In the Manger*  
Into the Bible: *Love Your Enemies, Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus, Jesus and the Children, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Empty Tomb*  
*Who Is Jesus?, Jesus Is Baptized, Jesus in the Temple*  
*Journey to the Cross (Lent)*

*Rock Solid* (Abingdon Press) For children to have faith and build a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, they must experience what faith is like and see it lived out in adults around them. This curriculum will give children the tools they need to unlock the Bible message and begin a faith-building journey to last a lifetime. Sunday school curriculum for children ages 3 to 13. Leader's Guide, Student Books, and multiple other resources are available.

Children Winter 2008-2009: *Advent/Christmas, The Life of Jesus, Jesus Begins His Ministry*  
Children Spring 2009: *Lent/Easter, The First Christians*  
Twens Winter 2008-2009: *A Birth in the Family, The Son of God*  
Twens Spring 2009: *Holy Week, He Lives!, Christians*

## “Offer Them Christ” Holston Conference Audio Visual Resources

**ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST** 9 min; ad; General Board of Discipleship; 1997

To be used with the Lay Witness Mission Handbook- "Come and See". Helpful for churches who have not had a Lay Witness Mission; explains the goals, potential results, and the importance of thorough planning, preparation and prayer.

**B IS FOR BETHLEHEM: A Christmas Alphabet** 9 min; guide; pr-ye. American School Publ; 1992

An alphabet poem that retells the Christmas story. The poem remains true to its biblical roots while adding the universal appeal of rhyme couplets that are easy to listen to and recite. The illustrations move from quiet biblical Bethlehem to modern-day children in joyous choirs and colorful pageants. The final scene reveals a world united in peace.

**BAPTISM: By Water And The Word** 18 min; jh-ad; Augsburg; 1986.

Compelling, colorful visuals coupled with the dynamic message of baptism make this a powerful presentation on the sacrament of baptism. The power of the sacrament, the significance of the words, the actions of the rite, and its integral relationship to confirmation are examined and explained.

**BAPTISM - Cokesbury** 40 min; four lessons; guide; jh-ad; Graded Press; 1990 Part of Sacraments and Worship Cokesbury curriculum Series. This study will help youth and adults understand and experience baptism as the sacrament that shapes their lives and faith and makes them a part of the church. The first part of the guide contains an outline for four sessions, based on the videotape study of the meaning of baptism. The second part is an outline for using the briefer presentation of baptism at the end of the videotape in a confirmation class.

**BAPTISM – Sacrament of Belonging** 16 min; guide; jh-ad; Teleketics; 1972

The story of Alfredo is a parable of the human condition, reflecting man’s emotions, attitudes, and problems in the struggle against isolation and aloneness. The sacrament of Baptism reminds and reassures us that we are acceptable, worthy and loveable.

**BAPTISM:** William Willimon 55 min; two lessons; guide; ad.

- I. **"Meaning of Baptism"** asks "What is Baptism?" Willimon, professor of The Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, discusses the significance and symbolic meanings of water in baptism, how we make disciples, whether baptism is just an act in time or a life-long process, and what baptism is.
- II. **"Practical Applications"** discusses the norms of baptism including water, church and the responding person as well as ways you can make baptism more meaningful in your church.

**BEGINNINGS: An Introduction to Christian Faith** VHS/ DVD; 12 segments 15 min each; guide; Abingdon Press; 2003

A 9-12 week small-group study about basic Christian beliefs. It is intended for adults hungry for an intentional walk with God that encourages a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Rob Weber introduces the session topics with lively, informal presentations using stories and Scripture.

**BEGINNINGS: The Spiritual Life** (DVD or VHS)

Beginnings: The Spiritual Life is a ten-week, video-based study of Christian spirituality that introduces and explores spiritual “habits of the heart,” including centering, loving, serving, questioning, and engaging. This small-group study, following up *Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith*, can be used after that study or as a stand-alone program. Each session begins with a meal, at church or in a home, at which participants get to know each other and begin to build community. Participants view a 20-minute video, provided in both DVD and VHS formats, in which Rob Weber explores the week’s topic through story and Scripture. After the video, participants break into groups to discuss and share, study Scripture, explore Christian spirituality, and grow in depth of experience through the small group. (Spiritual Growth)

**COMING OF THE STRANGER** 27 min; guide; jh-ad; Trafco; 1966.

A lonely village is unchanged throughout the years, until the old bell ringer succeeds in crossing over the rim of the mountains and bringing back a document that tells about a Stranger who came to the people in the past. The reactions to the document are contradictory, but the good news has been given. This story, especially suitable for Advent, Lent, and Christmas renews the wonder of man's capacity for faith and hope.

**COTTON PATCH GOSPEL** 110 min; oe-ad; MDM Productions; 1987

This toe-tappin', hand-clappin' hoe down of a story is a captivating musical that retells the Gospels of Matthew and John for people today. The story was adapted from the works of Dr. Clarence Jordan of Koinonia Farms who translated biblical passages from the early Greek scrolls into a present-day Southern jargon. Instead of the far-away towns of Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem, the settings are brought closer to home--Atlanta and Valdosta, GA. The music is modern too--written by the late Harry Chapin, composer of the well-known hit "Cat's In the Cradle".

**DISCIPLE- BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY Training DVD** 85 min; guide; Abingdon Press; 2005

This DVD gives you the necessary training to become an effective DISCIPLE leader in your congregation. It covers: what DISCIPLE

is, how to use the various DISCIPLE components, how to implement the DISCIPLE program in your church, your role as the DISCIPLE leader, identifying spiritual gifts – DISCIPLE lessons 33 and 34, and ways to recognize the commitment of DISCIPLE participants and graduates.

**DISCOVERING JESUS**, series of 3 videos, twelve 20-25 min lessons; guide; ad; Cokesbury; 1987. Adult study series. Filmed on location in Holy Land.

1. **Central Character of the Centuries.**  
**New Search for Jesus.**  
**Ministry of Jesus.**  
**Disciples of Jesus.**
2. **Teachings of Jesus.**  
**Healings of Jesus.**  
**Miracles of Jesus.**  
**Lifestyle of Jesus.**
3. **Claims of Jesus.**  
**Death of Jesus.**  
**Resurrection of Jesus.**  
**Life of Jesus Today.**

**THE EFIRD BIBLE STUDY SERIES** (*Now available on DVD*)

Take the intimidation out of Bible study through a new video series from Dr. Mickey Efird. Dr. Efird helps you to understand what the scriptures say and what they mean to us today. Dr. Efird has been training pastors for over 40 years at Duke Divinity School and delivering his acclaimed Bible studies in churches of most denominations. The study kit includes the DVD, facilitator's guide and a copy of the student workbook.

**Studies Available on DVD are:**

How to Get the Greatest Benefit From Bible Study  
The Birth Narratives Kit  
The Gospel of Matthew DVD Kit  
The Gospel of Mark DVD Kit  
The Gospel of Luke DVD Kit  
The Gospel of John DVD Kit  
The Passion Narratives DVD Kit  
ACTS DVD Kit

**EVANGELISM ACTION PAC** 45 min; guide; ad; Abingdon; 1992

Effective methods that encourage people who visit your worship service to return a second and third time. Excellent resource for Evangelism or Worship Committee. Second part of tape provides training for calling on first time visitors.

**FAITH SHARING: Dynamic Christian Witnessing By Invitation (REVISED & EXPANDED)** 68 min; guide; adult; Cokesbury; 1996

Morris and Fox have revised and expanded their tried and proven strategy for outreach. Forward by Maxie Dunham. George Morris and Eddie Fox lead this study to help persons use life situations for evangelism and trust their own faith story to help persons understand Christian faith and commit their lives to Christ.

1. **Overview**, "Why share faith?", faith-partnerships.
2. **Commitment**, discipleship, barriers to faith sharing, obedience, spiritual disciplines.
3. **Evangelism**, telling our story, words and deeds.
4. **Being sensitive** to context and person, hearing your call to ministry.
5. **Building strengths**, inviting and incorporation into community, being intentional.
6. **The Holy Spirit** empowers lives.

**FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS** – Abandoning Yourself to the Greatest Romance of Your Life, with Dee Brestin & Kathy Troccoli, VHS, Book, Leader's Guide and Workbook, 2001 Thomas Nelson Publishing

Have you ever watched other Christians sail through circumstances that would sink your boat? Where do they find the strength and peace you desire for your own life? *Falling in Love with Jesus* provides the answers to these and many other secrets of the Christian walk. Romance, abiding love, peace, and security are the deepest longings of a woman's heart. They are all found in Jesus, the ultimate Bridegroom. This ten-session study skillfully weaves video presentation, group discussion, and in-depth Bible study to increase your hunger for God and walk you through three stages of a love affair with Jesus.

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS** 24 min; ye-oe; Billy Budd; 1999

This colorful, new clay-animated program tells the traditional story of the birth of Jesus, beginning with Joseph and Mary's trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, through Christ's birth in a lowly manger under a star. Narrated by actor Christopher Plummer .

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS** 23 min; Warner Home Video; 1975

Lucas the Shepherd boy is blinded and nearly lost in a paralyzing winter storm but is saved by the sisters of a nearby abbey. Sister

Theresa allows Lucas to stay until Christmas; in return, the boy decides to give all he owns; his flock. For his rare kindness, Lucas experiences a miraculous recovery. The pint-sized shepherd with the king-sized heart enjoys the greatest gift: the gift of love.

**FISH EYES** series of 7 videos, 30 min each; guide; jh-ad; Fish Eyes Productions; 1995

Ted and Lee, two refreshing and imaginative comedians portray Peter and Andrew, who followed a stranger (Jesus) who told stories and healed the sick. Each video includes two stories.

1. **Fishers of Men** Peter and Andrew fish all night and catch nothing. A stranger convinces them to try again.
2. **Water to Wine** Who is this guy? He invites them to a wedding. What does it mean to 'follow him'?
3. **Sermon on the Mount II** Andrew wonders why hide acts of charity and Peter learns to turn the other cheek.
4. **5K Feeding and Peter's Two-Step** Jesus walks on water and Peter takes two important steps of faith.
5. **Parables** In a small café, Peter and Andrew analyze Jesus as a teacher.
6. **Temple and Tree** A triumphant parade into Jerusalem and Jesus' perplexing acts.
7. **Lazarus!** Jesus raises Lazarus. Peter and Andrew wonder why Jesus seems so burdened.
8. **The Last Supper** Peter sets the table for a special dinner in a humble place.
9. **Arrest and Denial** Jesus is arrested and Peter lashes out at Andrew and others.
10. **From Fear to Faith** Peter and Andrew sneak to the tombs. Jesus appears to them and then disappears.
11. **Emmaus Roadtrip** Andrew and Peter celebrate their memories of Jesus
12. **Inside the Fish** Interviews and Outtakes. Discover the origin of Fish Eyes.

**FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THE CHURCH YEAR** 10min; ye-oe; guide; Twenty Third Publications; 1990

In this lectionary based and artfully illustrated series of eight, Detective Krispin takes elementary students on a journey through the Bible lands in search of Jesus.

1. **Advent Roads** Travel through the four weeks of Advent; listen to the prophesy of Isaiah; meet John the Baptist; seek the Messiah with Krispin.
2. **Christmas Crossroads** Aaron, a shepherd, tells Krispin about Jesus' birth, but he must travel to Nazareth to find him.
3. **Lenten Lane** Upon arrival in Nazareth, Krispin finds that Jesus is in Jerusalem celebrating the Passover; meet Joel, the prophet and the woman at the well, and rest at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus.
4. **Holy Week Crossing** Nathaniel, a disciple, tells Krispin about a Passover meal that Jesus celebrated. He walks with a soldier to Gethsemani, and hears about Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial. He goes to the open tomb, but does not understand.
5. **Resurrection Road** Mary, Jesus' mother, tells Krispin of the morning that the women went to the tomb, and heard an angel announce that Jesus is risen. As he continues on his journey he walks with two disciples, who tell him how they met the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus. As Krispin talks with Peter, who explains that Jesus continues to be with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit, he finally understands.
7. **Christian Corner** Krispin travels to Damascus and meets Ananias, who is sent to receive and baptize Paul. Paul tells his conversion story and Peter continues to preach boldly and raises Tabitha from the dead. Peter and Krispin go to Antioch, where Peter is arrested for being a follower of Jesus; however, in the night God releases Peter for his cell and brings him back to the community.
8. **Witness Way** Krispin travels with Paul on his journeys, as he preaches. Peter releases the gentile converts from the requirement of observing Jewish law. Paul and Krispin are jailed, but God sets them free. Krispin is finally baptized into the Christian community, and he will carry on the good news of Jesus.

**FROM JESUS TO CHRIST The First Christians** 4 vol. Series 60 min. ea; ad; guide; PBS; 1998

FRONTLINE explores the Life of Jesus and the movement he started, challenging familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity. Drawing upon the new and sometimes controversial historical evidence and interviews with the nation's leading New Testament scholars, the series looks back 2,000 years to the time and place where Jesus once lived and preached. It traces Jesus' life, focusing on the events that occurred after he died and on his first followers.

- Part I** Traces the life of Jesus, exploring his message and the events that led to his crucifixion. Examines how scholars and archaeologists have pieced together a new portrait of where Jesus was born, how he lived, and who he was.
- Part II** Examines the period that followed his death, examining the rise of Christianity and concluding with the First Revolt- the bloody and violent siege of Jerusalem and the beginning of a rift between Christianity and Judaism.
- Part III** Examines the period after the First Revolt, tracing the development and impact of the Gospels. Concludes with another bloody Jewish war against Rome, the Second Revolt.
- Part IV** The final hour documents the extraordinary events of the second and third centuries in which Christianity grew from a small Jewish sect to an official religion of the Roman Empire.

**GIFT, THE** 11 min; guide; pr-ye; Twenty-Third Prod; 1995

This Christmas story for young children is told in rhyming verses and beautiful illustrations. A homely bug on the wall watches the story unfold and is transformed.

**GOD'S STORY**, series 10 videos, 14 min. each; guide; ye-jh; Mass Media; 1992

This series will help children know and love the Bible as a source of inspiration and understanding.

1. **JESUS THE CHILD.** Annunciation to the 12-yr. old Jesus in the temple.
2. **JESUS THE LEADER.** Calling the disciples, healing, transformation.
3. **JESUS THE STORYTELLER.** Parables
4. **JESUS THE FRIEND.** Blessing the children, teaching, miracles, healing
5. **JESUS IN DANGER.** Palm Sunday to Gethsemane
6. **EASTER STORY.** Arrest, denial, crucifixion, resurrection.
7. **PETER** and friends at Pentecost. Peter teaches, heals and baptizes
8. **PAUL MEETS JESUS.** Saul of Tarsus, Damascus Road, baptism,
9. **PAUL THE TRAVELER** travels to Athens, Corinth and Ephesus.
10. **PAUL THE PRISONER** Paul appeals to Caesar and is sent to Rome.

**GOOD SAMARITAN: A Story About Helping Others** 25 min; ye-oe; Bridgestone; 1990

A young man, beaten by robbers and left to die, is ignored by his own people and is finally rescued by a stranger from Samaria. This parable-based story teaches the true meaning of being kind and helping others.

**GOOD SAMARITAN, The** 17 min; ye-jh; Glory Films; 1992

The story Jesus told about being a good neighbor and helping those in need. Also includes Lazarus Lives.

**HE CHOSE THE NAILS** 12 sessions; sh-ad; guide; 1998; Word Publishing

Max Lucado invites us to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose and celebrate its significance.

**HE IS NOT SILENT** 23 min; jh-ad; 2100 Productions; 1992

Music, stories, animation and mime combine for a fresh look at what God says about Himself, sin, Jesus, and the response God wants. Not an ordinary Gospel presentation.

**HEROD THE GREAT, JESUS THE KING: The True Christmas Story** 25 min; ad; Focus On the Family; 1999

Tiny Bethlehem lay in the shadow of the Herodian, the magnificent home of Herod the Great. In this remarkable video, Ray Vander Laan leads the tour through the palace ruins, the modest dwellings of Bethlehem, and other historical sites of Israel. The contrast between the grandeur of Palestine's king and the King of Kings will astound you.

**HOPE FOR THE HURTING** 83 min; ad; Christian Family Video

Max Lucado, radio evangelist, takes viewers through the last days of Jesus' life on earth reflecting on how we can emulate His character in the trying times of our lives. Reproducible worksheet.

**HOPE HAS ITS REASONS** 2 vols. 90 min ea; ad; guide; Dallas Christian Video; 1998

Does it really make a difference to follow Christ? Explore what it really means to be a follower of Christ.

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| <b>Vol. 1</b> | <b>Facing the Mess</b>     | <b>Vol. 4</b> | <b>Wounded Healers</b>       |
| <b>Vol. 2</b> | <b>Freedom to Live</b>     | <b>Vol. 5</b> | <b>The Process of Change</b> |
| <b>Vol. 3</b> | <b>The Power to Change</b> | <b>Vol. 6</b> | <b>The Battle</b>            |

**I GOTTA TELL YOU SOMETHING**, series 2 videos, seven 30-min. sessions; guide, jh-sh; Creative Communications; 1990

Complete package for an effective youth evangelism training course.

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| "Loving Others With the Good News" | "Building Relationships"         |
| "Telling Your Story"               | "Communicating Christ to Others" |
| "Developing Your Prayer Strategy"  | "Helping Christians Grow"        |
| "Pursuing An Effective Quiet Time" |                                  |

**I HAVE DECIDED TO LIVE LIKE A BELIEVER**, series 5 videos, 30-min. each; guide; jh-ad; Faith Films, 1984.

Tony Campolo evangelism series.

1. **LIVING WITH YOURSELF.** Christians must be committed to following Christ before they can demonstrate what they believe.
2. **LIVING WITH YOUR SPOUSE** singleness, work and marriage as means for servanthood.
3. **LIVING WITH YOUR FAMILY.** Parents responsibility to encourage children in living the Christian life.
4. **LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY.** Community ministry and working with others.
5. **LIVING IN THE WORLD.** In a world of injustice...serve in His name.

**INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT** (DVD or VHS)

**INVITATION TO JOHN** (DVD)

### Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Studies

Now DISCIPLE introduces new series of small-group studies called Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Studies. This new series offers congregations an opportunity to make available the in-depth study of Scripture in a short-term format. Kits includes: VHS or DVD; leader guide; and one book. (Biblical Studies/General)

**JESUS** 120 min; jh-ad; Inspirational Films; 1979. Filmed entirely in Israel with a cast of more than 5000 Israelis and Arabs, much care was taken to insure accuracy especially in location shots.

**JESUS – A KINGDOM WITHOUT FRONTIERS** 30 min; ye-jh; Nippon Television

Animated Bible stories tell the life of Jesus. Each segment concludes with a three minute tutorial that summarizes the episode within its scriptural and historical context.

**Jesus Calls His Apostles**  
**The Story of Zacchaeus**  
**Jesus' Teaching Ministry**  
**Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem**  
**The Last Supper**

**Agony in the Garden**  
**The Trial of Jesus**  
**Jesus Dies on the Cross**  
**The Resurrection of Jesus**  
**Jesus Ascends into Heaven**

**JESUS AMONG OTHER GODS** The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message 80 min; ad; guide; 2001; Nelson Word  
Ravi Zacharias leads four lessons written to encourage, inspire and challenge you as you journey through a world increasingly crowded by competing claims of gods and religions that do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord.

Session 1: The Anatomy of Faith and the quest for Reason (John 2:30)

Session 2: The Taste for the Soul (John 6:52, 60)

Session 3: Is God the Source of My Suffering? (John 9:2)

Session 4: Is There A Gardener? (John 20:15)

**JESUS AND HIS TIMES**, Series of 3 videos; 60 min each; oe-ad; Reader's Digest; 1991

Excerpts from the **New Media Bible: Luke**. RSV with nothing added or taken away.

1. **The Birth**
2. **The Parables**
3. **The Passion**

**JESUS CHRIST**, series 5 videos, 30-50 min each; guide; ad; Graded Press; 1985

Developed for use with JESUS CHRIST adult Cokesbury curriculum. See Forecast or call Cokesbury for additional student and teacher books.

1. **Jesus movements around Palestine as key to understanding who Jesus was.**
2. **(1) The World of Two Kings,**  
**(2) People Who Knew Jesus.**
3. **The Miracles of Jesus.**
4. **Palm Sunday and the crucifixion.**
5. **The Last Supper, Resurrection, Pentecost and beyond.**

**JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR** 108 min; guide; jh-ad; Universal; 1973

Shot in Israel, this rock opera focuses on the last week of Christ's life seen from the point of view of Judas. The opera ends with the crucifixion - does not include the Resurrection! **LICENSED FOR EDUCATIONAL USE ONLY.**

**JESUS GROWS UP** 18 min; pr-ye; guide; Oblate Media; 1999

In simple animation, this video follows the Biblical account of Jesus' youth, beginning with the Angel's announcement to Mary, the complete story of the first Christmas, through to 12 year-old Jesus in the temple. Brings the gospels alive for small children who'll see that Jesus was once a little child, playing with friends, learning about the world, and loving his parents just like them.

**JESUS I NEVER KNEW** 120 min; ad; guide; Zondervan; 1998

Philip Yancey leads this look at Jesus, using clips from major motion pictures, and helps viewers to see beyond the traditional picture to uncover a Jesus who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless and compassionate. The leader's and participant's guides contain thought provoking questions that can be used in 14 sessions.

**JESUS IN MY LIFE TODAY** 16 min; guide; jh-sh; Brown Publ; 1993

Three teenagers examine what they really believe about Jesus and their relationship with him. They learn that the best way to love God is to help the people they see every day.

**JESUS OF NAZARETH**, series 3 videos, twelve 30-min. lessons; guide; jh-ad; Gospel Films; 1987

Well researched portrayal of Jesus' life maintains balance between religious fervor and realism.

1. **Annunciation**  
**Nativity**

- Jesus' Childhood and John the Baptist
- Beginnings of Jesus' Ministry
- 2. Jesus' Ministry Grows
- Middle Years of Ministry
- Who Do You Say that I am?
- Easter Week Begins
- 3. Opposition Grows;
- Last Supper & Betrayal of Jesus;
- Trial;
- Crucifixion & Resurrection.

**JESUS THE NEW WAY** 2 vols., Three 30 min programs on each; ad; guide; Christian History Institute; 1998

Dr. Tom Wright, historian and Biblical scholar presents Jesus from a different perspective, from the vantage point of what Jesus meant, how he understood himself, in his original context, in the setting of first century Judaism.

1. **Getting the Kingdom Started** Into what kind of world was Jesus born? What do we learn from the Dead Sea Scrolls, John the Baptist, and the kingdom announcement of Jesus?
2. **Startling Surprises** How did the kingdom announced by Jesus parallel the expectations of the Jewish people that they derived from their study of Scripture? Why was Jesus' new shocking and offensive? What was he really saying?
3. **Longing for a King** In a Jewish world wired for the welcome and recognition of a Messiah, how did Jesus redefine what that should mean? What were the implications for the main symbols of Israel's life such as the Holy Temple?
4. **Why did Jesus Die?** What were the charges? What was the real and great battle being fought? How was history racing toward its climactic moment, and how did Jesus understand and undertake his role therein?
5. **Who Was Jesus?** How do we begin to understand the meaning of Jesus by re-examining what we really mean by God? How did Jesus understand himself? How did the early church view Jesus? Was Jesus Divine?
6. **The New Claim** Was Jesus really raised from the dead? What about all the skeptics' explanations as to why that is impossible? What did resurrection mean to first-century Jews? How does Resurrection of Jesus address our individual lives?

**JESUS THEN & NOW**, series 2 videos, twelve 30-min. lessons; guide; ad; Lella Prod. 1985

Exploration of the Christ of the Bible and the living Christ who continues to challenge and guide us. Uses varied and engaging techniques to illustrate scriptural concepts.

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| 1. "Beginnings". | "Miracles      |
| "Temptation"     | "Lifestyle     |
| "Disciples".     | "Prayer"       |
| 2. "Man"         | "Opposition"   |
| "Crucifixion"    | "Resurrection" |
| "Spirit"         | "New Age"      |

**JESUS THE ONE AND ONLY** 6 vols; ad; guide; 2000; LifeWay

In this 11-session, in-depth, interactive study, Beth Moore leads us to a closer look at the life of Jesus.

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| <b>Vol. 1</b> | Promo                            | <b>Vol. 2</b> | Session 1: The Word Made Flesh |
|               | Introductory Session             |               | Session 2: The Son of God      |
| <b>Vol.3</b>  | Session 3: The Way & Life        | <b>Vol. 4</b> | Session 5: The Christ of God   |
|               | Session 4: The Esteem of Man     |               | Session 6: The Necessity       |
| <b>Vol. 5</b> | Session 7: The Infinite Treasure | <b>Vol. 6</b> | Session 9: The Lamb of God     |
|               | Session 8: The Answer            |               | Session 10: The Risen Hope     |

**JESUS: Who Do Men Say That I Am?** 48 min; guide; ad; Horizons Television; 1994

We see the wide diversity of opinion as people answer this most important of all questions: Who do you say that I am? Everyday people and leading Bible scholars offer refreshing and often startling answers. A thought and discussion provoking portrait that will stimulate your heart and mind.

**JOHN, GOSPEL OF**, series 2 videos, seven 20-min. lessons; guide; ad; Graded Press; 1990 Cokesbury adult curriculum. Leader guide included, no additional text required. Dr. John C. Holbert (Perkins School of Theology) explores some of John's remarkably different ideas about how Jesus relates to the world and how the world relates to Jesus.

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| 1. Lesson 1 - Chpt. 1:1-18;  | Lesson 2 - Chpt. 2:23-35; Chpt. 3:1-21; |
| Lesson 3 - Chpt. 4:1-42;     | Lesson 4 - Chpt. 9                      |
| 2. Lesson 5 - Chpt. 11:1-53; | Lesson 6 - Chpt. 18:28-19:2;            |
| Lesson 7 - Chpt. 20.         |   |

**JOURNEY WITH JESUS THE TEACHER** 18 min; guide; Augsburg Fortress; 1990

Jesus was a marvelous teacher. His skillful storytelling and compassionate listening are a powerful model for today's teacher. Using favorite Bible stories as illustrations, this video examines the ways Jesus taught and shows both new and experienced teachers how to meet students' emotional needs, redirect negative energies, be open to interruptions, involve students with one another, affirm each

student's faith, and enable students to struggle with doubt and confusion in a supportive environment. Uses real-life classroom situations.

**JUST DO IT! Share Jesus With A Friend** 55 min; WCLF-TV; 1992

To emphasize that witnessing can be fun, easy, simple and enjoyable. To take the seemingly authentic reasons most Christians do not witness and replace the reasons they cannot with reasons they can. "Just Do It!" is not preachy but helpful, not heavy but light, spiced with pictorial visuals, and a touch of humor. It has been church tried and tested.

**KEEPER OF THE PEACE** 22 min; all; guide; Paraclete; 1999

A Christmas story that tells the familiar birth of Christ and also the story of another stable in Bethlehem where Marcus, a young Roman soldier encounters Ruth, an old Jewish woman. Their chance encounter will change their lives forever.

**LETTERS OF JOHN** 60-min, 4 sessions; guide; jh-ad; Rainbow House; 1991

Study of John's letters. Were the people true inheritors of the John tradition or an offshoot community? Scholars include Dr. Robert Kysar, Dr. Gail O'Day, Dr. PHEME PERKINS, and Dr. Fernando Segovia.

**LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS**, series of 3 videos; three 20-min. programs each; guide; ad; Cokesbury; 1986

Developed to supplement adult curriculum JESUS CHRIST. Leader and participant books available from Cokesbury.

1. "Jesus Christ: Who Do You Say That He is?"  
"Early Years: Preparing for Tomorrow"  
"Baptism and Temptation: Living in the World".
2. "Sermon on the Mount: True Brave New World"  
"Kingdom Teachings: Whatever Happened to Democracy?"  
"Miracles: Man, You're Not Gonna Believe This!"
3. "Warnings & Judgments: I Thought You Said You Loved Me"  
"Holy Week and Crucifixion: Do You Find Guilt in This Man?"  
"Resurrection: A New Day"

**LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: The Easter Story** 15 min; guide; oe-ad; EcuFilm;

The story of Jesus' last week of life on earth told in mime and movement. Appropriate for devotions, worship, study and discussion.

**LUKE**, series of 2 videos eight 20-min lessons; guide; ad; Graded Press; 1991

Cokesbury adult curriculum resource. Leader guide included, no additional text required. Bishop Spain leads adults through this study which focuses on:

- Luke's ordered account of Jesus' life
- Luke's concern for women
- Jesus' prayer life
- Jesus Christ is for ALL persons

**MARK, GOSPEL OF**, series of 3 videos; nine 20 min lessons; book; ad; Graded Press; 1988, Cokesbury adult curriculum resource.

One study book included, additional material available from Cokesbury. Maxie Dunham Bible study. The unique purpose of Mark's gospel: to present Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, is clearly presented by Dunham.

1. "Good News";  
"Healing & Forgiveness"  
"Seeds, Soil & Harvest"
2. "Being Open to the Impossible";  
"He Does All Things Well";  
"You Can't Stay on the Mountain Forever"
3. "King on an Ass";  
"Prelude to the Cross";  
"Putting Ourselves Into the Story"

**MARK, GOSPEL OF** 120 min, eight 15 min lessons; guide; ad; Kerr; 1986. Uses visual material from Galilee and Jerusalem, animated maps and charts, art from museums around the world and interviews with scholars.

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| "Short Story about Jesus the Christ"     | "Themes in the Gospel of Mark" |
| "Nature of Jesus and the Kingdom of God" | "Messiahship in Mark's Gospel" |
| "Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark"     | "Apocalyptic World of Mark"    |
| "Demons, Secrets, and the Son of Man"    | "Faithful Women"               |

**MARK & MATTHEW SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES** 75 min; guide; jh-ad; ACTA Publ; 1992 Two separate presentations, 35 min each. Theologian and storyteller, William Blake, appears in two original dramatic monologues. Burke gets behind the words to imagine the person who might have written them. He portrays Mark and Matthew explaining their separate Gospels and the relevance of each to today's Christian.

**MATTHEW, GOSPEL OF**; series of 2 videos; eight 20-min lessons; guide; ad; Cokesbury Adult Curriculum; 1991  
Marjorie Kimbrough leads this study of the unique and relevant aspects of Matthew's gospel.

1. **Chapter 1 through Chapter 6:18.**
1. **Chapter 8 through Chapter 28.**

**MEETING JESUS**, series of six videos; 15-20 min each; jh-ad; UCom; 1993

Storyteller Michael Williams uses Jesus' method of teaching. Through Williams' skill and the power of the stories, we are invited to reflect on them in new ways and to come to fresh insights.

1. **Mary at the Temple** Mary's confrontation with her son doesn't turn out the way she expected.
2. **The Rich Young Ruler** Was it his wealth, or the notion that he could be good enough to earn God's love?
3. **The Syrophenician Woman** Jesus meets a Gentile woman, responds as a Jew, is admonished, and becomes the one who changes.
4. **The Woman at the Well** Jesus shocks followers by breaking social taboos, and proclaims his messiahship to outcast tribe.
5. **Judas at the Last Supper** A few thoughts on Judas' motives, Jesus' forgiveness.
6. **Thomas After the Resurrection** Perhaps instead of "doubting" Thomas, it should be "fearless" Thomas.

**NEW MEDIA BIBLE: Genesis and Luke**, series of 8 videos; 60-100 min each; guide; oe-adult; Genesis Project; 1979

The entire books of Genesis and Luke, RSV translation, presented on film. Filmed on location with actors speaking the original languages and narrator's voice-over reading scripture in English. Each section is about 20 minutes.

<b>Luke</b>	<b>1. Annunciation's:</b>	
	Mary and Elizabeth Chap 1	Nativity Chap 2
	Baptism, Temptation & Rejection Chap 3-4	
	<b>2. Sermon on the Plain</b> Chap 5-6	Anointing 7:1-8:39
	Transfiguration 8:40-9:62	Lord's Prayer Chap 10-11
	<b>3. Mustard Seed</b> Chap 12-13	Prodigal Son Chap 14-15
	Teachings Chap 16-17	Entry into Jericho 18:1-19:28
	<b>4. Jerusalem</b> 19:29-20:47	Last Supper Chap 21-22
	Crucifixion 23:1-49	Resurrection & Ascension 23:50-24:52

**NEW TESTAMENT ANIMATED STORIES**, series of 14 videos; 25-min. each; ye-oe. Family entertainment; 1988; 1996

1. **KING IS BORN** nativity story
2. **JOHN THE BAPTIST**
3. **PRODIGAL SON**
4. **GOOD SAMARITAN**
6. **SAUL OF TARSUS,**
7. **HE IS RISEN** the resurrection of Jesus.
8. **RIGHTEOUS JUDGE** Jesus teaching virtues of love, repentance, and forgiveness: the story of the adulteress, and Jesus' confrontation with the Pharisees.
9. **FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS** parable about forgiveness and teaching about love
10. **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** the Sower and the seed, the wheat and tares, and the parable of the ten virgins.
11. **THE MINISTRY OF PAUL**
12. **THE GREATEST IS LEAST** In the years following His resurrection, Jesus' disciples learn to practice his lesson of serving others.

**PARABLE** 22 min; guide; jh-ad; National Council of Churches; 1964

A clown assumes the servant role of Christ, offering himself to others in various forms and attracting a group of followers. But those in power follow in anger. Ultimately, he is beaten, clubbed, and stabbed. The next day, one of those in power realizes that he too must take on the character of the clown.

**PARABLES FOR CHILDREN**, series of videos; 8-10 min each; guide; pr-ye; Twenty Third Prod; 1992-94

Music, sound effects and puppets help children to understand the message of the parables.

2. **The Busy Bees - Parable of Vineyard Workers.** Matt 20:1-16
4. **King Bird's Big Bash - Parable of the invited guests who made excuses.** Luke 14:15-24
5. **Puffy, the Unforgiving Bird - Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.** Matt 18:23-35
6. **Sammy, the Good Neighbor - Parable of the Good Samaritan.** Luke 10:29-37
7. **Zoomer, the Obedient Bee - Parable of the Sower.** Matt 13:1-9
8. **Skippy, the Wasteful Ape - Parable of the Prodigal Son.** Luke 15:11-32
9. **Billy the Wise Builder - House Built on A Rock.** Matt 7:24-27
10. **Bob, the Wandering Lamb - The Lost Sheep.** Luke 15:3-7
11. **Cling, the Greedy Fool - The Rich Fool.** Luke 12: 16-21
12. **Pete, The Sorry Son - Parable of Two Sons.** Matt 21:28-32
13. **Bread From Heaven - Feeding of the 5,000**

**PARABLES FROM THE BACK SIDE (DVD)**

**A Video Study featuring J. Ellsworth Kalas**

J. Ellsworth Kalas brings to your group his years of experience as a preacher, educator, public speaker, and author. *Parables from the Back Side* is one of his most popular books, and it is the first one of his most popular books, and it is the first in which he adopted the approach of taking familiar Bible stories or Scripture passages and looking at them in new and unexpected ways. Kit includes: DVD (12 weekly sessions—10 minutes each); leader’s guide; one book. (Bible Study/Inspiration/Small Groups)

**PICTURE PERFECT JESUS: Sallman’s Head of Christ** 47 min; UCom

*Picture Perfect Jesus* is a biography of the image of Jesus painted by Warner Sallman. It answers two important questions: why was this image once so universally accepted and why is it no longer so? Narrated by Hal Holbrook, it is a documentary by award-winning producer Lyle Jackson.

**THE RESURRECTED LIFE – Understanding the Meaning of Easter** 60 min; guide; ad; Disciples of Christ; 1999

Filled with artistic images of the Holy Land, soul-stirring music, and the wisdom of prominent spiritual leaders from various traditions, this four-part video offers practical insight into the transformational aspects of the Resurrection on a personal level. Designed for group discussion.

**Part 1. Crucifixion**  
**Part 2. Resurrection**

**Part 3. Transformation**  
**Part 4. Reconciliation**

**REVOLUTIONARY, THE** series of two, 48 and 53 min; jh-ad; guide; Gateway Films; 1996

Show today’s youth who Jesus really was in a media that they can understand. Discussion starter.

**PART I** Introduces today’s youth to Jesus. Who He was and His ministry based on the Gospel

**PART II** Includes many critical episodes in Jesus’ ministry, how He affected people and the opposition that grew against Him

**SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS** 20 min; guide; oe-adult Graded Press; 1990. Cokesbury curriculum resource; leader guide included, no additional text required. Michael Williams explores the sheep and shepherd imagery of the Bible. Can be used in 1-3 sessions.

1. **The Lord is My Shepherd - Psalm 23**
2. **The Nativity - Luke 2**
3. **The Good Shepherd - John 10**

**SO, WHO IS THIS JESUS?** 48 min; ad; guide; Gateway Films; 1999

Even in an age of skepticism, millions passionately believe in Jesus, his teachings, and his influence on their lives. Yet we do not know much about him as a man. This video’s down-to-earth approach will help people with no previous knowledge of Jesus and long-time believers will better understand who he was and is. Three part program filmed in Israel.

**THAT'S WHAT THE MAN SAID,** series of 2 videos; eight 20 min lessons; guide; adult; Graded Press; 1989

Adult curriculum resource. Additional workbooks available from Cokesbury. Maxie Dunham study. Topics include: prevalence of fear in today's society, "borrowing trouble", how to handle worries, coming to Christ and witnessing for Christ, Jesus' toughness when he speaks of destruction, the power found in discipline, "new birth" and who needs it, "hypocrite", characteristics of an effective witness, the connection between duty and morality, concept of "friend" as given by Christ, misunderstanding of the sayings about the Sabbath and about the poor, the Sabbath of prayer, the four earmarks of being child-like, the prevalent secular preoccupation with self-gratification and achievement, testing of faith through failure, changes in attitude, habits, lifestyle required by Christians to take Jesus' call to discipleship, difference in popular understanding of immortality and the biblical view of eternal life.

**TURNING TOWARD JESUS** 16 lessons on 4 videos; guide; ad; Mennonite Bd of Missions; 1995

Leads new and growing Christians to the core of early Christianity, focusing on who Jesus is and what it means to follow him in our daily lives. Three units of 16 lessons and one video of testimonies.

<b>I. Jesus</b>	<b>II. Spiritual Life</b>	<b>III. Church</b>
Who is Jesus?	Hope	What is Church?
Unique	Discipleship	Baptism
Present With Us	Spiritual Discipline	Lord's Supper
Savior & Lord	The Bible & Peace	Worship & Reformation

**TWELVE PARABLES OF JESUS,** series of 3 videos; eleven 20 min lessons; guide; adult;

Graded Press; 1988; Maxie Dunham. Designed for 8 sessions. Additional workbooks available from Cokesbury. Through the parables, we see the world in which Jesus lived, the mind and spirit of Jesus, and the way he was able to discern, in the events of everyday life, lessons for living in the kingdom of God.

1. **"What To Do While Waiting for the Judgment" (Wise and Foolish Virgins)**  
**"Power of Persistence" (Ask, Seek, and Knock)**  
**"How To Deal With Demons" (The Empty House).**
2. **"Good For Nothing" (The Barren Fig Tree)**  
**"Serendipity" (The Treasure and the Pearl)**  
**"How To Escape Being Possessed by Possessions" (The Rich Fool)**

- "Our Most Common Sin" (Pharisee and Tax Collector)
3. "How Do We Get Rid Of Evil Without Destroying Good?" (Wheat and Tares)  
 "What To Do When You Have Been Forgiven" (The Unforgiving Servant)  
 "What To Do With Your Assets" (The Talents)  
 "Lost And Found" (The Prodigal Son).

**VISUAL BIBLE, THE** four 60 min. videos; oe-ad; Visual Entertainment; 1996

A visual presentation of the Bible, word for word from the N.I.V. text, using well known actors and actresses to play major roles. Excellent for Bible study and group discussion.

**ACTS**

- Vol. 1 Chapters 1.1-8.3 –Beginnings of the Christian Church, Pentecost, Martyrdom of Stephen
- Vol. 2 Chapters 8.4-13.52 –Struggles of the early church, Damascus Road, Antioch with Paul and Barnabas
- Vol. 3 Chapters 14-20 –Paul, Barnabas, Silas and Timothy teach and baptize throughout Greece and Macedonia, conversion of Lydia of Philippi and spread of the church into Europe
- Vol. 4 Chapters 21-28 –Return of Paul to Jerusalem

**MATTHEW**

- Vol. 1 Chapters 1:1-9:1 –Jesus’ birth, baptism, temptation and gathering of disciples
- Vol. 2 Chapters 9:2-14:36 –Jesus’ early ministry, His teachings, parables and miracles
- Vol. 3 Chapters 15:1-23:39 –Jesus continues His Ministry, recognized as the Messiah, religious leaders question and attack Jesus
- Vol. 4 Chapters 24:1-28:20 –Jesus final hours, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection

**VISUAL BIBLE FOR KIDS** series, 30 min. videos; ye-ad; Visual Entertainment; 1998

Based on the popular *Visual Bible: Book of Acts* and *Gospel of Matthew*, they show Jesus as a “real” person. Live actors portray the characters on authentic locations in Egypt and Africa, with well-known hosts who set up the stories and make them relevant to today.

**The Great Storyteller** Children are transported back in time to witness some of the most exciting stories about Jesus including the feeding of the 5,000, healing of the leper and Jesus walking on water. Told by Frank Peretti.

**The Story Behind the Cross** Judge Reinhold takes a group of teenagers on a typical field trip; but then Jerusalem happened. They see Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem; rebuking the money changers in the Temple; Judas’ betrayal; Pilate’s dilemma; the Crucifixion and Resurrection; the meeting with the Marys.

**WALKING WITH JESUS!** 25 min; KIDS International, Inc.

Jesus is born in a manger in Bethlehem. Follow His life and ministry as He heals the sick and shows that God is a good God who loves us. Children will learn positive family values from the examples of their favorite Bible characters.

**WHERE JESUS WALKED** 26 min; jh-adult; Brigham Young Univ; 1985

Tour of the Holy Land featuring important places in the life of Jesus as they appear today. Gospel narrative read by Richard Basehart.