

Resource Update

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Highlighting Resources for Christian Education and Worship...

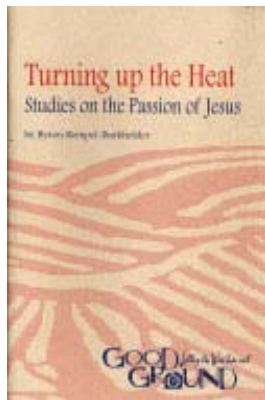
All Resources are now listed online!

Check out our new look at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre



Leader Magazine

The winter edition of the *Leader* is now available to preview at the Resource Centre. This edition looks at "What is God doing on Sunday mornings?" and also contains valuable **worship resources for Lent 2004.**



Turning up the Heat: Studies on the Passion of Jesus

Passion – a loaded word that we associate with intense love, a compelling emotion, or a single-minded commitment. Its roots, however, mean "submission to suffering." Nowhere do all those meanings converge as powerfully as they do in the final hours of Jesus' life. In these six interactive sessions, you will

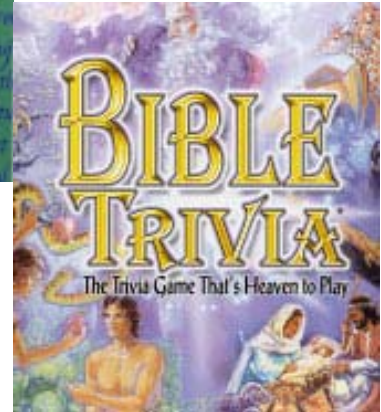
discover how the story of Jesus' journey to the cross reveals not only God's passionate love for humanity, but also Jesus' invitation to a life of servant hood and nonviolence.

**Looking for ideas for Lent and Easter?
Call us or check us out online.
www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources**

New Resources



Soul Care: How to Plan and Guide Inspirational Retreats, Edited by Rose Mary Stutzman. Forward by Marlene Kropf



Bible Trivia: The Trivia Game That's Heaven to Play

For ages 7 and up, 2 to 4 players.

Resource Centre Co-Managers Appointed



Arlyn Friesen Epp and Sharon Brown have accepted a shared position as Resource Centre co-managers. Arlyn and Sharon bring complementary



strengths to their work and a vision for nurturing congregations through the people who use the Centre. May this partnership serve Mennonite Church Canada congregations by bringing resources, readers, and leaders together.

SEND US YOUR STUFF

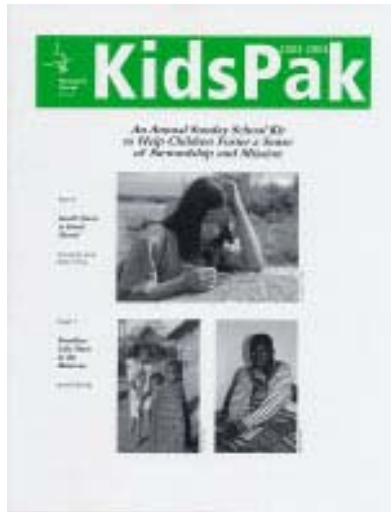
The Resource Centre is always on the look-out for worship materials being created by congregations. Send us a copy of special services, litanies or celebrations that you have created. This passing on of resources enables us to share them with other congregations who are looking for ideas and inspiration. Thanks! Send by mail or email: resources@mennonitechurch.ca

To receive any of the above resources: Call Sharon Brown or Arlyn Friesen Epp at **1-866-888-6785**, toll free. (The 1-800-665-1954 direct toll-free line to the Resource Centre will be discontinued as of March 2004.)

Email: resources@mennonitechurch.ca Phone: 204-888-6781 Fax: 204-831-5675

If you are in the area, please drop in at 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg

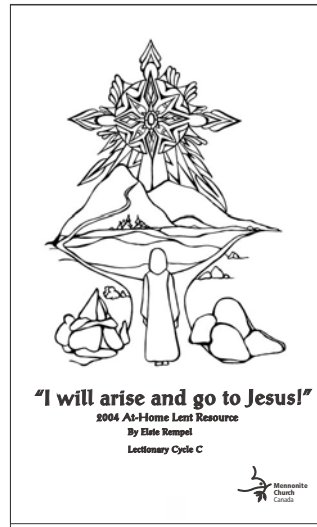
Lent Stewardship focus for Children



Add meaning and substance to your children's experience of Lent by supporting the ministry which is highlighted in the 2003-2004 KidsPak project **"Families: Like Stars in the Heavens - An AIDS ministry."** Many children give up something like chocolate for Lent. Turn that into a positive experience

by helping them direct that sacrifice toward this worthy cause which supports families that are threatened by the scourge of AIDS. If you don't have the project description, download one from our website at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/kidspak.

At-Home Lent Resource



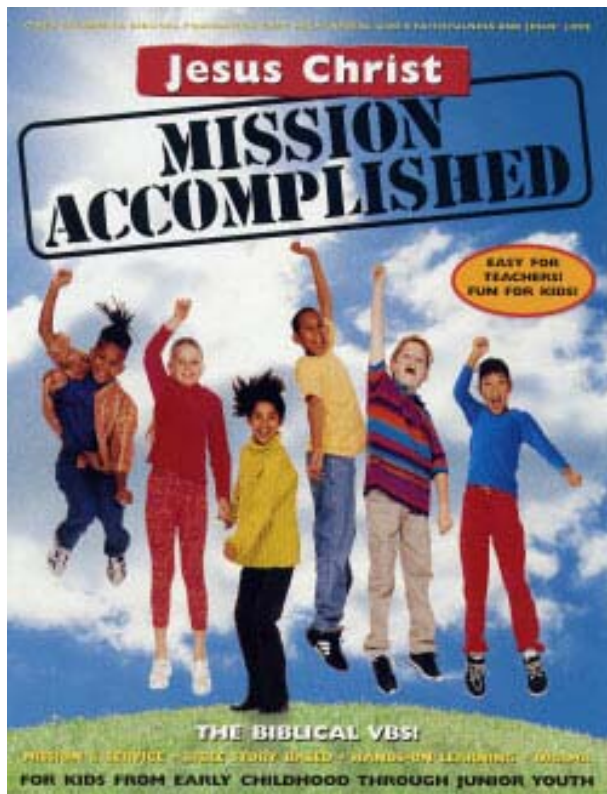
During the season of Lent, we, as God's children, reflect on the life and death of Christ in ways that help us see and confess the ways we drift away from our identity in Christ. Our reflections also help us embrace the good news of God and help us repent and live as participants in the reign of God which is, and which is to come. Such participation will prepare us for

Good Friday and Easter in ways that strengthen our anticipation of Christ's second coming.

This At-Home Lent Resource comes to you from Elsie Rempel, MC Canada's Director of Christian Education and Nurture, with illustrations by Lynette Wiebe, Communications Coordinator.

Use this resource, adapted from the Congregational Lent resource, whichever way it fits into your home's routines and realities. Try to build it into a regular routine!

Call the Resource Centre for copies.



VBS 2004: Jesus Christ: Mission Accomplished.

Available for two-week preview from the Resource Centre. This final unit in the six-year series from Herald Press and Faith and Life Resources guides children to know Jesus as their servant leader, through participating in the events of Holy Week. The kit, which was edited by Elsie Rempel, Director of Christian Education and Nurture for Mennonite Church Canada, includes the increasingly popular CD *God's Love is for everybody: Songs for Small and Tall* and exciting Nazareth Village Mission project activities that will connect your children with what Jesus' childhood was like in Nazareth. Children will learn how to pray alongside the disciples. They will experience how Jesus' death broke the power of evil, and that his resurrection is a promise of new life for believers.

Remember to pass this resource on to someone else!