

# Resource Update

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*Highlighting resources for Christian Education/worship planners ...*

## Keeping connected during the Summer!

Summer months are here and as things slow down in church activities, how do you keep connected while you take a break?

Below is an idea that worked for a church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Using "The Prophets" as their topic, they made a booklet with a one-page outline for each. These were stapled to a sheet on which 3 summer fellowship events were announced. Each page had the scripture text, a few short questions pertaining to the text, an idea for a response and a short prayer. (See samples below.)

If you are interested in checking out this idea for your congregation call the Resource Centre for a preview copy.

### The Prophets

Summer Worship Series (2001), Sargent Ave. Mennonite Church  
It is good that families and households engage in new and different experiences during the summer. It is important that faith continues to be a part of these experiences. It is also important to stay connected to the church community.

This calendar is one way for you to connect with weekly worship services at (name of church) If you are unable to be here on a Sunday morning, it can be used to prepare for, or as a follow up to the morning. The calendar will help you get a feel for what this Congregation will focus on during their weekly time of Worship.

Use this as a family or individual devotion piece. Some adaptation may be needed in families with younger children. Each Sunday just rip off the top sheet and you will be ready for the following week.

**May you feel and acknowledge God's presence this summer.**

### Summer group activity ideas:

- Storytelling around a camp fire on somebody's yard
- Going to the beach
- Having a potluck picnic lunch

### Called by God

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Questions: What is a prophet?  
Are there prophets today?  
How long has God known us?  
Are we all called by God to do something? What?

Response: Go for a quiet walk; listen to God in nature.

Prayers: Thank God for knowing us and being with us.  
Ask God for patience to listen for His call.

### The Prophets & Politics

Scripture: Amos 2:4-8

Questions: Why was God angry with Judah and Israel?  
Is Canada a good place to live? Why?  
Many children in Canada do not have enough to eat. How should the Government respond to this?

Response: Write a letter to the government about Canada's involvement in national and international policies.

Prayers: Thank God for the good things in our country.  
Pray for the leaders of our country.  
Pray for those persons whom our country treats unfairly.

### To Whom do we Listen?

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:29-32

Questions: How do we make decisions?  
Tell about a life decision you made.  
When people talk about God, how do we know what is false or true?  
Do our actions or words lead people to "trust in a lie" about God?

Response: What does Jesus say? Read Matthew 5-7.

Prayers: Pray that our words and actions give true messages about God. Ask for forgiveness where we have failed in this area. Pray for Christian leaders, that they remember to listen to God.

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