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BIBLE STORIES & STUDIES

CREATION CHRONICLES
(90 min) An entertaining and fresh look at the Old Testament in this live recording. Featured are 17 diverse Old Testament characters.

BETHLEHEM YEAR ZERO
(6 part series) A mad tyrant Herod, a turbulent and restless people...this series sheds new light on the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, as if TV news was covering it today.

BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU
(17 min) Hear teens talk about what being accepted means to them, and listen to the Apostle Paul and his fictitious jail-mate Leon figure out what to say to the Colossians. Can be used as a 4-part series along with: DON'T SIT ON YOUR STUFF, VOCATION!, BRIDGE TO FORGIVENESS.

BRIDGE TO FORGIVENESS
(13 min) What does it mean to forgive and be forgiven? Meet Jacob and Esau, biblical characters in need of forgiveness.

DATELINE JERUSALEM
(8 part series) The trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus as TV news would cover it today. On-the-spot correspondents provide a greater understanding of the Easter story.

DON'T SIT ON YOUR STUFF
(20 min) A Bible study about giving. Ted and Lee as Peter and Andrew, explore Jesus' parable of the master and three servants.

FISH EYES
(14 part series) Peter and Andrew (Ted and Lee) drop their nets and follow Jesus. What was it like to follow a stranger who spoke in parables?

PARABLES OF JESUS
(7 parables, 8 min ea) Christopher Gornold-Smith provides cultural and theological insights to these dramatized stories.

THE PRODIGAL TRILOGY
(youth and adults, 30 minutes. Personal or home study group use only) Three monologues based on the Luke 15 parable of Jesus. Each monologue is spoken from the perspective of a different character in the story.

RESURRECTION
(10 min) Jim Caviezel narrates this moving, contemporary translation of John 20:1-31.

VOCATION! VOCATION! VOCATION!
(14 min) Two corn dog vendors at the lakeside witness Jesus feeding the 5,000. How will this affect their job choices?

WALKING THE BIBLE
(3-part series) One man's journey - by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel - through the greatest stories ever told, from crossing the Red (Reed) Sea to climbing Mount Sinai to touching the burning bush. The journey helps deepen his own faith.

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DISCIPLESHIP & PEACEMAKING

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE!
(3 part series) Shane Claiborne of the New Way community in Philadelphia explores three topics (War, Poverty, and Creation) in a series of raw, through provoking videos.

CHANGE OF COMMAND
(42 minutes) Presents the stories of military veterans whose inner voice clashed with their military duties. A deepening commitment to Christ's way of peace changed the course of their lives.

EVERYTHING IS SPIRITUAL
(77 min) In a wide-ranging and passionate monologue/sermon, Rob Bell sketches his way across human history, scientific discovery and Biblical story to relate all of creation to the kingdom of God.

THE IMAM AND THE PASTOR
(39 min) They were leaders of militant groups in northern Nigeria when Pastor Wuye lost a hand and Imam Ashafa's mentor and two close friends were killed in fighting. The film shows that it is possible for the perpetrators of inter-religious violence to become instigators of peace.

IT'S A GIRL'S WORLD
(67 min or 6 sessions) Shatters the myth that social bullying among girls is an acceptable part of growing up. The story of a 14-year-old girl's tragic suicide is told. Use with teachers or parents, or in a special format, with junior youth age girls.

EXPLORING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE
(6 part series) Through stories of young people in their 20s, this series helps young people to hear God's purpose for their lives. Can also be used with young adults.

THE GODS AREN'T ANGRY
(90 min) How did the idea evolve that if you didn't say, do or offer the right things, that some being or

beings will be angry with you? Is this an attitude of the distant past, or is it still haunting our hearts today, preventing us from receiving grace? A lively sermon by Rob Bell.

THE JUSTICE MISSION
(5 part series) A Bible-based approach to dealing with oppression. Four American teens visit the slums of India. They will be prompted to think about bullying, prejudice, and attitudes that God hates in their own communities.

THE LEAST OF THESE
(20 min + DVD extras) Based on a true story by Tony Campolo, this modern-day parable explores risk-taking, inclusiveness, community and other important issues for the church today. Preview before showing.

NOOMA
(20 short films) Rob Bell's quirky yet theologically grounded short films are meditations on the love of God and what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Use individually, in thematic groups, or the whole series.

PEACE DVD: ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH
(6 sessions) Youth will be encouraged to do what they can as followers of Jesus to bring peace - with God, community, the Earth, through service.

PEACE: THE ULTIMATE TRICK
(12 min) An Ontario youth uses his hobby of skateboarding to talk about Mennonite Central Committee's relief and peacemaking work around the world, using Colombia as an example.

RESOLVING CONFLICT CREATIVELY IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
(2 part series or 10 lessons) Dramatized conflicts help educators, parents and youth workers teach conflict resolution to youth aged 13-18.

SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE
(graphic images and coarse language, 87 min) To kill or not to kill? For some, the war is within. Soldiers in the U.S. Army today reveal their deepest moral concerns about killing in war. Their message: every soldier wrestles with his/her conscience over killing. Although most decide to kill, some refuse.

THE TEST OF TIME
(4 part series) Students are invited to give Christianity a test. Two thousand years ago, Jesus expected his followers to put the needs of others before their own and, if necessary, to put their own lives on the line. Do the teachings of Jesus stand the test of time?

THERMOSTAT: HOW CAN WE TURN TOWARD PEACE IN A TIME OF WAR?
(7 part series) Produced by Mennonite Central Committee for youth on war, peace and Christian conscience. Bible studies, role plays, stories, images, poetry, video clips, rap and drama.

LESSONS FROM POPULAR MEDIA

LORD OF THE RINGS: EXPLORING A HOLY TRILOGY
(print curriculum , 6 parts) Explore this rich, Christian-inspired epic. Discuss topics raised in specific scenes and learn the background of Tolkien's faith and vision.

TOONS THAT TEACH
(print, 75 suggestions) Explores current and classic cartoons for important spiritual lessons that will spark animated discussions and lead to learning.

VIDEOS THAT TEACH
(print, 75 suggestions) Suggests ways to use popular movies to start discussions. Clip suggestions organized by topic and Bible reference, plot summary, and discussion questions.

MISSIONS & SERVICE

GIFTS TO SHARE DVD

(6 short videos) School Kits, Health Kits, Newborn Kits, Comforters, Relief Kits and AIDS Care Kits are 6 ways to give material aid through MCC. Videos show how to pack the kits, and who receives them.

JOIN HANDS, STOP AIDS

(4 part series) A resource for youth groups discussing the global AIDS epidemic. Explores the facts and myths about AIDS, facilitates discussion on abstinence and community values, asks what we can do to help.

WHEN LIFE IS THE PRIZE

(12 min) Olympic medalist Cindy Klassen witnesses firsthand the struggles of Africans with HIV/AIDS fighting for the ultimate prize - life itself.

CURRENT ISSUES

AFFLUENZA

(2 part series) Through revealing personal stories, expert commentary, hilarious old film clips and anti-commercial breaks, Affluenza examines the high cost of achieving the most extravagant lifestyle the world has ever seen.

BANANAS UNPEELED

(26 min) Investigates the social and environmental issues facing banana plantation workers and farmers. Examines fair trade labeling as a positive alternative for banana farmers.

CENTRAL AMERICA CLOSE UP

(28 min) Two teenagers, one from Guatemala, one from El Salvador, describe their lives and their hopes and concerns for the future.

CHINA BLUE

(88 min) Shot clandestinely, this is an account of what both China and the international retailers don't

want us to see—how the clothes we buy are actually made. Follows two teenage factory workers.

COFFEE, CORN AND THE COST OF GLOBALIZATION

(17 min) Two communities in Mexico help us explore how we have a responsibility to our global neighbors whose lives have been profoundly effected by the race to accumulate wealth and economic connectedness.

THE DIVIDING WALL

(23 min) Meet families and farmers whose lives have been devastated by Israel's separation wall. Be inspired by Israelis and Palestinians who are working for a future of bridges instead of walls.

KEEPING THE EARTH

(27 min) This inspirational video calls on all viewers to serve as good stewards of the natural world. Prominent scientists and religious leaders offer their perspectives on the need to protect our environment and the diverse species that share it.

LOST BOYS OF SUDAN

(55 min) Follows two teenage Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America, offering a gripping and sobering peek into life as a refugee.

A MAN OF GALILEE

(20 min) Abuna Elias Chacour, a dynamic peace and reconciliation figure, helps Palestinians and Israeli students live and study together

MICKEY MOUSE GOES TO HAITI

(19 min) The video describes labour conditions in Haitian factories where clothing with the Disney label are sown. An introduction to the connection between the clothing we buy and social justice.

MOUSE'S TALE/THE RICHEST DOG IN THE WORLD

(10 min each) In these animated stories, a well-fed cat is confronted by his "conscience" a

mouse, as he reads in a newspaper about cats starving in Africa, and a wealthy dog is challenged by a flea to re-evaluate his thoughts on the plight of the world's poor.

MUDSLIDES AND VINES

A life-size "snakes and ladders" type game developed by Mennonite Central Committee that illustrates the root causes of hunger.

NOBODY'S BORN A RACIST

(20 min) A Canadian video about racism in Canada produced by youth for youth using stories, from their own lives.

WHAT IS ISLAM?

(20 min) Designed as a quick overview, this video takes a look at the practice of Islam around the world.

SIMPLY ENOUGH

(6 part series) Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne have created an intensely personal dialogue about the foundations of the Christian life and voluntary simplicity for older youth and young adults

SWEATING FOR A T-SHIRT

(22 min) UCLA freshman Arlen Benjamin notices that her school shirts were made in Honduras. Asking the question "Who made this t-shirt?" sends her on a journey through Honduras' sweatshop industry.

PETERS MAP CORPORATION SEMINAR PACK

This kit includes a variety of maps from unusual perspectives—including one that places "South" at the "top"—and other ideas for exploring how our picture of the world shapes our view of the world. Adaptable for all ages.

THE MATERIAL WORLD

A team of photographers visited 30 countries. In each country, they found one family that is statistically typical. After living with the family, the photographers made a strange request: "We'd like to take a portrait of your whole family in front of your house with everything you own spread out in the front yard." The result is 12 fascinating posters and an accompanying curriculum. Adaptable for all ages.

HUNGRY PLANET

This kit provides insights into the diets, daily lives, and cultures of 12 families. By examining these compelling posters and hearing the family stories, students can learn not only about a family's food supply and customs, but also about national and global economics and politics. Adaptable for all ages.

DEATH/SUICIDE

A CRY FOR HELP:

HOW TO HELP A FRIEND WHO IS DEPRESSED OR SUICIDAL (22 min) Most suicidal young people don't really want to die. This video teaches young people to recognize the warning signs and to take specific actions to help a friend.

NOOMA: MATTHEW

(11 min) Suffering the loss of someone we love can be the most difficult thing in life. What might help us, however, is to understand how Jesus dealt with this kind of loss.

SEXUALITY

GOOD SEX:

A WHOLE-PERSON APPROACH TO TEENAGE SEXUALITY AND GOD

(7 part series) A process-centered resource that invites students to consider, understand, and surrender their sexuality to the God who loves them and who made them sexual beings. Extensive leader's materials.

LOVE:

ALL THAT AND MORE

(6 part series) Honest discussions with teens from a variety of faith and cultural backgrounds, addressing issues of gender, relationships, and sexuality. Extensive leader's materials.

FOR YOUTH LEADERS

PURPOSE DRIVEN YOUTH MINISTRY

(5 part series) Designed for those starting or wanting to improve a youth ministry. Includes ways to build a leadership team, identify the needs of youth, and keeping the focus on God.

YOUTH MINISTRY OUTSIDE THE LINES

(60 min) Mike Yaconelli, co-founder of Youth Specialties, helps you connect once again to our "wild Jesus"-- It also gives a re-energizing look into Jesus' plan for your life and youth ministry.

CAN'T NOT WON'T: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO FASD

(6 part series or 45 min) Two families share their stories to help congregations understand and include families living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

CHURCH HISTORY

CONCHIES

(25 min) During WW II, while 40,000,000 American men engaged in violent conflict, a small army of 12,000 made a significant stand for peace as participants in Civilian Public Service.

THE DIFFERENT PATH

(30 min) Ontario Mennonite and Brethren in Christ conscientious objectors from both world wars recall their experiences. Why did they choose alternative service? How did their non-Mennonite friends react? An opportunity to start an intergenerational discussion.

FAST FORWARD

A breathtaking 13-minute journey through the history of the entire Christian church will intrigue both youth and adults.

THE RADICALS

(90 min + DVD extras)

A dramatic retelling of the story of Michael and Margaretha Sattler and the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement in 16th century Europe. DVD includes interviews and historical background. Soundtrack in English, Spanish, Portuguese.

SHROUD FOR A JOURNEY

(36 min) Eighty years after young Mennonite Central Committee volunteer Clayton Kratz disappeared in Russia, four Goshen College students retrace his steps while reflecting on their history and personal faith journeys.

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