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# Advent/Christmas web catalog

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## ABINGDON'S CHRISTMAS DRAMAS FOR CHILDREN

	Bates, John & Nina		Abingdon Press, 1993		BOOK
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	Five programs especially for children. Uses songs, poems, playlets, and narration to present the Christmas message.				

## ABINGDON'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS AND PLAYS

	Minshull, Evelyn		Abingdon Press		BOOK
	A collection of 12 complete pageants including Scripture and supplemental Christmas hymns and carols. The pageants may be used as outlined or with alternative groupings from other pageants. Add, subtract, adapt, or select those particular portions that lend themselves to a focus of your own choosing.				

## ADVENT PRAYER BOOK

	Donald F. Hinchey		Creative Communications for the Parish		PAMPHLET
	This resource contains Bible verses, a brief reflection on the text, and a suggestion or question for each day of Advent.				

## ADVENT WREATH: A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

	O'Neal,Debbie Trafton		Augsburg Publishing House		PAMPHLET
	This booklet gives the history of Advent, the origins of the Advent wreath, suggestions on how to make different kinds of Advent wreaths and a Yule log, and devotions to be used daily or weekly.				

## ALL PATHS LEAD TO BETHLEHEM

	McKissack, Patricia and Frederick		Augsburg Publishing House		BOOK
	Included in this telling of the Christmas story are brief stories about the customs of Christians in many countries around the world.				

## ANGEL, THE SPIDER, AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

	Alice Dare		Bridge Resources		BOOK
	In this retelling of a children's folktale, a humble spider offers the human family the only gift she can give; and an angel learns much about love, gift-giving, and the true meaning of Christmas.				

## ANGELS WE WILL HEAR ON HIGH!

## STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS

	Forgartie, Arthur F.		Geneva Press		BOOK
	Eight original Christmas stories on love, faith, and wonder. Earthy stories with eccentric characters who always discover the true meaning of Christmas.				

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### **BADGER'S CHRISTMAS DAY**

Parry, Alan and Linda

Abingdon Press, 2001

BOOK

Badger dresses up as Santa Claus to take presents around to his friends (open the pockets to find the presents!). Disaster threatens when Badger realizes he has forgotten a present for Wise Owl.

### **BEFORE AND AFTER CHRISTMAS: ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS FOR ADVENT AND EPIPHANY**

O'Neal, Debbie Trafton

Augsburg/Fortress

BOOK

This resource contains ideas, activities, crafts, service projects, and family worship ideas to help families and teachers focus on the real meaning of Christmas. The text describes the history and traditions of Advent and Epiphany and explains the meanings of symbols associated with the seasons.

### **BEST THING ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

Tangvald, Christine Harder

Standard Publishing Company, 1990

BOOK

A colorful, illustrated book for young children on the best things about Christmas.

### **BETHLEHEM TREE: A FAMILY ADVENT RESOURCE BOOK**

Tietjen, Mary Louise

Paulist Press

BOOK

Book for parents and children to celebrate Advent.

### **BIRTH OF JESUS: IN THE BEGINNING**

Nippon Television Network Corp, CCC of America Inc. VIDEO

Animated video shows the excitement and drama as the ancient prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled through the birth of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, in a stable in Bethlehem. This is Tape #25 of a 25-tape set entitled "In the Beginning."

### **BLUE ANGEL ORNAMENT**

#### **A STORY OF LOVE AND LOYALTY**

Schneider, Richard H.

Abingdon Press, 2000

BOOK

The story of the blue angel ornament and the kindness and love it showed to the Christmas tree reflects the love of the One who came to earth as the first and best Christmas gift. It is a story for people of all ages. Illustrated by Florence S. Davis.

### **CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY**

BOOK

This oversize resource consists of large pictures of Christmas inspired activities with a description of the picture's theme on the back, along with an appropriate Bible verse.

### **CHARLIE'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

EcuFilm, Films for the Humanities, Inc.

VIDEO

From the Young People's Specials series. Charlie is determined that the dog he loves will not be put to sleep in the pound on Christmas Eve. In the process, he shows lots of adults that animals can bring human beings together in more ways than one.

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**CHARLIE'S CHRISTMAS SECRET**

EcuFilm, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, Inc. VIDEO

Young People's Specials series. Ten-year-old Charlie admits he does not have the Christmas spirit. His newspaper route brings him in contact with those whose lives are less comfortable than his and his parents' friends complain about how difficult the season is. He finds the Christmas spirit by caring and giving himself, changing the lives of those he encounters.

**CHRIST IS THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS  
DEVOTIONS AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES**

Mead, Arden W. Creative Communications for the Parish, 2000 BOOK

The days before Christmas can be very busy ones, filled with all kinds of family traditions. This booklet, while not a daily Advent devotion, offers things to ponder (and pray about) while doing the things that one would be doing anyway, so that as many holiday activities as possible keep a reminder of what the season is really all about.

**CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS TREE**

Abingdon Press BOOK

25 full-size patterns to be made from Styrofoam, felt, or other materials. Each a symbol from Bible/Church History.

**CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS TREE 2**

Abingdon Press BOOK

20 full-size patterns to be made from Styrofoam, felt, or other materials. Each a symbol from Bible/Church History.

**CHRISTMAS ACROSS AMERICA**

Mass Media Ministries VIDEO

A musical portrait depicting some of the ways this holiday is celebrated in the United States. Contains 11 favorite carols and hymns such settings as New York City, a tiny church in Nevada, the Salvation Army, candlelit luminaries in Arizona and New Mexico, and winter carollers in New England and Colorado.

**CHRISTMAS BELLS & BLESSINGS**

Brown, Hazel Jaycox Abingdon Press BOOK

Contains a collection of services and dramas for Advent and Christmas worship; five programs with two to twenty or more parts; plus something for each of the four Sundays of Advent, using two or more people. Parts include children and adults.

**CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS AROUND THE WORLD**

Wernecke, Herbert H. Westminster Press, 1949 BOOK

The author has gathered from many sources a remarkable variety of Christmas miscellanea intended to supplement other books on Christmas customs.

**CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN - SERIES 1**

EcuFilm VIDEO

Three Christmas stories for children:  
The Christmas Donkey (11 min.) The Silent Night of Jeremy Rabbit (12 minutes) The Christmas Journey of Deborah Dove (10 minutes)

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### CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN - SERIES 2

EcuFilm

VIDEO

Three Christmas stories for children: Peter and the Hermit (9 minutes) The Other Wise Man (16 minutes) The Joy of Christmas (11 minutes)

### CHRISTMAS IN ALL THE WORLD

Lathrop, Carolynne

Augsburg

BOOK

Colorfully illustrated booklet with stories about Christmas in 40 nations. Eighty-five figures to cut out.

### CHRISTMAS PRAISE: WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR THE SEASONS OF CHRISTMAS

Beach, Waldo, editor

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

A selection of lectionary readings, poems, carols, prayers, and litanies to enrich the Christmas worship experience in the church and at home. It contains three sections reflecting the traditional sequence of the Christian liturgical year--Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

### CHRISTMAS STORIES ROUND THE WORLD

Johnson, Lois S., editor

Rand McNally & Co.

BOOK

### CHRISTMAS: AN ANNUAL TREASURY, VOLUME SIXTY-FIVE

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

This resource contains short stories, poems, paintings, crafts and recipes about Christmas with a special emphasis on angels.

### CHRISTMENT TREE PATTERN BOOK - VOLUME 1: HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR YOUR CHR

Harpine, Elaine Claxton

Meriwether Publishing Ltd.

BOOK

Actual-size patterns for 21 ornaments using yellow and clear beads, scaled for a 7' tree. For 3 hr workshop. Includes story.

### COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: AN ADVENT STUDY FOR ADULTS

Harnish, James A.

Abingdon Press

BOOK

Four-week study, one a week during Advent, with Scripture reading, reflection, questions, and Christmas carol.

### COME TO BETHLEHEM

Cothen, Joe

Pelican Publishing Company

BOOK

The Christmas story

### COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE

Abingdon Press

BOOK

This resource with its dramas, dramatic readings, poems, and recitations can involve the whole church. Each part can be used in a stand-alone worship piece or combined for a longer program; shorter pieces can be used as selections for the Sundays of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany or combined to tell the whole Christmas story.

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### CREATIVE CHRISTMAS

		Shoemaker, Kathryn	Winston Press		BOOK
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Simple crafts from many lands.

### CRIPPLED LAMB

		Lucado, Max	Word Publishing		BOOK
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Joshua, a black and white spotted lamb, born with a crippled leg, was unable to go to the new meadow with the rest of the flock. His friend, an old cow, had always told him that though he was crippled, God had a special place for him. That night in the stable, the lamb found out just how special that place was.

### DAY BY DAY IN ADVENT: DEVOTIONS FOR THE SEASON

		Milarch, Christopher G.	Augsburg Fortress		PAMPHLET
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Suitable for adults and families with children, this devotional booklet provides a scripture reading, reflection, and prayer for each day in Advent.

### DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

		Poovey, W.A.	Augsburg		BOOK
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How your family can prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent.

### DESTINATION CHRISTMAS: ADVENT PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES FOR YOUTH

		Echols-Richter, Laura and Billy	Abingdon Press		BOOK
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Each of the seven programs and practices can stand on its own. For special Advent study group, a Sunday school time, or youth group use. Includes ASCII text of handouts, newsletters, and publicity.

### DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

		Schwab, Betty Lynn and James C. Riley	C.S.S. Publishing Co., Inc.		BOOK
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"Something Special" is a Christmas Eve family service. A fictional tale dramatizing the discovery by two small children of the baby Jesus on the first Christmas. "Christmas Eve Reflections" is a candlelight service presenting reflections in monologue from the original cast of the first Christmas.

### EUREKA CHRISTMAS RECITATIONS

		Shannon, Mattie B., editor	Abingdon Press		BOOK
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Program material for beginners, primary, junior departments, also songs, pageants, pantomimes, and special features for intermediates.

### EXPECTING GOD'S SURPRISES

### DEVOTIONS FOR THE ADVENT JOURNEY

		Dunham, Robert E.	Geneva Press, 2001		BOOK
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Drawing on his skills as a preacher, scholar, and pastor, Robert Dunham, pastor of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, NC, prepares us for the Advent season with 29 daily meditations drawn from the suggested lectionary scriptures for years A, B, and C.

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### FIRST CHRISTMAS

Oxford Vision Resources, Ltd.

VIDEO

Video contains 11 Bible stories (5 minutes each): A baby called John; Jesus' youth, friends, teachings, mission, secrets, and the stories of the Good Samaritan; the Sower; the two brothers; and the great feast.

### FIRST CHRISTMAS

Vanguard Video [Genesis Project: New Media Bible]

VIDEO

Based on the Gospel according to Luke, the video covers the story of the births of Jesus and John the Baptist; the discovery of the missing, youthful Jesus with the temple elders; John's baptism of Jesus and Jesus' temptations by Satan in the wilderness; and Jesus' teaching in Nazareth and his rejection.

### FIVE CHRISTMAS PLAYS FOR CHILDREN

Abingdon Press, 2000

BOOK

Five Christmas plays for children which can easily be performed with a minimum of practice, sets, and costumes. Optional music can be added using songs and carols your children know. Christmas? Bah Humbug! (15-20 min.); Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight (15-30 min.); Christmas Hide and Seek (15-30 min.); The Birthday Gifts (15-20 min.); and What the Animals Made Known (15 min.).

### FOR ALL THE WORLD

Simcox, Helen Earle

Augsburg Press, 1994

BOOK

A long time ago and in a faraway place, Jesus was born. What does that mean for us today? What does it mean that two thousand years ago Jesus was born in Bethlehem to a young Jewish woman? The author combines simple text and striking illustrations to tell the story of God's gift of love for all people everywhere.

### FOURTH WISE MAN

Holder, Mig

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

A retelling of the legend first written by Henry VanDyke about the journey of the fourth Wise Man and the three priceless jewels he had as a gift for the baby king.

### FROM HOPE TO JOY: SUPPLEMENTAL WORSHIP RES. 15

Saliers, Don E.

Abingdon

BOOK

Services of worship and additional resources for the seasons of Advent and Christmas with introduction and commentary.

### GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN

Phillips, Dixie

Abingdon Press

BOOK

A collection of Christmas dramas and a number of recitations and action rhymes. One full-length drama (running length 30 minutes) is designed to involve the entire Sunday School; a short play for very young children (running time: 3 min.); a nativity play for younger to middle-elementary (10 min.); a choral reading; and a Christmas service are included.

### GO LOOK IN THE MANGER

Morning Light Media [dist. Vision Video]

VIDEO

This animated videocassette is based on a true story. Eight-year-old Ricky wants to impress his teacher and classmates for show-and-tell. He borrows his mother's favorite record on the condition that if it is broken, Ricky will get no Christmas presents.

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**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Mission Interpretation and Promotion

VIDEO

This video portrays through personal testimonies how the support provided through gifts to the Christmas Joy offering has directly and indirectly changed the lives of many.

**GOD'S COMING IN CHRIST: AN ADVENT STUDY FOR ADULTS**

Mallett, Reginald

Abingdon Press, 1995

BOOK

For use by individuals or groups, this four-week study includes on lesson for each week of Advent. Each lesson contains a brief devotional thought, followed by study questions and reflections for the coming week.

**GODSEND**

Avery, Richard and Donald Marsh

Fortress Press

BOOK

An Advent Cantata in a variety of modern styles for soloists and choir.

**GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY**

Grindal, Gracia

Augsburg Fortress

PAMPHLET

This booklet of songs, prayers, readings and activities is designed to involve the entire household in the season of Advent by means of the Advent calendar. Each week focuses on one event in the Christmas story where an angel appears and speaks to a human being.

**GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY:**

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH**

Barclay, William

Westminster John Knox Press

BOOK

Daily devotional use or for study groups. Complemented by inspiring anecdotes, each passage helps readers renew their understanding and cultivate the practice of worship in their own lives.

**HURRY UP AND WAIT!**

**DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT**

Mead, Arden W.

Creative Communications for the Parish, 2002

BOOK

"Hurry up!" and "Wait!" are two concepts that very much fit the season of Advent. The 25 devotions in this booklet offer a way to keep both these Advent emphases in focus, even then they seem to collide with one another. "Even so, Lord, quickly come." "Faithfully your people wait."

**I MET JESUS WHEN HE WAS BORN**

Detrick, R. Blaine

C.S.S. Publishing House

BOOK

Dramatic monologues for Advent

**INCREDIBLE CHRISTMAS SEARCH: A PROGRAM**

**FOR CHILDREN**

Schieber, Andrea Lee and Betty A. Christiansen

Augsburg Fortress

PAMPHLET

This program tells in rhyme the story of Tony and Taylor, who are scouring their house in search of their Christmas presents. It provides a variety of speaking and nonspeaking roles for children, from preschool through upper elementary as well as group participation.

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<b>JESSE TREE</b>					
		Anderson, Raymond and Georgene	Fortress		BOOK
		The heritage of Jesus in stories and symbols of Advent for the family.			
<b>JESSE TREE DEVOTIONS: A FAMILY ACTIVITY FOR ADVENT</b>					
		Breckenridge, Marilyn S.	Augsburg Publishing House		BOOK
		For families to prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth. The book traces the spiritual family tree of Jesus Christ in the tradition of the Jesse Tree, retelling many of the Bible stories that lead to Christ's birth.			
<b>JESSE TREE: A CUTOUT BOOK</b>					
		Konrady, Marlene	Winston Press		BOOK
		Activity Book based on the story of Jesse's Tree.			
<b>JESUS COMES: THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH FOR CHILDREN</b>					
		Klug, Ron and Lyn	Augsburg Publishing House		BOOK
		A colorfully illustrated book which tells the story of Christmas.			
<b>KEEPER OF THE PEACE A CHRISTMAS STORY</b>					
		Forrest, Sister Esther	Paraclete Video Productions, 1999		VIDEO
		A fictional tale of a young Roman soldier looking for a young woman to count her newly born child in the census. Comes with four copies of drama.			
<b>LED BY A STAR</b>					
		McNeely, Jeannette	Concordia		BOOK
		Part of the I Can Read A Bible Story Books Series. The wise men for beginning readers. Based on Matthew 2:1-12, this book is designed to be read by children who are learning to read.			
<b>LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS: ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN</b>					
		Anderson, Sandra Myhr	Augsburg Fortress		BOOK
		Preschool advent activities plus a home worship service for Christmas Day. This illustrated collection of activities has a Bible story and simple prayer to introduce a theme for each week of Advent.			
<b>LITTLE DRUMMER BOY</b>					
		Keats, Jack Ezra	Macmillan Company, 1968		BOOK
		The story of the little drummer boy who plays for the Baby Jesus. Includes music to play and sing.			
<b>LITTLEST ANGEL</b>					
			Family Christmas Classis, 1969		VIDEO
		The Littlest Angel is a heart-warming story of a young shepherd boy who suffers a fatal accident and winds up in heaven with a guardian angel. A holiday classic for the whole family. Featuring Johnny Whitaker, Fred Gwynne, E.G. Marshal, Cab Calloway, Tony Randall and Connie Stevens.			

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### **LORD IS NEAR**

Nouwen, Henri J.M.

Creative Communications for the Parish, 2001

BOOK

Advent Meditations from the works of one of the great spiritual writers of our time, Henri J. M. Nouwen, compiled and edited by Mark Neilsen. These reflections and prayers help prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming among us in the Incarnation, in the Holy Spirit and in his Glory at the end of time.

### **MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

Kirk, James G.

Westminster/John Knox Press

BOOK

For each day, from the beginning of Advent until Epiphany, the author briefly explains an appropriate Biblical passage.

### **MIRACLE IN A SHOE BOX**

### **A CHRISTMAS GIFT OF WONDER**

Graham, Franklin

Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995

BOOK

Jay Kelly knew that he and his sister, Leesa, could help the cold and hungry children in war-torn Bosnia. But he had no idea just how much they could help until they sent their shoe boxes full of toys and supplies - and one small miracle - to the Vacek family. Based on the Operation Christmas Child Project.

### **MOUSE IN THE MANGER**

AVCEL/Deerfield [EcuFilm distributor]

VIDEO

The adventures of Oscar, the mouse, who leaves home, angry with his father who refused him extra hay for his bed. With each animal he meets and tries to befriend, Oscar learns more about himself. When he returns home, he has a much better understanding of himself and of friendship.

### **MY CHRISTMAS ANGEL**

Chisholm, Sarah Reid

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

A Hide-and-Seek Story. An easy-to-read story with bright illustrations about a father who hides his daughter's angel doll as they get ready for Christmas. Readers are to find the hidden angel doll in each picture.

### **MY CHRISTMAS STAR: A HIDE-AND-SEEK STORY**

Chisholm Sarah Redi

Augsburg Fortress

BOOK

The story of a mother playing a hid-and-see game with her son to help with the difficulty of waiting for Christmas. Search for the star on every page.

### **MY FATHER'S ANGEL**

Gaither, Gloria

ZonderKidz, 1999

BOOK

As residents of the town gather for their Christmas pageant, angels join the celebration! This beautifully illustrated book reminds small hearts that God's heavenly protectors are always at hand. The words to Gloria Gaither's wonderful, reassuring song and enchanting artwork weave a Christmas message that children will love to hear again and again. Illustrated by Barbara Hranilovich. For children ages 4-8. Includes audio cassette.

### **MYSTERIOUS STAR**

Condordia Publishing House

VIDEO

A happy, inspiring Christmas video for young children about 5 to 9 years old. Taken from Family Films filmstrip and adapted from the children's book of the same name by Joan Marxhausen.

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<b>NATIVITY</b>					
			United Methodist Communications	VIDEO	Videocassette on Christmas with descriptive flyer. A view of over 70 creches from around the world.
<b>NO ROOM AT THE INN AND OTHER STORIES FROM A MIDNIGHT CLEAR</b>					
		Paterson, Katherine	Lodestar Books, 1995	BOOK	A collection of four family stories for the Christmas seasons. The true essence of Christmas takes on a new meaning in these inspiring stories by beloved author Katherine Paterson.
<b>OPERATION BABY KING: INSTANT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</b>					
		Latchaw, Bob	Group Publishing, Inc., 2000	BOOK	Join angel agent Double O-Heaven and a host of helpers in this delightful telling of the Christmas story. This unique pageant has everything needed for a fun, interactive and lively Christmas celebration. Assemble a simple set, and then turn your young actors loose. The accompanying compact disc includes every line, song and sound, so there are no lines to be memorized. Kids need only to follow along. CD also includes clip art!
<b>OUR DECEMBER HEARTS MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS</b>					
		McConney, Anne	Morehouse Publishing, 1999	BOOK	This collection of meditations for the season of Advent examines the various emotions that the Advent and Christmas stories stir in us: hope, trust, compassion, as well as fear, doubt, and grief. In the language of poetry, the author explores what it means to gaze into the mystery that is the Incarnation.
<b>PRAYERS AND PROMISES ACTIVITIES FOR ADVENT</b>					
		Scheer, Lois and Sally Beck	Creative Communications for the Parish, 2001	BOOK	A booklet of daily devotions, puzzles, things to make for children throughout the Advent season. <b>SAMPLE COPY</b>
<b>PREPARING FOR JESUS: MEDITATIONS ON THE COMING OF CHRIST, ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND THE KINGDOM</b>					
		Wangerin, Walter	Zondervan Publishing House	BOOK	Devotional bk takes reader day by day through major Advent events, beginning Dec. 1 and ending Jan. 6, Epiphany.
<b>PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S PEACE ADVENT DEVOTIONS 2010</b>					
		Presbyterian Peacemaking Program	PCUSA, 2010	BOOK	Advent Devotions for 2010. This booklet contains daily devotions that focus on Peacemaking for each day of the Advent Season.
<b>PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S PEACE ADVENT DEVOTIONS 2003</b>					
		Presbyterian Peacemaking Program	PCUSA, 2003	BOOK	Advent Devotions for 2003

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**PROMISE OF A SAVIOR: A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**

Bredesen, Sara T. Augsburg Fortress BOOK

A complete program using the congregation and the entire church school in speaking parts, as dancers or as members of children and youth choirs. Staging, props, costumes, music and choreography are included.

**RED BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Vision Video VIDEO

Near Christmas in a small German town, Hans the shoemaker, with no family and few friends, is visited by an angel who brings the promise of a very special gift. Hans crafts a pair of Red Boots as a gift for the angel when he returns. As the story unfolds, Hans learns the joys of sharing and fellowship and finally embraces the spirit of Christmas.

**ROADS FROM BETHLEHEM: CHRISTMAS LITERATURE FROM WRITERS ANCIENT AND MODERN**

Johnson, Pegram III and Edna M. Troiano, eds. Westminster/John Knox Press BOOK

A selection of some of the best writings by authors from many times and places that brings home in a new way the continuing presence and vitality of the Christmas narrative through the ages.

**SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS**

Rowland, Barbara T. Abingdon Press BOOK

In this 40-minute, two-act drama, a family searches for a Christmas card to convey their ideas of the perfect Christmas. But as each card they choose "comes to life," they sense the downside of their choices. Only with the final card do they find the right scene. Casting is flexible: major parts are three adults and two young people. Large # of small parts.

**SECRET OF THE SECOND BASEMENT**

Family Films (Concordia Publishing House) VIDEO

This film presents the true meaning of Christmas and Christian charity. It tells the story of three humble street people who live in the basement of an old church.

**SEVEN ADVENT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Miller, Doris Wells CSS Publishing Company, Inc., 2002 BOOK

This book provides comprehensive, easy-to-follow guidelines for planning, rehearsing, and presenting a holiday production. A step-by-step worksheet to keep organized and stay on top of all the details. Each complete script comes with a synopsis and stage directions, as well as an attractive cover that can be reproduced for a program. Most programs require no more than a dozen participants.

**SHARING THE LIGHT CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

Mission Interpretation and Promotion Congregational Ministries, PCUSA, 2001 VIDEO

This nine-minute video tells how the special ministries supported by the Christmas Joy Offering helped two individuals change their lives in ways that allow them to share their gifts with the community. The Christmas Joy Offering supports the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and the racial ethnic ministries of the church. Hosted by Stated Clerk the Rev. Cliff Kirkpatrick.



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<b>'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime</b>					
<b>THE FIRST AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CAROL</b>					
	Abisch, Roz		Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1969		BOOK
	Gitchi Manitou was the God of the Huron Indians. He watched over the forests and the lakes, the men and the beasts alike. This is the story of how he sent his son to earth to walk among the people. It is the Indian story of the birth of Christ. Colorful illustrations by Boche Kaplan.				
<b>VERY SPECIAL BABY: A CHRISTMAS STORY</b>					
	Woodard, Carol		Fortress Press		BOOK
	An easy-to-read story about the birth of Christ with colorful illustrations.				
<b>VIGIL: KEEPING WATCH IN THE SEASON OF CHRIST'S COMING</b>					
	Wright, Wendy M.		Upper Room Books		BOOK
	From Advent through Epiphany, this book offers a way to enter more prayerfully into these liturgical seasons. She weaves together information from the liturgical calendar, traditions from Medieval Christmas masses, and stories from Scripture and her own life.				
<b>WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS: STORIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ADVENT</b>					
	Greene, Carol		Augsburg Publishing House		BOOK
	Contains creative stories, poems, songs, and activities to help families have fun while they wait for Christmas.				
<b>WE LIGHT THE CANDLES: DEVOTIONS RELATED TO FAMILY USE OF THE ADVENT WREATH.</b>					
	Brandt, Catherine		Augsburg		BOOK
	A booklet of devotions for use by families during Advent. Includes scripture, prayer, and songs.				
<b>WE REJOICE IN THE LIGHT: CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONIES FOR ADVENT</b>					
	Dixon, Sandy		CBP Press		BOOK
	This book provides ceremonies for the lighting of Advent candles during public worship for the four Sundays of Advent and the Sunday after Christmas. There are ceremonies for each of the three years in a cycle of the New Common Lectionary.				
<b>WEE THREE KINGS: INSTANT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</b>					
	Moreland, Marian Hope & Richard Moreland		Group Publishing, Inc., 1999		BOOK
	A musical drama about time-travelers Gert and Ernie who discover they have been deposited in Jerusalem during Bible times! Their adventure is packed with fun and tells a compelling biblical message about commitment to Jesus. A pageant for Sundays, family nights or any Christmas program which works on a stage or in a stairwell. Roles may be adjusted to match the number of performers. Soundtrack on CD.				
<b>WELCOME THE STRANGER</b>					
			Family Films (Concordia Publishing House)		VIDEO
	Animated film about two children who witness the appearance of angels and go to Bethlehem where they find the Baby and Mary and Joseph.				

<b>Title 1</b>	<b>Title 2</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Summary</b>
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**WHEN ALL THE WORLD WAS WAITING**

Van Woerkom, Dorothy	Concordia	BOOK
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An Advent book for children.

**WHEN JESUS WAS BORN**

Dotts, Maryann	Abingdon	BOOK
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**WITH HEARTS AND HANDS UPLIFTED**

**DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT**

General Assembly Mission Council	Witherspoon Press, 2009	BOOK
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The 2009 Advent Study offers 28 devotions for each day of Advent and Christmas Day. Devotions, based on familiar hymns of the season, provide time for reflections on our anticipatio of the coming of Christ.

**WON'T YOU LET HIM IN?**

**AN ADVENT STUDY FOR ADULTS**

Moore, James W.	Abingdon Press, 2002	BOOK
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This four week study from author James W. Moore is appropriate for both group and individual use. It provides one lesson for each week of Advent. Each lesson includes a reference to a key passage of Scripture, a brief reflection, srudy/discussion questions, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week.

**YARDS OF PURPLE: STORIES FOR ADVENT**

Foulger, Sarah M.	United Church Press, 1999	BOOK
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Thirteen contemporary stories about individuals struggling with freedom, responsibility, repentence, God's presence.

**YOU COULD EVEN SAY IT GLOWS! A CHILDREN'S BOOK OF**

**DEVOTIONS ABOUT LIGHT FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

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For each day of Advent there is listed a Bible reading, a short reflection on the day's topic, and a two-line prayer that begins, "Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus..."