



NEW RESOURCES

Iraq: The Cradle of Civilization (VT2944) Iraq contains a range of early city sites. Michael Wood visits several city mounds, shows their archaeological makeup, and the changes that went on to allow their adaptation to changing environments and social conditions. He carries the archaeological past into the present of Islam, showing the cultural continuity from past to present. Included are scenes from the Gulf War and how Saddam Hussein used the Iraqi past as foundation for his dominance. 57 min. Ambrose Video Publishing. For adults.

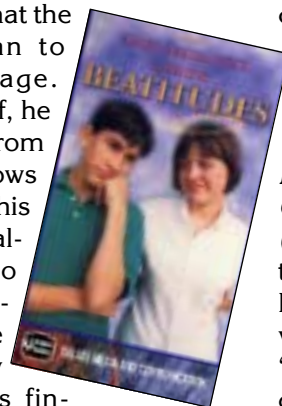
Jesus The One and Only (VT2946-2951) Through video segments taped on location in Israel, this in-depth course presented by Beth Moore is designed to be completed over 11 weeks through a combination of daily, individual study, and weekly group sessions. This kit includes: six videos (introductory session on the first video and 10 sessions on five videos), leader guide, workbook, and music CD by Travis Cottrell. 50 min./session. LifeWay Christian Stores. For adults.

Connecting With God (VT2957) This program takes a closer look at what prayer can be by focusing on three ways that we can connect with God - through our bodies, music, and nature. Depicting teens in real life situations, this video will expand our idea of prayer from asking God for something to include how we can not only "pray always" but also pray all ways. 25min. Oblate Media. For Jr. & Sr. High.

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Knowing God: Making God The Main Thing In My Life (VT2952) This is a six-week video-based Bible study (First volume in Sisters series.) It will help the women in your group deepen your relationship with God, apply biblical truths to daily life, and build and strengthen your faith community. Your group will have an initial gathering session to introduce and outline the program, and then will meet weekly for the next six weeks to explore your existing relationship with God through a series of questions. This kit includes: Video & DVD with a promotional segment, introduction, and six 15-minute segments; participant's workbook; leader's guide. Kimberly Dunnam Reisman is an author; Nancy Van Camp is your host. Abingdon Press, ©2003. For adults.

Close Encounters with the Beatitudes (VT2955) Young Jimmy is puzzled as to what the Beatitudes mean to someone his age. When he dozes off, he receives a visit from an angel who shows him how some of his school mates are already helping to build God's Kingdom. By the time Jimmy's journey with the angel is finished, he comes to understanding and makes a commitment to live the Beatitudes in his own life. Study guide. Oblate Media. 13min. For ages 8-12.



Close Encounters with the Commandments (VT2956) Young Anthony tries to complete his homework on the Ten Commandments—but he just can't see how that "old list of rules" makes any sense to today's modern kids. In this episode, young people will see that the commandments aren't "rules" but rather they give us opportunities to give witness to God's love, share with others, and care for our friends and families as we help build God's kingdom everyday. Study guide. 18 min. Oblate Media. For ages 8-12.

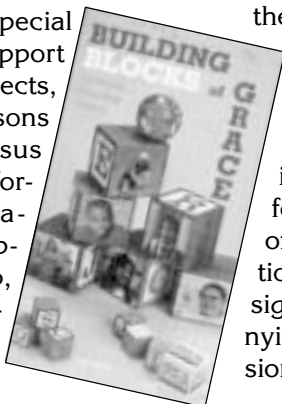
The Once And Future Church (VT2958) Loren Mead presents the core concepts from *The Once and Future Church*, his groundbreaking work, along with highlights from his important follow-up volumes *Transforming Congregations for the Future* and *Five Challenges for the Once and Future Church*. Board members, strategic planning teams, congregational self-study groups, and adult classes can begin working with Mead's foundational material to develop a common understanding of the church past and present, the culture in which the church ministers today, and the shape of the new mission frontier. Three 25-minute sessions. Leader's guide. Alban Institute.

Now Finish The Work: Africa University 10th Anniversary (VT2959) 10th anniversary celebration of Africa University was held in November 15-17, 2002. Title of this video came from 2 Corinthians 8: 11: "Now finish the work" which was the guiding scriptural reference for the celebration. This video shows vignettes from the celebration. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. For Sr. High & up.

100 Years: Korean Methodists-America (Korean Version) (VT2960-2961): Part 1 (The Past) is about early Korean immigrants who came to the United States between 1903 and early 1960s. Half of the first Korean immigrants came to Hawaii in 1903 were Methodists. This video shows how they started the very first Korean church in Hawaii which was Methodist. English version is also available (VT2962); Part 2 (The Present) shows Korean United Methodist churches that have been spread all over the nation since late 1960s. Now we have 100,000 members in 420 Korean United Methodist churches in the US.

VIDEOS ON STEWARDSHIP AND BENEVOLENCES

Building Blocks of Grace (VT1486) In storytelling format, this video enables United Methodists to see how their six Special Sunday offerings support a wide variety of projects, programs, and persons in the name of Jesus Christ. It is both informative and inspirational, making it appropriate for worship, small groups, and retreat settings. UMCCom, 1995. For Sr. High & up.



Tithing: Gimmick or Gift? (VT1712) Tithing is not a program but a practice. Taken from the February 2, 1992 Section on Stewardship teleconference, this interactive video looks at the nature of our faith and the way the concept of tithing moves us on the spiritual path. Viewers will have an opportunity to watch and respond to the issues raised as Christian stewardship is explored: definitions; feelings; scripture passages; relationship with God; personal witness; and specific resources. A leader's guide and two additional booklets entitled "Tithing Workshop Outline" and "Suggestions for a Month of Tithing" accompany the tape. 50 min. Gen. Bd. of Discipleship, 1992.

MORE VIDEOS ON STEWARDSHIP AND BENEVOLENCES

Come, Share, Rejoice (VT0355) This is an overview presenting the types of funds and programs supported by United Methodist giving. 10 min. For Sr. High & up.

Special Days: Come, Share, Rejoice (VT0490) This is a six-part resource and each story (15 min.) depicts people whose lives have been changed because of United Methodist sharing. The six Special Days (in calendar year order on the video) are: 1. Human Relations Day 2. One Great Hour of Sharing 3. Native American Awareness Sunday 4. Peace with Justice Sunday 5. World Communion Sunday 6. United Methodist Student Day. Leader's guide. UMCCom. For Sr. High & up.

Money Talks (VT0788) One day during worship, an ordinary person in the pew reaches into his wallet to put a dollar bill into the offering plate, only to discover that it talks to him! Through this humorous transaction viewers discover the importance and theological basis for giving one's dollars to the work of the local, regional, and international church. This videotape is designed to be used with the accompanying guide in a one-hour study session. 8 min. guide. Sr. High & up.

Call To Respond (VT1015) The video will provide concrete examples of United Methodists in ministry in your backyard as well as halfway around the globe. The video reflects the joy brought about because we share our dollars and spiritual gifts through our connectional church. 15 min. For adults.

Show Us How to Serve (VT1140) This video features ministries supported by the apportioned funds of The United Methodist Church. Includes leader's guide. 4 min. For Sr. High & up.

A Sense of Belonging (VT1914) This program features Sandra Kelly Lackore, General Secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, reflecting on the way the church, through the general funds, makes a difference day to day. A sample copy of the handbook "Multiply God's Love" is a part of this resource. 7 min. For Sr. High & up.

Because of Jesus Christ (VT2633) This video consists of two segments (6-minutes and 1-minute) and one 60-second radio spot. All three tell the unique story of your church's giving ministry: biblical instruction, the history and tradition, the deep personal commitment of the United Methodists all over the America. UMCCom, 2000. 7 min. For Jr. High & up.

Connectional Giving (VT2658) This unique story of United Methodist giving will help you explain the missions of our family of apportioned funds, six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings, and two designated giving programs - the Advance for Christ and His Church and World Service Special Gifts. It will also help you demonstrate where the local church expense dollar goes during the 2001-2004 quadrennium... and where it stays. Leader's guide. 10 & 12min. (Four 3-minute vignettes). For Jr. High & up.

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