Check out these new children's resources!

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Yes! If your church is a member of MARC, *anyone* is able to order resources from the lending library. The **M**ichigan **A**rea **R**esource **C**enter includes over 4,000 DVDs, videos, sheet music, books, study helps, *and more*, that can make training and leading a breeze. MARC serves all the United Methodist churches in Michigan. Take a look at the resources featured in this November MARC News and see how your congregation might benefit from this great service! It's easy to use and *anyone* in the church is eligible to request resources.

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Children's Ministry/Bible Stories

New to MARC's Bed Bug Bible Gang collection....

Buzzing around through different biblical stories, The Bed Bug Bible Gang uses rhymes, songs, and games to teach "the youngest kid in the pew" about the Bible. These BedBugs puppets ask child-like questions and give child-like explanations to some of the Bible's most powerful stories. This delightful program combines 3-D computer animation with illustrations and live-action puppets to make learning Bible stories fun for children. Each Bed Bug DVD contains three 23-minute episodes with three stories each. Recommended for ages 3-8.

BED BUG BIBLE GANG – KIDS, FRIENDS, AND SONGS (DVD 0616)

Kids, Friends, and Songs includes:

Kindly Kids –
- Laughing Boy (Isaac)
- Samuel's Message
- Jairus' Daughter

Friendly Friends –
- The Fiery Furnace
- Jesus and the Children
- Fishers of Men

Super Psalms –
- Psalm 23
- Psalm 100
- Psalm 136

BED BUG BIBLE GANG – PLANTS AND ANIMALS (DVD 0617)

Plants and Animals includes:

Playful Plants –
- Jonah's Shade Tree
- The Weed Planter
- Vine and Branches

Amazing Animals –
- Daniel for Dinner
- Lost Sheep
- Palm Sunday Donkey

Shepherds and Sheep –
- Burning Bush
- Bethlehem Shepherds
- Sheep and Goats

New to MARC...

SUPERBOOK VIDEO BIBLE

The popular Superbook Video Bible series features two inquisitive children who stumble upon an ancient book and open a fascinating gateway to biblical adventure. Kids will remember and love the heartwarming Bible lessons – retold with biblical accuracy and high-action animation – in each episode. Appropriate for primary and intermediate age. 60 minutes total/20 minutes each episode.

SUPERBOOK VIDEO BIBLE – Joseph, Solomon, and Jonah (VT 3272)

This video includes: Joseph and his dreams; Solomon – Superbrain; and Jonah – Big Fish, Little Fish.

SUPERBOOK VIDEO BIBLE – Saul, Esther, and Ruth (VT 3273)

This video includes: Saul – The First King; Esther – The Beauty Queen; and Ruth – Mother's Day

Also new for children:

EWE KNOW

Ewe Know is a refreshingly different animation series. Each episode features the adventures of a woolly flock of sheep under the tender and wise care of the great shepherd, and a pack of inept wolves that are constantly in pursuit of a tasty meal. This 2-D animated series comes to life like a living coloring book. Each episode is packed full of amusing songs, silly vignettes, and wrapped in powerful life lessons. 30 minutes each. Perfect for ages 3-8.

EWE KNOW – Who Do EWE Trust? (DVD 0618)

In this episode, today is the big day of the field trip and everyone is excited! That is, everyone except Noils. The rest of the sheep are ready for a carefree day under the watchful eye of the Great Shepherd. Noils, on the other hand, is caught up in trying to be prepared for anything that might happen, as he proudly proclaims "I can take care of myself!" How can a thunderstorm and a number of crafty plots by the wolves to "catch supper" change a field trip? Who do EWE trust? is filled with narrow escapes, wooly humor and new musical performances including the "Stuff Song", the "Storm Song" and a special presentation from Sheep Valley Elementary School. Noils learns where to place his trust!

EWE KNOW – Who Do EWE Follow? (DVD 0619)

In this episode, the fun and challenging experience begins when our woolly friends accidentally get out of the pen and head TO THE POND! What does it take to mess up a great trip to the pond? It takes committed leadership, a bunch of yummy dandelions, and a few hungry wolves. Once out of the pen, Spunky, as an act of great leadership – volunteers to lead all of his friends to the pond. Because of this, every turn leads to laughter. Who do EWE follow is an irresistible song-filled escapade. Together they share thrilling adventures on the lovely green pastures as they learn a lesson on who to follow- the Great Shepherd!

Christian Living/Spiritual Growth

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY –
Unleash The Power of Authentic Life in Christ (DVD 0615)

The Christian faith is supposed to produce deep, positive change. So why doesn't it seem to work in "real life"? That question screamed at Pastor Peter Scazzero when his church and marriage hit bottom and every Christian remedy produced nothing but anger and fatigue. As he began digging under the "good Christian" veneer, he uncovered entire emotional layers of his life that God had not yet touched. Discovering that his emotional immaturity had fed his spiritual immaturity, Scazzero experienced a spiritual revolution by biblically integrating emotional health and contemplative spirituality. In Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Scazzero unveils what's wrong with our conventional means of "spiritual growth" and offers biblical, reality-tested, transformational steps that will help you live out your faith with authenticity, awareness, and a hunger for God. The small group DVD includes workbook and devotional book, with the following video sessions (7-10 minutes each):

1. The problem of emotionally unhealthy spirituality
2. Know yourself that you may know God
3. Going back in order to go forward
4. Journey through the wall
5. Enlarge your soul though grief and loss
6. Discover the rhythms of the daily office and Sabbath
7. Grow into an emotionally mature adult
8. Go to the next step to develop a "Rule of Life"

This resource also includes a church-wide initiative kit (6 discs), containing important tools to plan, promote, and implement your church wide experience, such as training sessions, sermons, small group lessons, and planning guidelines.

Willow Creek Association, 2009. For college and up!

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