



All Resources Are New!

A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus (DVD0252) Why was the town of Bethlehem so hardhearted that no private home would take them in if there was no room in the inn? If the Holy Family was in a dirty stable, why didn't the shepherds move them at once to their own homes? In these four half-hour lectures, Dr. Kenneth Bailey answers these and many other questions regarding the Christmas story, providing fresh understandings of the well-known Biblical stories of Christmas in a way that everyone can follow. Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey is a Presbyterian minister who spent 40 years living and teaching in seminaries and institutes in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus.

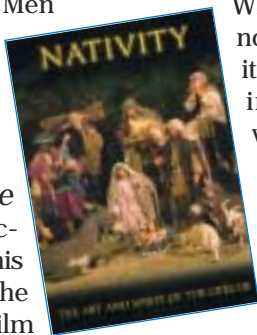
Lecture 1: Where was the Manger and What was the Inn?

Lecture 2: Three Surprises - His Ancestors, Joseph and Herod

Lecture 3: Salvation and the Wise Men
Lecture 4: Herod's Atrocities and Simeon's Welcome

(30 min./lecture; 4 sessions; study guide; for adults)

A Christmas Carol Bible Study (DVD0253): With practical applications for daily living, this video-based Bible study features the most beloved Christmas classic film by Charles Dickens with relevant scriptures for you to use on the teachings of Jesus. Four lessons are: 1. Bah Humbug! (Mark 8:36); 2. A Past of Regret (Ecclesiastes 3:15); 3. A Present Repentance (2Corinthians 7:10); 4. The Salvation of Scrooge (1Thessalonians 5:9) (30 min./lesson; leader's guide & reproducible study guide; The Entertainment Ministry, c2006; for Sr. High & up)



Nativity: The Art and Spirit of the Crèche (DVD0254) After the cross, the Nativity scene is Christianity's most recognized symbol. Its history, art and spirituality have been embraced by cultures around the world for nearly 2,000 years. This DVD unites theologians and collectors with an astonishing and beautiful array of nativity scenes collected from across the globe and housed at the Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

While this resource does not contain a study guide, it does provide interesting information about when the first crèches came about and how they evolved over the centuries. It will prompt viewers to ask questions of their own and/or discuss crèches they have seen or used in their own homes. (30 min.; for Jr. High & up)

Picture the Power (DVD0246) Every time you give to the World Service Fund, the power of the United Methodist Church comes alive. See programs at home and around the world supported by small donations that add up to big help. (1DVD; 9 min.; UCom, 2005; for all ages)

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REMINDER

MARC is closed Wednesdays
New office hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-4:30

The Perfect Stranger (DVD0255) Nikki is a successful attorney, troubled by the fact that her life isn't perfect. One day, a mysterious invitation shows up on her desk that reads, "You are invited to dinner with Jesus of Nazareth." Thinking it's a prank, she shows up, only to find herself in the middle of a whirlwind evening of debate and revelation—with the most unforgettable man she would ever meet. Based on *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory, this film stays true to the book and is thought-provoking and touching. It would be an excellent resource to share with a seeker or someone who is new to the Christian faith. (105min; Discussion guide; Kelly's Filmworks, c2006; for Sr. High & up)

2006 West Michigan Annual Conference Videos (DVD0238-0245)

Tape 1: Opening Worship Service (Thursday 6/1/06) - 90 min.

Tape 2: Friday Morning Worship Service (Friday 6/2/06) - 90 min.

Tape 3: Memorial Worship Service (Friday 6/2/06)

Tape 4: Saturday Morning Worship Service (Saturday 6/3/06)

Tape 5: Marking Sacred Time (Saturday 6/3/06) - 135 min.

Tape 6: Ordination/ Commissioning Service (Saturday 6/3/06) - 135 min.

Tape 7: Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday 6/4/06) - 70 min.

Tape 8: Closing Worship Service (Sunday 6/4/06) - 30 min.

Tape 9: Recognition of 2005 Giving 100% of World Service Fund

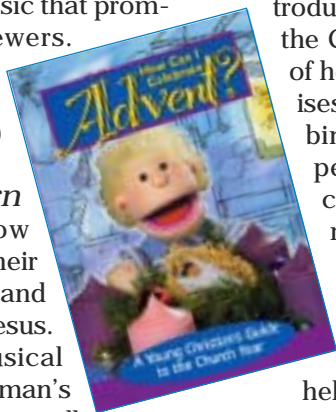
CHILDREN'S VIDEOS

The Lion & the Lamb (DVD0256) Christopher Reeve and Amy Grant relate this touching story of how an escaped lion and newborn lamb teach a brother and sister the true spirit of Christmas. This story is a heartfelt holiday classic that promises to captivate viewers.

Animation. (24 min.; Clearvue & SVE, ©2005; for ages 5-11)

The Savior Is born (DVD0257) Follow Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem and celebrate the birth of Jesus. An awe-inspiring musical score and Morgan Freeman's poignant narration capture all the power and beauty of the very first Christmas. Animation. (28 min.; Clearvue & SVE, ©2005; for ages 5-11)

Martin and the Heavenly Tree (DVD0258) When his father becomes sick, Martin has to change his plans for an outdoor Christmas celebration in a sudden, yet creative way. Will he be able to give his family his special Christmas present? Children will enjoy this tale of the origin of the Christmas tree, set in Germany in the early 16th century. This beautifully illustrated story of the "tree that points to heaven" is sure to be a Christmas favorite. Animation. (23 min.; for ages 4-8)



How Can I Celebrate Advent? (DVD0259) This video is a wonderful guide to the season of Advent – and the perfect way to teach children to prepare for the coming of our Immanuel. Bible stories, activities and traditional advent songs provide an introduction to the first season of the Church Year and its lessons of hope and joy in God's promises. This program uses a combination of live-action puppets, illustrations, and 3-D computer animation. (25 min.; for ages 5 to 11)

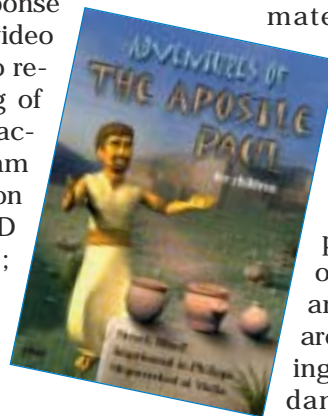
How Can I Celebrate Halloween? (DVD0260) This is a helpful guide for young Christians eager to celebrate Halloween, a holiday instituted as a part of All Saints Day celebrations in response to pagan fall festivals. The video suggests some simple ways to reinforce the Christian meaning of the day through Bible stories, activities and songs. This program uses a combination of live-action puppets, illustrations, and 3-D computer animation. (25 min.; for ages 5-11)

The Candy Maker's Christmas; Go Look In the Manger (DVD0261)

Story 1: Trying to make "the perfect Christmas present" for the royal family, a candy maker learns that the only truly perfect Christmas present is Jesus himself. Everyone enjoys learning about the symbol of the candy cane.

Story 2: Could Ricky Meyer's mother really mean it – no presents for Christmas? Based on a true story, this is a moving tale of Ricky's deal with his mother and a misadventure that almost costs him all his gifts. In the end, he comes to understand the true meaning of Jesus' birth. (30 min./story; for ages 5-11)

Adventures of the Apostle Paul (DVD0262) This engaging, ani-



imated program introduces children to the incredible life and work of the Apostle Paul. Go back about 1,960 years and accompany the Apostle Paul on his travels. For him and his friends, events are often life-threatening. Yet even in these dangerous situations, Paul knows that God will

never leave him. Contains three segments: 1. Struck Blind! - Paul shares how it all began (Acts 7-9); 2. Imprisoned at Philippi - Paul and Silas en route (Acts 16); 3. Shipwrecked at Malta - Paul as a prisoner makes it to Rome (Acts 27-28) Also included Bible texts for each segment; and English and Spanish language options. (9 min./segment; for ages 4-8)

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