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IS MARC EQUIPPING YOUR LEADERS?

MARC, our Michigan Area Resource Center lending library, serving all the United Methodist churches in Michigan, has over 4,000 DVDs, videos, sheet music, books, study helps, *and more*, that can make training and leading a breeze. Take a look at the resources featured in this September MARC News and see how your congregation might benefit from this great service! *Join for half price for the remainder of 2009: \$20.00 for a church/charge with up to 200 members, \$37.50 for 201-400 members, or \$55.00 for 401 or more.* It's a fabulous bargain, easy to use, and *anyone* in the church is eligible to reserve resources.

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Children's Ministry

A perennial favorite - the Bed Bug Bible Gang!

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. Each segment in both videos is approximately 20 minutes long. For ages 3-8. *Nearly New!*

BED BUG BIBLE GANG - FOLLOWING GOD (DVD 0526)

Following God contains 3 episodes: Lots of Light, with stories The Three Wise Men, Light of the World, and The Transfiguration. The second episode, entitled God is Calling, features Noah's Ark, the Anointing of David, and The Twelve Disciples. The last episode, entitled Heading to Heaven, features Elijah and the Chariots, The Rich Man and Lazarus, and Jesus' Ascension.

BED BUG BIBLE GANG- FORGIVENESS, LOVE, AND BLESSINGS (DVD 0527)

Forgiveness, Love, and Blessings contains first episode Forgiveness Fun!, featuring stories Jacob and Esau, 70 X 7, and The Unforgiving Servant. The second episode, entitled Lots of Love!, features Ruth and Boaz, Solomon's Wise Choice, and Faith, Hope, and Love. The final episode, entitled Bunches of Blessings!, features Treasure in the Field, The Widow's Mite, and Bee-Attitudes.

Child Abuse Prevention/ Bullying/Peer Pressure

SAFETY NET KIDS -

NO EASY TARGETS (DVD 0606)

Introducing a new and exciting way to teach and reinforce the important knowledge that will help to ensure your child's safety! In this unique video, No Easy Targets, Glenn Olson, founder of Safety NET Kids, teaches children the importance of knowing when it's OK to say no, about unwarranted touches, what to do when they are approached or grabbed by a stranger, and how to react in other potentially dangerous situations



SAFETY NET KIDS - BULLIES: STAND TALL, BE STRONG (DVD 0607)

Glenn Olson, founder of Safety NET Kids Bullies program, teaches children the importance of building good friendships, how to respond to threats and physical abuse; and how to handle name-calling by instilling confidence with the aid of fun games and high energy content!

Both *new resources* provided by Oblate Media.

30 minutes - perfect for primary and intermediate ages!

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Social/Ethical Issues

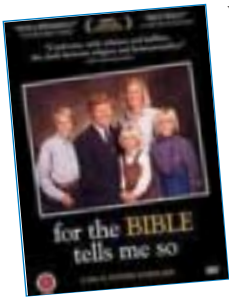
WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG (DVD 0605)

Listen to Adam Hamilton, Pastor of the Resurrection UMC in Leawood, Kansas, in his Feb. 2009 "When Christians Get It Wrong" series as he addresses the issue of how our society treats/views homosexuals. This video does not deal with his thoughts regarding whether or not homosexuality is right or wrong, but instead focuses on how we engage with that particular segment of our population in a negative unscriptural manner. Adam Hamilton offers "What Would Jesus Do?" 30 minutes – comes with study guide and prayer journal. For college and up. *New Resource!*

And more on the issue of homosexuality....

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO (DVD 0587)

Does God really condemn loving homosexual relationships? Is the chasm separating Christianity from gays and lesbians too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate? These questions and more are answered in this award-winning documentary, which brilliantly reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture – and reveals that religious anti-gay bias is based almost solely upon a misinterpretation of the Bible.



Through experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families – including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson – we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member.

Offering healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity, this landmark film "boldly takes on a loaded topic and examines it both intellectually and emotionally; the result may well leave you blinking away a few tears." (Seattle Times) Perfect for college and up. Produced by First Run Features – 98 minutes. *New resource!*

Bible Study

The ever popular BETH MOORE...

STEPPING UP: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PSALMS OF ASCENT (DVD'S 0485-0488)

Hosted by Beth Moore, this detailed study of Psalms 120-134 engages participants in unique opportunities for personal reflection and worship while exploring the background/writer of each. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 psalms model how study participants can voice their own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us. This resource explores the background of each psalm and psalmist, the majority of which were written by David. (4 DVDs; Six sessions with separate introduction session; 55 minutes/session)

Sessions:

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| 1: Where Will My Help Come From? | 4: A Fruitful Vine |
| 2: Our Eyes Look to the Lord | 5: My Hope Is in the Lord |
| 3: Great Things for Us | 6: Blessings from Zion |



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Biblical Teaching/ Youth Ministry

New to MARC's NOOMA collection....

Nooma is a series of short films featuring the teachings of Rob Bell, Pastor of Mars Hill Church in Grandville, Michigan. This series presents Christian perspectives in a compact and concise way. Each video, 10-15 minutes in length, focuses on a different issue and includes a study guide. Great for high school and up!

CORNER (DVD 0608)

Why is it that often when we get what we want, we still feel empty? We work so hard to succeed, but our lives just end up becoming more about us. Can success turn on us? Can we get caught up in a smaller world where our lives are all about the things that we



want? Or is there another way to live? Where life is about more than just *us*. Where we see people in need and we do something about it. Where our world is expanding because we are sharing our success. And maybe in attempting to save someone else from their suffering, we find out

that we are actually the ones being saved.

WHIRLWIND (DVD 0609)

A lot of us have gone through times in our lives that are difficult. Some have been small and hard to understand and some have been big and overwhelming. During these times we want answers, don't we? We want to know why. Why do we have to suffer? Why do bad things happen to good people? We just want someone to make sense of it all. But we don't always get the answers, do we? Sometimes we are left wondering. And those can be some of the most difficult times. Maybe there are times we need to be released from having to have all the answers. And maybe it's when we're released that we are able to see there may be more going on here than we realize.