

Recommended Parenting Resources for Congregations

The following resources are provided as recommendations for congregations to utilize when planning programs for parents. (Compiled January 2009 by Mark Jackson, Professor & Chair of Children, Youth & Family Studies.)

Suggestions for Parenting Classes/Group Curricula

Active Christian Parenting: Practical Skills for the Preschool to Preteen Years

Augsburg Fortress, 1995

Faith and Skills for Parenting (curriculum kit)

Irene Strommen

Augsburg Fortress, 1999

Parent Effectiveness Training: The Proven Program for Raising Responsible Children

Thomas Gordon

Three Rivers Press, 2003 paperback edition

It Takes More Than Love – Positive Parenting (4 session video curriculum)

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota

(out of print?)

Suggested Books to Encourage Congregational Family Ministry

Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear

David W. Anderson and Paul Hill

Augsburg Fortress, 2003

The Family-Friendly Church

Ben Freudenburg and Rick Lawrence

Vital Books, 1998

Family Friendly Ideas Your Church Can Do

Bob Buller, ed.

Group Publishing, 1998

A New Day for Family Ministry

Richard P. Olson and Joe H. Leonard, Jr.

Alban Institute, 1996

Suggested Books for Parent Discussion Groups

Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear

David W. Anderson and Paul Hill
Augsburg Fortress, 2003

Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM

Nathan Dungan
Wiley Books, 2003

A Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers in Crisis

Rick Van Pelt and Jim Hancock
Youth Specialties, 2007

Suddenly They're 13, Or The Art of Hugging a Cactus

David Arp
Zondervan, 1999 edition

Faithfully Parenting Preschoolers

Faithfully Parenting Tweens

Faithfully Parenting Teens: A Proactive Approach

All by John R. Bucka
Concordia Publishing House

Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church

Kenda Creasy Dean
Eerdmans, 2004

Children & Prayer: A Shared Journey

Betty Shannon Cloyd
Upper Room Books, 1997

Parents and Grandparents as Spiritual Guides: Nurturing Children of the Promise

Betty Shannon Cloyd
Upper Room Books, 2000

Five Cries of Parents: Help for Families on Troublesome Issues

Merton P. Strommen and A. Irene Strommen
HarperCollins, 1993

Can I Have the Keys to the Car? How Teens and Parents Can Talk About Things That Really Matter

Terry L. Paulson and Sean D. Paulson
Augsburg Fortress, 1999

Suggested Articles for Parent Discussion Groups

Various articles by The Youth & Family Institute staff

www.tyfi.org/downloads.asp

Various articles from Princeton Institute of Youth Ministry lectures

<http://www.ptsem.edu/iymllectures/list.php>

Implications of National Study of Youth and Religion Findings for Religious Leaders

Christian Smith

<http://www.ptsem.edu/iymllectures/2005/Smith-Implications.pdf>

Organizational Websites

(for programmatic and resource ideas)

ParentTeen

www.parentteen.com

Center for Parent & Youth Understanding

www.cpyu.org

The Youth & Family Institute

www.tyfi.org

The Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence

www.spiritualdevelopmentcenter.org

Forming Faith

www.formingfaith.com

National Study on Youth & Religion

www.youthandreligion.org