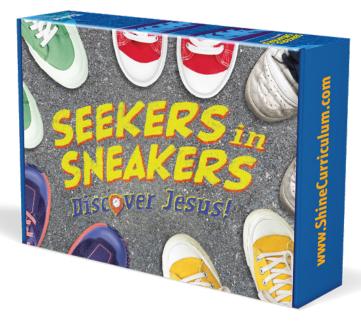
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The Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus! VBS boxed set from Shine Curriculum comes with everything you need to implement an engaging, Bible-based VBS program, no matter your location, size, or budget.











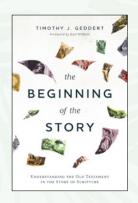




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Rediscover joy in reading the Old Testament

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Understanding the Old Testament
in the Story of Scripture

by Timothy J. Geddert

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Many Christians find the Old Testament mostly confusing, troubling, or irrelevant. But to understand the Bible as the grand story that it is, we must learn to read it. Walking through the arc and major

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This Advent, listen for the voice of God.

The Holy in the Night
Finding Freedom in a Season of
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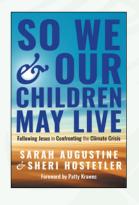
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by Shannon W. Dycus

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If you are approaching this Advent season waiting for something, you are not alone. This season reminds us that our

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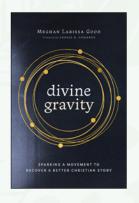
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A movement manifesto for a more Jesus-centered Christianity

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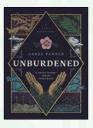
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The story the church has been telling has become too small, and we are at a dead end. There is a movement that is finding ways to tell a better Christian story. In this story, isolation, intolerance, polariza-

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by Carol Penner

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Fresh vision for Anabaptist communities

#### **The New Anabaptists**

Practices for Emerging Communities by Stuart Murray

#### \$18.99 USD

A new incarnation of Anabaptism is blossoming—but not where we might expect. In post-Christendom contexts with little historical Anabaptist presence, Christian communities are

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Digital download: \$20.99 USD
(includes rights to make
copies for leaders
in your congregation)



Print: \$18.99 USD

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# Current Digital download: \$39.99 USD

Created by Shine for youth (grades 6–12), this curriculum can be used year-round.

Current: Seeking Peace Together is an exploration of 13 Bible stories that illustrate the Hebrew concept of shalom. Shalom is a Hebrew word that means "peace," and it signifies all of life being complete, healthy, and whole. Shalom is a broad vision for

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#### Curriculum



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Spring 2024: Encounters in Prayer and Love

Participant Guide: \$33.25 USD/\$29.93 USD bulk\* Large print: \$43.85 USD/\$39.50 USD bulk\* Participant guide writer: Kathleen Kern

Salt & Light Leader \$48.95 USD/\$44.12 USD bulk\*

Includes all material found in the participant guide plus teaching plans for insight, discussion, and learning activities.

Leader guide writer: Daryl Climenhaga

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## Spring 2024: Living the Good News

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#### THE EARLY CHURCH

In the second half of the quarter, children will hear about the birth of the early church at Pentecost. They will follow Philip and Peter as they teach about Jesus and hear about Paul's conversion. Finally, they will travel with Paul and meet people who became part of the church. They will watch the early church grow from a small group of Jewish followers into a group that included Jews, Gentiles, Ethiopians, women, and many others.

The good news of Jesus shines through in every story! In each session, children and youth are given opportunities to express their response to the story in age-appropriate ways. Shine's session plans are flexible and include plenty of tips for teachers, activity options, worship and spiritual practice ideas, and discussion prompts.

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This easy-to-use curriculum for PreK-Kindergarten and Elementary students is a companion to Shine's new storybook Bible, *The Peace Table*. Perfect for summer, the 15-session unit highlights the stories in the "Peace with Creation" Peace Path. Subsequent units will debut each summer focusing on the remaining Peace Paths outlined in the storybook Bible. Churches can use these units at any time during the year, whether in their regular Sunday school program or weekday program. Along with the curriculum, "Follow the Peace Path" Cards will be available for purchase that contain devotional activities for families to do at home. Look for more information at ShineCurriculum.com.

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<u>Two copies of: Director Guide; Worship & Drama Leader Guide; Early Childhood Leader Guide; Mountain Moves Station Leader Guide</u> (active games); Seaside Exploration Station Leader Guide (art and science activities); Temple Study Station Leader Guide (Bible study)

One copy of: Early Childhood (PreK) Student Book; Elementary (grades K–5) Student Book; Music and Resource USB Drive (music, song motion videos, teaching aids, logos, letter to families, and PowerPoint slides for opening and closing worship that include song lyrics); Invitation Posters; Invitation Postcard; Student Participation Certificate; and Poster Pack (Bible memory and activity areas)

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