

Diocesan Resource Centre -- 2007

Advent/Christmas list:

MEDIUM	TITLE	AUTHOR	PuB DATE	SUBJECT DESCRIPTORS	COPIES	CALL NUMBER
Digital video disc	<i>The Crippled Lamb</i>	Nelson, Tommy	2001	Bible study -- birth of Christ. Children.	1	CHR DVD16
<p>Based on the book by Max Lucado: Old Asah, the story-telling camel, tells Benjamin Goat the story of the crippled lamb, Joshua who wants to keep up with the flock but discovers that God has another plan for him when he ends up in the right place at the right time to watch history's greatest event unfold. A children's Christmas story that can be watched all year round. Animated, with songs and special features.</p>						
Digital video disc	<i>The True Christmas story: Herod the Great, Jesus the King</i>	Vander Laan, Ray	c1999 ; 2	Bible, O.T., N.T. Judaeo-Christian study. Christmas/Advent.	3	CHR DVD122
<p>Travel with teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan to the land of Israel to discover fascinating truths about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus; from the shining heights of opulence and power -- see the magnitude of the ruins of Herod's palace -- to the humble settings of the true manger. This presentation weaves archeological evidence with Biblical teachings and the historical record to contrast two kings and find faith-building truths. Includes "the True Christmas Story" ; Living water ; Hebrew Thinking ; Illustration gallery and bonus segments from the Faith lessons series.</p>						
print	<i>A is for Angel: a Christmas alphabet and activity book</i>	O'Neal, Debbie Trafton and Jan Bryan-Hunt	2005	Christmas -- symbolism, Bible study and children's activities	2	CHR b1544
<p>This book weaves the story of Jesus' birth into a rhyming alphabetical journey from the Angel who visited Mary through to the zzz's from the baby sleeping in the manger. With beautiful folk-art illustrations that can inspire Christmas art projects -- instructions for crafts at the back of the book.</p>						
print	<i>A Tree for Christmas</i>	Mackall, Dandi Daley and Dominic Catalano	2004	Christmas -- juvenile fiction. Jesus Christ -- juvenile fiction	1	CHR b1542
<p>this lyrical Christmas book encourages us to see why we need a tree for Christmas by showing all the roles the tree has played to fulfill God's plan for our eternal life with the birth of Jesus, and the symbolic meaning of traditional decorations we place on the tree.</p>						
print	<i>Advent Adventure</i>	Gibson, Alison	2004	Advent, Christmas	1	CHA b1196
<p>Thoughtful questions for meditation and discussion about the meaning of various stages of the spiritual journey of Advent ; one for each day of Advent.</p>						

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print	<i>Advent Angels</i>	Doggett, Sue	1999	Advent, Christmas, Children's crafts, Bible Study	1	CHA b1183
	A host of stories, crafts, puzzles and things to do for the days of Advent. Includes Photocopy permission for craft illustrations.					
print	<i>Advent Journeys</i>	Gugel, John	2001	Advent/Christmas. Meditations. Prayer.	2	AD b1536
	A small book of daily devotions for Advent: Bible readings, and questions for reflection for each of the 28 days.					
print	<i>Advent Light</i>	Binz, Stephen J.	2004	Advent -- Bible study.	3 (1 in PEI)	CHA b1182
	A book of 30 lessons in six sessions for Advent with Bible readings, commentary, questions for reflection and discussion, and prayer and suggestions for group or individual study. Each session also has suggestions for facilitators.					
print	<i>Bartimouse and the Christmas Mystery</i>	Goodings, Christina and Maxwell Lawrence Dorsey	2000	Christmas -- juvenile fiction. Christmas Sunday school activities.	1	CHR b1541
	Two modern church-mice observe a Sunday School group's activities preparing for Christmas in the church hall. The mice watch and listen to the Christmas story, giving a running commentary from an innocent, objective point of view, trying to imitate the group, and are surprised to find that they are part of it. A funny and heart-melting story with colourful cartoon-style illustrations, and some ideas for symbolic Christmas crafts.					
print	<i>Best of Blessings : Advent, Christmas and Epiphany</i>	Arthur, Ginny, editor.	1998	Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Children's worship	1	CHA b1185
	A new collection of "grass roots" programmes created in Canadian parishes; for children of all ages and adults and children together. Well structured and timed, to be used in a variety of ways, as additions to the liturgy or as separate events. Includes theological background, nine reproducible program units, and extensive resource list.					
print	<i>Christmas in my soul</i>	Wheeler, Joe; editor.	2000	Christmas fiction -- American. Christmas stories.	1	CHA b1337
	An introduction by Joe Wheeler "From St. Nicholas to santa Claus" and six short stories: Why the Minister did not resign; Christmas in tin can valley; With a star on top; Merry "Little Christmas"; The Invisible Christmas trees; and A Christmas Miracle.					

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print	<i>Christmas joy for your family</i>	Mains, Karen Burton	1980	Church Year Christmas Activities Family	2	CHA B 420
	Activities for a Christ-filled christmas from the Mains family.					
print	<i>Christmas Make and Do : crafts that bring the Christmas story to life for ages 6 - 12</i>	Chapman, Gillian	2004	Christmas, Bible stories, Children's crafts	1	CHA b1187
	Reproducible Bible craft ideas, patterns for wrapping paper, ornaments, finger puppets, an Advent calendar, plus cookie recipes, scripture references; brings the Christmas story to life for ages 6 - 12.					
print	<i>Christmas program builder no. 56 : creative resources for program directors</i>	Messer, Kimberly R.	2003	Advent, Christmas activities, Youth drama	1	CHA b1191
	A collection of preschool recitations, plays, readings, and monologues, compiled by Kimberly Messer, for use as a program resource with all agegroups.					
print	<i>Christmas promise</i>	Abingdon Press	2003	Advent, Christmas drama, children's drama	1	CHA b1193
	Easy dramas, speeches and recitations fro children, including a call to worship, a dramatic presentation for advent, readings and prayers. Permission to reproduce with copyright reference.					
print	<i>Christmas through our eyes : three plays for youth</i>	Bergey, Rebecca and Rebecca Hunsberger	2002	Advent, Christmas, youth drama	1	CHA b1190
	These plays, compiled as a Sunday School class project and written by Senior High Sunday School students, present a youthful perspective on God's message through the Christmas story.					
print	<i>Christmas treasures: a collection of congregational resources for Advent/Christmas</i>	Ward, Elaine M. et al.	2003	Advent/Christmas. Congregational resources. Advent/Christmas -- Children's activities.	1	CHR b1551
	A collection of congregational (all-inclusive) resources: Readings, litanies, Dramatic readings and testimonies, Sunday School Christmas program, plays, sermons, Children's sermons and helpful service plannig based on scriptures.					

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print	<i>Christmas: crafts, stories, carols (First Festivals Series)</i>	Rock, Lois	2001	Christmas -- crafts, stories, Carols.	1	CHR b1546
	This is a large format brightly illustrated craft book with simple to do but impressive Christmas crafts, accompanied by the basic story and music of carols, that help children and adults discover the traditions of Christmastime, play the songs and tell stories of the festival while sharing the Christmas message of love					
print	<i>Cloth for the cradle: worship resources and readings for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany</i>	Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community	2000, 19	Advent/Christmas/Epiphany. Bible study, Liturgical Resources.	2	AD b1539
	A book containing a wealth of different worship resources for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: litanies, meditations, monologues, poems, prayers, readings scripts and symbolic actions with the purpose of allowing the adult to rediscover the story of Christ's birth speaking from and to adult experience.					
print	<i>Come let us adore him: stories behind the most cherished Christmas Hymns</i>	Morgan, Robert J.	2005	Christmas -- hymns, music. Christmas -- history.	2	CHR b1543
	Includes, stories, Lyrics, music, scripture quotations and 10-song CD of favourite Christmas carols.					
print	<i>Daybreaks: daily reflections for Advent and Christmas</i>	Kavanaugh, John F.	2006	Advent/Christmas. Reflections, meditations.	2	AD b1538
	These reflections remind us not only of our great need for God but also of the brokenness of the world and awaken the sense of waiting and longing, and make Advent and Christmas a time apart from the mania of consumerism, a time to give thanks and to welcome the gift of the Christ child.					
print	<i>Have you heard the story? : a seek-and-find book for Advent.</i>	Mead, Arden and David Mead	2005	Christmas and Advent -- children's Bible study.	1	CHA b1343
	Thirty days, each of Biblereading reference with a simple explanation of the Advent topic and a poem, plus 15 full-page colour photographs of objects to play seek-and- find in relation to the lessons.					
print	<i>Instant Christmas Pageant: The fumbly bumbly angels.</i>	Cope, Sandy and Sandy Dillbeck	1997	Christmas plays -- musical drama. Angels -- drama. Christmas pageants.	1	CHA b1344
	A comical and fun musical drama with everything done for you ("just add kids"); contains the script in large easy-to follow boxed text, reproducible stencils and designs for costumes, How-to's on using the pageant, assigning roles, creating the costumes, preparing props, publicizing and setting the stage, plus Christmas song lyrics and a programmable and re-recordable CD of all the music.					

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print	<i>Instant Christmas Pageant: Wee Three Kings</i>	Moreland, Marian Hope and Richard Moreland	1999	Christmas plays -- musical drama. Christmas pageants.	1	CHA b1345
<p>A comical and fun musical drama with everything done for you ("just add kids"); contains the script in large easy-to follow boxed text, reproducible stencils and designs for costumes, How-to's on using the pageant, assigning roles, creating the costumes, preparing props, publicizing and setting the stage, plus Christmas song lyrics and a programmable and re-recordable CD of all the music.</p>						
print	<i>Jesse Tree Devotions: A Family Activity for Advent</i>	Breckenbridge, Marilyn S.	1985	Advent Church Year Bible study Devotional Literature Christmas	1	CHA B 429
<p>Written and designed to help families prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth. Traces the spiritual family tree of Jesus Christ in the tradition of the Jesse Tree, retelling many of the Bible stories that lead to Christ's birth.</p>						
print	<i>My very own Christmas prayer book : an alphabet of prayers for all the days of Advent</i>	Mead, Arden W., Illustrated by Sally Beck.	2002	Advent, Christmas, prayer.	1	CHA b1184
<p>There are twenty-six prayers, with full page colourful illustrations that can be prayed in order from the first of December or in other ways. They are all happy prayers suited to children and pre-teens; language is simple enough to be read to young children as well.</p>						
print	<i>Redeeming Light</i>	Hereth, Robert C.	2006	Advent/Christmas. Bible study.	2	AD b1537
<p>Retired pastor Robert Hereth revisits moments of his life when when the light of Christ illumined and redeemed his world or the lives of others in his family and parish, in these meditations for Advent which reveal that God is at work among us -- each devotion turns on a scripture verse and concludes with a hymn stanza.</p>						
print	<i>Room for a little one: a Christmas tale</i>	Waddell, Martin and Jason Cockcroft	2004	Jesus Christ -- Nativity -- juvenile fiction.	1	CHR b1540.02
<p>Kind Ox welcomes Old Dog, Stray cat, Small Mouse, and finally the baby Jesus into his stable on the first Christmas night. Realistic larger- than- life illustrations that make the animals almost tangible make this a good book to read to a group of children. [In stock: one large and one smaller format).</p>						
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print	<i>Services for the advent wreath : based on Lectionary years A, B, and C</i>	Jarboe, Robert	1998	Advent, Music, Lectionary.	1	CHA b1186
	A very easy-to use resource to make the advent wreath relevant to the rest of the service; includes every Sunday in advent, as well as Christmas Eve and Day; covers all three years of the lectionary cycle; includes bulletin inserts, litanies, prayers, scripture readings, original choral introts, flexible music.					
print	<i>Simply Christmas : easy drama, speeches, and recitations for children</i>	Augustine, Peg	2001	Advent, Christmas, Children's drama	1	CHA b1188
	Includes reproducible scripts, music, poetry for six different Christmas performances, each 10 to 20 minutes long, using all the characters of the Christmas story, with production notes. Simple and easy to use.					
print	<i>Simply Christmas : easy dramas, speeches, and recitations for children.</i>	Augustine, Peg, editor.	2001	Christmas plays -- musical drama. Christmas -- children's activities.	1	CHA b1346
	A compilation of plays, readings, and prayers to use at Christmas, with musical notation and lyrics.					
print	<i>Speaking of Christmas : plays for readers' theatre</i>	Powell, Matthew	2004	Advent, Christmas activities, Youth drama	1	CHA b1192
	Twelve plays, ranging from 5-20 minutes long, designed for "readers' theatre" , an old method of drama like storytelling through staged readings. Includes historical background and list of other resources. Easy to stage and suitable for worship services, prayer groups, religious education and parish function entertainment.					
print	<i>The Advent Wreath : a light in the darkness</i>	O'Neal, Debbie Trafton	1988	advent, christmas, Advent wreath	1	CHA b1198
	A small booklet telling the traditional meaning of the Advent wreath; with suggested readings, hymns and ideas for planning a home celebration.					
print	<i>The Advent Instructor : reflections on Christmas symbolism</i>	Mortonson, Kenneth A.	2002	Advent, Christmas,	1	CHA b1189
	Stories and references about the Advent/Christmas symbols that inspire and instruct us in our understanding of the Christian faith. Useful for children's sermons, Sunday school classes or even preparing sermons.					

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print	<i>The Christmas Mouse</i>	Jeffs, Stephanie and Jenny Thorne	2004	Christmas Fiction. Christmas -- children's literature.	1	CHA b1342
A little mouse finds a wrapped present under a Christmas tree, borroughs into it and finds himself in another land and time just in time to witness the amazing event of Christ's birth. Beautiful full-page watercolour illustrations make this book a delight for adults as well as children as it reveals the meaning of Christmas through the mouse's adventure.						
print	<i>The city that forgot about Christmas</i>	Warren, Mary	1968	Christian Education Church Year Christmas stories	1	CHA B 54
How a city that forgot the Christmas story learn it and the story of Jesus again.						
print	<i>The Jesse Tree : stories and symbols of Advent</i>	Anderson, Raymond and Georgene	c1966; 19	Advent -- prayer books and devotions -- English. Jesse Tree. Christmas decorations.	1	CHA b1340
Devotions and prayers for the family with a full page colour symbol for each Bible story (29), suggestions for use and explanations of their origins.						
print	<i>The Legend of the fourth king</i>	Schaper, Edzard. Translation, Peter Heinegg	c.1961; 1	Magi legends -- fiction.	1	CHA b1338
A unique and poetic translation of a Russian Magi legend that tells of a fourth king in Russia who heard of the birth of a King and set off on a special journey with thoughtful gifts, in the end to learn the truth of the Christ child's birth. Written in simple, sometimes humorous style that will delight both children and adults and have them relate to the Magi's quest from a different point of view.						
print	<i>The Light will shine : a study for Advent</i>	Miller, Carol J.	1999	Advent. Christmas. Bible study.	1	CHA b1227
A resource book of the Kerygma Program with Bible studies from the first Sunday in Advent to Epiphany; contains Bible references for study and reading, historical background and easily understood inspirational commentary relating the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Epistles to modern life.						
print	<i>The Miracle of Christmas: an Advent study for adults.</i>	Moore, James W.	2006	Advent. Bible Study.	1	CHR b1550
A four-week study, appropriate for both group and individual use. Each lesson is based on a miracle of "Good News", Hospitality" and "Giving" and the "Miracle of Christmas", and includes scripture for reference, reflections, prayers, questions for discussion and study, and a focus on the coming week.						

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print	<i>The Not-So-Wise Man.</i>	Macdonald, Alan	1999	Christmas fiction. Children's literature.	1	CHA b1339
	A different take on the wisdom of Ashtar, a wise man who helps strangers on his journey following the Eastern star -- but helps only so much. His prideful wisdom prevents him from seeing the miracle that his journey was for!! Colourfully illustrated, suitable for young readers, this is not just a Christmas story, but a good lesson on how we miss a lot when we replace the impulse for compassion with know-it-all intellect.					
print	<i>The Story of the Advent Wreath</i>	s.n.	1982	advent, christmas, Advent wreath	1	CHA b1197
	A small booklet telling the traditional meaning and history of the Advent wreath; with scripture readings and instructions for making the wreath.					
print	<i>The Wonderful Story of Christmas</i>	Lafortune, Claude	2003	Advent. Christmas. Children's craft activities.	1	CHA b1229
	The story of Christmas told in simple language with full page colour illustrations and cut-out nativity scene.					
print	<i>These are the candles : five candle lighting readings for Advent</i>	Tilden, Wayne	1997	advent, Christmas worship	1	CHA b1194
	Readings to be read from offstage as the accompanying Advent candle is lit; a timeless resource to dramatize the lighting of the Advent candles during worship service, with suggested hymns.					
print	<i>Very Merry Christmas activity book</i>	Stohs, Anita Reith.	2001	Christmas -- decorations. Christmas -- children's activities.	1	CHA b1347
	A compilation of children craft and game activitiess to use at Christmas, with reproducible graphics to make bookmarks, puzzles, maps, crosswords, Christmas decorations while learning the Christmas story.					
print	<i>We light the candles : devotions related to family use of the Advent wreath</i>	Brandt, Catharine	1976	Advent, Advent wreath, Christmas, family activities	1	CHA b1195
	A small but mighty book of devotions for families to use with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. First published in 1946, it is still traditionally most used.					

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print	<i>Welcome the babe: a family celebration of christmas</i>	Sitze, Bob Sitze, Chris	1980	Church Year Christmas Advent Family Christmas Activities	1	CHA B 432
	Activities and questions to help families prepare for Christmas and the coming of Christ.					
print	<i>Wonderworker: a true story of how St. Nicholas became Santa Claus.</i>	Yzermans, Vincent A.	1994	Santa Claus -- history and tradition. St. Nicholas -- Christian and Pagan tradition. St. Nicholas -- poetry and art.	1	CHR b1545
	Nicholas was recognized as a miracle worker and made a name for himself with his eloquence, intelligence and generosity in the small Mediterranean town whence he came. The 19th century transformation into a saint that bestows the gift of continuing revival upon humankind.					
video	<i>Advent adventure</i>		1983	Church year Advent Church history Symbolism-Christianity	1	CHA V 1
	An exploration of Advent in Christian history through art, poetry, music and symbolism, with Dr. James Perkins.					
video	<i>Christmas - Home to Bethlehem</i>		1984	Christmas Church Year Bethlehem Bible study	2	CHA V 29
	A half-hour CBC special which follows (the late) Archbishop Lewis Garnsworthy to the Holy Land.					
video	<i>Preparing for Christmas: An Advent program for the family</i>		1986	Christmas Advent Bible study	1	CHA V 145
	Host Fr. Anthony Scannell guides you (in easy going style) through the scriptures, stories and music to the real meaning of Christmas. By spending a few minutes each week to make Advent the "Waiting in Faith" time that it is meant to be, Christmas can be very "special" indeed.					
video	<i>The city that forgot about Christmas/I will take you to the Christ Child</i>		1985	Christmas Children	1	CHA V 34
	"The City That Forgot About Christmas" (animated): Benji's kindly grandfather tells Benji and Waldo about a city where everyone has forgotten what Christmas is all about. As a matter of fact, they don't even celebrate Christmas at all until Matthew, a mysterious carpenter, comes to town. Through his actions and words, Matthew reminds the people of the importance of that special baby born long ago. "I Will Take You to the Christ Child" uses the Sylwester marionettes to retell the story of Christ's birth.					

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video	<i>The fourth wiseman</i>		1984	Christmas Jesus Magi/Wisemen Bible study	1	CHA V 132
	"The Fourth Wiseman" traces the 33-year pilgrimage of Artiban to find the Christ and present him with three jewels. "One Foot in Heaven": the story of the City of Jerusalem as crossroads of three major religions and controversial capital of Israel.					
Video	<i>The Little crooked Christmas tree</i>	Cutting, Michael and Ron Broda; narrated by Christopher Plummer	1990	Family drama -- Christmas.	1	CHR v2005.08
	A little crooked spruce tree on a Christmas tree farm wonders why he is always overlooked and remains on the spot through season after season, yearning to discover what Christmas is about, until a storm blows a dove into its branches for shelter and he learns about love sacrifice and Christmas. A unique visual effect achieved with exquisite paper sculptures that bring to life this Christmas classic; narrated by Christopher Plummer, appealing for all ages.					
video	<i>The Real meaning of Christmas : nativity or nostalgia?</i>		1987	Christmas Bible study	1	CHA V2001-4
	Bishop Michael Marshall explores the true Christian spirit of Christmas in the light of contemporary commercialism, sentimentality, gifts and parties. This first videotape in the "Probing" series includes art, drama, and scripture					
video	<i>The wonder of the boy Jesus</i>		1987	Jesus Christmas Children	1	CHA V 201.a
	A grandfather tells his grandson the story of Christmas. Filmed on location in the Holy Land.					