

## THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Through Christian education we invite people and communities of faith to be transformed as they are inspired and challenged to:

- Know and experience God through Jesus Christ,
- Claim and live God's promises, and
- Grow and serve as Christian disciples.

*Foundations: Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education in Your Congregation*

A quick scan of the Merriam-Webster online dictionary of the word peace yields many results. Many of the definitions are not about peace; they are about the absence of war. We live in a world that can be overwhelming with conflict, strife, death, violence, and grief. We are reminded by Jesus from his words in John's Gospel, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here" (John 18:36, NRSV). These words serve as a reminder that as followers, we also live in God's kingdom with the promise of hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ. Our world is yearning for words of hope and peace and for people who will live as peace providers in the world.

What is peace? Peace is so much more than the absence of conflict; it's even more than just living in peace with one another. From a Christian perspective, peace includes our relationships with God and one another and bringing reconciliation and harmony. It reflects the peace that comes from God that

surpasses all understanding. Peacebuilding includes conflict resolution, understanding how we respect one another, understanding how we are called to be peacemakers in our homes or work, and modeling peace to the children and youth in our lives.

The 2022 Christian Education Week resource focuses on why we are called to be peacemakers and provides leaders in your congregation an opportunity to consider how they are or could be peacebuilders in their own contexts. In our world that is full of anxiety, we have information at our fingertips, yet discernment is essential. Learning about and experiencing the source of true peace in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit is more vital than ever.

This resource is designed to give people an opportunity to see the impact of peacebuilders, those who are both well-known and unsung heroes, and how each of us is called to be a peacebuilder.

This resource is intended to help you plan your Christian Education Week/Sunday celebration. Check with your annual

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> He taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. <sup>4</sup> "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad. <sup>5</sup> "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full. <sup>7</sup> "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. <sup>10</sup> "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. <sup>11</sup> "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. <sup>12</sup> Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

**Matthew 5:1-12** (CEB) COPYRIGHT © 2011 BY COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

conference to determine if a date has been set for this occasion and if the conference receives a special offering to support educational ministries.

This celebration may be combined with ministries in your church that are involved with peace, such as Christian Home Month: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/2022-christian-home-month-planning-resources-for-congregations-conferences>. It is a wonderful time to recognize and celebrate the unsung peacebuilders in your church and build peace in your community. Make this a celebration of God's love and peace in your midst and God's call to be peacebuilders in the world.



## Hymns

- “Draw the Circle Wide” 3154 W&S
- “Let Our Earth Be Peaceful” 3159 W&S
- “Song of Hope” 2186 TFWS
- “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” 712 UMH
- “Dona Nobis Pacem” 376 UMH
- “Take Time to Be Holy” 395 UMH
- “Let There Be Peace on Earth” 431 UMH
- “Shalom to You” 666 UMH
- “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” 2171 TFWS
- “Peace for the Children” 3125 W&S

TFWS = *The Faith We Sing* | UMH = *United Methodist Hymnal* | W&S = *Worship and Song*

## Call to Worship

Jesus said, “Come unto me all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.”

**We long for our souls to rest in the peace which Jesus gives.**

Jesus also said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.”

**We come today to learn from the God of all knowledge.**

Jesus said, “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**As we come to worship, let us cast our burdens on the Savior and find that he bears our burdens and lightens our load.**

**ALL: Jesus invites us to “Come.” It is our joy to say yes to his invitation.**

—Constance Cherry 2011 (*Worship & Song Worship Resources*)

## Prayer

Lord, make our hearts places of peace  
And our minds harbors of tranquility.  
Sow in our souls true love for you  
and for one another.  
and root deeply within us  
friendship and unity,  
and concord with reverence.

So may we give peace to each other sincerely  
and receive it beautifully. Amen.

—Native American, *Worship & Song Worship Resources*

## Scripture

- 2 Kings 8:1-6 (Elisha and the woman from Shunem)
- Psalm 34:11-14 (How to honor God)
- Matthew 5:1-12 (Beatitudes; Happy People)
- Colossians 3:12-17 (Peace of Christ)

## Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

## Offertory Prayer

God of justice and mercy, you fill us with your grace and love every day. As we worship this day, we pause to give thanks for the example of Jesus whose love and compassion modeled for us what it means to be builders of peace and justice in the midst of our communities. In response to the many ways that you work in and through us, we give of ourselves and invite others to know the joys that spring from giving generously of time, talents, and gifts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Benediction

Go forth from this place in peace.  
Go forth knowing your faith is the assurance of things you hope for and the conviction of that which you have yet to see with your eyes.  
Go down from the mountain top,  
setting out like Abraham, not knowing where God is leading.  
Leave this service, not yet having received all the promises of God,  
but seeing them in the distance.  
Press on in faith.  
Step back into the everydayness of your life  
desiring to see God in heaven,  
not ashamed to be called God's people. Amen.

—Eugene Blair, 2008 (*Worship & Song Worship Resources*)

## Night Prayer

God of the peaceable kingdom,  
as night settles on your children,  
come into my darkness to be with me.  
Let the night noises be no more dangerous  
than the gentle breeze, the chirping crickets,  
or the quiet murmur of a sleeping family.  
Let peace bathe the land and soothe my soul.  
Let me grow happily old with good neighbors,  
and the sight of my grandchildren's children.  
Let me count the stars from my own backyard,  
find the bliss of sleep in my own warm bed,  
and know myself cradled in your loving arms.  
Beat the swords of war into the plowshares of prosperity,  
make the wolf lie down with the lamb, the lion with the calf,  
and let your blessed children play safely over the adder's den.  
Amen.

—Robert Ingram, 2011 (*Worship & Song Worship Resources*)

## A Litany of Dedication for Christian Educators, Leaders, and Learners

LITANY OF DEDICATION:

One: Happy are people who make peace,

**Congregation: Because they will be called God's children.**

One: Today we remember we are called to teach and serve one another as we grow in our faith.

**Congregation: We give thanks for the students who desire to grow in their faith and relationship with God.**

One: As we learn and teach the stories of our faith, may we be ever mindful of how we model the peace of Christ in the world.

**Congregation: We give thanks for the opportunities we have to learn and model our faith. We pray that we may learn together how to be an example of Christ's peace.**

One: Help us work for peace, create it, and live it.

**ALL: Grant us wisdom and discernment to lead and model with Christ-like peace in our homes, classroom, community, and world. Amen.**

# Becoming a Builder of Peace Workshop

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**Time:** Approximately 75-90 minutes

## Purpose:

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- describe peace and peacemakers through the lens of faith in Jesus Christ.
- identify peacemakers in their community and world.
- incorporate prayer practices for peace into faith formation and life

## Materials:

- Name tags
- Markers, crayons, pens, and pencils
- “Peaceful Heroes” by Jonah Winter
- iPad or device to surf the web (use a device that is visible by multiple people at one time).
- Paper
- Newsprint/easel pad
- Tape
- “A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner’s Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads” by Kristen E. Vincent
- “Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God” by Sybil MacBeth
- Peace Stones (bag of smooth stones purchased at arts and crafts store are ideal)
- Permanent Markers
- Mod Podge
- Copies of handouts
- Refreshments (optional)—Be aware of food allergies.
- Copies of learning center instructions
- Copies of The United Methodist Hymnal

## Preparation:

- Publicize the workshop and its purpose.
- Pray for those who will attend.
- Gather materials.
- Make copies of all handouts as well as instructions for each of the learning centers.
- Arrange chairs as desired (circle or around round tables) for total group time with newsprint or whiteboard and markers ready to use with the total group.
- Prepare learning centers. Ideally, each center will have its own table or space. If you have a large group, you may want to prepare two stations for each center.
- Place the needed instructions, handouts, and supplies for the learning centers on the tables

## Getting Started (About 15 minutes)

Invite participants to make name tags. If you have provided refreshments, point them out to people as they arrive. Provide newsprint with the word “peace” on one piece of paper and “peacebuilder” on the other. Ask people to write their responses to each word on the newsprint. Invite people to take their seats, welcome them, and ask them to briefly introduce themselves by telling their name and what class or small group they lead. If the group is exceptionally large, you may need to break into small groups to complete the introductions in a timely manner.

Read Matthew 5:1-12 (It is recommended to use a translation that is understood by your entire audience).

Remind participants that this section of Scripture is also called The Beatitudes and is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Following the teachings of the Beatitudes, or blessings, brings joy in life. Our focus will be on verse 9, “*Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called children of God.*”

To begin, define peace in this context: Peace is not just the absence of conflict; peace includes our relationships with God and one another and how we bring reconciliation and harmony in the world around us. Discuss the responses on the newsprint. Ask participants, “How is our understanding of peace different because of our relationship with Jesus Christ?”

Describe the four learning activities briefly and suggest that participants choose activities to enhance their understanding of peace and being peacemakers. Tell the group they have forty minutes to explore the activities of their choice. They can choose one or all the centers. Participants may also take a break and enjoy refreshments as needed.

## Learning Centers (About 45 minutes)

There are four learning centers: (1) Reflecting on Peace—Children’s Book (*Peaceful Heroes*); (2) Peacemakers; (3) Prayers for Peace; and (4) Symbols of Peace.

Depending on the number of people in your group, these centers may be done individually or in small groups. People may choose to do all the centers or focus on one. Encourage everyone to take home a copy of the “Prayers for Peace” handout, whether they participate in that center or not.

### REFLECTING ON PEACE – CHILDREN’S BOOK

Supplies Needed: *Peaceful Heroes* by Jonah Winter, reflection handout, pens or markers.

Read the book *Peaceful Heroes* as a group or individually. Then use the reflection page to respond to several wondering questions. (You may also substitute another book about peace for *Peaceful Heroes* if desired.)

### PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Read the handout “Prayers for Peace” about diverse ways to pray for peace. Use one of the ideas and spend time in prayer. Provide several possibilities for ways to pray for peace – breath prayers, praying with beads, praying in color, use of a labyrinth, and movement prayers.

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*A Bead and a Prayer* is a great resource if you want to offer this as a way for participants to focus on praying for peace. You may provide all the supplies needed or purchase kits. (This short video from United Methodist Communications is helpful in explaining prayer beads: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTWtgzcsLg>.)

*Praying in Color* is another fantastic resource for praying for peace. This short video helps explain *Praying in Color*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2WiqoKhqM>.

Participation in a breath prayer is demonstrated with this participatory YouTube video from Rethink Church: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XV32S2Qe7o>.

## INSTRUMENT OF PEACE PRAYER REFLECTION

An excellent opportunity for prayer is the implementation of a labyrinth. Perhaps your church already has a labyrinth. Maybe you have access to a labyrinth at a nearby garden or retreat center. Some churches (particularly during the Lenten season) create indoor labyrinths or use a portable one that may include “stations” or stopping points along the way to guide a worshiper. Anyone can pray in a labyrinth.

Read the following prayer to the entire group. Then spend some moments pondering the words of this prayer while playing the worship song created around this prayer from St. Francis of Assisi: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leWRHSqUp6U&list=RDleWRHSqUp6U&start\\_radio=1&rv=leWRHSqUp6U&t=10](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leWRHSqUp6U&list=RDleWRHSqUp6U&start_radio=1&rv=leWRHSqUp6U&t=10).

Lord, make me an instrument of your **peace**.

### Lyrics

*Where there is hatred, let me bring love*  
*Where there is doubt, let me bring faith*  
*Where there is falsehood, let me bring truth*  
*Where there is pain, I'll comfort you*  
*Where there is silence, let me sing praise*  
*Where there's despair, let me bring hope*  
*Where there is blindness, let me bring sight*  
*Where there is darkness, let me bring light*  
*And with these words I speak*  
*Grant that I may not so seek*  
*To be heard but to hear*  
*To be consoled but to console,*  
*Not to be seen, but to see*  
*To be loved but to love*  
*For when we give love, we will receive*  
*When we forgive love, we'll find reprieve*  
*It is in dying we'll be released*  
*Make me an instrument of peace*

Discuss what you felt as you heard the words to this song. Being an instrument of peace means that you are a peace provider. How can you provide peace? The discussion around being an instrument of peace can lead to a powerful conversation about being a peace provider in your community and about doing acts of social justice. Spend time in meaningful discussions about issues of violence, racial relations, and traumatic events in the world.

## BE PEACE

This past year, there have been multiple examples of trauma and conflict in society by groups or individuals. Becoming a peace provider means loving one another and forgiving those who do not accept us as peace providers. Spend time talking about the hard issues found in the news today. Read together stories from the media (have an iPad available to find media stories); then ask, “How would God want us to act in this situation?”

Notice the many ways that people serve as peacemakers in the community, nation, and world. With another participant or with a small group, discuss the media stories. How are they examples of peace or peacemakers? How might the story help individuals grow in faith? What would ‘providing peace’ look like in this situation?

As a group (church), decide what actions you might take to be peace to others.

Discuss whether it is easy to be a peace provider. Why is peace-providing challenging work?

Have a discussion and ask to name some heroes throughout history that were peace-providing people. Those names include Jesus of Nazareth, Abraham Lincoln, Dorothy Day, Elie Wiesel, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, Betty Bigombe, Mother Theresa, and many others. Reflect on the heroes identified in Jonah Winter’s book.

## SYMBOLS OF PEACE (PEACE STONES)

Distribute the smooth stones to workshop participants. Have them affix a symbol of peace on their stone, using the permanent marker. Encourage participants to carry the stones with them as a prayer for peace reminder.

Here’s how to make a peace stone. (Borrowed with permission from [Leanne-Hadley.com](http://Leanne-Hadley.com))

### Simple Directions to Make Holy Listening Stones

Supplies: Stones, Permanent Markers, Mod Podge

Steps to Make:

1. Try to find a smooth, clean stone. You could also purchase stones (pre polished from a craft store in the floral department. These are used to put in vases etc.).
2. Using a permanent marker, draw the symbols of peace (the traditional peace symbol or something that represents peace to the individual) on the rocks and let them dry well.

3. Place a small dab of “Mod Podge” on each stone and let it dry. (If you skip this step, the symbols will rub off the rocks. It is very important! We have tried finding spray but have not had any luck.)

Use the completed stones as a constant reminder of the theme for this workshop.

## Total Group Sharing (About 15 minutes)

Ask the participants to reassemble in the total group space. Invite people to share any insights they had to questions raised in the

learning center activities. Then invite participants to brainstorm how they can be peacemakers at home, in their communities, and in the world. Write responses on the newsprint. Let the group know that you will send them a copy of the ideas in the coming week.

## Closing (About 5 minutes)

Invite participants to sing “Let there be Peace on Earth” (UMH 431). Close by revisiting and reading the prayer for peace by St. Francis of Assisi.

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## Advocacy Organizations for Peace

- Church and Society of The United Methodist Church, [www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org)
- Kids for Peace, [www.kidsforpeaceglobal.org](http://www.kidsforpeaceglobal.org)
- Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, [www.UMCdiscipleship.org](http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org)
- The Upper Room, [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)
- Cokesbury, [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)

Read the book *Peaceful Heroes* by Jonah Winter, then reflect on the following statements:

1. Which hero did you identify with the most?
2. Where did you find social justice from the heroes?
3. Do justice and peace go hand in hand?
4. What does it look like when all people care?
5. How does forgiveness help create peace?
6. What does a world with peace look like?



Prayer is a powerful tool to use anytime. We do not need the “right” words or even use words at all. Below are four distinct types of prayer that may be used to pray for peace within relationships, the home, at work, in the community, the nation, or the world.

## BREATH PRAYERS

These simple prayers may be spoken silently or aloud as you breathe in and out. Examples are:

*Peace of Christ, fill my soul;*

*Turn away from evil, seek peace;*

*Happy are peacemakers, they are God's children;*

*Peace of Christ, control my heart.*

Participation in a breath prayer is demonstrated with this participatory YouTube video from Rethink Church:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XV32S2Qe7o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XV32S2Qe7o)

## MOVEMENT PRAYERS

Some people focus better when moving. One option is to go for a walk and pray for peace for people and places as you pass by them. You may want to use breath prayers and pray for Christ's peace as you walk. Keep safety precautions in mind. Another option is to walk through the sanctuary and, as you do, pray for those who participate in worship or other events that they will be peacemakers.

**Prayers for Ukraine** (mercy and kindness):

[www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayer-for-mercy-and-kindness](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayer-for-mercy-and-kindness)

## “We Pray for Peace” Hymn for Ukraine

Use this hymn as a powerful way to pray for peace within the Ukrainian situation. “We Pray for Peace” is a new hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette that was written at the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Jesus teaches us to be peacemakers, yet we struggle with the best ways to work for peace in a violent and unjust world. When we feel helpless in the midst of violence, the first thing we can do is to pray. This hymn is a prayer for our leaders—that they may be wise as they try to stop this war. It is a prayer for all of us, that we may be loving and merciful, reaching out to world neighbors in need:

[www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/we-pray-for-peace-hymn-for-ukraine](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/we-pray-for-peace-hymn-for-ukraine).

## PRAYER BEADS

*A Bead and a Prayer* by Kristen E. Vincent is a wonderful book about praying with beads. This short video explains the use of prayer beads: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTWtgzcs1xg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTWtgzcs1xg).

You may purchase prayer beads, prepare kits to make your own, or complete prayer beads to use in your prayer time. As you pray through your prayer beads, start by thanking God for life and the opportunity to make peace. Ask for forgiveness and discern if there are places in your own life where you need to forgive others. Pray for peace in your own

life, in your relationship with God, in your relationships with others, in your community, in your nation, and in the world. Pray for people who are peacemakers, both the well-known and the unsung peacemakers.

## PRAYING IN COLOR

*Praying in Color* by Sybil MacBeth is another fantastic resource for praying for peace. This short video helps explain *Praying in Color*:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2WiqoKhhqM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2WiqoKhhqM)

To “pray in color, you will need paper, a pen, and markers or colored pencils. No artistic ability is required.

## LABYRINTH

Here are four ways to get you started—found on Guideposts website, [www.guideposts.org/prayer/how-to-pray/4-ways-to-pray-in-a-labyrinth](http://www.guideposts.org/prayer/how-to-pray/4-ways-to-pray-in-a-labyrinth):

1. Ask God a question as you enter the path. Then, as you walk slowly through the twists and turns, listen for an answer. Let your steps and your silence invite the presence and guidance of God.
2. Start your journey to the center with confession. When you reach the center, journey out with affirmation. Pause at the exit and give thanks for your cleansing journey.
3. Recite a breath prayer as you navigate the labyrinth, perhaps praying a different prayer on each leg or quadrant of your journey.
4. Lay down your burdens as you walk to the center of the labyrinth. One idea is to lay down pebbles (use the peace stones that you have made) along the way as symbols of peace on your journey. Once in the center, pause to thank God for taking your burdens on God's self. Then count your blessings and give thanks on the journey to the exit.



## Children Books

- *Amazing Peace* by Maya Angelou. (Schwartz and Wade, 2008).
- *Cain & Abel: Finding the Fruits of Peace* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Joani Keller Rothenberg (Jewish Light, 2001).
- *Can You Say Peace?* by Karen Katz (Square Fish, 2016).
- *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams, illustrated by LeUyen Pham (Candlewick, 2010).
- *I've Got Peace in My Fingers* by Susan Salidor (Sideline Ink Publishing, 2019).
- *Maybe God Is Like That Too* by Jennifer Grant (Author), Benjamin Schipper (Illustrator) (Sparkhouse Family, 2017).
- *Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace* by James Proimos (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009).
- *Peaceful Heroes* by Jonah Winter (Arthur A. Levine, 2009).
- *Something Happened in Our Park: Standing Together After Gun Violence* by Ann Hazzard PhD (Author), Marianne Celano PhD (Author), Marietta Collins PhD (Author), Keith Henry Brown (Illustrator) (Magination Press, 2021).
- *Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice* by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin (Magination Press, 2019).

## Youth Books

- *Everyday Disciples: Covenant Discipleship with Youth* by Chris Wilterdink (Discipleship Resources, 2016).

## Adult Books

- *The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict* by the Arbinger Institute (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2006).
- *A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner's Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads* by Kristen E. Vincent (Upper Room, 2013).
- *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* by Daniel L. Buttry (Front Edge Publishing, LLC, 2011).
- *Disciples Making Disciples: A Guide for Covenant Discipleship Groups and Class Leaders* by Steven W. Manskar (Discipleship Resources, 2016).
- *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go* by Adam Hamilton (This study includes, in addition to the book, a Leader's Guide and a DVD for use with small groups). (Abingdon Press, 2018).
- *Growing Everyday Disciples: Covenant Discipleship with Children* by Melanie Gordon, Susan Groseclose & Gayle Quay (Discipleship Resources, 2016).
- *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future* by Kara Powell (Baker Books, 2019).
- *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* by Kara Powell (Baker Books, 2016).
- *It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent* by Rachel Turner. (Bible Reading Fellowship Publishing, 2018).
- *Parents & Grandparents as Spiritual Guides: Nurturing Children of the Promise* by Betty Shannon Cloyd (Upper Room Books, 2000).
- *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God: Expanded and Enhanced Edition* by Sybil MacBeth (Paraclete, 2019).
- *The Road to Peace: Writings on Peace and Justice* by Henri Nouwen, edited by John Dear. (Orbis Books, 2002).
- *Scrambled Starts: Family Prayers for Morning, Bedtime, and Everything in Between* by Jenny Youngman (Upper Room Books, 2015).
- *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* by Kara Powell and Chap Clark (Zondervan, 2011).
- *Summary of Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan, and Al Switzler's Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High* by Summary Genie (Summary Genie, 2020).

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