

Western Themed Bible School Ideas

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Hidden Mountain, Secret Garden

Advance

Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy

From the Texas plains to the Canadian wilderness, up Missouri's Big Muddy to Montana Territory, and from the California mountains to Colorado's cattle country JOURNEY OF THE HEART is a collection of eight sigh-worthy romances, all revolving around modes of transportation in the Old West. Award-winning and best-selling authors Melissa Lynne Blue, Anne Carrole, Stacey Coverstone, Debora Dennis, Tanya Hanson, Karen J. Hasley, Linda LaRoque, and Jacqui Nelson invite you to travel along on romantic adventures that will have you falling in love with the gamblers, marshals, ranchers, doctors, riverboat captains, rangers, preachers, and warriors of the Wild West. Whether on a paddleboat or train, stagecoach or horse, buggy or bicycle, the journey to love for these rugged men and their feisty, independent ladies will delight fans of historical western romance. All stories are rated Sweet.

Stories About My First Church

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preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

I Spy in the Texas Sky

This easy-to-use, transportable VBS is designed to help you host a VBS anywhere in the world. Simple visuals, 100+ recreation games, and five sessions of gospel-centered content help you explain the good news to kids outside of your church.

Games for Hallow-e'en

Christian faith and theology always reflect the culture patterns of thinking, understanding and worldview in which they are planted. Western Culture for nearly 2500 years has looked to the philosophical heritage of ancient Greece to interpret reality, particularly the dualistic patterns of thinking set forth by Plato and Aristotle. In contrast to this Greek dualism, Christianity arose out of the Hebraic worldview whose thinking patterns are holistic, as opposed to dualistic. But both Catholicism and Protestantism have been held captive to various forms of dualism since the fifth century. Dualism has robbed Western culture of freedom and cut us off from and hope of a true knowledge of reality in itself. Instead it has limited knowledge to mere appearances. In the past century, the rise of the theories of Relativity and Quantum Mechanics has shown that reality is holistic and interrelated rather than reflecting two underlying irreconcilable (dualistic) realms. *A World Split Apart* provides a survey of dualism and its effects on Western culture and theology. And shows that we can truly have a holistic understanding of reality, and opens the door for a more profound, consistent and rational understanding of the Trinity, the person of the incarnate Christ and the implications that these theological realities have for all of life.

The Action Bible

Sunday School Promo Pages

A strange man comes to Virginia to be a forman of a ranch and finds many hardships along the way.

Journey of the Heart

“The single most resonant and carefully imagined book of Dick’s career.” —New York Times *It’s America* in 1962. Slavery is legal once again. The few Jews who still survive hide under assumed names. In San Francisco, the I Ching is as common as the Yellow Pages. All because some twenty years earlier the United States lost a war—and is now occupied by Nazi Germany and Japan. This harrowing, Hugo Award-winning novel is the work that established Philip K. Dick as an innovator in science fiction while breaking the barrier between science fiction and the serious novel of ideas. In it Dick offers a haunting vision of history as a nightmare from which it may just be possible to wake. Winner of the Hugo Award

From Jesus to Christ

Written by the Adventures in Odyssey team, 90 Devotions for Kids provides fun, Bible-based devotions for families and will encourage children to spend time learning more about God. There are no better mentors than Whit and the folks from Odyssey to partner with parents as they teach their children about God's Word and make the truths of the Bible accessible to their kids. AIO's 90 Devotions for Kids includes thirteen weeks of devotions. Sidebars from Odyssey favorites Wooton, Whit, Connie, and Eugene provide friendly suggestions for life applications. Each week has an individual theme and will include an overview to introduce the theme, seven devotions that reference AIO dramas, and an activity to reinforce the core biblical truths taught during the week. Parents will find the tools they need to help start children on a path toward regular time alone with God, and families will be encouraged to spend time together as they share the daily readings.

The Walking Drum

An armadillo remembers where his burrow is by the orange near the opening, but when the orange rolls away, he discovers a new way to find his home.

Orientalism

More than three decades after its first publication, Edward Said's groundbreaking critique of the West's historical, cultural, and political perceptions of the East has become a modern classic. In this wide-ranging, intellectually vigorous study, Said traces the origins of "orientalism" to the centuries-long period during which Europe dominated the Middle and Near East and, from its position of power, defined "the orient" simply as "other than" the occident. This entrenched view continues to dominate western ideas and, because it does not allow the East to represent itself, prevents true understanding. Essential, and still eye-opening, Orientalism remains one of the most important books written about our divided world. From the Trade Paperback edition.

The History Of The Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire;

A Riveting Medieval Parallel to the Bible Good and evil clash. Leinad and Cedric are determined to not only survive, but claim hope and victory! In Kingdom's Dawn, Leinad and Tess, along with all the king's people, must escape slavery by the powerful Lord Fairos. Kingdom's Hope finds them free and arriving in the Chessington Valley. But when they forget the king, will Kergon and the Kessons capture them for good? After many years, Kingdom's Edge finds Cedric living a hopeless life until a stranger appears with powerful words of a new kingdom and a grand army. Finally, Kingdom's Reign marches you through the danger of earth's last days as the evil dark knight threatens to defeat the prince once and for all. Swords, knights, and battles define these captivating tales that parallel biblical events from Genesis to Revelation! He's just a young man, but that doesn't change the truth. He was chosen... Sixteen-year-old Leinad thought he was a common farmer's son, nothing more. He wondered why his father had trained him for years

to master the sword—not exactly a tool of the trade for farmers—but one tragic event initiates a world of revelation. Only then does he begin to understand his calling—a calling no other man in the entire kingdom of Arrethtrae can fulfill—a calling given him by the King himself. Teamed with a young slave girl, Leinad is thrust into adversity and danger—for the Dark Knight and his vicious Shadow Warriors will stop at nothing to thwart the King’s plan to restore the kingdom. Leinad will need more than a sharp blade and a swift hand to fulfill his mission and survive the evil plots of the King’s sworn enemies! Journey to Arrethtrae, where the King and His Son implement a bold plan to save their kingdom; where courage, faith, and loyalty stand tall in the face of opposition; where good will not bow to evil—and the future of a kingdom lies in the hands of a young man. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS INCLUDED Story Behind the Book “When my six kids’ eyes glossed over during a reading from the Bible, I paused to explain the significance of redemption to a sin-sick soul. I was rewarded with patronizing elephant nods and more blank stares. Shortly thereafter, I awoke in the middle of the night with a medieval story enveloping my mind. I wrote it down and later read it to my children. Their waning attention transformed into complete anticipation. I was amazed and disappointed. Why did it take a fictional story, not a Bible passage, to get that response? Then I realized—that is how Jesus taught! Parables are powerful! I penned the Kingdom series to help young people get excited about the supremely significant story of Jesus Christ and His mission to save mankind.” — Chuck Black

Patty Reed's Doll

In the 1980s, evangelical Protestantism emerged as a prominent new force in Canada. While political campaigns and sexual scandals among American evangelicals attracted attention north of the border as well, Canadian evangelicals were quietly establishing a network of individuals and institutions that reflected their distinctive concerns. While the United, Anglican, and Presbyterian churches continued to enjoy "mainline Protestant" status in Canadian culture, more Canadians who actually practiced Christianity in measurable ways could be counted among the evangelicals than among these dominant Protestant denominations. And while most Canadians -- including experts in religious studies -- continued to think of Canadian Christianity in traditional denominational terms, "evangelicalism" was coming into focus as a category essential to understanding this new pattern of allegiance and activity. - Introduction.

Cowboy Camp

Take a journey with a young man whose passion and relentless desire to play Division I college football propels him from a childhood dream to high school stardom. His hard work and dedication at Victor Valley High School pays off and lands him at the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point. After successfully completing camp, his football hopes are high until an unforeseen event launches him into a dark depression. An emotional decision leads to the abandonment of his childhood dream and causes him to leave the academy. Left with a shattered dream, distracted by fast money, alcohol, and the nightlife, he struggles to stay in college. As he matures and endures other hardships on the road to success, the only thing he knows is that he can't give up. He must keep his

eyes on the prize!

The Western Christian Advocate

A young boy describes to his real parents all the outrageous things his perfect parents would allow him to do.

Discovery in the Desert

The Camp of the Saints

90 Devotions for Kids

Containing chapters 51-100 of China's best-loved work, in an edited, yet complete and wholly accurate translation for the Western reader. Travel with Monkey, Pig, Friar Sand and the Tang Priest as they continue their journey to India and finally attain the scriptures. Volume 2 contains some of the most famous episodes from this classic, including Monkey's duel with the Princess Iron Fan.

The Journey to the West

Sarah Cunningham, a moderate middle-class white girl who grew up in the Michigan countryside, speaks about God with humor and honesty more characteristic of liberal west-coast writers in this Picking Dandelions Ebook. In this warm and witty memoir, she describes finding and keeping a personal faith in the quirky settings of her ultra-Christian childhood. Whether recounting living next to a cemetery, teaching at-risk high schoolers, or listening to her grandmother's stories about being a British "war bride," the author weaves faith into down-to-earth metaphors of growth and renewal, planting and reaping, greenery and weeds. In the end, Cunningham succeeds in sifting through the dysfunctions and flaws of human life and discovering pockets of God's original Eden goodness for both herself and for you. Picking Dandelions is a candid and personal account of outgrowing laissez-faire Christianity, moving into mature faith, and realizing that a God-following person is a changing person and you just might follow suit.

Picking Dandelions

David Hart is a young, bright NASA physicist who is chosen to join a team of other NASA scientists assigned to a Classified Military Project. The team has been formed to bring a new, cutting edge technology to the United States military-Time Travel. The team initially makes great strides in developing a time travel capsule, and then they hit a brick wall. Once the obstacle becomes common knowledge at NASA, the project transforms from one of prestige and glamour to one of embarrassment. The slowed progress grates on David's patience. Then he decides to do the unthinkable! Join David on this adventure of a lifetime as he realizes that not only has he been chosen to be on this NASA team, but he has been chosen for a much more significant task. A task, that once accomplished, will change David's

life forever. Additionally, it is this author's hope, that this book will change your life forever, as well. Top Ten List: Top Ten Reasons to Read this New Release 10. You get to visit Tel Aviv and the Judean Desert in Israel 9. You get a glimpse of what the future may hold for NASA 8. You get to meet two of the most interesting angels ever 7. You get to experience the thrill of time travel 6. You get to watch the CIA and Israeli Mossad in action 5. You get to eavesdrop on a meeting of Satan and his demons 4. You get to laugh and you get to cry 3. You get to accompany an international fugitive on the run 2. You get to meet Jesus Christ Himself 1. You get a life-changing book that you can share with a friend!

Herald and Presbyter

The classic Heath translation, in a completely new layout with plenty of space and generous margins. An affordable but sturdy student and teacher sewn softcover edition in one volume, with minimal notes and a new index/glossary.

Armadillo Rodeo

Although Avery cannot stand to eat the grub, is allergic to horses and gets rope burns from lassos, he learns at cowboy camp that he possesses the most important cowboy quality.

Wanted

Here's the most complete picture Bible ever! And it features a captivating, up-to-date artwork style—making it the perfect Bible for today's visually focused culture. The Action Bible presents 215 fast-paced narratives in chronological order, making it easier to follow the Bible's historical flow—and reinforcing the build-up to its thrilling climax. The stories in The Action Bible communicate clearly and forcefully to contemporary readers. This compelling blend of clear writing plus dramatic images offers an appeal that crosses all age boundaries. Brazilian artist Sergio Cariello has created attention-holding illustrations marked by rich coloring, dramatic shading and lighting, bold and energetic designs, and emotionally charged figures. Let this epic rendition draw you into all the excitement of the world's most awesome story.

Euclid's Elements

"Magisterial. . . . A learned, brilliant and enjoyable study."—Géza Vermès, *Times Literary Supplement* In this exciting book, Paula Fredriksen explains the variety of New Testament images of Jesus by exploring the ways that the new Christian communities interpreted his mission and message in light of the delay of the Kingdom he had preached. This edition includes an introduction reviews the most recent scholarship on Jesus and its implications for both history and theology. "Brilliant and lucidly written, full of original and fascinating insights."—Reginald H. Fuller, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* "This is a first-rate work of a first-rate historian."—James D. Tabor, *Journal of Religion* "Fredriksen confronts her documents—principally the writings of the New Testament—as an archaeologist would an especially rich complex site. With great care she distinguishes the literary

images from historical fact. As she does so, she explains the images of Jesus in terms of the strategies and purposes of the writers Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."—Thomas D'Evelyn, Christian Science Monitor

Canadian Evangelicalism in the Twentieth Century

What could the biblical tale of The Book of Esther about a young Jewess who becomes a Persian queen possibly have in common with Ayn Rand's bestseller The Fountainhead? It seems outlandish from the outset, given Ayn Rand's philosophical distaste for anything that smacks of religion or faith. But the Book of Esther is arguably the most secular book of the Bible, calling forth a worldview that, while not entirely reconcilable with Ayn Rand's philosophy of rational self-interest, promotes egoism and a rational quest for self-preservation. The characterization, plot, and themes of both works are so strikingly similar, that Ayn Rand might have even been surprised. In this groundbreaking book, you'll learn: * What do Howard Roark and Mordecai the Jew have in common? * How could the character of Gail Wynand help us understand the motives of the glamorous, wealthy King Ahasuerus? * Was the ingenue Queen Esther more like the self-denying Peter Keating or the rebellious Domonique Francon? * What drives the villains, Haman and Ellsworth Toohey? * How could a story concerned with Jewish interests be reconciled with Ayn Rand's individualism? * How could The Fountainhead help us understand the modern-day struggles of the Jewish people today, particularly as they relate to Israel? Fans of either The Fountainhead or the Book of Esther are in for a real eye-opener!

The Virginian

With her award-winning debut novel, Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was heralded by the Washington Post Book World as the "21st century daughter" of Chinua Achebe. Now, in her masterly, haunting new novel, she recreates a seminal moment in modern African history: Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in Nigeria during the 1960s. With the effortless grace of a natural storyteller, Adichie weaves together the lives of five characters caught up in the extraordinary tumult of the decade. Fifteen-year-old Ugwu is houseboy to Odenigbo, a university professor who sends him to school, and in whose living room Ugwu hears voices full of revolutionary zeal. Odenigbo's beautiful mistress, Olanna, a sociology teacher, is running away from her parents' world of wealth and excess; Kainene, her urbane twin, is taking over their father's business; and Kainene's English lover, Richard, forms a bridge between their two worlds. As we follow these intertwined lives through a military coup, the Biafran secession and the subsequent war, Adichie brilliantly evokes the promise, and intimately, the devastating disappointments that marked this time and place. Epic, ambitious and triumphantly realized, Half of a Yellow Sun is a more powerful, dramatic and intensely emotional picture of modern Africa than any we have had before. From the Hardcover edition.

Start a Vbs Program

The Man in the High Castle

"Hidden Mountain Secret Garden: a theological contemplation on prayer" helps the reader discover the riches of mental prayer in the Catholic Tradition. In fact, the images of the "Hidden Mountain" and the "Secret Garden" are ancient metaphors for contemplative prayer, a kind of prayer that begins and ends in faith. This book is especially for those whose prayer is a search for the loving eyes of One who has conquered death. This kind of prayer beholds the wonder of Christ's living but hidden presence in one's highest thoughts and most noble aspirations as well as in one's instinctual urges and deepest longings. The ecstasy of this kind of prayer extends beyond even the vast unexplored horizons of the human heart and opens to an immensity of such excessive mercy that all else is forgotten -- and only love remains. The whole world needs this love: it is the secret garden, the hidden mountain, the inexhaustible riches only prayer knows and an excess of grace only prayer can make known. This is why Blessed John Paul II told the Church not to be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and it is why He told the young people of the world to be proud to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. For those brave souls who have faithfully open their hearts to the Lord through this discipline of this kind of prayer, every Christian owes you a debt of gratitude. For those who want to join them, this work encourages you along the way -- for the journey you endeavor is at once the most perilous, the most heart-rending and the most wonderful adventure this world has ever known. "Dr. Anthony Lilles has authored an introduction to prayer that is inspiring and encouraging. For those desiring to pray this is a resource that is full of practical advice - written simply and attractively. This book bears the mark of a man - husband, father and teacher - who is not only imbued with the wisdom of the Saints, but who has also, through his own prayer, learned how all of us can, through prayer, foster faith in and love for Jesus and his Gospel." THOMAS G. WEINANDY, O.F.M., CAP. Executive Director for the Secretariat for Doctrine United States Conference of Catholic Bishops This is a wonderful book. I've taught spiritual theology many years and I wish I had had this text use. In fact, I wish I had written this book. It is scriptural, patristic, historical, theological, mystical, experiential and user friendly. Dr. Lilles takes us through the spiritual journey of prayer, citing Fathers and doctors, saints and even sinners to guide us on our Christian way toward contemplation. Weaving many themes into a harmonious whole, he opens up the life of contemplation for all Christians, our baptismal birthright in a way that is accessible and attractive. This is a book one will read more than once. FR. GILES DIMOCK, O.P., S.T.D University Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas At the University of Virginia In this book we find the real meat of the new evangelization. The church in America will not be renewed by "facts about Jesus" but only through one's choice to let Christ reach the heart and change it from within. It is an ancient message received by only few: Do not be afraid of letting go of what now defines you. Let Christ tell you who you are. Dr. Lilles is one of the ablest guides to lead us through to such a choice. Will I stay with knowledge about Jesus or will I enter the garden of prayer and finally come to know Him!! Do not be afraid to be loved, read this book. DEACON JAMES KEATING, PH.D, Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, NE

Kingdom's Dawn

Shapes in clouds represent Texas symbols, including the Mexican free-tailed bat

and the armadillo.

Go & Tell Kids

Warrior, lover, and scholar, Kerbouchard boldly sweeps through the castles, villages, and galleys of twelfth-century Europe, in an adventure that takes him from the shores of Brittany to the steppes of Russia.

Armadillo's Orange

When Bo spots what he thinks is a "rip-roarin', rootin'-tootin', shiny red armadillo," he knows what he has to do. Follow that armadillo! Bo leaves his mother and three brothers behind and takes off for a two-stepping, bronco-bucking adventure. Jan Brett turns her considerable talents toward the Texas countryside in this amusing story of an armadillo on his own.

Victor Valley to West Point

The Gingerbread Cowboy

A wooden doll recalls the hope with which a group of pioneers begins their journey and the ordeals they face as they travel from Springfield, Illinois, to California.

Ecclesiastes

Half of a Yellow Sun

Ayn Rand and Esther

North-western Christian Advocate

"Giddyup, giddyup as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" The Gingerbread Cowboy can run from the rancher, he can dash past the javelinas, and he can giddyup right by the cattle grazing on the mesa. But what happens when he meets a coyote sleeping in the sun? Janet Squires and Holly Berry retell this classic tale with a Wild Western flair, filled with rodeo-romping fun.

A World Split Apart

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers'

passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

Western Christian Advocate

This playful picture book with audio from Jan Thomas features a courageous cowboy who croons to his cows before bed—with just a few fearful interruptions. Join the Brave Cowboy as he tries to sing his young calf pals to sleep on a dark, dark night—EEEEEEK! IS THAT A HUGE HAIRY SPIDER OVER THERE? Oh, it's just a flower? Well then, back to the lullaby. No one does preschool humor with Jan Thomas's wit, verve, and bold, snappy color. And her Brave Cowboy and his silly, interrupted lullaby are sure to get everybody singing—before they head off into cozy dreamland...

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