

Mighty Kingdom Vbs Lessons Opening

Treasures of the Kingdom Christ Revealed In Gifts to His People WestBow Press

Many people today find that their prayers don't "work." And like a broken cell phone, DVD player, or TV remote, they throw prayer out as unnecessary "clutter" in their busy lives. Anne Graham Lotz has found that while prayer does work, sometimes the "pray-ers" don't. So she has turned to the prophet Daniel for help. The Daniel Prayer is born deep within your soul, erupts through your heart, and pours out on your lips, words created by and infused with the Spirit of God quivering with spiritual electricity. It's really not an everyday type of prayer. It's a prayer birthed under pressure. Heartache. Grief. Desperation. It can be triggered by a sudden revelation of hope. An answer to prayer, a promise freshly received, a miracle that lies just over the horizon. Join Anne in a thrilling discovery of prayer that really works. This book will help you pray effectively for your nation, for your families, and for yourself.

As one of the country's most respected evangelical leaders, pastor and author Tony Evans challenges "tweens" (ages 8 to 12) to explore what the armor of God is all about. He understands that Christian kids want to be stronger, more confident, and skilled at living an exciting God-centered life, and so he presents the unvarnished truth. Tony Evans gives kids a plan for success by explaining: Scripture reveals who's behind the world's traps and snares and how to resist him. God offers all Christians a powerful suit of armor and mighty weapons. The suit includes a belt of truth and helmet of salvation to wear and shield of faith to carry into the battle. When every piece of God's armor is worn correctly, the enemy is defeated and Christians finish victorious. By learning how to dress in the armor God provides, preteens are

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able to speak the truth, stand firm in the faith, and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you're like most parents, you have developed your own parenting strategy—sometimes it seems to work, and other times—based on the way your child behaves—you wonder if it's working at all. There are countless ways to try to get a child's attention and to effect change—but here's the truth—unless you deal with a child through his or her heart, you are not likely to see lasting change. In this breakthrough book, Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN, reveal how you can learn to truly reach your child's heart to teach, train, and build a tremendous relationship. *Parenting is Heart Work* gives you the practical tools and easy-to-follow steps that will revolutionize how you: Turn Correction times into learning experiences. Equip your children to accept responsibility for their mistakes and meditate on the right things. Influence and adjust the values and beliefs your children hold. Maintain relationship with your children through love and emotional connectedness.

Treasures of the Kingdom is not about finding your spiritual gift, it's not about self-discovery, and it's not about searching for your niche in the service and ministries of the church. No, the precious treasures given as gifts to the bride of Christ are not found or discovered. They are given with great purpose, as the Holy Spirit wills. This study book will walk you through the Scriptures to lead you to the truth about the gifting and empowering work of the Spirit, which equips you to complete the good works God prepared in advance for you to accomplish. A guide to biblical fasting discusses how to choose a fast, the connection between fasting and prayer, the essential components of a successful fast, and what to expect mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Warning: If modern church culture makes perfect sense to you, and you always fit in

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seamlessly, don't read this. As for the rest of us... While American church culture (and American culture at large) seems largely designed for the extroverted, it's estimated that half of the American population is introverted, and they're often left wondering how, even if, they fit in the kingdom of God. As one of them, popular radio host Brant Hansen brings news. It's wonderful, refreshing, and never-been-said-this-way-before good news. In his unique style, Hansen looks to answer questions that millions of people carry with them each day: If I don't relate to God as emotionally as others do, is something wrong with me? How does one approach God, and approach faith, when devoid of the "good feelings" that seem to drive so much of evangelical church culture? How does God interact with those who seem spiritually numb? Is the absence of faith-based emotion a sign of that God has moved on or was never there? What if we aren't good at talking to people about our faith, or good at talking to people at all? What if I'm told I'm too analytical, that I "think too much"? Where does a person who suffers from depression fit in the kingdom? Is depression a sure sign of a lack of faith? This book is good news for people who are desperately looking for it. (And for their loved ones!) It's also for those who want to believe in Jesus, but inwardly fear that they don't belong, worry that don't have the requisite emotion-based relationship with God, and are starving for good news. *Blessed Are the Misfits* is going to generate discussion, and lots of it. It's simultaneously highly provocative and humbly personal. It's also leavened with a distinct, dry, self-effacing humor that is a hallmark of Hansen's on-air, writing, and public speaking style.

Normal? Who's normal? Not you, that's for sure! No one you've ever met, either. None of us are normal according to God's definition, and the closer we get to each other, the plainer that becomes. Yet for all our quirks, sins, and jagged edges, we need each other. Community is

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more than just a word--it is one of our most fundamental requirements. So how do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves master the forces that can drive us apart and come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for? In *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*, teacher and bestselling author John Ortberg zooms in on the things that make community tick. You'll get a thought-provoking look at God's heart, at others, and at yourself. Even better, you'll gain wisdom and tools for drawing closer to others in powerful, impactful ways. With humor, insight, and a gift for storytelling, Ortberg shows how community pays tremendous dividends in happiness, health, support, and growth. It's where all of us weird, unwieldy people encounter God's love in tangible ways and discover the transforming power of being loved, accepted, and valued just the way we are.

What is important is the circles of influence that have helped me to become who I am today. God has used each splash to divinely order every step to ripple through every part of my life, ministry, and story. I pray to continually make splashes with those impacts from here to the uttermost parts of the earth, by living out each lesson learned. Never forget that regardless of the size of the splash, each one of them continues to ripple across the ocean of life. — Crystal Reece, Author “Her story is our story. It’s the life of contrasts the writer of Ecclesiastes told us about. Sadness and joy, tears and victory, grief and dancing, crawling and flying ... it’s all there. But, unlike so many, the fragile segments of Crystal’s life are held together by the God-thread of unwavering trust. It is this very thread that reaches out and weaves you into the amazing tale of a life of selfless devotion to the God of the universe. More than a memoir, this is a story that can become yours if you let it.” — Melani Shock, *Pentecostals of Alexandria*, and author of *Eat This Book* “If you expect this book to be about a young woman’s call to do

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missions work, it is. Do you perceive it to be about prayer? You are correct. Do you view this as a how-to book on finding God's will and experiencing His provision? Right again; it's all this and more! This book illustrates how God strategically places influencers in our lives to 'splash' us, as Crystal so ably states, causing ripple effects. As you read, may your heart be stirred, causing you to splash others with the all-encompassing love of Jesus Christ!" — David and Kathy Brott, missionary envoys; Global Missions UPCI

The liturgical year invites us to walk with Jesus through the most wonderful story ever told: the Gospel. In *Through the Year with Jesus: Gospel Readings and Reflections for Children*, catechist and popular blogger Katherine Bogner reveals the rich mystery of the seasons we celebrate in the Church. With Gospel readings for each week of the liturgical year, along with tools for reflection, discussion, and prayer, *Through the Year with Jesus* offers endless opportunities for discovering who Jesus is and better understanding Catholic teaching about his life and mission. Promote prayer and conversation about the life of Christ with children through Weekly readings from the Gospels Lectio Divina prompts to nurture personal prayer or journaling Sacred art to accompany the Gospel reading Stories of saints and many rich Catholic traditions for the liturgical year The easy-to-use format of *Through the Year with Jesus* helps adults lead children to an intimate encounter with the heart of Jesus through the rhythm of the liturgical year and the powerful words of Scripture.

This unique short-term Bible study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. The six-session study provides biblical, social, and historical analyses of the spirituals: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," "This Lonesome Valley," "Bow Down on Your Knees," "Plenty Good Room," "Ain't Dat Good News,"

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and "Were You There?" Marilyn E. Thornton wrote all-new lessons appropriate to the season. Leader helps can be found in the book providing discussion questions and activities. Plenty Good Room is a powerful resource for small groups, Sunday schools, choir groups, and any setting where persons seek to enrich their devotional and spiritual experience through God's Word and music.

Gathering together for worship is an indispensable part of your family's spiritual life. It is a means for God to reveal himself to you and your loved ones in a powerful way. This practical guide by Donald S. Whitney will prove invaluable to families—with or without children in the home—as they practice God-glorifying, Christ-exalting worship through Bible reading, prayer, and singing. Includes a discussion guide in the back for small groups.

Offers groups of all sizes the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply what they have experiences during their 31-week The story church-wide experience. Randy Frazee presents 31 ten-minute teachings on how the story of Scripture intersects with the story of your life.

Paul was the most influential figure in the early Christian church. In this epistle, written to the founders of the church in Rome, he sets out some of his ideas on the importance of faith in overcoming mankind's innate sinfulness and in obtaining redemption. With an introduction by Ruth Rendell

Defeat the powers of sickness by prophesying words of healing Many Christians believe that in order to receive a miracle, they must have a healing minister pray

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for them. But what if every believer could receive healing for themselves—or release it to others—by simply speaking the prophetic words that God gives them? In *The Prophetic Healing Power of Your Words*, Becky Dvorak draws from her personal experience and timeless Bible teaching, mentoring every reader on how to prophesy their healing by using words charged with the power of God! As a missionary and international healing minister, Becky has taught these principles to multitudes worldwide and has seen breakthrough results. Using a simple strategy, she shows you how to speak God's words and prophesy your own healing. You will learn how to: Understand and operate the law of the spoken word. Release blessings and reverse curses. Create atmospheres of healing through faith-filled words. Open the supernatural prophetic toolbox God has given you. Activate the prophetic gifts of the Spirit—words of knowledge, faith declaration, and praying in the Spirit—to flow in the miraculous. Write and speak healing declarations that produce answered prayers. The healing miracle that God wants to release to you may be just a word away!

Life-changing adventures for Kindergarten through 6th Grade! Whether the children in your combined class are age 4, 12, or anything in between, these 13 interactive lessons for summer will help kids experience the wonder and adventure of the Bible.

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A.W. Tozer on Living in God's Wisdom We were created by God and for God, and the only way to find true joy, peace, and contentment is by understanding and embracing his wisdom. Wisdom is not some highbrow philosophical concept, but rather a highly practical tool for living the best possible life. The Wisdom of God captures Tozer's teaching on this topic as a way to understand the well-lived Christian life. God's wisdom is a part of his character, inseparable from his love and grace, and knowing this wisdom means drawing closer to him. It will change your decisions, attitudes, and relationships, setting you on the path to becoming all God wants you to be.

The Esther Anointing gives you the keys to Esther's success, including the qualities that make women great, the power of influence, and the key to finding God's favor for your assignment.

In this detailed overview of the history of the handmade book, Avrin looks at the development of scripts and styles of illumination, the making of manuscripts, and the technological processes involved in paper-making and book-binding.

Queen Esther is brave! When she hears of an evil plan to hurt the Jews in the kingdom, the queen must go to the king and fight for her people. Will her faith and trust in God give her the courage to ask for help? This is a Level Two I Can Read! book, which means it's perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences. It aligns with guided reading level J and will be of interest to children Pre-K to 4th grade.

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Created to Relate explains the natural gift women have for building and maintaining life-giving relationships. Understanding the role of relationship within the Trinity can help you understand the importance of connection with others—the key to living the Gospel fully and joyfully. Wahlquist shows how you can use your ability to build relationships as a way to lead others to Christ. She provides practical tips to help you stay focused in the midst of the distractions and responsibilities that can lead to superficial connections. Each chapter contains a Scripture reading, reflection, discussion questions, and a practical application exercise. Gain new dignity in your role as a master relationship builder and new confidence in sharing the Gospel with others.

The Power of a Praying(R) Kid was written with young hearts in mind. This short, easy-to-read book for 7- to 12-year-olds helps children learn to talk to God in a way that is meaningful and relational.

The Depending on Jesus Bible Study Guide will help adults dig into the Bible's promises Jesus provides what we truly need for every challenge in life. Based on Philippians 4:19, "my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" this study guide is not just about biblical facts and figures: it is about knowing, loving, and serving a great God. It is about God's plan to bring people out of darkness and sin back into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. With this twelve week study, readers will learn to find true riches, true power, true love, true hope, and true peace in Jesus. 12-week Bible Study for Groups and Individuals

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Paradigm selling over 3 MILLION copies Imagine if you discovered a treasure chest in which were hidden ancient mysteries, revelations from heaven, secrets of the ages, the answers to man's most enduring, age-old questions, and the hidden keys that can transform your life to joy, success, and blessing...This is The Book of Mysteries.

The Action Bible presents more than 230 fast-paced narratives in chronological order, making it easy to follow the Bible's historical flow and building up to the thrilling climax of God's redemptive story. Plus, these spectacular updates take the action to a whole new level: 25 new stories showcase a more extensive exploration of God's work in our lives. 23 expanded stories highlight additional experiences of the people who tell God's story. 128 new pages of illustrations deliver a richer artistic experience with more close-up faces, historical details, and dramatic colors. Every page sparks excitement to explore God's Word and know Him personally. Readers will witness God's active presence in the world through stories from the life of Jesus and great heroes of the faith. Let this blend of powerful imagery and clear storytelling capture your imagination and instill the truth that invites you to discover your own adventure of life with God. Sergio Cariello's illustrations for The Action Bible leap off the page with the same thrilling energy that earned him international recognition for his work with Marvel Comics and DC Comics.

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Does life feel futile? Doesn't have to. Do some of your failures seem fatal? They aren't. And your death. Does the grave appear to be the final stop? According to Christ, your death is just the start of the something great. There is a truth greater than all the losses and sorrows of life. And it can be discovered in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In *Six Hours One Friday*, Max Lucado delves into the meaning of Jesus' last hours on the cross. Through his death, your life has purpose and meaning. You are forgiven and loved by a Savior who died for you. And an empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word. "Peace where there should be pain. Confidence in the midst of crisis. Hope defying despair. Does death have the last word? I can see Jesus wink as he gives the answer, Not on your life."

The biggest barrier to faith is life itself. Divorce. Cancer. Infertility. Death. There are times in our lives in which God seems very far away. We don't understand His silence. We only feel the intensity of our pain and the echoing question of 'why?' The Bible declares that God is good, but can we still believe this when our lives are falling apart? In *Keep Believing*, Dr. Pritchard affirms what the Bible declares: that God is good and His mercy endures forever. This is true regardless of our moment-by-moment experience. God has provided comfort in our times of struggle and healing in our times of hurt through the balm of His Word. You

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believed in the light of day; will you still believe at midnight? Search the Scriptures with Dr. Pritchard for words of encouragement and hope. Put your confidence in the God who sorrowfully watched His Son suffer at Calvary for your benefit. Know that the same loving heavenly Father has everything completely under control. He is with you and longs to comfort you as you struggle through your hard times. Take a tell-tale look at your devotion to the Lord and His never-ending love and commitment to you in *Keep Believing*. You served God in the sunshine; will you now serve him in the shadows?

Intimacy with God can happen right now if you want it. A closeness you can feel, a goodness you can taste, a reality you can experience for yourself. That's what the Bible promises, so why settle for less? God is closer than you think, and connecting with him isn't for monks and ascetics. It's for business people, high school students, busy moms, single men, single women ... and most important, it's for YOU. *God Is Closer Than You Think* shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. Best-selling author John Ortberg reveals the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. He shows you God's hand stretching toward you. And, with his gift for storytelling, Ortberg illustrates the ways you can reach toward God and complete the connection---to your joy and his.

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This Bible story book for children will satisfy parents who are looking for gender balance in story selection and inclusive language for God. The book is delightfully illustrated by Margaret Kyle.

God is a Deliverer! After years of slavery in Egypt, the Hebrew people cry out to God to save them. And He knows the right man for the job. Moses grows up a prince in Pharaoh's palace. But after killing an Egyptian, he flees to Midian to escape Pharaoh's wrath. God hasn't finished with Moses. After forty years in the wilderness learning God's ways, Moses returns to Egypt to fulfill God's promise and free His people! Filled with colorful illustrations and biblical truth, Escape from Egypt is part of the Bible Pathway Adventures series of biblical adventures. If your children like gripping action and courageous Israelites, then they'll love this biblical adventure series from Bible Pathway Adventures. The search for truth is more fun than tradition! Defenders of the Faith SERIES: Long before The Avengers, long before The Justice League, these are the ORIGINAL Super Heroes. Read and be inspired by what really makes a Hero: a firm belief in what is right and the true Faith. Follow the incredible stories and real life adventures of God's chosen people.

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