



Bibliography, References and Resources

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Unit 1.

There are multiple prophetic voices and organizations in mainline Christian denominations who over the past forty years have called, and continue to call, upon the church to rethink its approach for faith formation. Although there is no one text book for this Unit, anyone engaged in the teaching and practice of lifelong faith formation is encouraged to sample the following resources, in addition to the specific resource listed for each session in this Unit. These resources provide historical and theological grounding in addition to solid research for the vision and continued urgent work of establishing strong church-home connections and equipping adults as teachers of the faith in homes and daily life.

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Web Sites

Lifelong Faith <http://www.lifelongfaith.com/index.htm> Visit the on-line Resource Center. Each book or journal listed is relevant and the best in its field. Highly recommended.

The Pew Forum on Religion and Research <http://pewforum.org/> Keep up-to-date on unbiased research.

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Session 4. *Placing in Their Hands the Holy Scripture*

Bible Gateway. <http://www.biblegateway.com>

A free service for reading and researching Scripture online, all in more than 50 languages or translation of your choice. Ability to compare translations side-by-side.

Bible Milestones. http://store.vibrantfaith.org/product_p/bm.htm

This down-loadable resource provides congregations with multiple ideas to mark giving and receiving of Bibles. Includes a litany and blessing for worship, enrichment events and resources for households to mark this milestone using Four Key faith practices.

Book of Faith. www.bookoffaith.org Social Networking Site <http://bookoffaith.ning.com/>

Enter the Bible. Luther Seminary <http://www.enterthebible.org/Bible.aspx>

An extensive interactive guide and reference tool to enrich your reading of the Bible. A wealth of resources. Adds depth to your Bible study. For teens and adults

The Text This Week. <http://www.textweek.com/>

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Also in Spanish. Listen to the stories on the web: <http://www.jesusstorybookbible.com/>

Rev. Cora Aquilar

Pastor Cora describes the results of introducing a storybook Bible to the adults in her mission congregation. Check out this video about another congregation's approach.

Book of Faith: For All Generations. <http://bookoffaith.ning.com/video/book-of-faith-for-all>

In this seven-minute video view another example of *The Jesus Storybook* woven into all aspects of congregational life.