



Maurice Says:

“Did you know that some resource materials can ‘multi-task?’ Take them out of their usual box and see how you can get various uses from them.”

# MAURICE'S PICKS

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION RESOURCES

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**Vacation Bible School . . .**

*. . . and other settings*

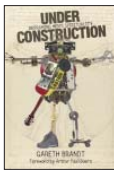


**Meet God on the Mountain!**

Bible stories of mystery, power, and truth take kids age 4 - grade 8 from God's majesty on Mt. Sinai, and power on Mt. Carmel, to prayer with Jesus on Mt. of Olives, and his teaching on the mountain. This resource could be used for midweek studies, summer inter-generational worship, church camp out, kids' club, *et cetera*. A limitless diversity of possible uses!

**Men's group . . .**

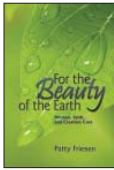
*. . . or father-son groups*



In his book *Under Construction: Reframing Men's Spirituality* (MPN), Gareth Brandt declares that warrior imagery no longer cuts it as a Christian metaphor for men's spirituality in a time of increasing global and local violence. Using the biblical story of Joseph, he reframes a spirituality for men with the peace builder rather than warrior as a primary metaphor for male identity. If men want to do a "guy thing" with their sons, how about having men and their sons meet to study themes from this book?

**Women's study book . . .**

*. . . and good for others too!*



*For the Beauty of the Earth: Women, Faith and Creation Care*, by Patty Friesen offers materials for twelve study/discussion sessions and closing worship. "Made for women, but a man can use it too!" It's no "secret" that the women's study books are good for a variety of study settings.

**Worship Resources**



*The Youth Worship Source Book* by Sarah Johnson was written as her response to the *Logos* materials, preparing worship resources and guidelines that fit better in a Mennonite setting. Written for youth, but useful for adults too!

Were you starting to use the same old readings and prayers week after week? Help is on the way, with *Words for Worship 2*. In this book Diane Zaer Brenneman has brought together readings and prayers for worship, all original, all written by Mennonites.

**Summer Seasonal**



***Saving the Seasons. How to Can, Freeze, or Dry Almost Anything***

A guide to canning and preserving will be published in summer this year.

If you are planning a youth service trip this summer, see the manual *Merge: A Guidebook for Youth Service Trips*.

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