

Children's Ministry 101

Priorities in Children's Ministry

Welcome Every Child

Every child seen and valued

Show Genuine Love

Get to know them by name

Pray for them

Learn their interests

Share the Gospel and Sometimes Use Words

When You Do Use Words, Be Well Prepared

Well-prepared lessons allow you to
connect with children more easily

Helps with discipline, too

Focus on the Gospel

All stories should point to Jesus

Don't Just Lecture

Active learning

Object lessons

Fun music and songs

Games

Make it Fun

Positive, joyful environment

Break lessons into small segments

(typically, about 15-minute chunks)

Include games, object lessons, practical application

Incorporate Movement

High-energy games allows them to burn off energy.

Encourage Peer Connection

Small groups encourage discussion
and relationship building

Set Clear Boundaries

Simple, clear rules
Consistent, firm, but loving discipline

**HOW DO WE INSPIRE THE
FAITH OF THE NEXT
GENERATION?**

Our Story
Strong Beliefs and Values
Relationships
Prayer

A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying thicknesses, slanted diagonally from the bottom-left towards the top-right, crossing the text area.

**Know Your Story
and Share It**

- Who first shared Jesus with you?
- What is your salvation story or testimony?
- How does following Jesus impact your life and how you share Him with children?

Beliefs and Values

What are the essential lessons
you want children to learn
while under your ministry?

Time together should be
Christ-Centered and Scripture-Rich

A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying thicknesses, slanted diagonally from the bottom-left towards the top-right, set against a blue gradient background.

- ✓ **Jesus**

- ✓ **Connect with the Word**

- ✓ **Service**

Jesus

Know Him, Grow In Him, Show Him

His Life, His Death, His Resurrection

When we live like Jesus, we demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.

Connect with the Word

Read, Study, Learn, Memorize, Apply

Teach them how to **apply** what they are **learning**
from Jesus' life as they **read** and **study** it.

Jesus is the Living Word.

Then, they will find it **reliable** and **trustworthy**.

Service

Children learn through serving

Build Relationships

We are built for relationships

Most people who made the decision to follow Christ did so because of a faithful parent, grandparent, Sunday school teacher, pastor, or friend who loved them enough to share the gospel with them.

Pray

Success in your ministry will begin and end with prayer

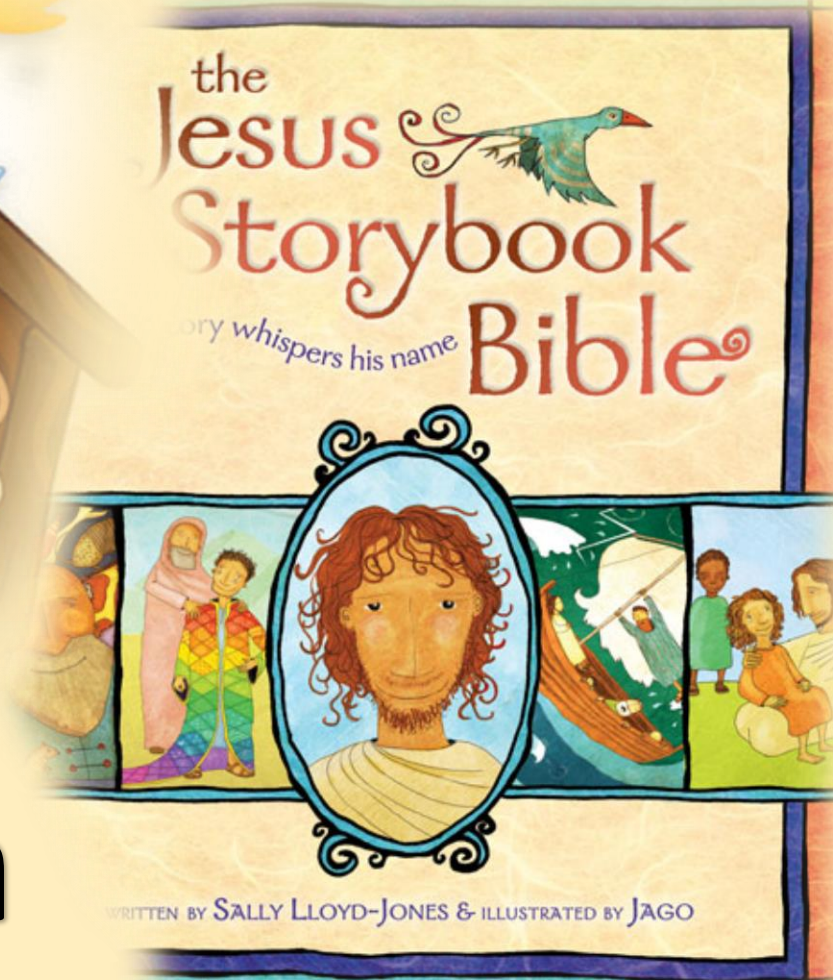
Set aside time each day to pray
Pray for all those you will minister to
Pray for your ministry needs

*You cannot change lives or make Sunday mornings
or any other event happen in your own power, but **He can.***

Teaching



the Lesson



Teaching the Lesson

Monologue

Children Act Out as You Tell

Story in a Bag / Box

Engaging Questions

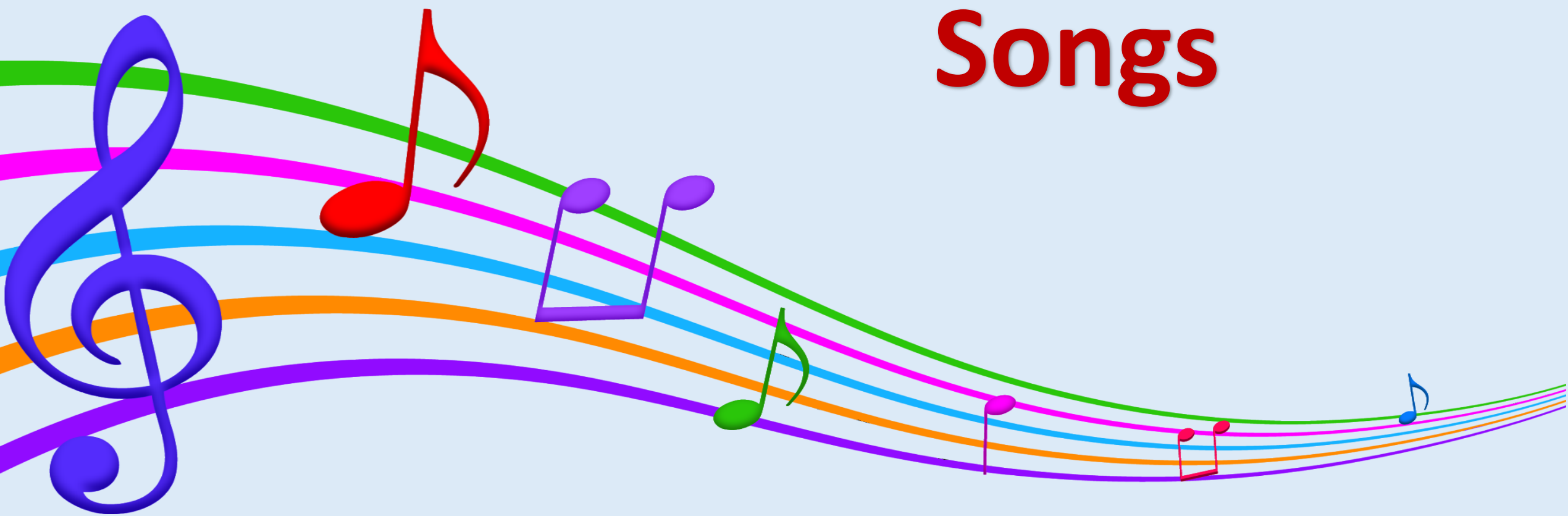
Use Your Senses

Visual Aids

Story Sticks

Puppets

Songs



SONGS

Don't forget the movement and motions

- Brother/ Friend
- Thank God, I'm Free
- I Want Jesus
- All My Hope Is In Jesus
- Making Melodies
- That's My King
- Leaning on the Lord's Side
- Bind Us Together
- The Fast Food Song
- My God is so Big
- I Call You Jesus
- Good, Good News

SONGS

Don't forget the movement and motions

- Brother/ Friend
- Thank God, I'm Free
- I Want Jesus
- All My Hope Is In Jesus
- Making Melodies
- That's My King
- Leaning on the Lord's Side
- Bind Us Together
- The Fast Food Song
- My God is so Big
- I Call You Jesus
- Good, Good News

Object Lessons and/or Science Projects



OBJECT LESSONS

- Puzzle Pieces
- Dancing Hearts (and other similar)
- Toothpaste Words
- Dominoes
- Worship Wall Activities
 - giant coloring pages
 - letters to God
 - question/ worship prompts with big paper

Holy Spirit, come on in.
Fill me up.
Send me out again.
Amen

Prayer Time



Prayer Time

Prayer Around the Altar

Student Led Prayer

Guided Prayer

Worship Wall

Praying the Psalms

Lord's Prayer

Finger Prayers

Popcorn Prayers

Prayer Stations



Crafts

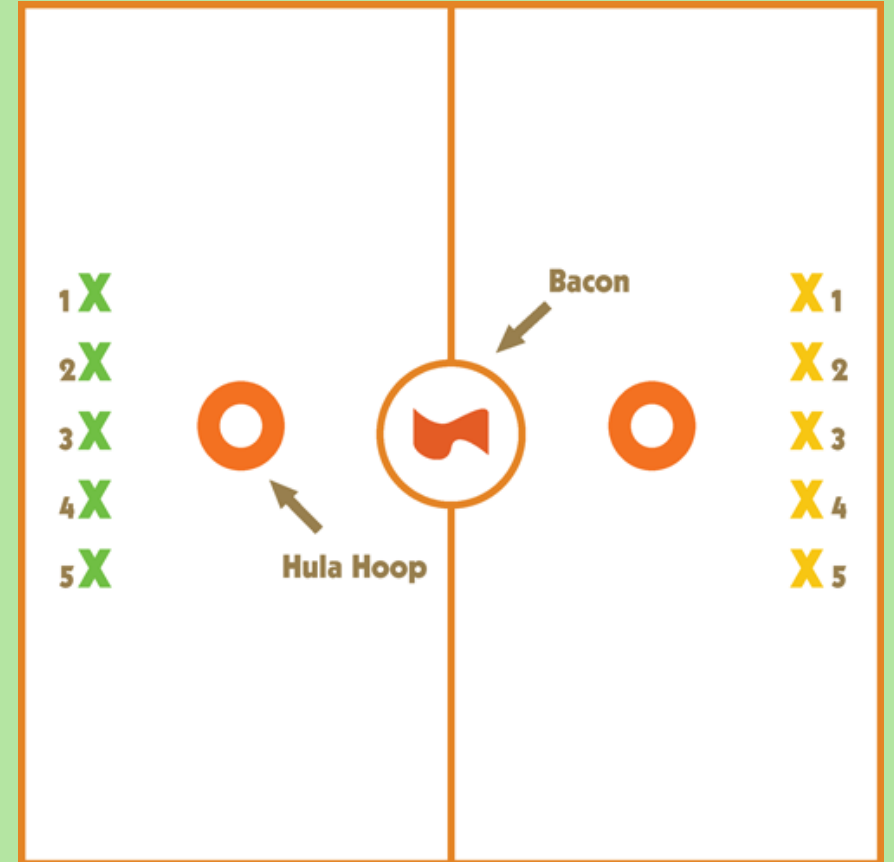


Games



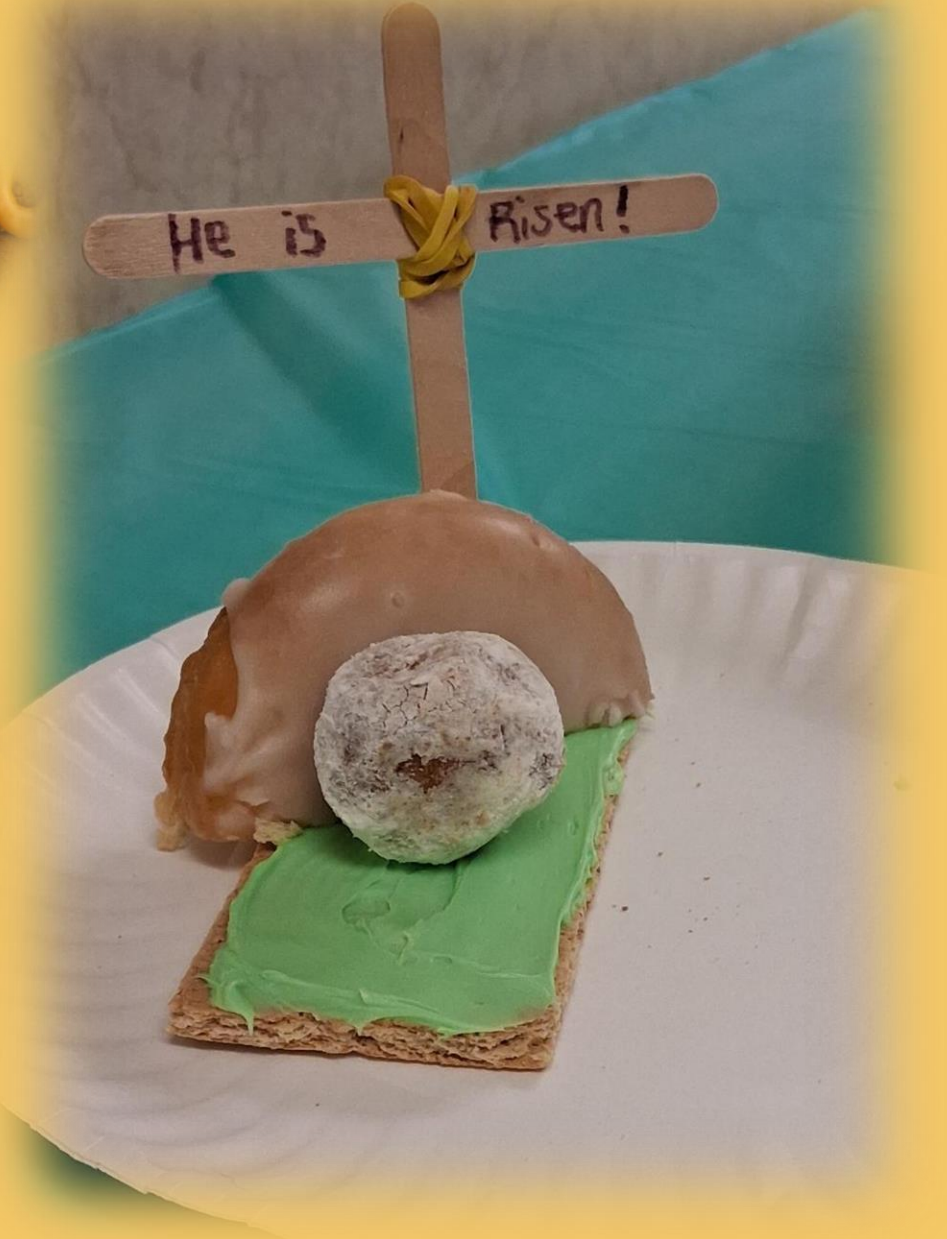
GAMES

- Follow the Leader
- Steal the Bacon
(works for almost any story/series,
what the "bacon" is)
- Head, Shoulders, Cup
- The "Why" Game



- Back-to-Back
- Four Corners
- Rock, Paper, Scissors
- Make Your Move
- Fruit Basket Turn Over (or use items from the story)

Snacks





Serving



Serving

Singing

Praying

Sharing a Testimony

Serving Snacks

Acting Out the Bible Story

Greeter

Being a Buddy

Organizing

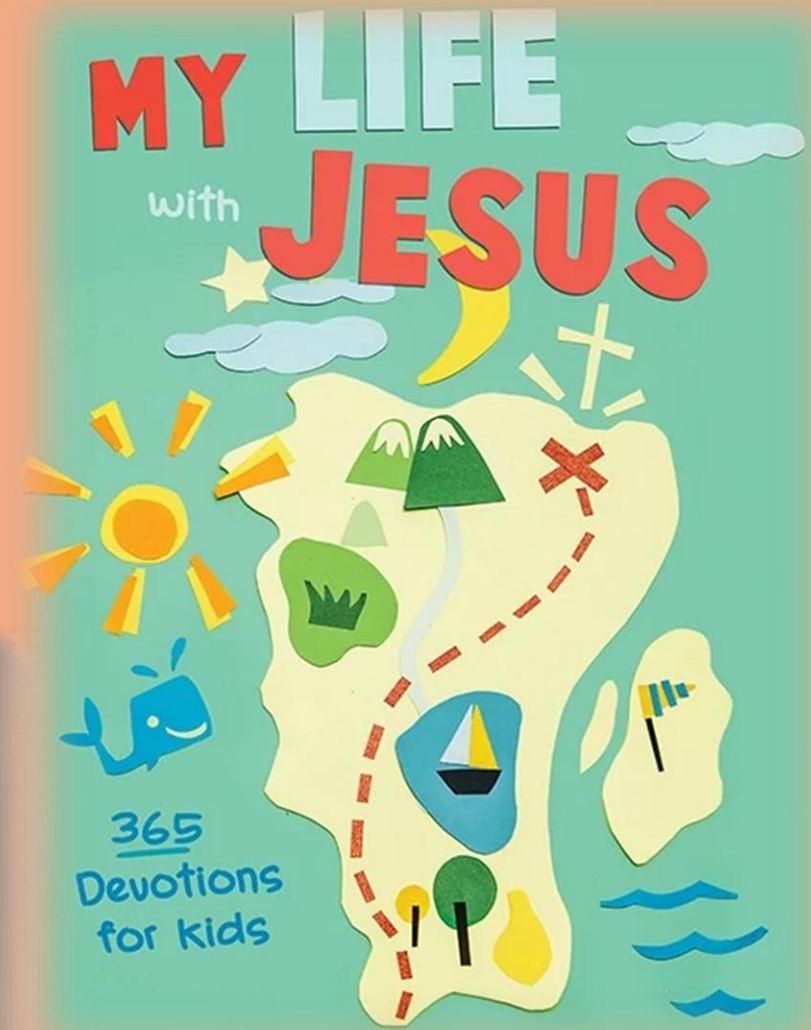
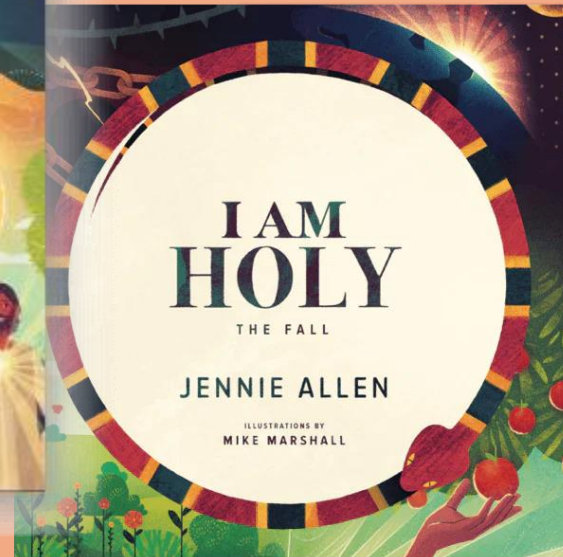
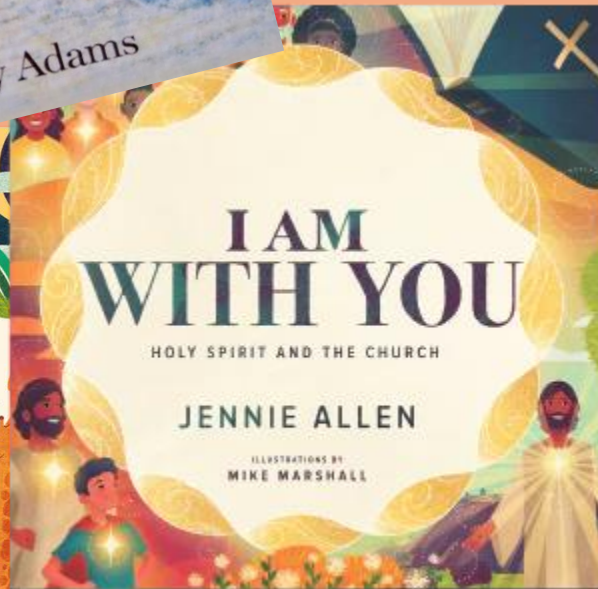
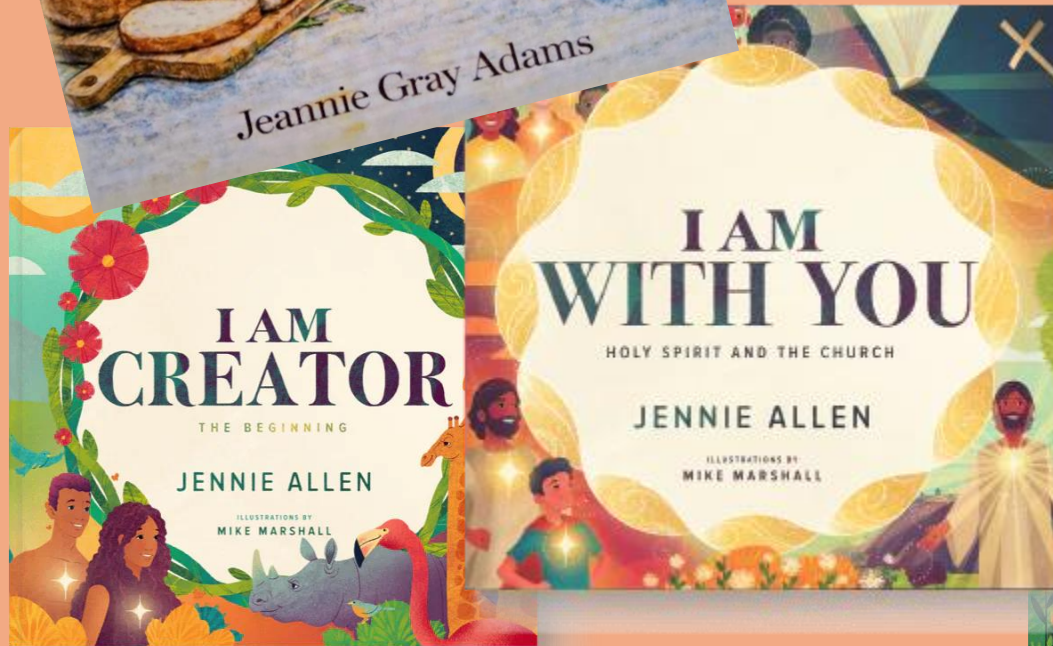
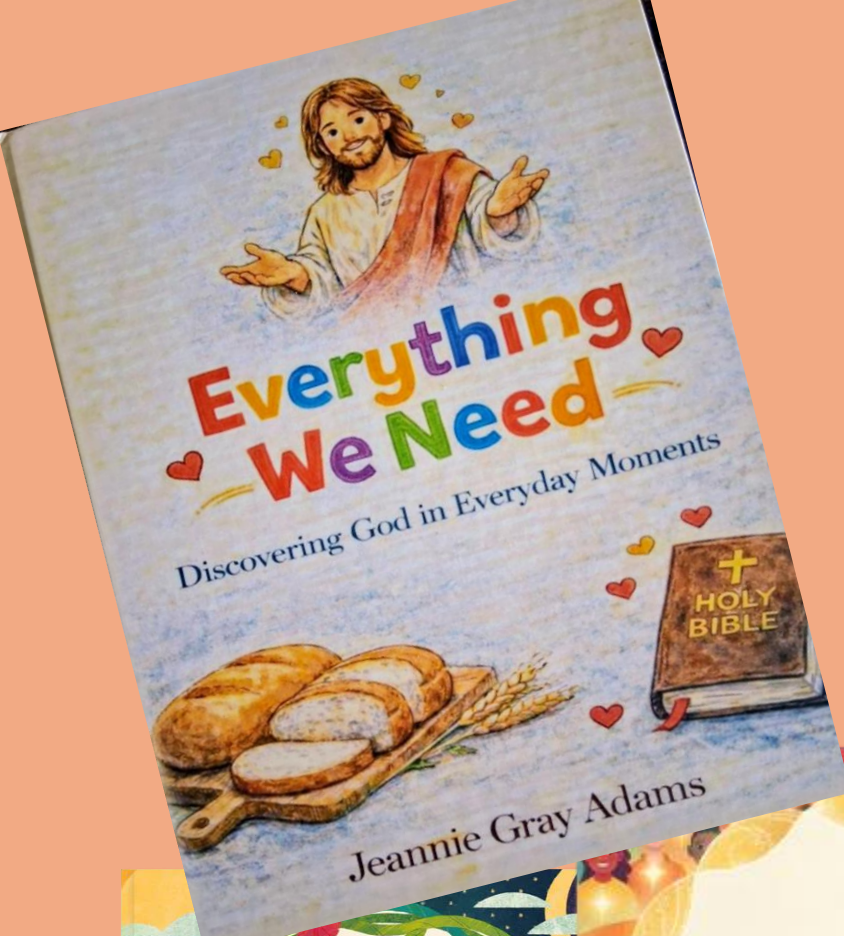
Engaging in Hands-On Activities

Giving

Running the ProPresenter or Power Point Slides

Resources

Find on Amazon.com
or many of these are just
an internet search.



RESOURCES (for families and small groups)

- StoryMakers (zines, curriculum, family activities, free resources)
- Tiny Theologians (family activities, in-home discipleship, free resources)
- Theolaby (family activities, in-home discipleship, free resources)
- Kaleidoscope Kids (in-home discipleship, resources)
- "My Life with Jesus" (devotion from the Foundry)

- “The Biggest Story Bible Storybook”
- "God's Big Picture Bible Storybook"
NT Wright
- “Brick Bible” (for older kids, or to read
parents)
- "Tales That Tell The Truth" (series
Good Book Company)
- “Table Topics”
- “Grow Games”

