

## A Resource List on Children and the Sacraments

### ***By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism***

An official paper adopted by the 1996 General Conference to interpret the services of the baptismal covenant and related rites. You will find this paper in The United Methodist Book of Resolutions, 2008.

### ***By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry***

by Gayle Felton is a 6-session study guide for use in small groups, and contains the full text of the paper, "By Water and the Spirit," describing the United Methodist understanding of baptism approved by the 1996 General Conference. This booklet serves as a resource for congregational leaders who are helping members make connections between the baptismal covenant and discipleship in daily life.

### ***I Belong to God***

by Carolyn K. Tanner offers a six-session study of baptism, based on *By Water and the Spirit*. This intergenerational study explores concepts of God's love and grace that we experience in baptism through Bible stories, music, crafts, puzzles, and mission education.

### ***Come! Come! Everybody Worship!***

by Carolyn K. Tanner is a study guide for children on the United Methodist Basic Pattern of Worship. The volume includes reproducible student pages along with a detailed teacher's guide. Designed primarily for elementary-aged children, the resource can be adapted to a wide range of teaching situations.

### ***Liturgy and Learning Through the Life Cycle***

by John H. Westerhoff III and William H. Willimon is a book for pastors, religious educators, members of liturgy/worship and religious education committees, and others interested in the renewal of individual and corporate life through worship. Chapter two offers guidance with the place of children in Holy Communion.

### ***This Holy Mystery: A Study Guide for Children and Youth: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion***

by Carolyn K. Tanner is designed as a companion to Gayle Carlton Felton's adult study guide;

this resource offers the full text of *This Holy Mystery* along with lesson plans and student papers useful for a broad age-range of children and youth.

### ***Touch the Water, Taste the Bread: Exploring the Sacraments with Children***

is a curriculum developed for children from 3 years old to third grade that offers three lessons on baptism and three lessons on the Lord's Supper. The lessons on baptism will introduce children to the sacraments and to the Bible story about Jesus' baptism. The lessons on Communion will introduce children to the sacraments and to the Bible story about the Last Supper.

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