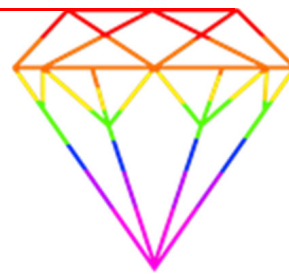


# Resource Gems

Ideas & Resources  
Connecting Congregations



## Welcome To Resource Gems

Have you ever been sitting at home wondering where to find a good Sunday School lesson or unique worship resources. How about something fun, creative, and Biblically based for Easter or Christmas programs? Well, you aren't alone.

Resource Gems newsletter is your chance to read about and/or share about some great Christian leadership resources for ministry.

In this first issue, the District Board Connections Commission and Staff will share just a few of their favorites. In future newsletters we hope that you all will also share. What are some ideas:

Sunday School Lessons for Adult and Kids  
Advertising/Web/Newsletter Resources  
Worship Leader Resources  
Book Reviews  
Financial Resources  
Evangelism Resources  
.... The list can go on and on.

Submit your resource  
suggestions by emailing  
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Join the Resource  
Gems Facebook page  
to share additional  
ideas, thoughts, and  
prayers.

## Web Site Suggestions

As you all know the World Wide Web is FULL of sites that can be used. Here are a couple suggestions:

- ♦ Sermon4kids.com is a website offering links to free Sunday School lessons for kids, including stories, activities and crafts.
- ♦ Living Grace at [Livinggracecatalog.com](http://Livinggracecatalog.com) offers many worship supplies, including communion supplies and banners.
- ♦ CTAinc.com (Christ to All) offers many ministry (gift) resources for women, men, youth, children and for general use.
- ♦ Techsoup.org for those looking for a discount on software/hardware.
- ♦ Sharefaith.com is a good resource for media, website software, giving and church management software and children's ministry, etc.

N. Ohio District  
Education Events  
Go to [www.nohcob.org](http://www.nohcob.org)  
for details.

Congregational  
Vitality Workshop  
March 3 & 4

Pastor's Workshop  
with Jeff Bach  
March 31

N. Ohio Buckeye  
Brethren Institute  
On-Going

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## The Great Commission

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20



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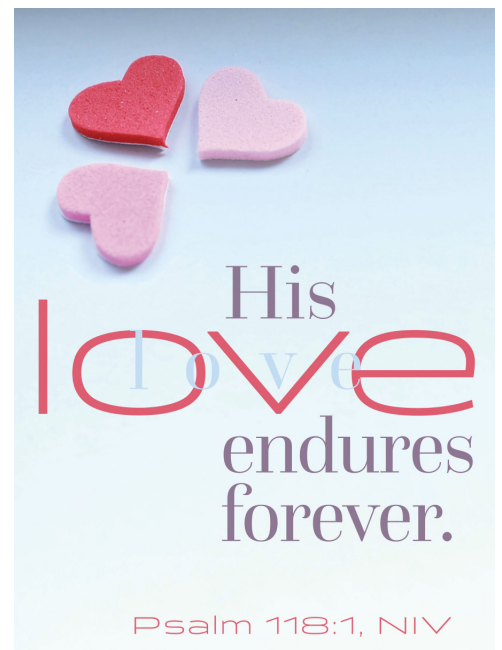
Anabaptist  
Worship  
Exchange

Anabaptist Worship Exchange is a platform for church leaders to share their original worship re-

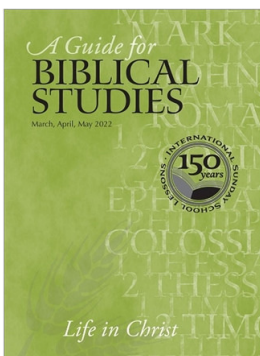
sources. It is based on the conviction that the most creative work being done in the life of the church takes place in the congregational. In these local communities leaders work with the events of everyday life and their theological tradition to create new and relevant resources. [anabaptistworshipexchange.org](http://anabaptistworshipexchange.org)

Rather than assuming the best materials for worship come from a central location, we assume that each member of the church can offer vibrant, sound, and pastoral materials. AWE provides a space that honors the lives, theologies, and materials created at the grassroots of our traditions.

"AWE" is a ministry designed and supported by the Church of the Brethren.



## A Guide For Biblical Studies Spring 2022: Life In Christ



This special edition of A Guide for Biblical Studies celebrates the 150th anniversary of the International Sunday School Lessons, which has formed the biblical basis of our quarterly adult curriculum for over 130 years.

Brethren Press has gathered thirteen previously published Guide lessons, each by a different writer, that focus on the theme of life in Christ. This collection of Guide lessons mirrors the best of who we are and what we believe as the Church of the Brethren, and illustrates what's possible when we collaborate well with other members of the body of Christ.

Please note that the lessons in this special edition will not follow the current cycle, so plan accordingly if you supplement your study by use of other commentaries and resources based on the International Sunday School Lessons. ([www.brethrenpress.com](http://www.brethrenpress.com))



## Join our Facebook group

Facebook is a good resource to connect with others. We have started a new group called "Resource Gems" and invite you to stay connected with other church leaders by joining this group. The opportunity to share researches, joys, concerns, events, and other information.



## Smiles to share...

Brookpark Church of the Brethren would invite you to borrow their puppets. Over the years these guys have shared the Good News with lots of children.

Puppet Ministry is a great way to keep the attention of children. They can engage the children in conversation during a lesson, worship, or special event.

If you would like to borrow these puppets, please contact the church at 216-433-1515.



## Minimizing the Liability of Your Property: Facilities Use

How often does your church get a phone call... "Can we use the building for a birthday party, or weddings, or reunion"? Be it from active members or neighbors of the community. We all like to share our resources through the church building with others. Unfortunately, that can also come with risks and responsibilities.

"Christian ministry is all about community, so inviting others to use your church or school building is commonplace. But allowing others to use your facility also invites the potential for lawsuits and damage claims. Before you loan out your facilities, take these three steps to protect your ministry."

To read this full article and many other great resources go to <https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources/>

