

Drama Out of a Crisis

by Tony Bower

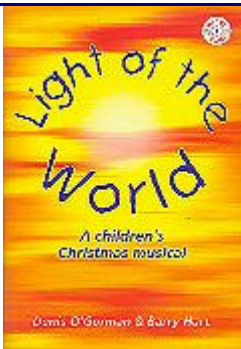
published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

in Paperback

at £8.99 (1-840-03946-9)

Every now and then, an unpretentious, straight forward practical resource comes along. This book offers strikingly simply stories, monologues, sketches and poems which can be used during advent services. What's more, with a little creativity on the user's part (i.e. involving different ages to read, act or even props & music) then advent starts to take on a fresh and clear feel. It's not astounding stuff here, but it's useable straight away and with advent normally a hectic time of the year the preparation time can be short. There are 15 sets of reflections and if you're looking to 'freshen-up' a most familiar story then this is for you.

Notes by Andrew Elliott



Light of the World

by Denis O'Gorman & Barry Hart

published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

in Paperback

at £10.99 (1-840-03944-2)

This contemporary musical for Juniors comes with a CD of the music, and is best suited for churches with a thriving music ministry, or for schools. In straightforward language, the joyful story of Jesus' birth is retold and a variety of lively and rhythmic musical styles have been used. To put any musical on requires a tremendous amount of work and whilst the music is provided, the actual working out of the musical is left in the hands of the worship leaders, church leaders or teachers. To make this a really useful resource it needs to be teamed up with ways in which to direct the musical. Simply picking up this book will leave you with a lot of work to do.

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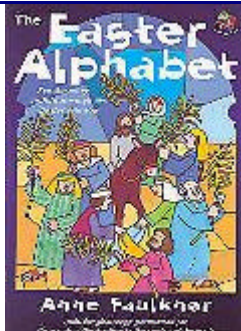


Special Services for Advent and Christmas

by Susan Hardwick
published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd
in Paperback
at £9.99 (1-840-03961-2)

At such a special time of the year, it is important to find a refreshing way to present Advent and Christmas to a congregation. Whilst this book doesn't offer anything surprising, it does offer structured outlines for services for 'all age', teenagers, children, and even a Christingle service. A fair amount of preparation is needed by anyone attempting to use these resources, but I would recommend the effort. So often at this time of the year services are too familiar and result in being uninspiring and sometimes, dare I say it, dull! But here is a resource which can help offer different ways at 'getting the message' out – without compromising the subtext of Advent and Christmas.

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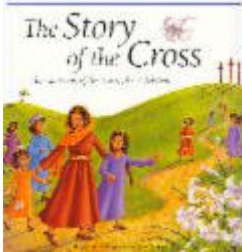


Easter Alphabet

by Anne Faulkner
published by Barnabas imprint of BRF
in Paperback
at £3.99 (1-841-01033-2)

The Easter Alphabet takes a journey through the exciting events of Holy Week and Easter, starting as Jesus approaches Jerusalem, standing with him in Bethpage to hear his instructions to his disciples, cheering him as he rides on the back of a donkey, feeling his fury as he drives the money changers out of the temple and sitting with him in a house in Bethany. Page by page the story builds into a picture the shape of a stained glass window for use as a craft or colouring activity. Includes photocopy permission for the window illustration in the centre of the book.

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The Story of the Cross – The stations of the Cross for C

by Mary Joslin

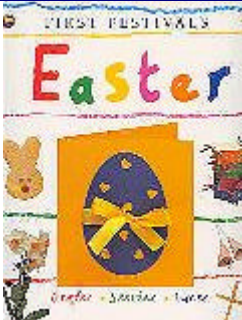
published by Lion Hudson

in Paperback

at £5.99 (0-745-94672-0)

This thought –provoking and heartwarming telling of Jesus' last walk to the cross will help children aged 4-8 to explore the real meaning of Easter. The story is clearly retold with simple prayers of response, making it an ideal resource for teachers and parents. Gail Newey's beautiful and dramatic illustrations complement the subject matter and make it accessible for the youngest reader.

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First Festivals

by Lois Rock

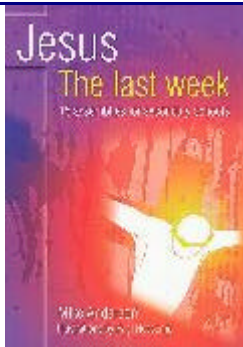
published by Lion Hudson

in Paperback

at £5.99 (0-745-94653-4)

Twenty ideas for the Lent and Easter Season, crafts, stories and facts to keep 4 – 7 yr olds occupied. This cheerful and fun book is presented with a bright mix of illustrations and photos. The simple and enjoyable crafts have easy-to-follow instructions making this perfect to use both in homes and in school.

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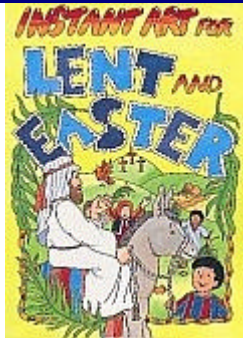


Jesus, the Last Week

by Mike Anderson
published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd
in Paperback
at £7.99 (1-840-03829-2)

Ready-to-use assemblies based on a series of posters. The idea is to build up the notion of a journey through Jesus' last week by adding a poster to the wall each day. Each assembly looks at how Jesus acted or how he was treated by others, relating the theme to our own lives, and encouraging pupils to think about the way they treat others. With each poster is a 'thought for the day' which could be read either by teachers or pupils, and a daily prayer.

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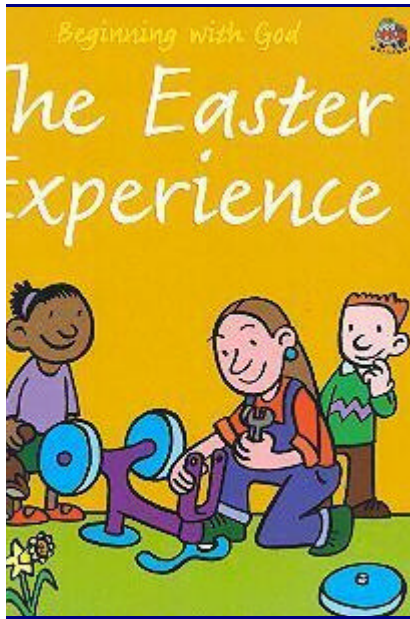
Instant Art for Lent and Easter

by Kathryn Atkins
published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd
in Paperback
at £9.99 (0-862-09746-0)

Just two of the many Instant Art titles available from this publisher. Each has models, mobiles and cards to make, puzzles to do and many other activities for use in Sunday schools, clubs, nurseries, playgroups and at home. The material is copyright-free, as long as it is used for non-commercial purposes.

- See also More Instant Art for Lent and Easter 1-840-03286-3

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The Easter Experience

by Rachel Heathfield

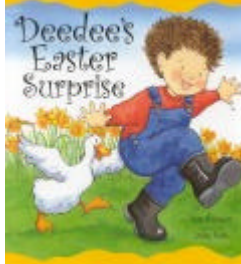
published by Barnabas imprint of BRF

in Paperback

at £3.99 (1-841-01219-X)

One of a series called 'Beginning with God', this title is to help children of 5-7 explore the Easter story with their parents. There are daily sessions to share at the end of each day, and start with a chance to look back at the day before discussion prompts open the way up for the subject of the session to be explored. There are things to do, a short Bible passage to think over and a prayer jotter.

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Deedee's Easter Surprise

by Kay Kinnear

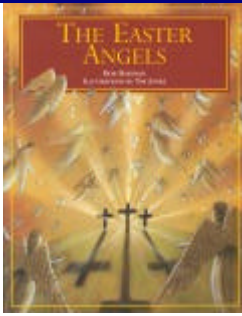
published by Lion Hudson

in Paperback

at £4.99 (0-745-94443-4)

This simple and well observed story has particular reference to Easter but will appeal to young children at any time of the year. Beautifully illustrated.

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The Easter Angels

by Bob Hartman

published by Lion Hudson

in Paperback

at £4.99 (0-745-94420-5)

A vibrant, evocative picture story book for Easter, from an acclaimed author and illustrator team.