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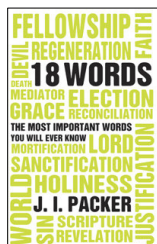
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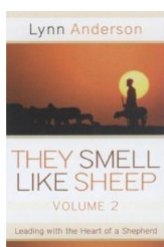
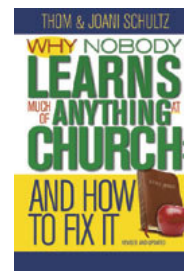
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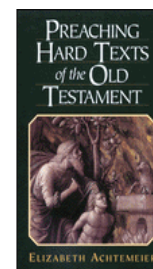
**230.044Pac 18 Words: The Most Important Words You Will Ever Know by J.I. Packer** If the modern world can be characterized by one thing it is probably the enormous increase in the number of words around--but that increase has also been accompanied by a seemingly corresponding decrease in understanding. It is the irony of the information age that instead of bringing clarity it has raised uninformed opinion to the same level as truth. The church has also not been faultless. Rather than discuss ideas in order to come to some settled agreement, the church has been characterized as trying to make words mean different things in order to accommodate differences. But the church should be a beacon of light to the world. The church has the words of eternal life. J. I. Packer is a master wordsmith. He is also gifted with the ability of showing where truth lies in complicated reasoning. These skills combine to make Words from God a fascinating read--and a life-changing one. The 18 words are Death, Devil, Election, Faith, Fellowship, Grace, Holiness, Justification, Lord, Mediator, Mortification, Reconciliation, Regeneration, Revelation, Sanctification, Scripture, Sin & World. 205 pages.

**268.6Sch Why Nobody Learns Much of Anything at Church: And How to Fix It by Thom & Joani Schultz** Here's a hard-hitting, provocative evaluation of learning in the church... and practical solutions for improving how your church educates. Anyone who teaches children, youth, or adults about the Christian faith will...see revealing evidence on why people aren't learning at church; discover why Sunday school attendance is plummeting; grasp why people listen to sermons week after week but can't remember what they heard; understand how your education may be crippling how you teach. You'll find loads of practical help with step-by-step plans that enable you to launch a new learning revolution in your church. You'll discover...how to adjust your emphasis from teaching to learning (there's a BIG difference); how to teach LESS so your people learn MORE; an approach to learning that Jesus perfected--totally involving people through active experiences; how to create learning environments that result in changed lives; surprising discoveries of the world's leading educators and schools--concepts that can transform your church; how more student talk (and less teacher talk) will lead to deeper understanding, greater life application of biblical truths, and growing attendance in church classes; and innovative solutions that will double your people's retention of the messages in your lessons, sermons, Bible studies, programs, and classes. 239 pages.



**253.21And They Smell Like Sheep, Volume 2, Leading with the Heart of a Shepherd by Dr. Lynn Anderson** This book is about more than gimmicks and techniques of leadership. It speaks to the character and heart of the leader. After all, heart makes the difference in an effective Sunday-school teacher, youth minister, elder, small-group leader, parent, grandparent, or Christian school teacher. Spiritual sheep, stray sheep, and searching sheep aren't nearly as concerned about the knowledge and skill of the shepherd as they are about his heart. When finding their way -- at weddings, at funerals, during family crises, and in the hospital -- sheep go to a shepherd in whom they discern God's own heart, like King David of old. Jesus said sheep would know their shepherd's voice and be drawn to it. It is the heart behind the voice that soothes and comforts God's people. 247 pages. (Volume 1 is also available from the Resource Center)

**251.21Ach Preaching Hard Texts of the Old Testament by Elizabeth Achtemeier** This author has carefully chosen thirty-one Old Testament passages that are difficult to understand and more difficult still to preach. The sacrifice of Isaac, God's command for Hosea to marry a harlot, Moses' use of the bronze serpent to heal snake-bitten Israelites--these and many other passages are illumined for the preacher who no longer wants to fear these texts. In each chapter, Achtemeier discusses the text and then offers suggestions for forming a sermon based on that text. In treating specific unsettling passages, Achtemeier also addresses thematic difficulties found throughout the Old Testament, such as the frequent militaristic portrayals of God, the often perplexing behavior of Old Testament prophets, and the many anthropomorphic descriptions of God. 192 pages.

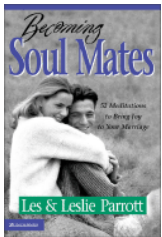
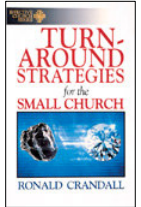


**AS248Stu Fathertalk: Father/Child Communication and the Father Joseph Stories by John H. Stuhl** This resource is an innovative approach to talking with elementary age children using conversation-opening stories about "Father Joseph." Today's fathers can use these stories with their children to discuss feelings of Worry, Doubt, Fear, Change and Anger. 47 pages.



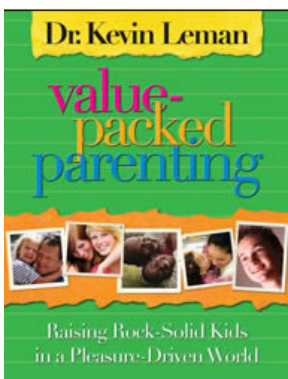
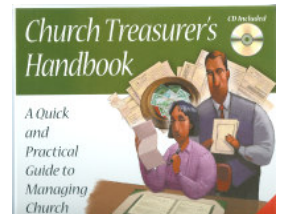
**AS 264Ref Children in the Sanctuary: Involving Children Fully in the Worship Life of a Congregation** by *Debbie Hough and Mary Emery Speedy* This study guide and the accompanying DVD include six distinct segments addressing the following topics: What is Worship? Promises Made at Baptism, Opportunities and Challenges When Children Participate in Corporate Worship, Children Participating in Worship, Children Leading in Worship, Children Planning Worship. Also included in the resource: Denominational Worship Resources, Making the Connection Between Home and Sunday Worship, Helping Children Participate by Using Worship Activity Bags and Children's Bulletins, Guidelines for Children's Conversations, A retreat Model, Recommended Reading.

**254.20Cr Turn Around Strategies for the Small Church** by *Ron Crandall* This book shows what kind of leadership, evangelism, and outreach will bring about a desirable turnaround. It provides specific actions that will develop the skills of those who minister in the life of a small church, and helps pastors and other church leaders evaluate their ministry objectively, thereby enhancing their daily practice of ministry. It presents twelve key factors for turning around a congregation, lists obstacles to turn-arounds, and includes an appendix of turn-around churches. 176 pages.



**242.644Par Becoming Soul Mates: 52 Meditations to Bring Joy to Your Marriage** by *Les & Leslie Parrott* Every couple has a restless aching, not just to know God individually but to experience God together. But how do you allow God to fill the soul of your marriage? *Becoming Soul Mates* gives you a road map for cultivating rich spiritual intimacy in your relationship. This unique, insightful devotional for couples helps you dig deep for a strong spiritual foundation -- now, in the early years of marriage. Fifty-two practical, weekly devotions help you and your partner cross the hurdles of marriage to grow closer than you've ever imagined. Each session includes discussion questions, a key Scripture, prayer, insights from real-life soul mates like John and Cindy Trent and Norm and Joyce Wright, and an opportunity to share individual needs and prayer requests. *Becoming Soul Mates* will help you grow together as you build a marriage that flourishes in the face of life's challenges. 240 pages.

**343Bro Church Treasurer's Handbook: A Quick and Practical Guide to Managing Church Finances** by *Bruce Nuffer* All you need to know about handling church finances - at your fingertips Church treasurers are trusted with one of the most important jobs in the local church. Unfortunately, they are often left alone to sort out the numerous complicated questions of taxes, payroll, and reporting. New treasurers may not even know what's expected of them in the first place. The *Church Treasurer's Handbook* gives treasurers an overview of their duties, guidelines for completing them, and tips for making the job easier. The *Church Treasurer's Handbook* provides: An overview of basic accounting principles, in layman's terms An easy-to-understand explanation of tax regulations Options for monthly and annual financial reporting, A general job description for the church treasurer, Advice for handling payroll, housing allowances, and other compensation for the pastor and staff, Tips on communicating with the church board, the pastor, and the financial committee, Guidelines for handling money ethically, A CD with forms necessary for record keeping, including tax forms, accounting ledgers, individual contribution records, budget worksheets, forms for counting the offering, and more. You don't have to be a certified public accountant in order to be a good church treasurer. Just look to the *Church Treasurer's Handbook* for the answers to your questions.



**AS248.8Lem Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World** by *Kr. Kevin Leman* This 7-session study (approximately 30 viewing minutes for each session) provides biblically based training designed to encourage parents to build healthy relationships with their children and at the same time help them understand that they are not alone in the challenges they face. The sessions are:

1. The Ten Best Gifts You'll Ever Give Your Kids
2. How to Listen So Kids Will Talk and How to Talk So Kids Will Listen
3. Discipline Isn't Spelled P-u-n-i-s-h-m-e-n-t
4. Ten Ways to Improve Your Child's Self-confidence
5. Caution: Anger Ahead!
6. Birth Order - What You Need to Know About It
7. Standing Up to the New Goliath

Includes: 1 DVD, 1 CD that includes the 10-minute preview, sample lessons, plus promotion ads and clip art, member book, and a leader guide