

2009-2010
“JESUS is
the missing PEACE”

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
the children of God.
Matthew 5:9

Adult leaders help children age 4 through 8th grade select and read books from a list specifically created to reflect core Christian values from an Anabaptist Mennonite perspective. A child who reads seven books and “reports” on two of them earns a free gift book of his/her choice from the list.

How do I join Shalom Readers Club?

1. Fill out the registration form and give it to the adult SRC leader in your congregation. If your church does not have a leader, send the form directly to the coordinator for your area. (See Registration Form next panel).

2. Read, or have someone read to you, seven (7) books **from the SRC list**, and write the titles on your record sheet. The list and record sheet are available from your church’s SRC leader, your regional coordinator (see next panel), or on line at: www.centralplainsmc.org/Shalom_Readers. Books from the list may be borrowed from the CPMC library if not available locally (see address on back panel).

3. Create a book sharing about two (2) of the books you have read. You may want to work with your parents or your club leader. Here are some ideas:

- write a short description of the book, telling why you liked it, or why you didn’t
- create a drawing or painting about the story
- write a song, poem, story, or skit inspired by the book and share it with someone
- create a collage that relates to the book
- do a “peace” activity inspired by the book, such as: reading the book to a younger child, or to an older person in your congregation or neighborhood
- discuss the book in your Sunday School class or mid-week club
- talk with an adult about how you can be more like Jesus
- write or draw about a time when you followed the Jesus way of peace in your family, or with your friends or classmates

4. When you have completed your projects on two of the books you have read, and have given them to your club leader, you may choose a book from the SRC list to keep as your own. Your club leader will help you and see to it that you receive the book.

REGISTRATION FORM

Sign up now to be a part of this year’s
Shalom Readers Club (Younger children
will need help from parents or club leaders.)

Name _____

Age or grade _____

Address _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

Give this form to the Shalom Readers Club leader in your congregation. If your congregation does not have a club leader, mail the form directly to your area coordinator. If you as an adult or parent are interested in starting a club in your church or are willing to be a club leader, contact your regional coordinator, as follows:

Regional Coordinators

For churches in NE, SD, MT or CO contact

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Marion, S.D. 57043
605-925-7437

e-mail ojortman@gwtc.net

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Shalom Readers Club

- * Presents religious, spiritual, social, cultural and environmental themes from around the world and throughout history.
- * Gives children the opportunity to consider what being a faithful disciple of the risen Christ might look like in today's world.
- * Gives parents/caregivers and other adults in the church opportunities to read aloud stories leading to important discussions about the Christian faith.
- * Includes award winning books available in public, school, and church libraries, as well as the Central Plains Conference library.
- * Uses over 250 titles, carefully selected by professional educators, categorized in three age groups, with new titles added every year.

For congregations who do not have a club leader: complete information, the SRC titles list and necessary forms are available at www.centralplainsmc.org.

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If the books are not available in your church,
school, or public library, they may be
borrowed from:

CPMC Shalom Library
Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029
Phone: (605) 925-4463 M-Th 9am-3pm

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a reading program for
children - nurturing
relationships of
*peace, love, and
justice*
in a sometimes
broken world