Video Curricula for Mennonite Youth

These videos may be purchased from www.mennosource.org unless otherwise stated.

(The Kingdom is) Big Enough for You
Actors Ted & Lee bring to life the apostle Paul, jailed and struggling with a letter he’s writing to the Colossians. Then the twist: Paul gets a cellmate, an embezzler named Leon. Chatty and abrasive, Leon unwittingly helps Paul sharpen his letter to its true point: love binds everything together. This drama powerfully illustrates the importance of accepting our differences. Also includes music video by Lost and Found. Short study guides included. 17 min. Available in DVD or VHS.

Bridge to Forgiveness
This DVD for youth delves into the vital process of what it means to forgive and be forgiven. Youth will meet Jacob and Esau played by Ted and Lee, hear an original song by Ken Medema, and empathize with candid interviews with teens. Available in DVD or VHS.

Creation Chronicles

Don’t Sit On Your Stuff
Peter and Andrew figure out that they shouldn’t “sit on their stuff” as they enact a familiar parable. This leads us to a discussion of what to do with our own “stuff:” our time, money and talents. Musicians Joel and Aïmée Pakan of Tangled Blue also bring fresh twists of interpretation to two stories of giving and grace: the story of Mary washing Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume and the parable of the widow who gave all of her money at the temple. Help youth discuss and begin to live out Christian stewardship principles with this entertaining video. Available in DVD or VHS.

Fish-Eyes Video
and "An Insider's View of Jesus" Study Guide Book
This excellent resource, written by Todd Temple, uses clips from "Fish-Eyes" as the catalyst for discussions with youth about discipleship. Each lesson includes easy ways for students to get involved (i.e. to introduce the lesson on Peter & Andrew’s call, he has student's who fish tell their saddest "fish tale." Lessons also include "source notes" (cultural and geographical details), relevant scripture passages, and lots of questions for conversation. Video and book are sold separately or together.
Peace DVD
A study DVD inspiring youth - and adults - to imagine what the world would be like if every person tried to make it a more peaceful place. Two-hour DVD with 24 stories. Peace DVD is designed to be used in six-session series, or can be used however a group or individual chooses: view DVD segments, check out scripture passages, ponder discussion-starter questions, and fun assignments. Assignments assume web access to www.peaceDVD.com. Subtitled in English.

Shalom Lifestyles
This best-selling video curriculum for youth by producer, writer and theologian Jerry L. Holstoppel focuses on peace, justice, service and the environment. Fifteen sessions on topics like: The Hunt for Happiness, Images in a Box, TV Violence, Can the Earth Be Healed, and more. Two videos, two leader's books, reproducible student sheets, quality binder.

Thermostat:
How Can We Turn Toward Peace in Time of Fear?
A DVD for youth on war, peace and Christian conscience. "Thermostat" includes a wide variety of resources: Bible studies, role plays, stories, images, poetry, video clips, rap and drama. A 100-page study guide organizes the three hours of video clips and activities into 33 different study units. The units — which can be used separately — include the themes of peacemaking, imagination, allegiance, security, terrorism, camouflage and nonviolence. "Thermostat" encourages intergenerational conversation and learning. Also available in Spanish. Find at www.mccstore.org.

Vocation! Vocation! Vocation!
This fast-moving DVD will help youth begin talking about job decisions. You'll hear people young and old talk about their jobs and their dreams. Leaders will be empowered to help youth ask the questions that will help them begin the life-long process of searching for the vocation to which God is calling them. Ted & Lee bring the Bible alive with characters we've never heard of, in ways that touch us where we are. Also features Mike Yaconelli talking about faith and finding our calling, about passion and risk-taking. Study guide included.