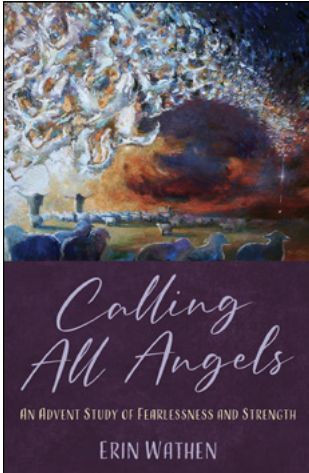


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Erin Wathen

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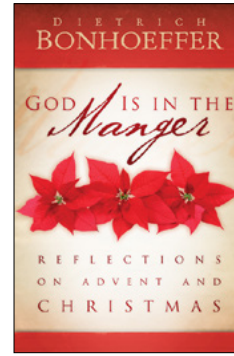
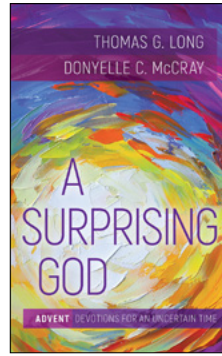
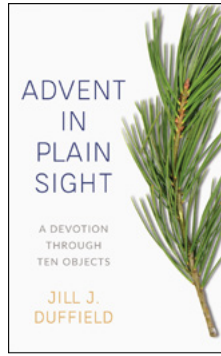
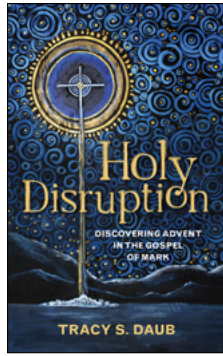
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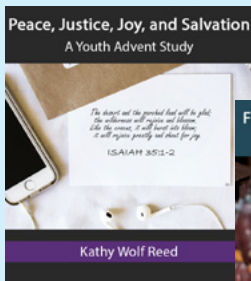


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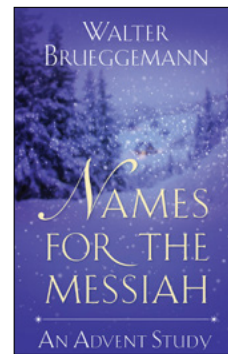
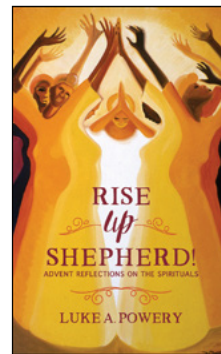
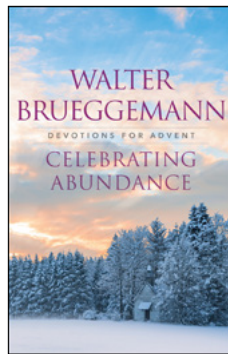
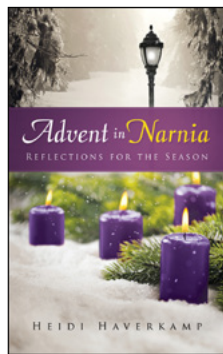
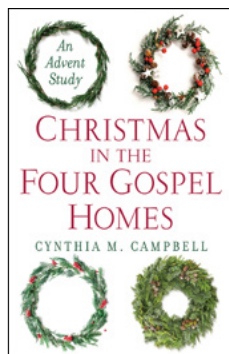
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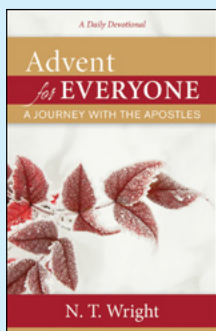
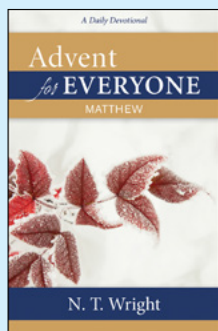


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<p>The magnitude of our weary world weighs on our hearts and minds. In <i>A Weary World</i>, Escobar provides twenty-eight daily reflections paired with prayers and practices to honor our struggles during the holidays. Weekly resources make this Advent devotional suitable for group study as well. To help churches who wish to use this book as part of group study or worship services, the publisher has created a digital resources packet. You can download this packet for free at www.wjkbooks.com/AWearyWorld.</p>	<p>How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In <i>Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes</i>, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Perfect for individual or group study.</p>	<p>The enchanting themes of C. S. Lewis's <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> fit naturally into the Advent season. These twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small-group discussion and ideas for creating a "Narnia Night" for families.</p>	<p>To "prepare for Christmas" in our society is to be sucked into a vortex of indulgence, from decor to gifts to calorie-rich foods. The arrival of the Messiah, by contrast, is true abundance disguised by the impression of scarcity. This powerful devotional by best-selling author Walter Brueggemann includes daily reflections for Advent in order to invite us to see beyond the world's faux extravagance and realize the true feast laid out before us. Twelve prayers are also included for the twelve days of Christmas.</p>	<p>Valuable not only for their sublime musical expression, the African American spirituals give us profound insights into the human condition and the Christian life. Many focus on an essential scene of the Christian drama: the coming of God as the child in Bethlehem and as the liberator of God's oppressed people. In these devotions for the season of Advent, each devotion features the lyrics of a spiritual, a reflection on the spiritual's meaning, a Scripture verse, and a brief prayer.</p>	<p>In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. <i>Names for the Messiah</i> ponders each royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?"</p>
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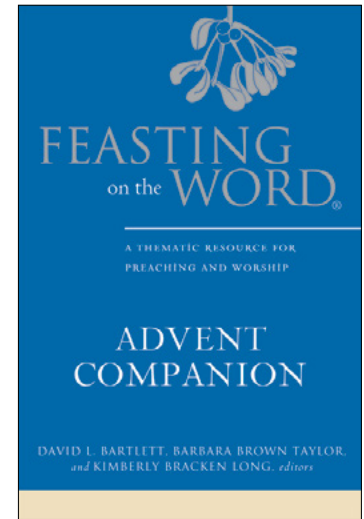
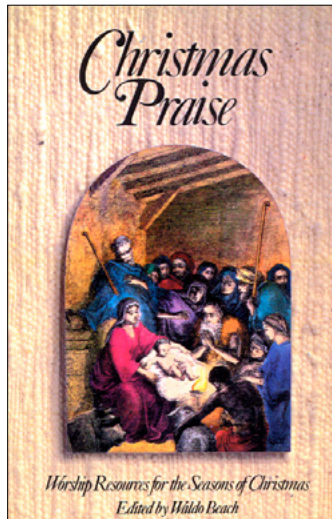
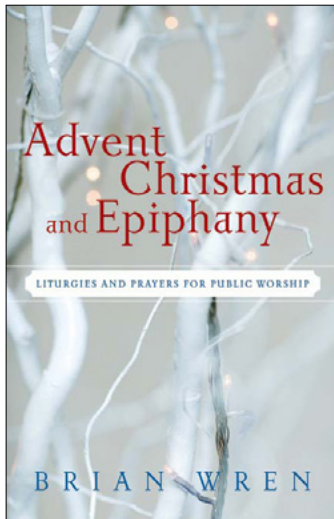
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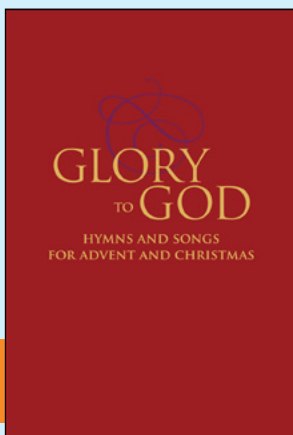
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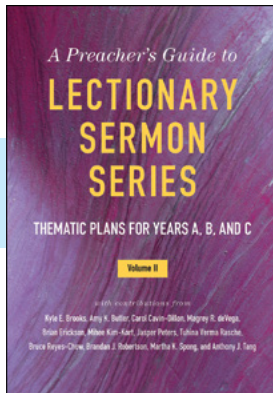
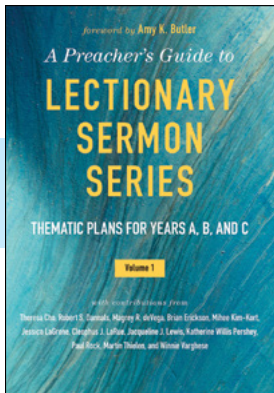
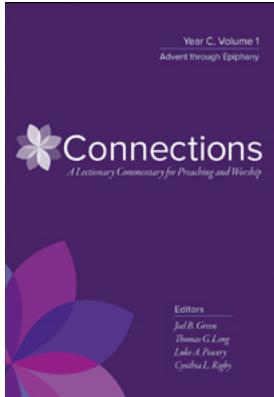
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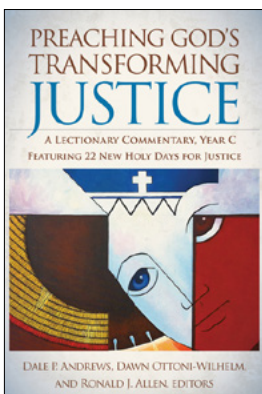
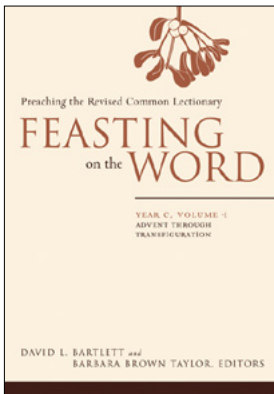
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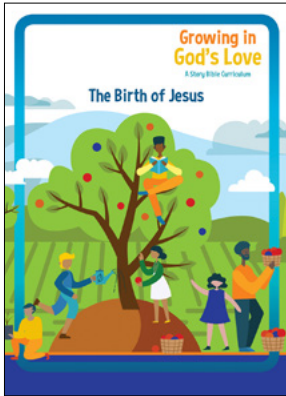


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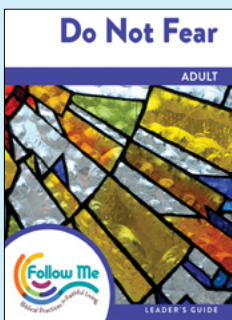
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