

Resources you will not find in a book

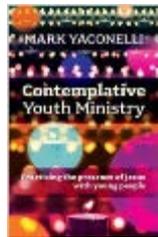
The local Christian community is a great resource. Can you involve them in the group?

- Other SU groups or church youth groups in the area. Can you share resources?
- School chaplaincy team
- SUS staff member

Resources considering why we do what we do

[Distinctive Worship, Andy Flannagan \(Spring Harvest\)](#)

An engaging and practical book that sharpens thinking about what we do and say with secondary aged young people in worship. The book is full of helpful ideas for putting it into practice.



[Contemplative Youth Ministry, Mark Yaconelli \(Youth specialities\)](#)

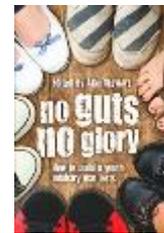
This is a refreshing read for tired youth leaders encouraging us to create meaningful community, engage young people in contemplative activities, maximise spontaneity and help young people recognise Jesus in their everyday lives. A very worthwhile book with practical help in recruiting volunteers

[Growing Souls, Mark Yaconelli \(Youth Specialities\)](#)

This is a follow on to "Contemplative Youth Ministry". The author in this book expands and deepens the exploration of what "contemplative" youth ministry is through stories of ordinary congregations as they move from anxious, results based programmes to a different style of ministry.

[No Guts, No Glory, Alan Stewart \(Matthias Media\)](#)

A challenging read working from the idea that Christian youth work is about helping young people be disciples of Jesus. It is full of down to earth ideas on putting this into practice and is a good book to use at team meetings as you cover various issues.

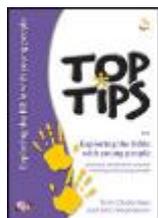


[Mission shaped youth \(Tim Sudworth, Graham Cray, Chris Russell\)](#)

A short fairly easy read on the key elements of what mission shaped youth work should contain. Helpful and inspirational. Although written from a Church of England perspective it is easily transferable to a Scottish context. ISBN-10: 0715140825

[Buried Spirituality \(Phil Rankin\)](#)

The author spent 3 years chatting to young people in nightclubs, pubs, parks, and in street corners and this book contains the results of his findings. It is a brilliant insight into what young people are saying about God and spirituality.



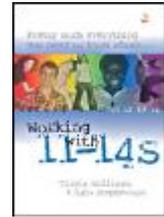
[Top Tips \(Scripture Union\)](#)

Top Tips booklets are designed for all those working with children and young people. Big on practical advice, but small enough to digest over a cup of coffee, so you can get to grips with the issues fast. Be inspired and encouraged with *Top Tips* from the experts! There are a whole range of topics e.g. communicating God in non-book ways, helping faith to grow, prompting prayer, handling difficult

behaviour, all age worship. Each book costs £2.99 and can be bought on the SU website <http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/Shop/Resourcesforministry/TopTipsseries/30115.id>

Working with 11-14s

Too old for children's work, too young for youth group! So where do 11-14s fit? They're full of energy, challenging boundaries and exploring the big questions - we need to reach them now! Part one helps you step inside the world and culture of 11-14s, exploring the process of physical and faith development. Part two is packed full of practical advice for programme planning, using the Bible, praying and worshipping with this age group. This book is a unique combination of theology, theory and practical ideas.



Teaching Resources

www.suscotland.org.uk/resources

SU Scotland has produced a range of materials suitable for secondary SU Groups. Topics last from four to six weeks and include New Term – New Start, David, Psalms, Parables and the book of James. These resources download as PDF files.

Opening the Bible with a group of young people is an exciting adventure and a core part of any SU event. We've put together some ideas to help you get started - and it really is about going back to basics and allowing God to speak through His Word.

Our *Teach yourself Bible Reading Groups* booklet is available from our website resources page.



www.schoolslive.org

SchoolsLive is free to use and gives you weekly programmes for your group. There is a three year programme of material online and a helpful search box for locating programmes based on the Bible passage or theme you are working from.



SU has tried to make *SchoolsLive* as intuitive and easy to use as possible but if you're unsure about how to use the site to its full potential, you can take a step by step *SchoolsLive* Tour from the "About *SchoolsLive*" page.

There are often some young people who come to groups who are not very familiar with the Bible and they don't get some of the things that Christians believe and do. It is great that they want to be part of your group and to help them get the most out of your sessions *SchoolsLive* contains some brand new activities designed especially for them. These new activities are called *Base Camp*. They have been especially written to enable those who are less familiar with Christianity to engage with the Bible through *SchoolsLive*. The Bible is still at the heart of these activities but way that the Bible is used is intended to be more accessible. You'll find a *Base Camp* activity in each Connecting section. Where necessary, there are also a few in some of the Responding sections.



www.Biblegateway.com

If you haven't found Bible Gateway – then it's worth you knowing that many others now use this site as a quick and extensive online Bible and concordance. Lots of Bible translations and paraphrases, advance search options in multiple translations plus dictionaries commentaries etc. all of which can be printed out for group use.



www.lightlive.org

Scripture Union's Light material for 11-14s on Sundays is called **The Grid** and is used by SU Groups as well. It's available free to download from the LightLive Website or to buy from Christian bookshops as a quarterly booklet.

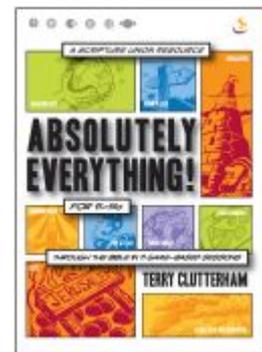


SUBstance (for 15-18s) is undated and will take your young people and develop them in their faith. The easy-to-use, highly adaptable leaders' guide will help you create sessions that will enable your group to delve deeper into the Bible. SUBstance sessions encourage and challenge, engage and equip, and allow for times of quiet reflection, alongside loud debate, laughter, and in-depth Bible study. Whatever their level of faith or understanding of the Bible, young people will develop through the practical focus on application which runs throughout this discipleship resource. SUBstance is produced termly, and is undated, so can be used at anytime.



Absolutely Everything: Through the Bible in Eleven Game-based Sessions for 11-14s, Terry Clutterham

A Bible based resource book with a difference! Absolutely Everything! uses the Bible to give young people a foundation for understanding that will set them up for life! They will learn the amazing story of God's plan for salvation from Genesis to Revelation, and see exactly where everything fits. But that's not all! They will have the opportunity to meet God who creates, promises, judges, saves and shows who he is, both in his world and in their own lives 11 active game-based sessions which show God's big picture and trace the main themes in the Bible.



Youthwork Magazine

As well as their regular pull-out resources for youth meetings, there is also a special schools work resource idea every month



Wild Truth Bible Lessons: Pictures of God, Mark Oestreicher (Youth Specialties)

Here are 12 active Bible lessons for 11-14s, each one based on one of the 50 pictures of God presented in Wild Truth Journal: Pictures of God--energetically, relevantly, and scripturally. The lessons are loaded with off-the-wall and easy-to-do discussion starters, video ideas, scripts, and games with a point. And of course, there are plenty of Bible passages and studies to springboard 11-14s from the abstract into the concrete as (open Bibles in hand) they explore the nature of God in a lively, relevant way — then begin practicing the traits of God in their own lives. 12 lessons in book or kindle versions.

Creative Bible Lessons from the Life of Christ, Doug Fields (Youth Specialties)

Just some of the titles available from this company. These resources are full of creative, engaging and biblical activities for secondary ages. There is too much in each session for many groups so they will require adapting or could be used over 2 sessions.



Rock Solid & Mettle:

YFC resources for 11-14 and 14-18 respectively. Rock Solid (11-14) is an amazing evangelistic resource that equips you with the ideas and structures to regularly provide a fun environment in which you communicate the good news of Jesus in a creative and relevant way. Hundreds of churches use Rock Solid and its combination of games, interactive activities, discussions, short talks, media and more to see transformation in the lives of 11-14s as they encounter God.



Rock Solid explores a life issue from a Christian perspective, helps you build life-changing relationships and gives young people a brilliant time, wherever they are at on their journey of faith.

Mettle means courage, spirit and character and the resource exists to build these characteristics in the lives of older teenagers. Mettle is about giving young people the foundations for the rest of their lives, covering the fundamental truths of the Bible and exploring the most relevant issues in an ever-changing world. But it is also about inspiring and equipping them to change the world. Mettle recognises that we learn to be disciples of Jesus by doing what Jesus does and challenges young people to make a difference in the lives of their friends by being good news and sharing good news with them.

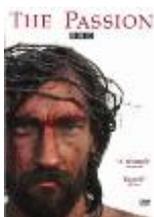
Find out more at <https://yfcresources.co.uk/>

Quick Studies by NexGen

A good resource for looking at a book of the bible. They give a short idea of what the bible chapter is about; an intro game; 8-10 discussion questions and a visual resource page to go with game or final thought. As ever they need a personal touch and work to tailor them to the group. (these studies are available from the Scottish Bible Society and elsewhere)

'Inspire' & 'Inspire Too' by Nigel and Jo Pimlott.

Building on the success of the original Inspire, Inspire Too follows the pattern of offering both a book about youth work practice issues and a CD Rom packed full of ideas for work with young people. The book written by Dave Wiles, Jo & Nigel Pimlott is divided into three sections: Spirituality with Young People, Learning with Young People, and Journeying with Young People. The CD Rom has five exciting resource packs looking at the subjects of Choices, Justice, Rights and Wrongs, Self Esteem and Soul Searching.

**The Passion & The Nativity DVDs**

Not to be confused with Mel Gibson's 18 rated film this is a BBC production of the last week of Jesus life. It is beautiful filmed and provides many fresh insights into holy week. It can be purchased with a resource pack on CD from the bible society on this website www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/518/49/the_passion_the_film/ at

£19.99. The resource pack provides creative learning suggestions for use in school and church. The Bible Society has also published a DVD of the BBC's Christmas 2010 series called "The Nativity" which can be purchased at www.shop.biblesociety.org.uk/nativity. Free downloadable resources are also available from this page.



Rhythms

Rhythms is a space hosted by TearFund and Youthwork magazine for anyone who wants to engage together on how following Jesus and seeking justice works out in our youth work.

We don't have all the answers, but we really believe in this conversation - we're so excited that you are part of this community!

Rhythms.org

Energize (Urban Saints)

Urban Saints claim to have put over 30 years' worth of weekly materials up online across several age bands. Some sample materials are there to download and there's a six week free trial when you send in your bank mandate details.

<http://www.energize.uk.net/pages/energizeintro>



Websites

www.christianeducation.org.uk

This is the website for a lectionary based resource programme for 4-14 year olds. It is being widely used in many churches, and contains creative weekly programmes to help young people explore the bible.

www.damaris.org

Damaris is a charity that seeks to relate biblical Christian faith and contemporary popular culture.

They are working in partnership with the film industry, to provide free official community resources accompanying the latest film releases. They also post clips and discussion topics for many other films.

Damaris Schools specialises in innovative resources for schools. The web-site has a range of free sample material written for assemblies or RE Lessons which is available to download while the rest is available on subscription. Some ideas may suit SU Groups as well.



www.thegoodbook.co.uk

This company produces a good range of resources for primary and secondary ages. Resources include teaching material, helpful and well priced mini-booklets to give away on a variety of themes and training notes for those who work with young people. Particular resources worth noting are 'The King, the Snake and the Promise' and 'Meet the King' 2 CD's full of great songs.

www.youthspecialties.com

This is the web-site of the producers of Youth Specialties resources. The web-site has free, downloadable resources including sessions relating to current movies. It also has articles about working with young people and lists of the books they publish, many of which are available in the UK.

<http://www.curbsproject.org.uk/>

This project has a focus on working with young people from urban areas but it has application to young people from all backgrounds. Resource packs are available to buy from the website that cover a range of Bible topics and relate to the whole person.

www.thesource4ym.com

Ideas for games, icebreakers and talks.

<http://www.urbansaints.org/pages/4159/Resources.htm>

Resource material from Urban Saints that is accessible by subscription. The web-site has some free samples to look at and download.

www.discoveryeducation.com/puzzlemaker

A great website where you can make quick and easy puzzles including word searches.

www.schoolswork.co.uk/

Although this website is aimed at people working in schools anyone working with young people in a wide variety of situations will find it useful. It's packed full of ideas and resources, and gives you the chance to discuss youth work issues with youth workers all over the UK. There is some great "fun" stuff too!



www.stapleford-centre.org/

Again this site is aimed at schools but anything can be adapted! They have a large online bookshop and deal with important issues like spiritual development.

www.prayerspacesinschools.com/home

This is a very helpful website with loads of practical and creative ideas to create reflective prayer spaces in schools. These can be easily adapted for use in church or SU group. You can register for free and then you can download all the available resources.



www.keepvid.com

Allows you to download YouTube clips into a format you can show (i.e. avi, WMV, MP4 files or similar) Whether it's a pop song or TV clip or someone being strange, or just the clip everyone is talking about this wee site can allow you to show it perhaps as a discussion starter for your topic.