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**RELIGION UNIT BOXES**

Title	Grade	Contents	Description
<b>Living Fountains</b>  <b>New!</b>	<b>All</b>	Audio CD of recitations from the Word set to music by Karen Childs Elder. Notebook of words and guitar chords.  <i>Note: More in this series are being produced by Karen Childs Elder. Contact her for availability.</i>	A series of recitations from the Word set to contemporary music to engage students in learn verses from the Word. CD and book contain 34 recitations—a two year program.
<b>Moral Virtues</b>  <b>New!</b>	<b>All</b>	A resource notebook with New Church background material and activities relating to spiritual and moral virtues.  <i>Note: This resource notebook is a work in process, and we encourage teachers to contribute ideas and activities.</i>	The teacher’s manual covers virtues relating to these categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Our relationship to the Lord.</li> <li>▪ Our relationship to the neighbor.</li> <li>▪ Helping the neighbor.</li> <li>▪ Having a good attitude.</li> <li>▪ Standing up for truth.</li> </ul>
<b>Kindergarten Religion Resources</b> <i>(3 Volumes)</i>	<b>K</b>	Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, pictures, songs, and projects are included in this 3 volume set.	Offers many ideas for implementing the religion curriculum and integrating it with other areas of the kindergarten curriculum.
<b>Life After Death</b>  <i>3 copies</i>	<b>K</b>	Lesson plans, N.C. background, project ideas, audiotape, color illustrations, and these books: <i>Life Is Forever, Johnny Appleseed and Other Stories, The Life to Come, and The Angel Visitors.</i>	A wonderful resource for teaching kindergarten children about heaven. Activities include showing how the angels see rainbows of light from the Word and simulating the golden shower seen in heaven.
<b>Religious Festivals: Christmas</b> <i>(integrated with social studies and language arts)</i>  <i>2 copies</i>	<b>K</b>	Teacher’s manual with religion unit, a unit plan with many teaching ideas, and books such as: <i>A Certain Small Shepherd, Nine Days to Christmas: A Story of Mexico, and A Child Is Born to Us.</i>	Help children understand why we celebrate Christmas. Includes a Christmas book for children to illustrate, poetry, and directions for making graham cracker gingerbread houses.
<b>Religious Festivals: Easter</b> <i>(integrated with social studies and language arts)</i>  <i>2 copies</i>	<b>K</b>	Teacher’s manual with religion unit, detailed lesson plans, teaching ideas, and books such as <i>He Is Risen.</i>	Help children understand why we celebrate Easter. Includes suggestions for making an Easter representation and dyeing special Easter eggs.
<b>Religious Festivals: New Church Day</b> <i>(integrated with social studies and language arts)</i>  <i>2 copies</i>	<b>K</b>	Teacher’s manual with religion unit, lesson plans, teaching ideas, and books such as <i>The Story of Revelation and The Birthday of the New Church.</i>	Resources and teaching ideas to help children understand why we celebrate New Church Day. Includes a booklet for students to make called “Alpha and Omega: The Promise of the New Church.”

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<p><b>Religious Festivals: Thanksgiving and Harvest Festivals</b></p> <p><i>(integrated with Children Around the World unit)</i></p> <p>3 copies</p>	<p><b>K</b></p>	<p>Teaching ideas, teacher background, and books such as: <i>We Celebrate the Harvest, Thanksgiving and Harvest, The Story of Thanksgiving, The First Thanksgiving, and The Lord Gives Us Everything.</i></p>	<p>Explores the tradition of giving thanks to the Lord for all His benefits, generally coinciding with the time of harvest. Provides resources for teaching about the harvest celebrations of several cultures: British, Chinese, Jewish, Pongal (India and Sri Lanka), Ghanaian, and Korean. Materials for teaching about the Pilgrims' for U.S. Thanksgiving are also enclosed.</p>
<p><b>Building Moral Character</b></p> <p><i>(religion unit integrated with social studies)</i></p>	<p><b>K-2</b></p>	<p>Teacher's manual with N.C. background material and lesson plans from an experienced teacher, and a book of activities which are designed to be used with the enclosed books: <i>Dare to Have Courage, Would It Be Right?, Telling the Truth, Never Give Up, Working Together, Be a Friend, and You Can Count on Me.</i></p>	<p>Developed by a classroom teacher, this unit box provides lesson plans and a series of books published by Creative Teaching Press to help young children learn about positive character traits. These can be used proactively or when a teacher sees some negative behavior.</p>
<p><b>Character Development, Level A</b></p> <p><b>New!</b></p> <p><i>(Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</i></p>	<p><b>K-2</b></p>	<p>Teacher background on the moral virtues and books such as <i>Character Building: Literature-Based Theme Units</i> by Jeri A. Carroll, Marsha A. Gladhart, and Dixie L. Petersen. May also include some of the literature suggested for these units.</p>	<p>These units suggest a variety of books (such as <i>Apple Picking Time, A Chair for My Mother, The Doorbell Rang, Too Many Tamales, Stellaluna, Strega Nona, Mean Soup, etc.</i>) to illustrate qualities that we would like to nurture.</p>
<p><b>First Grade Religion Resources</b></p> <p><i>(3 Volumes)</i></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, pictures, songs, and projects included in this 3 volume set.</p>	<p>Ideas for implementing the religion curriculum include making books about the Lord's Prayer, heaven, and "My Family."</p>
<p><b>Heaven</b></p> <p>4 copies</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Lesson plans, N.C. background, project ideas, audio tapes, color illustrations, and <i>Life Is Forever, The Dove, The Life to Come, Johnny Appleseed and Other Stories, Where Does This Path Lead?</i> and <i>The Marriage Garden.</i></p>	<p>The lesson plans give excellent ideas for teaching this unit on what happens in the world of spirits and exploring many aspects of life in heaven. Suggests the cumulative project of making a heaven book.</p>
<p><b>Most Ancient Church</b></p> <p><i>(religion integrated with social studies)</i></p> <p>3 copies</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Lesson plans, N.C. background material, project ideas, sheep's wool, CD with a song, 5 copies of <i>A Trip to the Golden Age, Life in the Most Ancient Church</i> and <i>The Pomegranate with Seeds of Gold.</i></p>	<p>A resource unit for teaching children about the Most Ancient Church on earth and in heaven. Activities include eating the kinds of food eaten by the most ancients and making a diorama with tents and lambs.</p>

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<p><b>Video: Noah's Ark</b></p>	<p><b>1-2</b></p>	<p>Video adapted from Peter Spier's book. (27 min.) <i>Note: Adds some minor details to the story from the Word.</i></p>	<p>May be used after teaching about Noah's Ark from the Word. Children can compare the video to the story in the Word, noting similarities and differences.</p>
<p><b>Video:</b> <i>The Wonders of God's Creation</i>  2 copies</p>	<p><b>1-up</b></p>	<p>Set of 3 science videos on planet earth, the animal kingdom, and human life.</p>	<p>These videos, produced by the Moody Institute of Science, illustrate the wonders of creation in a way that leads our thoughts to the Lord the Creator.</p>
<p><b>Second Grade Religion Resources</b> <i>(3 Volumes)</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, pictures, songs, and projects.</p>	<p>Resources to help teachers implement and integrate the religion curriculum includes a diorama of the Good Shepherd, a Silver Age Mural, and many new project ideas.</p>
<p><b>The Ancient Church</b>  <i>(religion and social studies)</i>  3 copies</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>Teaching ideas, N.C. background material, photographs of mural project, copies of <i>The Silver Age</i>, and <i>A Trip to the Golden Age</i>.</p>	<p>A resource unit for teaching about the Ancient Church and the heaven of the Silver Age. Ideas include making an illustrated class book of the different names of the Lord, reading books with the theme of friendship, and discussing "being a friend" to others. Students read <i>The Silver Age</i>, make rainbow paintings (red, blue, and white) like the one Swedenborg saw in heaven, and make a mural of the heaven of the Silver Age.</p>
<p><b>Eternal Life</b>  <i>(religion integrated with literature)</i>  3 copies</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>Lesson plans, N.C. background, project ideas, color illustrations, <i>Michael and the Zentrans</i>, <i>Life Is Forever</i>, <i>The Life to Come</i>, <i>The Silver Age</i>, <i>The Unseen Companions</i>, and <i>A Trip to the Golden Age</i>.</p>	<p>This unit explores the three parts of the spiritual world, creation of the spiritual world, and guardian angels. (Stories from <i>Michael and the Zentrans</i> are used to review concepts learned in 1st grade.)</p>
<p><b>The Hebrew Patriarchs</b>  <i>(religion integrated with social studies)</i>  4 copies</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>Builds on the religion curriculum giving teaching ideas, N.C. and other background material, 9 color illustrations, and photographs of diorama and classroom tent. Books include: <i>Nadia the Willful</i>, <i>Sahara</i>, <i>Abdul of Arabia</i>, <i>The Shepherd Psalm</i>, and <i>All the Plants of the Bible</i>.</p>	<p>Helps children visualize how Abraham and his family lived in the land of Canaan. Learn about the terrain, plants, and animals, with special focus on sheep, camels, and olive trees. Discuss the worship, food, clothing, shelter, and activities of Hebrew men, women, and children. Set up a tent in the classroom, learn about wells, and have a nomadic "feast." Compare briefly with nomads of today, such as the Tuareg and the Bedouins.</p>

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<p><b>Character Development, Level B</b></p> <p><b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<p><b>2-4</b></p>	<p>Teacher background on the moral virtues and books such as <i>Daily Character Education Activities</i> (for grades 2-3) by Becky Daniel-White. May also include some of the literature suggested for these units.</p>	<p>These activities suggest using fables and specific books (such as <i>The Giving Tree, Doctor De Soto, The Little Engine That Could, Mrs. Piggie Wiggle, etc.</i>) to help illustrate various character traits.</p>
<p><b>Third Grade Religion Resources</b> (3 Volumes)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, many lesson plans, pictures, songs, and projects are included in this 3 volume set of resources.</p>	<p>A wealth of supporting materials for learning about the Lord as the Divine Provider and Lawgiver.</p>
<p><b>The Breastplate Model</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>A replica of Aaron's breastplate donated to the General Church and protected with a wood and Plexiglas case.</p>	<p>Use this model of the breastplate to help children appreciate the way the Lord led the Israelites. <b>Note: Car transportation required.</b></p>
<p><b>The Children of Israel</b></p> <p>2 copies</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Integrates social studies with the religion curriculum, providing teaching ideas, N.C. background, activities, photographs of dioramas, color pictures and reference materials such <i>The Leader of His People</i> by Rev. Harold Crunch.</p>	<p>A more detailed look at the culture of the Children of Israel. Look at Moses as a hero, making a story line of his life. Learn about their food, clothing, and shelter; see how laws helped them organize their community; learn about the division of labor in the community.</p>
<p><b>The Spiritual World</b> (religion unit integrated with literature)</p> <p>2 copies</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Extensive lesson plans, project ideas, readings from the Writings, color illustrations, and supporting literature such as: <i>Adventures in the Imaginary Heavens, The Angel Visitors, The Marriage Garden, Michael and the Zentrans, and Where Does this Path Lead?</i></p>	<p>Excellent unit looks at parables, laws in the spiritual world, temples in heaven, a wedding in heaven, and the Imaginary Heavens.</p>
<p><b>Tabernacle</b></p> <p>4 copies</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Teaching ideas, N.C. background, slides of the Glencairn Museum tabernacle model, project ideas with photographs, and <i>The Tabernacle of Israel</i> by George de Charms.</p> <p>Also see <i>The Breastplate Model</i> (a replica of Aaron's breastplate with precious stones) above.</p>	<p>Students collaborate in making a model tabernacle. Each student makes a replica of Aaron's breastplate and researches one part of the tabernacle for a class notebook. The research is compiled so that each student has a notebook describing the tabernacle, and each student illustrates all parts of the tabernacle.</p>

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<p><b>Tabernacle Photographs</b></p> <p><i>3 copies</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>A notebook of beautiful photographs of the Glencairn Museum Tabernacle model with quote from the Word and some of the museum notes.</p> <p><i>[Slides also available]</i></p>	<p>Ideal for showing students the appropriate photograph when focusing on a specific part of the tabernacle in morning worship. This could also be a good reference book while children are making a model of the tabernacle.</p>
<p><b>Ten Commandments</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Teacher’s manual, Elmo Acton’s <i>The Ten Commandments</i>, audiotape of the Ten Commandments in Hebrew, and pictures.</p>	<p>A resource notebook of teaching ideas, N.C. background material, and art projects.</p>
<p><b>Exploring Correspondences</b></p>	<p><b>3-6</b></p>	<p>Three sets of cards for matching pictures with basic correspondences. A simpler version of these matching cards lets students match all the symbols that correspond with love or truth or the Lord, <i>etc.</i></p>	<p>An introduction to some basic correspondences using an activity designed by Wendy Soneson Hoo and originally published in <i>New Church Home</i>. Adapted for younger students by Lori Odhner.</p>
<p><b>Looking at Values</b></p> <p><b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<p><b>3-6</b></p>	<p>Teacher background on the moral virtues and <i>Developing Character-Building Values</i> (for K-grade 6) by John Gust. May also include some of the literature suggested for these units.</p>	<p>Interdisciplinary activities focused on telling the truth, having compassion, showing respect, taking responsibility, and being courageous. Suggested using <i>The Emperor’s New Clothes, The Giving Tree, The Hundred Penny Box, And Now Miguel</i>, and <i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i> but lists other options as well.</p>
<p><b>Bible Jeopardy Game</b></p>	<p><b>3-8</b></p>	<p>Notebook of Jeopardy game questions for grade 3-8 religion curriculum units.</p>	<p>Developed by a minister who has found that students enjoy learning and reviewing the stories of the Word with this game.</p>
<p><b>Fourth Grade Religion Resources</b> (3 Volumes)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, pictures, songs, and projects are included in this 3 volume set of resources.</p>	<p>A resource unit of ideas such as a dramatization of crossing the Jordan, diorama of Jericho, silent march around “Jericho,” making an altar with memorial stones, dramatizing the cyclical pattern in Judges, charting the judges, comparing Deborah and Delilah, and making a book of judges.</p>
<p><i>Fourth Grade</i> <b>Ideas for Classroom Worship</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Lesson plans, N.C. background material, activities, and photographs of projects for various stories from the Word involving courage.</p>	<p>A collection of lesson plans for classroom worship based on stories in the Word that relate to the theme of courage.</p>
<p><b>Character Development, Level C</b></p> <p><b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<p><b>4-6</b></p>	<p>Teacher background on the moral virtues and books such as <i>Teaching Values—Reaching Kids</i> by Linda Schwartz and <i>Character Education: The Ladder to Success</i>. May also include some of the literature suggested for these units.</p>	<p>Uses literature and activities to explore honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, fairness, perseverance, giving, kindness, and friendship. (Suggested books include <i>The Giver, Shiloh, Number the Stars, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>, and <i>Hatchet</i>.)</p>

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<b>Emanuel Swedenborg</b>	<b>4-6</b>	Notebook with an extensive biography on Swedenborg written by a New Church teacher and many activities. Also includes: <i>The Happy Isles</i> , <i>Swedenborg Gets to the Heart of the Matter</i> , and <i>Heaven's Happiness</i> .	An excellent resource unit with many materials and activities to help students learn about Swedenborg. Some activities are familiar favorites, but there are many new ideas as well.
<b>Fifth Grade Religion Resources</b> <i>(3 Volumes)</i>	<b>5</b>	Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, pictures, songs, and projects are included in this 3 volume set.	Teaching ideas include discussing the call for a king, readers' theater plays, and making an attribute chart for Saul, exploring friendship and conflict resolution, comparing Saul and David, listening to harp music, and charting the bad things that happen in David's life because he sinned against the Lord.
<i>Fifth Grade</i> <b>Ideas for Classroom Worship</b>	<b>5</b>	Teaching ideas, photographs of projects, and some sample projects. Also includes 4 response activities to regular morning worship.	Ideas for classroom worship integrated beautifully with the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Topics include: prayer, letting your light shine, God in nature, and friendship. Projects include a class mural, individual written prayers, and stars listing the abilities of each student.
<b>Character Education and Classroom Worship</b>	<b>5-6</b>	Teacher's manual with outline of curriculum, worship talks on moral virtues by the Rt. Rev. George de Charms, and quotes from the Word relating to virtues. Also includes <i>Building Character and Community in the Classroom</i> by Rick DuVall.	Overview of a year's curriculum (65 lessons) of stories from the Word, secular stories, and activities with the goal of helping students develop the attributes of a good character.
<b>Biblical Archaeology Slide Set</b>	<b>5-up</b>	A collection of 134 slides showing various places in Israel and artifacts.	Includes 14 slides of the land, 13 slides of traditional village or farming culture, and 4 slides of traditional pastoral culture.
<b>Sixth Grade Religion Resources</b> <i>(3 Volumes)</i>	<b>6</b>	Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, pictures, songs, and projects are included in this 3 volume set.	Teaching ideas include discussing the call for a king, readers' theater plays, and making an attribute chart for Saul, making a chart or book of Elisha's miracles, comparing Elijah to John the Baptist or Elisha to Jesus, memorizing Isaiah 1:16-20, and making clay pots.
<i>Sixth Grade</i> <b>Classroom Worship Project Lessons</b>	<b>6</b>	Lesson plans for <b>11</b> classroom worships with project suggestions. Reviews individual stories in the Word from Genesis to Kings. Ties in with sixth grade social studies themes.	Respond to major stories of the Word with a picture or quotation to make a "Worship Memory Book" for the year. Pages include calligraphy of Balaam's blessing, a 'stained glass' picture of David and Goliath, and a felt storyboard of Elijah.

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<p><i>Sixth Grade</i> <b>Ideas for Classroom Worship</b></p>	<b>6</b>	Notebook includes lesson plans and student hand outs.	This a wonderful resource of worship ideas relating to the Five Churches, Martin Luther King’s birthday, and other topics.
<p><b>The New Church</b> <i>(social studies and religion)</i>  3 copies</p>	<b>6</b>	A teacher’s manual with curriculum, N.C. background material, teaching ideas from several people, and activities for students.	A social studies unit integrated with religion. Could be adapted for Sunday School or young people’s group.
<p><b>Character Development, Level D</b>  <b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<b>6-8</b>	Teacher background on the moral virtues and <i>Character Education</i> activity book (from World Teacher Press).	Focuses on activities and discussion as way to help students Level goals, develop good communication skills, manage stress, resolve conflicts, make decisions, and take responsibility.
<p><b>Swedenborg the Revelator</b></p>	<b>6-8</b>	Teacher’s manual, N.C. background, Memorable Relation plays written by students. Unit also includes a poster and these books: <i>The Happy Isles, Swedenborg: Man Beyond Measure, A Swedenborg Scrapbook, Swedenborg Gets to the Heart of the Matter, and Heaven's Happiness.</i>	This resource unit is quite different from the unit box offered at the intermediate level, though it includes many of the same books. This unit suggests activities appropriate for upper level students about Emanuel Swedenborg with an emphasis on his work as a revelator.
<p><b>What Do You Stand For?</b>  <b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<b>6-9</b>	Teacher background on the moral virtues and <i>What Do You Stand For?; A Guide to Building Character</i> by Barbara A. Lewis. May include some of the suggested literature.	Explores many values and character traits through literature and activities. (Suggested books include <i>The Gift of the Magi, Shiloh, Number the Stars, My Side of the Mountain, Call It Courage, Island of the Blue Dolphins, After the Dancing Days, A Wrinkle in Time, etc.</i> )
<p><b>Character Education, Year 1</b>  <b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<b>6-10</b>	Teacher background on the moral virtues and <i>Character Education Year 1</i> by John Heidel and Marion Lyman-Mersereau.	Explores a different value each month through fables, proverbs, and activities. (Year 1 looks at respect, responsibility, compassion, faith, commitment, love, wisdom, health, and humor.)  This series includes excerpts that can be read aloud to students and suggests additional books that could be used.
<p><b>Character Education, Year 2</b>  <b>New!</b> (Please check on when this will be available before ordering.)</p>	<b>6-10</b>	Teacher background on the moral virtues and <i>Character Education Year 2</i> by John Heidel and Marion Lyman-Mersereau.	Explores a different value each month through fables, proverbs, and activities. (Year 2 looks at honesty, cooperation, humility, peace, patience, courage, creativity, environmental awareness, and freedom.)  This series includes excerpts that can be read aloud to students and suggests additional books that could be used.

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<p><b>Seventh Grade Religion Resources</b> <i>(3 Volume Set)</i></p> <p><b>Newly Revised!</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, activities, projects, tests, and some pictures.</p> <p><i>(Available for 2010-2011 school year)</i></p>	<p>One volume covers the major prophets, Daniel and Ezekiel. Another volume looks at the minor prophets and reviews the Old Testament. The third volume helps with introducing the four gospels and teaching the Gospel of Mark.</p> <p>Teaching ideas include: lying on one's side as Ezekiel did, dramatizing some of the Lord's miracles, and exploring what the events of Easter week would have meant to various witnesses.</p>
<p><b>The Parables of Matthew</b></p>	<p><b>7-8</b></p>	<p>A notebook of teaching ideas from a New Church minister.</p>	<p>This resource unit on parables could be adapted for use with a young people's discussion group.</p>
<p><b>Eighth Grade Religion Resources</b> <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> <i>(2 Volumes)</i></p> <p><b>Newly Revised!</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>Religion curriculum, teaching ideas, N.C. background material, activities, projects, tests, and pictures are included in this 2 volume set.</p> <p><i>(Available for 2010-2011 school year)</i></p>	<p>These large notebooks offer many teaching ideas for the gospel of Matthew. Activities include looking at how the Lord calls us to be disciples, keeping a prayer notebook, analyzing a parable about heaven, and writing an essay on a how a young person might be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world".</p>
<p><b>Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>A teacher's manual with curriculum, N.C. background material, teaching ideas from several people, and activities for students.</p>	<p>A resource unit with many activities focusing on prayer.</p> <p>This could be a useful resource for teen Sunday School or a youth group.</p> <p><i>(This material can also be found in the Grade 8 Religion Resource binders.)</i></p>
<p><b>Video:</b> <i>Gospel of Matthew</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>Visual Bible set of 4 videos.</p>	<p>Recommended by New Church ministers because narration is from the Word alone.</p>
<p><b>World Religions</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>Large teacher's manual with lecture notes, activities, and tests. Posters and artifacts also included as well as excellent reference books such as <i>Religions on File</i> (from Facts on File), <i>The Great Religions by Which Men Live</i>, <i>My Friend's Beliefs</i>, and Calliope magazines on <i>Hinduism</i>, <i>Buddhism</i>, and <i>Judaism</i>.</p>	<p>A great resource for history or religion teachers who want to help students appreciate the diversity of religions in the world.</p> <p>This could be a useful resource for teen Sunday School or a youth group.</p>