

# STEWARDSHIP, ADVENT & LENT

SEASONAL & CROSS-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

## MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT 2012-2013

EVERY WEEK IN EVERY CONGREGATION AND  
EVERY NIGHT IN EVERY HOME!



Every age has gifts we need and  
every age has needs we gift!





Thank you for choosing Stewardship, Advent, and/or Lent from Faith Inkubators. You are plugging into a Christian education network dedicated to the development of cross-generational ministry resources designed to build the body of Christ through learning Scripture and living it daily. Key times during the church year are “prime times” to invite parents, children, and the extended family to come together once a week in a caring, loving, cross-generational environment to build relationships. Leadership teams work together to introduce a theme through learning and worship for a four to six week period of time. All households are invited to engage in nightly faith talk using the FAITH 5.

**Included in the Membership:**

Stewardship, Advent, and Lent are three separate theme sets. Depending on your congregation’s needs, you may choose to license for one, two, or all three. The membership option you choose determines which specific theme sets you will have complete access to during the September 1, 2011–August 31, 2012 membership year. Each theme set comes to you on CD-ROM and includes all the materials you’ll need to plan and implement each theme.

**Included on the CD-ROM disc:**

- **Images & Analogies:** Each lesson includes a variety of brain-based teaching options to help each learner grasp key concepts at their own particular level through music and the arts.
- **PowerPoint® Presentations:** The cartoons, quotations, karaoke music lyrics, Bible verses, and QuizBowl™ game shows in our customizable PowerPoint® slides make teaching presentations fun, visual, and alive.
- **PowerPoint Presentations for Worship:** There are customizable PowerPoint slides for use during worship to add a visual experience.
- **Skits:** Each lesson includes three skits designed to get the point across in a fun and engaging way. Use children, parents, youth and adults, or puppets to present skits.
- **Bible Verse Songs:** A key NRSV Scripture passage forms the core of every theme set. By turning each Scripture passage into a memorable, high-quality song, we’ve turned your

Bible into both a text book and a hymn book. Incorporating your muscles through sign language further helps the brain remember the key passage. Remember: Learn something in song and you memorize it for life! *Note: Advent and Lent Bible verses follow the lectionary year.*

- **FAITH 5 Devotions and Bookmarks:** Take-home devotions for a variety of age levels and bookmarks to insert in weekly bulletins facilitate faith dialogue in the home, encouraging families to connect for a few minutes every night via the sharing of Highs & Lows, Scripture, talk, prayer and blessing.
- **Leader’s Toolbox:** There are tools, specific suggestions, outlines and a few extras included in the Leader’s Toolbox on the CD-ROM for you to print out and share with your planning team.

**In addition, you’ll receive:**

- **Audio CD:** For each theme set chosen, you’ll receive an audio CD with the vocal and instrumental versions of each theme song to use in teaching and as background music. A few extra Scripture songs will be included for additional use during Sunday school and worship.
- **Web and Phone Support:** You always have access to our website at [www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com), and of course, you always have access to the Faith Inkubators staff by phone (88855FAITH) and e-mail ([info@faithink.com](mailto:info@faithink.com)).

# AVAILABLE MATERIALS

## STEWARDSHIP

THREE-THEME SET - THREE TO SIX WEEKS

### Theme One

Stewardship of Time

### Theme Two

Stewardship of Talents

### Theme Three

Stewardship of Treasure

## ADVENT (C)

TWO-THEME SET - FOUR WEEKS

Weeks One and Two  
Stones Will Shout

Weeks Three and Four  
Babes Will Leap

## LENT (C)

THREE-THEME SET - SIX WEEKS

Weeks One and Two  
Returning to God

Weeks Three and Four  
Repenting to God

Weeks Five and Six  
Refocusing on Christ



“The Adoration of the Magi” by Dr. He Qi  
from Seasonals: Stewardship



“Song of Angels” by Dr. He Qi  
from Seasonals: Advent



“The Prodigal Son” by Dr. He Qi  
from Seasonals: Lent

Every lesson contains a work of Bible art by Dr. He Qi ([www.heqigallery.com](http://www.heqigallery.com)) and fun cartoons by Rich Melheim.

## Additional Resources Included:

- Each Seasonals resource set contains numerous support materials including sermon aids, bookmarks, and ideas for connecting Christian education to worship services.
- *Advent* includes an outline for Christmas Eve and ideas on how to implement the materials using rotation stations.
- *Lent* includes midweek devotions and a supplemental Power Point™ slide tray with visuals that can be used during worship.
- *Stewardship* includes a special “breaking bread” video guide for home gatherings plus pledge forms that include a commitment to practice the FAITH 5 (a five-step faith practice for the home).

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### Membership Pricing

- Stewardship  
\$159.00
- Advent Cycle C  
\$159.00
- Lent Cycle C  
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*Cost is the same for churches  
of every size.*

## • STEP TWO

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# FAQ

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q1: What is considered to be the 2012-2013 membership year?**

The membership year for all three theme sets (Stewardship, Advent & Lent) runs from September 1, 2012—August 31, 2013. Each is a separate membership.

### **Q2: Why Stewardship, Advent, and Lent as cross-generational units?**

Trying to shift your congregation's focus to cross-generational ministry from scratch can seem like an incredibly daunting task. Experience with our members has shown us that exposing cross-generational ministry in "bite-sized chunks"—that is, using programs of limited duration during these key times during the church year—is a very effective way to help congregation members experience for themselves the benefits of cross-generational ministry and "be on the same page." Through these short three-to-six-week segments, people of all ages are brought together for learning, worship, and fellowship.

### **Q3: What if we like cross-generational ministry and want to do it for the entire church year?**

We suggest adding our newest resource, Bible Song, as a curriculum. It was originally designed for elementary-aged children and parents; however, we are finding those congregations successful at doing a cross-generational style for learning programs find Bible Song to be a fun, interactive way to get parents, children, and extended families involved in learning scripture. Each lesson includes singing and using American Sign Language to learn Scripture. The same large group/small group setting used for Stewardship, Advent & Lent is included for Bible Song. Combining Bible Song with the seasonal theme sets can provide a seamless experience for the congregation with an unparalleled holistic, Scripture-centered, cross-generational experience for the entire year.

### **Q4: Is there a "home connection" element for Stewardship, Advent, or Lent?**

There are reproducible devotions in booklet format for families with small children, elementary-aged children, and teens. There are also devotions for adults. All three theme sets also include reproducible bookmarks with Bible verses to read each night at home. Both the devotions and bookmarks include Faith Inkubators' "FAITH 5" steps: SHARE Highs & Lows of the day, READ the theme Bible verse, TALK about your Highs & Lows as they relate to the theme verse, PRAY for one another's Highs & Lows, and BLESS one another.

### **Q5: Do I need training to implement this resource?**

Not really. If you take the time to become familiar with these materials by printing out and reading everything from the Leader's Toolbox and then invite a team to help, most questions will be answered. Share the ministry!

### **Q6: If I have questions after getting my materials, is there a real live person with experience available to answer them?**

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