

# YOUTH MINISTRY RESOURCES

## AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

If your church is looking for new ideas and programs for youth ministry, try these websites for FREE, or inexpensive, resources for all your youth ministry needs!

1. [www.youthministry.com](http://www.youthministry.com)

This website has great FREE ideas for games, bible studies, discussion starters, junior high, worship, drama, retreats, outreach, fundraisers, and strategies for working with youth. Check out their store for inexpensive books filled with great youth ministry strategies and resources!

2. [www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)

This website has FREE resources and a huge store filled with inexpensive books from experts in youth ministry! Check out the “Free Resource” section, and the “Articles” section for lots of great ideas.

3. [www.canadianyouth.net](http://www.canadianyouth.net)

This is a website for the Canadian Youth Network. You can connect to a network of Canadian youth workers. Subscribe to the FREE newsletter

4. [www.teenlifeministries.com](http://www.teenlifeministries.com)

There are a lot of great ideas and resources on this website! Check out the FREE “Youth Bible Studies and Devotionals”.

5. [www.simplyyouthministry.com](http://www.simplyyouthministry.com)

This website is full of fantastic youth ministry ideas and resources; many of them are free and the ones in the store are reasonably priced.

6. [www.christianteens.net](http://www.christianteens.net)

This is a great website! Check out the “Christian Freebies” section and the FREE “Christian MP3’s” music sections.

7. [www.cwy-jcm.org](http://www.cwy-jcm.org)

This is a website for Canada World Youth, which is a world mission organization. You can also access this website through the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund. It’s a great resource for teens and young adults who are interested in missions.

8. [www.ymtoday.com](http://www.ymtoday.com) This website has free and inexpensive resources for leader training, youth culture, and youth ministry.

9. [www.cypu.com](http://www.cypu.com) This is the website for the Center for Youth & Parent Understanding. This website has great resources for understanding youth culture and working with young people.

10. **FOR LEADER TRAINING:** “Youth Leader Training on the Go” by Doug Fields. This book has easy to lead training sessions in print and on a CD with permission to photocopy.

### HELPFUL HINTS TO FIND THE BEST RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHURCH...

Search online. Websites have free or inexpensive resources that allow you to customize your resources and print only what you need.

Explore multiple uses. ‘Youth Group’ resources can be used for other types of ministry, such as after school programs, retreats and camps.

Be aware of Copyright restrictions. Some print, online and video materials do not permit use in churches without an additional license. Some do not include permission to photocopy.

Shop local. Go to your nearest Christian book store and shop their selection of curriculum and books of stories, games, and activities.

Invest in multimedia. Video and music media are as integral to children’s ministry as print and craft material. Diversifying your media enables you to engage the children’s interest on multiple levels – they learn better!

Know your budget. It will need to cover supplies and snacks as well as curriculum.

Know your gifts. Are your leaders good at crafts, storytelling, drama, sports? Choose a curriculum that reflects their natural abilities.