



tips for youth workers

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HELPS ON-LINE!

Way back in January 1988 we produced H.E.L.P.S. Book 1, our first resource book for helping every leader prepare for service. Throughout the last 18 years it's been well received in our territory and around the world. We thank all of you who have subscribed to HELPS and those of you who have faithfully submitted ideas to HELPS. Now, in February 2007, we are going to be entering a new era for HELPS. ***We are going on-line!*** You will be able to find HELPS any time you want and search easily for items that will help you with planning whatever ministry event you are working on.

HELPS on-line will feature ministry resources for pre-schoolers, children, teens, adults (including men, women, seniors, CCM), family ministry, and leadership development. You will be able to **search for special occasions** like: Christmas, Easter, JS Renewal and JA Commitment Sunday, Youth Discipleship Sunday, Decision Days, CCM Sunday, and so on. You will also be able to **search for resources based on key words** including scripture references and topical words. The online **resources will be marked as program types** such as: fellowship, worship resources, illustration, children's program opening, object lesson, crafts, games, Bible study and meeting outlines.

We also hope that you, out there in the field, will find it easier to submit your ideas for others to use. Send your ideas to christian_education_orderdesk@can.salvationarmy.org. We invite you to go on-line and check it out – we'll be up and running during the third week of February with new submissions being added monthly. You can find us at www.salvationist.ca/helps.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2007

It's that time of year again. Time to planning for your summer children's programs and day camps (*and spring break too!*). You will soon be receiving from your divisional headquarter the VBS catalogues from Cook Communication Ministries, WordAction, Gospel Light and Standard Publishing. We are also **pleased to announce** that with the help of the Supplies and Purchasing Department we are able to **offer you both of Group Publishing 2007 VBS programs** at a 25% discount on orders over \$25.00 (*some restrictions do apply*). We encourage you to think of ways you can minister to the young people in your community during the summer months, and hopefully VBS will be a part of that ministry. It's a great way to open your church doors to families that don't usually attend church. With six great options – you can't go wrong – and the price is right!

Watch for these catalogues:

WaterWorks Park – Cook

The Water Park VBS – Standard Publishing

Avalanche Ranch – Group

Tumbleweed Gulch – WordAction

SonForce Kids – Gospel Light

Galilee By-The-Sea - Group

Check with your DHQ or drop in to THQ to see the Starter Kits. They'll help you decide which VBS program will best meet your needs.