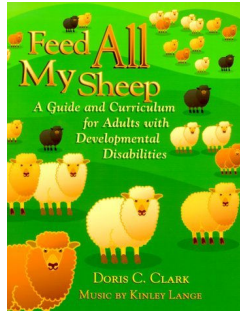


## Education Resources for Disabilities Ministries

### ***A Place Called Acceptance: Ministry with Families of Children with Disabilities***

by Kathleen Deyer Bolduc (Bridge Resources, KY, 2001), \$7.95

In this practical handbook, the author described how to welcome and minister to families of children with disabilities. The author discusses theology and disability, the grief process some parents experience, and the impact of disabilities on family systems. ISBN: 1578950988



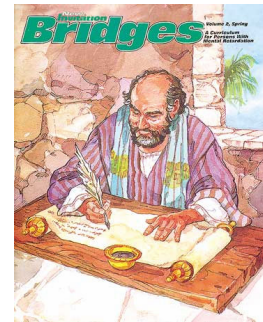
### ***Feed All My Sheep: A Guide and Curriculum for Adults with Developmental Disabilities*** by Doris C. Clark (Westminster John Knox, 2000), \$19.95

*Feed All My Sheep* is a competently composed curriculum, written by the mother of a young man with Down Syndrome, for teaching adults and older youth with disabilities about the church. It provides comprehensive advice and guidance about how to integrate adults with special needs into the church community. The book includes a thirty-four lesson curriculum original music by Kinley Lange, and an appendix of sample letters. It provides answers to many of the common questions that churches may have

### ***Bridges: A Curriculum for Persons with Mental Retardation***

(Abingdon Press), electronic downloadable curriculum, \$7.50

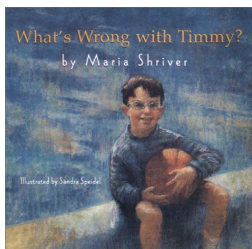
This curriculum is designed to be used with both children and adults. It includes Bible lessons and activities, Bible story and storytelling figures, a retelling of the story with words to sign, suggestions and activities to help students memorize Bible verses, suggestions to help students tell the story, and reproducible storytelling figures and activity pages. 13 lessons per quarter. ISBN: 0687719844  
Order from [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com).



### ***Special Needs—Special Ministry*** (Group Publishing, 2003), \$17.99

A practical guide that includes true stories from families of children with special needs, as well as stories from churches with special needs programs and ministries. ISBN: 0764425471

Order from [www.grouppublishing.com](http://www.grouppublishing.com)



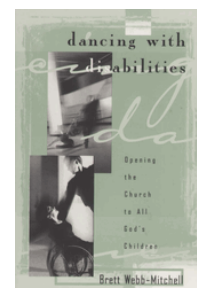
### ***What's Wrong With Timmy?*** by Maria Shriver (Little, Brown, 2001), \$14.95

This book is the story of an eight-year-old girl who befriends a disabled boy that she and her mother meet at a park. She finds a lot in common with this boy and learns an important lesson in the process. Maria Shriver, whose family founded Special Olympics, has a long history of involvement with the disabled. ISBN: 0316233374

### ***Dancing with Disabilities: Opening the Church to All God's People***

by Brett Webb-Mitchell (United Church Press, 1997), \$16.00

Promotes the evangelism ministry of full physical access. Imagine what the church could be like if those who are "disabled" and those who are "able-bodied" were to understand themselves to be equal partners in the faith community. ISBN: 0829811524  
Order from United Church of Christ Resources 800-537-3394



## Websites

### [www.uccdm.org](http://www.uccdm.org)

The United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries, formerly the National Committee on Persons with Disabilities, began in 1978 following a resolution passed at General Synod in 1977. The Rev. Virginia Kreyer from New York envisioned a ministry in the national setting that would support persons with disabilities to participate and contribute more fully in the life of the church. Virginia Kreyer, Harold Wilke, and others would pioneer a path so that leaders with disabilities would rise in our midst.

### [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org)

Friendship Ministries is a not-for-profit organization that exists to help churches and organizations around the world share God's love with people who have cognitive impairments. They provide a model for ministry, help getting started, materials you can use to learn about God together, and the only Bible study available in Spanish for people with cognitive impairments. They offer several resources for "sharing God's love with the people who have cognitive impairments and enabling them to become an active part of God's family," with titles such as *Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities*.

A free information packet may be ordered at 888-866-8966.

### [www.ericec.org/fact/kidbooks.html](http://www.ericec.org/fact/kidbooks.html)

The Council for Exceptional Children's Information Center on Disabilities and Gifted Education's extensive list of children's books about disabilities.

### [www.futurehorizons-autism.com](http://www.futurehorizons-autism.com)

### [www.jkp.com](http://www.jkp.com)

Future Horizons, Inc. and Jessica Kingsley Publishers, (UK), are two leading publishers of books on autism spectrum disorders, including children's books.

### [www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

National Organization on Disability. The mission of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is to expand the participation and contribution of America's 54 million men, women, and children with disabilities in all aspects of life. By raising disability awareness through programs and information, together we can work toward closing the participation gaps.

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