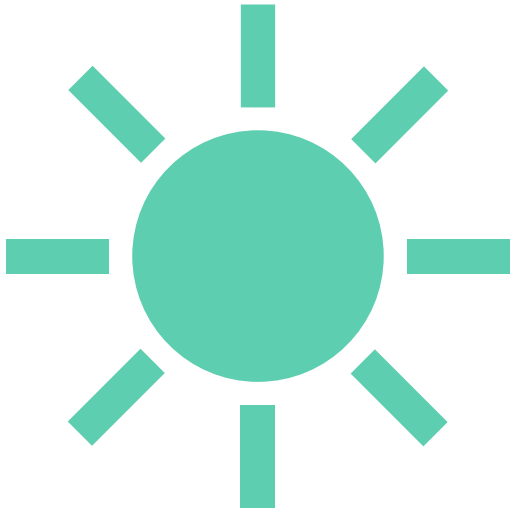


Good Stewards Together & Journey Together

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Together Series: Snapshot



[Good Stewards Together](#) and [Journey Together](#) are two different resources for facilitating a series of 12 intergenerational formation events during the summer season. They can also be adapted for an intergenerational VBS program. Good Stewards Together focuses holistically on the theme of stewardship, and Journey Together explores fundamental elements of Christian faith and life. Both series involve meals, creative activities, outdoor projects, and service opportunities. These are helpful resources for communities interested in intergenerational VBS or church-wide gatherings during the summer.

Together Series: The Basics

- **Theme:** Stewardship (Good Stewards); Christian Faith & Discipleship (Journey)
- **Publisher & date:** [Sparkhouse](#), 2021 (Good Stewards) and 2020 (Journey) ([Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#))
- **Intended ages/grades:** all ages (intergenerational)
- **Format:** onsite, with options for online gatherings
- **Number of sessions:** 12
- **Types of activities:** creative arts, outdoor projects, service, meals, drama, prayer
- **Cost:** \$39.99 each

Good Stewards Together: Scope & Sequence

- **Event 1: Summer Kickoff**
- **Event 2: Stories of Stewardship**
- **Event 3: Biblical Good Stewards**
- **Event 4: Holy Spirit of Stewardship**
- **Event 5: Stewards of Grace**
- **Event 6: Stewards of the Love of God**
- **Event 7: Food to Share**
- **Event 8: Stewards of the Body of Christ**

Good Stewards Together: Scope & Sequence

- **Event 9: Faith, Fellowship, and Fun**
- **Event 10: God's World, Our World**
- **Event 11: Good Stewards Celebrate**
- **Event 12: Summer Sendoff**

Journey Together: Scope & Sequence

- **Event 1 – Summer Kickoff**
- **Event 2 – Bible: The Bible = 66 Books**
- **Event 3 – Bible: God’s Word Is for Everyone**
- **Event 4 – Spirit: Five-a-Day to Grow God’s Way**
- **Event 5 – Spirit: Four More for Growth Galore**
- **Event 6 – Disciples: Discovering the Disciples**
- **Event 7 – Disciples: Becoming Disciples**
- **Event 8 – Church: Kids in the Temple**

Journey Together: Scope & Sequence

- **Event 9 – Church: We Are One Body**
- **Event 10 – World: God’s People Pray**
- **Event 11 – World: One God, One World**
- **Event 12 – Summer Sendoff**

Together Series: Where It Shines

Fun and formative programs for intergenerational ministry

These event programs do an excellent job of combining fun activities, community-building fellowship, and substantive faith formation. Their design shows intentionality in creating opportunities for people to engage one another across ages and generations. The series on stewardship provides a theologically expansive exploration of the theme, and the series on the core of Christian faith can function like an intergenerational catechesis program.

A variety of activity options

The resources include a variety of activity options to choose from for each event. The variety enables the curriculum to be flexible and adaptable to your community's needs, gifts, and context.

Together Series: Where It Shines

Detailed guides and helpful tips for event leaders

The resources provide step-by-step guidance and instructions for leaders and facilitators, and they offer helpful tips along the way to enrich participants' experiences and to ensure safety (like developing a menu that is attentive to allergies).

Attention to accessibility for all ages and mobility-related disabilities

These resources explicitly encourage leaders to shape activities that involve movement in ways that are accessible and inclusive for people of all ages as well as for people with mobility-related disabilities.

More budget-friendly resources

The cost of these resources is relatively affordable, especially given the number of events included.

Together Series: What We Miss

More care with differences between Christianity and ancient Judaism

One of the events in Journey Together is titled “Church: Kids in the Temple.” This language suggests a possible conflation of Christian churches with the ancient Jewish temple, which does not sufficiently attend to the differences between these religious traditions. We encourage leaders to make modifications if needed by taking care not to refer to the temple as a church.

Not designed for traditional plug-and-play children’s VBS

These resources offer ideas for using the curriculum in a VBS format, but they are designed for intergenerational gatherings rather than for children-only VBS. If you want a VBS program geared solely toward children, other curricula would better meet your needs.

**Together
Series:
Overall
Assessment**

**A rich, flexible
resource for
church-wide
intergenerational
gatherings and a
VBS alternative**