

MennoLens

Resource Evaluation

Use this resource to help your congregation choose study materials that will form and strengthen Anabaptist-Mennonite faith and values. Consider materials and indicate if they include content as described. You may also add your own criteria for evaluation.

1= no 2=somewhat 3=yes

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Direct use of, and interaction with, the Bible is encouraged.			
Bible memory verses are included.			
Jesus Christ, his teaching and life, as well as death and resurrection, is presented as the lens through which we read the entire bible.			
It is recognized that texts occur in a particular cultural, political, and social context which may not be like our own.			
The materials apply biblical texts to everyday life and major social issues.			
God is presented as the One who acts to reconcile all people to God, each other, and creation, and invites us to join in the same reconciling work.			
God is presented with a balance of characteristics (e.g. loving and fearsome, extending grace and judgment).			
Jesus is presented as teacher and role model—the One we imitate in a life-long process of Christian formation.			
The Holy Spirit is presented as One who empowers and sustains us in faithful living.			
Sin is presented as personal and corporate. It is defined as a break in relationship with God, each other, with our inner selves, and with creation.			
Salvation is presented in a way that assumes not only a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ, but also a new way of living both morally and ethically.			
Stories and illustrations recognize the racial/ethnic diversity of God's people. Global and non-Western issues are included.			
Compassion for community and world are instilled; fear, suspicion, and hatred of the other are dispelled.			
The content is consistent with an understanding of believer's baptism that assumes that children are safely in God's care until they are able to make an informed decision.			
The content encourages us to think through the basis of our beliefs, values, and attitudes.			
A vertical relationship (me and God) is integrally connected with a horizontal relationship (me and others).			
The material motivates us to act and compels us to extend God's grace to others.			
All elements of the lesson (e.g. Bible story, activities, theme) are developmentally appropriate for the target age group.			
Materials draw parents and other adults into the formation process.			
Worship practices are included (e.g. music, prayer, rituals) and spiritual practices for individual and corporate use are taught.			
Column totals			