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Children with Special Needs

Sunday School Resources for Teaching Individuals with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities

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CCFH Ministries (Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped), www.ccfh.org/
Online educational program uses video segments, interactive exercises, and other resources to give subscribing churches tools to create and implement a comprehensive disability ministry. CCFH offers an online 12 credit hour certificate in Disabilities Ministry through Johnson Bible College. Online store offers educational brochures, books, DVDs, workbooks, lesson materials, etc. Founded by Dr. Jim Pierson, author of numerous books about disabilities ministry.

CLC Network (Christian Learning Center), www.clcnetwork.org/
CLC Network professional staff provide services in homes, schools and churches throughout North America, offering resources from a Christian perspective to benefit people who have disabilities, unique learning challenges or exceptional academic gifts. The CLC Network is committed to building inclusive communities by empowering others. They offer books, DVDs, training opportunities, consultation, and more.

Friendship Ministries, www.friendship.org/
Interdenominational curricula and training materials for Friendship groups. These groups aim to share God's love with people who have cognitive impairments and enable them to become an active part of God's family. Friendship groups include both persons with intellectual disabilities and their friends who do not have disabilities. Resources for both youth and adults are available.

Outside the Box: Helping Misunderstood Kids, adhd.kids.tripod.com/
Resources from a Christian perspective for parenting and teaching misunderstood kids who thrive "Outside the Box" -- children with ADHD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and related learning differences. "How to Help Children With Special Needs in the Sunday School Classroom" offers advice from experienced Sunday School teachers.

Lifeway Christian Resources

www.lifeway.com/lwc/mainpage/0,1701,M%253D201144,00.html

A wealth of resources from the Southern Baptist Convention--Special Needs Ministry. They offer:

- Adapted Sunday school curriculum with teaching guide, picture sets, Bible stories, and learner activity pages
- Special Friends edition of Bible school curricula
- Bible studies for adults with intellectual disabilities
- Library of articles about teaching individuals with disabilities and behavior differences
- Bulletin inserts
- Downloadable teacher aids such as picture word cards and adaptation tips.

Regional resources:

Bridge Ministries, www.bridgemin.org/

(Washington state) Bridge supports churches in their efforts to involve and build relationships with persons with disabilities through Circles of Friends, Sunday Evening Celebrations, etc.

FKO (For Kids Only), www.fko.org/

(Southern California) Training workshops to equip churches for children's ministry, including children with behavior differences. Online bookstore includes a selection of books about ministry with children with disabilities.