

Resources for Children, Youth, and Young Adults

University Interfaith Associations

Many universities have interfaith associations on campus. Check with the administration of your local university.

Films

Just a Little Red Dot.... (Toronto: Sandalwood Productions, 1995)
[video].

An anti-racism story about the bhindi worn by a young Hindu girl. This film has won over 13 international awards.

The Peace Tree (Toronto: Sandalwood Productions, 2005) [video].

Shares the story of two young girls, one Muslim and one Christian, who both dream of celebrating each other's festivals, Christmas and Eid, but are met with resistance at home when they share their dream with their parents. Through their struggles they create a unique symbol—the Peace Tree—a tree that highlights the symbols of all our cultures and faiths on one tree, to reflect the beauty of diversity in unity.'The film has triggered the creation of Peace Trees by children in schools around the world and has also won international awards.

For church group / community screenings, please contact Sandalwood Productions (www.sandalwoodproductions.com). Study guides are also available.

Programs / Books

Birdseye, Debbie Holsclaw, and Tom Birdseye, *What I Believe: Kids Talk about Faith* (New York: Holiday House, 2004).

Six students ages 12–13 talk about their faith and their feelings about religion. Includes photos.

Ecumenical Study Commission on Education/Interfaith Advisory Group in Ontario, *Book of Multi- Faith Readings*

First Nations Spirituality website:
www.wblrd.sk.ca/~abspirit_dev/index.htm

Granahan, Louise Margaret, *Children's Books That Nurture the Spirit: Choosing and Using the Best* (Kelowna, BC: Northstone Publishing, 2003).

One chapter lists books from many cultures and faiths, but the whole book looks good, with helpful background comments preceding each listing.

Guérin, éditeur, *Judaism, Hindouism, Islam, Christianity* (4 booklets) (Montreal, 1986).

For Ontario francophone secondary schools in the Collection les Grandes religions.

United Religious Initiatives Kids Program:
www.uri.org/kids/act_unitplan_intro.htm

Vie spirituelle...comment s'épanouir? (Ottawa, Centre francoontarien de ressources pédagogiques, 1991).

Interfaith Resource Kit

Canadian Council of Churches / Le Conseil canadien des Eglises

Zerah, Aaron, *How the Children Became Stars: A Family Treasury of Stories, Prayers and Blessings from Around the World* (Notre Dame, IN: Sorin Books, 2000).

A short story, blessing, and prayer for each week of the year, along with a section called Bringing it Home, which suggests some related activities. A great variety of faith traditions are represented, including traditional Native American, Australian Aboriginal, and African stories.

Denominational Materials

Which Way to God?

Christian Reformed Church High School Study Program, available through Faith Alive Christian resources: www.faithaliveresources.org

A study outlining the beliefs and practices of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism from a Christian Protestant perspective. Includes a study guide, leader manual, and video resource.

Gee, Marta Bettis, *Seven Friends, Seven Faiths: Looking at Celebrations of Different Faiths Teacher's Guide* (Nashville: The United Methodist Church, 2003).

Through the stories of seven young people the story of each faith is told in relation to the faith celebrations of each.