



# 2019 Children's Ministry Academy Book List

## Required Reading

*Each of these books should be read prior to our residency. The theology book will be used in the online discussion before residency. You should be familiar with the other books to participate in our discussion.*

### Bible

- Jennifer Bird, [\*Permission Granted\*](#) (Westminster John Knox 2015)
- Lawrence Boadt, [\*Reading the Old Testament\*](#) (Paulist, 2nd edition)
- Mark Allan Powell, [\*Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary and Theological Survey\*](#) (Baker Academic, 2018)

### Children's and Family Ministry

- Mark DeVries and Annette Safstrom, [\*Sustainable Children's Ministry: From Last Minute Scrambling to Long Term Solutions\*](#) (IVP Books, 2018)
- Rebecca Nye, [\*Children's Spirituality: What it is and Why it Matters\*](#) (Church House Publishing, 2009)
- Leith Anderson, [\*The Volunteer Church\*](#) (Zondervan, 2015)
- Simon Sinek, [\*Find Your Why: A Practical Guide for Discovering Purpose for You and Your Team\*](#) (Portfolio, 2017)

### Episcopal Church

- James Farwell, [\*The Liturgy Explained\*](#) (Morehouse Publishing, 2013)
- [\*The Book of Common Prayer with Additional Resources\*](#) (Morehouse Publishing, 1789)

### Pastoral Care

- John Patton, [\*Pastoral Care: An Essential Guide\*](#) (Abingdon Press, 2005)

### Theology

- Ian Markham, [\*Understanding Christian Doctrine, 2nd edition\*](#) (Wiley, 2017)



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## Recommended Books for Further Reading

*Not required but great to have on every children's minister's shelf.*

### Children's Ministry

- James W. Fowler, [\*Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning\*](#) (Harpercollins, 1995)
- Jerome Berryman, [\*Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children, revised and expanded edition\*](#) (Morehouse Publishing, 2009)
- Marie Harris, [\*Fashion Me a People\*](#) (Westminster John Knox Press, 1989)
- Traci Smith, [\*Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home\*](#) (Chalice Press, 2017)
- Gretchen Wolff Pritchard, [\*Offering the Gospel to Children\*](#) (Cowley, 1992)
- John Roberto, [\*Faith Formation\*](#) 2020
- Sharon Pearson, [\*The Episcopal Christian Educator's Handbook\*](#) (Morehouse Publishing, 2013)

### Big Questions

- Rob Bell, [\*Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived\*](#) (Harper One, 2011)
- Brian McLaren, [\*A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith\*](#) (Harper One, 2010)