APPENDIX C
Resources for Children and Families

1. Homegrown Faith and Justice: Faith Forming Activities, Conversations Rituals and Resources for Families with Children


3. The Bad Guys: A Students/Teachers Guide to School Safety and Violence Prevention by Julie Federico (Author), Linda Wilson (Editor), Ruth van de Witt (Editor), & 2 more (The Bad Guys: A Student’s/Teacher’s Guide to School Safety and Violence Prevention is a much needed guide to promote school safety and violence prevention. This book directs students on recognizing potential danger and preparation if such an event occurs. The book offers students a pro-active approach to violence prevention. As a supplement, staff members are supported by a teacher’s guide for educators, and bonus student journal section. Parents and educators will appreciate the simple, non-threatening language that creates a school safety message that every child needs to hear.).

4. Guns Are Not For Fun by D. C. Dailey (Author), Dawn Boudreau (Photographer), Bill Tadrick (Photographer) (1999)

5. The Book That Shouldn't Exist by A.J. Cosmo (Author), Félix Hinojosa (Illustrator), A.J. Cosmo (Illustrator) This book explores the emotional impact violence has on our children and ourselves. With beautiful illustrations and poignant prose, the meaning you take from it is entirely your own, yet the questions it asks need to be answered by us all. Use the book to comfort, to open dialog, or to release emotions over a very difficult subject. It’s not a typical children’s book, but maybe that's exactly what the world needs.
6. **Me and Empathy: Teaching children about empathy, feelings, kindness, compassion, tolerance and recognizing bullying behaviors** by Jayneen Sanders and Sofia Cardoso (2017)

7. **Let’s Talk About Body Boundaries, Consent and Respect: Teach children about body ownership, respect, feelings, choices and recognizing bullying behaviors** by Jayneen Sanders (Author), Sarah Jennings (Illustrator) (2017)

8. **No Difference Between Us: Teaching children about gender equality, respectful relationships, feelings, choice, self-esteem, empathy, tolerance, and acceptance** by Jayneen Sanders and Amanda Gulliver (2016)


10. **Ten Talks Parents Must Have With Their Children About Violence** by Dominic Cappello (Author) (2000)


15. **Part Of The Rainbow: A Children’s book about Diversity/Equality/Discrimination/Acceptance/Colors Picture Books, Preschool Books, Ages 3-5, Baby Books, Kids ... Kindergarten Books, Ages 4-8 by Asaf Rozanes** - A fun read, a tool for life, a hidden object game and a coloring book - Nearly one-fourth of students report being harassed or bullied on school property because of their race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. In this witty and colorful tale, Mia arrives at the first day of school and is shocked to her green whiskers by what she experiences there and how it would change her life forever!
16. *I'm Like You, You're Like Me: A Book About Understanding and Appreciating Each Other* by Cindy Gainer and Miki Sakamoto (2013)

17. *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes (kindness)

18. *Moody Cow Meditates* by Kerry Lee MacLean (anger)

19. *When Sophie Gets Angry* by Molly Bang (anger)

20. *Down the Road* by Alice Schertle (forgiveness)

21. *How Kind!* by Mary Murphy (kindness)

22. *Hey, Little Ant* by Philip & Hannah Hoose (kindness)

23. *Healing from Violence, Nonviolent Conflict Transformation, Diversity Appreciation and Peacemaking Stories, Books and Other Resources for Children and Youth* - an online bibliography published by the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse: [http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/436844_e957a5163e8d4c318ed4e3de6653c959.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/436844_e957a5163e8d4c318ed4e3de6653c959.pdf)

**FILMS FOR OLDER YOUTH AND ADULT FAITH LEADERS**


Summary: In a gripping portrait of courage, director Abigail E. Disney follows the journey of an Evangelical minister Rev. Rob Schenck trying to find the moral strength to preach about the growing toll of gun violence in America. Along the way, Rev. Schenck meets Lucy McBath, the mother of Jordan Davis, an unarmed teenager who was murdered in Florida and whose story has cast a spotlight on "Stand Your Ground" laws. Also an Evangelical Christian, McBath's personal testimony compels Rev. Schenck to reach out to pastors around the country to discuss the moral and ethical response to gun violence.

Lucy is on a difficult journey of her own, trying to make sense of her devastating loss while using her grief to effect some kind of viable and effective political action—where so many before her have failed. THE ARMOR OF LIGHT follows these allies through their trials of conscience, heartbreak and rejection, as they bravely attempt to make others consider America’s gun culture through a moral lens. The film is also a courageous look at our fractured political culture and an assertion that it is, indeed, possible for people to come together across deep party lines to find common ground.

Since the movie’s release Rev. Schenck has continued to theologically resource the dialogue about gun violence with evangelical leaders and has developed a new study and devotional resource called *The Sword of the Spirit* - [http://www.swordofthespiritministry.org](http://www.swordofthespiritministry.org). It includes a conversation starters for lay leaders, a toolkit for pastors, as well as a college
and seminary toolkit on the topic, replete with Bible studies relating to the topics of: idolatry, overcoming fear, sanctity of life/prolife, violence, legal rights vs. God’s law, forgiveness and, last but not least, love thy neighbor.

Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA - https://www.bravenewfilms.org/makingakilling

Appropriate for high school and older. By its title, one would think that this film is fairly “radical” in its condemnation of the NRA and its powerful lobby at work in our nation. It certainly speaks truth to power about this issue, however, the film actually focuses more on powerful firstperson testimonies from family members of persons who have been killed by gun violence than on political issues. It is free to persons who wish to have a screening and a follow-up discussion.


Common Sense Media provides a wide range of information for parents and educators about various games and videos. It has also launched “Common Sense Kids Action”, an advocacy initiative which builds on the existing work and platforms of CommonSense Media, a leading national nonprofit organization with more than a decade of experience helping kids and families navigate the rapidly changing world of media and technology. https://www.commonsensemedia.org/kids-action/campaign/kids-digital-well-being-is-common-sense