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Kids ask a lot of questions. The never-ending “why?,” the unanswerable queries, the questions that they’re not supposed to ask for at least another ten years . . .

For any Christmas-related questions, though, we’ve got you covered. Each devotion in *Counting to Christmas* is based on a common question kiddos might have about Advent, and at the end of each devo there’s something to say, something to do, and something to pray.

Get free crafts at cph.org/countingtochristmas.

COUNTING TO CHRISTMAS

SPORTS!!!

That touch-run was amazing! Talk about an epic home-basket. My favorite part was when the blue team ran around the little knitted basket thingy.

Okay, obviously I don’t know anything about sports. But Coach Jim Pingel does, and he wrote a set of sports devotions specifically for coaches and athletes. No superficial studies here—these are hardcore, hard-hitting devotions that relate to any competitive sports player.

ONE TEAM, ONE SPIRIT

Get a free preview and inspirational poster at cph.org/oneteamonespirit.

Heartbreak Is Real

Just ask any teenager who suffered a breakup. Any parent whose child doesn’t call. Any woman whose best friend won’t talk to her anymore. Any college student who didn’t get accepted into the grad program of her dreams. Any lifelong worker who just lost his job. Any retiree who struggles to find his purpose. Any child whose pet passed away. Any young adult who just moved away for the first time.

Loss takes many forms. Hope is found in only one—Jesus.

Download a free encouraging poster at cph.org/heartbreak.

HOPE WHEN YOUR HEART BREAKS: NAVIGATING GRIEF AND LOSS

★ ★ IT WAS THE GREATEST HEIST STORY OF ALL TIME. ★ ★

Sacrifice. Espionage. Villains. Double agents. Betrayal. Death. Resurrection.

The hero’s name? Jesus. What did He steal, you ask? Humanity’s sin. Despite the dastardly deeds of the double agent Judas, Jesus’ mission from His Father succeeded—and we get to reap the rewards.

However, not all stories in the Bible are this nice. There are real heists, murders,

and robberies that happened—and some of them are pretty gruesome. So why are these stories in the Bible? Isn’t the Bible full of only nice, tidy stories?

Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals recounts 18 true tales of corrupt crooks and loathsome lawbreakers and explains why those stories are in the Bible and why they matter to us today.

Download a criminally good free preview at cph.org/mastercriminals.

NOT-SO-NICE BIBLE STORIES: MASTER CRIMINALS

I'M A MILLENNIAL.

I say “like” a lot. I speak in GIFs. I take photos for the sole purpose of posting on Instagram. My parents call me to help them with their computer, but I’d rather text than talk on the phone.

BUT.



Not all Millennial stereotypes are true. I prefer reading print books, am not completely addicted to my phone, and regularly attend church.

So how can older generations in the Church work with Millennials to further the kingdom of God without getting caught up in their differences?



A couple of Millennials wrote a book about exactly that.

Download a free chapter (yes, online) at cph.org/millennial.

MYTH OF THE MILLENNIAL: CONNECTING GENERATIONS IN THE CHURCH



EPIC BEARDS AREN'T JUST FOR HIPSTERS.

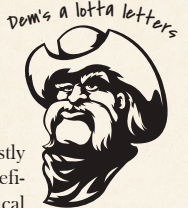
Some Protestant reformers who had been priests grew out their hair and beards to show their new convictions during the Reformation. They were pretty much the originators of doing something before it was cool (because it definitely wasn’t cool to be a former Catholic priest who denied his priesthood).

For more little-known Reformation-era facts, check out *The Reformation*, a beautifully designed and historically accurate pictorial representation of this time in the sixteenth century.

THE REFORMATION

Download a free excerpt at cph.org/thereformation.

WHAT IN TARNATION IS POSTMODERNISM?



It’s kind of hard to define—mostly because it’s all about a lack of definition. Postmodernists are skeptical and abide by the philosophy that there is no moral absolute: “Your version of the truth is a social construct. There are no rights or wrongs, so it’s okay that I disagree with what you believe because everything is subjective.”

Dag nab it. I'm still confused.

Me too, to be honest. But in *Authentic Christianity*, authors Gene Veith and Trevor Sutton expertly explain not only postmodernism but also how Lutheran theology fits in with this mind-set. I tip my ten-gallon hat to you, sirs.

You can get a free preview at cph.org/authenticchristianity.

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY: HOW LUTHERAN THEOLOGY SPEAKS TO A POSTMODERN WORLD

You have a membership at Costco. Why aren't you a member at your church?

After all, the benefits are way better at church—pretty hard to beat eternal life with Jesus. And the membership is free!

CONNECTED TO CHRIST: WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Church membership is about more than just tithing. Find out what it's all about at cph.org/connectedtochrist.



Apologetics is *not* what your mom makes you say to your little brother after you “accidentally” eat his piece of cake. It’s more serious than stolen baked goods.

Apologetics is defending Christianity. It’s presenting facts to support the truthfulness of the Christian faith (spoiler alert: Christianity is absolutely 100% true).

Get the facts at cph.org/reasonibelieve.

THE REASON I BELIEVE: THE BASICS OF CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

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