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LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME *Nurturing Anabaptist Faith Within Families*

by Lisa Weaver and Elizabeth Miller

Afterword by John D. Roth; design by Judith Rempel Smucker

Summary: In full color, with photos and illustrations throughout, *Let the Children Come to Me* is a resource for families nurturing faith development of elementary-aged children structured around twelve Anabaptist faith practices: Scripture reading, prayer, community, bearing witness, service to one another, worship, non-violence, steadfast faith, the centrality of Christ, communion, believer's baptism, and stewardship.

"This resource is an amazing treasure for our families! A great balance of principles and experience, contextual relevance and cultural diversity, historic and contemporary challenges, Anabaptist values, and teaching resources."

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"This guide fills an important gap in Anabaptist faith formation resources by holistically blending scripture, historical and current stories, spiritual practices, and hands-on activities in a visually appealing, child-friendly format. It could be used by grandparents or by younger leaders in club, camp, or Sunday school settings. I will certainly recommend it for use in my congregation."

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—John D. Roth, in the Afterword

"The beauty and importance of this book is in its encouragement that we have stories to share about following Jesus over time. While some Anabaptists have died as martyrs, many have lived out and are living their faith. This book can help us develop skills and confidence as parents and with children to tell those stories—to bear witness to the faith alive and growing in us."

—Malinda Elizabeth Berry, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Market: This book will help North American Anabaptists connect their own faith with early Anabaptist history and with today's global Mennonite while deepening their own spiritual practices as a family. Included are guides for use in Christian education or children's workshop settings.

Shelving: Christian education—Mennonite; Global Anabaptists; sixteenth-century Anabaptist beginnings; Family faith development; Children's activities.

The Authors

Lisa Weaver has over 25 years teaching experience in public elementary schools, adult ESL classes, and Christian Education settings. She is co-author of *Living the Anabaptist Story*. **Elizabeth Miller** is co-director of Mennonite Central Committee Colombia-Ecuador. Tapping into Lisa's expertise as a teacher and Elizabeth's experience with global Anabaptist history, they teamed up to create a family-based faith development resource.

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