**Disability Ministry Curriculum Resources**

***Building on the Rock***is a curriculum from *AbleLight* (formerly known as Bethesda Lutheran Communities) and distributed through Concordia Publishing House. The materials offer a structure to support the First Communion process and the rite of Confirmation for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. On the cph.org website, scroll to the bottom of the home page for a banner line listing “Our Publishing Partners.” Click on the *AbleLight* icon. You will get a display of the items that were developed by Bethesda Lutheran Communities. All the listed items are free. ***Building on the Rock*** curriculum is available for download only. This is very helpful because you can print as many of the leader’s and student’s lessons, picture cards, sticker pages, and other visual aids as you might need. Each lesson is developed on two learning levels. You will be able to select the lesson format that will be most helpful for your student.

To order visit ***cph.org*** or call 800-325-3040.

***The Simplified Catechism***is a set of resources that were prepared for the Special Education Services of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) Commission on Special Ministries. It is available through Northwestern Publishing House and includes:

* ***The Simplified Catechism*** (revised 1999) is a simplified version of Luther’s Small Catechism, designed to help pastors, teachers and parents teach God’s Word to those with low vocabulary levels, mental impairments, or severe learning disabilities. It prepares students for communicant membership. Includes sessions based on five chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism. Reading level is approximately second to third grade.
* ***The Simplified Catechism Teacher’s Guide*** (revised 2000) is a starting point for people who lack experience in teaching or it can be used as a reference for those who may already be using successful strategies. Includes black-and-white illustrations that support materials and demonstrate student projects.
* ***Simplified Catechism Bible Stories*** (revised 2000) is for use in the classroom or at home. Each Bible story relates to a lesson in *The Simplified Catechism* and every easy-to-read story includes a full-page color picture. Memory passages are listed after each story to support the lesson.

 To order visit ***nph.net*** or call 800-662-6022.

**Jesus Cares Ministries,** a ministry of The Lutheran Home Association in Belle Plaine, Minn., offers resources for ministry with people of any age who have developmental disabilities or limited understanding and vocabulary. You can download for free a simplified and pictorial tool titled:

**JCM Christian Questions**

**Lord’s Supper Preparation**

**For those who are nonverbal**

To learn more or to order resources visit Jesus Cares Ministries at jcm@tlha.org or call 888-600-TLHA.

For a list of more curriculum resources go to: <https://lcms.org/social-issues/disability>