



## NEW ADVENT-CHRISTMAS RESOURCES IN RESOURCE CENTER

A new book by a Moravian author from New Philadelphia Moravian that makes a wonderful story for a Christmas lovefeast or children's sermon...

***My Journey to Bethlehem.*** Mona Brown Ketner and Sandy Armstrong. 2011. Grateful Steps. It tells the traditional Christmas story from the viewpoint of a very special donkey. The donkey carries Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem and is part of the miracle of Jesus birth.

Another great children's book that would be great to use with the Resource Center's camel puppet.

***Humphrey's First Christmas.*** Carol Heyer. 2007. Ideals Books.

We've all heard the story of the three wise men who brought their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the baby Jesus. But what about the camels who carried them? Here is the story of Humphrey the camel and his long and cold journey to Bethlehem.

Daily devotion booklets for Advent

***Expecting: Devotions for Advent.*** Scott Hoezee. 2010. Faith Alive.

This Advent, experience the wonder and waiting as you anticipate the birth of Jesus. Prepare for his coming as you hear the words of John the Baptist. Consider the immense glory and majesty of God and how that mighty God came to earth as a tiny infant to save his people from their sins. These daily devotions are crafted to serve you or your congregation.

***Behold: Cultivating Attentiveness In the Season of Advent.*** Pamela C. Hawkins. 2011. Upper Room

The weeks leading up to Christmas Day can plunge us into a state of dazed busyness in which the stunning story of Christ's birth is obscured by overly familiar traditions and commerce-driven expectations. This provides daily prayer practices to help us regain our spiritual insight.

A wonderful study for your entire congregation during Advent

***The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem.*** Adam Hamilton. 2011. Abingdon

This resource has a component for children, youth, and adults along with a DVD and devotional guide. It retraces the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and was filmed on site in the Holy Land.