

Tip Sheet for Augsburg Fortress Resources

Augsburg Fortress, the publishing entity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and Congregational Ministries Publishing (CMP) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continue their relationship with CMP serving as a distributor for the 2010 Augsburg Vacation Bible School starter kits and *Splash!*, newsletter ministry materials for family faith formation.



In addition many PC(USA) congregations continue to subscribe to Akaloo, a discipleship program for ages three through adult. Akaloo is a Web-based resource containing administrative tools, leader materials, and learner Web sites online. Printed handbooks for individual learners complete the components of akaloo. It is designed for use in a mid-week ministry or small group setting.

Akaloo, inspired by the Greek word “to follow,” is designed with five yearlong themes across all age levels:

- Discovering the Bible
- Experiencing God
- Becoming a Disciple
- Celebrating Church
- Embracing the World

**Akaloo is lifelong faith formation
for your whole congregation!**

These themes repeat each year in a two-year cycle for children, junior high, and adults; a four-year cycle for senior high youth. Age groups do not study the same scripture lessons due to age-appropriate activities and theme-related materials.

Augsburg offers free trial memberships, subscription information, and free webinars at akaloo.org. For questions about using or adapting this resource for a Presbyterian congregation, call (888) 728–7228, ext. 5166.

Splash! packs, ready-to-mail monthly newsletters for families of children birth to three, offer ideas for faith-filled play, worship, meals, and prayer together. By mailing “Parent Pages” each month, congregations stay connected to young children and their families, providing support of the vows made at baptism.



One newsletter pack is required per child. Packs are available for 1–12 months, 13–24 months, and 25–36 months. Each *Splash!* pack contains a sample letter of welcome from the church, a music CD for the family, and a chart to keep track of when each newsletter should arrive. Packs are sold separately.

Visit akaloo.org or pcusa.org/splash for more information about these resources.