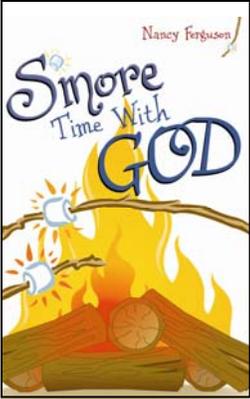


## Engaging Children Spiritually in the Great Outdoors



March 2011, Valley Forge, PA – In an extraordinary intersection of economic struggle and environmental conscience, today’s Christians are discovering a way to save some green (money) while inspiring their children to go green! Across the country, in families, churches, and homeschool groups, people have a renewed interest in camping as a simpler, less expensive, and more fulfilling getaway. Many popular family camping destinations have set new attendance records as families and groups seek ways to engage and connect with their children. This desire to go back to basics and embrace the great outdoors prompted author Nancy Ferguson to pen her latest book, *S’more Time with God*, the newest release from publisher Judson Press.

This engaging, interactive, and faith-filled outdoor devotional is designed especially for families and groups with preschool and elementary-age children. Organized around five weeklong themes, daily activities offer a song or Bible verse, discussion ideas or questions, an outdoor activity, Bible discovery time, and a closing prayer. A recipe for s’mores and other campfire treats round out this unique devotional.

*S’more Time with God* has been praised by parents, church leaders, and outdoor ministry experts, including Lisa Jean Hoefner, executive director of camp and retreat ministries for the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church. Hoefner writes, “Whether used in an organized camp group or by an individual family in the tent or RV setting, *S’more Time with God* fills an important niche for anyone looking to introduce spiritual practices to young children – connecting outdoor settings and the natural curiosity of young children to a faith journey.”

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