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New for 2016 — *You the Digital Creator*

Focus: Middle School

Range: Grades 5-9



A program responding to the digital interests and needs of your middle school youth. Can be used together with or independently from *The New You the Creator*.

180 pages, shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for your binder, plus a CD with a full digital copy. 1st copy: \$46. Additional copies: \$23 each. Samples available by e-mail.

The digital revolution gives us all new creative powers to shape ourselves and our world, for better or worse. Help youth explore their new potential with sessions like Digital Bangs; Me, My Selfie, and I; Digi-Talk; Virtual Games; Cyber Arts; Digital Social Justice; and Mystery.

The program has twelve 75-minute sessions easily extended to twenty-four. Recurring activities include learning from Cursor Cat and chatting with Riley Robot, both constructed by youth. Every session has a fun creative project.

Leaders should be comfortable using smart-phones or basic computers with search engines like Google — but that's all. If youth know more about digital devices than leaders do, fine. All can help each other explore the wonders, the challenges, and the opportunities of their fast-changing digital world.

Riley Robot, Gamer

Riley Robot: Urg.

1st UU Kid: What's the matter, Riley Robot?

Riley Robot: Urg.

2nd UU Kid: Somebody get a toolkit!

Riley Robot: Touch me and I'll punch you! Urg.

3rd UU Kid: Okay, okay. But Riley, you aren't yourself!

Riley Robot: Neither would you be if . . . urg.

6th UU Kid: I bet Riley's been up all night playing video games!

Riley Robot: I wasn't up all night. I was up all week.

8th UU Kid: Playing video games all that time?

Riley Robot: Just one. Called "Slam and Slaughter."

1st UU Kid: Slam and Slaughter? That awful game?

2nd UU Kid: No wonder you were going to tear us apart. Violence is catching!

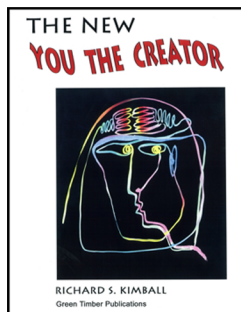
- from a Riley Robot dialog

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The New You the Creator

Focus: Middle School Range: Grades 5-10



500 pages, 124 of them reproducible. Shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for your binder. 1st copy: \$95; each additional copy: \$47.50

Our all-time bestseller, *The New You the Creator* is an activity-based program of creative empowerment with 50 sessions, each 75 minutes long, rich with activities like role-plays; continuums; designing gods, goddesses, or goddits; drawing; sculpting; constructing spaghetti bridges; and designing more perfect people. The theme of spirituality touches every session. Leaders love it, and kids love it more — yes, they come back with pleasure, week after week. It's a large book, but clear design and an index make it easy to find what you need to create great sessions.

You the Creator of Justice

Focus: Middle School Range: Grades 5-12



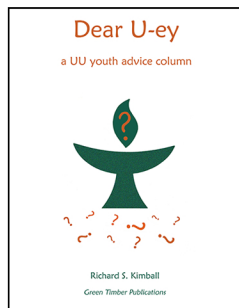
168 pages, 48 of them reproducible. Shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for your binder. 1st copy: \$40; each additional copy: \$20

Here are eight packed, 75-minute sessions easily expanded to sixteen. Each contains four activities aimed at understanding justice, and a fifth, 30-minute activity helping youth create justice. That activity is "Justice Job," the core of the program. It offers three different strands helping you identify and work on social justice programs that are meaningful to your group as well as those who directly benefit. It's good for youth, good for leaders, and good for the world.

Dear U-ey

Focus: Middle School Range: Grades 6-12

Let youth tell it like it is with this great resource for every UU youth and leader. It's a UU advice column with youth playing U-ey, and offering answers to 100 different requests for advice. Categories include UUism, Self, Tough Stuff, Family, Relationships, Independence, School, Spirituality, Social Justice, and Tomorrow. "How do I start soul-searching?" asks Lost Soul.



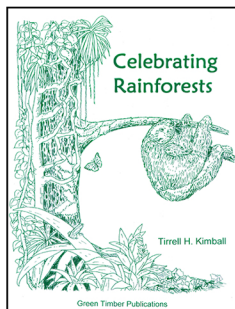
understanding of themselves and their group.

220 pages, 106 of them reproducible. Shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for binders. 1st copy: \$50; each additional copy: \$25

"Is it okay to love somebody who doesn't love you back?" asks Used or Not. "Or is that called 'getting used?'" Let *Dear U-ey* lead your youth to a better

Celebrating Rainforests

Range: Age 5 through Middle School



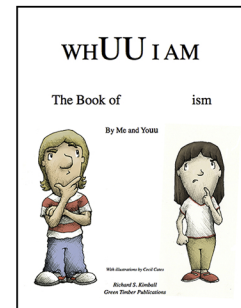
Our fragile planet calls for help from our children and us, and here's an answer to the call. *Celebrating Rainforests* lets kids connect to the earth and help it, too. Participants learn about and celebrate rainforests through many experiences as they explore tropical animals, plants, people, resources — and ways to help them all. Involve your group through stories, songs, discussions, meditation, and making rainforest T-shirts. Watch smiles and commitment grow as participants build a rainforest for all to see. Activities for both younger and older participants in each session.

150 pages, shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for binder use. 1st copy: \$40; each additional copy: \$20

WhUU I Am

Focus: Middle School Range: Grades 6-12

Putting a youth's name before the "ism" on the cover creates the title of the personal philosophy the youth will build while reading and completing the book. *WhUU I Am* combines thoughtful explanations, engaging activities, dashes of humor, and fun cartoons to draw youth into the serious, life-changing job of self-discovery and growth. Add the book to your Coming of Age program, or give it to youth turning 13 or entering 7th grade. Help them to see how UUism applies to their life beyond church.



32 bound 8.5x11 pages with a CD that lets you make as many copies as you wish. 1st copy: \$40; each additional copy: \$20

Digital samples of all RE programs available by e-mail

Our much-loved Sheltering Spirit series

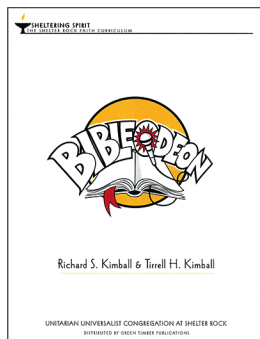
Sheltering Spirit: The Shelter Rock Faith Curriculum is the product of a collaboration between GreenTimber authors Richard S. and Tirrell Kimball with the RE leaders of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, NY. The results are in wide use throughout the denomination and country. They include four age-specific programs, each with 24 or more sessions based in the themes of Church, World, Self, and Mystery, plus a supporting handbook.

Bibleodeon

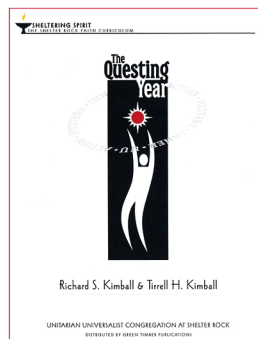
Focus: Grade 5; Range: 5-8

Here's the UU Bible curriculum of choice for its age group. It introduces Hebrew and Christian scriptures by presenting their best-known stories with such props as the Bibleodeon microphone and such action as probing a Cain-Abel crime scene. Participants act in 11 amusing playlets, illustrate a timeline, keep doodle books, give awards to outstanding Biblical women, and more.

They explore connections between the worlds of the Bible and today. They experience the Bible as one of many UU sources. And they gain critical understanding of the Bible-based religions around them.



270 pages, 42 of them reproducible. Shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for binders. 1st copy: \$90; each additional copy: \$45



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The Questing Year

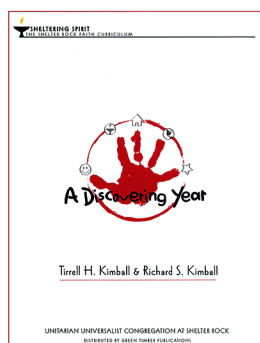
Focus: Grade 6; Range: 6-8

The Questing Year engages kids in four quests helping them develop answers to deep life questions about human faith and the web of all existence. The Mystery, Inner, Action, and UU Quests are all fun and challenging. Together they make a wonderful path toward Coming of Age programs. *The Questing Year* uses music and meditation to explore religious mystery, proposes personal aliens and mirror boards for exploring self, suggests

a social action project, and introduces outstanding UUs through a reproducible booklet included in the text. Leaders appreciate the ease of using *The Questing Year*, and participants appreciate its fun.

A Discovering Year

Focus: Kindergarten; Range: K-1



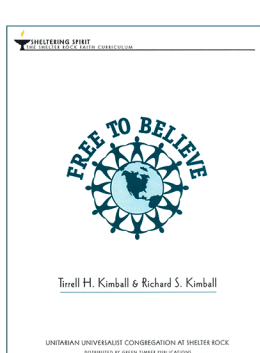
222 pages, 22 reproducible. Shrink-wrapped, 3 holes for binders. 1st copy: \$70; each additional copy: \$35

quiet moments, a wide variety of fun activities, singing and music, games and movement, stories and talks, they learn to appreciate the worth of each person, to work and play cooperatively, to express feelings, to celebrate human diversity, and to feel and find themselves as part of their UU community.

A Discovering Year nurtures children's spiritual growth through connection to their widening environment. They explore selves, families, church, nature, and religious and cultural days. Through ritual sharing times, crafts,

Free to Believe

Focus: Grade 2; Range: 2-3



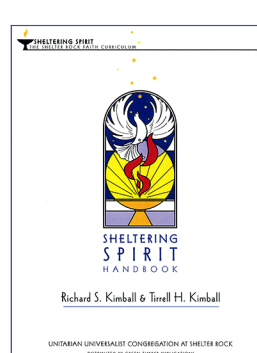
273 pages, 91 reproducible. Shrink-wrapped, 3 holes for binders. 1st copy: \$70; each additional copy: \$35

songs and discussions. Later sessions focus through a Unitarian Universalist lens on life's biggest questions. Throughout the program, children address any conflicts they may face, and join in creating an accepting group community. This is an excellent resource for helping children in their early UU years.

Free to Believe explores Unitarian Universalist sources and principles while enriching the social, emotional, and spiritual life of children. Its first sessions explore values, beliefs, and principles through hands-on activities, stories,

Handbook

Leader Resources



88 pages. Shrink-wrapped, 3 holes for binders. 1st copy: \$25; each additional copy: \$12.50

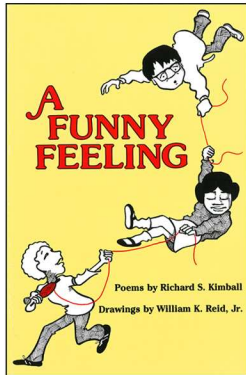
and philosophy of the Sheltering Spirit program, and explores the concept of faith development. Organized by age group, it includes ideas about atmosphere and ritual, words for chalice lightings, blessings, meditations, community building, music, and more — material useful for all leaders, both experienced and new.

Use its title, *Sheltering Spirit Handbook*. Or call it *A Spirituality Handbook*. Both names are accurate. And both refer to a wonderful resource for adding spiritual depth to the religious exploration program. The *Handbook* explains the ideas

Helping children and youth to discover, to create, to connect, to grow

3 More Great Green Timber Books

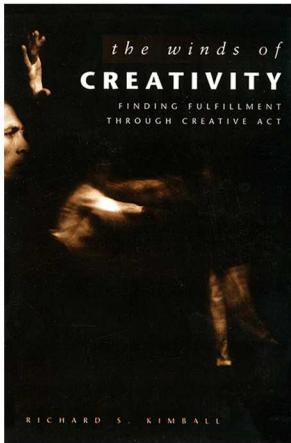
A Funny Feeling



For kids and their adults. As lessons for all ages, and as group insights into feelings and reasonable behavior. Louise carries a grudge. Nancy has a handle on herself. Frances leads her pet peeve around on a leash. Barnaby had a frog in his throat that got his goat. Reginald Botts was tied up in knots. These characters and others featured in 41 whimsically illustrated poems all help children understand and deal with their feelings — funny and difficult alike. A wonderful gift available only from Green Timber Publications.

Written by Richard S. Kimball, illustrated by William K. Reid;
62 black and white pages; 6x7 inches; perfect bound.
1st copy: \$14; each additional copy: \$7

The Winds of Creativity



For adults and thoughtful senior youth, here's an empowering book readers may use as a prompt to their own creative endeavors and as background for presenting the *Creator* programs described elsewhere in this brochure.

The creative force spirals forward and upward through time, says *Winds* author Richard S. Kimball. It surges with the interplay of opposites — life and death, black and white merging as grays on photographic paper, control and release in athletic act.

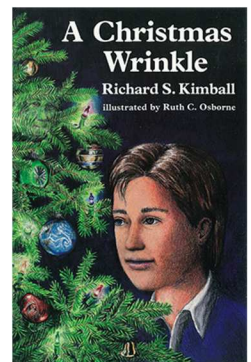
Each of the book's 24 chapters is accompanied by one of the author's own creations, and concludes with a batch of activities for readers to try. Chapter subjects include self, illness and death, truth, sex, nonsense, and time. The whole includes a passionate call to more creative, fulfilling life.

By Richard S. Kimball; 267 pages; 6x7 inches, perfect bound; 1st copy: \$16; each additional copy: \$8

A Christmas Wrinkle

For kids at the age of doubt. Ten-year-old Dan tries to reconcile the idea of Christmas magic with the suffering he sees in the bag lady searching for food outside his family's window.

By Richard S. Kimball; 40 pages; 6x7 inches; perfect bound. 1st copy: \$10; each additional copy: \$5



Louise

Louise heard Marianne
Ask Betsy Jo to a party
With Sam and Alice and Tom.
Louise grew so angry
At not being asked
That she picked up a grudge
And carried it around all day.
The grudge was larger than Louise.
It crunched her under its weight.
So when Marianne called
And asked her to come with Betsy Jo
And Sam and Alice and Tom,
Louise was forced to say no.
She had grown too small
To go out.

About Green Timber's Authors

Tirrell Kimball was the Director of Religious Education at the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church in Portland, Maine, for 26 years. She received the national Angus H. MacLean award for outstanding religious educator in 2003. She began her professional work with children as a fourth grade teacher in public and private schools. With her husband, she continues to delight in leading programs for middle school youth at Allen Avenue. Also like her husband, she remains eager to help kids and youth of all ages apply UU tools and values to understanding and assisting their challenging worlds.

Richard S. (Rick) Kimball worked in newspapers and for a publisher of supplementary middle and senior high school materials before becoming a freelance writer with a specialty in UU materials. He has written two Tapestry of Faith programs and coauthored a third. He created the lyrics for a hymn, "Winds Be Still," in the UU's *Singing the Living Tradition*. He wrote *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Adults*, and together with his wife happily led many middle schoolers through their own portion of the OWL program. He was a long-time trainer of OWL leaders, and, with his wife, has led creativity workshops for UU groups from California to England.

Find us on the web. Go to uucards.org, then click on Rick and Tirrell Kimball.

Call them playlets. Call them skits. Call them lessons for all ages. Call them . . .

sUUPER plays and sUUPER plays 2 for holidays and special days

Focus and Range: Upper Elementary and Middle School

sUUPER plays has 50 playlets for exploring everything UU. And *sUUPER plays 2* has 50 more for celebrating special days. Both appeal greatly to participants and everyone who watches them.

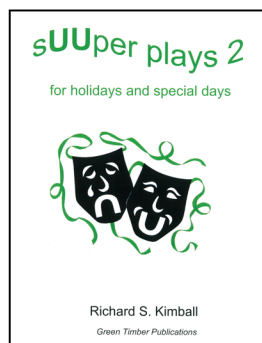
No need for memorization and fancy props. These plays are easily read and performed as special additions to many different RE programs, as lessons for all ages, or in summer retreats, workshops, or other gatherings. Plays require 2 to 12 minutes to perform, and casts of 3 to 14 — but smaller groups

can do larger plays with actors in multiple roles. There are parts for non-thespians, too, helping to set up and direct and keep things moving.

The plays are spiritual, practical, meaningful, engaging, and fun — really fun. They can be done simply, with little advance effort. Handy full-page leader guides offer notes, questions to be posed as discussion-starters, and other suggestions. With purchase of the plays, you receive permission to reproduce scripts for all actors.



Each set of plays has about 400 pages, shrink-wrapped and 3-hole punched for binder insertion. 1st copy of each: \$90; additional copies: \$45



Excerpt from "In the Clouds," in *sUUPER plays*

Older Sibling: What do you see in the clouds?

Younger Sibling: I see mushrooms. What do you see?

Older Sibling: I see . . . I see an old man.

Younger Sibling: Is it God?

Older Sibling: No, silly, it's a human old man.

Younger Sibling: How will I know if it's God?

Older Sibling: That's a big if. Maybe there would be thunder and lightning.

Younger Sibling: What do you think God looks like?

Older Sibling: If there is one? Everything and nothing.

Younger Sibling: But not like a man?

Older Sibling: Maybe more like a woman.

Younger Sibling: Wouldn't that be Goddess?

Older Sibling: Might be. Might not. Maybe it's an in-between. Call it a Goddit.

Younger Sibling: Why is this God stuff all so secret?

Older Sibling: Dunno. It's all a big mystery to me.

Younger Sibling: What if you were a God person, like a Goddit or whatever, what would you do? Would you be a secret?

Older Sibling: I'd have to think about that.

Younger Sibling: If I was a God person, I would appear in the sky and order people to be nice and do good things and stop fighting and having wars.

Older Sibling: So would the people still be people?

Younger Sibling: How could they not be people?

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