

Reading Plan Encourages Families To Discuss Values

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KINGVIEW (Fayette County)
— A little church here in the unincorporated village of Kingview is helping adults and their children

talk about big issues: War and peace, racism, and how to get along with a sibling. The Kingview Mennonite Church, with about 100 members, is talking on some big and some not so big issues.

Their reading program has helped people in the towns of Scottdale and Connelville grow in their understanding of the world by providing a reading list of 10 or 12 peace books each year. The program originated in 1985.

A booklet published by the church in 1991 said: "Peace starts from the seeds God has already planted all over the world. Our job is to water, nourish, and allow the seeds to grow."

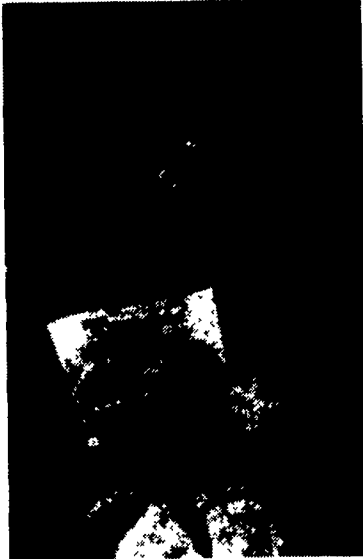
This booklet also contains a reading list of twelve books. Discussion questions in the booklet help participants understand the

values taught by the books. During family discussion the values can be passed from parents to

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Merrill R. Miller reads *Knots on a Counting Rope* to his daughter, Hannah, (4). From his occupational perspective as a designer and illustrator, Merrill said, "The illustrations (in this book) are well done, giving the reader a glimpse of Native American life as well as adding to the emotive strength of the story." Merrill lives in Scottdale with his wife, Cindy, and another daughter, Annika, (1). Photo by David Hiebert.



Diana Marie Steck, former staff person for the Citizen's Clearing house for Hazardous Waste, says about *Trouble at the Mines*: "I was impressed by the manner in which Doreen Rappaport depicts the problems and troubles in the mines as family problems. In my work, I have found that it is the children and spouses who suffer the greatest amount of emotional strain during the times of struggle. The book raises a number of issues that apply to the struggles for justice in our world today." Photo by David Hiebert.



Mary Meyer lives in Scottdale with her husband, Ron, and children Susanna (12), Christopher (9), and (in the photo) Katie (7). About the book she says, "Distant Thunder is the story of how 15-year-old Kate and her friends demonstrate how Moravians can help alleviate the suffering brought on by war." Mary is editor of *On-the-Line*, a weekly paper for 9-14 year-olds. Photo by David Hiebert.

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