



## Resources for Schools

Free Spirit Publishing published the following resources for schools:

- *Introduction to Brain-Compatible Learning & Brain Compatible Strategies* (1998), by Eric Jensen, is the first of two volumes and provides a step-by-step guidebook to exploring the emerging paradigm of brain compatible learning. The second volume includes hundreds of easy-to-use brain-compatible activities that boost attention, motivation, learning, and achievement. Both volumes are easy to read and use. (No longer available through the publisher. Can be purchased through most online book sales companies.)
- *Teaching Kids with Learning Difficulties in the Regular Classroom: Strategies and Techniques Every Teacher Can Use to Challenge and Motivate Struggling Students*, (1996) by Susan Winebrenner, is a gold mine of proven, practical ways to help students with a variety of special learning needs, without watering down content, lowering expectations, or depriving other students of the time and attention they need. The comprehensive menu of options covers learning styles, language literacy, science, math, social studies, behavior problems, and more, presenting powerful and effective methods any teacher can use to help all students become successful learners. To order, visit [www.freespirit.com](http://www.freespirit.com) or call (800) 735-7323.

*Emergent Readers for Little Believers* (1997) is a set of Bible story readers including: “I See God Everywhere”, “I Thank God, God is Love”, “Two by Two”, “God is With Us”, “Jonah and the Whale”, “God Gave Me a Face for Feelings”, “Lord, Do you Love Me?”, “God’s Children”, “Creation”, “Noah’s Ark”, and “Joseph’s Coat.” There are two reading levels and each book costs approximately \$2.50.

*Note: This set of readers is perhaps best suited for a resource room or other Lutheran school classroom, but it is going out of print soon. It is only available by calling the publisher and cannot be found on the Web site. This series can be found for sale on major online book sales companies Web sites.*

For more information contact Grace Publishing/McGraw Hill at (800) 421-5565.

*Sensitivity and Awareness* (1996), is a guide for developing understanding among children. In addition to background information about specific disabilities, the guide also provides lesson plans for use with pre-primary, primary, and middle-school children. Plans coordinate with *Turtle Books*, easy-to-read books that talk honestly about what it’s like to be a child with a disability. Each book in the 12-book series, tells a story of a young child with physical, mental, and language impairments including cerebral palsy, Down’s syndrome, and communication disorders. Some of these are also available on audio tape.

To order, contact Jason & Nordic Publishers at (814) 696-2920, [www.jasonandnordic.com](http://www.jasonandnordic.com), or e-mail [turtlebks@jasonandnordic.com](mailto:turtlebks@jasonandnordic.com).

*Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities* (2002), by Jim Pierson, explains the characteristics of 77 diagnoses so that you can identify the challenges, learn how to approach that child, know what teaching and discipline methods work best, and understand what you can expect that child to accomplish. This book is written from a Christian perspective and includes chapters on providing Christian education, ministering with the family of a student with a disability, and disability ministry programs.

Available through Standard Publishing, at [www.standardpub.com](http://www.standardpub.com) or (800) 543-1353.

Woodbine House offers numerous resources helpful for use in schools:

- *Children with Autism* (1989), is an authoritative guide on autism for parents covering daily and family life, early intervention, educational programs, legal rights, advocacy, and a look at the years ahead with a chapter on adults with autism.
- *Delicate Threads: Friendships between Children with and without Special Needs in Inclusive Settings* (1998), by Debbie Staub, Ph.D., is the culmination of the Staub’s years of careful observations of friendships between seven pairs of children – each including a child with a moderate to severe disability – who are classmates

in an inclusive elementary school. It is an interesting look at the nature of friendship and how friendships affect the lives of children with and without disabilities, as well as the benefits of inclusion. (No longer available through the publisher's Web site).

- *Differences in Common: Straight Talk on Mental Retardation, Down Syndrome, and Life* (1991), by Marilyn Trainer, is a collection of almost 50 essays that span more than 20 years of a mother's experiences raising a son with Down syndrome. The author covers a wide variety of issues with the warmth and insight that only a mother can give. (No longer available for purchase through the publisher's Web site. However it is available through other online book sales companies.)
- *From the Heart: On Being the Mother of a Child with Special Needs* (1995), includes nine mothers exploring the intense, sometimes painful, emotional terrain of raising children with such special needs as autism, Down syndrome, ADD, and multiple disabilities. They discuss relationships with professionals, family life, work, school issues, and reflect on feelings about themselves and their closest friends and family. (No longer available for purchase through the publisher's Web site. However it is available through other online book sales companies.)
- *The Hidden Child: The Linwood Method for Reaching the Autistic Child* (1987), by Jeanne Simons and Sabine Oishi, Ph.D., offers an in-depth look at the nationally acclaimed Linwood method practiced at the Linwood Children's Center in Ellicott City, Md. The approach described here is based not on a predetermined plan or pace, but in response to the therapists' understanding of the origins and meaning of each child's behaviors. (No longer available for purchase through the publisher's Web site. However it is available through other online book sales companies.)

For more information, contact Woodbine House at [www.woodbinehouse.com](http://www.woodbinehouse.com) or (800) 843-7323.

*Note: This is a wonderful publisher of a wide variety of books on topics related to children with special needs. Check their catalog or Web site for new titles offered frequently.*