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Download the Story of Stuff faith-based educational program

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The Story of Stuff Project has announced the release of *Let There Be...Stuff?* - a six-session curriculum that helps teenagers explore the relationship between their consumption, their faith, and the health of the planet.

To celebrate Earth Day, they offer this resource for free to the first 1,000 houses of worship or faith leaders who sign up to download it.

If you are a minister or lay church leader, youth group or bible study coordinator, you're encouraged to download the curriculum.

Over the past five years, the pace and scope of religious engagement on the environment has accelerated sharply. The Story of Stuff Project experienced this phenomenon first hand when they released *The Story of Stuff* in late 2007. Almost immediately, faith leaders started calling and writing to ask if they had produced companion educational programs for churches or other houses of worship. Then last year, they partnered with GreenFaith, an interfaith coalition for the environment, to meet this need.

The 6-week series for teenagers of faith is designed to help them understand the problems the planet is facing, raise awareness of the changes needed and empower them to develop environmentally sustainable patterns of consumption that honor creation and deepen their spiritual lives. Its chock full of hands-on exercises, thought-provoking questions and great group activities.

You can support the release of this program by downloading it for use in a confirmation class, Bible study or other church youth group; by passing word of this release on so they can improve the program; and

also by contributing to the non-profit Story of Stuff Project. Your contributions will help them provide the guide for free to hundreds of houses of worship around the world.

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