

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MINISTRY RESOURCES



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For Participants in LEA's Early Childhood Network

LEA is excited to share a refresh designed to elevate your member experience and better support your daily ministry. To ensure our digital spaces are as modern, intuitive, and resource-rich as possible, we have rolled out several updates across our platform:

- **Network Name Change:** Professional networks are now called **Ministry Resources**, serving as your streamlined hub for tools and collaborative growth.
- **Refreshed Design:** You will notice an updated look for [LEAconnects](#) and our main [website](#).
- **Blog Renaming:** Our flagship blog, *LEAven*, has officially transitioned to [The LEarning Curve](#), your go-to source for contemporary insights and trends in Lutheran education.

We invite you to explore these new features and see how we are continually growing to better serve you.



This week, LEA is highlighting the book:

Virgil and Owen Stick Together

By Paulette Bogan

Bloomsbury Children's Books

2016

Virgil the penguin and Owen the polar bear are best friends. They like being together at home and at school; however, after a while, they discover that even best friends can be different at times and be on thin ice. They learn to develop patience so they can deal with each other as friends.

Young kids learn by doing, especially preschoolers! They are active, hands-on, and excited about learning. [30 Preschool Math Games and Activities](#) for Young Learners is a collection of preschool math games and activities across many early math areas that tap into that action-oriented enthusiasm and their need to get hands-on. (Bob Krech in *We Are Teachers*)

Preschoolers are natural-born scientists. They can turn anything into an experiment, whether it's mixing

colors, splashing water, or watching bugs crawl. Their natural curiosity is already their first science lesson! Looking for inspiration for some science lessons in your room? Try [20 Easy Preschool Science Education Activities](#). (*The School House*)

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources...

[WOW Video](#)

[Weekly Devotion](#) by Ed Grube

[The LEarning Curve Blog](#)

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