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For Members of LEA's Elementary Educators Network

[A 15-Minute Small Group Routine That Builds Stronger Decoding Skills](#) explains a simple, time-saving structure that targets one phonics pattern at a time until students master it. (Jess Dalrymple in *Edutopia*)

Holiday Ideas for October 2026

October 11th—Clergy Appreciation Day: Pastor Appreciation Month is an annual observance, celebrated every October, that encourages congregations and schools to show gratitude for the hard work and dedicated service of pastors and other clergy members. Need some simple ideas to help show appreciation? *Lifeway Kids* provides some in [Celebrate Pastor's Appreciation Month with Kids](#).



October 31st—Reformation: Reformation Day is a day that reminds us of the beauty of God's truth and the freedom we have to live by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Looking for some different activities to use while teaching your children? See [5 Easy, Low-Prep Ways to Celebrate Reformation Day](#). (*Brighter Day Press*) Please note, this site is not Lutheran, but it has some creative ways to teach about the Reformation.

Our new LEA book review is:

Be Brave Little One

Written and Illustrated by Marianne Richmond
Sourcebooks Jabberwocky
2017

This poetic book encourages children to have courage and try new activities. It affirms that bravery can show up in everyday life and activities. This book can easily serve as a great reminder that God walks with them, no matter where they are or what they are doing.

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