Held: Learning to Live in God's Grip by Lee and Sandra Peoples
A Bible study written for special-needs parents by special-needs parents. It will teach you that you are not alone; even when life feels out of control, it will help you remember He is in control.

Bible Promises for Parents of Children with Special Needs by Amy E. Mason
Offers a guide that speaks directly to the unique journey of special needs parenting, helping you claim God’s promises for your everyday life.

Refresh: Spiritual Nourishment for Parents of Children with Special Needs by Kimberly M. Drew & Jocelyn Green
A devotional that guides parents to spiritual truths that can be applied to the demands they face every day. It offers perspective and hope through the varying stages and phases families experience, from diagnosis to loss and grief.

Family Time and Holiday Resources
These are available for free at the HomePointe Centers or visit harvestumc.org.

Small Groups and Sunday School Classes
The Harvest offers a variety of programs that come alongside parents in their effort to instill faith in children. For more information, visit harvestumc.org.

Harvest Childrens Ministry
From the time your child is brought to The Harvest, staff and volunteers strive to establish a strong faith foundation in children.
Raising a Child with Special Needs

Only those with first-hand experience truly understand the blessing and challenges of raising a child with special needs. Parenting is hard work under the best of circumstances. When you add managing the needs of a child with physical or mental disabilities it can bring a whole new level of physical and emotional stress for parents. It also brings a level of joy others rarely comprehend.

Whether you have just recently received a troubling diagnosis, are moving into a new stage of care, or have just started attending this church, we want to be a source of encouragement and hope as you fulfill your calling to parent a child with special needs. We believe every child is a gift from God made in His image and reflecting His dignity. We also consider those caring for children with special needs worthy of special honor and support.

To become intentional about your unique situation, we encourage you to reflect on your blessing, your call and your challenge.

YOUR BLESSING
A Special Connection
Those nurturing a child with special needs often encounter the heart of God in ways that can only be described as a spiritual mystery. While these children may be unable to participate in certain physical and/or academic pursuits, they can thrive in the most important arena of life – the spirit. Even those who can’t understand the written word of God embody what it means to love and be loved as one totally dependent upon the Giver and Sustainer of life. Those honored to serve these children are given a unique connection with the God whose image they bear – seen in a gazing smile, a shrieking laugh, or an unspoken moment of delight that proclaims to all “the refreshing water of God’s joy is available to us all.”

YOUR CALL
Laying Down Your Life
You have one of the most difficult yet vital callings in the kingdom of God. How can you maintain the ongoing energy and passion needed to parent a child with special needs?