

When Should I Start Reading to My Child?

Short Answer: As soon as you want!

Reading is simply another form of language, so why not? Most parents begin talking to their children from birth, and children begin absorbing understanding through voice tone even before the words make sense.

But, if you begin reading to your young infant, don't do it with the agenda of getting them to polish off the Bible by the time they are one! (This sounds ridiculous, but it's amazing what ideas we eager parents get into our heads!)

Do it to begin the pattern of enjoying time together, cuddled on your lap, listening to your voice and with an open heart.

Gradually, as your child develops, watch for cues that they are ready for more. You will see them begin to point to pictures or bring you particular books to read (usually over and over again!). Then you know they are engaging with not just the feel of reading, but the content of what you are reading. That's when you can begin to really think about using books to fill their hearts and minds with truth.

Bible Storybooks FAQs

#1: What's the difference between a Bible storybook and a full Bible? Which would you recommend to using?

A Bible storybook is a collection of Bible stories, written by an author, while the Bible is...well....the Bible- a translation of the entire Old Testament and New Testament into a particular language by a group of Bible scholars.

#2: What are some things to consider in using a Bible storybook?

The Advantages: A Bible storybook--like a good sermon-- can add descriptions about people and places that were known and assumed by the original writers and readers of the Bible, but that aren't obvious to us. They can use language that may be much more suitable for younger children to understand. They can give spiritual insights that help both child and parent learn important truths about God and how He wants us to live. These are all wonderful things.

The Tricky Parts: But, Bible storybooks have their down sides, too. In an attempt to bring the story to life and "up-to-date", authors may take quite a bit of creative license with language and emotion--adding things which may or may not be true. People who write Bible stories for children have to walk a very thin tightrope between bringing a story to life and not adding to it what isn't there. Authors also may choose to shift the true main point of the story to something more to their liking--often a more simple, moralistic application. You must be on your guard to edit on the spot.

Tips for Choosing a Bible Storybook (as well as other Bible-based books)

#1 Theology: Check for sound theology! The story of Noah is often a good story to look at for this. Is it a story of the animals in the ark, or of the mercy and holiness of God towards sinful people? Praise God there are more and more good Bible storybooks with great theology available! But sometimes these books are so bad that you just can't use them. Other times, there are books with only largely-good theology that are so attractively done, that you may choose to edit as you read them aloud rather than not use them at all.

#2 Pictures: Do they show Jesus' face or not? Christian Focus books and Ella Lindvall do not illustrate Jesus' face, feeling that is breaking the 2nd commandment regarding graven images. Many others disagree. They don't believe it breaks the 2nd commandment to carefully use pictures to help teach young children.

#3 Creative License: Does the storybook add details that bring light to the story, but are in keeping with the original Bible text? How much license does the author take in adding extra details (especially emotional) that are not clearly inferred by the original Bible text? The Jesus Bible Storybook (Sally Lloyd-Jones) is an example of a Bible storybook that takes quite a bit of creative license, both in language and emotion enhancement. The Read-Aloud Stories (Ella Lindvall), The Children's Story Bible (Catherine Vos), The Big Picture Bible (David Helm) and The Beginner's Bible (Zonderkidz) are all examples of ones that do not.

#4 Main Point: Does the author seem to bring his own (often moralistic) main point to the story, or does he stick to the main point of the original text? (A favorite example: Is the feeding of the 5000 about a little boy who shared his lunch or is it about Jesus revealing Himself as the Bread of Life, the Manna from Heaven, come to save God's people?)

#5 Child-Appropriateness: Are the stories the right length and right language for your child?

#6 Story Choice in the Collection: Does the book offer enough stories? A good cross-section of stories from every part of the Bible?

#7 Use: Are you looking for one-off stories or for something more like a Bible overview?

#8 Appropriate Applications: Does it offer any resources to help you and your family apply the Bible truths to your life?

Tips for Choosing a Bible for Your Child

#1 What's Your Goal?

Is your goal to begin to familiarize your child with a Bible version he will use the rest of their life, even if it is above his comprehension level (many times by quite a bit)? Realize that you will probably need to do more picking, choosing and explaining of passages for your child to understand what you are reading, if this is your approach.

OR

Is your goal to start your child in the process of understanding/reading with a Bible closer to his own comprehension level? If so, look for an easier translation, written on (or closer to) their level and “promote” them up gradually to Bibles with higher reading level as you go.

#2 Early Readers: They might be reading, but are they understanding?

There is a difference between what your early reader can read and what they are retaining. The technical words for this are “de-coding” (spelling out/pronouncing words) and “comprehension” (understanding and remembering what the words actually mean). Early readers are often working so hard to spell out or pronounce the words (de-coding) that there is little brain space leftover for comprehending at the same time. Check on how much they are comprehending by asking them a few questions about what they read. If they are remembering very little, chances are it's that they are so busy de-coding. You may want to choose a simpler Bible version or largely stick to reading aloud to them as their reading skills improve.

#3 Take Some Translations for a Test Drive

Try out some different translations on your children and see what works best for them, based on your goals.

Bible Translations (*and some notes about our favorite ones*)

READING LEVEL	TRANSLATION
3rd Grade	New International Reader's Version (NirV)
Good NirV Choices: NirV Adventure Bible for Early Readers Kids' Quest Study Bible	
	This is a full, simplified version of the NIV 1984. It is more accessible to both preschoolers and elementary grade children.
7th Grade	New King James Version (NKJV)
7th-8th Grade	Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)
Good HCSB Choice: HCSB Illustrated Study Bible for Kids	
	The "Southern Baptist" Bible is far more than its nickname implies. While it has updated scholarship, like the ESV, it often scores higher than the ESV in terms of readability for younger children especially. If only they could match the quality of notes in the ESV Study Bible!
7th-8th Grade	New International Version 1984 (NIV 1984)
Good NIV 1984 Choice: NIV Adventure Bible, 1984	
	The version has long been the highly favored translation among evangelicals. It is very readable in both word choice and sentence structure. Most suitable for 5th grade and up. It is, however, being replaced by the NIV 2011, which is headed in a distinctly different direction (read below) NOTE: Soon these will only be available through the used Bible market! Right now you can still get them through www.christainbook.com . Apparently, Zondervan sold the end of their inventory to them. Buy now, if you want a new copy!
7th-8th Grade	New International Version 2011 (NIV 2011)
	The NIV 2011 has replaced the NIV 1984. It is not simply update of scholarship, but a shift towards gender neutral language. This is because of the NIV's commitment to keep up with cultural changes in language. Furthermore, this same commitment means there will be other updates in this version in the future. So, to tie yourself to this Bible version is to tie yourself to further changes-difficult for curriculum writers and those who hope to memorize a Bible version that will remain available for years to come. For this reason, many conservative evangelicals are holding tightly to their old NIV 1984's or shifting to other translations, frequently the ESV or the HCSB.
10th Grade	English Standard Version (ESV)
Good ESV Choice: ESV Seek and Find Bible, ESV Grow Bible	
	Definitely the up-and-coming translation among reformed evangelicals, but test drive it with the ears of a child. Sometimes the language and sentence structure are not easily understandable to younger children. The Study Bible versions do have extremely useful notes and very helpful maps.

11th Grade	New American Standard Bible (NASB)
12th Grade	King James Version (KJV)

Bible Hybrids

A Bible hybrid is a Bible that is a cross between a full translation Bible and a Bible story book. It is like a full translation Bible, because every word in it is from a direct translation of the Bible text. But it is also like a Bible story book, because it only includes selected stories or passages.

#1 The Day by Day Begin-to-Read Bible

A collection of the simplest stories included in the Day by Day Bible, listed below. Lots of pictures.

#2 The Day by Day Bible

This fuller version contains many more passages from every book of the Bible. It is not primarily story-centered, but passage-centered, so it is beginning to feel much/can be used much more like a regular Bible. No pictures.

Other Special Features of The Day by Day Bible

- Chronologically ordered, so that different parts of the Bible that fit together are presented together. So, the Psalms about David are slotted in the stories of his life from 1 Chronicles. The letters of Paul are slotted in with stories from the Book of Acts, etc.
- A checklist for reading through it in 365 days. Nice bite-sized chunks.
- Good bridge for non-readers to confident readers.
- Tons of good lists in the appendix to help you decide what to read to your child, whether with this Bible translation or another version. (lists: Stories by Bible Book; Stories in Chronological Order; 100 Key Teaching Stories; 100 Bedtime Stories; and 100 Stories for Good Family Discussion.)

Should I Do Bible Memory and/or Catechism with My Children?

No one can dispute that young children have an amazing ability to learn and memorize--often the quickest and easiest in their whole lives! Why not harness this skill for the sake of learning Bible truths?

Bible memory verses and catechisms are concise ways of putting a whole library of Bible truth in children's heads. While some people balk at the idea of helping children memorize concepts deeper than they can fully understand, others see the goal not so much as achieving full, immediate understanding in a young child today, but leaving a legacy in his head for the future.

But on the other hand, don't exasperate your child! Yes, they may be little memory sponges, but you can harden their hearts and discourage them with the very truths you want them to love by forcing them to do too much, too soon and in a format that just isn't appropriate or effective for them.

Remember: your point isn't just to check off the list that you taught these truths to your children. It's to try to make them stick in places where they will stay for years. Better to do less but do it well, than to think you've done it all and done it poorly or at the cost of a soft heart.

And one more thing: there is more than one way to skin a rabbit! Bible memory and catechism doesn't always have to take a recitation format. There are many Bible verses and catechism-like questions and answers put to song. There are games you can play to help them learn, too.

If nothing else, check out the resources for Hide 'n' Seek Kids and Deep Down Detectives at www.praisefactory.org. All the Bible verses and catechism-like Big Questions are set to song; and, there are simple movement activities (called Music, Movement and Memory) you can do with them. For elementary-aged kids, all 104 Praise Factory scripture verses are also set to music. And, there is a section of games that can be used as a fun way to memorize any Scripture Verse.

What Books Can and Cannot Do

WHAT BOOKS CAN DO:

#1 Books can help you present truths in an orderly fashion.

#2 Books can be a springboard into important conversations with your children.

#3 Books can help you learn good language to use with your children (or other people's children) on their level as you have those important conversations.

#4 Books can help leave a library of truth in your children that can be used by God their whole life: a kind of time release capsules of wisdom and knowledge.

#5 Books can provide a wonderful time of sharing for you and your child. You can build memories and intimacy as you share thoughts, time, and the warmth of touch with your arm around them.

WHAT BOOKS CAN'T DO

#1 Books can't provide a one-size-fits-all formula for teaching every child. And if the book you read says it can, beware! It can't!

#2 Books can't save your child. No amount of books or information can bring salvation to your child! This is a work of God, by His Holy Spirit, in His perfect timing, according to His perfect will.

#3 Books can't replace the testimony of a godly, faithful life, only enhance it. Books are one thing, but real life is another. How you live is the blank canvas for the truths you teach. Life paints them in vibrant, unforgettable colors. And remember: while God's righteousness and love might be what we would always desire the canvas of our lives to show (and thank God for when it does!), God is just as faithful to use our failings to display Himself. When we do fail and humbly seek His (and others') forgiveness, God is kind to use these times to reflect His mercy and compassion towards sinners--namely us and like our children. Our lives are much more about the business of REDEMPTION, than they are a picture of PERFECTION, as much as we might wish it to be otherwise. And through all of it, the truths about God we tell our children are brought to light.

#4 Books can't replace your common-sense knowledge of your own child. It will take your discernment to know what the right type of book and the right pacing of learning is best for your child. What if your neighbor's child can read already and yours doesn't? Don't push your child to hurry up and read if they aren't ready. Help your child enjoy books as he is able. (FYI: reading is a developmental skill that can fully develop as late as 2nd grade! Be patient!) What if your friend's child has read and memorized the entire book of Leviticus and can recite it backwards in Hebrew...while your child can hardly sit still let alone say their ABC's? Stop comparing! Help your child learn, read and memorize as she is able! The point is making a connection with your child, where they are, not to keep up with the Jones!

Also, just because a book tells you to do something, doesn't mean you should do it...unless it's the Bible, of course! Weigh what you know about your child with what the book is asking them to do or understand. Is he ready for it, or would he be better off with a slower, simpler pace; or, a faster, more complex pace?

#5 Books can't replace the wisdom of parents with children older than yours. It is easy to read a book and latch onto a particular system or ideal, only to find that you and/or your child is frustrated. This is especially true if you are an eager first-time parent. Seek out older, seasoned parents or even teachers who you know! They are invaluable resources! Parents with older children often have wrestled with similar issues and are able to give you good advice about how to use books to teach biblical truths to children and pitfalls to avoid. It can be especially helpful to particularly seek out parents who have a similar type of child as yours. Perhaps you have a wiggly Wade or a studious Susan. Talking to parents with older children of the same type can help you learn more about how to reach and teach your particular type of child, given their strengths and weaknesses.

2020 BOOK FAIR BOOKLIST

BOOKLIST AGE CODES:

- 1 Ages 0-3 (Baby/Toddler/Young Preschooler)
- 2 Ages 3-5 (Older Preschooler)
- 3 Kindergarten – 2nd Grade (Early Elementary)
- 4 3rd Grade – 7th (Older Elementary/Preteen/Middle School)
- 5 Grades 8th – 12th (Teens/High School)

Books within each category are listed using these codes in suitability from youngest to oldest children. Some books are suitable for more than one age range and are listed with more than one age code.

NOTE: We have spent many hours going through these books. **HOWEVER...** that doesn't mean that we didn't miss something. Also, it takes your knowledge of your own children to discern the best, most appropriate books for them. Hope you enjoy these books!

A FEW, OTHER SPECIAL CODES:

★ A book new to the list this year

NC: Non-Christian Book

PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel

Always be on the watch out for needing to add the gospel. We mainly chose Christian books that do NOT presume conversion, but that include the gospel. However, there were a few good books that we included, that were not Christian books, but had really great resources. Or, were Christian books, but did presume conversion and did NOT include the gospel.

WHERE TO FIND THESE BOOKS:

Christianbook.com

wtsbooks.com

Amazon.com

Cumberland Valley Bible and Book Service (excellent prices and variety of books!)

Matthias Media

Good Book Company

Truth 78

Christian Focus Books

TenofThose.com

(A) Apologetics

- 2,3 Inspector Smart and the Case of the Empty Tomb Michael J. Tinker GBC
- 4,5 The Bible Is God's Word—the Evidence Catherine Mackenzie
- 4,5 Case for Christ for Kids Lee Strobel
- 4,5 Case for Creation for Kids Lee Strobel
- 4, 5 Case for Grace for Kids Lee Strobel
- 4,5 Is God Anti-Gay? Sam Alberry
- 4,5 Jesus Rose from the Dead—the Evidence Catherine MacKenzie
- 4,5 Tricky: The hardest questions to ask about Christianity (and some answers)
by Michael Dormandy and Carl Laferton
- 5 A.S.K. Real World Questions / Real Word Answers David Robertson
- 5 What Makes Us Human? Mark Meynell
- 5 Where Was God When that Happened? Christopher Ash
- 5 You Asked William Edgar

(B) Bibles

Note: Ordered from Easiest to Understand/Message Emphasis Translations to More Exact (and More Difficult) Translation

NLT (New Living Translation):

- 2,3 Holy Bible for Little Hearts and Hands (Very small size, but very small print)
- 3,4,5 NLT Teen Slimline (Nice size print)

NirV: (New International Readers Version)

- 1,2,3,4 NirV Beginner's Bible
- 1,2,3,4 NirV, Gift Bible, Leathersoft, Blue by Zondervan
- 2,3 NirV Beginner's Bible Devotional Pack
- 2,3 Giant Print NirV
- 3,4 NirV, Study Bible for Kids, Hardcover

NIV: (New International Version)

- NB 3,4 NIV, Kids' Visual Study Bible, Hardcover, Blue, Full Color Interior: Explore the Story of the Bible-- People, Places, and History Zondervan

HCSB/CSB: (Holman) Christian Standard Bible

- 2,3 Read to Me Bible for Kids
- 2,3,4 HCSB Illustrated Study Bible
- 2,3,4 CSB One Big Story Bible (Gospel Project)
- 2,3,4 NTV La Gran Historia: Biblia Interactiva (The Gospel Project) (Spanish Edition) McPherson

ESV: English Standard Version

- 1,2,3 Big Picture Bible David Helm
- 3,4,5 Family Devotional Bible
- 3,4,5 Holy Bible for Kids
- 4,5 Follow Jesus Study Bible

(BH) Bible Hybrids

(Portions of Actual Bible Translations, But Not Every Word)

- 1,2,3 Day by Day Early Readers Bible Karyn Henley
- 1,2,3 Read with Me Bible NIV Bible Storybook Zonderkids
- 1,2,3,4 God's Good News NLT (with short devotional remarks by Billy Graham)
- 1,2,3,4 Las Buenas Nuevas de Dios (NLT) (with short devotional remarks by Billy Graham)
- 3,4 Day by Day Bible Karyn Henley
- 4,5 The Third Day Alex Webb-Peploe (Easter Story from the Gospel of Luke)

(BIS) Bible Stories and Storybooks

Compilations of Bible Stories

- 1,2 The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers Ella Lindvall
- 1,2 The Candle Bible for Toddlers Juliet David
- 1,2 A Child's First Bible Kenneth Taylor
- 1,2 A Child's First Bible **in Spanish** Kenneth Taylor
- 1,2 Little Words Matter Bible Storybook
- 1,2 Little Words Matter Bible Storybook in Spanish: Libro de Historias Biblicas
- 1,2 The Toddler's Bible Beers, V. Gilbert
- 1,2 La Biblia de los pequeñitos / The Toddler's Bible (bilingüe / bilingual) (Spanish and English Edition) Beers, V. Gilbert
- 1,2,3 The Beginner's Bible Zonderkids Karyn Henley
- 1,2,3 La Biblia para principiantes: Historias bíblicas para niños (The Beginner's Bible) (Spanish Edition) by Zondervan Karyn Henley
- 1,2,3 Beginner's Gospel Story Bible Kennedy, Jared
- 1,2,3 The Big Picture Story Bible David Helm
- 1,2,3 It's All About Jesus Storybook: 100 Bible Stories (Gospel Project)
- 1,2,3 Little Hands Story Bible Carine MacKenzie
- 1,2,3 One Big Story Bible Stories in 5 Minutes (Gospel Project)
- 1,2,3 La Gran Historia, Relatos Bíblicos en 5 minutos, tapa dura (The Gospel Project) (Spanish Edition)
- 1,2,3 **Read Aloud Bible Stories** Ella K. Lindvall
- Volume 1
 - Volume 2
 - Volume 3
 - Volume 4
 - Volume 5
- 2,3 Completa Ilustrada para Niños (The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible)

- 2,3 The Christian Focus Story Bible Carine MacKenzie
- 2,3 Libro de Historias de La Biblia App Para Ninos: The Bible App for Kids Storybook Bible, Spanish Edition YouVersion & OneHope
- 2,3 Mi Biblia de Buenas Noches (My Good Night Bible) Lingo , Susan
- 2,3,4 365 Bible Stories Mary Batchelor
- 2,3,4 One Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook B & H (Gospel Project)
- 2,3,4 The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments Machowski , Marty
- 2,3,4 The Picture Interactive Bible Storybook: Connecting Christ throughout God's Story (Gospel Project)
- 2,3,4 La Gran Historia: Libro de Historias Bíblicas Interactivas (The Big Picture Interactive Storybook)
- 2,3,4 The Promises of God Storybook Bible: The Story of God's Unstoppable Love Lyell, Jennifer
- 2,3,4 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories in Spanish Partner, Daniel
- 2,3,4 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories in English Partner, Daniel
- 3,4 365 Great Bible Stories Carine MacKenzie
- 3,4 The Action Bible Storybook Cariello, Sergio
- 3,4 The Child's Story Bible Catherine Vos
- 3,4 The New Children's Bible Anne de Vries
- 4,5 The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story [Picture Bible] Cariello, Sergio

Individual Bible Stories

NB 1,2 Tim Thornborough “Very” Series

- Daniel and the Very Hungry Lions
- David and the Very Big Giant
- Jonah and the Very Big Fish
- Noah and the Very Boat
- A Very Noisy Christmas

1,2,3 Stories from Jesus Series: Catherine MacKenzie

- The Good Shepherd: Luke 15: God Rejoices
- The Good Traveller
- The Wise and Foolish Servants
- The Wise and Foolish Builders
- The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids
- The Noisy Neighbor
- The Wonderful Wedding
- The Precious Pearl
- The Busy Boys
- The Busy Housewife
- The Busy Farmer

Tales that Tell the Truth Series

- 1,2,3 The Friend Who Forgives: A True Story about How Peter Failed and Jesus Forgave Dan DeWitt
- 1,2,3 The One O’Clock Miracle Alison Mitchell
- 2,3 The One O’Clock Miracle Coloring Book Alison Mitchell
- 1,2,3 Jesus and the Lions’ Den: A True Story about How Daniel Points Us to Jesus (Tales That Tell the Truth) Alison Mitchell
- 1,2,3 The Storm that Stopped Alison Mitchell
- 2,3 The Storm that Stopped Coloring Book Alison Mitchell

1,2,3 Bible Story Series from Concordia

- Daniel y Laman Misteriosa Larry Burgdorf
- Jesus Calma la Tormenta Jean Thor Cook
- El Hijo Prodigio Lockhart Kearns
- Jonas y el Gran Pez Sarah Fletcher
- Rut Y Noemi Karen Nordberg Sanders

- Jesus Resucita a Una Nina Joanne Bader
- Jesus Sana al Ciego Bartimeo Diane Grebing
- El Hombre Puente, El Hombre Insensato Larry Burgdorf
- La Parábola de la Oveja Perdida Clare Miller
- Doce Hombres Comines Kelly Skipworth
- Jesus Esta Vivo Jeffrey Burkart
- Jesus Camina Sobre el Agua Nancy Saners
- Jesus Sana a Un Paralitico Jeffrey Burkart
- David y Goliath Joan E. Curren
- La Gran Pesca Lisa Konzen
- El Nino Moises Cecilia Farnandez
- La Conquista de Jerico Joan E. Curren
- Moises Cruza el Mar Rojo Joan Curren
- Jose Perdon a Sus Hermanos Robert Baden

1,2,(3) Little Me, Big God Series

- The Best thing to Do Steph Williams
- Never Too Little Steph Williams
- The Man Who Would Not Be Quiet Steph Williams

1,2,3 Two Fat Camels Douglas Sean O'Donnell

1,2,3 Veo, veo: David y Goliath (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll

1,2,3 Veo, veo: El arca de Noe (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll

1,2,3 Veo, veo: Jonas y el gran pez (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll

1,2,3 Veo, veo: Pascua (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll

2,3 Bible Alive Series (dozens of different, individual Bible stories, I simply chose the David ones as examples)

- David the Fugitive: True Friendship Carine Mackenzie
- David the King: True Repentance Carine Mackenzie
- David the Shepherd: A Man of Courage Carine Mackenzie
- David the Soldier: A Man of Patience Carine Mackenzie

2,3 Bible Time Series (dozens of different, individual Bible stories, I simply chose the John the Baptist one as an example)

- John the Baptist
- Nehemiah: Builder for God
- Ruth: The Harvest Girl
- Jonah: The Runaway Preacher
- Gideon: Soldier of God 4.50 (1)
- Rebekah: The Mother of Twins
- And many more

2,3 I Can Read: Adventure Bible Stories

- The Adventure Bible: Ruth and Naomi, I Can Read! Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: The Good Samaritan, I Can Read! Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Miracles of Jesus Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Brave Queen Esther Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Facing the Fiery Furnace Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Joseph the Dreamer Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Paul Meets Jesus Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: David and God's Giant Victory Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Miracles of Jesus Miles, David
- The Adventure Bible: Moses, I Can Read! David Miles
- The Adventure Bible: Moses Leads the People David Miles
- The Adventure Bible: Moses, God's Brave Servant David Miles
- The Adventure Bible: Jonah, God's Messenger David Miles

2,3 Bible Wise Series: by Carine MacKenzie

- Paul: Journeys of Adventure
- Job: The Patient Friend
- Daniel: The Praying Prince
- Samson: The Strong man's Strength
- Sarah and Abraham: The Wonderful Promise
- Hezekiah: The King's Choices
- Jeremiah: A Man with a Message
- Barnabas: The Encourager
- Miriam: The Big Sister's Secret

2,3 The Christmas Story Carine MacKenzie

NB 2,3 Dog's Dinner (The): A Story of Great Mercy and Great Faith from Mt 14-15 Douglas O'Donnell

2,3 The Easter Story Carine MacKenzie

2,3,4 **Hall of Fame Series: Catherine MacKenzie**

- Hall of Fame: Old Testament
- Hall of Fame: New Testament

2,3,4 Vida De Jesus Para Ninos (Life of Jesus for Children)

2,3,4 When God Says It—He Does It Carine MacKenzie

3,4 Tales of Truth Series Graeme Hewitson and Margaret C Charles

- The Story of Christmas
- The Story of Easter

3,4 Joshua's Desert Diary Woodman, Ros

3,4 Postcards From Paul Scrimshire, Hazel

(BST) Bible Studies, Bible Memory, Reference Resources, and Activity Books

Bible Studies

1,2,3 Alby's Amazing Book Echeverri Catalina

1,2,3 Beginning with God

3,4 Mark's Marvelous Book: Learning about Jesus Through the Gospel Mann, Alan

3,4 Meet Jesus in Mark: His Gospel in 25 Readings Matthew Sleeman

3,4 Follow Jesus with Peter: His Letter in 25 Readings Matthew Sleeman

3,4 That's Not What the Bible Says Bill Ross

NB 3,4 WonderFull: Ancient Psalms Ever New Marty Machowski

3,4,5 **David Murry Resources:**

- Exploring the Bible: A Bible Reading Plan for Kids
- NB Exploring the Bible Together: A 52-Week Family Worship Plan
- NB Meeting with Jesus: A Bible Reading Plan for Kids

4,5 Engage (various volumes) Good Book Company

4,5 Fearless: Standing Firm when the Going Gets Tough Jonty Allcock

4,5 Hero: When an Ordinary Person Meets an Extraordinary God Jonty Allcock

4,5 How the Bible Can Change Your Life Josh Moody

4,5 My Bible Journal Mary J. Davis

4,5 Transformed by Truth: Why and How to Study the Bible for Yourself As a Teen Katherine Forster

4,5 The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses Bruno, Chris

4,5 40 Days with Paul: A Journey that could Change your World Smart, Dominic

4,5 40 Days with Jesus: A Journey through Mark's Gospel Smart, Dominic

- 4,5 40 Days with David: From Shepherd Boy to King of Israel Smart, Dominic
- 5 If God Is for Us: the Everlasting Truths of Our Great Salvation Trillia Newbell
- 5 Philippians Hope A. Blanton, Christina B. Gordon

Bible Memory (also see Music)

- 1,2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Songs
- 2,3,4 The Big Picture Bible Verses
- 2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Sets (also in Spanish) Truth78
- 2,3,4 Fighter Verse Coloring Books
- 2,3,4 My 1st Book of Memory Verses Carine MacKenzie

Reference Resources

- 2,3,4,5 (used by adult with these kids) Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids
Jack Klumpenhouwer
- 3,4 The Bible Explorers Guide Zonderkids
- 3,4 Bible History ABCs: God's Story from A to Z Nichols, Stephen J
- NB 3,4 Fascinating Bible Facts Volumes 1 and 2: 103 Devotions Irene Howat
- 3,4 Kings and Pharaohs and Bandits: The World of Abraham Day One Publications
- 3,4,5 66 Books in One: A Guide to Every Book of the Bible Paul Reynolds
- 3,4,5 Action Bible Handbook
- 3,4,5 The Bible Explorer Carine MacKenzie
- 3,4,5 Bible Infographics for Kids: Giants, Ninja Skills, a Talking Donkey, and What's the Deal with the
Tabernacle Harvest House Publishers
- 3,4,5 Bible Infographics for Kids Volume 2: Light and Dark, Heroes and Villains, and Mind-Blowing
Bible Facts by Harvest House Publishers
- 3,4,5 (used by adult with these kids) The Bible Story Handbook Walton, John H.; Walton, Kim E.

4,5 Acts: A Visual Guide Kevin DeYoung and Chris Ranson

Activity Books

1,2,3 Bible Names: Presenting Gospel Truths to Little Children Using Bible Names and Their Meanings

1,2,3 Colour the Bible Book 4: Matthew - Mark (Colour the Bible) MacKenzie, Carine

NB 2,3 Bible Colour and Learn Series (Day One Publications)

- Life of Peter
- Parables of Jesus
- Jacob
- New Testament
- Nehemiah
- Apostles
- And many more

NB 2,3 Dot to Dot Coloring Book and Stickers Kregel Publications

3 The Wise King: A puzzle book about Solomon Woodman, Ros

3,4 Bible Detectives: Fun Bible Studies Using Puzzles and Stories: 1 Samuel Ross, Marianne

(BB) Board Books

All About God's Animals Series: Janyre Tromp

- All about God's Animals: Colors
- All About God's Animals: Around the Water

Baby Believer Books:

- Bible Basics by Danielle Hitchen
- From Eden to Bethlehem: An Animals Primer (Baby Believer®) by Danielle Hitchen
- Let There Be Light: An Opposites Primer (Baby Believer®) by Danielle Hitchen
- Psalms of Praise Danielle Hitchen and Jessica Blanchard

Banner of Truth Series:

- The Man Who Preached Outside
- The Woman Who Helped a Reformer
- The Woman Who Loved to Give Books
- The Doctor Who Became a Preacher

NB Born to Be King Series Catherine MacKenzie

- Wise Men Help Jesus
- Anna and Simeon See Jesus

Debbie Anderson:

- Jesus Is Alive
- Jesus Is Born
- NB God Knows My Name
- Jesus Loves Me
- NB Kindness Counts

Gospel Project Books

- The Big Book of Bible Stories for Toddlers
- Bible Stories for Toddlers from the Old Testament
- Bible Stories for Toddlers from the New Testament
- La Gran Historia: Relatos Biblicos Int... del Antiguo Testamento (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories... Old Testament Gospel Project)

- La Gran Historia: Relatos Biblicos Int... Nuevo Testamento (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories... New Testament, Gospel Project)

Famous Bible Stories (Christian Focus):

- Adam & Eve
- Joseph's Coat
- Baby Moses
- Noah's Ark
- Samuel's Surprise
- Jonah and the Big Fish
- Ruth's Journey

Fit Together Shapes Books from Tommy Nelson:

- Count My Blessings: A 1,2,3 Boardbook
- Noah's Very Noisy Zoo

Stories Jesus Told Series (Christian Focus) by Carine MacKenzie

- The Selfish Servant
- The Missing Sheep
- The Lost Coin
- The Proud Prayer
- The Runaway Son
- The Foolish Farmer

God Gave Me Series (Christian Focus):

- God Gave Me Hearing Catherine MacKenzie
- God Gave Me Sight Catherine MacKenzie
- God Gave Me Smell Catherine MacKenzie
- God Gave Me Taste Catherine MacKenzie
- God Gave Me Touch Catherine MacKenzie

God's Little Ones Series by Tommy Nelson:

- My First Words Bible Boardbook
- My First Words Bible Boardbook in Spanish

God Made Board Books (Christian Focus):

- God Made Animals Una Macleod
- God Made Colors Una Macleod
- God Made Food Catherine MacKenzie
- God Made Me Una Macleod

- God Made Time Catherine MacKenzie
- God Made Weather Catherine MacKenzie
- God Made the World Una Macleod

NB Jared Kennedy Board Books

- Jesus Came for Me: The True Story of Christmas
- Jesus Rose for Me: The True Story of Easter

I Can Say to God Series: Catherine MacKenzie

- I Can Say: I Love You
- I Can Say: Sorry
- I Can Say: Thank You
- I Can Say: Please

Learn About God Board Books (Carine MacKenzie)

- God Has Power
- God Is Faithful
- God Is Kind
- God Knows Everything
- God Never Changes
- God Is Everywhere

Little Words Matter Series (B & H):

- 100+ Little Bible Words Board Book (also in Spanish)
- Thank You, God, from A to Z
- Little Words Matter Bible Storybook
- Libro de Historias Biblicas
- 1, 2, 3 God Made Me
- **NB** Christmas
- **NB** All the Colors that I See
- And more (including in Spanish)

Jesus Series by Catherine MacKenzie

- Jesus: the Best Story
- Jesus: The Best Baby (in Christmas, too)
- Jesus: The Best Love
- Jesus: the Best Friend

All Creatures Great and Small Illustrated by Naoko Stoop Lucy Richards

All God's Creatures Lift a Flap Book Wing, Scarlett

God Made the Ocean Sarah Collins, Jean

Good Night, God: Chunky Lift a Flap Board Book Wing, Scarlett

The 7 Days of Creation (God Counts Series) MacDonald, Mindy

I Am: The Names of God Diane Stortz

I Prayed for You Jean Fisher

NB Inside Noah's Ark 4 Kids Becki Dudley

NB Jesus Saves Sarah Reju (Coming in 2021)

Lift the Flap Bible Stories for Young Children Andrew J. DeYoung

The Man on the Mat Scrimshire, Helen

NB Mary, the Best Girl Catherine MacKenzie

Mi Primera Biblia (The Toddler Bible) Bethan James, Yorgos Sgouros

Safe at Sea Scrimshire, Helen

Sent to Save Series Catherine MacKenzie

- Jesus Saves His People
- Jesus Rescues His People
- Jesus Finds His People
- Jesus Helps His People

The Special Baby Christian Focus

(CD) Catechisms, Worship, Prayer, Family and Personal Devotions

Catechisms

- 2,3,4,5 Westminster Shorter Catechism Full Set Music
- 2,3,4 The Big Book of Questions and Answers Sinclair Ferguson
- 2,3,4 My 1st Books and More (My 1st Book) Carine MacKenzie; Ross, Philip
- 2,3,4 My 1st Book of Questions and Answers Carine MacKenzie
- 2,3,4 The New City Catechism for Kids: Children's Edition
- 2,3,4,5 The New City Catechism: 52 Questions & Answers for Our Hearts & Minds (use with Children's Edition) (also see app to download the questions as well as great music)
- 4,5 The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

Hymnals/Songbooks

- 1,2,3,4 25 Hymns Every Child Should Know: 25 Hymns Sung by Kids with More Than 100 Pages of Printable Sheet Music Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2,3,4 Christmas Carols for Kids a Sing a long book Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2,3,4,5 Hosanna Loud Hosannas Student Hymnal
- 1,2,3,4,5 Hosanna Loud Hosannas Student Hymnal Piano Accompaniment

Worship Service Resources

- 1,2,3 What Is the Church? Mandy Groce
- 1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Family Worship in the Bible, in History and in Your Home Donald S. Whitney
- 1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Parenting in the Pew Robbie Castleman
- NB** 2,3 God Made Me for Worship: Helping Children Understand Church Jared Kennedy
- 2,3,4 Words about God: To Help You Worship Him Nicholas Choy

- 3,4 My Church Notebook: Come Into His Presence Truth78 (two volumes of these)
- 3,4 My 1st Book about the Church Carine MacKenzie

Prayer

1,2 I Can Say to God Series: Catherine MacKenzie (Board Books)

- 1,2 I Can Say: I Love You
- 1,2 I Can Say: Sorry
- 1,2 I Can Say: Thank You
- 1,2 I Can Say: Please

1,2 Books for Little Ones Series: (Matthias Media)

- Please God
- Sorry God

1,2 I Prayed for You Jean Fisher (Board Book)

2,3,4 What Every Child Should Know About Prayer Nancy Guthrie

3,4 40 Days Series: (Missions/Praying) Trudy Parkes

- 40 Days, 40 Bites
- 40 Days, 40 More Bites

3,4 My Kid's Prayer Journal 100 Days of Prayer and Praise Lettering Design Company

3,4,5 Windows on the World (Old Version) Jill Johnstone, Daphne Sprackett (Missions/ Praying)

3,4,5 Windows on the World (New Version) Molly Wall (ed.); Jason Mandryk (ed.) (Missions/ Praying)

Family Devotions

1,2,3 Gospel Story for Kids—Old Testament Coloring Book (companion resource to Long Story Short)

1,2,3 Gospel Story for Kids—New Testament Coloring Book (companion resource to Old Story New)

1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home Helopoulos, Jason

1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Bible Reading With Your Kids: A Simple Guide for Every Father Jon Nielson

1,2,3,4,5 (used by adult to help with these ages) Family Worship Whitney, Donald S.

- 2,3,4 The Big Picture Family Devotional David R. Helm
- 2,3,4 Long Story Short 10-Minute Family Devotions (Old Testament) Marty Machiowski
- 2,3,4 Old Story New 10-Minute Family Devotions (New Testament) Marty Machiowski

Glorious God, Glorious Gospel Series Truth 78

- 2,3,4,5 Family Devotional Book
- 3,4 Student Notebook
- 2,3 Coloring Book

- 3,4 Indescribable 100 Devotions about God & Science Louie Giglio
- 3,4 Psalms for my Day: A Child's Praise Devotional MacKenzie, Catherine, Motyer, Alec

3,4 Big Bible Answers Series: by Helms, Selah & Kayler, Susan

- The Bottomless Dinner Basket: The Truth about Prayer, God's Good Gifts and Eternity
- The Greatest Day Ever: The truth about the Gospel and the Ten Commandments
- The Starry Messenger: The Truth about God, The Fall and the Atonement

3,4 Series from Truth 78 by Sally Michaels

- God's Design
- God's Battle
- God's Providence
- God's Promises
- God's Wisdom
- God's Word
- God's Names
- God's Gospel

- 3,4,5 Exploring Grace Together: 40 Devotions for Families Elyse Fitzpatrick, Jessica Thompson
- 3,4,5 Listen Up: 10-Minute Family Devotions on the Parables, Family Devotional Marty Machowski

NB 3,4,5 Spurgeon Stories for Children (Volumes 1-5)

- 3,4,5 Wise Up: Ten-Minute Family Devotions in Proverbs Marty Machiowski
- 3,4,5 The Wonder of His Name: 32 Life-Changing Names of Jesus by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

3,4,5 Lord, Teach Us to Pray Truth 78

3,4,5 The Righteous Shall Live by Faith Family Devotional Truth 78

PC/AG 4,5 One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussion Starters Nancy Guthrie

Personal Devotions/Christian Living

(Sometimes presumes knowledge of gospel and/conversion)

1,2,3 Beginning with God Series (Good Book Company) Boddam Whetham & Alison Mitchell

2,3 Berenstain Bears Series:

- Faith Gets Us Through
- Give Thanks
- Go to Sunday School
- Say Their Prayers
- Faithful Friends
- And the Forgiving Tree
- And a Job Well Done
- Kindness Counts
- Gives Thanks
- And the Golden Rule
- And the Joy of Giving
- The Very First Christmas
- 5 Minute Inspirational Stories: Read-Along Classics
- And the Easter story

NB 2,3 Wise Words to Follow: Words of wisdom from the book of Proverbs Carine MacKenzie

NB 2,3 Wise Words to Obey: Words of wisdom from the book of Proverbs Carine MacKenzie

NB 2,3 Wise Words to Trust: Words of wisdom from the book of Proverbs Carine MacKenzie

PC/AG 2,3,4 **God, I Need to Talk to You Series: (these are also in Spanish)**

- About Being a Bad Sport (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Ser un Mal)
- About Whining (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Quejarme)
- About Lying (also in Spanish)
- About Vandalism (also in Spanish)

- About Video Games (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Videojuegos)
- About Healthy Eating (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Comer Sano)
- About Bedtime (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ir a Dormir)
- About Homework (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Tarea Escolar)
- About My Parents (also in Spanish)
- About School (also in Spanish)
- About Cheating (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Hacer Trampa)
- About Stealing (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Robar)
- About Bad Manners (also in Spanish: n Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Malos Modales)
- About Greed (also in Spanish)
- About Feeling Sad (also in Spanish)
- About Bad Words (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de las Malas Palabras)
- About Laziness (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Pereza)
- About Hurting Others (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Lastimar a Otros)
- About Sharing (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Compartir)
- About Paying Attention (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Prestar Atención)
- About Disrespect (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ser Irrespetuoso)
- About My Bad Temper (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Mi Mal Carácter)
- About Bullying (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Intimidar)
- About Talking Back (also in Spanish)

PC/AG 2,3,4 Girls Just Like You: Bible Women Who Trusted God (Daily Readings) Jean Stapleton

PC/AG 2,3,4 My ABC Bible Verses from the Psalms Susan Hunt and Richie Hunt

3,4 God's Word Series Laura Martin

- God's Word and Your Life: What the Bible says about social media, money and other exciting stuff
- God's Word and You: What the Bible Says about Family, Friends and other Important Stuff
- God's Word and Your World: What the Bible says about Creation, Languages, Missions and other amazing stuff!
- God's Word and Jesus: What the Bible Teaches about The Gospel, Evangelism, Prayer and other essential stuff

3,4 Hope for Each Day: 365 Devotions for Kids Billy Graham

PC/AG 3,4 How to Be a Bible Beauty Catherine MacKenzie

3,4 How to Handle Your Life Carine MacKenzie

PC/AG 3,4 How to Have a Bible Make-over 4.49 Catherine MacKenzie

3,4,5 101 Devotions for Girls: From the Lives of Great Christians (Daily Readings) Rebecca Davis

3,4,5 101 Devotions for Guys: From the Lives of Great Christians (Daily Readings) Rebecca Davis

3,4,5 Daily Light on the Daily Path (NIV)

3,4,5 My Kid's Prayer Journal 100 Days of Prayer and Praise Lettering Design Company

4,5 Disciplines of a Godly Young Man R. Kent Hughes and W. Carey Hughes

4,5 Between Us Girls Trish Donohue (go through it with mother/mentor)

4,5 Engage (various volumes) Good Book Company

4,5 Girl Talk Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre (go through it with mother/mentor)

4,5 Growing in Godliness: A Teen Girl's Guide to Maturing in Christ Carlson, Lindsey

4,5 Hanging in There John Dickson

4,5 How the Bible Can Change Your Life Josh Moody

4,5 How to Be Your Own Selfish Pig Susan MacAulay

4,5 Input-output: Getting to the Heart of Personal Prayer and Bible Study Jo Boddam-Whetham

PC/AG 4,5 Love Is Loving Others God's Way Laura Martin

4,5 My Bible Journal Mary J. Davis

4,5 This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years Jaquelle Crowe

4,5 Transformed by Truth: Why and How to Study the Bible for Yourself As a Teen Katherine Forster

PC/AG 4,5 True Sarah Bradley

4,5 What Do You Think of Me and Why Do I Care? Answers to the Big Questions of Life Ed Welch

5 Craving Grace Ruthie Delk

5 Even Better than Eden: 9 Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything about Your Story Nancy Guthrie

PC/AG 5 Keeping Your Cool (Teen's Dealing with Their Anger Biblically) Lou Priolo

PC/AG 5 Lies Young Women Believe Nancy Wolgemuth

5 New Morning Mercies Paul David Tripp

PC/AG 5 Sipping Saltwater Steve Hoppe

5 A Spectacle of Glory: God's Light Shining through Me Every Day

5 A Thankful Heart in a World of Hurt (also in Spanish) Joni Eareackson Tada

5 True Beauty Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre

5 True Feelings: God's Glorious and Gracious Purpose for Our Emotions Mahaney and Whitacre

(C) Christmas

- NB** 1,2 Christmas (Little Words Matter Series, Board Book) B & H Kids
- 1,2 The Christmas Baby (Board Books) by Marion Dane Bauer
- 1,2 Christmas in the Manger (Board Book) by Nola Buck
- NB** 1,2 Jesus Came for Me (Board Book) Jared Kennedy
- 1,2 Jesus Is Born (Board Book) Debbie Anderson
- 1,2 Jesus: the Best Baby (Board Book) Catherine Mackenzie
- NB** 1,2 One Night in Bethlehem (Board Book) Jill Roman Lord
- NB** 1,2 Ready, Set, Find Christmas (Board Book) Zondervan
- 1,2 The Special Baby (Board Book) Hazel Scrimshire
- NB** 1,2 Wise Men Help Jesus Catherine MacKenzie (Board Book)
- 1,2,3 A Special Baby (Board Book) Carine Mackenzie
- 1,2,3 Beginning with God at Christmas Good Book Company
- 1,2,3 I Spy at Christmas: Jesus is More Important than Crackers and Tinsel by Catherine Mackenzie
- 1,2,3 Jesus Christ the Best King of All Catherine MacKenzie
- 1,2,3 Just Nicholas Annie Kratzach; Tessa Janes
- 1,2,3 Kids Read Truth/She Reads Truth Advent Conversation Cards
- 1,2,3 La Historia de Navidad de Maria Laura Monzonde Abbattista
- 1, 2,3 Little Hearts Prepare Him Room by Holly Mackle (Advent Meditations)
- 1,2,3 The Littlest Watchman Advent Calendar and Book Good Book Company
- 1,2,3 Nativity Sticker Activity Book Marty Noble
- 1,2,3 Tell Me About Christmas Coloring and Activity Book
- 1,2,3 Veo, Veo: Navidad (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 1,2,3 The Very First Christmas Catherine Mackenzie
- 1,2,3 Christmas Carols for Kids: A Sing-Along Book Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson (Includes CD)
- 1,2,3 Songs Kids Really Love to Sing: Christmas CD

1,2,3,4 My Christmas Activity Book: 25 Days to Celebrate Jesus' Birth Catherine Mackenzie

1,2,3,4 Prepare Him Room Advent Devotionals Marty Machowski

1,2,3,4 When Santa Learned the Gospel Simon Camilleri

1,2,3,4,5 Kurt Adler J3767 Wooden Nativity Advent Calendar with 24 Magnetic Piece

2,3 The Berenstain Bears: The Very First Christmas

2,3 The Christmas Promise Alison Mitchell

NB 2,3 The Christmas Promise (Board Book) Alison Mitchell

2,3 The Christmas Promise Coloring Book Alison Mitchell

2,3 The Christmas Story Carine MacKenzie

2,3 Jesse Tree Ornaments: Advent Coloring Activities and Craft Projects for Kids with Bible Stories for the Jesse Tree Symbols Kathryn Marcellino

2,3 Jesus Is Most Special Sally Michael

2,3,4 Bake through the Bible at Christmas [Susie Bentley-Taylor](#) & [Bekah Moore](#)

NB 2,3,4,5 Advent Jesse Tree Devotional Flexible Magnet Set with Explanation Story Card

3,4 Tales of Truth Series Graeme Hewitson and Margaret C Charles

- The Story of Christmas

3,4,5 Come Let Us Adore Him A Daily Advent Devotional Paul David Tripp

3,4,5 Christmas Carols for a Kid's Heart (Includes CD) Bobbie Wolgemuth, Joni Eareckson Tada

Yes, BUT.....3,4 (5) Family Story for Advent Series Arnold Ytreeide

Definitely more of a PG level of excitement. Use with elementary/middle school age children. They are very good at helping the children see the birth of Jesus through different eyes. (But some of the devotion reflections at the end of each chapter need to be edited or skipped.... but the stories are so good, even without the devotionals.) Ask Devers or Schmuckers if you want to know more.

- Jotham's Journey
- Tabitha's Travels

4,5 The Christmas Thingamabob Mark Dever

5 The One True Story Tim Chester

5 Rescuing Christmas Carl Laferton

(CHM) Church History and Missions

Activity Books

2,3,4, Colorful Past William Boekestein (CVBBS)

2,3,4 Everyone a Child Should Know Clare Heath-Whyte

Biographies

2,3 Lily: The Girl Who Could See Sally Oxley

2,3 Little Lights Series: Catherine MacKenzie

- Eric Liddell: Are You Ready?
- Mary Slessor
- Lottie Moon: What Do You Need?
- Helen Roseveare: What's in the Parcel?
- Hudson Taylor: Can Somebody Pass the Salt?
- George Muller: Does Money Grow on Trees?
- C.S. Lewis: Can You Imagine?
- Corrie ten Boom: Are All of the Watches Safe?
- Little Lights Set 1 (set of 5)
- Little Lights Set 2 (set of 5)

3,4 Books Ablaze and other Historical Stories You've Got to Hear Irene Howat

3,4 The Church History ABCs: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith Stephen J. Nichols

3,4 Footsteps of the Past Series (Day One Publications)

- **NB** C S Lewis
- William Wilberforce
- John Bunyan
- William Tyndale
- William Carey

3,4 Missionary Stories on Safari Lorna Eglin

3,4 Prayers that Changed History Tricia Goyer

3,4 Reformation ABCs: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith Stephen J. Nichols

3,4 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus: A Story and a Song Miriam Huffman Rockness

3,4 War Child Memories of a World War II Childhood by Maurine Murchison

3,4 Building on the Rock Series: Joel R. Beeke and Diana Kleyn

- How God Used a Snowdrift and other Devotional Stories
- And many others in this series

3,4 Christian Biographies for Young Readers Series: Simonetta Carr

- Augustine of Hippo
- Athanasius
- Marie Durand
- **NB** John Bunyan
- And others

3,4 Light Keepers Series Irene Howat

- Light Keepers for Boys: 5 Volume Box Set
- Light Keepers for Girls: 5 Volume Box Set
- Ten Girls Who Made a Difference
- Ten Girls Who Made History
- Ten Boys Who Made History
- Ten Boys Who Made a Difference
- Ten Boys Who Changed the World
- Ten Girls Who Didn't Give in

3,4 RiskTakers Series

- Adventure and Faith, Book 1 Linda Finlayson
- Facing Lions J.R. Williamson; R. M. Freedman
- Fearless and Faithful Linda Finlayson
- Danger and Dedication Linda Finlayson

3,4 Tales of Truth Series Graeme Hewitson and Margaret C Charles

- Jim Elliott
- David Livingstone
- John Newton
- Corrie Ten Book

3,4 Torchbearers Series:

- Danger on the Hill: Margaret Wilson Martyr for Christ Catherine MacKenzie
- Jim Elliot: He is No Fool Catherine MacKenzie
- Nate Saint: Operation Auca Catherine MacKenzie
- Titanic: The Ship of Dreams: John Harper of the Titanic Catherine MacKenzie
- **NB** James Chalmers The Rainmaker's Friend

3,4,5 God's Timeline: The Big Book of Church History Linda Finlayson

3,4,5 Hidden Heroes Series (Christian Focus) Rebecca Davis

- Lights in a Dark Place: True Stories of God at Work in Colombia
- With Two Hands: Stories of God at Work in Ethiopia
- The Good News Must Go Out:
- Living Water in the Desert:
- Return of the White Book:
- Witness Men: True Stories of God at Work in Papua, Indonesia

3,4,5 Trailblazer Series: Various Authors Christian Focus (Over 40 Titles)

- George Muller: Children's Champion
- Isobel Kuhn: Lights in Lisuland
- Hudson Taylor: An Adventure Begins
- Helen Roseveare: On His Majesty's Service
- Adoniram Judson: Danger on the Streets of Gold
- Eric Liddell: Finish the Race
- Gladys Aylward: No Mountain Too High
- Paul Brand: The Shoes that Love made
- Richard Wurmbrand: A Voice in the Dark
- John Newton: A Slave Set Free
- Isobel Kuhn: Lights in Lisuland
- John G. Paton: South Sea Island Rescue
- Amy Carmichael: Rescuer By Night
- Mary Slessor: Servant to the Slave Billy Bray: Saved from the Deepest Pit
- Lottie Moon: Changing China for Christ
- Wilfred Grenfell: Courageous Doctor
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Spoke in the Wheel
- William Tyndale: The Smuggler's Flame
- David Brainerd: A Love for the Lost
- Lillias Trotter: Daring in the Desert
- Frances Ridley Havergal: The Girl Who Loved Mountains
- And more

NB 4,5 Epic: An Around-the-World Journey through Christian History Tim Challies

4,5 God's Story: A Student's Guide to Church History by Brian H. Cosby

4,5 Tales of Persia: Missionary Stories from Islamic Iran William Miller

4,5 Voices Against Slavery: Ten Christian Who Spoke Out for Freedom Catheline House

4,5 Water the Earth: A Student's Guide to Missions by Aaron Little

4,5 What's the Point of Life? Mez McConnell

4,5 History Lives Series Brandon and Mindy Withrow

- Volume 1: Perils and Peace Chronicles of the Ancient Church
- Volume 2: Monks and Mystics Chronicles of the Medieval Church
- Volume 3: Courage and Conviction Chronicles of the Reformation Church
- Volume 4: Hearts and Hands Chronicles of the Awakening Church
- Volume 5: Rescue and Redeem Chronicles of the Modern Church

5 When God Doesn't Fix It by Laura Story

5 Christian Heroines: Just Like You? Catherine MacKenzie

5 Evidence Not See: A Woman's Miraculous Faith in the Jungles of World War II Darlene Deibler Rose

5 Gold from Dark Minds: The Journey to Conversion of 6 Famous Christians Irene Howat

(EA) Education, Special Topics, and Hands-On Activities

Homeschool

The Big Book of Home Learning Mary Pride (Preschool/Elementary; Junior High/High School)

The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning, and Life Bogart, Julie

NC Complete Book of Homeschooling Resources A-Z Rebecca Rupp

For the Children's Sake Susan Macaulay

The Gospel for Moving Targets: Helping Active Children Grow in Grace Nancy Snyder

NC Home Learning Year by Year Rebecca Rupp

The Homeschooling Handbook Mary Griffith

The Read-Aloud Family Sarah Mackenzie: making Meaningful and Lasting Connections with Your Kids

Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakeable Peace Sarah MacKenzie

NC Ten Ways to Destroy Your Child's Imagination Anthony Esolen

The Way They Learn Cynthia U. Tobias

NB When Children Love to Learn: Practical Applications of Charlotte Mason's Philosophy for Today
Elaine Cooper

Favorite Other Books

2,3 Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lesson Siegfried Engelmann

4,5 Streams of Civilization Mary Stanton and Albert Hyma

- Volume 1
- Teachers Guide
- Test Packet
- Volume 2
- Teachers Guide
- Test Packet

Fun Activities

- NC** 1,2 The Arts and Crafts Busy Book Trish Kuffner
- NC** 1,2 The Toddler Busy Book Trish Kuffner
- NC** 1,2 Play and Learn Toddler Activity Book Angela Thayer
- NC** 1,2,3,4 150+ Screen-free Activities Asia Citro
- NC** 2,3,4 The Children's Busy Book Trish Kuffner
- 3,4,5 Origami Bible Stories for Kids (Craft Activity) Dewar, Andrew

Science and Creation

1,2,3 God Made Something Series (Find the Animal) Penny Reeves

- God Made Something Funny
- God Made Something Tall
- God Made Something Enormous
- God Made Something Amazing
- God Made Something Strong
- God Made Something Clever
- God Made Something Beautiful
- God Made Something Quick

2,3 I Can Read Series

- Made by God: Big Bugs, Little Bugs
- Made by God: Sea Creatures
- Made by God: Our Feathered Friends
- Made by God: Rain Forest Friends
- Made by God: Cats, Dogs, Hamsters and Horses
- Made by God: Poisonous, Smelly and Amazing Animals
- Made by God: Curious Creatures Down Under
- Made by God: Spiers, Snakes, Bees and Bats
- Made by God: Polar Pals
- Made by God: Jungle Beasts
- Made by God Barnyard Critters
- Made by God: Forest Friends

NC 2,3,4 The Curious Kids Science Book Asia Citro

3,4 Big Bible Science, Volumes 1 and 2 Erin Greene

3,4 Indescribable 100 Devotions about God & Science Louie Giglio

3,4,5 Case for the Creator Lee Stroebel

Special Needs

NC How-To Homeschool Your Learning Abled Kid: 75 Questions Answered: For Parents of Children with

NC Learning Disabilities or Twice Exceptional Abilities by Sandra K. Cook

NC Learn to Read for Kids with Dyslexia (Activity Book)

NC Putting on the Brakes: Understanding and Taking Control of Your ADD or ADHD Children Patricia Quinn, Judith Stern

NC Smart But Scattered (Executive Function Skills) Peg Dawson, EdD Richard Guare, PhD

NC Smart But Scattered for Teens (Executive Function Skills) Peg Dawson, EdD Richard Guare, PhD

Personality

1-5 Personality Plus for Parents: Understanding What Makes Your Child Tick Florence Littauer

1-5 Understanding Your Child's Personality by David A. Stoop

Stories to Help Kids (Learning Difficulties)

NC 2 I See Things Differently A First Look at Autism Pat Thomas

NC 2,3 Adventures of Everyday Geniuses:

- Keep Your Eye on the Prize Barbara Esham
- If You're So smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi Barbara Esham
- Last to Finish A Story about the Smartest Boy in Math Class Barbara Esham
- Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets

NC 2,3,4 The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia Dian Burton Robb

NC 2,3,4 Special Stories Series: Kate Gaynor

- A Birthday for Ben (Deafness)

- A Friend Like Simon (Autism)
- Freddie's Super Summer (Down Syndrome)
- Tom's Special Talent (Dyslexia)

NC 3,4 Marvin's Monster Diary ADHD Attacks! Raun Melmed

4,5 A Thankful Heart in a World of Hurt Joni E. Tada

Helping Kids with Anxiety and Other Common Biblical Counseling Issues

NB 1,2,3,4,5 Caring for the Souls of Children: A Biblical Counselor's Manual Amy Baker

2,3 The Moon Is Always Round Jonathan Gibson

2,3 When I Am Afraid Sally Michaels

PC/AG 2,3,4 Good News for Little Heart Series:

- Zoe's Hiding Place: When You Are Anxious David Powlison
- Jax's Tail Twitches: When You Are Angry David Powlison
- Buster's Ears Trip Him Up: When You Fail Ed Welch
- Tori Comes Out of Her Shell: When You Are Lonely Jayne V. Clark
- Henry Says Good-bye: When You Are Sad Edward T. Welch
- Gus Loses His Grip: When You Want Something Too Much David Powlison

NB 2,3,4,5 CCEF Booklets:

- Helping Children with Shame: Resting in God's Approval Ed Welch
- Children and Divorce: Helping When Life Interrupts Amy Baker
- Angry Children

2,3,4,5 How to Help Your Anxious Teen: Discovering the Surprising Sources of Their Worries and Fears by Jessica Thompson (Says it's for helping your teenager, but the ideas presented GREAT for parents with kids of all ages. This book is targeted at helping parents identify ways that they/the culture/even the ways churches talk to kids can actually add to their anxiety and in ways you might not realize. This book is a favorite!)

PC/AG 4,5 Keeping Your Cool: A Teen's Survival Guide Priolo, Lou

4,5 Love to Eat, Hate to Eat: Breaking the Bondage of Destructive Eating Habits Elyse Fitzpatrick

4,5 What Do You Think of Me? Why Do I Care? Answers to the Big Questions of Life Edward T. Welch

4,5 Get Outta My Face! How to Reach Angry, Unmotivated Teens with Biblical Counsel Horne, Rick

4,5 Get Offa My Case: Godly Parenting of an Angry Teen Horne, Rick

5 My Friend is Struggling Series: Josh McDowell and Ed Stewart

- My Friend is Struggling with Divorce
- My Friend is Struggling with Conflict with Others

God's Beautiful Plan of Diversity

1,2,3,4 God Made Me and You: Celebrating God's Design for Ethnic Diversity Shai Linne (There's music you can download, too)

2,3,4 God's Very Good Idea Trillia Newbill

Sexuality, Gender, Abuse, Courtship/Dating, Adoption

NOTE: BY NATURE OF TOPIC, BOOKS ON SEXUALITY CAN BE GRAPHIC. EVERY FAMILY IS DIFFERENT AS TO HOW MUCH/WHAT TO TELL KIDS. PLEASE DO NOT SEE THESE BOOKS (and age groups mentioned) AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A GENERALLY APPROPRIATE READING LEVEL and THAT IS SET BY THE PUBLISHER. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO TELL YOU WHEN TO TELL WHAT TO YOUR KIDS. THAT IS UP TO YOUR DISCRETION AND WISDOM.

1,2,3 I Said No! A Kid to Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private Kimberley King

1,2,3,4 Wonderfully Made (Conception to Birth) Danika Cooley

1,2,3,4 God Made All of Me: A Book to Help Children Protect Their Bodies Holcomb, Justin

1,2,3,4 God Made Boys and Girls: Helping Children Understand the Gift of Gender Marty Machowski

YES, BUT...

God's Design for Sex Series: Brenna and Stan Jones

- 2,3,4 The Story of Me
- 3,4 Before I Was Born
- 4,5 What's the Big Deal
- 4,5 Facing the Facts

Note on this series: This is a series from decades ago that in some ways has not transitioned to gender language that more clarifying for these gender-confused days. (It wasn't a problem at the time it was written). It is theologically weak in places. However, for many years it was the best resource we had to work with. It does have helpful language in explaining/describing physiologically changes, etc. Many have found it helpful over the past 20 years. We are leaving it on the list so in case you know of this

series and want to be able to reference it or have used it and might be helped by this critique of it. It may have a suitable place for your use with your kids.

HOWEVER, there is a new series that seems to be more updated for the culture shifts we face. A number of families are finding it more helpful. You will find this new series below: Learning about Sex Series.

NB Learning about Sex Series:

- 2,3,4,5 How to Talk Confidently to Your Child about Sex Lenore Buth
- 2,3 Why Boys and Girls Are Different (one book for boys, one book for girls) Carol Greene
- 3 Where Do Babies Come From? (one book for boys, one book for girls) Ruth Hummel
- 4 How You Are Changing (one book for boys, one book for girls) Jane Graver
- 4,5 Sex and the New You (one book for boys, one book for girls) Rich Bilmer
- 4,5 Love, Sex and God (one book for boys, one book for girls) Bill Ameiss

3,4 We Chose You: A Book About Adoption, Family, and Forever Love Tony Dungy, Lauren Dungy, Guy Wolek

3,4,5 Mom, Dad...What's Sex?: Giving Your Kids a Gospel-Centered View of Sex and Our Culture Thompson, Jessica

3,4,5 The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality Luke Gilkerson

(4) 5 Gay Girl, Good God: Who I Was and Who God Has Always Been Jackie Hill Perry

4,5 Passport to Purity video series Family Life Today

5 Diary of a Teenage Girl: Caitlin Series Melody Carlson

- Becoming Me
- It's My Life
- Who Am I?
- On My Own
- I Do!

5 Diary of a Teenage Girl: Chloe Series Melody Carlson

- My Name Is Chloe
- Sold Out
- Road Trip
- Face the Music

5 Letters to a Romantic: On Dating Sean Perron

5 My Friend is Struggling Series: Josh McDowell and Ed Stewart

- My Friend is Struggling with Past Sexual Abuse
- My Friend is Struggling with Unplanned Pregnancy
- My Friend is Struggling with Finding True Love

5 Openness Unhindered Rosario Butterfield

Adult Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized World: Help for Christian Parents Huie, Eliza

5 Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert Rosario Butterfield

-- He Made Me Brave: Embracing the Fear and Joy of Adoption: A Memoir Pam Ogden

Wise Use of Technology/Protecting Against Pornography

1,2,3,4 150+ Screen-free Activities Asia Citro

2,3 Good Pictures, Bad Pictures, Jr. Kristen A. Jenson

4,5 Good Pictures, Bad Pictures Kristen A. Jenson

Adult Plugged In Parenting Bob Waliszewski

Adult Tech-Savvy Parenting Brian Housman

Adult Tech-Wise Family Andy Crouch

Adult Not If But When: Preparing Our Children for Worldly Images John Perritt

Manners

1,2,3,4 Manners Can Be Fun Munro Leaf

1, 2,3,4 How to Speak Politely Munro Leaf

1,2,3,4 How and Why to Behave Munro Leaf

Stewardship

2,3,4,5 Teaching Your Child about Money: Biblical Stewardship for Beginners Machowski, Marty

Fiction (F)

NOTE: Any book listed below that has an asterisk has not been read by me, but comes from the following website: <http://bestfantasybooks.com/christian-fantasy.html>. I did read the synopsis of the books and they seemed to be good. Read at own risk. I know these are very popular so I wanted to include new titles, but they are all so long, I just didn't have time to read them myself.

Christian Fiction/Fantasy

1,2,3 The Emily Stories: Carmichael, Stephanie; Green, Jessica 19.99 (Split up) (Matthias Media)

- The Birthday Party
- Grumpy Day
- Over the Fence
- The Rag Doll

2,3 Queen Victoria's Request Jeff Anderson

2,3 The Tale of Three Trees Angela Hunt

2,3 Los Tres Árboles - Bilingüe (The Tale of Three Trees - Bilingual Ed.) Angela Hunt

2,3 The True Princess Angela Hunt

2,3,4 Wise Words: Family Stories That Bring the Proverbs to Life by Peter J. Leithart

3,4 Caleb's Lamb Helen Santos

3,4 By Patricia St. John

- The Tanglewood's Secret
- Treasures of the Snow
- Star of Light
- Rainbow Garden
- The Secret at Pheasant Cottage
- **NB** The Safe Place

NOTE: These books have been some of the books most routinely powerfully used by God in the lives of older elementary school age children, especially girls. God bless Patricia St. John!

3,4 Pilgrim's Progress:

- Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress Oliver Hunkin
- The Family Pilgrim's Progress: Adapted from John Bunyan's Classic Jean Watson

NB 3,4 The Sugar Creek Gang Series Paul Hutchens

- The Swamp Robber
- The Killer Bear
- And more

3,4 Wing Feather Saga Andrew Peterson:

- On the Edge of Dark Sea (Book 1)
- North or Be Eaten! (Book 2)
- The Monster of the Hollows (Book 3)
- The Warden and the Wolf King (Book 4)
- The Wingfeather Tales (Book 5)

3,4,5 At the Back of the North Wind by George MacDonald

3,4,5 The Chronicles of Narnia, Boxed Set Lewis, C. S

3,4,5 (Fantasy Stories of George MacDonald) by George MacDonald

- The Princess and the Goblin
- The Princess and Curdie
- The Princess and the Goblin

3,4,5 Pilgrim's Progress

- Pilgrim's Progress Updated, Modern English. More than 100 Illustrations.
- 3,4,5 Little Pilgrim's Progress: From John Bunyan's Classic by Helen L. Taylor

3,4,5 Rwendigo Tales: Myhre, Jennifer

- A Bird, a Girl, and a Rescue
- A Chameleon, a Boy, and a Quest
- A Forest, a Flood, and an Unlikely Star
- A Fever, A Flight, and a Fight for the World

4 Two Worlds Books (Africa Stories):

- A Girl of Two Worlds Eglin, Lorna
- A Boy of Two Worlds Eglin, Lorna

4,5 * Ashling Mary Mack

NB 4,5 **Baker Family Adventures Series** C. R. Hedgcock

- Treacheous Trail
- Iceland Intrigue
- Prisoner of the Pyrenees
- And more

4,5 * Binding of the Blade Series L.B. Graham (5 Books in Series)

4,5 *The Blood of Kings Series Jill Williamson:

- By Darkness Hid
- From Darkness Won
- To Darkness Fled

4,5 *Chronicles of the Nephilim Brian Godawa:

- Noah Primeval
- Enoch Primordial
- Gilgamesh Immortal

4,5 *The Chronicles of Time Series JC Lamont

Prophecy of the Heir: Primordium and others in this series

4,5 *The Circle Series by Ted Dekker

4,5 *The Dragon King Trilogy by Steve Lawhead:

- The Warlords of Nin
- The Sword and the Flame
- In the Hall of the Dragon King

4, 5 Dragon Seed Machowski, Marty

4,5 Escape from Danger (Faith Finders Series—Day One Publications, UK) Gill Jacobs

4,5 *The Green Ember Series S. D. Smith:

- The Green Ember (Book 1)
- Ember Falls (Book 2)
- Ember Rising (Book 3)

4,5 Heaven, How I Got Here: The Story of the Their on the Cross Colin S. Smith Christian Focus

4,5 Screwtape Letters Lewis, C. S.

4,5 *The Seventh Dimension Series Lorilyn Roberts:

- The Door
- The King
- The Castle
- The City

4,5 *Taken, Book 1 (The Quest for Truth Series) Eastman, Brock D.

4,5 *Where the Garden Begins by J. Suthern Hicks 11.99 (1) 12

5 Diary of a Teenage Girl: Caitlin/Chloe Series Melody Carlson (honest look at the longings, struggles and dependence upon God as these two girls face high school life and beyond. Emphasis is on courtship and saving yourself for marriage, growing in the Lord)

5 The Pilgrim's Progress: John Bunyan's Original Story

Other Fiction

1,2 Motor Goose Nursery Rhymes that Go Rebecca Colby

2,3 Pooh Library original 4-volume set (Pooh Original Edition) Milne, A. A.

2,3 Three Tales of My Father's Dragon Gannett, Ruth Stiles

3,4 Imagination Station Series (15 books of adventures into history) Paul McCusker

3,4 The Little House Collection Box Set Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Gospel (G)

1,2,3 This Is the Gospel She Reads the Truth/Kids Read Truth

1,2,3 What Is the Gospel? Mandy Groce

1,2,3,4,5 Helping Children to Understand the Gospel (with devotions) Sally Michael, Jill Nelson, Bud Burk

1,2,3,4,5 (adult resource) Your Child's Confession of Faith Dennis Gunderson

NB 2,3 Arlo and the Great Big Cover-Up Childs Howard, Betsy

2,3 So, What Is the Gospel? God's message of Salvation Carine MacKenzie

2,3,4 Gumtree Gully

2,3,4 My 1st Book about the Gospel Carine MacKenzie

Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids Jack Klumpenhower

2,3,4 When Santa Learned the Gospel Camilleri, Simon

2,3,4 Who Will Be King (English, Spanish, Chinese) Matthias Media

2,3,4 Who will be King? Activity Book [Matthias Media](#)

3,4 How God Changes People: Conversion Stories from the Bible Carine MacKenzie

4,5 Two Ways to Live Matthias Media

Music, Audio, and DVDs (MAD)

Songbooks

- 1,2 My First Hymn Book Clare Simpson
- 1,2,3 Christmas Carols for Kids a Sing a long book Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2 (3) My First Hymnal 75 Favorite Bible Songs and What They Mean Karyn Henley
- 1,2,3,4 25 Hymns Every Child Should Know: 25 Hymns Sung by Kids with More Than 100 Pages of Printable Sheet Music Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson
- 1,2,3,4,5 Christmas Carols for a Kids Heart Joni E. Tada, Bobbie Wolgemuth
- 1,2,3,4,5 Hosanna Loud Hosannas Student Hymnal
- 1,2,3,4,5 Hosanna Loud Hosannas Student Hymnal Piano Accompaniment

Hymns

1-5 Getty Hymn CD's

- Family Hymn Sing
- For the Cause
- In Christ Alone

Bible Stories, Bible Truths:

1,2,3 Aussie Praise for Kids By Colin Buchanan (Theology and Memory Verses Set to Music)

- King of Christmas
- King of the Jungle
- Baa, Baa, Doo, Baa, Baa Memory Verses
- 10,9,8 God Is Great
- Follow the Saviour
- And more

1,2,3 Hidden in My Heart Series

- Volume 1
- Volume 3
- Volume 3

1,2,3 Rain for Roots Series:

- Big Stories for Little Ones

- Waiting Songs
- The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like This

1,2,3 Songs for Samplings Dana Dirksen

1,2,3,4 J Is for Jesus

1,2,3,4 Praise Factory Investigators music and Sing along book Constance Dever

Bible Verses

1,2,3 Aussie Praise for Kids By Colin Buchanan (Theology and Memory Verses Set to Music)

- King of Christmas
- King of the Jungle
- Baa, Baa, Doo, Baa, Baa Memory Verses
- 10,9,8 God Is Great
- Follow the Saviour
- And more

1,2,3 Slugs and Bugs

- Sing the Bible 1,2,3
- Slugs and Bugs Christmas

1,2,3,4 Hide 'em in Your Heart: Volumes 1 & 2 Steven Green

1,2,3,4 Praise Factory Bible verse songs. Free downloads of over 200 Bible verses set to music (praisefactory.org)

1,2,3,4 Seeds Family Worship CDs 1-10

1,2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Songs 78Truth (Children Desiring God)

Fiction/Historical Fiction Stories:

2,3,4 Adventures in Odyssey

- The Adventure Begins
- Up in the Air
- Under the Surface
- Discovering The Odyssey
- Ultimate Road Trip
- Bible Eyewitness Collection
- Silver Celebration
- And many more

2,3,4,5 Focus on the Family Theatre

- The Chronicles of Narnia and many other classics

Catechisms

1,2,3,4,5 New City Catechism App Questions, Answers set to fun music

1,2,3,4,5 Westminster Shorter Catechism in Song set of 4

Audio Books

Special Device:

2,3,4 Children's Wonder Bible Over 500 stories, songs, etc. for kids to listen to. Especially catering to the go-to-bed with a story crowd. Little, hand-held device with re-chargeable battery. Great Ipad-less choice.

Podcasts:

Renewing Your Mind:

R.C. Sproul Reading his books: The Prince with the Dirty Clothes, etc.

Librivox

Has free audiobooks of public domain classics. Quality of reader can be hit or miss.

Audible

There are too many to list. Use the books on this list to search for audio versions.

Here are some I found ...

Theology/Redemptive History

The Biggest Story DeYong Audio

The Biggest Story DeYong DVD

The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross Laferton, Carl; Echeverri, Catalina

Non-Fiction Audio Books:

5 Unbroken Laura Hillenbrand

Bible Stories

The Action Bible Jeremy Jones

Beginner Bible Audio

Berenstain Bears Storybook Bible

2,3,4 The Bible Comes Alive Your Story Hour Sound effects, old classic! English and Spanish Versions

God's Good News (Billy Graham)

(P) Parenting

Pregnancy/Adoption

Start Your Family Steve and Candice Watters

Waiting in Wonder Growing in Faith while You're Expecting Catherine Claire Larson

He Made Me Brave: Embracing the Fear and Joy of Adoption: A Memoir Pam Ogden

Babies/Toddlers

NC Secrets of the Baby Whisperer Tracy Hogg

NC CAREFUL Secrets of the Baby Whisperer for Toddlers Tracy Hogg

This secular book has some great ideas for communicating with your child. However, as you might expect, it has no place for spanking. Use it as a helpful side resource that supplements (but does not replace) Christian books on parenting.

First Time Dad: The Stuff You Really Need to Know by John Fuller and Paul Batura

Engaging Motherhood: Heart Preparation for a Holy Calling by Holly Mackle

NC New First Three Years of Life: Completely Revised and Updated Burton L. White

This secular book is based on Dr. White's 37 years of actual observation and research of the developmental stages children 0 to 3 years go through. He gives very commonsense tips everything from best toys to buy to dealing with many common issues parents face with their child. Interestingly, Dr. White's observations about what works best with children echoes much of biblical wisdom. Use it in combination with other Christian books on parenting.

Preschool

NC CAREFUL How to Talk so Little Kids Will Listen: A Survival Guide to Life with Children Ages 2-7 by Joanna Faber

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Grade School

The Heart of Anger Lou Priolio

Workbook for the Heart of Anger: Practical Help for the Prevention and Cure of Anger in Children
Lou Priolio

NC CAREFUL How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk Adele and Joanna Faber

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CAREFUL Parenting with Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility Foster Cline and Jim Fay

This pseudo-Christian book has some great ideas for using consequences to help build responsibility with your child, but is lacking in other areas. Use only as a helpful side resource that supplements (but does not replace) Christian books on parenting.

Pre-Teens

Between Us Girls Trish Donohue (go through it with mother/mentor)

Girl Talk Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre (go through it with mother/mentor)

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Parenting Adolescents Kevin Huggins

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NC The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist's Survival Guide to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults by Frances E Jensen Super interesting information. Written by a non-Christian, but some helpful insights that may enhance your understanding and parenting of your teens well into their 20's!

NC Brainstorm: The Power and the Purpose of the Teenage Brain Siegel MD, Daniel Written by a non-Christian, but some helpful insights that may enhance your understanding and parenting of your teens well into their 20's!

College Age Teens and Up

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All Ages

A Mother's Heart: A Look at Values, Vision and character for the Christian Mother Jean Fleming

Aren't They Lovely When They're Asleep?: Lessons in Unsentimental Parenting Ann Benton (Note: The British word for spanking is smacking. She discusses the use of spanking/smacking in one of her chapters. Don't be put off by this word.)

Child Proof Julie Lowe

By the Hughes:

- Disciplines of a Godly Family Kent and Barbara Hughes
- Disciplines of a Godly Woman Man Kent Hughes
- Disciplines of a Godly Man Kent Hughes
- Disciplines of a Godly Young Man Kent and Carey (son) Hughes

By James Dobson:

- Bringing Up Boys
- Bringing Up Girls: Practical Advice and Encouragement for Those Shaping the Next Generation of Women
- The New Strong-Willed Child
- The New Dare to Discipline
- The New Strong-Willed Child Workbook

Note on Dobson: These are included as helpful resources alongside other, more recent "gospel-centered" parenting resources. Dobson has some great tips, especially on disciplining children that do not grow old.

Family Vocation: God's Calling in Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood Veith, Gene Edward, Jr.; Moerbe, Mary J.

Gospel-Centred Family: Becoming the Parents God Wants You to Be Ed Moll, Tim Chester GBC

Grandparenting with Grace Larry McCall

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Praying through the Bible for Your Kids Nancy Guthrie

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family Paul Tripp

Parenting in the Pew Robbie Castleman

Parenting with Words of Grace: Building Relationship with Your Children One Conversation at a Time
William P. Smith

Raising Kids in the Way of Grace Bob Kelleman

Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching and Appreciating Boys Hal and Melanie Young

Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World: How One Family Learned That Saying No Can Lead to Life's
Biggest Yes by Kristen Welch

The Shepherd Leader at Home Timothy Z. Witmer

Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full: Gospel Meditations for Busy Moms Gloria Furman

What Is a Family? Edith Schaeffer

Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen

CAREFUL You Can't Make Me (But I Can Be Persuaded) Strategies for Bringing Out the Best in Your
Strong-Willed Child Cynthia Ulrich Tobias

This book is GREAT for getting ideas for all of the skirmishes you have with your strong-willed child that are not the hills you die on. If you have a very strong-willed child, it can be discouraging to both you and them at how constantly their behavior needs addressing. This book is so good at helping you understand the "trip wires" for these kids and how to phrase many statements to make it easier for them to obey you. Don't make it your only book, but make it an arrow in your quiver.

You Never Stop Being a Parent: Thriving in Relationship with Your Adult Child Jim Neuheiser Elyse Fitzpatrick

Theology and Redemptive History (TRH)

1,2 Books for Little Ones Series:

- God Is Great
- Jesus
- The Bible

1,2,3 Everything a Child Should Know about God Taylor, Kenneth N.; Brake, Jenny

1,2,3 Todo lo que un niño debería saber sobre Dios (Everything a Child Should Know About God, Spanish) Taylor, Kenneth N.; Brake, Jenny

1, 2,3 The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross Laferton, Carl; Echeverri, Catalina

1,2,3 God Is Better than Trucks Sarah Reju

1,2,3 God Is King MacKenzie

1,2,3 The Moon is Always Round Gibson, Jonathan

1,2,3 My God Is So Big MacKenzie

1,2,3 What Every Child Should Know About Prayer Guthrie, Nancy

1,2,3 Why Do We Say Good Night? by Champ Thornton

2,3 God Is Better than Princesses Sarah Reju

NB 2,3 Sophie and the Heidelberg Cat Wilson, Andrew

2,3,4 The Biggest Story Kevin DeYoung

2,3,4 Creation Sings: How God's Work Declares God's Truth Carine MacKenzie

2,3,4 Don't Blame the Mud: Only Jesus Makes Us Clean Machowski, Marty

2,3,4 The Gospel Story (a number of short Bible stories taking children through all the major points of redemptive history) Gospel Project

2,3,4 The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever New Machowski, Marty (There's music, too)

2,3,4 One Big Story: The Gospel Story: Connecting Christ throughout God's Story

2,3,4 That Little Voice in Your Head: Learning about your Conscience by Andy Naselli

2,3,4 Words about God: To Help You Worship Him Choy, Nicholas

- 3,4 Indescribable 100 Devotions about God & Science Louie Giglio
- 3,4 The Radical Book for Kids Champ Thornton
- 3,4 The World Created, Fallen, Redeemed and Restored Sally Michaels
- 3,4, (5) Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God Bruce A. Ware
- 4,5 Rebels Rescued: Student's Guide to Reformed Theology by Brian H. Cosby
- 4,5 Visual Theology: Seeing and Understanding the Truth about God (w/ Study Guide) Challies, Tim; Byers, Josh
- 4,5 Young Person's Guide to Knowing God St. John, Patricia
- 4,5 A Conversation with Jesus Series by David Helm**
- A Conversation with Jesus... on Suffering
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Relationships
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Religion
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Truth
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Hope
 - A Conversation with Jesus... on Doubt
 - A Conversation with Jesus six book series
- 5 When God Weeps: Why God Cares about Our Suffering Tada, Joni

Spanish Resources (included in this booklist)

(B) Bibles

2,3,4 NTV La Gran Historia: Biblia Interactiva (The Gospel Project) (Spanish Edition) McPherson

(BH) Bible Hybrids

(Portions of Actual Bible Translations, But Not Every Word)

1,2,3,4 Las Buenas Nuevas de Dios (NLT) (with short devotional remarks by Billy Graham)

(BIS) Bible Stories and Storybooks

Compilations of Bible Stories

1,2 La Biblia de los pequeñitos / The Toddler's Bible (bilingüe / bilingual) (Spanish and English Edition) Beers, V. Gilbert

NB 1,2, Biblia Leemela: Historias bíblicas para los pequeños B & H kids

1,2 A Child's First Bible **in Spanish** Kenneth Taylor

1,2 Little Words Matter Bible Storybook in Spanish: Libro de Historias Bíblicas

1,2,3 La Biblia para principiantes: Historias bíblicas para niños (The Beginner's Bible) (Spanish Edition) by Zondervan Karyn Henley

1,2,3 La Gran Historia, Relatos Bíblicos en 5 minutos, tapa dura (The Gospel Project) (Spanish Edition)

NB 2,3 365 historias de la biblia y oraciones/ 365 Bible Stories and Prayers: Lecturas bíblicas para compartir/ Biblical Readings to Share (Spanish Edition) Cottage Door Press

2,3 Completa Ilustrada para Niños (The Complete Illustrated Children's Bible)

NB 2-3 Lee y aprende: La biblia (Read and Learn Bible): (Spanish language edition of Read and Learn Bible) (American Bible Society) (Spanish Edition)

- 2,3 Libro de Historias de La Biblia App Para Ninos: The Bible App for Kids Storybook Bible, Spanish Edition YouVersion & OneHope
- 2,3 Mi Biblia de Buenas Noches (My Good Night Bible) Lingo , Susan
- 2,3,4 La Gran Historia: Libro de Historias Bíblicas Interactivas (The Big Picture Interactive Storybook)
- 2,3,4,5 Mi primera Biblia ilustrada / My First Picture Bible (Spanish Edition) Piper, Sophie

Individual Bible Stories

1,2,3 Bible Story Series from Concordia

- Daniel y Laman Misteriosa Larry Burgdorf
 - Jesus Calma la Tormenta Jean Thor Cook
 - El Hijo Prodigio Lockhart Kearns
 - Jonas y el Gran Pez Sarah Fletcher
 - Rut Y Noemi Karen Nordberg Sanders
 - Jesus Resucita a Una Nina Joanne Bader
 - Jesus Sana al Ciego Bartimeo Diane Grebing
 - El Hombre Puerco, El Hombre Insensato Larry Burgdorf
 - La Parábola de la Oveja Perdida Clare Miller
 - Doce Hombres Comines Kelly Skipworth
 - Jesus Esta Vivo Jeffrey Burkart
 - Jesus Camina Sobre el Agua Nancy Saners
 - Jesus Sana a Un Paralitico Jeffrey Burkart
 - David y Goliath Joan E. Curren
 - La Gran Pesca Lisa Konzen
 - El Nino Moises Cecilia Farnandez
 - La Conquista de Jerico Joan E. Curren
 - Moises Cruza el Mar Rojo Joan Curren
 - Jose Perdon a Sus Hermanos Robert Baden
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: David y Goliath (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: El arca de Noe (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: Jonas y el gran pez (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 1,2,3 Veo, veo: Pascua (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll
- 2,3,4 Vida De Jesus Para Ninos (Life of Jesus for Children)

(BB) Board Books

Gospel Project Books

- La Gran Historia: Relatos Biblicos Int... del Antiguo Testamento (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories... Old Testament Gospel Project)
- La Gran Historia: Relatos Biblicos Int... Nuevo Testamento (The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories... New Testament, Gospel Project)

Little Words Matter Series (B & H):

- 100+ Little Bible Words Board Book (also in Spanish)
- Libro de Historias Biblicas

Mi Primera Biblia (The Toddler Bible) Bethan James, Yorgos Sgouros

(BST) Bible Studies, Bible Memory, Reference Resources, and Activity Books

Bible Memory (also see Music)

2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Sets in Spanish Truth78

(CD) Catechisms, Worship, Prayer, Family and Personal Devotions

Personal Devotions/Christian Living

PC/AG 2,3,4 God, I Need to Talk to You Series:

- About Being a Bad Sport (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Ser un Mal)
- About Whining (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Quejarme)
- About Lying (also in Spanish)
- About Vandalism (also in Spanish)
- About Video Games (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Videojuegos)
- About Healthy Eating (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Comer Sano)
- About Bedtime (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ir a Dormir)

- About Homework (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Tarea Escolar)
- About My Parents (also in Spanish)
- About School (also in Spanish)
- About Cheating (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Hacer Trampa)
- About Stealing (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Robar)
- About Bad Manners (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Malos Modales)
- About Greed (also in Spanish)
- About Feeling Sad (also in Spanish)
- About Bad Words (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de las Malas Palabras)
- About Laziness (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Pereza)
- About Hurting Others (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Lastimar a Otros)
- About Sharing (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Compartir)
- About Paying Attention (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Prestar Atención)
- About Disrespect (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ser Irrespetuoso)
- About My Bad Temper (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Mi Mal Carácter)
- About Bullying (Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Intimidar)
- About Talking Back (also in Spanish)

5 A Thankful Heart in a World of Hurt and many other short titles on Suffering (Spanish)

Joni Eareackson Tada

(C) Christmas

1,2,3 La Historia de Navidad de Maria Laura Monzonde Abbattista

1,2,3 Veo, veo: Navidad (Bilingual) Vanessa Carroll

Gospel (G)

2,3,4 Quien Sera el Rey? (Who Will Be King?) Matthias Media