



Appendix E:

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Thoughts on Choosing and Using Books with Your Children

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 is 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?

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.

Where Can I Get These Books?

#1 The CHBC Main Library: Downstairs (to borrow)

Some of these books will be on loan through the main CHBC Library located in the basement of the church. We are hoping to add quite a few more of the titles you see here to that collection, as space allows.

#2 The CHBC Children's Resource Library: 3rd Floor (to borrow)

Books that we cannot fit downstairs in the Main CHBC Library, we will add to the Children's Resource Library upstairs on the 3rd floor. Why not just put all the books up there? Because this library has a lot of other materials that are used only by the teachers and there is a lot to weed through.

#3 The CHBC Bookstall (to purchase)

Some of these books are available in the CHBC bookstall. If you find them there, they will be at about the best price you can find pretty much anywhere.

#4 Online Booksellers (to purchase)

amazon.com	All books, except Good Book Company and Matthias Media. They are carrying an increasing number of Christian Focus books.
wtsbooks.com	Westminster Theological Seminary Bookstore. Many of our favorite books, at great prices, including some Christian Focus publications.
cvbbs.com	Cumberland Valley Bible Book Service. Many of our favorite books, at great prices. The whole line of Christian Focus publications. Only US source I know of to purchase the Jim Cromarty books (He's Australian.)
matthiasmedia.com (usa)	US source for Australian-based Matthias Media. Books like <u>Who Will Be King?</u> and <u>Gumtree Gully</u> (children's versions of <u>Two Ways to Live</u>)
christianfocus.com (usa)	US source for Christian Focus Books. However, wtsbooks.com and cvbbs.com seem to have better prices, (though more limited quantities).
the goodbook.com	Only US source for books by this publisher.
christianbook.com	Largest, single dealer in Christian Books in the US. They will tend to have only the most "mainstream" books, such as those published by Crossway and Zondervan.

Booklist of Helpful Resources

About This Booklist

Great books are coming out all the time. This booklist is a snapshot of favorites available at the time of publication. The good news is there are far more new, good books out there by the time you are reading these words! This list is an appetizer and may introduce you to some new publishing houses filled with treasures for your family. The booklist online we try to keep updated with new favorites.

The books are grouped by category. Within each category, **books are ordered loosely by age-appropriateness.** Loosely, because children's abilities and interests vary widely. Your best bet is to try out books with your children and see what is a good fit. Borrow it from the church library or a friend. You may also want to read online reviews and see what age child tends to be reading the book.

The Age Ratings: Wherever possible, I have listed the suggested age levels the publisher gives for each book. Again, these are simply guidelines! Look for a good fit for your child, not the publisher's average child! It's a good connection with your child---not with some publisher's opinion that matters.

Where to Find These Books:

Most of these books can be ordered through amazon.com, christianfocus.com, cvbbs.com or wtsbooks.com. If there is an exclusive, unusual source of a particular book, I will list it. Otherwise, assume you can get it in through these four, major websites listed above.

Parenting Books

First Time parents (especially) beware of using these or any parenting books as a textbook for your child. Each book has its own bent and is most helpful when read in combination with other ones. Input from other parents--particularly those with older children--can be invaluable in learning to apply ideas to real live kids.

Parenting Books: The First Year of Parenting

On Becoming Baby Wise

Garry Ezzo, Robert Bucknam

We recommend only using this "secular" version of the Ezzo book. We do not condone Ezzo's use of Scripture to prove scheduling and other concepts found in the other "Christian" version of this book (This is called Let the Children Come Along the Infant Way). Sleep scheduling, as he presents it, comes across as a strict necessity, rather rigidity put in place, instead of as a matter of helpfulness, nuance and understanding of your particular child. While there is a lot of very good material in this book, we strongly caution you, sometimes desperate first-time parents, who might be grasping for a fail-safe formula for raising children. Ezzo's language can lead you to feel like you must do things his way, all-the-way in order for your children to come out well. Take his advice with a grain of salt and if in doubt, talk to other parents with older children to gain perspective in how to apply ideas to real live kids. Ezzo's best ideas are helpfully balanced with Secrets of the Baby Whisperer, listed next.

Secrets of the Baby Whisperer

Tracy Hogg

This book conveys many of the same helpful ideas as the Ezzo book listed above, but without many of the legalistic trappings.

A Mother's Heart

Jean Fleming

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.

Parenting Books: Toddlers and Up

The Shaping of the Christian Family: How My Parents Nurtured My Faith

Elizabeth Elliot

Give Them Grace: Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus

Elyse Fitzpatrick, Tullian Tchividjian

This is a good book to balance out other parenting books that have a very distinct “formula” to raising children. It can help parents remember not just the “method” but the grace that is so needful in winsome, godly parenting.

Don’t Make Me Count to Three

Ginger Plowman

Shepherding a Child’s Heart

Tedd Tripp

Some very good ideas, but very much influenced by a paedo-baptist covenant view of children in a Christian family.

Hints on Child Training

H. Clay Trumball

This is Elizabeth Elliot’s grandfather! While I would not use this book exclusively, he does bring a fresh, different perspective on parenting children that provides a very good balance to other general parenting books.

Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching and Appreciating Boys

Hal and Melanie Young

Raising a Christian Daughter in an MTV World

Mary Ruth Murdoch

A Mother’s Heart

Jean Fleming

A Manual for the Young: Bridges’ Practical Exposition of Proverbs 1-9

Charles Bridge

Two good resource for parents. Easy to reference. Good to read with teenagers.

Feminine Appeal

Carolyn Mahaney

Great resource for parents. Good to read with teenage girls.

Girl Talk

Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre

Great resource for parents. Good to read with teenage girls.

Childhood Conversion (pamphlet)

How Children Come to Faith in Christ (CD available from Family Life Today)

Jim Eliff

Praying for the Next Generation

Sally Michael only at *childrendesiringgod.org*

Your Child's Profession of Faith

Dennis Gundersen

Calvary Press

The Heart of Anger

Louis Paul Priolio

Shepherd's Press

Thoughts for Young Men

J.C. Ryle

Great resource for parents. Good to read with teenage boys. *amazon.com*,

Age of Opportunity

Paul Tripp

A book on parenting adolescents.

Parenting Adolescents

Making Peace with Your Teenager

Kevin Huggins

Two books that help you think about your hungry parent-heart for your child to be a certain way and points you and them to Christ instead.

Treasuring God in Our Traditions

Noel Piper

CCEF Booklet Series: Help for Stepfamilies; Angry Children; Helping Your Adopted Child; How Do I Stop Losing It with My Kids? Recovering from Child Abuse; ADD: Wandering Minds and Wired Bodies; Teens & Sex: How Should We Teach Them?

Wonderful booklets by various authors

only through ccef.org

Bible Story Books

The Beginner's Bible (and The Beginner's Toddler Bible) (ages 2 and up)
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The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers (ages 2 and up)

Ella K. Lindvall

Moody Press

God Is Great: A Toddler's Bible Storybook (ages 2 and up)

Carolyn Larsen

A Child's First Bible (ages 2 and up)

New Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes (ages 2 and up)

Kenneth Taylor

The Candle Bible for Toddlers (ages 2 and up)

Juliet David

Candle

Little Hands Story Bible (ages 2 and up)

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

The First Step Bible (ages 1 and up)

Mack Thomas

Gold n' Honey

Marians's Big Book of Bible Stories (ages 3 and up)

Marian M. Schoolland

Out of print but readily available through used book websites, including [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Read with Me Bible: An NIV Story Bible for Children (ages 2/4 and up)

Read with Me Bible for Toddlers

Doris Ridders

Zonderkidz

We use with our preschoolers

Read Aloud Bible Stories, multiple volumes (ages 2 and up)

Parables Jesus Told: the Tell Me Stories

Ella Lindvall

Moody Press

Wonderful illustrations. Great with even very, very young children. [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

The Christian Focus Story Bible (ages 4 and up)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus Publishers

365 Bible Stories for Young Hearts (ages 4 and up)

Leon Hudson

Crossway

365 Great Bible Stories: The Good News of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation (ages 4 and up)

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

My First Study Bible (ages 6 and up)

Paul J. Loth

The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments (ages 4 and up)

Marty Machowski

New Growth Press

The New Children's Bible (ages 4 and up)

Anne de Vries

The Jesus Storybook Bible (ages 4 and up)

Sally Lloyd-Jones

Loved by many families, but be aware! She does take more creative license in terms of language and emotion than most Bible story books. You may want to tone things down in a few places. This book borders more on literature rather than straight Bible story book. Better for family use. I would NOT suggest using it in its curriculum format (now available through amazon.com) because it sets an example of attributing emotional elements to characters in the Bible story that aren't there and might not even be appropriate (like some of those she attributes God having in particular stories). We want Bible stories to come to life in our Sunday School classes, but we also want to be teaching our teachers and our children to study the Bible well. I don't think that this book as curriculum sets a good didactic example to teachers or children. Leave this book for use as an enjoyable storybook.

Big Picture Story Bible (ages 2 and up)

David R. Helm & Gail Schoonmaker

Crossway Books

All of redemptive history from before the beginning to after the end! Wonderfully done.

The Mighty Acts of God: A Family Bible Story Book (ages 8 and up)

Starr Meade

The Child's Story Bible (ages 4 and up)

Catherine Vos

Eerdmans

The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (ages 3 and up)

Mary Batchelor

Lion Publishing

Does a wonderful job of tying in Bible stories chronologically so that you get a feel for how the psalms of David fit in with the history of David, the epistles of Paul fit in with Acts, etc.

The Bible History As Told to Our Children, 3 volumes (elementary school age and up)

John Vreugdenhil

Available almost exclusively through Reformation Heritage Books. A bit "old school" but the stories are wonderfully told, as by a grandfather talking to his grandkids.

only at heritagebooks.org

Individual Bible Story Books: Board Books (ages 0-3)

Stories Jesus Told: The Missing Sheep, The Runaway Son, The Selfish Servant, The Lost Coin, The Proud Prayer, The Foolish Farmer

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Jesus Saves His People, Jesus Helps His People, Jesus Rescues His People

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Famous Bible Stories Series:

Noah's Ark, Baby Moses, Joseph's Coat, Samuel's Surprise, Naaman the Soldier, Jonah and the Big Fish, Ruth's Journey

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

The Special Baby-Jesus, Big Crash, Safe at Sea, Safe with the Lions, the Little Rich Man, the Man on the Mat, The Singing Shepherd-David, Amazing Jar of Oil, The Kind Man, The Big Picnic, The Man Who Couldn't Pay; There's a Hole in My Roof

Hazel Scrimshire

Christian Focus

Born to Be King series: Mary and Joseph Love Jesus (1), The Shepherds Find Jesus (2), Simeon and Anna See Jesus (3), The Wise Men Help Jesus (4)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Individual Bible Story Books

The Lord's Prayer for Little Ones (ages 3 and up)

Allia Zobel Nolan

God Creates Series: God Creates Light; God Creates Fish and Birds; God Creates Animals and People; God Creates a Day of Rest; God Creates New Life in Me; God Creates the Land, Seas and Plants; God Creates the Sun, Moon and Stars; God Creates the Water and the Sky

Catherine Mackenzie

Bible Wise Series (ages 2-7)

Daniel: the Praying Prince; Samuel: the Boy Who Listened; Barnabas: the Encourager; David: The Fearless Fighter; Sarah & Abraham: The Wonderful Promise; Elijah: God's Miracle Man; Jonathan: The Faithful Friend; Jesus Is Live: The Amazing Story; Miriam: The Big Sister's Secret; Joseph: God's Dreamer; Saul: The Miracle on the Road; Jesus: The Promised Child; Paul: Journeys of Adventure; Noah: Rescue Plan

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Life of Jesus for the Very Young (ages 4 and up)

Isobel Tallach

The Special Baby-Jesus, Big Crash, Safe at Sea, Safe with the Lions, the Little Rich Man, the Man on the Mat, The Singing Shepherd-David, Amazing Jar of Oil, The Kind Man, The Big Picnic, The Man Who Couldn't Pay; There's a Hole in My Roof

paperback version of the board books

Hazel Scrimshire

Christian Focus

God's Little Guidebooks: Creation (ages 3 and up)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

God's Little Guidebooks: 10 Commandments Box Set (ages 3 and up)

Hazel Scrimshire

Christian Focus

Little Hands Life of Jesus (ages 3 and up)

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Bible Alive Series: (ages 4-7)

David the Shepherd: A Man of Courage; Jesus the Storyteller; David the Soldier: A Man of Patience; David the King: True Repentance; Moses the Traveller: Guided by God; David the Fugitive: True Friendship; Jesus the Child; Jesus the Healer; Moses the Child: Kept by God; Jesus the Savior; Moses the Leader: Used by God; Moses the Shepherd: Chosen by God; Jesus the Miracle Worker; Jesus the Teacher

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Caring Creator (ages 3 and up)

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

The Plan: How God Got the World Ready for Jesus (ages 4-7)

Sinclair B. Ferguson

Christian Focus

Bible Time Series: (ages 4-7)

Esther the Brave Queen; Peter--the Apostle; Mary: Mother of Jesus; Hannah: The Mother Who Prayed; Simon Peter: Disciple; Joshua: Brave Leader; Ruth: the Harvest Girl; Martha & Mary: Friends of Jesus; Jonah: the Runaway Preacher; Peter: Fisherman; John: the Baptist; Rebekah: Mother of Twins; Gideon: Soldier of God; Moses: Man of God; Paul: The Wise Preacher; Nehemiah: Builder for God

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Creation Series (ages 4 to 7)

Carol Leah

Christian Focus

Children of the Bible (ages 4 to 7)

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Hall of Fame: Old Testament; New Testament (ages 4 to 7)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Jesus Teaches Us Series: How To Be Happy; How to Be Good; How to Be Wise (ages 4-7)

Sinclair Ferguson

Magnificent Amazing Time Machine: A Journey Back to the Cross (ages 4 and up)

Sinclair Ferguson

God, the 10 Commandments and Jesus (ages 4- and up)

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Wise Words to Obey: Words of Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

How to Be a Bible Princess (ages 8 to 12)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Stories about Bible princesses and what we can learn from them about being daughters of the King of Kings.

Meditations on Individual Scriptures

Sammy and His Shepherd: Show Me Jesus in Psalm 23 (ages 4 and up)

Susan Hunt

David and I Talk to God Series and God's Word in My Heart Series: (ages 4 and up)

Make Way for the King Psalms 145 and 24 for Children

What Can I Say to You, God? Verses from the Psalms on Prayer

God Cares When I'm Thankful

Sometimes I Think "What If?" Psalm 46 for Children

God Cares When I Don't Know What to Do

And many other titles

These are out of print, but obtainable. They are wonderful!

All by Elspeth Campbell Murphy

David C. Cook

available through used book stores only, but can type in title in search engine for amazon.com and find where copies can be located

Bible Story Activity Books and Resources

Colour the Bible Series: (ages 4-7)

Book 1: Genesis - 2 Chronicles

Book 2: Ezra-Daniel

Book 3: Hosea-Malachi

Book 4: Matthew - Mark

Book 5: Romans - Thessalonians

Book 5: 1 Timothy - Revelation

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Coloring pictures and a fill-in-the-blank verse. New King James Version.

Bible Story Coloring Book Series: (ages 4-7)

Story of Abraham, David, Joseph, Mary, Moses, Jacob, Nehemiah, Peter, Ruth, Paul, Miracles of Jesus

Catherine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Puzzle Book Series (ages 4-7)

Birth of Jesus

Jesus and the Resurrection

Christian Focus

Bible Numbers, A Bible Alphabet, The Work of His Fingers (ages 4-7)

Alison Brown

Books of the Bible Coloring Books: (ages 4-7)

Book of Genesis

Hebrews-Men of Faith

Colour the Gospel: Matthew

Colour the Gospel: Mark

Colour the Gospel: Luke

Colour the Gospels: John

My Bible ABC Activity Book

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Coloring pictures and a fill-in-the-blank verse. New King James Version.

Go to the Ant Coloring Book (ages 4-7)

Judy Rogers (companion book to her audio CD, listed in Music section)

Coloring Book Series:

Animals of the Bible

Bible Discover and Color

Philip Snow

Christian Focus

Bible People Coloring Book Series: (ages 4-7)

Apostles

Baby Moses

David and the Giant

Bible Work

Bible Miracles

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Puzzle Book Series

The Greatest Rescue: Jesus and the Resurrection

The Queen's Feast: Esther

The Greatest Gift: Birth of Jesus

Bible Detectives Acts: Fun Bible Studies using Puzzles and Stories

Journey to Jericho: Moses, Joshua and Amazing Journey

God's Builder: Nehemiah

The Big Contest: Elijah

The Brave Ruler: Daniel

Ros Woodman

Christian Focus

God's Little Giants Boys and Girls in the Bible (ages 4-7)

Hazel Scrimshire

Christian Focus

Busy People (Bible People) (ages 4-7)

Connect the dots

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Big Fish Activity Book (ages 4-7)

Ros Woodman

Christian Focus

Bible Detective Series:

Genesis (ages 4-7)

Exodus (ages 4-7)

1 Samuel (ages 8-12)

Matthew (ages 8-12)

Mark (ages 4-7)

Luke (ages 4-7)

John (ages 4-7)

Acts (ages 8-12)

The Quiz Book (ages 4-7)

Ros Woodman and Marianne Ross

Christian Focus

Flannelgraph Pictures

Yes, I know it seems “old school,” but nothing charms preschoolers like flannelgraph. They are a great way to have the children interact with a story you are telling or to re-tell it back to you after you have read it to them.

Proper flannelgraph can be purchased through Betty Lukens

<https://www.bettylukens.com>

Pictures that you print out on paper and laminate can be downloaded through Praise Factory with the Hide ‘n’ Seek Kids and Deep Down Detectives. These go with each of the 85 preschool stories. The curriculums also include review games to play with these pictures. You can also purchase these on amazon.com. *only on The Praise Factory website*

Children’s Bible Story Sermons

These are stories of a slightly longer format which tell the story as well as draw out particular applications.

Ninety Story Sermons for Children’s Church

120 Dramatic Story Sermons for Children’s Church

New Testament Story Sermons for Children

Marianne Radius

Her materials are excellent. One who inspired me to do the writing I’m doing. Daughter of Catherine Vos. Good reformed stock! Sometimes this is only available through used book stores. Well worth finding and keeping.

available through used book stores only, but can type in title in search engine for amazon.com and find where copies can be located

Bible Hybrids

Day by Day Kid's Bible (ages 7 and up)

Day by Day Begin-to-Read Bible (ages 4 and up)

Karyn Henley

Tyndale Kids

Never seen anything quite like it! Chronological, great lists in back, a quasi-translation rather than just a story Bible. Even includes the prophets and the epistles. A number of great lists at end of book that are very, very helpful for curriculum planners, teachers, and parents.

Bibles

NIRV Adventure Bible (full version)

Reading Level: 3rd Grade

NIV 1984 Adventure Bible

Reading Level: 7th-8th Grade

HCSB Illustrated Study Bible for Kids

Reading Level: 7th-8th Grade

ESV Seek and Find Bible, ESV Grow Bible

Reading Level: 10th Grade

Bible Memory

Fighter Verses: Bethlehem Baptist

(now also have musical versions of these verses available) Very well done. ESV and NIV1984 versions.

Bible Memory Program for the Children of CHBC and Parent Resource Book

First Book of Memory Verses

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Also see Truth and Grace Memory Books in Catechism Resources

Bible Memory Activity Books

God Loves Me (ages 4-7)

Sarah Womersley

Christian Focus

God Cares (ages 4-7)

God Is Good

God Loves You

Hazel Scrimshire

Christian Focus

Verses: Bible Pictures to Color (ages 4-7)

God Is Faithful

God Is Everywhere

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Bible Verses Set to Music

Also see the What God Says Theology Coloring Book Series: (ages 4-7)

Bubble-letter style Bible verses related to each of these topics. New King James Version.

Also see the Colour the Bible and Colour the Gospel Series listed under Bible Story Activity Books

Coloring pictures and a fill-in-the-blank verse. New King James Version.

Hide 'em in Your Heart: Volumes 1 & 2

Steven Green

Sovereign Grace Kids Music:

Awesome God, To Be Like Jesus, Walking with the Wise

Wonderful music!

only sovereigngracemusic.org

Hide 'n' Seek Kids, Deep Down Detectives, and Praise Factory Investigators Songs

These are all the hymns, Bible Verses and Big Questions used in these three curriculums, all set to music.

only on [The Praise Factory website](http://ThePraiseFactory.com)

christianbook.com

The children's music section of this website lists quite a few audio CDs of Bible verses.

The Gospel

The Gospel for Children: A Simple, Yet Complete Guide to Help Parents Teach Their Children the Gospel of Jesus Christ (ages 5 and up)

John B. Leuzarder

Very God-centered version of the gospel. Nice little illustrations, too.

Who Will Be King? (ages 4 and up)

Matthias Media

Excellent and very simple for children to remember. Available in English, Spanish and Chinese. Very inexpensive. Great to give out at large events or even at Sunday School to visitors, etc.

matthisamedia.com

GumTree Gully (ages 5 and up)

Kel Richards

Matthias Media

A tale of the Australian bush that does a fantastic job of illustrating the gospel for kids. We turned it into a puppet show that our grade school kids put on for preschoolers. High schoolers at a local Christian school did the puppet show for their mission trips to some overseas orphanages.

matthisamedia.com

The Gospel Story Bible (ages 4 and up)

Marty Machowski

How Do I Get to Heaven? (ages 4 and up)

Christian Focus

This Is No Fairy Tale (ages 4 and up)

Dale Tolmasoff

Your Child's Profession of Faith

Dennis Gundersen

Calvary Press

Stewardship

In God We Trust: A Christian Kid's Guide to Saving, Spending and Giving

Larry Burkett

Standard Publishing

A board book format that teaches kids about stewardship of their money and can be used as a bank. Sounds crazy, but it is a great resource! A very hands-on and understandable presentation of what can be a confusing, abstract concept.

Theology

Theology: Board Books (ages 0-3)

I Can Say to God, I Love You; I Can Say to God, Please;

Catherine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

God Made Series: God Made Water; God Made Weather; God Made Colors; God Made Food; God Made Me; God Made the World; God Made Time

Catherine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

God Gave Me Series: God Gave Me Hearing; God Gave Me Sight; God Gave Me Smell; God Gave Me Taste; God Gave Me Touch; God Gave Me Feelings

Catherine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Attributes of God Series: God Has Power; God Is Everywhere; God Is Faithful; God Is Kind; God Knows Everything; God Never Changes

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Theology: Paperback and Hardback

Learn about God series (ages 0-3)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus Publishers

Board books for very young children. Great.

My 1st Book of Questions and Answers (ages 0-3)

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Leading Little Ones to God: A Child's Book of Bible Teachings (ages 4 and up)

By Marian M. Schoolland

Eerdmans

What God Has Always Wanted: The Bible's Big Idea from Genesis Through Revelation

(ages 4 and up)

Charles F Boyd

Jesus Is Coming Back! (ages 2 and up)

I Can Talk with God

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus Loves the Little Children

I Love My Bible!

God Knows My Name

Every Child, Everywhere!

Most of All, Jesus Loves You! (with Noel Piper)

Jesus Is With Me

Let's Explore God's World

Debby Anderson

Some of these are available as board books, too.

God Made Something Series: (ages 2 and up)

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

Penny Reeve

Attributes of God Series: (ages 2 and up)

God Knows Everything

God is Kind

God is Faithful

God Is Everywhere

God Has Power

God Never Changes

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Stop and Look At Yourself, Stop and Look at God's World, Stop and Look at God's Word

(ages 3 and up)

Donna Drion

Day One Publications

That's When I Talk to God (ages 4 and up)

Dan Morrow

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers: The Scripture, The Trinity, The Gospel (ages 4 and up)

Joey Allen

New Leaf Press

Big Book of Questions and Answers (ages 4 and up)

Big Book of Questions & Answers about Jesus

Big Book of Bible Truths

Ferguson Sinclair

Christian Focus

Living With God (ages 4 and up)

Beginning with God

Meeting with God

Nancy Gorrell

How Do I Get to Heaven? (ages 4 and up)

Nancy Gorrell

All Things Bright and Beautiful (ages 3 and up)

Cecil Frances Alexander

The Caring Creator (ages 4 and up)

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Songs of Creation (ages 4 and up)

Paul Goble

Eerdmans

The Names of God (ages 4 and up)

Sally Michael

Children's Bible Basics Series: (ages 4 and up)

Who is God?

Who is Jesus?

What is a Christian?

What is a Church?

What is Prayer?

What Happens When We Die?

Why Do I Do Things Wrong?

The Holy Spirit in Me

Growing Jesus' Way

Angels

When Jesus Comes Back

And other titles

By Carolyn Nystrom

Moody Press

One caution: the child in these stories is definitely converted. You want to make sure that whoever you read this to understands the decision that must be made in order to become a Christian.

Caleb's Lamb (ages 6 and up)

Helen Santos

A Faith to Grow On: Important Things You Should Know Now that You Believe (ages 7 and up)

John MacArthur

Tommy Nelson

Grandpa's Box: Retelling the Biblical Story of Redemption (ages 7 and up)

Starr Meade

A Young Person's Guide to Knowing God (ages 7 and up)

Patricia St. John

Of Pandas and People: The Central Question of Biological Origins

Percival Davis and Dean Kenyon

High School Level book that looks at the origins of humanity. More of a science book than a theology book, but useful with teenagers grappling with the truth of the biblical theology of creation.

Theology Activity Books

What God Says Theology Coloring Book Series: (ages 4-7)

Bubble-letter style Bible verses related to each of these topics. New King James Version.

God Does It Right

God is Always Fair series

God Does a Swap

Holiness

Salvation

Creation

Redemption

Repenting

Catherine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Attributes of God Coloring Book Series: (ages 4-7)

God Knows Everything

God is Kind

God is Faithful

God Is Everywhere

God Has Power

God Never Changes

God Is Forever

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Why Series: (ages 7-14)

Why Did Jesus Come?

Why Did Jesus Die?

How Do I Know I'm a Christian?

The Best Present

Alison Mitchell

thegoodbook.com

Theology: Catechisms and Catechism-Like Resources

ABC Bible Verses (ages 3 and up)

Big Truths for Little Kids

Susan Hunt

Advocates of believer-baptism only be aware: Hunt's Presbyterian-based covenant theology and infant baptism does show up in how she writes.

My 1st Book of Questions and Answers (ages 4 and up)

My 1st Book about Jesus

My 1st Book Of Bible Promises

My 1st Book Of Bible Prayers

My 1st Book Of Christian Values

My 1st Book of Memory Verses

Carine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

Bible Questions and Answers--a First Catechism (ages 4 and up)

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Big Book of Questions and Answers (ages 4 and up)

Big Book of Questions & Answers about Jesus

Big Book of Bible Truths

Sinclair Ferguson

Christian Focus

Catechism: Bible Questions and Answers: Teacher's Manual (ages 4 and up)

Diana Kleyn

Christian Focus

Companion volume to Sinclair Ferguson's book

The Family Worship Book (ages 4 and up)

Terry L. Johnson

Catechism for Young Children, Original Edition (ages 4 and up)

Presbyterian Church of America

wtsbook.com

First Catechism (ages 4 and up)

Presbyterian Church of America

wtsbook.com

Children's "Prove It" Catechism Truth for Eternity Ministries (ages 4 and up)

formed Baptist Church Grand Rapids, MI

Catechism for Young Children G.I. Williamson

Makes slight, baptistic changes from the Westminster Shorter Catechism
only through <http://www.vor.org/rbdisk/html/proveit/fulltext.htm>

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Hide 'n' Seek Kids, Deep Down Detectives, Praise Factory Investigators curriculum (ages 2 -grade 5)

These three curriculums are all based on a Question/Answer format and can be used as a catechism resource. Include games, songs, action rhymes as well as a bible story that focuses on each concept/question. The take home sheets, available in the parent resources section for each curriculum, have helpful summaries of all key concepts and include concept-related questions.
on The Praise Factory website and amazon.com

Praise Factory Investigators

The 16 Big Questions and Answers and what they mean set to music. A sing along storybook is also available which provides a story line that includes the lyrics to all the songs and a lot more truth.
Available through amazon.com

The Praise Factory Curriculum Tour (Basic and Extended Versions)

A helpful and colorful overview of Praise Factory family of curriculum, philosophy, FAQ's and Scope & Sequences.
Available through amazon.com

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Songs, Volume 1, Q&A 1-28 (Audio CD) (ages 4 and up)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Songs, Volume 2, Q&A 29-56 (Audio CD)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Songs, Volume 3, Q&A 57-85 (Audio CD)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Songs, Volume 4, Q&A 86-107 (Audio CD)

only through wtsbook.com

The Shorter Catechism Activity Book: Learning The Truth Through Puzzles (ages 6 and up)

Marianne Ross
Christian Focus

Training Hearts Teaching Minds: (ages 7 and up)

Family Devotions Based on the Shorter Catechism

Starr Meade

Puritan & Reformed

Six days of devotions per each catechism question. Great for elementary ages.

Shorter Catechism Activity Book: Learning the Truth through Puzzles (ages 7 and up)

Marianne Ross
Christian Focus

Truth and Grace Memory Books

Tom Ascol

These are a Reformed Baptist set of books which sets catechism questions from the Baptist Catechism as well as memory verses to be learned from 2 years old through 4th (Book 1) and 5th through 8th grade (Book 2). Great words of advice in the foreword about how to approach use of these books. I would caution you to both encourage your child to learn these, yet always put your commonsense hat when looking at what someone else sets as an appropriate agenda for your child's grade/age. Better to learn less with a soft heart than to force through everything listed for your child's age group and actually embitter them.

Available through used book stores. Can find them through amazon.com.

Devotions

Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God (ages 4 and up)

Marty Machowski

The Building on the Rock Series (ages 4 and up)

By Joel Beeke & Diana Kleyn

Christian Focus Publishers

How God Sent a Dog to Save a Family and other Devotional Stories

How God Stopped the Pirates and other Devotional Stories

How God Used a Thunderstorm

How God Used a Snowdrift

How God Used a Drought and an Umbrella

Christian Focus

A Book for Family Reading Series (ages 4 and up)

Jim Cromarty

Evangelical Press

Multiple volumes in this series: Book 1, Book 2, Book 3, etc.

Training Hearts Teaching Minds: Family Devotions Based on the Shorter Catechism

(ages 6 and up)

Starr Meade

Puritan & Reformed

Six days of devotions per each catechism question. Great for elementary ages.

Wait till you see the butterfly and other short stories for boys and girls (ages 5 and up)

Dorreen Tamminga

Banner of Truth

God's Mighty Acts in Salvation (ages 4 and up)

God's Mighty Acts in Creation (ages 4 and up)

Starr Meade

Crossway

A Year with Your Children in the Bible: A Family Devotional Resource (ages 4 and up)

Jim Cromarty

Lord of Glory (ages 4 and up)

Jim Cromarty

A year with your children in the Bible, Jim Cromarty has here provided another ideal tool to help parents to do just that! Each day's reading covers two full pages and takes the reader through the person and life of our Savior.

Queen Victoria's Request (ages 6 and up)

Charles Spurgeon

Christian Focus

XTB Series: (for your children to use) (ages 4-7)

The Book of Beginnings

Miracles & Dreams

Comings & Goings

Travels Unraveled

Easter Unscrambled

Summer Signposts

Christmas Unpacked

Alison Mitchell

Each book includes three months worth of Bible readings and activities

Table Talk Series (family devotions that tie directly into the XTB Series) (ages 4-7)

The Book of Beginnings

Miracles & Dreams

Comings & Goings

Travels Unraveled

Easter Unscrambled

Summer Signposts

Christmas Unpacked

Alison Mitchell

Each book includes three months worth of Bible readings and activities

God's Alphabet For Life: Devotions for Young Children (ages 4 and up)

Joel Beeke

Why Easter? A Children's Devotional (ages 4 and up)

Barbara Reaach

Get Wisdom!: 23 Lessons for Children about Living for Jesus (ages 4 and up)

Ruth Younts

A Book for Family Reading Series: (ages 4 and up)

You Sank My Boat

How to Cook a Crow

A Sad Little Dog

The Cat's Birthday

One That Didn't Get Away , Vol. 3

Take Care In The Bath, Vol. 4

Jim Cromarty

Signposts from Proverbs (ages 9 and up)

Rhiannon Weber

Young Peacemaker Set (Paperback Manual and Activity Books on CD-ROM)

(best for older elementary and up, but can be adapted to use with younger children)

Ken Sande

Church History

Polycarp of Smyrna: The Man Whose Faith Lasted (ages 5 and up)

Ignatius of Antioch: The Man Who Faced Lions

Irenaeus of Lyons: The Man Who Wrote Books

Sinclair Ferguson

Trailblazer Series: (ages 7 and up)

Charles Spurgeon: Prince of Preachers

Corrie ten Boom: Watchmaker's Daughter

George Muller: Children's Champion

Isobel Kuhn: Lights in Lisuland

Martyn Lloyd-Jones: From Wales to Westminster

George Whitefield: Voice that Woke the World

Paul Brand: The Shoes that Love Made

Joni Eareckson Tada: Swimming Against the Tide

John Stott: The Humble Leader

Patricia St. John: The Story Behind the Stories

Richard Wurmbrand: A Voice in the Dark

John Newton: A Slave Set Free

Billy Bray: Saved from the Deepest Pit

Robert Murray McCheyne: Life Is an Adventure

John Bunyan: Journey of a Pilgrim

William Wilberforce: The Freedom Fighter

John Welch: The Man Who Couldn't Be Stopped

John Calvin: After Darkness Light

C.S. Lewis: The Story Teller

Mary of Orange: At the Mercy of the Kings

Jonathan Edwards: America's Genius

Various authors

Christian Focus

Footsteps of the Past Series: (ages 6 and up)

John Bunyan

William Booth

William Wilberforce

Andrew Edwards & Fleur Thornton

Day One Publications *only through christianbook.com*

The Church History ABCs: Augustine and twenty-five other heroes of the Faith (ages 6 and up) Stephen J.

Nichols and Ned Bustard

Crossway

Artistic, fun, and very information book that will intrigue children younger than you think!

God's Care and Continuance of His Church, 3 volumes (ages 6 and up)

John Vreugdenhil

only at heritagebooks.org

Christian Biographies for Young Readers Series: Athanasius, John Calvin, Augustine of Hippo

(Older elementary and up)

Simonetta Carr

Chronicles of the Church Series (ages 8-12)

Brandon and Mindy Withrow

Christian Focus Publications

A wonderful 5 volume series of church history from beginnings in Acts to modern day.

Other History (some Christian, some not)

Lightkeepers Series: (ages 8-12)

Ten Boys Series:

Ten Boys Who Made History

Ten Boys Who Made a Difference

Ten Boys Who Changed the World

Ten Boys Who Didn't Give In

Ten Boys Who Used Their Talents

Ten Girls Series: (ages 8-12)

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Ten Girls Who Made a Difference

Ten Girls Who Changed the World

Ten Girls Who Didn't Give In

Ten Girls Who Used Their Talents

Irene Howat

Christian Focus

Guarding the Treasure: How God's People Preserve God's Word (older elementary and up)

Linda Finlayson

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: Martin Luther (older elementary and up)

Jim Cromarty

Words to Die For: Verses that Shaped the Lives of 30 People Who Changed the World (ages 7+)

Lawrence Kimbrough

Broadman and Holman

Missions

Granny Han's Breakfast (age 4 and up)

Sheila Groves and Faith Mantzke

Ian and the Gigantic Leafy Obstacle (age 4 and up)

Sheila Miller

Christian Publications Series of Missionary Stories(Christian Missionary Alliance): (age 5+)

The Potato Story and Other Missionary Stories

Beautiful Feet and Other Missionary Stories

Elynn Chudnovsky

Wonderful little stories that your children will not have heard before!

Out of print, but available.

Window on the World: When We Pray, God Works (ages 6 and up)

Daphne Spraggett with Jill Johnstone

Paternoster Press

Children's version of Operation World. Wonderful! Looks at fifty-two peoples to be reached with the gospel.

From Arapesh to Zuni: A Book of Bibleless Peoples (ages 6 and up)

Karen Lewis

Heroes of the Cross series (ages 6 and up)

Include stories about three missionaries in each volume

Out of print, but obtainable.

Stories of Faith: Inspirational Episodes from the Lives of Christians (ages 6 and up)

Ruth A. Tucker

365 little devotions, many about missionaries. Well documented sources in the back. I have used some of these and the bibliographies to write some of my Praise Factory stories. Some of the stories, however, I would choose to skip over due to theological differences.

Missionary Series: (ages 6 and up)

George Muller: Does Money Grow On Trees?

Helen Roseveare: What's In The Parcel?

John Calvin: What is the Truth?

Martin Luther: What Should I Do?

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

David Brainerd: A Love for the Lost (ages 7 and up)

Brian Cosby

Trailblazer Series: (ages 7 and up)

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

Various authors

Christian Focus

Missionary Biography Series: (older elementary and up)

For the Love of India: Henry Martyn

King of the Cannibals: John Paton

The Pigtail and Chopsticks Man: Hudson Taylor

Food for Cannibals: John Paton

Jim Cromarty

Sexuality

The Wonderful Way Babies Are Made

Larry Christenson

God's Design for Sex Series:

Book 1 The Story of Me; Book 2 Before I Was Born; Book 3 What's the Big Deal? Book 4 Facing the Facts; How and When to Tell Your Kids about Sex: A Lifelong Approach to Shaping Your Child's Sexual Character

Carolyn Nystrom, Stanton L. Jones, Brenna B. Jones

Each book is designed for use with a particular age group, introducing the children to more information as they get older and develop themselves.

Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know about the Emerging Science of Sex Differences

Sax Leonard

Teens & Sex: How Should We Teach Them?

Paul David Tripp

only through ccef.org

Passport to Purity

Family Life

A workbook and DVD series that is great for parents to go through with their pre-teen. They suggest going through it on a weekend away together, but we've found there are many ways to use this curriculum effectively.

Music and Stories behind Hymns

The Toddler's Songbook (ages 2 and up)

Ellen Banks Elwell

Crossway

Various Children's traditional, Bible and praise songs. Colorful pictures, suggested actions and a music CD.

All Things Bright and Beautiful (ages 2 and up)

Cecil Frances Alexander

Mr. Pipes Series (ages 8 and up)

Mr. Pipes and the British Hymn Makers

Mr. Pipes Comes to America

Accidental Voyage

Douglas Bond

Children love this series of books on hymns through the ages.

Teach Them the Faith (Audio CD)

Vitco, Dan & Karen Vitco

A very very very BIG GOD (Audio CD)

J is for Jesus (Audio CD)

Why Can't I See God? Go to the Ant; Guard Your Heart; Teach Me While My Heart Is Tender (Audio CDs)

Judy Rogers *judyrogers.com*

Hymns for a Kid's Heart Series: (ages 5 and up)

Volume 1, Volume 2 (various hymns) with CDs (Audio)

Christmas Carols for a Kid's Heart, Book with CD (Audio)

Passion Hymns for a Kid's Heart with CD (Audio)

Sergio Martinez, Joni Eareckson Tada and Bobbie Wolgemuth

Hide 'n' Seek Kids, Deep Down Detectives, Praise Factory Investigators Songs (Audio),

These are all the hymns, Bible verses and Big Questions used in these three curriculums, all set to music. (music downloadable from website)

amazon.com, The Praise Factory website

Sovereign Grace Kids Music: (Audio CDs)

Awesome God, To Be Like Jesus, Walking with the Wise

Wonderful music!

only sovereigngracemusic.org

Seeds Family Worship

Christianbook.com has more CDs of Bible songs than you can fit in your mini-van, even when it's cleaned out! Look there for many more titles that your family might enjoy.

Fiction and Fiction-Based History

Board Books: (ages 0-3)

All About God's Animals Series: Around the Water; Color

Janyre Tromp

Paperback and Hardback:

Fool Moon Rising (ages 3 and up)

Kristi and T. Lively Fluharty

Crossway

Wonderful allegory of biblical truth of 1 Corinthians 4:7

Adam, Adam, What Do You See? (ages 2-6)

Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson

A Children's Version of Pilgrim's Progress: Dangerous Journey (age 9 and up)

Oliver Hunkin

Excellent. Some of the pictures are a little scary, especially of Apollyon. There is a video of this book, too.

Little Pilgrim's Progress (ages 6 and up)

Helen Taylor

The Pilgrim's Progress: From This World to That Which Is to Come (elementary age and up)

C.J.Lovik

The Pilgrim's Progress in Modern English (elementary age and up)

John Bunyan, James Thomas

Treasures of the Snow, Star of Light, A Home For Virginia, Twice Freed, The Safe Place and others (elementary age and up)

Patricia St. John

The Barber Who Wanted to Pray (ages 8 and up)

King Without a Shadow

The Priest with Dirty Clothes

The Prince's Poison Cup

The Lightlings

The Donkey Who Carried a King

R.C. Sproul

Beep (ages 4-7)

Peter Jeffery

Risktakers Series: Adventure and Faith: Volume 1; Strength and Devotion: Volume 2

(ages 8 and up)

Linda Finlayson

Appendix E: Booklists and Articles from Truths to Teach, Stories to Tell

Adventures Series: (ages 8 and up)

Great Barrier Reef Adventures

New York City Adventures

Pacific Adventures

Rainforest Adventures

Outback Adventures

African Adventures

Scottish Highland Adventures

Himalayan Adventures

Kiwi Adventures

Wild West Adventures

Rocky Mountain Adventures

Cambodian Adventures

various authors

Christian Focus

Jungle Doctor Series: (ages 8 and up)

To the Rescue

And the Whirlwind

Spots a Leopard

Stings a Scorpion

Operates

Eyes on the Jungle Doctor

Looks for Trouble

Pulls a Let

On the Hop

Meets a Lion

On Safari

Paul White

Christian Focus

Chronicles of Narnia, Boxed Set (ages 5 and up)

C. S. Lewis

Stepping Heavenward (teenage girls)

Elizabeth Prentiss

Bible Study Tools

Commentaries for Children (ages 3 and up)

Herein is Love: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

Nancy Ganz

Daily Life at the Time of Jesus (ages 5 and up)

Food at the Time of the Bible: From Adam's Apple to the Last Supper

Miriam Feinberg Vamosh

People of the Bible: Life and Customs (preschool and up)

Silvia Gastaldi, Clair Musatti

Wonderful illustrations with information set in a point-at-the-picture format which is very interesting and accessible to even preschoolers. You won't want to put it down either!

Footsteps of the Past Series: (ages 7 and up)

Kings, Pharaohs and Bandits: The World of Abraham to Esther

Romans, Gladiators and Games: The Roman World of the First Christians

Brian Edwards and Clive Anderson

Day One Publications *only through christianbook.com*

International Children's Bible Field Guide: Answering Kids' Questions from Genesis to

Revelation (ages 7 and up)

Lawrence O. Richards

International Children's Bible Dictionary: A Fun and Easy-to-Use Guide to the Words, People, and Places in the Bible (ages 7 and up)

Ronald F. Youngblood, F. F. Bruce, and R. K. Harrison

Bible Explorer (ages 7 and up)

Carine MacKenzie

Christian Focus

Jesus Rose From the Dead - the Evidence (ages 7 and up)

Catherine Mackenzie

Christian Focus

The Bible Story Handbook (ages 7 and up)

A Resource for Teaching 175 Stories from the Bible

John H. Walton & Kim E. Walton

Crossway

100 Fascinating Bible Facts (ages 7 and up)

Irene Howat

The Time of Jesus: Crafts to Make that Recreate Everyday Life (ages 7 and up)

Lois Rock

The Victor Journey through the Bible (ages 7 and up)

V. Gilbert Beers

David C. Cook

Children's Education Issues and Aids

A Vision for Ministry to Children and Their Parents

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Desiring God Ministries

Child-Sensitive Teaching: Helping children grow a living faith in a loving God

By Karen Henley
Standard Publishing

Christian's Ministry that Works

Group Publications

While I have GREAT hesitations about many resources that Group puts out (from both theological and educational standpoints), I do think that they do this basics book quite well. I especially like the age-appropriate lists of different activities to use with children.

Education that Is Christian

Lois LeBar

How Children Come to Faith in Christ

By Jim Elliff
Family Life Audio Series
Tape/DVD Series
Purchase through Family Life: www.familylife-ccc.org

The Wiggle and Giggle Busy Book: 365 Fun, Physical Activities for Toddlers and Preschoolers

The Preschooler's Busy Book: 365 Creative Learning Games & Activities to Keep Your 3-6 Year Old Busy

Trish Kuffner
Fabulous resources!

The Big Book of Bible Games

Gospel Light
Fully Reproducible. Great to slot into any Bible story review or memory verse grouped by age interest

The Praise Factory Website

Lists games for preschoolers and for elementary-age children that can be used with any Bible review game or Scripture memory verse. www.praisefactory.org

My Bible Dress Up Book

Carla Williams
David C. Cook
Great, simple, no-sew Bible times costumes.
out of print, but obtainable through amazon.com marketplace

Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God

Bruce A. Ware
Crossway

Websites to Purchase Books and Curriculum

www.christianfocus.com

This company offers some curriculum and much of the best Christian children's books. They are extremely prolific, making it almost impossible to keep up with all the quality books they produce each year. Make sure to visit their website and download a catalog! Now most are available through amazon.

www.goodbook.com

Great books for use in family devotions, especially for elementary age children.

www.cvbbs.com

Cumberland Valley Bible Book Service. One of the only US carriers of Christian Focus publications...and everything at GREAT prices! Also carry Banner of Truth, Crossway, and P& R resources, as well as some from Australia that are hard to find elsewhere.

www.wtsbook.com

Westminster Theological Seminary's bookstore. Great prices! Great resources! Great selection!

www.christianbook.com

Largest, single dealer in Christian Books in the US. They will tend to have only the most "mainstream" books, such as those published by Crossway and Zondervan.

www.matthiasmedia.com

US source for Australian-based Matthias Media. Books like Who Will Be King? and Gumtree Gully (children's versions of Two Ways to Live)

www.childrendesiringgod.org

Bethlehem Baptist. Extensive offering of curriculum and memory verse resources. They have updated many of their materials lately.

www.treasuringchristonline.com

Treasuring Christ is a new curriculum for preschool through high school that does a great job of pointing to Christ in every Bible story. Everyone has a lesson on the same Bible story at the same time, but at a different level of comprehension. This curriculum is produced by Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

www.cartpioneers.org and www.calebproject.org

Some Caleb Project Resources related to T,H,U,M,B. Great resources for telling children about the 10/40 window and the different people groups there. But, be aware that we found that we needed to re-word some of the resources because of theological differences.

www.csionline.org

Christian Schools International has two lines of curriculum, one for use in Christian schools and one more use in homeschools. We have even adapted some of this curriculum for use in our Sunday School. Good content from a reformed perspective. Lots of activities and reproducible sheets.

www.praisefactory.org

The Praise Factory curriculums and music for downloading and ordering hard copies. This resource book in pdf form (or to order hard copy) can be found there, too.

www.newgrowthpress.com

The Gospel Storybook Bible Curriculum can be found here. High quality content and presentation. For preschool through elementary.