

Introduction

My guess is you've heard of the missions "10-40 Window". It refers to the geographical area of the world with the most unreached peoples and the least gospel access in the world. But did you know that in children's ministry, there's another window frequently mentioned. It's the "4-14 Window", referring to ages 4 to 14, the age range which, in God's sovereignty, continues to be most fruitful for conversion. This is why I care so much about good teaching for kids at church, and with putting good books into the hands of parents to use with their kids at home: to sow deep and wide in this very fertile soil of souls.

I am far from alone in this passion. The market for Bible curriculum and Christian books for kids is saturated with resources in the English-speaking world. But unfortunately, not all these books are "created equal." Instead of helping with conversion, there are many that bring confusion. I'd like to explain what is so often causing this problem in hopes of helping you grow in discernment as you choose and use books with children. And, to learn how to even turn books which are even less than helpful into useful tools for you and your family.

It all starts with the three "P's". Let me introduce them to you and show you how to use them to take a good look at Christian kids' books.

The three "P's" are:

- God's Promises
- God's People
- God's Plan of Salvation

The "Problem" with God's Promises

Authors of kids' books love to hold God's promises out to kids to comfort and encourage them. But God's promises are for who? God's people. And how do we become one of God's people? By God's plan of salvation: repenting from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.

Many of these authors write their books as if they're talking to young Christians rather than young people. Their aim is to explain God's promises in language the young believers can understand and can apply these promises to kid situations as believers, as our little brothers and sisters in the faith. You will notice a lot of "assumptive language" in books like these. There's a lot of "we" and "you" and "us" when talking about God's promises or in the prayers at the end of a devotion. Bible verses or Bible truths originally written to God's people in context, are woven into their language in ways that sound like they are the possession of every child reading/listening to the book.

Now praise God, the 4-14 window reminds us that many people ARE converted as children and these promises/prayers are theirs to enjoy and take comfort from. But the thing is, not all kids ARE saved or at least not yet saved. And many times, it can be very difficult to discern who is, and who isn't. To hold out the gifts of the gospel without presenting the need for the gospel can be confusing to adult and to child and can lead to false assurance as well as missed opportunities for the gospel.

Do No Harm

This is why I'm on the lookout each year for books about **God's promises** that also clarify that those promises are God's gifts to **God's people**; and, which also tell **God's plan of salvation**, so the kids, too, can know how they can become one of God's people. This is far better than just assuming the reader

knows the need for the gospel first, or is already converted. If kids/parents don't know how to be saved, or understand they need to be saved in order for these promises to be for them, books like these may do more harm than good.

Another related issue is how the idea of repentance is either not included or so carefully disguised that to become one of God's people can sound like easy believism. The word "repent" may be a big, confusing Bible word, but the idea can be conveyed in simpler phrases like "turn away from disobeying God, and live your life for Him". But the important thing is that the idea of repentance is there. Many people believe in God and even say they trust in Jesus as their Savior, but do not understand they need to turn and live a new life for Him.

What to Do

Since there are so many books that are missing the P's of God's people and God's plan as they hold out God's promises to kids, what can we do? Here are a few suggestions that can help you make most any book into a good book.

Read the book yourself.

Read the book yourself, looking for the three P's or anything else of particular care for your kids. Get a sense of how many times God's promises are being held out to the reader in a way that is confusing. Once you have a feel for how much of the book needs modification, you might do one of the following with it.

THEN,

1. Keep the book, Change the language.

Now that you know what might be missing, add it in. If you're reading a book to a child, you can just change as you go.

2. Keep the book, Change the use.

If you find a book, you like but missing a "P" or two, or have another issue of concern, you might use it as a read-aloud family devotional book and have a discussion over it. That allows you to build discernment in your children, and that is a very important skill for us to develop in our children.

3. Keep the book, Change the reader... to YOU!

Kids' books are great for parents to learn helpful language to talk to their kids. You might find a book that you as the adult can learn a lot from and use some of the concepts when talking to your kids without actually reading the book to your kids.

4. Change Books

If the language is just so consistently confusing, you may just want to choose a different book that would fill the same need.

About These Book Lists and Resources

The favorite books on my book lists are those with all three “P’s”, or with some sort of format that does not lead to confusion over conversion. However, in some topics, there aren’t “three P” books written yet. I’ve tried to find the best books I could for these topics, and I have tried to flag those books with a note of some sort on the lists.

I hope you will find the lists useful. I pray that God uses your efforts with books as well as with His work in your life to show children the good news of the gospel that they might turn and trust in Him as their Savior, too.

Connie Dever

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 downsides, 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 that 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 the 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 for 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 an update of scholarship, but a shift towards gender-neutral language. This is because of the NIV's commitment to keeping 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 storybook, 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. Also, remember that God's promises are written for God's people. If you are teaching children God's promises, through either catechism or Bible memory, make sure you weave the gospel into your teaching so the kids can know how these Bible truths can be THEIR Bible truths. And certainly, pray that the Holy Spirit do the good work that only He can do to bring them to repentance and faith in Christ.

Be careful in how you teach these truths to your kids. Don't exasperate them! 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 capsule of wisdom and knowledge.

#5 Books can be used to build discernment. Discernment is one of the most important skills you can teach your child as they read. That is, being able to read something and compare it to the truth they know, filter out what is not true, and learn from what is. Parents can use books as tools to build discernment as they read them together and pause and ask questions, such as: "What do you think about what the author just said?" Does that sound like Bible truth? Why or why not? What might be better to say than what the author said?" etc.

#6 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 backward in Hebrew...while your child can hardly sit still let alone say their ABCs? Stop comparing! Help your child learn, read, and memorize as she is able! The point is to make 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.

Old Favorites, New Finds ★ = New for 2022/2023

APOLOGETICS

The Bible is God's Word: The Evidence Catherine MacKenzie

Jesus Rose from the Dead: The Evidence Catherine MacKenzie

★ Ten Questions Every Teen Should Ask and Answer about Christianity Rebecca McLaughlin

BIBLES

CSB/NTV La Gran Historia: Biblia Interactiva (The Gospel Project) (Spanish Edition) McPherson

CSB One Big Story Bible

CSB She Reads Truth Bible

ESV Big Picture Bible

NIV Kids Visual Study Bible

NIRV: Adventure Bible for Early Readers (Easiest of all versions)

BIBLE HYBRIDS (simple, easy to read translations of parts of the Bible)

Karyn Henley Series:

Day by Day Kids Bible (portions of every book of the Bible)

Day By Day Begin to Read Bible (subset of Day by Day Kids Bible, for even younger children)

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

Meet Jesus in Mark: His Gospel in 24 Readings Matthew Sleeman

BIBLE STORYBOOK COLLECTIONS

The Beginners Bible Zonderkidz

The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers Ella K. Lindvall

★ The Biggest Story Bible Storybook Kevin DeYoung

Christian Focus Story Bible Carine MacKenzie

★ God's Big Promises Bible Storybook Carl Laferton

The Gospel Story Bible Storybook

Marty Machowski

- ★ Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series various authors
Bible study/story books for ages 6-12. "Every book of the Bible in simple language" is how they put it. One for every book of the Bible
Two from the series:
Good News: Acts
Finally Free: Exodus

The One, Big Story Bible Storybook Gospel Project

La Gran Historia Libro de Historias Biblicas (Spanish Version)

La Gran Historia Relatos Biblicos Interactivos en 5 Minutos (Spanish Version)

The Promises of God Story Bible: the story of God's unstoppable love Jennifer Lyell

Read aloud Bible Stories, Volumes 1-4

Ella K. Lindvall

Board Books: Bible Story Collections

Big Book of Bible Stories for Toddlers One, Big Story/Gospel Project

La Biblica Para Principiantes: Historias acerca de Jesus

La Gran Historia Relatos Biblicos Interactivos para Los Mas Pequenos del Antiguo Testamento

La Gran Historia Relatos Biblicos Interactivos para Los Mas Pequenos del Nuevo Testamento

INDIVIDUAL BIBLE STORY BOOKS

A Bible Time Book Series Carine MacKenzie

Hannah, the Mother Who Prayed

The Donkey Who Carried a King

El Burrito que Cargo a un Rey R.C. Sproul (Spanish version)

Luke Series: Catherine MacKenzie

The Noisy Neighbor Luke 11: God Is Good

Busy Housewife Luke 15: God Rescues

And others

- ★ God's Servant Ruth: A Poem with a Promise Douglas Bond (8-12)

Good Book Company Series of Bible Stories:

Please be careful with this series. Look for language that presumes conversion. They also frequently use the expression “friend of God” as an easy-to-understand way to say “Christian”. But they tend to only present gospel as believe, not repent and believe. I love the illustrations and so do kids. This is a great series to modify with your language or use to foster discussion. Many of these now available in a wonderful, new Spanish translation. Many are also available as board books, but sometimes lose key concepts in the process.

The Friend Who Forgives
Jesus and the Very Big Surprise
The 1 o'clock Miracle
The Storm Has Stopped
The God Contest
And others

Dan Dewitt
Randall Goodgame
Allison Mitchell
Allison Mitchell
Carl Laferton

Board books: Individual Bible stories

“The Best” Series

Jesus: the Best Baby (Also Christmas)
Jesus: the Best Story
Mary, the Best Girl

Catherine McKenzie

Famous Bible Stories

Adam and Eve

Carine MacKenzie

The Big Crash Helen Scrimshire

The Stories Jesus Told Series:

The Selfish Servant
The Proud Prayer
And others

Carine MacKenzie

BIBLE FACTS AND STUDY TOOLS

The Bible Explorer's Guide: 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos (Volume 1)

Nancy Sanders

The Bible Explorer's Guide: People and Places 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos
(Volume 2)

Nancy Sanders

★ Bible Infographics for Kids: Epic Guide to Jesus Harvest Kids

A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible: Seeing and Knowing God's Word

Tim Challies and Josh Byers

★ Welcome to Bible World: explore all 66 books of the Bible Mike Nappa

CHRISTIAN FICTION

The Chronicles of Narnia C.S. Lewis

Dragon Seed Marty Machowski

Lithos Kids series

Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 1

Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 2: Christiana's Journey to the Celestial City

★ Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 3: Christiana's Journey to the Celestial City

Patricia St. John Books:

Star of Light

Three Go Searching

The Tanglewood's Secret

The Secret of Pheasant Cottage

Rainbow Garden

Treasures of the Snow

★ The Serpent Slayer and the Scroll of Riddles Champ Thornton

The Wilderking Trilogy Jonathan Rogers

The Bark of the Bog Owl (Book 1)

The Wingfeather Saga Andrew Petersen

On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Book 1)

Other Fiction: (Not Christian but super enjoyable and clean)

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street Karina Yan Glaser

CHURCH

God Made Me for Worship

Jared Kennedy

My Church Book: Come into his presence Volumes 1 and 2 Truth 78

Parenting in the Pew

Robbie Castleman

Board books: Church

★ The Church

Devon Provencher

CREATION/SCIENCE

Creation Sings: How God's Work Declares God's Truth Carine MacKenzie

Find the Animal Series (Christian Focus)

Penny Reeve

God Made Something Funny

God Made Series Carine MacKenzie

God Made Me

God Gave Me Series Catherine MacKenzie (Board books)

God Gave Me Sight

I Can Read: Made by God series Zonderkidz

Sea Creatures

Our Feathered Friends

It Couldn't Just Happen: knowing the truth about God's awesome creation

Lawrence O. Richards

DEVOTIONS: (Personal/Family) Often presume conversion Add gospel/change language. Devotional books are some of the most "presumptive" of conversion in their language. Perhaps, this is because they are speaking to a whole family, some of whom we do presume to be Christians. Be careful, especially looking at the prayers and the life applications. Modify wording as needed and add in questions about how these promises can be for us, by becoming God's people (turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior).

40 days with Paul: a journey that could change your world Dominic Smart

Bible Reading with Your Kids: a Simple Guide for Every Father John Nielson

The Big Book of Questions and Answers about Jesus

Sinclair Ferguson

The Big Book of Questions and Answers: A Family Devotional Guide to the Christian Faith Sinclair Ferguson

The Big Picture Bible Verses

David R. Helm

Conversations with Jesus

David Helm

Family Worship Bible Guide

Joel R. Beeke

God's Promises (and others)

Sally Michael

Meeting with Jesus: a daily Bible reading plan for kids David Murray

New City Catechism for Kids

Just a reminder about catechisms... Catechisms were originally written for older youth/adults on the brink of baptism/membership. We have found the usefulness of them in teaching children and putting truth in their little hearts/minds for God to use for many years to come. But just remember: the catechism answers are true comfort for Christians. So, at least from time to time, ask your kids/tell your kids that these are the wonderful truths that God's people speak about God and their life with Him. Then, tell ask them/tell them how they can become God's people and these promises/words can be true for them, too.

The Radical Book for Kids

Champ Thornton

★ The Really Radical Book for Kids: More Truth More Fun Champ Thornton

★ The Treasure: Ancient Story Ever New of Jesus and His Church Marty Machowski
Every once in a while, his text presumes conversion. Just be on the look out for those times. Great book otherwise.

Wonder Full: Ancient Psalms Ever New

Marty Machowski

Board Books: Devotions

Baby Believer Series:

Psalm 23

Psalms of Praise

Easy for Me Bible Verses Broadman and Holman

Hymns for Little Ones Series:

Amazing Grace

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

DISCIPLESHIP

This category of books usually presumes conversion/add gospel/change language. As the name implies (Discipleship), these books are geared for Christians. Depending on your use, you may need to add in the gospel for your kids.

★ Amazing Stories for Young Believers: Walk through the Bible in 366 Days

David Strehler (does presume conversion in a few places)

A Beautiful Mystery: What's Up with Modesty Heather Thieneman

Between Us Series

Between Us Girls: Walks and Talks for Mothers and Daughters Trish Donahue

Between Us Guys: Life Changing Conversations for Dads and Sons Joel FitzPatrick

Lydia Brownback Bible Studies

Habakkuk: Learning to Live by Faith

- ★ Creative God, Colorful Us Trillia Newbell This is definitely written for girls who are believers. Helpful language and much to like about it. Just be careful to add gospel.

Diana Kleyn Series:

Bearing Fruit: devotional stories about godliness

Diana Kleyn

Taking Root: devotional stories about conversion

Diana Kleyn

- ★ Exploring the Earliest Gospel: A Kids Bible Study on Jesus and His Good News
Rebecca McLaughlin
- ★ Flight School: learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of flying Mark Philpot
- ★ Driving School: learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of motoring Day One
- ★ God and Me Series Joel R and Mary Beeke
A remarkable series that consistently makes it clear what it means to be a Christian. One of the best discipleship series I've found that does NOT assume conversion but carries the gospel all the way through the text.

I Need to Trust in God
I Need to Love God
I Need to Hope in God
I Need to Love Other People

- ★ The Jesus I Wish I Knew in High School Cameron Cole and Charlotte Getz
- ★ Life as a Christian: a Primer for New Believers Mary Wiley (Gospel Project)
Another new favorite of mine. Super inexpensive and VERY thorough from how to become a Christian to how to live as a Christian. There is language that presumes conversion, but that's who it's for.
- ★ Paul's Big Letter: A Kid-Friendly Journey through the Book of Romans J. Aaron White

Thoughts for Young Men R.C. Ryle

GOSPEL

How God Changes People: conversion stories from the Bible Carine MacKenzie

This Is the Gospel Kids Read Truth

Who Will be King?
Who Will Be King Activity Book Matthias Media
Stephanie Carmichael

Board Books: Gospel

★ The Gospel Devon Provencher
Jesus Saves: the gospel for toddlers Sarah Reju

Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen

HOLIDAYS

Christmas:

★ The Advent-ure (Connie Dever, online praisefactory.org companion with Big Picture Story Bible)

★ All About Christmas Alison Mitchell

The Christmas Promise (regular and board book versions) Alison Mitchell
El Rey Prometido (Spanish version)

The Christmas Story Carine MacKenzie

Just Nicholas Annie Kratzsch

My Christmas Activity Book: 25 days to celebrate Jesus' birth Catherine MacKenzie

★ The Promise: The Amazing Story of Our Long-Awaited Savior Jason Helopoulos

Seek and Find: The First Christmas Sarah Parker

Easter:

My Easter Activity Book: 25 days to celebrate Jesus's birth Catherine MacKenzie

Thanksgiving:

Give Thanks to the Lord: Celebrating Psalm 92 Karina Wilson
I Can Say Thank You to God Catherine MacKenzie (Board Book)

Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving Eric Metaxas
What is Thanksgiving? Michelle Metlock Adams

ISSUES CHILDREN FACE

Books in this category are especially prone to give children God's promises to hold on to in ways that are true only for believers. You can you kids by adding your own words/questions to the text that makes it clear how these beautiful promises can be for them, when they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

Christina Fox Series

I have hesitations about this series. She tends to hold out promises to the kids in the story without clearly explaining that these are God's promises to His people. The children in the story, you have to assume, are Christians, and you are listening in on a conversation between Christians. Probably the best thing to do is to make that clear to your children at some point in reading the story. HOWEVER, there are very few books available on these topics currently. And, if you modify the language/add the gospel, there's much good to get from them. I would say these are better used only in strong Christian families who understand and can make changes/have good discussions with their children about the content.

- ★ God Hears Your Heart: Helping Kids Pray about Hard Emotions
(She unfortunately uses the phrase "church member" for a child just because they attend church. I think she means the child is attending church and is used to hearing the gospel and knows how God wants His people to live. There's still good language in here. But modifications will be needed.)
- ★ The Great, Big Sad (On grieving and death) The children in the story are definitely receiving comfort that is for Christians. Need to add the gospel. But, very little out there on this topic, and she does use a lot of good language.
- ★ Give Your Worries to God Sally Michael
This book that points kids to not worry because of who God is but it does NOT presume conversion. It also has great tips for Christian parents in how to use books with their children to continue to hold out God's truth and point them to Christ.

Helping Children Series (New Growth Press) Be careful with this series. I include these because there is not much out on the market yet. But you will need to shape the Holcomb books. Clarify the gospel

Justin and Lindsay Holcomb books:

God Made Me in His Image: helping children appreciate their bodies

Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel

God Made All of Me: a book to help children protect their bodies

- ★ God Made Babies: helping parents answer the Baby question

God Made Boys and Girls: helping children understand the gift of gender

Marty Machowski

God Made You and Me: celebrating God's design for ethnic diversity Shai Linne

Good News for Little Hearts CCEF Series various authors

This series is very popular and meets an important need. BUT, you especially need careful attention to wording that holds out promises to all kids that are only for Christians. Read carefully and add gospel language.

There are many in this series. Here are a few:

Halle Takes a Stand: When You Want to Fit In

Gwen Tells Tales: When It's Hard to Tell the Truth

Tomas Looks Up and Out

How to Help Your Anxious Teen: discovering the surprising sources of their worries and fears Jessica Thompson

The title makes you think this is only 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!

The Moon Is Always Round (Suffering)

Jonathan Gibson



Nugget and the Refiner Kerry Tittle (4-12) Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel

This book is about how God uses trials in the lives of His people to change them. It is a helpful story that parents can use to share how they have seen God use trials to change them. And this testimony can be helpful to children seeking to make sense of suffering, themselves, as you hold out the gospel to them.



Social Media Pressure: Finding Peace Alongside Jesus John Perritt

Presumes conversion, add gospel



FaceTime: Your Identity in a Selfie World Kristen Hatton



A Student's Guide to Anxiety Presumes Edward T Welsh Book addressing "classic" anxiety issues Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel



Rewriting Gender? You, Your Family, Transgenderism, and the Gospel David Martin

A few of the prayers presume conversion but this is one of the best books I've found for giving language to talk to kids about this issue. Especially younger kids have a tendency to "parrot" what we say and that can lead to some unintentional confusion and pain as they talk with other kids in a way that lacks the nuance needed in helping those with gender struggles, the children of parents of the same sex, etc. This book focuses on

building compassion in our children, while speaking of the brokenness of sin. It may not be all the conversation that needs to take place, but it is a good, relation-building start that may lead to closer friendships and more opportunity with this growing, needy population in our culture.

- ★ Track: Gaming: A Student's Guide to Gaming Reagan Rose A thoughtful look at gaming for Christians. Teen/Parents
- ★ Track: Navigating Culture: A Student's Guide to Navigating Culture Reagan Rose A thoughtful look at culture for Christians. Teen/Parents
- ★ Teaching Children to Use Their Words Wisely series by Ginger Hubbard and Al Roland I love this series because in each book, the Christian parents are seen doing the same sin as the kids are struggling with. The parents confess, repent and pray about these things, leaving a wonderful example of how believers struggle with sin, but are living a life of turning away from it. How very true to life this is!
- ★ Chloe and the Closet of Secrets: a book about lying
- ★ Sam and the Sticky Situation: a word about whining
- ★ Shawn and His Amazing Shrinking Sister: A book about teasing

True Feelings: God's Gracious and Glorious Purpose for Our Emotions Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre PCAG

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

- ★ You Count! Board Book On Calming Emotions Champ Thornton
Books on counting yourself to calm are HUGE this year. This one is the best I've seen among the Christian versions.

PARENTING

Age of Opportunity Paul David Tripp

Child Proof Julie Lowe

Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife Barbara Rainey

Parenting Is More than a Formula Jim Newheiser

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

Parenting with Love and Logic Series Foster Cline and Jim Faye
Parenting with Love and Logic: Preparing Adolescence for Responsible Adulthood
Parenting with Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility

These two books are great for giving you the language most parents find they increasingly need with their children as they hit mid elementary school age through high school. It's not a replacement for a classic book on discipline. They are GREAT for helping you think of ways to build responsibility and see the consequences of actions they are making as they grow up towards adulthood. They give lots of specific scenarios and language you can use.

★ Prayers of a Parent Series: Kathleen Nielson

Prayers of a Parent for Young Children

Prayers of a Parent for Teens

Prayers of a Parent for Young Adults

Prayers of a Parent for Adult Children

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

★ Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe

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

This is a very unusual book. If you think it is a philosophy of discipline, you've missed it's point and you will not like it.)Even the title sounds like you are perhaps not being as strong as you should be in encouraging your children to obey you out of honor.) This book is NOT meant to replace teaching your children to obey you. It is for that small subset of parents whose children are triggered extremely easily and frequently. It gives you language that may help you trigger your child less and build your relationship at the same time. I know of parents who have found it very helpful.

Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen

PRAYER

Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer

Laura Wifler

★ How Do We Say Thank You? Champ Thornton

Little Hands Learning to Pray

Carine MacKenzie

What Every Child Should Know about Prayer

Nancy Guthrie

Board Books: Prayer

I Can Say to God series Christian Focus

I Love You

I'm Sorry

Thank you

Please

Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer board book version

Laura Wifler

REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

- ★ 30 Prophecies: One Story How God's Word point to Jesus Paul Reynolds
- ★ The Biggest Story Kevin DeYoung
- ★ Also available as a 25 pack for only a few dollars Great giveaway item
- The Big Picture Story Bible David R. Helm
- The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross Carl Laferton
- El Jardin, La Cortina, y Al Cruz (Spanish Version)
- The Gospel Story from One, Big Story (Gospel Project) B&H kids
- ★ I See Jesus Nancy Guthrie
- ★ The Promise: The Amazing Story of Our Long-Awaited Savior Jason Helopoulos

SEXUALITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

- ★ A Beautiful Mystery: What's Up with Modesty Heather Thieneman
- ★ God made Babies: Helping Parents Answer the Baby Question Justin S. and Lindsey A Holcomb
- ★ God Was Not Confused When Creating You (Gender) Gabriela Sorto
- Growing-up God's Way for Girls Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones
- Growing-up God's Way for Boys Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones
- ★ Rewriting Gender? You, Your Family, Transgenderism, and the Gospel David Martin (A few of the prayers presume conversion, but is one of the best books I've found for giving language to talk to kids about this issue)
- ★ Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe
- ★ Why Did God Make Me a Boy? (Gender) Joe and Abby Owen (Answers in Genesis)
- ★ Why Did God Make Me a Girl? (Gender) Abby and Joe Owen (Answers in Genesis)

STORIES OF THE SAINTS: (Missions and Church History)

★ The Captive Princess (Pocahontas) Wendy Lawton

The Christian Biographies for Young Readers series
Augustine of Hippo

Simonetta Carr:

The Church History ABC's

Stephen J Nichols

★ Corrie ten Boom: The Courageous Woman of the Secret Room Laura Caputo-Wickham

Everyone a Child Should Know

Claire Heath-Whyte

★ The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler John Hendrix

Here Am I Biographies (B & H)

★ C.S. Lewis: The Writer Who Found Joy

Dan DeWitt

★ Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy Mary Fry Wilmington

Hidden Heroes series (Christian Focus)

Rebekah Davis

The Good News Must Go Out: Central African Republic

Lights in a Dark Place: Columbia

Living Water in the Desert: Iran

With Two Hands: Ethiopia

Evidence Not Seen: A Woman's Miraculous Faith in the Jungles of WW2 Darlene Deibler Rose

Faithful Women and Their Extraordinary God Noel Piper

Little Lights Series (Christian Focus)

Amy Carmichael: Can Brown Eyes Be Made Blue?

Corrie ten Boom: Are All the Watches Safe?

David Livingston: Who Is the Bravest?

Eric Liddel: Are You Ready?

George Mueller: Does Money Grow on Trees?

Gladys Alyward: Are You Going to Stop?

Helen Roseveare: What's in the Parcel?

Hudson Taylor: Could Somebody Pass the Salt?

John Calvin: What Is the Truth?

Martin Luther: What Should I Do?

Mary Slessor: What Is It Like?

Mary Jones and Her Bible Mary Ropes

Ten Boys/Girls Series Irene Howat
Ten Boys Who Used Their Talents
Ten Girls Who Used Their Talents

Trailblazers Series (Christian Focus)
A huge series Here are some of them:

Adoniram Judson: Dangers on the Streets of Gold
Brother Andrew: Behind Enemy Lines
Corrie ten Boom: The Watchmaker's Daughter
Elizabeth Elliot: Do the Next Thing
Eric Liddel: Finish the Race
George Mueller: Children's Champion
Joni Eareckson Tada: Swimming against the Tide
John Chrysostom: The Preacher in the Emperor's Court
John Paton: South Sea Island Rescue
Lottie Moon: Changing China for Christ
Richard Wurmbrand A Voice in the Dark
Robert Moffitt: Africa's Braveheart
William Tyndale Andrew Edwards and Fleur Thornton

TECHNOLOGY

Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids Kristen A Jenson
(Junior) Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids, Junior
Kristen A Jenson

My Tech-Wise Life: Growing Up and Making Choices in a World of Devices
Amy and Andy Crouch

- ★ Parenting Generation Screen: Guiding Your Kids to Be Wise in a Digital World
Jonathan McKee
- ★ Poly and the Screen Time Overload
Betsy Childs Howard
- ★ Screen Kids: 5 Relational Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World
Gary Chapman
- ★ Grand-parenting Screen Kids: How to Help, What to Say, and Where to Begin Gary
Chapman and Arlene Pellicane
- The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place
Andy Crouch

THEOLOGY

- ★ God Knows My Name Debby Anderson
- God Is Better than Trucks Sarah Reju
- God Is Better than Princesses Sarah Reju

- ★ The Gospel Made Clear to Children Jennifer Adams Unfortunate title choice. This book is actually for middle school/high school in content. Great content. Great glossary of important theological words in back.

My First Books: Carine MacKenzie
My 1st Book about God

Praise Factory Investigators Sing-a-long Storybook and mp3
downloads (Basis of the truths in the Praise Factory curriculum)

- ★ **Sally Michaels Series from God's Word**
Do NOT presume conversion and have great tips for Christian parents in how to use books with their children to continue to hold out God's truth and point them to Christ.
Our Great God Sally Michaels
Good Gifts Come from God
Give God Your Worries

Tales that Tell the Truth Series Good Book Company

The Awesome, Super Fantastic Forever Party
His Grace Is Enough
Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know

Joni E. Tada
Melissa Krueger
Melissa Kruger

The Ology

Marty Machowski

Visual Theology

Tim Challies and Josh Byers

Board Books: Theology

Baby Believer Series:
Our God: A Shapes Primer

Danielle Hitchen

Christian Focus Series:
God Is Everywhere

Carine MacKenzie

- ★ Series by Devon Provencher:
Creation
Jesus
God
Holy Spirit

- ★ Tiny Theologians series by Amy Gannett
Did God Learn His ABCs?
Does God Sleep?
Does God Go on Vacation?

2023 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 and 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

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

Matthias Media

Good Book Company

Truth 78

Christian Focus Books

TenofThose.com

and of course, Amazon.com

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★ New book to booklist 2022-2023

(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 Ten Questions Every Teen Should Ask and Answer about Christianity Rebecca McLaughlin

4,5 Tricky: The hardest questions to ask about Christianity (and some answers)
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)

(Easiest of all versions)

- 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, Adventure Bible for Kids, Hardcover (includes some study Bible elements)

NIV: (New International Version)

- ★ 2,3 NIV Adventure Bible (PCAG in some of the devotional content in sidebars)
- 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
- 4 CSB She Reads Truth Bible

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 Lee y Aprende La Biblia
- 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 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 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 Seek and Find Old Testament Bible Stories Sarah Parker (Board book)
- ★ 1,2 Seek and Find New Testament Bible Stories Sarah Parker (Board book)

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 **STRONG CAUTION**

I am leaving this book on here because it has a lot of merit. However, the wording of the gospel tie-in for most every story is such that it assumes the reader is one of God's people already by frequently exchanging sentences about God's people with "us" in the next sentence. I would NOT give this book to a family that is either young in the faith or who you hope to introduce to the gospel through a book. The language used automatically includes them as assumed partakers of gospel promises. This book is better used with solid, Christian parents who can remind the children about the gospel and how they can become one of God's people and the promises be for them. The same is true for the board books that have been made of individual stories from this book, and perhaps more so because of the title choices which are God Rose for Me, etc, without explaining how we can become Christians and for that to be true.

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 God's Daring Dozen Series (Minor Prophets) John brown and Brian Wright

Zephaniahs Hero

Habakkuk's Song

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 Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series
Bible study/story books for upper elementary/middle schoolers

2,3,4 365 Bible Stories Mary Batchelor

★ 2,3,4 The Biggest Story Bible Storybook Kevin DeYoung

★ 2,3,4 God's Big Promises Bible Storybook Carl Laferton

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 Child's Story Bible Catherine Vos

★ 3,4 Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series (various authors)
Bible study/story books for upper elementary/middle schoolers

"Every book of the Bible in simple language" is how they describe the project.

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

Please be careful with this series. Look for language that presumes conversion. They also frequently use the expression “friend of God” as an easy-to-understand way to say “Christian”. But they tend to only present gospel as believe, not repent and believe. I love the illustrations and so do kids. This is a great series to modify with your language or use to foster discussion. Many of these now available in a wonderful, new Spanish translation. Many are also available as board books, but sometimes lose key concepts in the process.

- 1,2,3 The Friend Who Forgives: A True Story about How Peter Failed and Jesus Forgave
Dan DeWitt
- ★ El Amigo que Perdona (Spanish Version)
- ★ • 1,2,3 Jesus and the Very Big Surprise Randall Goodgame
- 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 One O’Clock Miracle Alison Mitchell
- 2,3 The One O’Clock Miracle Coloring Book 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 Parabola 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
- ★ • Lo Mejor que Podemos Hacer (Spanish version)
- Never Too Little Steph Williams
- ★ • Aunque Seas Pequeno (Spanish version)
- The Man Who Would Not Be Quiet Steph Williams
- ★ • El Hombre que No Se Quedo Callado (Spanish version)

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 The Donkey that Carried a King R.C. Sproul

2,3 El Burrito que Cargo a un Rey (Spanish Version)

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

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 God's Servant Ruth: A Poem with a Promise Douglas Bond

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 Exploring the Earliest Gospel: A Kids Bible Study on Jesus and His Good News

Rebecca McLaughlin

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 Paul's Big Letter: A Kid-Friendly Journey through the Book of Romans J. Aaron White

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

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 Best News Ever: Your 100 Day Guide to the Book of Mark (for Tweens) Chris Morphew

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 Lydia Brownback Bible Studies
Habakkuk: Learning to Live by Faith and others
- 5 Philippians Hope A. Blanton, Christina B. Gordon

Bible Memory (also see Music)

- ★ 1,2 ABC Bible Verses: Verses in Alphabetical Order for Kids to Learn and Experience Adoria Alina Maiyer
- ★ 1,2 Bible Verses for Toddlers from 2-5 years Boyana Atwood
- ★ 1,2 Easy for Me Bible Verses Broadman and Holman (Board Book)
- 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 Welcome to Bible World: explore all 66 books of the Bible Mike Nappa
- 2,3,4,5 (used by adult with these kids) Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids
Jack Klumpenhouwer
- 3,4 The Bible Explorer's Guide: People and Places 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos (Volume 1)
Nancy Sanders
- 3,4 The Bible Explorer's Guide: People and Places 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos (Volume 2)
Nancy Sanders
- ★ 3,4 The Bible Explorer's Guide: People and Places 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos (Volume 2)
Nancy Sanders
- 3,4 Bible History ABCs: God's Story from A to Z Nichols, Stephen J
- 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 Welcome to Bible World: explore all 66 books of the Bible Mike Nappa
- 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 Bible Infographics for Kids: Epic Guide to Jesus Harvest Kids
- ★ 3,4 Bible Infographics for Kids Activity Book
- ★ 3,4 Biblia Infografica para Ninos Vol. 1 (Spanish version)
- 3,4,5 The Bible Story Handbook John Walton, Kim Walton (used by adult with these kids)
- ★ 3,4,5 God's Covenants Retold in Lego Bricks
- 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
- ★ 1,2,3 Proverbios/Proverbs: A Coloring and Activity book in English and Spanish

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

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

- 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
- ★ • Our God: A Shapes Books (Baby Believer®) by Danielle Hitchen
- Psalms of Praise Danielle Hitchen and Jessica Blanchard
- ★ • Psalm 23 (Baby Believer®) by Danielle Hitchen

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

Born to Be King Series Catherine MacKenzie

- Wise Men Help Jesus
- Anna and Simeon See Jesus

Debbie Anderson:

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

★ Devon Provencher Series:

- Gospel
- Church

- Creation
- Jesus
- Holy Spirit

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

Hymns for Little Ones Series: (Board books)

- ★ • Amazing Grace
- ★ • Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

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
- Christmas
- All the Colors that I See
- And more (including in Spanish)

The Best Series by Catherine MacKenzie

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



Tiny Theologians Series Amy Gannett



- Does God Go on Vacation?



- Does God Sleep?



- Did God Learn His ABCs?



The Trinity: Little Seminars Guide to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Illustrated by Naoko Stoop Lucy Richards

All God's Creatures Great and Small A 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

Inside Noah's Ark 4 Kids Becki Dudley



Jesus Saves Sarah Reju

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

The Man on the Mat Scrimshire, Helen

★ Mary, the Best Girl Catherine MacKenzie

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

Safe at Sea Scrimshire, Helen

★ Seek and Find Old Testament Bible Stories Sarah Parker

★ Seek and Find New Testament Bible Stories Sarah Parker

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

Just a reminder about catechisms... Catechisms were originally written for older youth/adults on the brink of baptism/membership. We have found the usefulness of them in teaching children and putting truth in their little hearts/minds for God to use for many years to come. But just remember: the catechism answers are true comfort for Christians. So, at least from time to time, ask your kids/tell your kids that these are the wonderful truths that God's people speak about God and their life with Him. Then, tell ask them/tell them how they can become God's people and these promises/words can be true for them, too.

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 Hymns for Little Ones Series: (Board books)

★ Amazing Grace

★ Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

★ 1,2 All Things Bright and Beautiful Illustrated by Jean Claude

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 The Church Devon Provencher (Board Book) 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

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 Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer Laura Wifler (now in board book version, too)

★ 2,3,4 Orar Por Todo, en Todo Tiempo, en Todo Lugar (Spanish Version)

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

Devotional books are one of the most “presumptive” of conversion in their language. Perhaps, this is because they are speaking to a whole family, some of whom we do presume to be Christians. Be careful, especially looking at the prayers and the life applications. Modify wording as needed and add in questions about how these promises can be for us, by becoming God's people (turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior).

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 Donald S. Whitney

★ 2,3 Where Is Wisdom? A treasure hunt through a wondrous World inspired by Job 28 Scott James

★ 2,3,4,5 Who Is Jesus? 40 Pictures to Share with Your Family Kate Hox

Presumes Conversion, add gospel

★ 2,3,4 The Big Picture Family Devotional David R. Helm

Be careful. Does presume conversion in a number of places

2,3,4 Long Story Short 10-Minute Family Devotions (Old Testament) Marty Machowski

2,3,4 Old Story New 10-Minute Family Devotions (New Testament) Marty Machowski

★ 2,3,4 The Treasure: Ancient Story Ever New of Jesus and His Church Marty Machowski

2,3,4 Wonder Full: Ancient Psalms Ever New Marty Machowski

Glorious God, Glorious Gospel Series Truth 78

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

3, 4 Diana Kleyn Series:

- ★ Bearing Fruit: devotional stories about godliness
- ★ Taking Root: devotional stories about conversion

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
- God's Attributes

3,4,5 Exploring Grace Together: 40 Devotions for Families Elyse Fitzpatrick, Jessica Thompson

★ **3,4,5** Family Worship Bible Guide Joel R. Beeke Wonderful resource with helpful information for every chapter in the Bible

3,4,5 Listen Up: 10-Minute Family Devotions on the Parables, Family Devotional Marty Machowski

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

3,4,5 Wise Up: Ten-Minute Family Devotions in Proverbs Marty Machowski

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

(These frequently presume the reader is a Christian and knows and believes the gospel. Add gospel/Modify use accordingly for your kids.)

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

2,3 Berenstain Bears Series: (warning: Can be moralistic. Use for discussion and with discernment)

- 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

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

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

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) can be moralistic, but useful; not much on the market like this. Could be good discussion starters

- 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: 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)

★ 2,3,4 Driving School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of Motoring

Day One

★ 2,3,4 Flight School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of flying

Mark Philpot/Day One

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

★ 2,3, 4 God and Me Series Joel R and Mary Beeke

A remarkable series that consistently makes it clear what it means to be a Christian. One of the best discipleship series I've found that does NOT assume conversion but carries the gospel all the way through the text.

- I Need to Trust in God
- I Need to Love God
- I Need to Hope in God
- I Need to Love Other People

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

PC/AG 3,4 How to Be a Bible Princess 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 Life as a Christian: a Primer for New Believers Mary Wiley (Gospel Project)

Another new favorite of mine. Super inexpensive and VERY thorough from how to become a Christian to how to live as a Christian. There is language that presumes conversion, but that's who it's for.

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

★ 4,5 A Beautiful Mystery: What's Up with Modesty Heather Thieneman

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 Between Us Guys: Life Changing Conversations for Dads and Sons Joel FitzPatrick

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

★ 4,5 The Jesus I Wish I Knew in High School Cameron Cole and Charlotte Getz

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

★ 4,5 What's up? Discovering the Gospel, Jesus, and Who You Really Are

Deborah Harrell and Jack Klumpenhower

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 Lies Young Women Believe Nancy Wolgemuth (be careful; can sound easy fixes, instead of perseverance; clarify the gospel and God's work in our sanctification)

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, Easter and Other Holidays

Christmas

- 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
- 1,2 Jesus Is Born (Board Book) Debbie Anderson
- 1,2 Jesus: the Best Baby (Board Book) Catherine Mackenzie
- 1,2 One Night in Bethlehem (Board Book) Jill Roman Lord
- 1,2 Ready, Set, Find Christmas (Board Book) Zondervan
- 1,2 The Special Baby (Board Book) Hazel Scrimshire
- 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 The Christmas Surprise Steph Williams
- 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 Love Came Down Bethan Lycett (add gospel)
- 1,2,3 Nativity Sticker Activity Book Marty Noble
- ★ 1,2,3 Seek and Find: The First Christmas Sarah Parker (Board Book)
- 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

★ 1,2,3,4,5 Treasuring Christ in Our Traditions Noel Piper

★ 2,3 30 Prophecies: One Story How God's Word Points to Jesus

★ 2,3 The Advent-ure (Connie Dever, online praisefactory.org companion with Big Picture Story Bible)

2,3 The Berenstain Bears: The Very First Christmas

2,3 The Christmas Promise Alison Mitchell

★ 2,3 El Rey Promietido (Spanish version)

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 My Christmas Activity Book: 25 days to celebrate Jesus' birth Catherine MacKenzie

2,3 The Star Maker (Omits telling how we can be saved--Add this in)

2,3,4 A Better than Anything Christmas Barbara Reaach

I am including this book because it has some good ideas. However, it's not my favorite because there is so much presumptive conversion language in the prayers and in the text. But, if you modify the

language, add in the gospel to tell how these promises can be ours through repentance and faith, then, it might be good for you.

2,3,4 Bake through the Bible at Christmas Susie Bentley-Taylor & Bekah Moore

★ 2,3,4 I See Jesus Nancy Guthrie

★ 2,3,4 The Promise: the amazing story of our long-awaited Savior (omits how to become a Christian; add in) Jason Helopoulos

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

★ 3,4 All About Christmas Alison Mitchell

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

Easter

★ 2,3 Are We Nearly There Yet Allison Brewis (*Omits telling how we can be saved; add in*)

★ 2,3 My Easter Activity Book: 40 days to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection Catherine MacKenzie

2,3,4 A Jesus Easter Barbara Reaoch

I am including this book because it has some good ideas. However, it's not my favorite because there is so much presumptive conversion language in the prayers and in the text. But, if you modify the

language, add in the gospel to tell how these promises can be ours through repentance and faith, then, it might be good for you.

- ★ **2,3,4,5** Darkest Night Brightest Day: A Family Devotional for the Easter Season Marty Machowski

Thanksgiving

1,2 I Can Say Thank You to God Catherine MacKenzie (Board Book)

- ★ 2,3 Give Thanks to the Lord: Celebrating Psalm 92 Karina Wilson

- ★ 2,3 What is Thanksgiving? Michelle Metlock Adams

- ★ 3,4 Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving Eric Metaxas

(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 Do Great Things for God series, (Good Book Company) Laura Caputo-Wickham

- ★ Corrie ten Boom

- ★ Betsey Stockton

And others in this series

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

2,3 Little Lights Series Christian Focus

- 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 Captive Princess: A Story Based on the Life of Young Pocahontas Wendy Lawton

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

★ 3,4 Chosen Daughters Series Christine Farenhorst

- A Cup of Cold Water: The Compassion of Nurse Edith Cavel

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

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

★ 3,4 Here Am I Biographies

- ★ C.S. Lewis: The Writer Who Found Joy Dan DeWitt
- ★ Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy Mary Fry Wilmington

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
- John Bunyan
- The Puritans

- And others

3,4 Daughters of the Faith Series Wendy Lawton

- ★ Ransom's Mark
- ★ Shadow of His Hand
- ★ The Tinker's Daughter
- ★ Courage to Run

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 Missionary Stories from Around the World Betty Swinford

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 William Tyndale Andrew Edwards and Fleur Thornton

★ 3,4,5 The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler John Hendrix

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
- John Chrysostom: The Preacher in the Emperor's Court



★ 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 Catheine 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

4,5 Luke H. David Series

- ★ • Reign: The Story of the Church in the Middle Ages
- ★ • Redemption: The Story of the Church in Ancient Times
- ★ 5 Evidence Not Seen: A Woman's Miraculous Faith in the Jungles of WW2 Darlene Deibler Rose
- ★ 5 Faithful Women and Their Extraordinary God Noel Piper
- 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 It Couldn't Just Happen: knowing the truth about God's awesome creation

Lawrence O. Richards

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 Scatttered (Executive Function Skills) Peg Dawson, EdD Richard Guare, PhD

NC Smart But Scatttered 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 David A. Stoop

Stories to Help Kids (Learning Difficulties and Other Struggles)

(These are non-Christian books with information that you may find helpful)

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)

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

Helping Kids with Anxiety and Other Common Biblical Counseling Issues

Books in this category are especially prone to give children God's promises to hold on to in ways that are true only for believers. You can you kids by adding your own words/questions to the text that makes it clear how these beautiful promises can be for them, when they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

★ **1,2 You Count Champ Thornton (board book on calming emotions)**

Books on counting yourself to calm are HUGE this year. This one is the best I've seen among the Christian versions.

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

★ 2,3 Christina Fox Series

I have hesitations about this series. She tends to hold out promises to the kids in the story without clearly explaining that these are God's promises to His people. The children in the story, you have to assume, are Christians, and you are listening in on a conversation between Christians. Probably the best thing to do is to make that clear to your children at some point in reading the story. HOWEVER, there are very few books available on these topics currently. And, if you modify the language/add the gospel, there's much good to get from them. I would say these are better used only in strong Christian families who understand and can make changes/have good discussions with their children about the content.

★ God Hears Your Heart: Helping Kids Pray about Hard Emotions

(She unfortunately uses the phrase "church member" for a child just because they attend church. I think she means the child is attending church and is used to hearing the gospel and knows how God wants His people to live. There's still good language in here. But modifications will be needed.)

★ The Great, Big Sad (On grieving and death) The children in the story are definitely receiving comfort that is for Christians. Need to add the gospel. But, very little out there on this topic, and she does use a lot of good language.

★ **2,3 Give Your Worries to God Sally Michael**

This book that points kids to not worry because of who God is but it does NOT presume conversion. It also has great tips for Christian parents in how to use books with their children to continue to hold out God's truth and point them to Christ.

2,3 The Moon Is Always Round Jonathan Gibson

★ 2,3 Teaching Children to Use Their Words Wisely series by Ginger Hubbard and Al Roland

I love this series because in each book, the Christian parents are seen doing the same sin as the kids are struggling with. The parents confess, repent and pray about these things, leaving a wonderful example of how believers struggle with sin, but are living a life of turning away from it. How very true to life this is!

- ★ Chloe and the Closet of Secrets: a book about lying
- ★ Sam and the Sticky Situation: a word about whining
- ★ Shawn and His Amazing Shrinking Sister: A book about teasing

2,3 When I Am Afraid Sally Michaels

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

This series is very popular and meets an important need. BUT, you especially need careful attention to wording that holds out promises to all kids that are only for Christians. Read carefully and add gospel language. Here are some of the titles in this ever-growing 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
- ★ • Halle Takes a Stand: When You Want to Fit In Paul David Tripp
- ★ • Gwen Tells Tales: When It's Hard to Tell the Truth Edward Welch
- ★ • Tomas Looks Up and Out J. Alasdair Grodes

★ 2,3,4 **Nugget and the Refiner** Kerry Tittle

Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel This book is about how God uses trials in the lives of His people to change them. It is a helpful story that parents can use to share how they have seen God use trials to change them. And this testimony can be helpful to children seeking to make sense of suffering, themselves, as you hold out the gospel to them.

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 The title makes you think this is only 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!

- ★ 2,3,4,5 When Your Child Is Grieving: God's hope and wisdom for the journey towards healing
Amy E. Ford

Note: There are so few books out there on understanding the grieving process of children, which is different from that of adults. Amy Ford gives helpful insights into this process and words to use with your child. There are a few places where she uses language regarding "our anointing" to help our grieving child. I think she is meaning that God equips us with what we need to care for our children in their need.

- ★ 3,4 FaceTime: Your Identity in a Selfie World Kristen Hatton Presumes conversion, add gospel
- ★ 3,4 Social Media Pressure: Finding Peace Alongside Jesus John Perritt Presumes conversion, add gospel

- ★ **PC/AG 4,5** A Student's Guide to Anxiety Edward T Welsh

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

4,5 **Track Series** Reagan Rose presumes conversion, add gospel

- ★ 4,5 Gaming: A Student's Guide to Gaming Reagan Rose A thoughtful look at gaming for Christians.
Teen/Parents

- ★ 4,5 Navigating Culture: A Student's Guide to Navigating Culture Reagan Rose A thoughtful look at
culture for Christians. Teen/Parents

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

- ★ 5 The Jesus I Wish I Knew in High School Charlotte Getz Addresses many issues teenagers face.

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 God Was Not Confused When Creating You (Gender) Gabriela Sorto

★ 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

The Holcomb Books:

Be careful with this series. I include these because there is not much out on the market yet. But you will need to shape the Holcomb books. Clarify the gospel.

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

★ 1,2,3,4,5 Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe

★ 2,3 God Made Babies: Helping Parents Answer the Baby Question Justin S. and Lindsey A Holcomb

2,3,4 God Made Me in His Image: helping children appreciate their bodies Justin Holcomb
Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel

★ 2,3,4 Rewriting Gender? You, Your Family, Transgenderism, and the Gospel David Martin

A few of the prayers presume conversion but this is one of the best books I've found for giving language to talk to kids about this issue. Especially younger kids have a tendency to "parrot" what we say and that can lead to some unintentional confusion and pain as they talk with other kids in a way that lacks the nuance needed in helping those with gender struggles, the children of parents of the same sex, etc. This book focuses on building compassion in our children, while speaking of the brokenness of sin. It may not be all the conversation that needs to take place, but it is a good, relation-building start that may lead to closer friendships and more opportunity with this growing, needy population in our culture.

- ★ 2,3,4 Why Did God Make Me a Boy? Joe and Abby Owen (Answers in Genesis) (might be a little young for late elementary to read, but may be helpful to YOU in talking to that age group)
- ★ 2,3,4 Why Did God Make Me a Girl? Abby and Joe Owen (Answers in Genesis)

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.

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| ★ 3,4, 5 Growing-up God's Way for Girls | Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones |
| ★ 3,4,5 Growing-up God's Way for Boys | Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones |

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

★ 1,2,3,4,5 Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe

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

★ 2,3 Polly and the Screen Time Overload Betsy Childs Howard

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

★ 4,5 My Tech-Wise Life: Growing Up and Making Choices in a World of Devices

Amy and Andy Crouch

Adult Parenting Generation Screen: Guiding Your Kids to Be Wise in a Digital World

Jonathan McKee

Adult Plugged In Parenting Bob Waliszewski

★ Adult Screen Kids: 5 Relational Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World

Gary Chapman

★ Adult Grand-parenting Screen Kids: How to Help, What to Say, and Where to Begin Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane

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

2,3,4,5 Money Matters for Kids Larry Burkett with Christie Bowler

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 Cunningham on the Case: the Scripture Sleuth Mat Halverson

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
- The Safe Place

★ • Three Go Searching

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!

2,3, 4 Pilgrim's Progress

Lithos Kids series

★ Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 1

★ Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 2: Christiana's Journey to the Celestial City

★ Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 3

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

★ 3, 4 Serpent Slayer and the Scroll of Riddles Champ Thornton and Andrew Nacelli

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.
- ★ • Illustrated 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

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 Crown and Covenant Series Douglas Bond

- Duncan's War (Book 1) and others

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 The Dreamkeeper Saga Kathryn L. Butler

- The Dragon and the Stone (Book 1) and others

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

★ 3,4 The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street Karina Yan Glaser (series of 6 books)

Gospel (G)

★ 1,2 The Gospel Devon Provencher (Board Book)

1,2,3 This Is the Gospel She Reads the Truth/Kids Read Truth (My favorite)

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

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

2,3,4,5 (Adult: to teach these ages) 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

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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)

How to Help Your Anxious Teen by Jessica Thompson

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Teens

Age of Opportunity Paul Tripp

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

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

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

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

Help! My Teen Is Rebellious Dave and Judi Coats

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!)

Parenting Adolescents Kevin Huggins

CAREFUL Parenting Teens 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.

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

Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife Hardcover by Barbara Rainey (for wives and for reading themselves, and for talking to their daughters about aspects of marriage. Also could be great as a gift to their about-to-be-married daughters.

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All Ages

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

★ Are My Kids on Track?: The 12 Emotional, Social, and Spiritual Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach Sissy Goff

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

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!)

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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 Is More than a Formula Jim Newheiser

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

★ Prayers of a Parent Series: Kathleen Nielson

- Prayers of a Parent for Young Children
- Prayers of a Parent for Teens
- Prayers of a Parent for Young Adults
- Prayers of a Parent for Adult Children

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

★ Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe

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 Our God: A Shapes Primer

Danielle Hitchen

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

★ 1,2 Devon Provencher Series:

- Gospel
- Church
- Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- Bible
- Creation

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 Better than Princesses 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 Tiny Theologians series Amy Gannett

★ • Does God Sleep?

★ • Did God Learn His ABCs?

★ • Does God Go on Vacation?

★ 1,2,3 The Trinity: Little Seminarians Guide to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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 I See Jesus Nancy Guthrie
- ★ 2,3 Sophie and the Heidelberg Cat Wilson, Andrew

2.3 **Tales that Tell the Truth Series Good Book Company**

Please be careful with this series. Look for language that presumes conversion. Uses “friend of God” as an easy-to-understand way to say Christian. Can tend to only present gospel as “believe” but no idea of repentance. Love the illustrations and so do kids. This is a great series to modify with your language or foster discussion. Many of these now available in a wonderful, new Spanish translation. Many also available as board books, but sometimes lose key concepts in the process.

The Big, Wide Welcome Trillia Newbell (Clarify Gospel—friends with God language)

- ★ God's Very Good Idea Storybook Trillia Newbell
- ★ La Gran Idea de Dios (Spanish Version) Trillia Newbell
- ★ His Grace Is Enough Melissa Krueger
- ★ Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know Melissa Kruger

2,3,4 The Biggest Story Kevin DeYoung

And now, they offer packs of 25 “tracts” of this book for only a few dollars. Great giveaways!

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 A Tale of Two Kings: God’s Story of Redemption Gloria Furman Lots of “we” at the end and perhaps need to remind these promises are for those who become believers

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

- ★ 2,3,4 The Promise: the amazing story of our long-awaited Savior (omits how to become a Christian; add in) Jason Helopoulos

- ★ 2,3,4 The Story of God with Us Kenneth Padgett
- 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 Really 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 The Gospel Made Clear to Children Jennifer Adams (Unfortunate title. This book is more appropriate for middle school/high school. Sort of like a little systematic theology.
- 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)

2,3 Lee y Aprende La Biblia (NIV)

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 pequeños / 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 Fernandez
- 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

1,2,3 Little Me, Big God Series Steph Williams

★ El Hombre que No Se Quedo Callado

★ Aunque Seas Pequeno

★ Lo Mejor que Podemos Hacer

★ 1,2,3 God's Big Promises Storybook Bible (coming soon in Spanish)

★ 1,2,3 The Promises of God Storybook Bible Jennifer Lyell (now in Spanish)

2,3 Good Book Company Series:

- ★ • El Amigo que Perdona Dan Dewitt
- ★ • Jesus y el Foso de Los Leones
- ★ • La Gran Idea de Dios Trillia Newbell
- ★ • El Rey Prometido (Christmas)
- ★ • El Jardin, La Cortina, y Al Cruz Carl Laferton
- ★ • Orar Por Todo, en Todo Tiempo, en Todo Lugar

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

★ 3,4,5 Biblia Infografica para Ninos Vol. 1 (Spanish version)

(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 Proverbios/Proverbs: A Coloring and Activity book in English and Spanish
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: can be moralistic, but can be good springboard for discussion

- 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