# 2024 BOOK FAIR BOOKLIST

#### **BOOKLIST AGE CODES:**

- 1 Ages 0-3 (Baby/Toddler/Young Preschooler)
- 2 Ages 3-5 (Older Preschooler)
- **3** Kindergarten 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Early Elementary)
- **4** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 7<sup>th</sup> (Older Elementary/Preteen/Middle School)
- **5** Grades 8<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> (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. <u>**HOWEVER**</u>, 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

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and of course, Amazon.com

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## (A) Apologetics

- 2,3 Inspector Smart and the Case of the Empty Tomb Michael J. Tinker GBC
- 2,3 Why God? Big Answers about God and Why We Believe in Him Dan Dewitt

This sounds "fuller-bodied" than it is. But it does use what we see around us (God's creation) to point back to the reality of a Creator. Something the kids can connect with.

- 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 The Air We Breathe: How We all Came to Believe in Freedom, Kindness, Progress, and

Equality Glen Scrivener

- 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

Note about Devotional Bibles for kids: Most of these presume the kids are believers already in the way they hold out God's truth to kids in the devotionals. Just be aware of this and you may want to talk to your kids about them from time to time, reminding them that these promises are for believers and how they can become believers (if they aren't yet), and that then, these promises are for them!

#### 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

This book does not share the same issue as noted with its companion volume, listed below (Day by Day Bible)

- 1,2,3 Read with Me Bible NIrV 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

An updated note on this book: This book has served many families well for a long time. But, it has just come to my attention that in the 10 Commandments Henley chose to simplify adultery to "only have sex with your husband or wife." Not only is that not all there is to adultery, but it can open up the door to conversations before parents want to cover that topical. I still love this book, but I wanted you to be aware of this. It might mean that you use it more as a read-aloud option since it really does a great job with simple language the kids can connect with. Or, you may decide to take the page out of the book, or just choose to have the discussion should it come up.

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 Follow Me: Bible Stories for Young Children Liesbeth van Binsbergen Beautiful illustrations, simple text. A few, simple discussions after each story.

- 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

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New book to booklist 2022-2023

- 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 Parables Series Lithos Kids

Beautiful series from the same group that produced Little Pilgrim's Progress.

#### 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 <u>God's Daring Dozen Series (Minor Prophets) John brown and Brian Wright</u> 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

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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**

Dinner with the King: How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love Paul Tautges

I love this new book! Really, it's one of my favorites this year. However, one caution: the very last sentence of the book is a gospel call with a leading question: "What do you want to do about the king's invitation?" The problem with questions like that is that it can feel manipulative in evoking a certain answer from your kids rather than calling them to make a true commitment to follow God. I'm all for kids understanding the call and pray that they will. But, not to muddy the waters with kids' desiring to please parents and giving a verbal response that is not really coming from a heart change. So.... Be careful with how you use this last sentence.

#### 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
- ✤ Esther and the Very Brave Plan
- Moses and the Very Big Rescue and others in this series

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#### 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 Prodigo Lockhart Kearns
- Jonas y el Gran Pez Sarah Fletcher
- Rut Y Noemi Karen Nordberg Sanders
- Jesus Resucita a Una Nina Joanne Bader

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- Jesus Sana al Ciego Bartimeo Diane Grebing
- El Hombre Pruente, 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 Conquicta do 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 Goliat (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 God's Big Promises Series: Sticker and Activity Books

- Bible Heroes
- The First Easter
- The First Christmas
- And others

These are individual stories taken from the God's Big Promises Storybook Bible Carl Laferton Good Book Company

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**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
- 2,3,4,5 Go and Do Likewise! John Hendrix

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 Adventures in Acts, Volume 1 and 2 David Luckman

There's much I like about this new series. The issues I did see are in his use of language in the "Think" sections. Sometimes, he pressurizes kids to make a decision for Christ in his wording, such as "How should you respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ?" Sometimes wording like this can lead to what seems like conversion, when it really is just giving the right answer. Be careful with questions like this. Yes, our hearts beat for our kids to become Christians.... But not create false conversion by leading questions.

#### 3,4 Kids' Bible Study Series

This series continues to expand. Do be on the look-out for presumptive language, especially with the Romans 8 and Colossians 3 Bible study, which is entirely based upon a section of comfort for believers, of which you kids may or may not be.

- Exploring the Earliest Gospel: A Kids Bible Study on Jesus and His Good News (Mark)
  - Rebecca McLaughlin
- When Wrong Seems Right: A Kids Bible Study on Making Good Choices (Proverbs) Adam Griffin
  - What to Wear: A Kids Bible Study on Looking Like Jesus (Colossians 3:1-14) Catherine Parks
- God Is For Us: A Kids Bible Study on Belonging to Christ (Romans 8) Trillia Newbell
- 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

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#### **Reference Resources**

#### 3,4 Who What Why Series Danika Cooley

Who Was Moses?

What Was the Tabernacle?

Why Did Exodus Happen?

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 Klumpenhower

#### 3,4 Nancy Sanders Series

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

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

- 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 Series:

- Bible Infographics for Kids: Giants, Ninja Skills, a Talking Donkey, and What's the Deal with the Tabernacle
- Bible Infographics for Kids Volume 2: Light and Dark, Heroes and Villains, and Mind-Blowing Bible Facts
- Bible Infographics for Kids: Epic Guide to Jesus Harvest Kids
- Bible Infographics for Kids Activity Book
- 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 Ranso

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#### 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
- 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 Seminarians 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 Bible Stories series: Sarah Parker (also available in Spanish)

Kids love to seek and find the objects in these books. Unfortunately, Parker does not always do the best job of appropriate application take-aways from the the stories in the small amount of text that comes with each story. I would be more hesitant to give this to a non-Christian family, but most kids aren't looking at this book for the text, but the pictures, which are just fine.

- Old Testament Bible Stories
- More Old Testament Bible Stories
  - New Testament Bible Stories

#### 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

#### <u>Catechisms</u>

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 1<sup>st</sup> Books and More (My 1st Book) Carine MacKenzie; Ross, Philip
- 2,3,4 My 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Book about the Church Carine MacKenzie

#### <u>Prayer</u>

#### 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

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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 Jesus, Strong and Kind Sinclair B. Ferguson

Love this book! Takes the song and gives 4 meditations on Jesus, each tied into a Bible story.

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

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

Be careful. Does presume conversion in a number of places

2,3,(4) C Is For Christian: An A to Z Treasury of Who We Are in Christ Alistair Begg

As the title infers, this is who Christians are. The language is definitely presumptive, but he does such a great job explaining big truths, simply (adopted, redeemed, etc) that it is worth working with.

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

#### 2,3,4 Glorious God, Glorious Gospel Series Truth 78

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

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

Presumes Conversion, add gospel

2,3,4,5 Devotional Dippers 10 of Those Publishing

Christmas, Easter, Prayer, Wisdom, God, and others

These are little sticks with a short Bible verse with a question and a little reflection or a prayer suggestion. The sticks I looked at seemed to be good. They would make a fun 'round the dinner table devotion, etc.

#### 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

- 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 Discipleship for Kids Rebecca Ruybalid Stone

Definitely presumes the child is saved and is seeking to know and grow in the Lord. One of the best books I've seen that really helps kids understand how to begin the life of a disciple of Christ. Published by Navigators and you can see their typical deliberateness in its approach.

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 Machiowski

3,4,5 <u>The Wonder of His Name: 32 Life-Changing Names of Jesus</u> by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

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

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

Starr Meade Series:

PC/AG God's Mighty Acts in Creation

PC/AG God's Mighty Acts of Salvation

Better language for older elementary, pre-teens, teens. She can presume that the children are believers in how she calls them (and us) to live.

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: n Dios, Necesito Hablarte de los Malos Modales)
- About Greed (also in Spanish)
- About Feeling Sad (also in Spanish)
- About Bad Words (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de las Malas Palabras)
- About Laziness (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de la Pereza)
- About Hurting Others (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Lastimar a Otros)
- About Sharing (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Compartir)
- About Paying Attention (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Prestar Atención)
- About Disrespect (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de ser Irrespetuoso)
- About My Bad Temper (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Mi Mal Carácter)
- About Bullying (also in Spanish: Dios, Necesito Hablarte de Intimidar)
- About Talking Back (also in Spanish)

2,3,4 School Series Mark Philpot/Day One Publications

- Driving School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of Motoring
- Flight School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of flying
- ✤ Farm School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the world of farming
- ★ Sea School: Learning about life, God and the Bible through the seas and oceans

**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. And be aware: urges child to be immediately baptized at the very end of the book. (that is my only hesitancy, and such a great book, I'd make it a topic of conversation with the child, as to why your church might wait (like ours does) for a child to grow older before baptizing.

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

PC/AG4,5 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 Mark for Teenagers: How Jesus Changes Everything John Perritt

- 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 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

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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 for Teens 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 Twas the Evening of Christmas Glenys Nellist

This is a retelling of the first Christmas in the style and rhyme scheme of Twas the Night Before Christmas. It is well done and with beautiful pictures. Two notes: while she clearly says Jesus is the Son of God in one place, she calls Mary and Joseph, mama and papa in another. I'd just change the langue to Mary and Joseph. Also, she does the classic thing of having the wisemen come on the same night as the shepherd. I'm hoping to "repair" the language in a few places and use this as an outreach to my neighborhood.

Also, her Easter book in the same style is good, but I didn't like her Lent and Advent books which included more of her own thoughts and did not think them as on target.

- 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 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 Bake through the Bible at Christmas Susie Bentley-Taylor & Bekah Moore

2,3,4 I See Jesus Nancy Gutherie

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

**\*** 3,4,5 Shooting at the Stars: the Christmas Truce of 1914 John Hendrix

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

**\*** 2,3,4,5 Devotional Dippers 10 of Those Publishing

Christmas, Easter, Prayer, Wisdom, God, and others

These are little sticks with a short Bible verse with a question and a little reflection or a prayer suggestion. The sticks I looked at seemed to be good. They would make a fun 'round the dinner table devotion, etc.

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

## <u>Easter</u>

#### ✿ 1,2,3 Twas the Morning of Easter Glenys Nellist

This is a retelling of Easter in the style and rhyme scheme of Twas the Night Before Christmas. It is well done and with beautiful pictures. Her Christmas book in the same style good with a couple of tweaks (see note above), but I didn't like her Lent and Advent books which included more of her own thoughts and did not think them as on target.

- 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**

★ 1,2,3 Go Tell Everyone: 9 Missionaries Who Shared the Good News Meredith Cook

#### **2,3** <u>Do Great Things for God series</u>, (Good Book Company)

Laura Caputo-Wickham Corrie ten Boom Betsey Stockton

- Corrie ten Boom: The Courageous Woman of the Secret Room Laura Caputo-Wickham
- Betsey Stockton
- Fannie Lou Hamer: The Courageous Woman Who Marched for Dignity K. A. Ellis
- Joni Earectkson Tada: The Girl Who Learned to Follow God in a Wheelchair K. Getty
- Maria Fearing: The Girl Who Dreamed of Distant Lands K.A. Ellis
- Helen Roseveare: The Doctor Who Dept Going No Matter What Caputo-Wickham
- Queen Elizabeth II: The Queen Who Chose to Serve Alison Mitchell
- Amy Carmichael: The Brown Eyed Girl Who Learned to Pray Hunter Beless
- Susannah Spurgeon: The Pastor's Wife Who Didn't Let Sickness Stop Her: Mary Mohler
- Fanny Crosby: The Girl Who Couldn't See but Heled the World to Sing Caputo-Wickham

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)

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• Little Lights Set 2 (set of 5)

2,3,4 African Heroes: Discovering Our Christian Heritage Jerome Gay, Jr.

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

Dan DeWitt

- ✤ Lottie Moon: The Girl Who Reached the World Amy Whitfield
- ✤ Lulu Fleming: The Doctor Who Shared Jesus Jasmine L. Holmes
- 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 John Bunyan Andrew Edwards and Fleur Thornton Day One**

#### 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 SlaveBilly Bray: Saved from the Deepest Pit
- Lottie Moon: Changing China for Christ
- Wilfred Grenfell: Courageous Doctor
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Spoke in the Wheel

37 Special Codes: NC: Non-Christian Book PC/AG: Presumes Conversion/Add the Gospel

- 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
- And others
- 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 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 Gold from Dark Minds: The Journey to Conversion of 6 Famous Christians Irene Howat

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

# <u>Homeschool</u>

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

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

#### 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 Crossway Series:

- Arlo and the Keep-Out Club Betsy Childs Howard
- ★ Charlie and the Preschool Prodigan Ginger M. Blomberg
- 🖈 Meg Is Not Alone Megan Hill
- ★ Lucy and the Saturday Surprise Megan Hill

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

# 2,3 The Abigail Series Bethany McIlrath

This is a fiction series about a girl who presumes to be a Christian and desires to live for God. Each story presents Abigail in a particular situation she is trying to understand how to live for God. I like this series.

Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe

Abigail and the Big Start Over

Abigail Gets Left Out

#### 2,3 Christina Fox Series

I have hesitancies 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: (CCEF)

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 When Someone You Know Dies Day One Publishing

One of the few resources on death that does a great job with the gospel and many of the hard questions kids ask and we try to answer.

#### 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 (3), 4,5 Chris Morphew Series:

- Who Am I and Why Do I matter?
- How Can I Be Sure What's Right and Wrong?
- Is Christianity Really True?
- What Happens When We Die?
- o And others

There is much about this series that I like. Morphew has a great way of speaking to kids. However, he does presume conversion in a number of places. Still, there's not a lot on the market that covers these issues as well as these books.

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

Gaming: A Student's Guide to Gaming Reagan Rose A thoughtful look at gaming for Christians.

Teen/Parents

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 SEXUAITY 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 When You See a Rainbow Becki Dudley

I love this new book! It does a great job of explaining the original meaning of the rainbow and has a great section at the back that ties in the gospel.

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1,2,3 God Made You, My Darling Girl Kelsie Detweiler

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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.

3,4, 5 Growing-up God's Way for Girls 3,4,5 Growing-up God's Way for Boys

Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones

3,4,5 Parenting Without Panic in a LGBT Affirming World: Discipling Our Kids with Jesus' Truth and Love Rachel Gilson

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 Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships? Examining 10 Claims about Scripture and Sexualtity Rebecca McLaughlin

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

PC/AG 4,5 More to the Story: Deep Answers to Real Question on Attraction, Identity, and Relationships Jennifer M. Kvamme

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

There is much good language in this book. However, on pg 14 (girl talk) and on pg 36 (boy's talk), he unfortunately says that sex is a good thing God has given to his (God's) children. He should have said God has given it to all people. (read to me ages 7-12)

#### <u>Manners</u>

- 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: <u>http://bestfantasybooks.com/christian-fantasy.html</u>. 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 The Abigail Series Bethany McIlrath

This is a fiction series about a girl who presumes to be a Christian and desires to live for God. Each story presents Abigail in a particular situation she is trying to understand how to live for God. I like this series.

- Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe
- Abigail and the Big Start Over
- Abigail Gets Left Out
- 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 Some of my all-time favorites. Seen them work so powerfully.

- The Tanglewood's Secret
- Treasures of the Snow
- Star of Light
- Rainbow Garden
- The Secret at Pheasant Cottage
- The Safe Place
- Three Go Searching
- Nothing Else Matters
- I Needed a Neighbor
- The Victor

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

3,4 The Songs of a Warrior Saul and David: A Retelling Katy Morgan (Historical Fiction)

# 2,3, 4 Pilgrim's Progress

### 1,2,3,4 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 Intrique
- 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 Ingalis
- 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 Dinner with the King How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love Paul Tautges

2,3 God's Family: The Greatest Royal Family Ever Catherine Mackenzie

- 2,3 So, What Is the Gospel? God's message of Salvation Carine MacKenzie
- 2,3,4 Gumtree Gully
- 2,3,4 My 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

# <u>Songbooks</u>

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

# <u>Hymns</u>

# 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

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#### 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

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- King of the Jungle
- Baa, Baa, Doo, Baa, Baa Memory Verses
- 10,9,8 God Is Great
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- 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

I can't keep up with all the books that are now in audio format for kids. Which is wonderful! Here's a few.

### 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.

#### <u>Librivox</u>

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

# <u>Audible</u>

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**

**Beginner Bible Audio** 

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

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

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

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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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Things I Wish I'd Known Before My Child Became a Teenager Gary Chapman I liked what I read. He does reference a lot of outside resources at the end of each chapter. I did not investigate those resources, so that will be up to you to look into those. But I did find his advice very insightful.

#### <u>Teens</u>

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! Series

This series is growing rapidly. Many titles available through Cumberland Valley Book and Bible Service. These are publications of Day One Publications.

- Help! My Teen Is Rebellious Dave and Judi Coats
- And many others

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.

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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!

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#### 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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### <u>All Ages</u>

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

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

Child Proof Julie Lowe

#### By the Hughes:

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

#### By James Dobson:

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

Note on Dobson: These are included as helpful resources alongside other, more recent "gospelcentered" 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.

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

Grandparenting with Grace Larry McCall

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Praying through the Bible for Your Kids Nancy Guthrie

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

Parenting in the Pew Robbie Castleman

Parenting Is More than a Formula Jim Newheiser

Parenting with Loving Correction: Practical Help for Raising Young Children Sam Crabtree

A new favorite of mine. Does a great job of helping parents understand why and how to discipline lovingly. Lots of practical advice, too.

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

Teach Them to Work: Building a Positive Work Ethic in Our Children Mary Beeke

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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
- <u>The</u> 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 Toddler Theology Series: Lauren Groves



Who Is God?

What Is the Good News?

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 <u>Tiny Theologians series</u> 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

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- 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 Why Do We Say Good Night? by Champ Thornton

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

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- 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 Leaning the Greatness of God Bruce 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 pequeñitos / The Toddler's Bible (bilingüe / bilingual) (Spanish and English Edition) Beers, V. Gilbert

**NB** 1,2, Biblia Leemela: Histories biblicas para los pequenito 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 Biblicas

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 2,3365 historias de la biblia y oraciones/ 365 Bible Stories and Prayers: Lecturas bíblicasparacompartir/ 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 <u>YouVersion & OneHope</u>

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 Prodigo 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 Pruente, 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 Água 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 Conquicta do 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 Goliat (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 Promietido (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)

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- 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