

Old Favorites, New Finds

★ = New for 2025

APOLOGETICS

- ★ Beyond Evolution: How New Discoveries in the Science of Life Point to God Sy Garde
- The Bible is God's Word: The Evidence Catherine MacKenzie
- ★ Cold-Case Christianity for Kids: Investigate Jesus with a Real Detective
J. Warner and Susie Wallace
- Jesus Rose from the Dead: The Evidence Catherine MacKenzie
- ★ Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth Series J.D. Camorlinga
 - Pig and the Accidental Oink! (God the Creator)
 - Chameleon's Can of Worms (Right and Wrong)
 - Crows and the Missing Piece (Bible)
 - Fox and the Hard Day (God Is Good)
 - Pooch and the Pearly Gates (Heaven)
 - 'Possums and the Empty Tomb (Resurrection of Christ)
 - Skunk and the Scent of Truth (Jesus)
 - Toad and the Tough Truth (Hell)
- ★ Pitfall Series J.D. Camorlinga
 - Pitfalls: A Quick Guide to Identifying Logical Fallacies for Families
 - Pitfalls 2: A(nother) Quick Guide to Identifying Logical Fallacies for Families
- Ten Questions Every Teen Should Ask and Answer about Christianity
Rebecca McLaughlin
- Why God? Big Answers about God and Why We Believe in Him Dan Dewitt

BIBLES

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

CSB One, Big Story Bible (Gospel Project)

CSB She Reads Truth Bible

ESV Big Picture Bible

NIV Kids Visual Study Bible

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

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

Karyn Henley Series:

Day By Day Begin to Read Bible (subset of Day by Day Kids Bible, for even younger children) This book does not share the same issue as noted with its companion volume, listed next.

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

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.

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

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

BIBLE STORYBOOK COLLECTIONS

The Beginners Bible	Zonderkidz
The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers	Ella K. Lindvall
The Biggest Story Bible Storybook	Kevin DeYoung
Christian Focus Story Bible	Carine MacKenzie
God's Big Promises Bible Storybook	Carl Laferton
The Gospel Story Bible Storybook	Marty Machowski

Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series various authors


Bible study/story books for ages 6-12. “Every book of the Bible in simple language” is how they put it. One for every book of the Bible

Two from the series:

Good News: Acts

Finally Free: Exodus

Lithos Kids:

- Parables
-  • Wisdom

Two beautiful series from the same group that produced Little Pilgrim's Big Journey.

The One, Big Story Bible Storybook Gospel Project
La Gran Historia Libro de Historias Biblicas (Spanish Version)
La Gran Historia Relatos Biblicos Interactivos en 5 Minutos (Spanish Version)

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

Read aloud Bible Stories, Volumes 1-4 Ella K. Lindvall

INDIVIDUAL BIBLE STORY BOOKS

2,3 Dinner with the King: How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love
Paul Tautges

I love this book! 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 Luke Series: Catherine MacKenzie

The Noisy Neighbor Luke 11: God Is Good
Busy Housewife Luke 15: God Rescues
And others

2,3 Good Book Company Series of Bible Stories:

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

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

Dan Dewitt
Randall Goodgame
Allison Mitchell
Allison Mitchell
Carl Laferton

1,2 Little Me, Big God Series Steph Williams

★ • The Little Man Whose Heart Grew Big

This series is hit and miss. Many of them are good, even very good. Some of them miss the mark theologically. The ones I have listed above I thought were fine.

1,2 Tim Thornborough "Very" Series:

- Esther and the Very Brave Plan
- Moses and the Very Big Rescue
- Jonah and the Very Big Fish
- ★ • God's Very Colorful Creation
- ★ • Joshua and the Very Strong City
- ★ • Joseph and the Very Strange Dreams
- And others in the series

1,2 Board books: Individual Bible stories

"The Best" Series

Catherine McKenzie

Jesus: the Best Baby (Also Christmas)

Jesus: the Best Story

Mary, the Best Girl

Famous Bible Stories

Carine MacKenzie

Adam and Eve

The Big Crash Helen Scrimshire

The Stories Jesus Told Series:

Carine MacKenzie

The Selfish Servant

The Proud Prayer

And others

BIBLE FACTS AND STUDY TOOLS

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

Nancy Sanders

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

Nancy Sanders

Bible Infographics for Kids: Epic Guide to Jesus Harvest Kids

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. There is very little else like this available, so definitely worth taking a look at for kids who want to

grow in discipleship, or as a family devotion that includes kids of this age. Just don't forget to add the gospel and how to become a Christian.

- 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

★ A Short Guide to the Bible: Exploring the Most Important Book You'll Ever Read (A Biblical Handbook for Kids Ages 8-12 with Bible Overview, Character Profiles, Reading Plans, & More) by Katy Morgan

A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible: Seeing and Knowing God's Word
Tim Challies and Josh Byers

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

Who What Why Series Danika Cooley

3rd -8th grade, but possibly could use with 1st and 2nd graders as a read-to-me resource. She has clear, simple explanations.

- ★ • Why Did the Resurrection Happen?
- ★ • Who Were the Disciples?
- ★ • What Was the Cross?
 - Who Was Moses?
 - What Was the Tabernacle?
 - Why Did Exodus Happen?

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Note on these books: Christian fiction is very popular with older elementary kids and on up. I am adding new books I see coming out by typically sound publishers, but these are the one sets of books I do not read through. Enter at your own risk 😊

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
- ★ • Abigail and the Christmas Contest (comes out closer to Christmas)

The Chronicles of Narnia C.S. Lewis

★ The Dark Harvest Trilogy Jeremiah W. Montgomery

- The Dark Faith (Book 1)
- The Scarlet Bishop (Book 2)
- The Threefold Cord (Book 3)

Dragon Seed Marty Machowski

★ The Inkwell Chronicles by J. D. Peabody

- The Ink of Elspet (Book 1)
- Race to Krakatoa (Book 2)
- Operation Bungaree (Book 3)

Lithos Kids series

Some of the most impactful books I've ever recommended or given. Amazing.

- Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 1 Pilgrim's Journey to the Celestial City
- Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 2: Christiana's Journey to the Celestial City
- Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 3: The Kids Journey to the Celestial City

Patricia St. John Books:

- Star of Light
- Three Go Searching
- The Tanglewood's Secret
- The Secret of Pheasant Cottage
- Rainbow Garden
- Treasures of the Snow
- Nothing Else Matters
- I Needed a Neighbor
- The Victor
- ★ • The Other Kitten
- ★ • The Secret of the Fourth Candle

I have seen the Lord use these books to spark wonderful conversations with 3rd -7th graders, over and over again.

★ Penelope Judd: A Tale of a Dirty Land, a Promise Kept, and a Spotless Prince by Shai Linne

★ The Wilderking Trilogy Jonathan Rogers

- The Bark of the Bog Owl (Book 1)
- The Secret of the Swamp King (Book 2)
- The Way of the Wilderking (Book 3)

The Wingfeather Saga Andrew Petersen

- On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Book 1)
- North! Or Be Eaten (Book 2)
- The Monster in the Hollows (Book 3)
- The Warden and the Wolf King (Book 4)

★ 3,4 Young Whit Series Dave Arnold

- Young Whit and the Traitor's Treasure
- Young Whit and the Shroud of Secrecy
- Young Whit and the Thieves of Barrymore
- Young Whit and the Phantasmic Confabulator
- Young Whit and the Cloth of Contention

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

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street Karina Yan Glaser

CHURCH

God Made Me for Worship

Jared Kennedy

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

Parenting in the Pew

Robbie Castleman

Board books: Church

The Church

Devon Provencher

CREATION/SCIENCE

- ★ Beyond Evolution: How New Discoveries in the Science of Life Point to God Sy Garde
- ★ Bible Investigators: Creation Danika Cooley (Puzzles and Activities)

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

Find the Animal Series (Christian Focus)

Penny Reeve

God Made Something Funny

God Made Series Carine MacKenzie
God Made Me

God Gave Me Series Catherine MacKenzie (Board books)
God Gave Me Sight

I Can Read: Made by God series Zonderkidz
Sea Creatures
Our Feathered Friends

It Couldn't Just Happen: knowing the truth about God's awesome creation
Lawrence O. Richards

- ★ Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth Series J.D. Camorlinga
 - Pig and the Accidental Oink! (God the Creator)

- ★ Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation Kristyn Getty

- ★ Stephen C. Meyer books:
 - Darwin's Doubt: The Explosive Origin of Animal Life and the Case for Intelligent Design
 - Return of the God Hypothesis: Three Scientific Discoveries That Reveal the Mind Behind the Universe
 - Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design

- ★ Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition That Life Is Designed Douglas Axe

DEVOTIONS: (Personal/Family)

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

- ★ **10 Questions Series: Champ Thornton, Editor**
 - 10 Questions About Salvation: 30 Devotions for Kids, Teens, and Families by Champ Thornton
 - 10 Questions about Suffering and Pain by Beth Broom

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

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.

★ Adventures in the Gospels, Volume 1 and 2 David Luckman

This is coming out in November. If you liked the Acts series, you will like this series, too. Read above for issues I noticed that you might need to work around.

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

The Big Book of Questions and Answers about Jesus Sinclair Ferguson

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

The Big Picture Bible Verses David R. Helm

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.

Conversations with Jesus David Helm

Family Worship Bible Guide Joel R. Beeke

God's Promises (and others) Sally Michael

★ PC/AG The Heart of Jesus: How He Really Feels about You | For Young Readers, New Christians, and Seekers Dane Ortlund

This is a simple version of Jesus, Gentle and Lowly for Middle school, high school. Presumes the reader is a Christian. Add the gospel.

★ His Mercy Endureth Forever: Psalm 136 Kathleen Dejong

A beautifully illustrated rendition of the text of Psalm 136.

★ The Illustrated Baptist Catechism (Founders Press) Paul Cox

★ Jesus Moments Series by Alison Mitchell

- Esther: Finding Jesus in the Story of Esther
- Jonah
- Moses
- David

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.

Mark for Teenagers: How Jesus Changes Everything John Perritt

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

New City Catechism for Kids

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

The Radical Book for Kids

Champ Thornton

The Really Radical Book for Kids: More Truth More Fun

Champ Thornton

Starr Meade Series:

- God's Mighty Acts in Creation
- 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.

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

Wonder Full: Ancient Psalms Ever New

Marty Machowski

Board Books: Devotions

Baby Believer Series:

Psalm 23

Psalms of Praise

Easy for Me Bible Verses Broadman and Holman

Hymns for Little Ones Series:

Amazing Grace

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

DISCIPLESHIP

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

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

Between Us Series

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

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

Lydia Brownback Bible Studies

Habakkuk: Learning to Live by Faith

Diana Kleyn Series:

Bearing Fruit: devotional stories about godliness

Diana Kleyn

Taking Root: devotional stories about conversion

Diana Kleyn

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.

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

Rebecca McLaughlin

★ Fruit of the Spirit Tales: Costi and Christyne Hinn

- The King Who Found His Self-Control
- The Farmer Who Chose to Plant Kindness

This is a fantastic new series. It's the first time I've ever seen the fruit of the Spirit tied to conversion, instead of improperly just held up as character development. There is a difference, and especially with kids, it is not differentiated well. Galatians is written to Christians!

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

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. The illustrations are not attractive, but the text is amazing.

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

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.

Thoughts for Young Men R.C. Ryle

★ Worth It: Following Jesus When Life Feels Complicated Chris Morpew
Christian discipleship book for teens helping them trust Jesus and live for Jesus

GOSPEL

2,3 Dinner with the King How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love Paul Tautges (See note under Bible Stories)

★ **Greg Gilbert Gospel Books:**

- What Is the Gospel? Greg Gilbert
- Who Is Jesus? Greg Gilbert

These are great for use with older middle school and high school students.

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

Catherine Mackenzie

★ Gospel 101 for Teens: Learning, Living, and Sharing the Gospel Jeff Dodge

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

Kevin DeYoung Tracts

★ The Story

I find the tracts are full, but simple and can be used with kids as well as adults, who is the original audience.

★ The Biggest Story

This book comes as a full version, but also as tracts from Crossway. I find the tracts are full, but because they are much shorter than the original book, the whole gospel message comes through quickly and fully.

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This Is the Gospel

Kids Read Truth

Who Will be King?

Matthias Media

Who Will Be King Activity Book

Stephanie Carmichael

Fictional Stories that Highlight the Gospel:

Gum Tree Gully Kel Richards Matthias Media

★ The Lost Kitten Patricia St. John

Board Books: Gospel

The Gospel

Devon Provencher

Jesus Saves: the gospel for toddlers

Sarah Reju

Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen

HOLIDAYS

Christmas:

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

All About Christmas Alison Mitchell

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

The Christmas Story Carine MacKenzie

Just Nicholas Annie Kratzsch

My Christmas Activity Book: 25 days to celebrate Jesus' birth Catherine MacKenzie
The Promise: The Amazing Story of Our Long-Awaited Savior Jason Helopoulos

Seek and Find: The First Christmas Sarah Parker
3,4,5 Shooting at the Stars: the Christmas Truce of 1914 John Hendrix

Easter:

My Easter Activity Book: 25 days to celebrate Jesus's birth Catherine MacKenzie
★ R Is for Risen: An ABC Easter Story Crystal Bowman
★ A Wonderful Surprise: An Easter Bible Verse to Remember Sally Michael

Thanksgiving:

Give Thanks to the Lord: Celebrating Psalm 92 Karina Wilson
I Can Say Thank You to God Catherine MacKenzie (Board Book)
Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving Eric Metaxas
What is Thanksgiving? Michelle Metlock Adams

ISSUES CHILDREN FACE

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

★ Created with Emotions Aubrey Coleman

Does a great job explaining different emotions, how they are part of God's good plan, but also how they are impacted by the Fall. Talks about God's emotions and the similarities and differences between His and ours. Slightly presumptive that the child is converted in a few places, but very good on the whole. Far better than anything else I've seen.

Give Your Worries to God Sally Michael

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

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

Justin and Lindsay Holcomb books:

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

Presumes Conversion/Add Gospel

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

God Made Babies: helping parents answer the Baby question

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

Marty Machowski

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

Good News for Little Hearts CCEF Series various authors

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

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

- Halle Takes a Stand: When You Want to Fit In
- Gwen Tells Tales: When It's Hard to Tell the Truth
- Tomas Looks Up and Out

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

The title makes you think this is only for helping your teenager, but the ideas presented GREAT for parents with kids of all ages. This book is targeted at helping parents identify ways that they/the culture/even the ways churches talk to kids can actually add to their anxiety and in ways you might not realize. This book is a favorite!

1,2,3 Crossway/TGC Series:

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

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
- ★ • Abigai and the Christmas Contest (Coming out closer to Christmas)

★ PC/AG Left Out: Believing My Story Is for God's Glory Jill Atogwe

I am including this book because there is so little on the market that comes close to encouraging children with "differences" in a way that makes God's glory the point. She definitely presumes the child is a Christian in her use of Scripture and what it means to the child she is speaking to in her book. Make sure to add the gospel.

The Moon Is Always Round (Suffering) Jonathan Gibson

More to the Story: Deep Answers to Real Question on Attraction, Identity, and Relationships Jennifer M. Kvamme

This does presume conversion in a few places. There is some very helpful language for teens to read themselves, or for parents to read and use with their kids.

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.

★ PG/AC Something Happened Series Darby A. Strickland

- Something Sad Happened (death)
- Something Scary Happened (fear)

These are classic New Growth Press publications, in the CCEF Scripture to comfort and counsel kids category. They do a good job describing common, difficult struggles of kids and apply Scripture to them. However, like the other CCEF books for kids, they tend to presume the child is converted by their choice of Scriptures (which are for believers). I've been told that the questions in the back have been a great springboard for conversations with kids. Use with care and add in the gospel.

★ **10 Questions Series: Champ Thornton, Editor**

10 Questions About Salvation: 30 Devotions for Kids, Teens, and Families by Champ Thornton

10 Questions about Suffering and Pain: Beth Broom

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

Chloe and the Closet of Secrets: a book about lying

Sam and the Sticky Situation: a word about whining

Shawn and His Amazing Shrinking Sister: A book about teasing

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

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

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.

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.

★ Who Are You?: A Little Book about Your Big Identity Christina Fox

The book is fine, but the rhyming scheme is pretty bad. Takes a long time getting to its one point in the book. Still, might be helpful to some.

You Count! Board Book On Calming Emotions Champ Thornton

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

PARENTING

Age of Opportunity

Paul David Tripp

Child Proof

Julie Lowe

★ How to Lead Your Family: A Guide for Men Wanting to Be More - Biblical Advice for Christian Husbands and Fathers Joel R. Beeke

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

★ Lift Your Eyes: Daily Invitations to Behold Christ in Motherhood by Whitney Newby

Parenting Is More than a Formula

Jim Newheiser

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that Can Radically Change Your Family

Paul David Tripp

Parenting & Disabilities: Abiding in God's Presence 31-Day Devotionals for Life
Stephanie O. Hubach

She claims that our children are part of the Body of Christ in a few places, esp Day 22 and 23. Be careful of that. However, she does have a lot of helpful, sound meditations throughout this very short book that would be encouraging to parents with special needs kids.

Parenting with Love and Logic Series Foster Cline and Jim Faye

Parenting with Love and Logic: Preparing Adolescence for Responsible Adulthood

Parenting with Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility

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

Prayers of a Parent Series: Kathleen Nielson

Prayers of a Parent for Young Children

Prayers of a Parent for Teens

Prayers of a Parent for Young Adults

Prayers of a Parent for Adult Children

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

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

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

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.

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

Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen

PRAYER

Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer

Laura Wifler

★ Fritz and the Midnight Meetup: A True Story About Kids Who Prayed Megan Hill
This is one of my three favorite finds in 2025. A wonderful story!

Little Hands Learning to Pray

Carine MacKenzie

What Every Child Should Know about Prayer
Why Do We Say Thank You?

Nancy Guthrie
Champ Thornton

Board Books: Prayer

I Can Say to God series Christian Focus

- I Love You
- I'm Sorry
- Thank you
- Please

Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer board book version

Laura Wifler

REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

The Biggest Story Kevin DeYoung
Also available as a 25 pack for only a few dollars Great giveaway item

The Big Picture Story Bible David R. Helm

The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross Carl Laferton
El Jardin, La Cortina, y Al Cruz (Spanish Version)

The Gospel Story from One, Big Story (Gospel Project) B&H kids

I See Jesus Nancy Guthrie

SEXUALITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

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

4,5 Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships? Examining 10 Claims about
Scripture and Sexuality Rebecca McLaughlin

God made Babies: Helping Parents Answer the Baby Question Justin S. and Lindsey A
Holcomb

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

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

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

Growing-up God's Way for Girls Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones
Growing-up God's Way for Boys Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones

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

Rewriting Gender? You, Your Family, Transgenderism, and the Gospel David Martin (A
few of the prayers presume conversion, but is one of the best books I've found for giving
language to talk to kids about this issue)

Safe Guards: Shielding Our Homes and Equipping Our Kids Julie Lowe
Why Did God Make Me a Boy? (Gender) Joe and Abby Owen (Answers in Genesis)

Why Did God Make Me a Girl? (Gender) Abby and Joe Owen (Answers in Genesis)

STORIES OF THE SAINTS: (Missions and Church History)

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

★ Augustine of Hippo: The Doubter Who Became a Church Father Joshua D. Chatraw

The Christian Biographies for Young Readers series
Augustine of Hippo

Simonetta Carr:

The Church History ABC's

Stephen J Nichols

2,3 Do Great Things for God Series:

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

- Fannie Lou Hamer: The Courageous Woman Who Marched for Dignity K. A. Ellis
- Joni Eareckson Tada: The Girl Who Learned to Follow God in a Wheelchair Kristyn 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
- 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 Helped the World to Sing Caputo-Wickham

★ Eric's Greatest Race: The Inspiring True Story of Eric Liddell - Athlete, Missionary, Prisoner Tim Challies

Everyone a Child Should Know

Claire Heath-Whyte

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

Go Tell Everyone: 9 Missionaries Who Shared the Good News Meredith Cook

★ Gutsy Girls: Strong Christian Women Who Impacted the World Series Amy L. Sullivan

Book 1: Gladys Aylward

Book 2: Sisters, Corrie and Betsy Ten Boom

Book 3: Fanny Crosby

Book 4: Jennifer Wiseman

Book 5: Sojourner Truth

3.4 Here Am I Biographies

- C.S. Lewis: The Writer Who Found Joy Dan DeWitt
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy Mary Fry Wilmington
- Lottie Moon: The Girl Who Reached the World Amy Whitfield
- Lulu Fleming: The Doctor Who Shared Jesus Jasmine L. Holmes

Hidden Heroes series (Christian Focus)

Rebekah Davis

The Good News Must Go Out: Central African Republic

Lights in a Dark Place: Columbia

Living Water in the Desert: Iran

With Two Hands: Ethiopia

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

Little Lights Series (Christian Focus)

Amy Carmichael: Can Brown Eyes Be Made Blue?

Corrie ten Boom: Are All the Watches Safe?

David Livingston: Who Is the Bravest?

Eric Liddel: Are You Ready?

George Mueller: Does Money Grow on Trees?

Gladys Alyward: Are You Going to Stop?

Helen Roseveare: What's in the Parcel?

Hudson Taylor: Could Somebody Pass the Salt?

John Calvin: What Is the Truth?

Martin Luther: What Should I Do?

Mary Slessor: What Is It Like?

★ Lives of Faith and Grace Series

- The Story of Katie Luther: The Nun Who Escaped to True Freedom by Gretchen Ronnevik
- The Story of Martin Luther: The Monk Who Changed the World by Jared Kennedy

Mary Jones and Her Bible Mary Ropes

★ A Paintbrush for Joni: The True Story of Joni Eareckson Tada and the Savior Who Turns Tragedy into Joy by Joni and Friends

This is a great story for any child, but perhaps especially a child that has special needs and would be encouraged to see God's good plan despite unexpected difficulty.

Ten Boys/Girls Series Irene Howat

- Ten Boys Who Used Their Talents
- Ten Girls Who Used Their Talents

Trailblazers Series (Christian Focus)

A huge series Here are some of them:

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

★ Who What Why Series Danika Cooley

3rd -8th grade, but possibly could use with 1st and 2nd graders as a read-to-me resource. She has clear, simple explanations. (2,3)

- Why Did the Reformation Happen?
- Who Was Martin Luther?
- What Was the Gutenberg Bible?
- Who Were the Abolitionists?
- Why Did Slavery End?
- Who Was Martin Luther?
- What Was the Underground Railroad?
- Why Did Slavery End?
- Who Were the Abolitionists?

TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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

THEOLOGY

- ★ Big Truths for Little Hearts: A-Z Apologetics Charlie Campbell
Theology, not apologetics.
- ★ Cornerstones: 200 Questions and Answers to Learn Truth Brian Dembowczyk
A companion parent guide (Cornerstones: 200 Questions and Answers to Teach Truth)
is also available.

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

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

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

Sally Michaels Series from God's Word

Do NOT presume conversion and have great tips for Christian parents in how to use
books with their children to continue to hold out God's truth and point them to Christ.

Our Great God Sally Michaels

Good Gifts Come from God

Give God Your Worries

- ★ A Wonderful Surprise: An Easter Bible Verse to Remember

Tales that Tell the Truth Series Good Book Company

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

Joni E. Tada
Melissa Krueger
Melissa Kruger

The Ology

Marty Machowski

★ Thinking about God Alex Early

He does a great job of explaining big words/big truths about God in simple language. Kids of many ages (not to mention adults) will find this book useful. It is geared to be read by late elementary school age kids and up, but you could glean language to use with even younger children.

Toddler Theology Series: Lauren Groves

Who Is God?
What Is the Good News?

Visual Theology

Tim Challies and Josh Byers

Board Books: Theology

Baby Believer Series:

Our God: A Shapes Primer

Danielle Hitchen

Christian Focus Series:

God Is Everywhere

Carine MacKenzie

Series by Devon Provencher:

- Creation
- Jesus
- God
- Holy Spirit
- The Church
- The Gospel

Tiny Theologians series by Amy Gannett

- Did God Learn His ABCs?
- Does God Sleep?
- Does God Go on Vacation?