Connie's Ridiculously Long, Extremely Helpful, Sometimes Opinionated, Gospel-rich, Annual List of Christian Books for Kids and Parents

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BOOKS:
Preachers in Print

BOOKS CAN:

PROVIDE	language that conveys important Bible truths to kids.
TEACH	adults these important truths, as they read with children.
GIVE	adults helpful language to use with children in conversation, long after they've finished a book.

Good Christian books can be of great benefit to both children and adults. Most parents use books as partners in teaching their children gospel truths.

BOOKS:
Buyer Be Aware

BOOKS REFLECT THE AUTHOR'S/EDITOR'S:

THEOLOGY	What they believe about God and what He says in His Word.
PEDAGOGY	What kids can learn and how to best to teach them.
HERMANEUTICS	How they study God's Word and apply its truths to us.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

The author is writing for:

- a child who has never heard the gospel,
- a child who has heard the gospel, but is not a believer, and/or
- a child who knows and believes the gospel and is a believer.

Don't check your brains at the door, no matter who the author or publisher. Just like preachers, not all books are true to God's Word and the gospel. Be a Berean! Compare to Scripture!

THE 3 P's
of a Great Kids' Book

God's Promises
are for
God's People

God's Plan of Salvation
tells us that we can become God's people when we repent and trust in Jesus as our Savior.



This is how God's promises can be for us.

BOOKS:
Top Three Troubles

False COMFORT	Fail to say God's promises are special comfort for God's people, not for everyone.
Forget CONVERSION	Fail to tell how to become one of God's people, and to know how these promises can be for them.
Forget CHANGE	Fail to say we must REPENT and believe to become one of God's people (not just believe).

Foster CONFUSION

These pitfalls are very common in Christian kids' books. Many assume the gospel is known and has already been accepted, while many kids still need to hear and respond. Unfortunately, this can lead to confusion that actually hinders the gospel in both kids and parents.

WORDS
TO WATCH FOR

These Words:

"ME" "US" "WE" "YOU"
"GOD'S CHILDREN/PEOPLE"
"HEAVENLY FATHER"

Combined with

LANGUAGE OF BELONGING:
"ARE" "IS" "AM"

Or

LANGUAGE OF BECOMING:
"CAN BE" "IF" "WHEN"

WHICH IS THE BEST FIT?

Does the book use language of belonging or language of becoming? Which is most appropriate for your children? I find that when reading to a group of children, there's often a mixture of both. Better to change the language, if necessary, err on the "becoming" side, and add the gospel!

TAKE AWAY TIP #1

If Rhyme is King, You (Might) Miss Some Things

Rhymes are memorable and give a natural flow to reading. No wonder it's so popular to write kids' books this way... especially for little kids.

But the problem with rhyming books and conveying God's truth is that the best rhyming word isn't always the best word for explaining a truth. Too many times, an awkward word choice is made to keep the rhyme, making the important truth unclear. Be careful with rhyming books. Keep truth the king.



TAKE AWAY TIP #2

Reading to 3 Kids



When looking at a book, I like to think about reading to a group of 3 kids.

Kid #1 Has heard the gospel and knows Bible stories. I'm fairly sure this child is a Christian.

Kid #2 Has heard the gospel and knows Bible stories, but probably not a Christian.

Kid #3 Doesn't know the gospel or Bible stories at all and isn't a Christian.

Who would understand the text of the book and who is it truth for, as written? Frequently, books are written for Kid #1. What would be helpful to add in so that all would understand the gospel truths and be able to accept them for Kid #2 and #3?

Thinking about all three kids listening helps me make sure I'm holding out God's truths to all of them in an appropriate way.

TAKE AWAY TIP #3

Straight Line Scripts and Pitched Roof Promises

So many writers and publishers love to hold out God's special love and promises for His people to everyone who reads their books!

They choose to use words of "belonging" and Bible promises that in original context were written to God's people. God loves you. God is always with you. God promises you this. etc. is the wording found in these books.

I call these **"Straight Line" Scripts.** They write and read smoothly and feel so comforting! But the truth is, they aren't really for kids unless they have been saved. (Think back to the 3 kids example.)

Sometimes, writers or publishers choose this approach because of paedobaptistic persuasion. But many times, it is because they have forgotten to be careful with their application of Scripture.

Straight Line Scripts



God's Special Love and Promises for His People

Use the Language of Belonging



The 3 Kids

"God loves you,
is near you,
cares for you,
did this for you"
"You/we are"
"These are yours"
plus any promise/Scripture that was originally written to believers.

Is there another way to express God's special love for His people, available to kids through the gospel without confusing the need to repent and believe for these promises to be for them?

Yes, there is! I call it: **Pitched Roof Promises**.

FIRST, you tell kids about God's wonderful love and promises for His people.

THEN, you tell them how they can become God' people, by repenting of their sins and trusting in Jesus as their Savior.

This approach uses the language of "becoming" instead of belonging: "These promises/God's special love for His people can be ours when we repent and believe the gospel (then, tell them the good news of Jesus)."

No, it doesn't slide off the tongue as smoothly as the Straight Line Script. But it's biblical and it doesn't confuse anyone or make false assurances, yet it opens the door of God's offer of salvation. The hearts of our kids are worth this extra step!

Pitched Roof Promises



#1:
Tell of God's love
for His people.

#2:
Tell how they can
become God's people
and these promises
can be true for them.

Use the Language of Becoming

God's Special Love and Promises for His People

God's love/these promies can be/will be ours when we repent and believe the gospel.



The 3 Kids

TAKE AWAY TIP #4

Kids' Books Sometimes Teach Kids; But They Always Teach Adults

The ability of kids' books to take big truths and express them faithfully to young minds is a great blessing to adults and to kids. Long ago I learned that the quickest way for me to understand a difficult concept quickly was by finding a good kids' book on the subject!

So it is that the books you read with your kids will probably teach you more than they teach your kids. The very act of reading aloud means you are engaging with the text in a way the listeners are not. Plus, as you read (and often re-read) a book to your kids, you're digesting language and truth that you can access at other times with your kids.



I especially think about this when I'm looking to give a book to another family. Remember the three kids? This time, think about three pairs of parents.

Pair #1: Are strong believers, who believe the gospel and know the Bible.

Pair #2: May have heard the gospel and know the Bible, but you don't really know if they are believers.

Pair #3: Do not believe the gospel and maybe have never even heard it or know the Bible.

Choose books according to where the adults are in their understanding of the gospel. the Bible, and their relationship to God.

This is a great way to commend the gospel to adults as well as their kids. And, it encourages those who are believers, while not confusing those who are not (yet) Christians.

TAKE AWAY TIP #5

Books and Drugs

Drugs come in three categories: over-the-counter, prescription medicines, and closely-controlled substances. I've found these same three categories helpful to me as I'm considering who to share a book with.

"Over-the-Counter" Books



These are books with truths presented in a way that are true for whoever reads them; or, contain not only God's Promises, but also God's Plan of Salvation that tells us how we can become God's People and these Promises true for us (the 3 P's).

I don't need to know you for this book to be useful and clear to you. Just pick it up and go!

"Prescription" Books



These are books with truths presented in a way that might be true/appropriate for some readers, but not others. It might not have all 3 P's. It might be written in a way that would be encouraging to certain some but discouraging to others. It might presume a certain level of spiritual maturity, etc.

I need to know you before I would recommend this book because I want it to be appropriate and good for you/your kids.



"Closely-Controlled Substances Books

These are books that need special handling and careful recommendation.

They may offer much needed, helpful advice in difficult circumstances, with particularly discerning parents.

Unfortunately, the good counsel in these books may be tangled up in the middle of secular presuppositions that take a lot of maturity and discernment to glean the good and filter out the bad.

Not only would I want to know you and your situation well but would want to sit down and talk through the hesitancies as well as the benefits of the book before giving it out. And probably set up a time to discuss it more after the book is read.

Over-the-counter, prescription, and closely-controlled substances.

I find these three drug categories help me choose well which books to share with people so, as they say in the Hippocratic oath, "**to do no harm"**.

TAKE AWAY TIP #6

The 3 P's: The Water You Swim In, Not Drown In

As much as I wish all 3 P's (**God's Promises** for those who are **God's People** through **God's Plan of Salvation**) were present in every book, it's just not going to be the case.

But does that mean you need to "drown" your kids with the 3 P's every time they aren't present? I would suggest a broader view. If your family regularly "swims" at church and/or at home in gospel truths and the riches God gives His people through Jesus, then you may not need to bring them up every time.

How often would I add in the 3 P's, if they are missing? It depends on the focus of the book. If it's a book dedicated to comforting kids with God's promises, clearly only true for God's people, I would want to add them into the text as I read; or, I would "test the waters" by asking the kids: "Who are these promises for?"

TAKE AWAY TIP #7

Script, Springboard, or Sleuth

Here are 3 great ways to use books with your kids.



#1: Script

Simply read the book. It's great the way it is.

#2: Springboard



The book has some issues, but the story/material is presented in a way to foster great conversations with your kids.

Add discussion questions such as, "What do you think about what Harry did? What would you do in that situation? Does God's Word tell us anything about how He wants us to act?" ***OR*** "Who do you think these promises were written for? How can they be for us?"



#3: Sleuth

The book has some issues, but you can use them to teach your kids discernment. Your kids are going to need to not just know the truth, but to be able to discern it from the many lies this world throws at them every day. Encourage them to be sleuths who carefully listen and examine what is being said to find out what is true.

Pause after sentences that are unclear/untrue. Ask the kids: "Do you think that's true? Is that what God's Word says? How would you re-word this to be true?"

CHOOSE
How to Help a Book

Keep the Book, Change the Language	Modify the text or add in any missing "P's."
Keep the Book, Change the Use	Use the book as a discussion starter in family devotions. Build discernment by asking your kids questions such as, "Who are these promises for?" Or, "Kids, what did you think of what I just read. Would you agree or disagree with it? Why?"
Keep the Book, Change the Reader to YOU	Glean helpful truths of language to use with your kids to incorporate into your own speech.
Change Books	Find another book with better text.

A GOOD LOOK AT KIDS' BOOKS



PUT ON YOUR KID HAT

Pictures Appropriate for age and content

Language Conveys what kids will understand as written (not reading between the lines).

Poetry Rhymes are easy to read. Rhymes are not made at the expense of what child can understand or the truth to be conveyed.

Believers "Child of God" , "People of God" ,"Church", "Friends with God" used in a way that children understand/how to become. It is clear that these are words for people who are believers.



WHAT'S THE POINT?

Sum Up What is the author's message to the kids?

Size Up Is this message good and true, as will be understood by the kids?

Take Away What truth do the kids take away? Or, are asked to respond to?



PRESENTS TRUTH

Soundness Does the author present sound doctrine, as kids will understand the text?

Size Up If not completely sound as written, how much adaptation will the parent reading the book need to make it sound?

Confusion If the child reads the book by themselves, will they be confused or misled by what is written? Could this book be used by a parent to discuss w/ & teach the child discernment?



PERSONAL APPLICATION

Audience Who is the book written for: A believer or a non/not-yet believer?

Promises Does the text hold out God's promises, without explaining that these are for Christians?

Response Is any response encouraged? What is it? Do the kids know how to do this?



PROCESS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

How to If the text presents the Savior, does it also, somewhere, tell how to become a Christian?

Problem Does the author skirt around the problem of sin/ the need to repent or is it just believe?

Assurance Does the author give assurance of salvation, just because a child prays a prayer?

Next Steps Does the author speak of a change of life, becoming a part of a church body, speaking to someone else about decision, life of discipleship?



PARENTAL KNOWLEDGE PRESUMED

Equipped Does good use of this book require a parent to "know better" and change wording as they read?

Believer Does the author assume the parent is a believer?

Equipping Does the book help equip parents with language for further conversation on this topic?

Notes Are there any extra notes for parents/teachers at back for further help on becoming a Christian or talking to children on this topic? If promises of God given as comfort to children, do the notes contain these an explanation that they are for those who are believers and who have repented and trusted in Jesus as their Savior?



POSSIBILITIES

OTC Over-the-Counter book, useful for all, with no explanation.

Prescription Helpful book, but something needs adding or the reader needs to know already. Best given personally with a caveat. Good for some, in the right setting.

Controlled Closely Controlled/Banned book. Needs to be used with much understanding and suggested with great care. Or, contains so many issues that it's best not used at all.

2026 BOOK FAIR BOOKLIST

Access this booklist

Learn more about choosing kids' books

BOOK LIST AGE CODES

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

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

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

A FEW, OTHER SPECIAL CODES

New Book
Old Favorite

Always be on the lookout for the need to add the gospel. I mainly chose Christian books that do NOT presume conversion and include the gospel. However, there were a few good books that I included, that are not Christian books, but had really great resources. Or, they were Christian books, but did presume conversion and did NOT include the gospel.

WHERE I FOUND THESE BOOKS:

Christianbook.com
wtskids.com
Matthias Media
The Good Book Company
Truth 78
Christian Focus Books (FYI: this publisher does not show the face of Jesus in any illustrations.)
Tenofthose.com
Amazon.com
cvvbs.com (often have the best prices)
Answers in Genesis
Kaleidoscope
Lithos Kids
Online used bookstores

APOLOGETICS

2,3 Inspector Smart and the Case of the Empty Tomb Michael J. Tinker

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.

2,3,4 The Most Marvelous Machine Constance Dever
(free downloads through praisefactory.org in Other Resources section or for purchase through amazon.com. This book looks at machines and irreducible complexity as a springboard to learning about our irreducibly complex cell, our bodies, and Intelligent Design by our Creator. Touch on Darwin's dependence upon simple cell theory that has been called into question by what we know about cells now. Also includes a simple review of our eleven body systems and concludes with the gospel.

3,4 The Bible Is God's Word—the Evidence Catherine Mackenzie

3,4 Cold-Case Christianity for Kids: Investigate Jesus with a Real Detective *J. Warner*

3,4 I Can't Believe My Eyes! Joshua Cooley
Beautiful book that uses creation to point us to the existence of God.

3,4 Jesus Rose from the Dead—the Evidence *Catherine MacKenzie*

3,4 <u>Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth Series</u> *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)**
- **Cat's Quarrel (Deity of Jesus)**

3,4 <u>Pitfall Series</u> 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**

3,4 God's Wild Wisdom: 11 True Nature Stories for Children with Scientific Sources for Parents and Teachers Volumes 1,2,3 Doru Tarita
Very interesting nature information and great devotional tie-ins. These are a wonderful approach to the Proverbs, tying in great nature facts as pointers to truths from Proverbs. Your kids will love it. I did!

4 Christian Apologetics for Kids: Help Kids Explain and Defend Christian Beliefs and Trust the Bible Grace Willoughby
This book would be great for young Christians looking to explain/defend their faith. It does an unusually good job of not just giving answers, but building a mindset. I was pleasantly surprised. My only criticism is that the Bible verses are in KJV and can be hard to understand. I would look them up in a different translation.

4,5 Beyond Evolution: How New Discoveries in the Science of Life Point to God *Sy Garde*

4,5 **Big Questions Series:** Chris Morphew

- **How Can I Be Sure What's Right and Wrong? (Case for objective morality)**
- **How Do We Know That Christianity Is Really True?**
- **What Happens When We Die?**
- **Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen? (Why does God allow suffering?) *CAUTION, see note.***

This series by Chris Morphew continues to grow. There is much I like about it. He uses very understandable language. My one caution is in "Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?" He uses the classic "It wouldn't be love, if God didn't give us a choice" answer, which I think is not a good answer. God's plans in the Bible are much bigger, more sovereign, and much more mysterious than such an answer.



4,5 **Can Science Explain Everything?** John Lennox

4,5 **Case for Christ for Kids** Lee Strobel



4,5 **Case for Christ Devotions for Kids** Lee Strobel

4,5 **Case for Creation for Kids** Lee Strobel

4, 5 **Case for Grace for Kids** Lee Strobel



4,5 **Discover: Questioning Your Way to Faith** Mike McGarry

This is an excellent book that does a great job answering many of teens' questions about Christianity. The only place I had a flag on this book was on the question: "How Can a Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?" At one point he says that hell is not eternal separation from God. I think it's just a poorly worded sentence. He goes onto explain further that hell is a place of punishment. For him, it's not enough to classify separated from God and all that is good as punishment, is what I think he is saying. I highly recommend this book, even with this one flag.



4,5 **Is God Real? For Teens: Exploring Faith in a World of Wonder** Lee Strobel

This book does a great job presenting good science to teens that confront the typical secular mindset. Highly recommended.

4,5 **Evidence for the Resurrection** Norman Anderson



4,5 **Science and God: Do You Have to Choose?** John Lennox and Katy Morgan



4,5 **The Story of Everything: Science that Reveals a Mind Behind the Universe A High School Science Unit Study (Weeklong Worldview Camp in a Workbook)**

This is a companion workbook to the wonderful, new 2026 documentary by the same name. (I purchased it through Amazon.)



4,5 **Ten Questions Every Teen Should Ask and Answer about Christianity** Rebecca McLaughlin

4,5 **Tricky: The hardest questions to ask about Christianity (and some answers)** Michael Dormandy and Carl Laferton

5 **A.S.K. Real World Questions / Real Word Answers** David Robertson

5 **Return to the God Hypothesis** Steven Meyer

Book version of The Story of Everything documentary.

5 **What Makes Us Human?** Mark Meynell

5 **Where Was God When that Happened?** Christopher Ash

5 **You Asked** William Edgar

BIBLES

These Bibles Are Ordered From:

Easiest-to-Understand Translations to
More-Exact (and More-Difficult) Translations

About Kids' Devotional Bibles:

I tend to recommend Bibles without devotional aspects added to them. Why? Because I don't know your kids and usually most of the devotional Bibles presume kids are believers in the way they hold out God's promises. You know your kids and can make more educated choices with them/for them. I've listed some devotional Bibles because they are so popular, but it's over to you to make sure they are appropriate for your kids.

If you choose a devotional Bible, you may want to talk to your kids about the devotions from time to time, Remind them that these promises are for God's people who repent of their sins and put their trust in Jesus. These promises are for THEM, too, when they do this (if they haven't yet).

NLT (New Living Translation)

The "loosest" full translation of the Bible, but language can be more understandable to younger children or families of newer Christians.

2,3 New Living Translation GO Bible for Kids: A Life-Changing Bible for Kids

Preschool to elementary school ages. This Bible contains fun features and facts for kids, but also devotions. I would be especially careful to check the appropriateness of the devotions included. I wanted to include one NLT Bible for kids and this is the best one I could find.

2,3,4,5 New Living Translation (Just text)

Geared especially for non-believers or new believers, including plan of salvation and other orienting tools for people unfamiliar with the Bible.

3,4 New Living Translation The Discovery Bible

Elementary school age kids. I did not read all of the devotions, but the ones I read, I liked very much! They help the reader understand a Bible passage and encourage them how to respond to the passage as a believer would.

NIrV: (New International Readers Version)

Simplified version of the NIV. 3rd grade reading level.

2,3 NIrV Adventure Bible for Early Readers

Late preschool to early elementary. Lots of fun features for kids. Contains devotions.

3 NIrV Discoverer's Bible for Early Readers

Early elementary school. Larger print for easier reading.

3 NIrV Study Bible for Kids

Early elementary school. Contains Bible facts and devotions.

NIV: (New International Version)

Easy to read language, 7th grade reading level.
Decision in 2011 to use more common English language use of "people" instead of "man" for understandability purposes can be troubling for potential loss of meaning in original text.

3 NIV Quest Study Bible
Targets first-time Bible readers. Larger font size, Bible book introductions, 100+ questions and answers, colorful maps. Life application/devotions.

3 NIV Adventure Bible
Lots of fun features for kids. Contains devotions.


3,4 NIV Kids' Visual Study Bible
Great facts and pictures. No devotions.

3,4,5 NIV Action Study Bible
Full NIV text with study elements, including overviews of each book of the Bible. There are 40 comic book illustrations of various Bible stories. Includes life applications/devotions.

CSB: Christian Standard Bible

A blend between the easier language of the NIV and the precision of the ESV.
7th grade reading level.

1,2 CSB Read to Me Bible
Geared for the youngest children. Contains gospel presentation, full page illustrations, and other helpful features.

2,3 CSB Easy for Me Bible
"Designed for emerging readers who are ready to explore the Bible themselves. Highlighted memory verses and dozens of colorful pages featuring learning helps, games, and reading challenges teach children to better understand the Bible and read it on their own. Easy-to-read, easy-to-memorize, Easy-for-Me!"


2,3,4 CSB One Big Story Bible (Gospel Project)
Tied into Gospel Project resources. Some online links. Contains devotions.

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


2,3,4 CSB Outreach Bible for Kids
Geared for non-Christians or new Christians. Contains gospel presentation in kid-language and other helpful tools for those new to the Bible. No devotions.

3,4 CSB Explorer Bible for Kids

Elementary school age. It has mainly factual side notes in the text, itself. I like them. However, it also uses QR Uses QR codes that link to devotional videos. The devotions are funny, engaging, are very Scripture "light" and assume everyone is a Christian in theological bent. I personally would not use the QR codes unless you want to watch them and then talk about them, adding the gospel.

4,5 CSB She Reads Truth Bible

ESV: English Standard Version

A popular, faithful translation that uses a lot of traditional wording, making it harder for younger kids to read and understand. 10th grade reading level.

2, 3 ESV Children's Bible

Geared for preschool/early elementary school in font size, layout, lots of illustrations. Old and New Testament timelines, a dictionary, and maps. Contains devotions.

3,4 ESV The Biggest Story Bible for Kids

Elementary to early middle school. Colorful 3-page introduction for each book that includes a summary, timeline, information about the author, character profiles, and more. Contains devotions/life applications after many Bible stories.

3,4 ESV Following Jesus Bible

Elementary school. Aimed to help your child grow as a disciple of Jesus. Contains devotions.

3,4 ESV Holy Bible for Kids, Large Print

Elementary school. Simple Bible with some illustrations. No devotions.

3,4,5 ESV Action Study Bible

Full ESV text with study elements, including overviews of each book of the Bible. There are 40 comic book illustrations of various Bible stories. Includes life applications/devotions.

4,5 ESV Journaling Study Bible, Artist Series: "The Lion and the Lamb"

Middle school and up. Meaty Study Bible combined with plenty of space for journaling. No devotions.

5 ESV Teen Study Bible

High school and up. Meaty study Bible with lots of notes as well as 365 devotions adapted from Jon Nielson's God's Great Story.

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)

(2),3,4 God's Very Special Letters: The Epistles for Kids Series:

- **Colossians & Philemon**
- **Philippians**
- **1 Peter**

Love this new series. A new, faithful translation of epistles that kids can understand easily. More coming.

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 topic. 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 Story of Jesus: A Guided Journey through the Gospel of John ESV Kevin Emmert

4,5 The Third Day Alex Webb-Peploe

Easter Story from the Gospel of Luke, presented in a comic book style that might interest those otherwise not interested in reading the Easter story.

BIBLE STORIES: STORYBOOK COLLECTIONS

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** B&H Kids

1,2 **Little Words Matter Bible Storybook in Spanish: Libro de Historias Biblicas** B&H Kids

1,2 **The Toddler's Bible** V. Gilbert Beers

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

1,2 **Seek and Find Bible Stories Series** Sarah Parker **Board Books**

- **Old Testament Bible Stories**
- **More Old Testament Bible Stories**
- **New Testament Bible Stories**
- **Seek and Find Bible Storybook**

While I find the narrative little to be desired in these books, they are a lot of fun and I've seen them provide a quiet way for little kids to sit through long sermons that are over their heads. That helps the parents listen and learn. No bad thing for parents or kids! The new storybook is a mixture of stories found in previous Seek and Find books, and some brand-new ones.

1,2,3 **The Beginner's Bible** Karyn Henley

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

1,2,3 **Beginner's Gospel Story Bible** Jared Kennedy **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 for the promises to be for them. The same is true for the board books that have been made of individual stories from this book, and perhaps more so because of the title choices which are God Rose for Me, etc., without explaining how we can become Christians and for that to be true.

1,2,3 **The Big Picture Story Bible** David Helm

1,2,3 **It's All About Jesus Storybook: 100 Bible Stories** (Gospel Project)
100 Bible stories and discussion questions. Connects God's plan of salvation with each story.

♥ **1,2,3 Little Hands Series:** Carine MacKenzie **(Do not show face of Jesus)**

- **Life of Jesus**
- **Story Bible**

I think these are two wonderful Bible collections, both in size (great for little hands) and in content. Very short stories but include simple questions, too.

1,2,3 One Big Story Bible Stories in 5 Minutes Gospel Project

12 Bible stories just right for bedtime for littles.

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

♥ **1,2,3 Lithos Kids Bible Storybooks** Lithos Kids

- **The Kingdom of God**
- **Parables of Jesus**
- **Wisdom of God**

These are my favorite of the storybook Bible collections because of its sticking so close to Scripture and because of the great discussion questions.

♥ **1,2,3 Read Aloud Bible Stories** Ella K. Lindvall **(Do not show the face of Jesus)**

- **Volume 1**
- **Volume 2**
- **Volume 3**
- **Volume 4**
- **Volume 5**

These are some classic, long-beloved Bible stories with pictures that do an especially good job of helping your child imagine what it would be like to be in the story, themselves. '

2,3 Seek and Circle Bible Story Series B & H Publishers **Board books**

- **Seek and Circle Bible Battles**
- **Seek and Circle Bible Journeys**
- **Seek and Circle Christmas Stories**

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

♥ **2,3 The Christian Focus Story Bible** Carine MacKenzie **(doesn't show face of Jesus)**

2,3 The Early Readers Bible V. Gilbert Beers

64 Bible stories that use words commonly found in early reader books. Follow up questions for each story.

♥ **2,3 The Kingdom and the King Storybook Bible** Bob Hartman

This is a new favorite of mine because the storyline of God and His people throughout all history is so clear. Beautifully illustrated, too.

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) Susan Lingo

♥ **2,3,4 The Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook: Connecting Christ throughout God's Story** Gospel Project
Also in Spanish.

2,3,4 Big Truths Bible Storybook Gospel Project

This new Bible storybook from Gospel Project features short stories with Biblical truth as well as questions that could be used well in a family read aloud setting. A great new storybook.

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

Love the text. Not a fan of the artwork, especially for younger kids. Cold and sometimes scary.

2,3,4 The Gospel Story B&H Kids

Very inexpensive (under $2) overview of the main stories of redemptive history with questions for each story. Great option for an outreach giveaway.

2,3,4 The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments Marty Machowski

Love the text. Not a fan of the artwork, especially for younger kids. Cold and sometimes scary.

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

92 Bible stories told in simple language, especially good for preschool and early elementary kids. Also traces themes of redemptive history with each story.

2,3,4 God's Daring Dozen Minor Prophet Series Brian J. Wright, John R. Brown

- **Box Set 1: Haggai, Habakkuk, Zephaniah and Obadiah**
- **Box Set 2: Jonah, Malachi, Nahum and Joel**
- **Box Set 3: Amos, Micah, Hosea, Zechariah**

Only series I know of that focuses on the minor prophets.

2,3,4 I Will Follow Jesus Bible Storybook Judah and Chelsea Smith

Great illustrations and the text helps kids think about what it means to be a follower of Christ.

2,3,4 La Gran Historia: Libro de Historias Bíblicas Interactivas (The Big Picture Interactive Storybook) B & H Kids (Gospel Project)

2,3,4 One Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook B & H Kids (Gospel Project)

2,3,4 The Promises of God Storybook Bible: The Story of God's Unstoppable Love Jennifer Lyell

This is one of my very favorites. She has a great story-telling voice and follows the story of God's redemptive love for His people as she works her way through the Bible.

2,3,4 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories in Spanish Daniel Partner

2,3,4 365 Read-Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories in English Daniel Partner

3,4 The Awesome Book of Bible Comics Sandy Silverthorne

Ok… so it's a little goofy in the pictures in a few places, but the story line is fine enough and the kids will enjoy the format. Not a replacement for your Bible, for sure. But a fun supplement that may even help your struggling readers to take in more of the Bible story.

3,4 The Action Bible (collection of Bible stories) Sergio Cariello

This colorful, cartoon book version of Bible stories is very attractive to older elementary and middle school kids. Stories are presented in chronological order. The text definitely adds interpretation to Bible characters' thought behind actions. This is NOT a replacement for a Bible. Also see Bibles for a full translation using the ESV, NIV, and CSB which also adds selected pictures from this book.

3,4 The Child's Story Bible Catherine Vos

This is the old "classic" story Bible. It reaches to a higher age range than most other Bible storybooks and can be great for family devotions for this reason. Almost no pictures, but good, meatier text. These are a bit more like story sermons than the shorter, less-detailed versions of many other of the Bible storybooks.

BIBLE STORIES: INDIVIDUAL STORIES

1,2 Little Bible Heroes Series B&H Kids **(Board Books)**

- **Joshua**
- **Jonah**
- **Zacchaeus**

1,2 Tim Thornborough 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**

1,2,3 Stories from Jesus Series Catherine MacKenzie **(Do not show face of Jesus.)**

- **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**

1,2,3 Tales that Tell the Truth Series

- **The Friend Who Forgives: A True Story about How Peter Failed and Jesus Forgave** Dan DeWitt
- **El Amigo que Perdona (Spanish Version)** Dan DeWitt
- **Jesus and the Very Big Surprise** Randall Goodgame
- **Jesus and the Lions' Den: A True Story about How Daniel Points Us to Jesus (Tales That Tell the Truth)** Alison Mitchell
- **The One O'Clock Miracle** Alison Mitchell
- **The One O'Clock Miracle Coloring Book** Alison Mitchell
- **The Storm that Stopped** Alison Mitchell
- **The Storm that Stopped Coloring Book** Alison Mitchell
- **The Man in the Tree with a Brand New Start** Carl Laferton
- **The God Contest** Carl Laferton
- and many more

Please be careful with this series. Look for language that presumes conversion or which points to the gospel, but perhaps not clearly. They frequently use the expression "Friend of God" as an easy-to-understand way to say "Christian". And, they tend to present the gospel as believe, not repent and believe. There is often extra, good enhancements to the gospel and text in the notes in the back to parents. These are important truths to weave into your conversations with the kids. 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 Bible Story Series from Concordia (also available in English)

- **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 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 Curren
- **Moises Cruza el Mar Rojo** Joan Curren
- **Jose Perdon a Sus Hermanos** Robert Baden

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

- **The Best thing to Do**
- **Lo Mejor que Podemos Hacer (Spanish version)**
- **Never Too Little**
- **Aunque Seas Pequeno (Spanish version)**
- **The House that Went Splat**
- **The Man Who Would Not Be Quiet**
- **The Little Man Whose Heart Grew Big**
- **El Hombre que No Se Quedo Callado (Spanish versión)**

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.

1,2,3 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 The Very Noisy Christmas Tim Thornborough

(1) 2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers and Activity Books Good Book Company

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

These are individual stories taken from the God's Big Promises Storybook Bible by Carl Laferton. I like these and use them in outreach settings at Easter and Christmas. However, I often add a sticker in the back of the book that tells the children how Jesus can be their Savior. After all, that's the point of sharing these stories about Jesus, yet so frequently that is left out.

2,3 Bible Alive Series (dozens of different, individual Bible stories, I simply chose the David ones as examples.) Carine Mackenzie **Do not show the face of Jesus.**

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

2,3 Bible Time Series (dozens of different, individual Bible stories.) Carine Mackenzie
Do not show the face of Jesus.

- **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 David Miles

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

These are great stories for early readers to begin to read for themselves.

2,3 Bible Wise Series: Carine MacKenzie **Do not show the face of Jesus.**

- **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
Very faithful retelling of the account of Jesus' birth.

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

2,3 The Easter Story Carine MacKenzie **Does not show the face of Jesus.**
Very faithful retelling of the account of Jesus' death and resurrection.

2,3 Paul Tautges Series: (Pictures of Gospel Grace)

#1: Dinner with the King: How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love
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.

#2: The Best Bath Ever!: How God Washes Away Our Sin and Makes Us Brand New
Another amazing job of taking an Old Testament story and letting the gospel shine through.

2,3 Postcards from Paul Hazel Scrimshire

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! The Parables and Wisdom of Jesus John Hendrix

3,4 God's Servant Ruth: A Poem with a Promise Douglas Bond

3,4 God's Servant Job: 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 Ros Woodman

BOARD BOOKS

Board books are intended for ages 0-4, ages in whiich there is much of the gospel they may not understand. Unfortuely there is a recent trend to word these books in ways that are only true for Christians. Everyone loves to use Psalm 139 and the Epistles for their beautiful, comforting promises. But don't forget who these are written for!

There a lot of "Me" language being added to these books, that applies God's special promises to His people to these kids, without also clearly mentioning the gospel. I would suggest introducing a book with this sort of language like this: "Now, I'm going to read you a book about God's special love for His people. You can become one of God's people, too, when you trust in Jesus as your Savior and live your life for Him (repent). I'm praying that God will help you do this! Now, let's learn about God's wonderful promises He gives His people!" If your child IS a Christian, they can know how these promises are true for them. If they are not a Christian, then they can begin to see how wonderful God is to His people and that these promises can be true for them when they turn and trust in Jesus.

Two very popular series that did NOT make my booklist because of the language choices are the series by Abbey Wedgeworth (What Are Hands For? and others, published by Good Book Company.) And, the similar series by Kristen Wetherell, published by Crossway. Be very careful with these books.

1,2 All About God's Animals Series: Janyre Tromp

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

1,2 All God's Creatures Great and Small A Lift a Flap Book Scarlett Wing

1,2 Baby Believer Books Danielle Hitchen

- **Bible Basics**
- **From Eden to Bethlehem: An Animals Primer**
- **Let There Be Light: An Opposites Primer**
- **Our God: A Shapes Books**
- **Psalms of Praise**
- **Psalm 23**
- **Hallelujah**
- **We Believe**
- **God Speaks**
- **Holy Week**
- **The Kingdom of Heaven**
- **Jesus Heals**

1,2 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**

1,2 The Best Series Catherine MacKenzie **(do not show face of Jesus)**

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

1,2 The Biggest Story ABC's Kevin Deyoung

1,2 Born to Be King Series Catherine MacKenzie

- **Wise Men Help Jesus**
- **Anna and Simeon See Jesus**

1,2 Debbie Anderson Series:

- **Jesus Is Alive**
- **Jesus Is Born**
- **God Knows My Name**
- **Kindness Counts**

 **1,2 Devon Provencher Series:**

- **Bible**
- **Creation**
- **Jesus**
- **God**
- **Holy Spirit**
- **The Church**
- **The Gospel**
- **Heaven**
- **Prayer**

Now, also in Spanish.

1,2 Easy for Me Bible Verses B&H Kids

1,2 Famous Bible Stories: Christian Focus **(do not show face of Jesus)**

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

1,2 First Bible Words Priddy Books

1,2 Fit Together Shapes Books Tommy Nelson

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

1,2 Indescribable for Little Ones Louie Giglio

1,2 God Gave Me Series (Christian Focus) Catherine MacKenzie **(do not show face of Jesus)**

- **God Gave Me Hearing**
- **God Gave Me Sight**
- **God Gave Me Smell**
- **God Gave Me Taste**
- **God Gave Me Touch**

1,2 God's Little Ones Series Tommy Nelson

- **My First Words Bible**
- **My First Words Bible in Spanish**

1,2 God's Big Promises Series: Good Book Company

- **Christmas**
- **Easter**

♥ **1,2** **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)**

♥ **1,2** **Hymns for Little Ones Series:**

- **All Things Bright and Beautiful** Jean Claude
- **Amazing Grace**
- **For the Beauty of the Earth** Folliott S. Pierpoint
- **Nothing but the Blood of Jesus**
- **Praise God, All Children A Doxology for Children** Jason Duesling
- ★ **Holy, Holy, Holy**
- ★ **It Is Well**

♥ **1,2** **I Can Say to God Series:** Catherine MacKenzie **(do not show face of Jesus)**

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

♥ **1,2** **Learn About God Board Books** Carine MacKenzie **(do not show face of Jesus)**

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

★ **1,2** **Little Bible Heroes Series** B&H Kids

- **Joshua**
- **Jonah**
- **Zacchaeus**

1,2 **Little Words Matter Series:** B & H Kids

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

♥ **1,2** **I Am: The Names of God for Little Ones** Diane Stortz

1,2 **I Prayed for You** Jean Fisher

1,2 **Inside Noah's Ark 4 Kids** Becki Dudley

♥ **1,2** **Jesus Saves** Sarah Reju

1,2 **Lift the Flap Bible Stories for Young Children** Andrew J. DeYoung

1,2 **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** Martin Luther
A prayer by Martin Luther for kids.

1,2 **The Man on the Mat** Helen Scrimshire

1,2 **Mi Primera Biblia (The Toddler Bible)** Bethan James, Yorgos Sgouros

♥ 1,2 **Praise Him!** Lauren Chandler

1,2 **Safe at Sea** Helen Scrimshire

1,2 **Sent to Save Series** Catherine MacKenzie **(do not show face of Jesus)**
- **Jesus Saves His People**
- **Jesus Rescues His People**
- **Jesus Finds His People**
- **Jesus Helps His People**

1,2 **The 7 Days of Creation (God Counts Series)** Mindy MacDonald

1,2 **The Special Baby** Christian Focus **(does not show face of Jesus)**

♥ 1,2 **Stories Jesus Told Series** Christian Focus Carine MacKenzie **(do not show face of Jesus)**
- **The Selfish Servant**
- **The Missing Sheep**
- **The Lost Coin**
- **The Proud Prayer**
- **The Runaway Son**
- **The Foolish Farmer**

1,2 **Tales that Tell the Truth Board Book Series** (various authors)
- **The Garden, Curtain, and the Cross**
- **The Christmas Promise**
- **Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer**
- **His Grace is Enough**
- **The God Contest**
- **and others**

These are shortened versions of the original books for older kids. Be careful. Presume conversion at times. Or, are unclear on how to become one of God's people.

♥ 1,2 **Tiny Theologians Series** Amy Gannett
- **Does God Go on Vacation?**
- **Does God Sleep?**
- **Did God Learn His ABCs?**

★ 1,2 **Toddler Theology** Lauren Groves **Caution**
- **When Is Eternity?**
- **How Big Is Grace?**
- **Where is Church?**

I felt ok about all three of this series. The rest of the series, I would avoid or make language modifications.

1,2 **The Trinity: Little Seminarians Guide to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** Lucy Richards

 **1,2** **We're Better Together: A Book about Community** Eileen Spinelli

This is not a specifically Christian book, but does highlight loving others in a helpful and God-reflective way for little kids.

 **1,2** **Whoo-Whoo Hears You?** B&H Kids Editorial Staff and Sebastien Braun

 **(1), 2,3** **Seek and Circle Bible Story Series** B & H Publishers

- **Seek and Circle Bible Battles**
- **Seek and Circle Bible Journeys**
- **Seek and Circle Christmas Stories**

 **1,2,3** **Seek and Find Bible Stories series:** Sarah Parker



- **Seek and Find Bible Storybook**
- **Old Testament Bible Stories**
- **More Old Testament Bible Stories**
- **New Testament Bible Stories**
- **Christmas Story**

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 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. Also available in Spanish.

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BIBLE MEMORY RESOURCES

(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 Boyana Atwood


1,2 Easy for Me Bible Verses B&H Kids **(Board Book)**


1,2 My First ABC Book of Bible Verses Jonathan Gibson

2,3 Memory Verses: 52 Ways to Teach Memory Verse to Children Rosalind Brown

2,3,4 The Big Picture Bible Verses Crossway

2,3,4 The Biggest Story Verse Cards Crossway

2,3,4 My 1st Book of Memory Verses Carine MacKenzie

2,3,4 77 Memory Verses Every Kid Should Know
I'm not big on the use of the word "should". but this is a collection of good verses for kids to know.


(1) 2,3,4,5 Fighter Verse Resources Truth 78

- **Fighter Verse Cards**
- **Fighter Verse Songs**
- **Fighter Verse Coloring Books**
- **(some of these also available in Spanish)**

1,2,3,4,5 Truth and Grace Series Thomas Ascol

- **1,2,3 Truth and Grace Memory Book One: Two to Nine**
- **3,4 Truth and Grace Memory Book Two: Ten to Thirteen**
- **4,5 Truth and Grace Memory Book Three: Ages Fourteen to Seventeen**

BIBLE REFERENCE RESOURCES

1,2 **My First Book of Bible Numbers: Big Sums for Little Thumbs** Jonathan Gibson
Basic theological/Bible story/truths with a "seek and find" element on each page.

2,3,4 **All about the Bible** Allison Mitchel
100 amazing facts about the Bible presented with lots of great pictures.

2,3,4 **Welcome to Bible World: explore all 66 books of the Bible** Mike Nappa

2,3,4,5 **Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids** Jack Klumpenhower
(used by adult with kids of these ages.)

3,4 **A Short Guide to the Bible: Exploring the Most Important Book You'll Ever Read** Katy Morgan

- *A Biblical handbook for Kids, Ages 8-12 with Bible overview, character profiles, reading plans, & more.*

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** Stephen J. Nichols

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 **Life at the Time of Jesus** Miriam Feinberg-Vamosh
Lots of short articles and interesting details. I learned a lot!

3,4,5 **66 Books in One: How the Whole Bible Points to Jesus** Paul Reynolds

3,4,5 **Bible Infographics Series:** Harvest Kids

- **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**
- **Bible Infographics for Kids Activity Book**
- **Biblia Infografica para Ninos Vol. 1 (Spanish version)**

These are filled with all sorts of interesting facts that kids love in a very visual, infographic manner. Not necessarily a lot of spiritual depth, but a lot of fun.

3,4,5 **The Bible Story Handbook** John Walton, Kim Walton **(used by adult with these kids)**
175 Bible stories to assist teachers and parents in knowing what each story teaches and how to present it in a God-centered way. They examine focus, theme, application, place in the Bible, interpretational issues, historical and cultural background, and age-group appropriateness in every story. Introductory articles and a 2 yr teaching plan.

3,4,5 **God's Covenants Retold in Lego Bricks** Cheryl and Geneva Durand

3,4,5 **Heroes and Villains: The Action Bible** David C. Cook

Kids will learn a lot as they enjoy the comic book style pictures, as used in the Action Bible.

3,4,(5) **Who? What? Why? Series** Danika Cooley

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

3rd -8th grade, but possibly could use with 1st and 2nd graders as a read-to-me resource. She has clear, simple explanations. Front cover illustrations could be better but the books are great.

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

BIBLE ACTIVITY BOOKS

1,2,3 Beginning with God Series (Good Book Company) Boddam Whetham & Alison Mitchell
Includes stickers. Be careful. Prayers tend to presume conversion.

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

1,2,3 Colour the Bible Series Carine MacKenzie
Each coloring book covers 4-6 books of the Bible.

1,2,3 Proverbios/Proverbs: A Coloring and Activity book in English and Spanish


1,2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers 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 by Carl Laferton.

1,2,3 Good Book Company Tales that Tell Truth Coloring Books

- **The Storm that Stopped**
- **and many others**

Almost all of this series also have coloring book versions.

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

1,2,3 Gospel Story for Kids—New Testament Coloring Book (companion to Old Story New)
These are companion resources to Marty Machowski's Gospel Story book/curriculum.

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


2,3 Bible Stories Coloring Book for Kids: Read and Color Your Way Through the Bible, Beginning to End Modern Kid Press


2,3,4 Bible Story Coloring and Activity Book (One Big Story) B&H Kids

2,3,4 77 Memory Verses Every Kid Should Know
I'm not big on the use of the word "should". but this is a collection of good verses for kids to know.

2,3,4,5 The Illustrated Baptist Catechism Coloring Book Paul Cox

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2,3,4,5 Biblical Archaeology Coloring Book Series David E. Graves

- **Book 1: New Testament**
- **Book 2: Old Testament**
- **Book 3: Biblical People**
- **Book 4: Roman Life**

Combines pictures and facts with coloring. Great series.

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

3,4 **The Awesome Coloring Book of Bible Comics** Sandy Silverthorne

3,4 **The Biggest Story Bible Activity Book** Crossway

3,4 **The Biggest Story Bible Coloring Book** Crossway

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

3,4 **Bold & Easy Christian Coloring Book: Psalms** Mabel Rose

Pictures to color with Bible verses.

BIBLE STUDIES

Books in these categories almost always presume conversion Add gospel/change language. They 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).

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

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 Adventures in the Gospels, Volume 1 and 2 David Luckman

Format the same as his Acts series.

 **3,4 The Bible Recap: 365-Day Guide through the Bible for Young Readers** Tara-Leigh Cobble

Presumes converstion.

3,4 Discovering the Bible: A Kid's Guide to Reading and Understanding God's Word Mary Wiley

Another great book by Mary Wiley. Helps elementary/early middle school kids learn how to study the Bible for themselves.

 **3,4 Earth's Epic Start: Genesis 1-3 A Bible Study about God's Creation, Our Fall, and His Promises** Costi & Christyne Hinn

This is a wonderful Bible study, especially for those wanting to do a Bible study for the first time. Simple format with questions the kids will be able to answer. But also, clear on the gospel and the salvation that God offers us through Christ, to all who repent and believe.

 **3,4 God and Me: The First Story: Genesis 1-3 Marty Machowski**

Very colorful, interactive Bible study for kids. Not really seen anything both sound and engaging like this Bible study/workbook before.

 **3,4 Kaleidoscope: Kids Bibles Reimagined series (various authors)**

- **The Saga of the Seed (Genesis)**
- **Finally Freed (Exodus)**
- **and every other book of the Bible**

Bible study/story books for upper elementary/middle schoolers. "Every book of the Bible in simple language" is how they describe the project. These are also available on Yoto.

3,4 Kids' Bible Study Series

- **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

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.

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

♥ **3,4** **Matthew Sleeman Series**

- **Follow Jesus with Peter: His Letter in 25 Readings**
- **Meet Jesus in Mark: His Gospel in 24 Readings**

♥ **Marty Machowski Series:**

- **2,3,4 Wonder Full: Ancient Psalms Ever New**
- **3,4 The Sword: Magnus and the Mystery of Romans Book of Romans**
- **3,4 The Treasure: Ancient Story Ever New of Jesus and His Church**

Occasionally, his text presumes conversion. Just be on the lookout for those times. Great book otherwise.

3,4 **Paul's Big Letter: A Kid-Friendly Journey through the Book of Romans** J. Aaron White

♥ **3,4** **Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says Series** Bill Ross

- **Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says**
- **Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says, Too!**

You can only find this series in used book outlets (including Amazon), but I can guarantee your kids will love it. You can even take inspiration from his books and have a family devotion night where you make up your own and see who can give the correct answer.

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

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

★ **4** **Kaleidoscope: Bible Studies (various authors)**

- **The Saga of the Seed (Genesis)**
- **Finally Freed (Exodus)**
- **Over the Sun (Ecclesiastes)**
- **More on their way**

They have taken the same series, as listed above, and re-tooled it into a regular Bible study format.

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 **Turn Your Eyes: A Bible Study on the Psalms (TGCW Bible Study)**
Winfree Brisley, Sharonda Cooper

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

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

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

4,5 **40 Days with David: From Shepherd Boy to King of Israel** Dominic Smart

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**
- **The Psalms of Ascents**
- **And many others**

5 **Philippians** Hope A. Blanton and Christina B. Gordon

 **5** **Plain and Simple Devotions Christine Daltion**

- **Explore the Book of Jonah: Plain & Simple Devotions**
- **Explore the Life of Jesus: Plain & Simple Devotions**

Very short Bible reflections, easy to read, concise, accessible.

 **5** **Who He Says I Am: A Study of Our Identity in Christ** Jean Gaffin

CATHECISMS

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.

1,2 Big Thoughts for Tiny Tots Jared Kennedy

I like this book in every way except I wish that on the "How Can I Be Saved?" question he would not have used the "say sorry to God and trust in Jesus as your Savior", but would have actually used a clearer version of repent (not just past sorrow, but future action in a different, God-pleasing direction).

1,2,3,4,5 Truth and Grace Series Thomas Ascol

- **1,2,3 Truth and Grace Memory Book One: Two to Nine**
- **3,4 Truth and Grace Memory Book Two: Ten to Thirteen**
- **4,5 Truth and Grace Memory Book Three: Ages Fourteen to Seventeen**

2,3,4,5 Westminster Shorter Catechism Full Set Music

2,3,4 The Big Book of Questions and Answers Sinclair Ferguson

2,3,4 My 1st Books and More (My 1st Book) Carine MacKenzie

2,3,4 My 1st Book of Questions and Answers Carine MacKenzie

2,3,4,5 Faithbuilder Catechism: Devotions to Level Up Your Family Discipleship
Kevin Hippolyte, Jared Kennedy

A new take on catechism that includes fun, interactive elements to the regular catechism routine. A 52-week devotional. Be careful. Definitely assumes conversion. Add the gospel.

2,3,4,5 The Illustrated Baptist Catechism Paul Cox

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.

3,4 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. Expensive, but worth it.

3,4 The Gospel Way Catechism for Kids Faith-building Q & A's for Young Disciples
Trevin Wax and Thomas West

This book absolutely presumes all of the readers/listeners are believers. Be careful to make regular gospel additions to the text (To whom are these promises true? For Christians. How do we become Christians? Etc.) as you use it with your family. But the format is a nice format with understandable text that would work for a variety of ages.

4,5 The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

5 The Gospel Way Catechism Trevin Wax and Thomas West

CHURCH AND WORSHIP RESOURCES: THE CHURCH

1,2 **The Church** Devon Provencher **Board Book**

1,2 **Where is Church? (Toddler Theology series)** Lauren Groves **Caution**

I felt ok about this book in the Toddler Theology series, and two others (see Board Book section for the others.) The rest of the series, I would avoid or make language modifications.

1,2,3 **What Is the Church?** Mandy Groce

1,2,3,4,5 **Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sunday (and the Other Six Days Too)** Scott Aniol

Used by adult to help with these ages. Wonderful new book with lots of great tips. One of the best books I've seen on this topic.

1,2,3,4,5 **Parenting in the Pew** Robbie Castleman

Used by adult to help with these ages.

2,3 **God Made Me for Worship: Helping Children Understand Church** Jared Kennedy

2,3 **When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs** Elrena Evans

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. By using the words "my place in God's family" in her title, I was concerned she was going to presume all kids are in God's family (Christians). But, she doesn't. She focuses on helping both adults and kids see ways the church might accommodate special needs kids and thereby help show God's character and make way for them to hear the gospel.

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

3,4 **My Church Notebook: Come Into His Presence** Truth78 **(two volumes of these)**

3,4 **My 1st Book about the Church** Carine MacKenzie

CHURCH AND WORSHIP RESOURCES: SINGING

1,2 Hymns for Little Ones Series:

- **All Things Bright and Beautiful Jean Claude**
- **Amazing Grace**
- **For the Beauty of the Earth Folliott S. Pierpoint**
- **Nothing but the Blood of Jesus**
- **Praise God, All Children A Doxology for Children Jason Duesling**
- **Holy, Holy, Holy**
- **It Is Well with My Soul**

1,2,3 Christmas Carols for Kids: a Singalong 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 The Easy Hymn Fake Book - Over 150 Hymns in the Key of C | Beginner Worship and Church Piano Book | Large Print Sheet Music with Chords and Melody Hal Leonard

1,2,3,4,5 Little Hymns of Grace, Volume 1
This new hymnal contains 24 songs, with melody line, guitar chords, a short story and picture for each.

1,2,3,4,5 Sing! Hymnal Keith & Kristyn Getty

2,3 Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation Kristyn Getty

2,3 We Sing! Kristyn Getty

2,3,4,5 Hosanna Hymnal Series David and Barbara Leeman

- **Hosanna in Excelsis: Hymns and Devotions for the Christmas Season**
- **Hosannas Forever: Hymns of Heaven and Our Pilgrimage**
- **Our Hymns, Our Heritage: A Student Guide to Songs of the Church**

There are spiral bound piano accompaniment versions of these available, too.

2,3,4,5 Timeless Hymns for Family Worship: Bringing Gospel-Centered Moments into Your Home Joni Eareckson Tada, Bobbie Wolgemuth

3,4,5 101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Behind 101 Favorite Hymns Paperback Kenneth W. Osbeck

3,4,5 Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories Robert J. Morgan

CHURCH HISTORY/MISSIONS

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

2,3, Did Saint Augustine of Hippo Ever Own a Hippopotamus? Thuy Vu

♥ **2,3 Do Great Things for God series**

- **Corrie ten Boom: The Courageous Woman of the Secret Room** Laura Caputo-Wickham
- **Betsey Stockton: The Girl with a Missionary Dream** Laura Caputo-Wickham
- **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** Kristyn Getty
- **Maria Fearing: The Girl Who Dreamed of Distant Lands** K.A. Ellis
- **Helen Roseveare: The Doctor Who Dept Going No Matter What** Laura 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 Heled the World to Sing** Laura Caputo-Wickham
- **John Knox: The Boy Who Changed a Country** Sinclair B. Ferguson
- **Brother Andrew: The Boy Who Became God's Smuggler** Laura Caputo-Wickham
- ★ **Jonathan Edwards: The Boy Who Sparked Revival** David Mathis

★ **2,3 God's Great Big Global Church: Visit 10 Kids and Their Churches All Around the World** Tim Challies
Love this book! Teaches you about God's people worshipping the same God but in different cultures around the world.

♥ **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?**

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

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

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**
- **And others**

3,4 Eric's Greatest Race: The Inspiring True Story of Eric Liddell - Athlete, Missionary, Prisoner Tim Challies

3,4 **Footsteps of the Past Series** Day One Publications

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

3,4 **Gutsy Girls: Strong Christian Women Who Impacted the World Series** Amy L. Sullivan

- **Book 1: Glady Aylward**
- **Book 2: Sisters, Corrie and Betsy Ten Boom**
- **Book 3: Fanny Crosby**
- **Book 4: Jennifer Wiseman**

I especially liked the story on Jennifer Wiseman, astronomer and scientist.

3,4 **Goers Series Tim Challies and Rommel Ruiz**

- **The Plowboy's Bible: The Story of William Tyndale's English Translation**
- **Into the Unknown: David Livingstone's Heart for Africa**
- **Rescued from Darkness: Amy Carmichael and the Girls of Dohnavur**

The artwork is dark and would be most suitable for older kids. Perhaps a bit scary for younger kids.

3,4 **Here Am I Biographies** B&H Kids

- **Augustine of Hippo: The Doubter Who Became a Church Father** Joshua D. Chatraw
- **C.S. Lewis: The Writer Who Found Joy** Dan DeWitt
- **Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy** Mary Fry Wilmington
- **Elisabeth Elliot The Woman Who Did Hard Things for God** Megan Hill
- **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** 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 Publications

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** **A Paintbrush for Joni: The True Story of Joni Eareckson Tada and the Savior Who Turns Tragedy into Joy** 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.

3,4 **Risk Takers 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 Boom**

3,4 **Torchbearers Series** Catherine MacKenzie

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

(2),3,4,(5) Who? What? Why? Series Danika Cooley

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

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

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** Rebecca Davis

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

3,4,5 **Lives of Faith and Grace Series**

- **The Story of Katie Luther: The Nun Who Escaped to True Freedom** Gretchen Ronnevik
- **The Story of Martin Luther: The Monk Who Changed the World** Jared Kennedy
- **The Story of Corrie Ten Boom** Jennifer T. Kelley
- **The Story of Phillis Wheatley: The African Poet Who Called America to Christ** K.A. Ellis
- **The Story of John Bunyan: The Prisoner Who Wrote Pilgrim's Progress** Champ Thornton

3,4,5 Trail Blazer Series: Various Authors (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**
- **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**
- **Jim Elliot: He Is No Fool**
- **Mildred Cable: Adventure on the Silk Road**
- **Billy Bray: Saved from the Deepest Pit**
- **Joni Eareckson Tada: Swimming Against the Tide**
- **Fanny Crosby: The Blind Girl's Song**
- **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** 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** Catherine House

4,5 **Water the Earth: A Student's Guide to Missions** 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** 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

✡ **5** **10 Women Who Changed the World** Daniel Akin

CREATION/SCIENCE

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**

1,2,3 God's Wide, Wonderful World: Exploring His Awesome Animals...and You! Jennifer Jahn
Learn that God is the Creator of all things, explore six scientific classes of animals, and learn how people are God's most amazing creation.

2,3 I Can Read Series/Made by God Zondervan

- **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**

2,3 Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation Kristyn Getty

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

2,3,4 The Curious Kids Science Book Asia Citro
This is not a specifically Christian book, but so good!

2,3,4 The Most Marvelous Machine Constance Dever
(free downloads through praisefactory.org in Other Resources section or for purchase through amazon.com. This book looks at machines and irreducible complexity as a springboard to learning about our irreducibly complex cell, our bodies, and Intelligent Design by our Creator. Touch on Darwin's dependence upon simple cell theory that has been called into question by what we know about cells now. Also includes a simple review of our eleven body systems and concludes with the gospel.

3,4 All about Bible Animals Simona Piscioneri

3,4 Bible Investigators: Creation Danika Cooley **(Puzzles and Activities)**

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

3,4 **God's Wild Wisdom: 11 True Nature Stories for Children with Scientific Sources for Parents and Teachers** Doru Tarita

- **Volume 1**
- **Volume 2**
- **Volume 3**

Very interesting nature information and great devotional tie-ins.

3,4 **How Great Is Our God: 100 Indescribe Devotions about God and Science** Louie Giglio

3,4 **I Can't Believe My Eyes!** Joshua Cooley

Beautiful book that uses creation to point us to the existence of God.

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

3,4 **Picture Book Apologetics with James and Ruth Series** J.D. Camorlinga

- **Pig and the Accidental Oink! (God the Creator)**

3,4 **The Things God Made: Explore God's Creation through the Bible, Science, and Art** Andy McGuire

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

4,5 **Beyond Evolution: How New Discoveries in the Science of Life Point to God** Sy Garde

4,5 **Can Science Explain Everything?** John Lennox, Katy Morgan

4,5 **Is God Real? For Teens: Exploring Faith in a World of Wonder** Lee Stroebel

This book does a great job presenting good science to teens that confront the typical secular mindset. Highly recommended.

4,5 **Science and God: Do You Have to Choose?** John Lennox and Katy Morgan

4,5 **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**

4,5 **The Story of Everything: Science that Reveals a Mind Behind the Universe A High School Science Unit Study (Weeklong Worldview Camp in a Workbook)**

Companion to the 2026 documentary of the same title.

4,5 **Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition That Life Is Designed** Douglas Axe

Does a remarkable job of taking very complex science and make it understandable. And best of all, points to the Creator. You also get some of Doug's story in the world of evolutionary biology as a Christian. Highly recommended.

DEVOTION RESOURCES

(Often for Families/Useful in a Broader Age Range)

Books in these categories almost always presume conversion Add gospel/change language. They 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).

1,2,3 His Mercy Endureth Forever: Psalm 136 Kathleen Dejong
A beautifully illustrated rendition of the text of Psalm 136.

1,2,3,4,5 A Neglected Grace: Family Worship in the Christian Home Jason Helopoulos

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

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

1,2, 3,4,5 Family Worship Bible Guide Joel R. Beeke
Used by adult to help with these ages. Wonderful resource with helpful information and questions for every chapter in the Bible.

1,2,3,4,5 Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sunday (and the Other Six Days Too)
Scott Aniol
Used by adult to help with these ages. Wonderful new book with lots of great tips. One of the best books I've seen on this topic.

2,3 God's Wisdom for Kids: Inspiring Bible Proverbs to Nurture Christian Character Growth
Tim Arrington
Pictures and rhymes that highlight Bible verse texts from Proverbs.

2,3 (4) Jesus Moments Series Alison Mitchell
- **Esther: Finding Jesus in the Story of Esther**
- **Jonah**
- **Moses**
- **David**

Each faithfully tells the biblical story but also shows kids how it points to Christ.

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 Read It, See It, Say It, Sing It! Knowing and Loving the Bible Hunter Beless

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

2,3,4 The Biggest Story Family Devotional Crossway/DeYoung

Unlike the other books in the Biggest Story series, this devotional definitely presumes conversion in how it applies Scripture/uses prayers with the whole family. Be careful to add gospel or change language.

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

2,3,4,5 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 more**

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.

2,3,4,5 Jesus Loves Movies: A 30 Day Devotional For Film Fans Phil Strangolagalli

(Adult reads this book for devotional ideas for their kids in these age ranges.) This is a one-of-a-kind book. That's for sure! It is great for giving suggestions of movies with a story line that you could use as a springboard into gospel conversations with your kids.

3,4 The Bible Recap Series: Tara-Leigh Cobble

- **The Bible Recap: 365-Day Guide through the Bible for Young Readers**
- **The Bible Recap Kids' Devotional: 365 Reflections and Activities for Children and Families**

Both presume conversion.

3,4 Big Bible Answers Series: 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 The Big Picture Family Devotional David R. Helm

Be careful. Does presume conversion in a number of places.

3, 4 Diana Kleyn Series:

- **Bearing Fruit: devotional stories about godliness**
- **Taking Root: devotional stories about conversion**
- **Sowing the Seed: devotional stories about sharing the gospel**
- **Growing Faith: 90 devotional stories for families**

Presumes Conversion, add gospel.

2,3,4 **The Biggest Story Family Devotional** Crossway/DeYoung

3,4 **God's Wild Wisdom: 11 True Nature Stories for Children with Scientific Sources for Parents and Teachers** Doru Tarita

- **Volume 1**
- **Volume 2**
- **Volume 3**

3,4 **How Great Is Our God: 100 Indescribe Devotions about God and Science** Louie Giglio

3,4 **J is for Jesus: Enjoying Who Jesus Is from A to Z** Alistair Begg

My favorite new book for 2026. Every letter of the alphabet points to something wonderful about Jesus. It encourages us to seek Jesus, but does not presume conversion as it connects with the reader.

3,4 **New Morning Mercies for Kids: 60 Devotions to Focus on Jesus** Paul D. Tripp

This new book is for Christian kids. It presumes conversion constantly. It is excellent for what it is.

3,4 **Series from Truth 78** 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 **What It Means to Be a Christian: 100 Devotions for Boys** Jesse Campbell

Definitely presumes conversion. The simple devotions are great to help a boy think about what it means to follow Jesus.

3,4,5 **10 Questions Series** Champ Thornton, Editor

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

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 **Case for Christ Devotions for Kids Lee Strobel**

3,4,5 **Devotions Inspired by C.H. Spurgeon Series** Catherine MacKenzie

- **God's Promises Kept**
- **More of God's Promises Kept**

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

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

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

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

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 **The Wonder of His Name: 32 Life-Changing Names of Jesus** Nancy Leigh DeMoss

3,4,5 **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. Add gospel.

♥ **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

Go through it with father/mentor.

♥ **4,5** **Girl Talk** Carolyn Mahaney & Nicole Mahaney Whitacre

Go through it with mother/mentor.

4,5 **One Year of Dinner Table Devotions and Discussion Starters** Nancy Guthrie

Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

(More for personal use, but overlap with Devotions)

Books in these categories almost always presume conversion Add gospel/change language. They 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).

1,2,3 Beginning with God Series (Good Book Company) Boddam Whetham & Alison Mitchell
Includes stickers. Be careful. Prayers tend to presume conversion.

2,3 Berenstain Bears Series:

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

Warning: Can be very moralistic. Use as springboard for discussion.

2,3 My ABC Bible Verses from the Psalms Susan and Richie Hunt
Definitely presumes conversion in application of these Bible verses. Be careful.

2,3 Wise Words Series from the Book of Proverbs Carine Mackenzie

- **Wise Words to Follow**
- **Wise Words to Obey**
- **Wise Words to Trust**

2,3,(4) 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 Girls Just Like You: Bible Women Who Trusted God (Daily Readings) Jean Stapleton
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

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

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

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. Illustrations are NOT great, but the text is worth it!

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

- **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)**

These are also in Spanish. They can be moralistic, but useful; not much on the market like this. Could be good discussion starters

♥ **2,3,4 Read, Think, Pray, Do: A Kid's Guide to Reading the Bible** Simon Camilleri

Great, four-steps to reading the Bible and applying it for kids and for everyone!

♥ **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**

Kids (especially boys) love this series!

2,3,4 Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know… Melissa Kruger

Be careful. Presumes conversion by omitting need to repent and believe.

3,4 God's Wild Wisdom: 11 True Nature Stories for Children with Scientific Sources for Parents and Teachers Doru Tarita

- **Volume 1**
- **Volume 2**
- **Volume 3**

3,4 The Captain Sun Adventures Bryce Morgan

- **Rescue Me!**
- **Captain & the Army of Fear**
- **Captain Sun & the Scourge of the Shadow Dragon**

Classic comic book style stories with a devotional bent.

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

3,4 How to Be a Bible Beauty Catherine MacKenzie
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

3,4 How to Be a Bible Princess Catherine MacKenzie
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

3,4 How to Handle Your Life Carine MacKenzie
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

3,4 How to Have a Bible Make-over Catherine MacKenzie
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

3,4,5 Daily Light on the Daily Path (NIV)
Wonderful collection of Scriptures from around the Bible that fit into a theme each day. I have loved this book for my own meditation for years. Nothing like it that I've seen.

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 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**

3,4,5 Life as a Christian: a Primer for New Believers Mary Wiley (Gospel Project)
A 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** **What Is a Christian? Answers for Kids** Mary Wiley

Another great resource by Mary Wiley. The workbook format helps kids who want to understand what it means to be a Christian and live as a Christian. Great for kids who may be professing faith or simply have a lot of questions. I would suggest parents going through it with their child and making it a springboard for discussion.

♥ **4,5** **A Conversation with Jesus Series** David Helm

- **On Religion**
- **On Relationships**
- **On Suffering**
- **On Doubt**
- **On Truth**
- **On Hope**

I love this very well-written, engaging series of little books. Great for outreach as well as discipleship.

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

★ **4,5** **Discover: Questioning Your Way to Faith** Mike McGarry

This is an excellent book that does a great job answering many of teens' questions about Christianity. The only place I had a flag on this book was on the question: "How Can a Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?" At one point he says that hell is not eternal separation from God. I think it's just a poorly worded sentence. He goes onto explain further that hell is a place of punishment. For him, it's not enough to classify separated from God and all that is good as punishment, is what I think he is saying. I highly recommend this book, even with this one flag.

♥ **4,5** **Do Not Be True to Yourself** Kevin Deyoung

4,5 **Engage (various volumes)** Good Book Company

★ **4,5** **The Gospel in Hard Times for Students** Joni and Friends

Student version of the adult book written by Joni and Friends. Written for Christians thinking through suffering and other trials we face in this life. If using in a youth group setting, I would definitely make sure to weave in the gospel as the backdrop for the promises that she uses as encouragement.

4,5 **Gospel Series** Jeff Dodge

- **Gospel 101 for Teens: Learning, Living, and Sharing the Gospel**
- **Gospel 201: Growing and Thriving with Jesus**

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

4,5 **Hanging in There** John Dickson

4,5 **The Heart of Jesus: How He Really Feels about You** 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.

★ **4,5** **How Can I Feel Closer to God?** Chris Morphew

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

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

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

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

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 **Take Heart for Teens: Daily Devotions to Deepen Your Faith** David Powlison

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

4,5 **True** Sarah Bradley
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

♥ **4,5** **12 Truths Every Teen Can Trust: Core Beliefs of the Christian Faith that Will Change Your Life**
Paul David Tripp

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

4,5 **What's up? Discovering the Gospel, Jesus, and Who You Really Are**
Deborah Harrell and Jack Klumpenhower

4,5 **Worth It: Following Jesus When Life Feels Complicated** Chris Morphew
Christian discipleship book for teens helping them trust Jesus and live for Jesus.

4,5 **A Young Person's Guide to Knowing God** Patricia St. John

5 **Craving Grace** Ruthie Delk
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

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

★ **5** **Life in the Wild** Dan DeWitt

♥ **5** **New Morning Mercies for Teens** Paul David Tripp

♥ **5** **Sipping Saltwater Steve Hoppe**
Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

5 **A Spectacle of Glory: God's Light Shining through Me Every Day** Joni Eareckson Tada
365 daily devotional.

♥ **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

★ **5** **Who He Says I Am: A Study of Our Identity in Christ** Jean Gaffin

EDUCATION TOPICS: TEACHING

The Big Book of Home Learning Mary Pride

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

Complete Book of Homeschooling Resources A-Z Rebecca Rupp

Not a Christian book, but lots of great resources.

Every Child Can Succeed Cynthia U. Tobias

For the Children's Sake Susan Macaulay

The 4-Hour School Day: How You and Your Kids Can Thrive in the Homeschool Life Durenda Wilson

Full of tips to help streamline/save time with your homeschool day.

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

Home Learning Year by Year Rebecca Rupp

Not a Christian book, but lots of great resources.

The Homeschooling Handbook Mary Griffith

The Inspired Homeschool: How History's Heroes Light a Path Toward Joyful, Confident Learning Jennifer Pepito

This book is an interesting book of tips and encouragements for homeschooling parents, sharing through the lens of different historical "heroes."

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

Reclaiming Education: Teach Your Child to Be a Confident Learner Cynthia U. Tobias

Stories Woven in Silver: Pointing Kids to the Gospel through Children's Literature Kathryn Butler & Korrie Johnson

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

Ten Ways to Destroy Your Child's Imagination Anthony Esolen

Not a Christian book, but lots of great resources.

The Way They Learn Cynthia U. Tobias

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

Not a Christian book, but lots of great resources.

EDUCATION TOPICS: ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Most of these are not "Christian" books, but filled with great enrichment activities.

♥ **1,2** **The Arts and Crafts Busy Book** Trish Kuffner

1,2 **The Fitness Fun Busy Book: 365 Creative Games & Activities to Keep Your Child Moving and Learning** Trish Kuffner

♥ **1,2** **The Toddler Busy Book Trish Kuffner**

1,2 **Play and Learn Toddler Activity Book** Angela Thayer

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

♥ **2,3,4** **The Children's Busy Book** Trish Kuffner

3,4,5 **Origami Bible Stories for Kids (Craft Activity)** Andrew Dewar

EDUCATION TOPICS: MANNERS

♥ **1,2,3** **Munro Leaf Books:**

- **1,2,3 Manners Can Be Fun**
- **1,2,3 How to Speak Politely**
- **1,2,3 How and Why to Behave**

These books are such a lot of fun as they teach the kids manners. Love them!

EDUCATION TOPICS: STEWARDSHIP

Larry Burkett Series

- **2,3 Money Matters for Kids**
- **4,5 Money Matters for Teens**

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

EDUCATION TOPICS: PERSONALITY

1,2,3,4,5 Personality Plus for Parents: Understanding What Makes Your Child Tick Florence Littauer

1,2,3,4,5 Understanding Your Child's Personality David A. Stoop

EDUCATION TOPICS: SPECIAL NEEDS

Most of these are non-Christian books that are great resources.

How-To Homeschool Your Learning Abled Kid: 75 Questions Answered: For Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities or Twice Exceptional Abilities Sandra K. Cook

Learn to Read for Kids with Dyslexia (Activity Book)

♥ **ABC Letterland Picture Books**

One of a whole series of books that I've seen greatly benefit kids with dyslexia as they learn to read.

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

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

Smart But Scatttered for Teens (Executive Function Skills) Peg Dawson, Richard Guare

EDUCATION TOPICS: SPECIAL NEEDS STORIES

Most of these are non-Christian books that are great resources. Adapt as needed.

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

2,3 Adventures of Everyday Geniuses: Barbara Esham

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

♥ **2,3 When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs** Elrena Evans

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. She helps both adults and kids see ways the church might accommodate special needs kids and thereby help show God's character and make way for them to hear the gospel.

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

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

FICTION: CHRISTIAN FICTION/FANTASY

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

1,2,3 The Emily Stories: Stephanie Carmichael

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

♥ **2,3 The Abigail Series** Bethany McIlrath

- **Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe**
- **Abigail and the Big Start Over**
- **Abigail Gets Left Out**
- **Abigail and the Christmas Contest**
- ★ **Abigail and the Summer Situation**

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.

2,3 Cunningham on the Case: the Scripture Sleuth Mat Halverson

★ **2,3 Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**
A shortened, picture book version retold by Hiawyn Oram

♥ **2,3 Penelope Judd: A Tale of a Dirty Land, a Promise Kept, and a Spotless Prince** Shai Linne
A sweet allegory of what God does for His people, redeeming them from stain of sin and making them His radiant people.

★ **2,3 *El Progreso del Peregrino (Pilgrim's Progress)** B&H Kids
A simple, illustrated retelling in Spanish by Giancarlo Montemayor.

2,3 Queen Victoria's Request Jeff Anderson

2,3 The Runaway Sheep Dan Olson

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) 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) Lithos Kids series**

- **Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 1**
- **Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 2**
- **Little Pilgrim's Big Journey: Part 3**

Perhaps the most impactful series I've ever seen in the lives of so many kids, of such a wide range of ages.

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

2,3,4,5 The Pilgrim's Progress Illustrated Adventure for Kids: A Retelling of John Bunyan's Classic Phil A. Smouse
This book is mainly geared to elementary school age and up, but even preschoolers will enjoy the pictures. It is a very different approach from the Lithos Kids' series.

3 The Forgotten King Kenneth Padgett and Shay Gregorie
An allegory of Jesus, the King.

3,4 Caleb's Lamb Helen Santos

 **3,4 The Captain Sun Adventures** Bryce Morgan
- **Rescue Me!**
- **Captain & the Army of Fear**
- **Captain Sun & the Scourge of the Shadow Dragon**

Classic comic book style stories with a devotional flair.

3,4 *The Outsider Ruth: A Retelling Katy Morgan

 **3,4 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**
- **Friska, My Friend**

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

3,4 Pilgrim's Progress:
- **Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress** Oliver Hunkin
- **Illustrated Little Pilgrim's Progress: From John Bunyan's Classic** Helen L. Taylor
- **The Family Pilgrim's Progress: Adapted from John Bunyan's Classic** Jean Watson

3,4 *The Promised Land Series Hope Auer
- **A Cry from Egypt**

 **3,4 The Restorationists Series** Carolyn Leiloglou
- **Book 1: Beneath the Swirling Sky**
- **Book 2 Between Flowers and Bones**
- **Book 3: Far Beyond the Horizon**

A fiction series with more of an art bent.

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

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

3,4 ***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)**

 **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** ***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**

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

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

3,4,5 Fantasy Stories of George MacDonald

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

3,4,5 ***The Inkwell Chronicles** J. D. Peabody

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

3,4,5 Pilgrim's Progress Updated, Modern English. Parts 1 & 2 John Bunyan, Mark Christensen
More than 100 Illustrations.

3,4,5 ***Rwendigo Tales** Jennifer Myhre

- **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** ***The Blackgaard Chronicles (from Adventures in Odyssey)** Phil Lollar

- **Book One Opening Moves**
- **Book Two: Cross Check**
- **Book Three: Pawn's Play**
- **Book Four: Rook's Ruse**
- **Book Five: Knight's Scheme**
- **Book Six: Bishop's Block**
- **Book Seven: Scotch Game**
- **Book Eight: Dark King Dominates**

4 ***The Mistmantle Chronicles Series** M.I. McAllister

- **Book One: Urchin of the Riding Stars**
- **Book Two: Urchin and the Heartstone**
- **Book Three: The Heir of Mistmantle**
- **Book Four: Urchin and the Raven War**
- **Book Five: Urchin and the Rage Tide**
- **Book Six: Tales of Mistmantle**

4 **This Seat's Saved** Heather Halleman

This book has a very realistic feel of life as a middle-schooler who is dealing with typical struggles with peers and encouraged to find their worth in Christ. A girl could read this on her own, or with one of her parents (maybe especially her mother). I found it a helpful view of what our girls are facing.

4 ***Two Worlds Books (Africa Stories)** Eglin Lorna

- **A Girl of Two Worlds,**
- **A Boy of Two Worlds**

4,5 ***Ashling** Mary Mack

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

- **Treacherous Trail**
- **Iceland Intrigue**
- **Prisoner of the Pyrenees, and more**

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

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** J.C. Lamont

- **Prophecy of the Heir: Primordium and others in this series**

4,5 ***The Circle Series** Ted Dekker

4,5 ***Crown and Covenant Series** Douglas Bond

- **Duncan's War (Book 1) and others**

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

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

4,5 ***The Dark Harvest Trilogy** Jeremiah W. Montgomery

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

4,5 ***Dragon Seed Marty Machowski**

4,5 ***The Dreamkeeper Saga** Kathryn L. Butler

- **The Dragon and the Stone (Book 1)**
- **The Prince and the Blight (Book 2)**
- **Lost in the Caverns (Book 3)**
- **The Quest for the Guardians (Book 4)**
- **The Last Keeper (Book 5)**

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

- **The Green Ember**
- **Ember Falls,**
- **Ember Rising**
- **Ember's End**
- **The Last Archer**
- **The First Fowler**
- **The Archer's Cup**
- **The Black Star of Kingston**
- **The Wreck and Rise of Whitson Mariner**
- **Prince Lander and the Dragon War**

4,5 **Heaven, How I Got Here: The Story of the Thief on the Cross** Colin S. Smith

4,5 **Screwtape Letters** C. S. Lewis

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)** Brock D. Eastman

4,5 ***Twice Freed** Patricia St. John

4,5 ***Where the Garden Begins** J. Suthern Hicks

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/Language**

FICTION: A FEW OTHER FAVORITES

1,2 **Motor Goose Nursery Rhymes that Go** Rebecca Colby

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

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

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

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

GOSPEL

♥ **1,2** **The Gospel** Devon Provencher **(Board Book)**

♥ **1,2** **Jesus Saves** Sarah Reju **(Board Book)**

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** **Your Child's Confession of Faith** Dennis Gunderson
Helps adults better understand your children and their confession of faith.

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

♥ **2,3** **God's Family: The Greatest Royal Family Ever** Catherine Mackenzie
This book is a very different approach to the gospel. Especially good for the "princess" crowd, or looking to do a royal theme VBS outreach. Very well done.

♥ **2,3** **Paul Tautges Series: (Pictures of Gospel Grace)**

- **Dinner with the King: How King David's Invitation Shows Us God's Love**

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.

- **The Best Bath Ever!: How God Washes Away Our Sin and Makes Us Brand New**

These two books are fabulous resources. Highly recommend them.

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

♥ **2,3,4** **The Biggest Story Tracts** Kevin DeYoung
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.

★ **2,3,4** **The Caring Creator** Carine MacKenzie
A wonderful telling of God's work of salvation from start to finish. Gospel is very clear.

★ **2,3,4** **Gospel "Magnet" Resources** Constance Dever
These are resources for free download at praisefactory.org/purchase through Amazon that use things kids love and tie them to the gospel. I've used everything from Spiderman to Narnia to Star Wars, etc..

♥ **2,3,4** **The Greatest Treasure Gospel Tract** Truth 78

♥ **2,3,4** **Gumtree Gully A 'Two Ways to Live' Bush Yarn** Kel Richards
This book comes from Matthias Media, based in Australia, and is an enjoyable allegory of the gospel. Kids love it and it can lead to good conversations.

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

♥ **2,3,4 This Is the Gospel** Kids Read Truth
This has been one of my favorite gospel resources but is now very hard to find or extremely overpriced.

2,3,4 When Santa Learned the Gospel Simon Camilleri
This is a unique way to share the gospel. Very clever.

2,3,4 Who Will Be King Resources Matthias Media
- **Who Will Be King (English, Spanish, Chinese)**
- **Who will be King? Activity Book**

I have used the format of these resources many times to share the gospel with kids. My only hesitation with the booklet, itself, is the emphasis on God's anger towards our sin, ONLY because many times the very kids I'm trying to reach do not have a category for righteous anger. I don't want their possible encounters with very unrighteous anger to get in the way with understanding God's goodness and our deserving His punishment. It is worth getting to see the Who Will Be King? format, then tailor to your use.

2,3,4,5 Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids Jack Klumpenhower
Great book for adults to learn how to better reach kids with the gospel.

3,4 God's Gospel (Making Him Known) Jill Nelson
From the publisher: "In God's Gospel, Jill Nelson guides parents and their young children through the basics of the gospel, exploring even complex theological topics in easy-to-understand, kid-friendly language. At the end of each ready-made lesson, Nelson includes additional questions for reflection and family activities that will help children to remember what they have learned."

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

♥ **3,4 The Lost Kitten** Patricia St. John
A newly published book by Patricia St. John that highlights the gospel through a story.

★ **3,4 Sowing the Seed: Devotions on Sharing the Gospel** Diane Kleyn

♥ **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 What Is a Christian? Answers for Kids** Mary Wiley
Another great resource by Mary Wiley. The workbook format helps kids who want to understand what it means to be a Christian and live as a Christian. Great for kids who may be professing faith or simply have a lot of questions. I would suggest parents going through it with their child and making it a springboard for discussion.

★ **3,4,5 The Story Kevin DeYoung**
This tract is full, but simple and can be used with kids as well as adults, who are the original audience.

4,5 Gospel 101 for Teens: Learning, Living, and Sharing the Gospel Jeff Dodge

♥ **4,5 Greg Gilbert Gospel Books:**
- **What Is the Gospel?**
- **Who Is Jesus?**

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

♥ **4,5 The Story of Jesus: A Guided Journey through the Gospel of John, ESV** Kevin Emmert

4,5 Two Ways to Live Matthias Media

HELPING KIDS WITH LIFE ISSUES

This section focuses on common difficulties kids face and pointing them to Christ. Sound like biblical counseling? Well, yes, I suppose it does. But like any good biblical counselor knows, God's promises that are so comforting are for God's people. In this category, perhaps more than any other, these promises get held out in the books in a presumptive way. Be very, very careful! We WANT kids to know the gospel and trust in Jesus. We WANT them to find true comfort in Him, but that only comes through repenting, believing and becoming one of His followers. If in doubt, change the language and/or weave in the gospel so that the kids you want to reach in their difficult times are not further confused or given false assurances.

There a lot of "Me" language being added to these books, that applies God's special promises to His people to these kids, without also clearly mentioning the gospel. I would suggest introducing a book with this sort of language like this: "Now, I'm going to read you a book about God's special love for His people. The child/main character, etc. in this book knows this special love and you can, too. You can become one of God's people, too, when you trust in Jesus as your Savior and live your life for Him (repent). I'm praying that God will help you do this! Now, let's learn about God's wonderful promises He gives His people!" If your child IS a Christian, they can know how these promises are true for them. If they are not a Christian, then they can begin to see how wonderful God is to His people and that these promises can be true for them when they turn and trust in Jesus.

1,2 You Count Champ Thornton **(board book)**

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/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

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

- **Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe**
- **Abigail and the Big Start Over**
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- ★ **Abigail and the Christmas Contest**

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2,3 Freedom Island Series Elizabeth Johnston and Brave Books

- **Saga 1. Book 1: Little Lives Matter (Sanctity of Life)**
- **Saga 1, Book 5: Elephants Are Not Birds (Gender)**

These are two of a growing series of books being published by Brave Books, various authors. I particularly liked these two. They deal with all sorts of issues, from freedom of speech to character to sanctity of life. They say these teach "complex Christian and Conservative values." There are many I've not investigated yet. They are available on Amazon and through Brave books.

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

This book 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 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. But, despite this, there's still good language in here, though modifications will be needed.)

- **The Great, Big Sad**

This book is 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.



- **Tell God How You Feel: Helping Kids with Hard Emotions**

This book is a tool parents can use with their kids to encourage them to take their hard emotions to God. Be careful to add the gospel when needed to clarify the special relationship they can have with God when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

2,3 Comfort for Children in Hard Times Series Darby Strickland

- **A Big Change Happened: Helping Children through Upheaval**
- **Something Sad Happened: Helping Children with Grief**
- **Something Scary Happened**

These take the typical New Growth Press publications bent of holding out God's promises to kids without being clear these are only true for God's people, those who believe and repent and are Christians. So, while they do a good job describing common, difficult struggles of kids and apply Scripture to them, like the other CCEF books for kids, they tend to presume the child is converted by their choice of Scriptures (which are for believers). Please be careful and do not hold out false assurances to your kids! 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.

2,3 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.

2,3 The Moon Is Always Round Jonathan Gibson

It hardly gets better than this book. Written by parents after tragic suffering in their own lives, it points kids (and many an adult) to that truth that God is always good and always up to good, even in the darkest circumstances.

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

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

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!

♥ 2,3 **When I Am Afraid** Sally Michaels

★ 2,3 **StrongHeart Stories: Growing Strong Hearts with God's Help** Beth Guckenberger

- **The Heart Who Wanted to Be Whole (A story about healing from negative talk through God's truth) (StrongHeart Stories) (Volume 1)**
- **The Heart Who Wanted to Sing (A story about silencing lies through worship) (StrongHeart Stories) (Volume 2)**
- **The Heart Who Wanted to Find a Way (A story about calming anxiety through resting in God) (StrongHeart Stories) (Volume 3)**
- **The Heart Who Wanted to Be Free (A story about finding freedom through admitting our wrongs) (StrongHeart Stories)**
- **The Heart Who Wanted to Lasso Thoughts (A story about turning bad thoughts to good with prayers of gratitude)**
- **The Heart Who Needed a Friend: A Story About Finding Strength in Friendship**

The "heart" in this story is definitely a heart desiring to find what it needs in God. I think it would be great, when reading this book, to make sure they know the gospel as the way to become one of God's people. And, when one of God's people, the truths in this book are God's promises to help us. Would also be good to bring out the gift of the Holy Spirit who is at work in the new heart of believers, helping us take captive our thoughts. All of the Scriptures (and there are many) used in these books are for Christians, usually coming from the Epistles. Unfortunately, no where in the end notes of the book or in the text does it make that clear. ADD THE GOSPEL! Refer back to my suggested script at the head of this section for helping your child understand how these truths can be true for them.

♥ 2,3 **When I Go to Church, I Belong: Finding My Place in God's Family as a Child with Special Needs** Elrena Evans

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. She helps both adults and kids see ways the church might accommodate special needs kids and thereby help show God's character and make way for them to hear the gospel.

★ 2,3 **With Jesus Series** G.L. Charles and Good News Meditations

- **With Jesus I Give**
- **With Jesus I Am Brave**
- **With Jesus I Love**
- **With Jesus I Am Calm**
- **With Jesus I Am Kind**
- **With Jesus I Am Smart**
- **With Jesus I Tell the Truth**
- **With Jesus I Don't Give Up**
- **With Jesus I Am Thankful**
- **With Jesus I Am Talented**
- **With Jesus I Share**

I like much about this new series. I especially appreciate that each book sets up a scenario in which a believing parent comes and brings gospel truth to the situation. There is not as much presumptive conversion language as there is conversation in which the child is pointed to Christ, they ask Him to help, and the child responds.

♥ 2,3 **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.

★ 2,3 **Zara and the Mean Girl** Rebekah Hannah and Jocelyn Flenders

A story of helping a Christian child treat others with undeserved kindness. Sweet story, but do bear in mind that it is presuming the child to be saved. You may need to add in the gospel.

2.3.4 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.

2,3,(4) 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 Good News for Little Heart Series: (CCEF) Caution

- **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
- **Gus Gets Badgered**
- **And many more**

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. You might want to review my suggestions for how to do this included at the beginning of this book section. I do think this is IRONIC to that these biblical counselor authors would need to be reminded to introduce the gospel before applying biblical truth to anyone.

2,3,4 He Always Hears: A Story of Loss and the Hope of Things Made New Alyson Panzi

Be careful. Presumes the kids are saved. Use these books as springboards to lead the kids to the comfort they can have as God's people. Mark sure to include the gospel as you hold out these promises. God hears the prayers of His people in a way that is special and based upon their relationship with Him through Christ's work on their behalf.

2,3 4 Nugget and the Refiner Kerry Tittle

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. Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

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** Michael R. Emlet
- **and others**

♥ **2,3,4,5 How to Help Your Anxious Teen: Discovering the Surprising Sources of Their Worries and Fears** Jessica Thompson

The title might make 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

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 Social Media Pressure: Finding Peace Alongside Jesus John Perritt

Presumes conversion; add the gospel as needed with your child.

★ **(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?**
- **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. The one place I would disagree with him (in the portions that I've read), is his response to why God allowed evil in the world: because it wouldn't be love, if God didn't let us have that choice. I've not seen that backed up in the Bible anywhere, but Christians use that answer a lot. It's hard for us to trust God with mysteries so much bigger than us. But He is a God so much wiser and "gooder" and is never unworthy of our trust. Other than that, he's given great responses in language kids can understand. Presumes conversion; add the gospel as needed with your child.

♥ **4,5 A Conversation with Jesus Series** David Helm

- **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… on Suffering**

Presumes conversion, add the gospel.

★ **4,5 The Gospel in Hard Times for Students** Joni and Friends

Student version of the adult book written by Joni and Friends. Written for Christians thinking through suffering and other trials we face in this life. If using in a youth group setting, I would definitely make sure to weave in the gospel as the backdrop for the promises that she uses as encouragement.

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

4,5 **Rick Horne Series:**

- **Get Outta My Face! How to Reach Angry, Unmotivated Teens with Biblical Counsel**
- **Get Offa My Case: Godly Parenting of an Angry Teen**

4,5 **A Student's Guide to Anxiety** Edward T Welsh

4,5 **Track Series** Reagan Rose

- **Gaming: A Student's Guide to Gaming**
- **Navigating Culture: A Student's Guide to Navigating Culture**

 **4,5** **True Beauty** Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre

 **4,5** **True Feelings: God's Gracious and Glorious Purpose for Our Emotions** Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Whitacre

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

5 **The Jesus I Wish I Knew in High School** Charlotte Getz

Addresses many issues teenagers face. Includes very real stories that teens can easily identify with. Parents may want to scan the book first and use it as a discussion prompter with their high school teen.

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**
- **and many more**

HOLIDAYS: CHRISTMAS

The interesting thing about many of the Christmas and Easter books is that they tell that the Savior is born or that He has risen, but do not include the gospel that tells them how they can receive what God has done throughh Jesus. When reading a book, I usually add in this in. When giving a book, I often create a page-sized label sticker with these words on it. That way, wherever the book goes, the invitation to become one of God's people goes, too.

1,2 Christmas (Little Words Matter Series, Board Book) B&H Kids

1,2 The Christmas Baby (Board Books) Marion Dane Bauer

1,2 Christmas in the Manger (Board Book) Nola Buck

1,2 The Christmas Promise (Board Book) Alison Mitchell

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 A Very Noisy Christmas Tim Thornborough

1,2 Wise Men Help Jesus (Board Book) Catherine MacKenzie

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 Catherine Mackenzie

This book definitely shows its British roots in the cultural traditions that brings out. You can have fun with your kids learning about these traditions as you read the book. P.S. Christmas crackers are so fun!

1,2,3 Just Nicholas Annie Kratzach; Tessa Janes

Make sure to note the language of God's anger in this book. This is the same language used in other Matthias Media books with the gospel (Who Will Be King?). God's very good and righteous anger is often misunderstood in our culture where the example of anger is often not righteous at all. Bear this is mind as you use the book with your kids, and especially if you use this as an outreach book.

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 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 language 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

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

1,2,3 Songs Kids Really Love to Sing: Christmas

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

I have given out this resource to more families over the years than any other.

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

(1) 2,3 God's Big Promises Series: Story, Stickers and Activity Books

- **The First Christmas**

2,3 Abigai and the Christmas Contest Bethany McIlrath

2,3 The Berenstain Bears: The Very First Christmas

2,3 The Best News: Christmas Bible Verses to Remember Sally Michael

2,3 A Bible Christmas Catherine MacKenzie

♥ **2,3 The Christmas Promise Resoureces:** Alison Mitchell

- **El Rey Promietido (Spanish version)**
- **The Christmas Promise Coloring Book**

♥ **2,3 The Christmas Story** Carine MacKenzie

♥ **2,3 The Christmas Story Brick by Brick** Rachael Hood

Legos.... what can I say! Kids love this book.

♥ **2,3 Constance Dever Coloring Christmas/Gospel Downloads:**

- **The Advent-ure (used with readings from the Big Picture Story Bible)**
- ★ **Myrrh & Mirth (based on the wise men and their gifts)**
- ★ **Wee Winter Wonderland (uses things everyone loves about Christmas to point to Jesus and the gospel)**

Find these for free at praisefactory.org -- curriculum resources section. They all include the gospel.

★ **2,3 Good News of Great Joy!** Sally Michael

This book tells the Christmas story in an Advent-like style set of readings (Dec 1-25) with questions. There are companion Advent calendar resources that go with it, if desired.

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 and the Characters of Christmas: Who's Who in God's Great Plan for Redemption (A Christmas Book for Kids)** Daniel Darling

Love, love this book!

2,3 Jesus Is Most Special Sally Michael

2,3 The Star Maker Helen Buckley

2,3,4 30 Prophecies: One Story How God's Word Points to Jesus Paul Reynolds

Presumes conversion in some of the prayers, but wonderful resource.

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

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

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2,3,4 The Biggest Story Advent: 25 Lift-the-Flap Devotions for Families Kevin DeYoung

Devotions for the whole family. Board book pages. Presumes conversion in a few places (some prayers especially).

♥ **2,3,4 I See Jesus** Nancy Gutherie

2,3,4 The Promise: the amazing story of our long-awaited Savior Jason Helopoulos

2,3,4,5 Advent Jesse Tree Devotional Flexible Magnet Set with Explanation Story Cards
This isn't a book, but a resource that I found on Amazon and enjoyed. The "book" is in the story cards.

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

- **Christmas**

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3,4 The Adventure of Christmas: A Journey through Advent fo the Whole Family Ed Drew


3,4 All About Christmas Alison Mitchell
Kids and adults love this very well illustrated, fact-filled book that also touches on the gospel. I typically add a sticker with the whole gospel onto the back of the book in outreach opportunities.

3,4 Tales of Truth Series Graeme Hewitson

- **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

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

- **Jotham's Journey**
- **Tabitha's Travels**
- **Istar's Odyssey**
- **and others**

Yes… But….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.)


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

4,5 The Christmas Thingamabob Mark Dever

5 The One True Story Tim Chester

5 Rescuing Christmas Carl Laferton

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2,3 A Very Different Easter Constance Dever free download at praisefactory.org

Compares details of common ways we/our community celebrates Easter and points them to details of the first Easter. Includes the gospel so kids can know how Jesus' death and resurrection can be for them!

2,3 Are We Nearly There Yet Allison Brewis



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

One of my favorite activity resources.

2,3 R Is for Risen: An ABC Easter Story Crystal Bowman



2,3 A Wonderful Surprise: An Easter Bible Verse to Remember Sally Michael



2,3,4 The Easter Story, Brick by Brick Rachael Hood



2,3,4 Empty! : Celebrating the Risen Saviour Joshua Cooley

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

Beautiful, but very expensive for what you get.

HOLIDAYS: 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

HOLIDAYS: VALENTINE'S DAY

2,3 **The Most Amazing "I Love You"** Constance Dever*Yes…*

I have used the context of this holiday to share the gospel: the good news of the God who extends His love to His enemies when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. There's a coloring book version, too. Free downloads of the book/coloring book in "Other Resources" at praisefactory.org. Also, can purchase hard copy of book through Amazon.com

HOLIDAYS: ST. PATRICK'S DAY

2,3 **The Man Who Didn't Want to Go Back... and Why He Did!** Constance Dever

I have used the context of this holiday to share the gospel that saved Patrick and can save/has saved us, too. This is a coloring book. Includes the gospel and how the kids can come to know God and have Jesus as their Savior. Free downloads of the oloring book in "Other Resources" at praisefactory.org.

LISTENING/MUSIC RESOURCES: SONGBOOKS

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

1,2 **My First Hymn Book** Clare Simpson

1,2,3 **Christmas Carols for Kids: a Singalong 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 **The Easy Hymn Fake Book - Over 150 Hymns in the Key of C | Beginner Worship and Church Piano Book | Large Print Sheet Music with Chords and Melody** Hal Leonard

♥ **1,2,3,4,5 Little Hymns of Grace, Volume 1**

This new hymnal contains 24 songs, with melody line, guitar chords, a short story and picture for each.

1,2,3,4,5 Sing! Hymnal Keith & Kristyn Getty

♥ **2,3,4,5 Hosanna Hymnal Series** David and Barbara Leeman

- **Hosanna in Excelsis: Hymns and Devotions for the Christmas Season**
- **Hosannas Forever: Hymns of Heaven and Our Pilgrimage**
- **Our Hymns, Our Heritage: A Student Guide to Songs of the Church**

There are spiral bound piano accompaniment versions of these available, too.

2,3,4,5 Timeless Hymns for Family Worship: Bringing Gospel-Centered Moments into Your Home Joni Eareckson Tada, Bobbie Wolgemuth

3,4,5 **101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Behind 101 Favorite Hymns** Kenneth W. Osbeck

3,4,5 **Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories** Robert J. Morgan

LISTENING/MUSIC RESOURCES: HYMNS

★ **1-5 Capitol Hill Baptist Church Hymn Projects**

Available through the major apps, such as Amazon music and Spotify.

1-5 **Getty Hymn Projects**

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

LISTENING/MUSIC RESOURCES: BIBLE TRUTHS

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

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

1,2,3 Hidden in My Heart Series

- **Volume 1**
- **Volume 3**
- **Volume 3**

1,2,3 Rain for Roots Series:

- **Big Stories for Little Ones**
- **Waiting Songs**
- **The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like This**

1,2,3 Songs for Samplings Dana Dirksen

1,2,3,4 J Is for Jesus

1,2,3,4,5 Praise Factory Investigators music and singalong book
Constance Dever **praisefactory.org free downloads**

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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. Constance Dever
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 Truth78 (Children Desiring God)

LISTENING/MUSIC RESOURCES: AUDIO PROGRAMS

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 The Bible Comes Alive Your Story Hour

Sound effects, old classic! English and Spanish Versions

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

- **The Chronicles of Narnia**
- **and many other classics**

LISTENING/MUSIC RESOURCES: CATHECISMS

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

PARENTING: PREGNANCY/ADOPTION

Start Your Family: Inspiration for Having Babies Steve and Candice Watters

Helps you think through good questions about when to start having children.

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

PARENTING: BABIES & TODDLERS

Secrets of the Baby Whisperer Tracy Hogg

Non-Christian book with lots of helpful tips.

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

Engaging Motherhood: Heart Preparation for a Holy Calling Holly Mackle

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. One of my all time favorites. Nothing else like it on the market and so very helpful. A favorite baby shower present of mine.

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

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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.

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Help! Series Day One Publications

- **Help! My Teen Is Rebellious** Dave and Judi Coats
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Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife Hardcover Barbara Rainey

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PARENTING: ALL AGES

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

Child Proof Julie Lowe

By the Hughes:

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

By James Dobson:

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

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

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

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How Can I Feel Productive as a Mom? Esther Engelsma

This book is a very short, helpful blend of challenge and encouragement.

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

Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sunday (and the Other Six Days Too) Scott Aniol

Wonderful new book with lots of great tips. One of the best books I've seen on this topic.

Let Them Be Kids: Adventure, Boredom, Innocence, and Other Gifts Children Need Jessica Smartt

Thought this book's way of talking about different types of boys and stages of boy development was very useful.

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

Managing Your Households Well: How Family Leadership Trains You for Church Leadership
Chap Bettis

Love this book. Great for anyone, but especially those who are or desire to become elders/pastors. Does a great job of showing how, according to 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1, flourishing your family is not only good for your family and what God desires, but is necessary to be qualified to be an elder/pastor.

The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart about Money
Ron Lieber

This is a non-Christian book. There will be some "take-some and leave-some" about it. BUT, it has some marvelous ideas. Worth a read.

Parenting Scripts: When What You're Saying Isn't Working, Say Something New Amber Lia

This one has been around for a while but recently rediscovered it. Has lots of practical "scripts" for dealing with common situations with your kids. May give you some great ideas that you make your own as you deal with your own kids.

Praying through the Bible for Your Kids Nancy Guthrie

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

One of my favorites. You never outgrow it.

Parenting in the Pew Robbie Castleman

Parenting Is More than a Formula Jim Newheiser

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

Prayers of a Parent Series: Kathleen Nielson

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

Raising Gen Alpha Dave Boden

This book was very helpful in understanding a lot about Gen Alpha, as well as other groups of kids, such as millennials, etc. I certainly learned a lot about tendencies of these different generations and especially how to parent Gen Alpha.

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 Kristen Welch

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

The Shepherd Leader at Home Timothy Z. Witmer

Talking to Kids about Hard Things: Honest Conversations when Life Gets Complicated
Rebekah Hannah and Michael Keller

This is a favorite new book that helps you think through many of the very difficult challenges in parenting this generation of kids and the complicated world we live in. Wonderful book with lots of great insight and practical ideas.

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

I really liked this book! Great tips.

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

What Do I Say When…? A Parents' Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos for Children & Teens
Andrew T. Walker & Christian Walker

Extremely helpful book, suggesting good language to talk to your kids about many gender topics as well as other culturally relevant topics.

What Is a Family? Edith Schaeffer

Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys Stephen James and David Thomas

Your Child's Profession of Faith Dennis Gundersen

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

PRAYER

♥ **1,2** **I Can Say to God Series:** Catherine MacKenzie **(Board Book)**

- **I Can Say: I Love You**
- **I Can Say: Sorry**
- **I Can Say: Thank You**
- **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** **Little Hands Learning to Pray** Carine MacKenzie

★ **2,3** **Pray Pals: When We Pray, What Do We Say?** Christy Hooper & Jonathan Hooper

Great explanation of the 4 main types of prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication). Uses the Lord's Prayer in places. Does presume conversion in places.

★ **2,3** **Wow God! Thank You Sorry Please: A Kid's Guide to Prayer** Simon Camilleri

I like much of this book. There is an assumption at the end that Jesus died for everyone and that's why we can go to God and be forgiven. But the bottom line is, that whoever does go to God, in repentance and faith in Christ, will receive forgiveness. I just wouldn't word it the way the author does.

2,3 **Why Do We Say Thank You?** Champ Thornton

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)** Laura Wifler

♥ **2,3,(4)** **In Jesus' Name I Pray: TJ the Squirrel Learns the True Heart of Prayer** Costi Hinn

This book does a great job rethinking the prosperity gospel and prayers.

♥ **2,3,4** **Fritz and the Midnight Meetup: A True Story About Kids Who Prayed** Megan Hill

This is one of my favorite finds in 2025. A wonderful story!

♥ **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**
- ★ **40 Days, 40 Extra Bites**

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

★ **3,4** **Prayer Is an Adventure Patricia St. John**

This is a very approachable, conversational book on prayer that seems to connect very well with kids. Never seen anything quite like it. It is for kids who are seeking to know God.

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)**

REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

I am amazed how even many of the books telling redemptive history forget to tell the kids how this wonderful redemption can be for them! This is the point of reading these books to the kids, that they might repent and believe in Jesus as their Savior. Be on your guard for great books that need help in this area. There's plenty of them out there.

♥ **1,2,3 The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross** Carl Laferton

♥ **1,2,3 The Big Picture Story Bible** David R. Helm

♥ **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 The Gospel Story B&H Kids Gospel Project**
A number of short Bible stories taking children through all the major points of redemptive history.

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

★ **2,3,4 The Caring Creator** Carine MacKenzie
A wonderful telling of God's work of salvation from start to finish. Gospel is very clear.

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 The Promise: the amazing story of our long-awaited Savior Jason Helopoulos

3,4 Grandpa's Box: Retelling the Biblical Story of Redemption Starr Meade
A wonderful, meaty walk through all redemptive history as a grandfather tells it to his grandchildren. An unusual approach that older elementary kids/tweens may especially enjoy.

3,4 The Promise: How God Told the World about Jesus Carine Mackenzie

3,4 The World Created, Fallen, Redeemed and Restored Sally Michaels

♥ **3,4,5 God's Covenants Retold in Lego Bricks** Cheryl and Geneva Durand

★ **4,5 The Story Kevin DeYoung**
A great, very visual tract-length, gospel-rich version of the basics of redemptive history. Very good and very inexpensive. Good to give away.

SEXUALITY/DIVERSITY

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

SEXUAL ABUSE

1,2,3 **I Said No! A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private** Kimberley King
This non-Crhstian book has some helpful language.

2,3 **God Made All of Me: A Book to Help Children Protect Their Bodies** Justin and Lindsay Holcomb
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.

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

- **My Friend is Struggling with Past Sexual Abuse**

ADOPTION AND FAMILY

2,3 **Your Family Is God's Plan: His Mercy from Generation to Generation** Ray & Jani Ortlund

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

Adult **What Is a Family?** Edith Schaeffer

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 **The Big, Wide Welcome** Trillia Newbell
Need to clarify the gospel as you use this book.

2,3 **One Big Heart A Celebration of being more alike than different** Linsey Davis
This book focuses on the spirit that God placed in every human heart that makes us all the same. It does NOT go into conversion/the need for a Savior/sin etc. But it does do a good job introducing young children to the special heart God gave all humans. You can use it as a discussion starter.

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

3,4,5 **The Gospel in Color: A Theology of Racial Reconciliation for Kids** Curtis Woods, Jarvis Williams
This is the only book I've seen on this topic like this. Can provoke good conversations and greater understanding. Also companion parent and family resources are available..

CONCEPTION/PUBERTY/SEXUALITY

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

 **2,3 Wonderfully Made: God's Story of Life from Conception to Birth** Danika Cooley

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**

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:**

- **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

 **4** **Becoming You Series:** Darby Strickland and Emanuel Wiemans

- **For Girls: Everything You Wanted to Know about Growing Up**
- **For Boys: Everything You Wanted to Know about Growing Up**

As a CCEF counselor, I would have hoped she based her book on a fuller gospel than she does. It is very, very weak, and not enough there to help kids understand the problem of sin and the need of a Savior. Throughout the book, she presumes heavily that all the girls are saved by the promises she holds out to them. This is NOT a book I would go to for primarily spiritual help for kids as they go through puberty, if they are not Christians.

BUT THAT BEING SAID….

I've not seen a book do such a great job of dealing with the multi-facets of puberty as these books. And, Darby's language is very approachable. This book would be a great read for parents looking for understanding and language to use with their kids. And, depending on the child, it might be a great read for them, too.

3,4,5 Growing-up God's Way Series: Dr. Chris Richards and Dr. Liz Jones

- **Growing-up God's Way for Girls**
- **Growing-up God's Way for Boys**

This series has become a favorite among many families.

3,4,5 Luke Gilkerson Books

- **The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality**
- **Changes: 7 Biblical Lessons to Make Sense of Puberty**
- **Relationships: 11 Lessons to Give Kids a Greater Understanding of Biblical Sexuality**

3,4,5 Mama Bear Apologetics Guide to Sexuality: Empowering Your Kids to Understand and Live Out God's Design Hillary Morgan Ferrer

She has a lot of great ideas as well as explanations of why/what is important to think about. Great prayers at the end of each section, too.

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

4,5 Passport to Purity video series Family Life Today

4,5 Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized World: Help for Christian Parents Eliza Huie

SEXUALITY: DATING/COURTSHIP/MARRIAGE

2,3 Cassie & Caleb Discover God's Wonderful Design Susan Hunt

Simple, biblical manhood and womanhood for kids.

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**

These two series are a few years old, but the honest struggles and desire to live for Christ through the difficulties and temptations of being a teen are wonderful.

5 My Friend is Struggling Series Josh McDowell and Ed Stewart

- **My Friend is Struggling with Finding True Love**

5 Letters to a Romantic: On Dating Sean Perron

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

SEXUALITY: GENDER

1,2 **God Was Not Confused When Creating You** 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.

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

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

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

1,2,3,4,5 **Raising Gender-Confident Kids: Helping Kids Embrace Their God-Given Design** Kathy Koch, Jeff Myers

This book has much that I like and much that I've not seen before. Lots of helpful conversation starters/ responses to kids' common questions and struggles. I only had time to do a heavy skim of this book before printing this booklist. Please don't leave your brains at the door and add your own take on it, too.

2,3 **Freedom Island Series** Elizabeth Johnston and Brave Books

- **Saga 1, Book 5: Elephants Are Not Birds (Gender)**

Part of a growing series of books being published by Brave Books, various authors. They say these teach "complex Christian and Conservative values." I particularly liked these two. They deal with all sorts of issues, from freedom of speech to character to sanctity of life. There are many I've not investigated yet. They are available on Amazon and through Brave books.

★ **2,3** **It's Good to Be a Girl A Celebration of All That God Made You to Be** Jen and Zoe Oshman

★ **2,3** **It's Good to Be a Boy A Celebration of All That God Made You to Be** Champ Thornton

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

4,5 **Is God Anti-Gay?** Sam Alberry

4,5 **More to the Story: Deep Answers to Real Questions on Attraction, Identity, and Relationship** Jennifer M. Kvamme

Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

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

One of my favorite books on this topic because it clearly addresses the need to show grace/love as well as understand the truth of what God's plan for our sexuality is.

SEXUALITY: IN GOD'S IMAGE

2,3 **God Made Me in His Image** Justin and Lindsay Holcomb

Presumes conversion. Add the gospel.

2,3,4 **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 to get to its one point in the book. Still, might be helpful to some.

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

SEXUALITY: MODESTY

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

SEXUALITY: PORNOGRAPHY

Kristen A Jenson Series:

- **2,3 Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids, Junior**
- **3,4 Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids**
- **3,4 Good Pictures, Bad Pictures Guide for Girls: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids**

This non-Christian series is the best I've found to talk to kids about this topic.

3,4 **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.

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SANCTITY OF LIFE

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- **My Friend is Struggling with Unplanned Pregnancy**

TECHNOLOGY

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

2,3,4 Poly and the Screen Time Overload Betsy Childs Howard

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

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

Plugged In Parenting Bob Waliszewski

Screen Kids: 5 Relational Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World Gary Chapman

The Tech Exit: A Practical Guide to Freeing Kids and Teens from Smartphones Clare Morell

The Tech Exit Workbook: The Timeless Life Strategies Within The Tech Exit Workbook Edition
Eleanor V. Ward

The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place Andy Crouch

What Do I Say When…? A Parents' Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos for Children & Teens
Andrew T. Walker & Christian Walker

When to Get My Kid a Phone: Navigating the Tensions Drew Hill

THEOLOGY: BOARD BOOKS

Attributes of God Christian Focus Series: Carine MacKenzie

- **God Is Everywhere**
- **And many more in this series**

Baby Believer Books Danielle Hitchen

- **Bible Basics**
- **From Eden to Bethlehem: An Animals Primer**
- **Let There Be Light: An Opposites Primer**
- **Our God: A Shapes Books**
- **Psalms of Praise**
- **Psalm 23**
- **Hallelujah**
- **We Believe**
- **God Speaks**
- **Holy Week**
- **The Kingdom of Heaven**

The Biggest Story ABC Kevin Deyoung

Series by Devon Provencher: (also in Spanish)

- **Bible**
- **Creation**
- **Jesus**
- **God**
- **Holy Spirit**
- **The Church**
- **The Gospel**
- **Heaven**
- **Prayer**

Indescribable for Little Ones Louie Giglio

Tiny Theologians series Amy Gannett

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

Toddler Theology Series: Lauren Groves

- **How Big Is Grace?**
- **Where Is Church?**
- **When Is Eternity?**

There are more books in this series, but not all the theology I feel is carefully enough expressed or they use inappropriately big words for the kids targeted. I would not use the ones I don't have listed.

THEOLOGY: ALL OTHER BOOKS

1,2 **My First Book of Bible Numbers: Big Sums for Little Thumbs** Jonathan Gibson
Basic theological/Bible story/truths with a "seek and find" element on each page.

1,2,3 **Big Thoughts for Tiny Tots** Jared Kennedy
I like this book in every way except I wish that on the "How Can I Be Saved?" question he would not have used the "Say sorry to God and trust in Jesus as your Savior", but would have actually used a clearer version of repent (not just past sorrow, but future action in a different, God-pleasing direction).

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

1,2,3 **God Is King** Carine MacKenzie

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

1,2,3 **My God Is So Big** Carine MacKenzie

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

2,3 **Big Truths for Little Hearts: A-Z Apologetics** Charlie Campbell
Misnamed. Theology, not apologetics. But I like the book!

2,3 **Pippa and the Singing Tree: Joining the Song of All Creation** Kristyn Getty

2,3 **God Knows My Name** Debby Anderson

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

2,3 **God Is Better than Princesses** Sarah Reju

2,3 **Guess What: God Knows You** Catherin MacKenzie

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

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** Marty Machowski

2,3,4 **My First Books:** Carine MacKenzie
- **My 1st Book about God**
- **My 1st Book about Church**
- **My 1st Book about Jesus**
- **and many others**

2,3,4 **His Grace Is Enough: How God Makes It Right When We've Got It Wrong** Melissa Kruger
Be careful! Definitely presumes conversion by omitting repent and believe.

2,3,4 **Praise Factory Investigators sing-a-long Storybook and free mp3 downloads through praisefactory.org** Constance Dever

2,3,4 **Praise Factory Parents' Corner** Constance Dever
Free downloads of stories, songs, and activity sheets for kids ages 2-5th grade found at praisefactory.org

♥ **2,3,4 Sally Michaels Series from God's Word:**

- **Our Great God**
- **Good Gifts Come from God**
- **Give God Your Worries**

These books 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.

2,3,4 Tales that Tell the Truth Series:

- **The Awesome, Super Fantastic Forever Party** Joni E. Tada
- **His Grace Is Enough** Melissa Krueger
- **Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know** Melissa Kruger

Add in a clear gospel.

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

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

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

♥ **2,3,4,5 Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God** Bruce A Ware

♥ **3,4 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. Expensive, but worth it.

3,4 God's Attributes Jill Nelson

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 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.

♥ **3,4,5 I See Jesus** Nancy Guthrie

♥ **3,4,(5) Who? What? Why? Series** Danika Cooley

- ★ **Why Did the Resurrection Happen?**
- ★ **What Was the Cross?**
- **Why Did Exodus Happen?**

3rd -8th grade, but possibly could use with 1st and 2nd graders as a read-to-me resource. She has clear, simple explanations. Front cover illustrations could be better but the books are great.

♥ **4,5 Everyday Theology for Teens** Mary Wiley

♥ **4,5** **John Calvin's Illustrated Institutes series** Martin Patrick and Joy Williams

- **Book 1: Knowing God and Knowing Ourselves: Chapters 1–5**
- ✡ **Book 1: The Word of God: Book 1, Chapters 6-9**

This is a wonderful, graphic novel approach to learning the Institutes. It brings in modern elements to help the reader connect with the original truths. I learned so much!

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** Brian H. Cosby

✡ **4,5** **12 Truths Every Teen Can Trust: Core Beliefs of the Christian Faith that Will Change Your Life** Paul David Tripp

4,5 **A Visual Theology Guide to the Bible: Seeing and Knowing God's Word**

Tim Challies and Josh Byers

✡ **4,5** **A Young Person's Guide to Knowing God** Patricia St. John

5 **Everyday Theology** Mary Wiley

♥ **5** **When God Weeps: Why God Cares about Our Suffering** Joni Eareckson Tada