

Resources for Christian parents of
preschool and primary age



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Introduction:

One of the most common reasons parents give for not teaching the Bible or worshipping at home with their children and young people is that they do not know where to start or what good resources they could use.

There are many great resources which Christian families can use at home but it is important to promote these and encourage parents to use them.

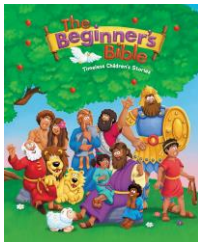
This booklet contains some recommendations both of age appropriate Bibles for children and also some quality, Bible-based, Christ-centred resources which can be used alongside the Bible.

This is not an exhaustive list but will hopefully give some ideas to help children and parents to grow in their faith together in the home. Our prayer is that in doing this, families will be starting strong in the faith together.

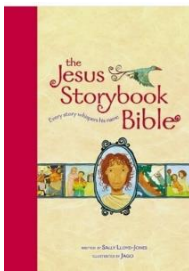
The PCI Council for Congregational Life & Witness continues in its aim to enable congregations to equip and encourage parents in their crucial role of passing on faith in Jesus to their children, within the context of a strong covenant community of God's people. Parents cannot do this alone – we are all in this together!

bibles

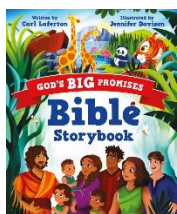
There are lots Bibles for preschool and primary aged children. Below are 3 of the best which cover different ages.



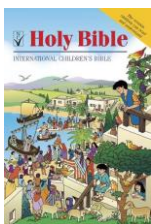
The Beginner's Bible: Full of faith and fun, the Beginner's Bible is a wonderful gift for any child. The easy-to-read text and bright, full-colour illustrations on every page make it a perfect way to introduce young children to the stories and characters of the Bible.



Jesus Storybook Bible: The Jesus Storybook Bible tells that Story beneath all the stories in the Bible. From Noah to Moses to the great King David, every story points to a Child. **The Jesus Storybook Bible** invites children to discover for themselves the one who is at the centre of God's great rescue story — and at the centre of their story, too.



God's Big Promises Bible Storybook: God's Big Promises Bible Storybook contains 92 foundational Bible stories, faithfully told and beautifully illustrated, which point to the one big story of the Bible—God making and keeping his promises.



The International Children's Bible: The International Children's Bible is not an adult Bible especially packaged for children. It has specifically been translated directly from the Hebrew and Greek texts into English so that it can be read and understood by children between the ages of 6 and 12.

devotional resources

There are lots of resources to help children to engage with and understand the bible better. Below are some good examples for different ages.

Preschool



Pens is a colourful and interactive daily devotional for young children aged 3-6. Start each day with a Bible verse, short story, child-friendly question and easy to read prayer.

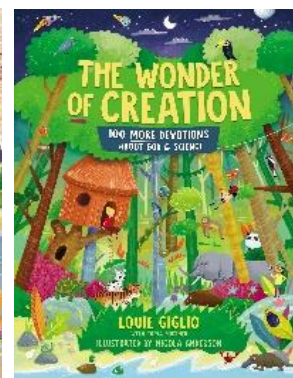
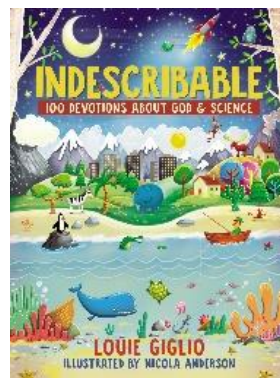
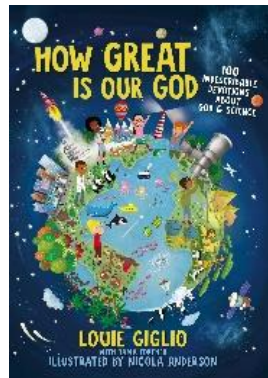
Age 3-6 years.



Beginning with God helps parents with young children to explore the Bible with their child, providing a simple way to start a regular habit of reading God's Word and growing to know God, who loves them.

Age 2-5 years

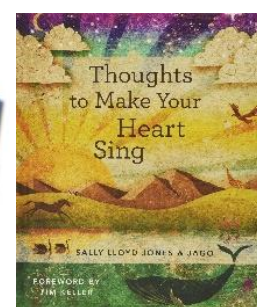
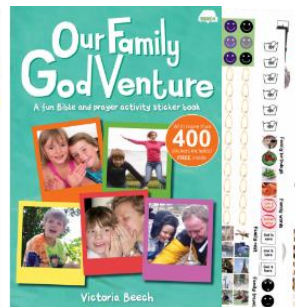
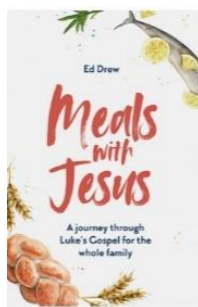
Primary age



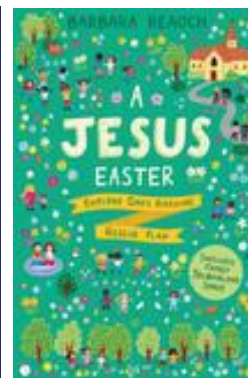
Devotional book for primary aged children
Age 5-10 years

Devotional books on God and science by Louis Giglio
Age 6-10 years

Families



Devotional books for families.
All ages



Seasonal devotional books for families
All ages

bible story books

There are lots of storybooks which retell stories in the Bible in simple language for children. Below is a small selection.



Tales That Tell The Truth series
Age 3-6 years



Little Me, Big God series
Age 2-4 years

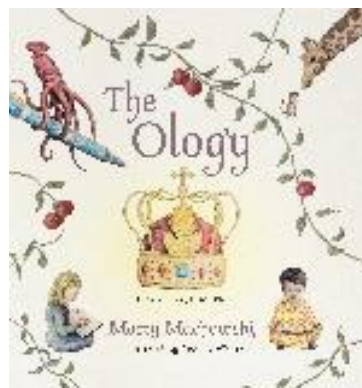
theology books



This book leads children and parents alike on an exciting journey through the Bible, connecting the dots from the garden of Eden to Christ's death on the cross to the new heaven and new earth. This imaginative retelling of the Bible's core message will draw children into the biblical story, teaching them that God's promises are even bigger and better than we think.

Ages 5-8 (read to me) 8-11 (read to myself).

A board book also help children aged 1-3 years to make connections from Genesis to Revelation & A to Z.



Truth is for kids, not just for adults. “The Ology” gives children of all ages a beginner’s theology book to help them understand who God is and how we, as his children, relate to him. Arranged within a traditional systematic theological framework, it is designed for 6-12 year olds.



These books introduce children to teaching on who God is, on prayer, some core Bible stories and also introduce children to 52 Christian men and women (one for each week of the year) from all walks of life who wanted to live for their friend Jesus.

Ages 4-7 years.



A fresh way to present the gospel to young children. Focusing on the words 'Wow!' 'Uh-Oh.' 'Yes!' and 'Ahh', this bright book shares the gospel in a simple way.

A fantastic resource for introducing the Good News in a memorable way.

Ages 3-7 years

other Christian books



Do great things for God series

Ages read to age 4-5 years; read by children 6+ years



Wingfeather saga by Andrew Peterson. A series of four fantasy adventure novels about three children.

Age: 8-12 years



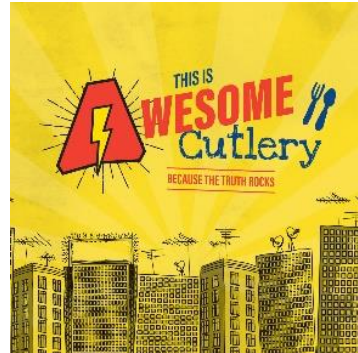
Books by Catherine Parks of 11 men and women who followed God in their lives.

Age 11-14 years

worship music resources



Slugs and Bugs



Awesome Cutlery



Getty Kids



New Irish Kids



Seeds Family Worship

parenting books

