

# *Making Him Known in My Home*

*Stephanie Heimann*

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*\*Thank you, Anna Vincent, for all your help\**



Now, if we could travel back to 1729 and ask four-year-old John that same question he would say, “**God is a spirit,<sup>1</sup> infinite,<sup>2</sup> eternal,<sup>3</sup> and unchangeable,<sup>4</sup> in His being<sup>5</sup>, wisdom<sup>6</sup>, power<sup>7</sup>, holiness<sup>8</sup>, justice<sup>9</sup>, goodness<sup>10</sup> and truth.<sup>11</sup>”** Then he would quote all the following verses to prove that what he thinks about God is true:

1. Deuteronomy 4:15-19, Luke 24:39, John 1:18, John 4:24, Acts 17:29
2. 1 Kings 8:27, Psalm 139:7-10, Psalm 145:3, Psalm 147:5, Jeremiah 23:24, Romans 11:33-36
3. Deuteronomy 33:27, Psalm 90:2, Psalm 102:12, 24-27, Revelation 1:4, 8
4. Psalm 33:11, Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 1:12, Hebrews 6:17-18, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17
5. Exodus 3:14, Psalm 115:2-3, 1 Timothy 1:17, 1 Timothy 6:15-16
6. Psalm 104:24, Romans 11:33-34, Hebrews 4:13, 1 John 3:20
7. Genesis 17:1, Psalm 62:11, Jeremiah 32:17, Matthew 19:26, Revelation 1:8
8. Hebrews 1:13, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 3:3, 5, Revelation 15:4
9. Genesis 18:25, Exodus 34:6-7, Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 96:13, Romans 3:5, 26
10. Psalm 103:5, Psalm 107:8, Matthew 19:7, Romans 2:4.
11. Exodus 34:6, Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 86:15, Psalm 117:2, Hebrews 6:18. [Answer from Westminster Catechism]

*“[I] seemed as willing to learn as my mother was to teach me, . . . When I was **four years old**, I could read, (hard names excepted), as well as I can now: and could likewise repeat the answers to the questions in the Assembly’s Shorter Catechism, with the proofs; and all Dr. Watts’s smaller Catechisms, and his Children’s Hymns.”*

~ John Newton

*“The Scripture admonishes us  
not simply to enable our children to hear truth,  
nor merely to expose them to truth,  
but to diligently teach them truth,  
and historically speaking,  
one of the most effective means of etching truth  
on the hearts of children  
is to  
catechize.”*

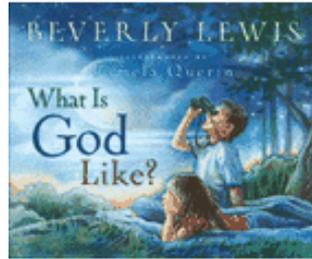
*~ Robert Vincent*

*(Please see MCBC bookstore for  
information concerning catechisms)*

***What is God Like?*** by Beverly Lewis

Bethany House / 2008 / 32 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

“Before a father leaves for his longest business trip yet, he encourages his son and daughter to remember, “Even when I’m not here, God is always with you.” After he leaves, the boy and his little



sister spend a fun-filled day and star-filled night remembering everything their father told them about their heavenly Father. He is powerful, loving, everywhere, all-knowing, perfect, merciful, unchanging, creator, and a Father who wants to be known, talked to, obeyed and worshiped. With imaginative text, Bible verses and inspiring full-color illustrations, Beverly Lewis and Pam Querin take difficult concepts and bring them to life in the minds of children – and parents too.”

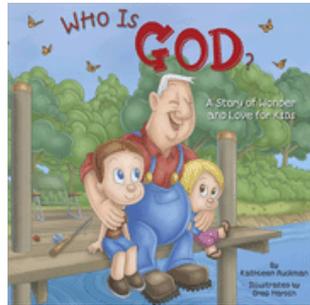
~ CBD

*“It is impossible to have faith in a person without having knowledge of the person.”*

*~J. G. Machen*

**Who is God?** by Kathleen Ruckman  
Harvest House / 2010 / 32 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

“In Kathleen Ruckman’s delightful book for kids, colorful illustrations from Greg Hardin animate Annie and Adam’s adventures on their grandpa’s farm and the lessons they learn about God. Every starry sky, barnyard animal, and fishing trip leads



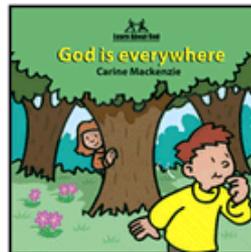
to a conversation and an opportunity for young ones to discover God as Creator, Provider, and loving Father.

This delightful story explores the wisdom of the Bible, the love of Jesus, and the joy of being a child of God. A handy scripture reference is included to help parents and teachers in their conversations about God with special little ones in their lives.” ~ excerpt

**Learn About God Series** by Carine Mackenzie  
Christian Focus / 2004 / 14 pp / \$3.99 / Board Book

Titles in the series include:

1. God is everywhere
2. God has power
3. God never changes
4. God knows everything
5. God is faithful



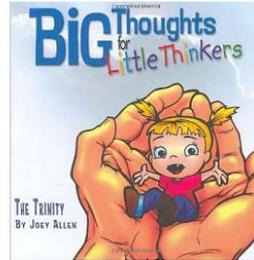
The text is repetitive and easy to learn. Each statement has a proof text making this series profitable for older children in addition to infants.

***Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers: the Trinity***

by Joey Allen

New Leaf / 2005 / 32 pp / \$5.99 / Hardcover

“In contrast to self-centered theology and watered-down Bible storybooks, the Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers series promotes God-centered theology with simple and precise teaching while offering stability and a strong, lasting connection with the faith.” ~ excerpt

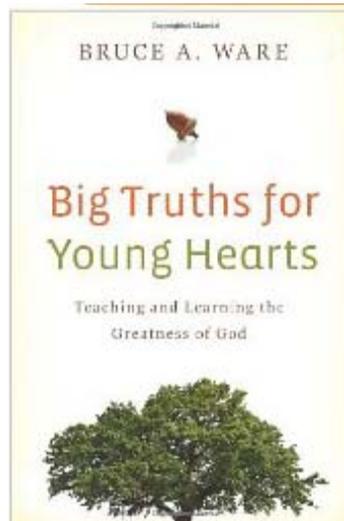


***Big Truths for Young Hearts*** by Bruce Ware

Crossway / 240 pp / \$14.99 / Paperback

"Imagine a respected theologian devoting himself to training a new generation of pastors and scholars in the seminary classroom. Now imagine him driving home at night to teach that profound theology in simple terms to his children at their bedsides. Now imagine this father compiling those bedside conversations into a book available to all pastors, parents, and children alike. Imagine no more. My friend Dr. Bruce Ware has done it."

~ C. J. Mahaney, Sovereign Grace Ministries

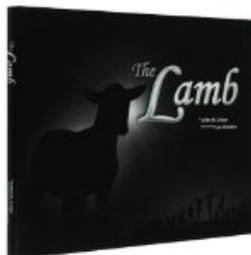


# Gospel

***The Lamb*** by John R Cross

Goodseed / 2009 / 184 pp / \$24.99 / Hardcover

John Cross focuses on the authority of Scripture, the fall, the sacrificial system, and the gospel with the obvious theme that God can punish sin without punishing the sinner because of the Lamb.



Each section begins with a review of the previous chapter and ends with questions. At the end of the book there are questions to see if the children understand the Gospel. Then the next page says you must understand the Gospel before you can become a Christian, now do you believe the Gospel.

You can read parts of this in e-book format at:

<http://www.goodseed.com/products/lamb-eng-book/>

The picture book and CD are available in several languages.

*Children are often reticent to their parents. Often and often have I spoken with young lads about their souls, and they have told me they could not talk to their fathers upon such matters. I know it was so with me. When I was under concern of soul, the last persons I should have elected to speak to upon religion would have been my parents—not through want of love to them, nor absence of love on their part; but so it was. A strange felling of diffidence pervades a seeking soul, and drives it from its friends. Yet I cannot tell how much I owe to the solemn words of my good mother. It was the custom on Sunday evenings, while we were yet little children, for her to stay at home with us, and then we sat round the table, and read verse by verse, and she explained the Scripture to us. After that was done, then came the time of pleading; there was a little piece of Alleine's Alarm, or of Baxter's Call to the Unconverted, and this was read with pointed observations made to each of us as we sat round the table; and the question was asked, how long it would be before we would think about our state, how long before we would seek the Lord. Then came a mother's prayer, and some of the words of that prayer we shall never forget, even when our hair is grey. I remember on one occasion, her praying thus: "Now, Lord, if my children go on in their sins, it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear a swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they lay not hold of Christ." That thought of a mother's bearing swift witness against me, pierced my conscience, and stirred my heart. When I was a child, if I had done anything wrong, I did not need anybody to tell me of it; I told myself of it, and I have cried myself to sleep many a time with the consciousness that I had done wrong; and when I came to know the Lord, I felt very grateful to Him because He had given me a tender conscience.*

~ C. H. Spurgeon

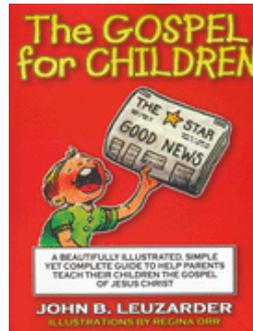
**EvangeCube** / E3 Resources /\$8.00

Probably our best experiences unfolding the gospel have been when we used this 7 paneled cube. Kids are immediately interested and what is more exciting is that their parents are attentive too.  
<http://e3resources.org/>



**The Gospel for Children** by John B. Leuzarder  
Shepherd Press / 29 pp / \$8.95 / Paperback

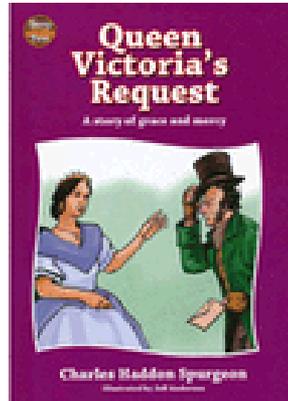
The chapters in this book include God, The Bible, Sin, Jesus, Repentance and Faith, and Counting the Cost. Doctrinal statements include a proof text.



*[The contrast between knowledge and faith]  
ignores an essential element in faith;  
and what is called faith  
after the subtraction of that element  
is not faith at all.  
~J. Gresham Machen*

**Queen Victoria's Request** by C. H. Spurgeon  
Christian Focus / 2008 / 24 pp / \$7.99 / Hardcover

“A dirty beggar, covered in coal dust, has received an invitation from the Queen to attend a function at the Palace. He thinks about buying some soap and cleaning himself up — but the invitation says, 'Come just as you are.' You can't ignore a request like that from the Queen so the beggar arrives at the Palace door anxious



about what he is going to find. Will he be accepted into the Queen's presence or will he just be sent away?”

~ excerpt from back cover

*How can I ever forget her tearful eye when she warned me to escape from the wrath to come? I thought her lips right eloquent; others might not think so, but they certainly were eloquent to me. How can I ever forget when she bowed her knee, and with her arms about my neck, prayed, “Oh, that my son might live before Thee!” Nor can her frown be effaced from my memory – that solemn, loving frown, when she rebuked my budding iniquities; and her smiles have never faded from my recollections – the beaming of her countenance when she rejoiced to see some good thing in me towards the Lord God of Israel .*

~ C. H. Spurgeon

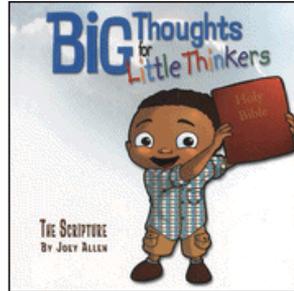
# The Bible

## ***Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers: The Scripture***

by Joey Allen

New Leaf / 2005 / 32 pp / \$5.99 / Hardcover

*“Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers: The Scripture* teaches children that the Word of God is true, inspired, reliable and profitable to lead them to God and a life of godliness. This book is a tool to help youngsters find wisdom that leads to salvation, guidance for everyday living and hope for the future through the Bible.” ~ excerpt

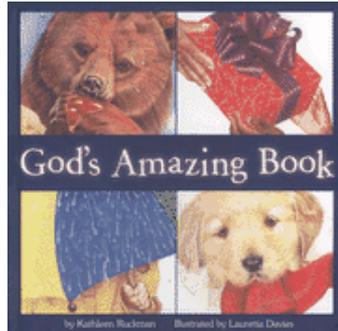


## ***God's Amazing Book*** by Kathleen Ruckman

Warner Press / 2007 / 28 pp / \$10.99 / Hardcover

Some lessons in this book include:

- God's Word guides your steps like a flashlight in the dark: Psalm 119:105.
- God's Word help keeps your heart clean: Psalm 119:9.
- God's Word is more precious than gold: Psalm 19:10.

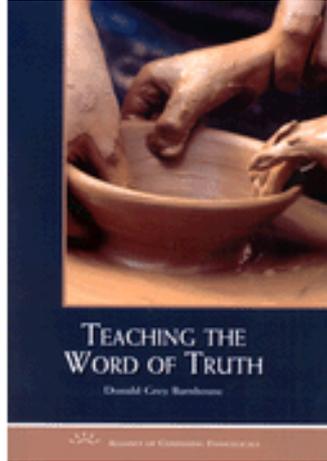


## ***Teaching the Word of Truth***

by Donald Grey Barnhouse

Christian Resources / 192 pp / \$12.99 / Paperback

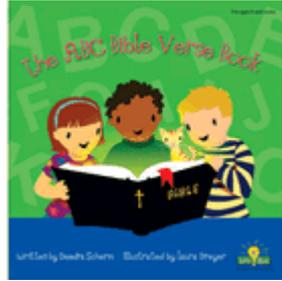
“In 1927 Donald Grey Barnhouse became pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He discovered that traditional children's Sunday School methods were inadequate to teach the great doctrines of Scripture and purposed to design a course to meet that need. Stories were taken from Dr. Barnhouse's sermons, the doctrinal outlines simplified that he was using in Adult Bible classes, then arranged for a new course of study for the various departments of the Church's Children's Bible School. The work was illustrated for children by Mrs. Barnhouse. The final result was a four part systematic bible study course for children covering the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.” ~ CBD



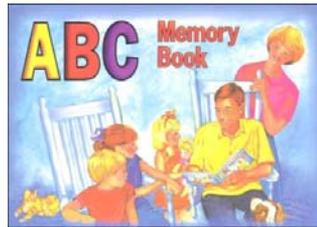
# Bible Memory

**The ABC Bible Verse Book** by Scherm & Dreyer  
Lemon Vision / 2007 / 26 pp / \$7.99 / Board book

The illustrations captivate my 1 year old, and I am immensely grateful for books that encourage my children memorize scripture. Note: several translations are used.



**ABC Memory Book** by N. A. Woychuk  
Scripture Memory Fellowship  
1978 / 59 pp / \$ 12.00 / Spiral  
Bound Thick Stock Paperback



Many helpful memory books are at:  
[www.scripturememoryfellowship.com](http://www.scripturememoryfellowship.com)

*[My mother] was not physically strong and had a reserved personality. I was her only child and almost all of her attention was given to my education. . . . When I was about three years of age, she herself taught me to read. . . . **She helped me store in my memory**, which was then very retentive, many valuable verses, portions, and chapters of Scripture as well as catechisms, hymn, and poems.*

~ John Newton

*The undergraduate student of the present day [1925] is being told that he need not take notes on what he hears in class, that the **exercise of the memory** is a rather childish and mechanical thing, and that what he is really in college to do is to think for himself and to unify his world. He usually makes a poor business of unifying his world. And the reason is clear. He does not succeed in unifying his world for the simple reason that he has no world to unify. He has not acquired a knowledge of a sufficient number of facts in order even to learn the method of putting facts together. He is being told to practice the business of mental digestion; but the trouble is that he has no food to digest.*

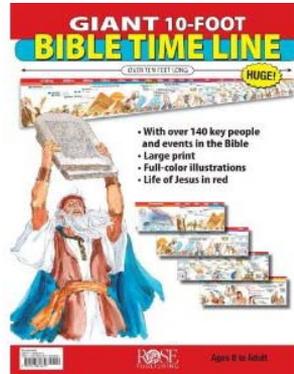
*~ J. Gresham Machen*

# Charts

## ***Giant 10-Foot Bible Time Line***

Rose Publishing / \$14.99

“Now you can have a giant Bible time line along the ceiling of your classroom, office, or home. It has more than 140 important people and events, from Adam and Eve to King David, from Moses to King Solomon, from Jonah to Daniel, from Jesus to the Apostle Paul. Includes dates of kings, prophets, battles, and key events. Colorful illustrations make it easy to identify the various periods in biblical history.” ~ excerpt

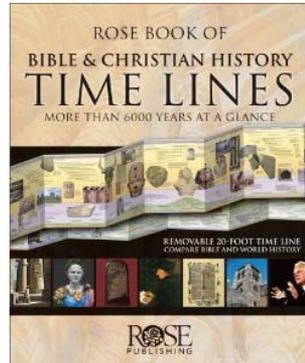


*"Intelligence is perceived as a unitary phenomenon, but a lot of this can be attributed to culture," says Mark Kishiyama, a post-doctoral fellow in Professor Robert Knight's lab in the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute. "Americans tend to attribute intelligence to something innate, whereas Asian cultures perceive it more as discipline and hard work."*

*~ Katie Hart, Berkeley Science Review*

**Rose Book of Bible & Christian History Time Lines /**  
Rose Publishing / \$29.99

"A comprehensive illustrated time line of biblical events and church history. Constructed as a single, 20-foot-long, accordion-folded panel, this time line begins with a chart illustrating the lifelines of early Genesis characters from Adam to Abraham, then follows the biblical story beginning with Abraham, 2166 B.C.E. The work is comprised of two



parallel portions: The upper part follows biblical and Christian history, while the bottom covers a wide-ranging and representative set of dates and events for corresponding world history from both the East and West. . . .The amount of data is almost overwhelming — one page alone examines Wilberforce to Darwin and the Opium Wars to influenza, with dozens of persons and events in between. . . . Without commentary or agenda, the book stands as an objective resource for personal or group study." ~ Kirkus Review Discoveries, June 15, 2007

*Thinking cannot be carried on without the materials of thought; and the materials of thought are facts, or else assertions that are presented as facts. A mass of details stored up in the mind does not in itself make a thinker; but on the other hand **thinking is absolutely impossible without that mass of details.***

~ J. Gresham Machen

*A revival of the Christian religion, we believe, will deliver mankind from its present bondage, and like the great revival of the sixteenth century will bring liberty to mankind. Such a revival will be not the work of man, but the work of the Spirit of God. But one of the means which the Spirit will use, we believe, is an **awakening of the intellect.***

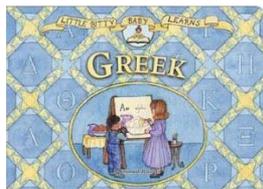
*~ J. Gresham Machen*

# Language Studies

## Greek & Latin

### ***Little Bitty Baby Learns Greek***

by Johannah Bluedorn  
Trivium Pursuit / 2006 / 28 pp  
\$12.00 / Boardbook



### **Rummy Roots**

Eternal Hearts / 1992 / \$15.95

“What do you get when you combine Greek roots *tele* (far away) and *skopeo* (to look at)? "Telescope," a device that allows us to "look at things far away"! Fun and fast-paced, this challenging card game is a great way to build vocabulary, word comprehension, and alphabetical skills by exploring the Greek and Latin roots of our English language.”

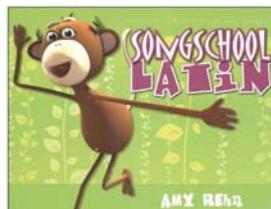
~ CBD (also available: More Rummy Roots)



### **Song School Latin** by Amy Rehn

Classical Academic Press / 2008 / 139 pp / \$22.95  
Paperback with CD

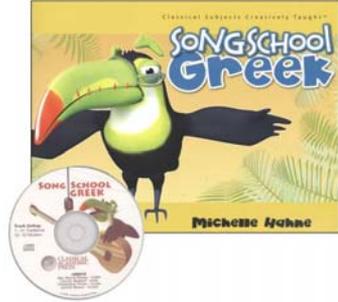
“A new way to introduce Latin to your little ones! Children will learn the Latin alphabet (writing & pronunciation), discover related English words, and do exercises and songs to help them remember it all!” ~ CBD



**Song School Greek** by Michelle Hahne

Classical Academic Press / 2009 / 222 pp / \$24.95  
Paperback with CD

“*Song School Greek* is a fun introduction to Koine Greek. Each lesson features songs, relevant vocabulary, illustrations, hand-writing practice, stories, games, and activities; a musical CD is also provided. Lessons move quickly from introducing the alphabet to pronunciation to writing short words to reading small words within short stories, providing motivation as they progress. Lesson themes include practical elements of the classroom as well as biblically-based lessons on Jesus' birth.” ~ CBD  
Although my children are too young to do the workbook, they thoroughly enjoy the CD.



*“My mother noted my early progress with great satisfaction and planned from my earliest years to prepare me for the ministry, if the Lord should so incline my heart. In my sixth year I began to learn Latin.”*

~ John Newton

# Hebrew

## **Hebrew Alphabet Placemat**

([www.rainbowresource.com](http://www.rainbowresource.com)) / \$2.99

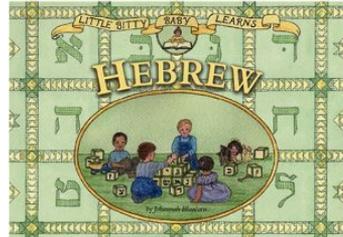


## **Little Bitty Baby Learns Hebrew**

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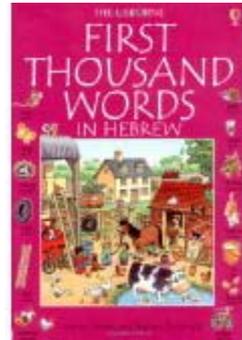
Trivium Pursuit / 2005 / 28 pp / \$12.00 / Boardbook

“Each page contains one letter of the Hebrew alphabet, its name, a pronunciation guide for its name, a simple, 2-step or 3-step process for writing the letter, and an attractive illustration.”



## **The Usborne First Thousand Words**

This is available in many languages and in different formats. Because the pages are so busy I think it is worth paying a few extra dollars for the large hardcover edition.

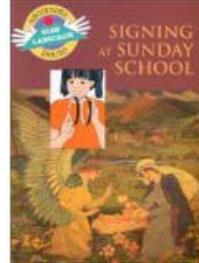


## Other Languages

### ***Signing at Sunday School***

Garlic Press / 1998 / 32 pp / \$7.95 / Paperback

Learn to sign the following songs: The B-I-B-L-E, Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves the Little Children, the Story of Jesus, and the following Bible verses: Mt. 5:3-10, Lk. 6:31, Prov. 3:5, I Cor. 13:4, 6-8.



*The intellectual decadence of the day is not limited to the Church, or to the subject of religion, but appears in secular education as well. Sometimes it is assisted by absurd pedagogic theories, which, whatever their variety in detail, are alike in their depreciation of the **labour of learning facts.***

*~ J. Gresham Machen*

# Games

*Dr. Silvia Bunge, a neuroscientist at UC Berkeley, set up an after-school program at a school with historically low test scores to see if she could increase the intelligence of children. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade played games with Berkeley students for 75 minutes two times a week for 6 weeks. The children were divided into 2 groups and each group focused on a different component of intelligence. To keep things fun and to ensure that the brain remained stimulated, the children changed games every 15 minutes. Group 1 played games that exercised reasoning ability (Set, Traffic Jam Puzzle, Rush Hour, Qwirkle). Group 2 played games that exercised processing speed (Spoons, Speed, Blink, Perfection). After 6 wks (15 hours of playing games) the children were tested again. Group A's reasoning ability scores soared up 32% and Group B's speed scores rose 27%. To translate these findings into terms we understand: An average child's IQ increases 12 points after an entire school year. These children saw an increase of 13 points just by playing select games!*

*Bunge concluded that "all parts of intelligence are malleable. They're all in the brain, and all of the brain shows plasticity. There is no evidence that some regions are more or less plastic than others." To read more about this study and about the importance of intellectual cross-training please read Newsweek article \$13 Christmas Gifts =13 point gain in kids IQ, Dec. 10, 2009; Berkeley Science Review: Train Your Brain by Katie Hart; and [bungelab.berkeley.edu](http://bungelab.berkeley.edu). There is a discrepancy between the Newsweek and Berkeley article. I have stated that the "game program" lasted 6 wks in keeping with Berkeley Review.*

## ***Candle Bible for Toddlers Bible: Memory Game***

by Juliet David / Candle Books / 2010 / \$7.99

This is an excellent beginner memory game with lots of options. You can play the traditional matching game, or you can match the Bible characters that are in the same story (i.e. Moses and Pharaoh), and for the more advanced child you can require that they tell you the appropriate Bible story before they get the point for their correct match.



## ***Noah's Big Animal Adventure Game***

Master Books / 2006 / \$16.99

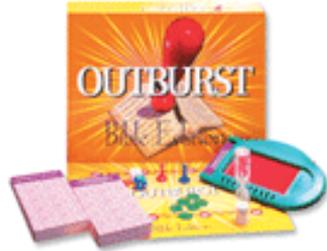
This 3-1 set includes a board game, a play set and an excellent little book.



### ***Outburst, Bible Edition***

Cactus Game Design / \$27.50

There are 252 topic cards and each card has 10 target answers. You have 60 seconds to answer the question and you only get points for naming a “target answer”. Here are some sample topics: “Places Israelites Camped between Egypt and Canaan”, “Occupations in the Bible” “Books of the O.T.”



### ***Scattergories, Bible Edition***

Cactus Games Design / \$ 26.95

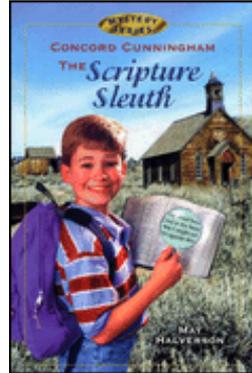
“How many Bible categories can you match before time runs out? Roll the letter die to determine the key letter. You roll “C”. Now start the timer! How quickly can you think of a “Place Christ walked?...” Canaan!...” “Things that separate us from each other?...” Carelessness! “A name for the Holy Spirit?...” Comforter! What if you can’t think of an answer that starts with the key letter? No problem. Write down any answer that fits the category and you still score points if your answers are different from every other player. The player with the highest score after three rounds is the winner.” ~ excerpt from cover



## Fun Books

***Concord Cunningham (5 vols.)*** by Mat Halverson  
Focus Publishing / 2000 / 96 pp / \$8.99 / Paperback

“Concord Cunningham is a boy who has discovered the value of a Bible concordance and uses it to solve mysteries in his community.”  
~ excerpt from cover



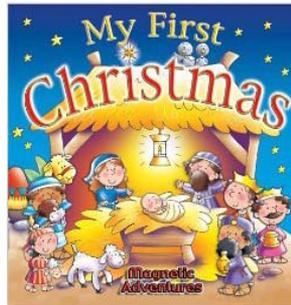
"I think you would really like this book. I love mystery stories and this one is a great one. It is neat how Concord solves the mysteries with his Bible. I never thought anyone could do that. You will love these stories, because they have stories both girls and boys will like. Even if the main character is a boy, I still think it is a great book." ~ Sophia Vincent (age 10)

### ***My First Christmas Magnetic Adventure***

by Tim Dowley

Candle Books / 2006 / 10 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

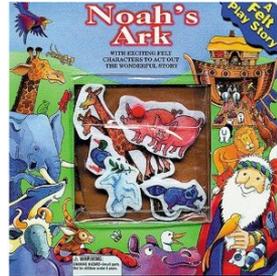
“A unique, interactive Nativity book that enables children to create their own changing pictures of the very first Christmas. With special magnetic pages and a set of magnetized cut-out people and animals, the reader has everything needed to illustrate the Christmas story.” ~ excerpt from cover



**Noah's Ark (Felt)** by Cathie Shuttleworth

Standard Publishing Company / 2007 / 10 pp / \$14.99 /  
Board book

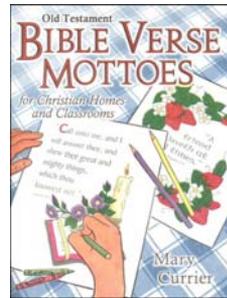
“Here’s a delightful way for children to design their very own storybook! Combining shaped felt figures with beautifully illustrated board pages, this colorful book invites children to decorate each scene in their own special way.”  
~ excerpt from cover



**Old Testament Bible Verse Mottoes for Christian Homes and Classrooms** by Mary Currier

Christian Light Publication / 2008 / 62 pp / \$6.00 /  
Paperback

This is a reproducible coloring book with a collection of Scripture verses set in borders of leaves, flowers, filigree, etc.



**Other Coloring Book Sources:**

Bible Stories:

[www.cbd.com](http://www.cbd.com)

History and Science:

[www.doverpublications.com](http://www.doverpublications.com)

[www.bellerophonbooks.com](http://www.bellerophonbooks.com)

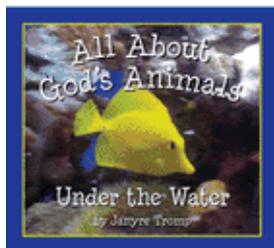
Many of the history coloring books include excellent and informative text making the coloring book more like a story book.

## Board Books

**All About God's Animals Around the Water** by  
Janyre Tromp / Kidzone / 2009 / 24 pp / \$6.99 / Board  
book

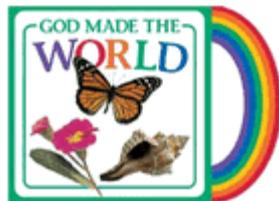
The title is certainly a stretch, but it  
is nice to have a board book with  
48 real-life photographs of animals.

Also available: **All About God's  
Animals: Colors**



**God Made the World** by Michael A. Vander Klipp  
Zonderkidz / 12pp / \$3.99 / Board book

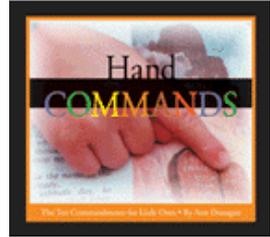
Not only do small hands enjoy  
these tiny books with real-life  
photographs, but parents delight  
to hear their children say, "God  
made rocks. God made trees.  
God made flowers".



Other titles in this series include: God Made My Body,  
God Made Animals, and God Made Food

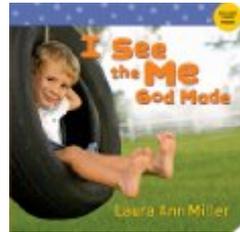
***Hand Commands: The Ten Commandments for Little Ones*** by Ann Dungan / Kregel Publications / 2006 / 22 pp / \$5.99 / Board book

At 12 months, there was no contest, this was my daughter Jerusha's favorite book. She enjoyed trying to do the hand motions corresponding to the commands.



***I See the Me God Made*** by Laura Ann Miller  
Standard Publishing / 2007 / 14 pp / \$5.99 / Board book

Our 1 year old son understood that God made the trees and birds and rocks; however, when we asked him, "who made you?" he repeatedly answered, "Daddy". Only after he saw his picture in the photo frame on the last page did he change his mind.

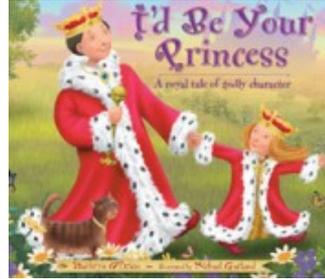


Other books in the I See series: Colors God Made, World God Made, Creatures God Made

***I'd Be Your Princess*** by Kathryn O'Brien  
Standard Publishing / 2007 / 28 pp / \$6.99 / Board book

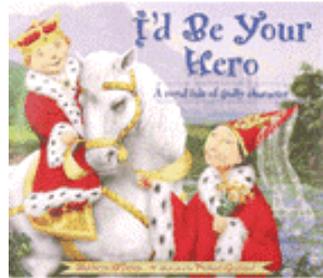
“An award-winning picture book — perfect for your little princess! Snuggle up and enjoy the enchanting story of a young girl who imagines life as a princess. Her father plays along, admiring each godly quality of his daughter’s royal character.”

~ excerpt from cover



***I'd Be Your Hero*** by Kathryn O'Brien  
Standard Publishing / 2004 / 28p / \$6.99 / Board book

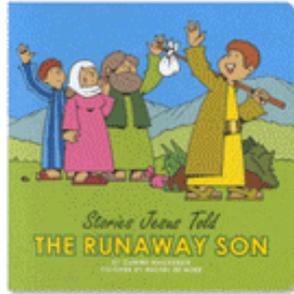
To hear your little boy say, “I’ll be your hero” is well worth the price of this book. Follow a little boy on an imaginary adventure and hear how a mother praises all of his noble and godly character qualities.



**Stories Jesus Told Series** by Carine Mackenzie  
Christian Focus / 16 pp / \$3.99 / Board Book

Titles in this series include:

1. The Runaway Son
2. The Selfish Servant
3. The Missing Sheep
4. The Lost Coin
5. The Foolish Farmer
6. The Proud Prayer

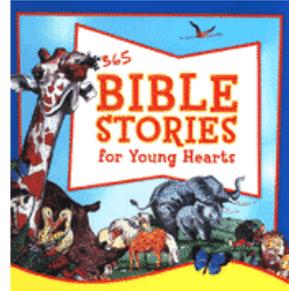


# Bible Story Books

## **365 Bible Stories for Young Hearts**

Crossway / 2006 / 440 pp / \$17.99 / Hardcover

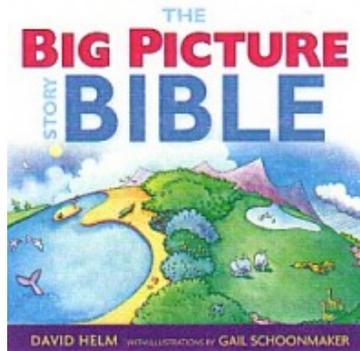
Unlike most Bible story books, this one deals with people like Shamgar, Jephthah, Nabal, Jeroboam, Hazael, Joash, Uzziah, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Josiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Ezra. The pictures are engaging and the text is enjoyable enough and overall, this has enriched our home.



## **The Big Picture Story Bible** by David Helm

Crossway / 2004 / 456 pp / \$22.99 / Hardcover

Helm does an outstanding job at giving children the big picture of the Bible with the emphasis of God's king ruling God's people in God's place.

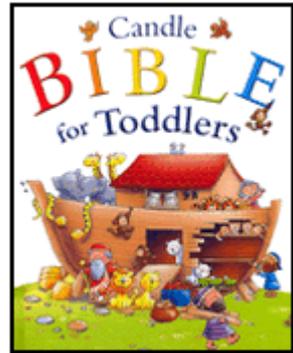


*If you listen for 1hr/day, 25days/month,  
when your baby turns 18 he will have  
heard the entire Bible over 70 times.*

## ***Candle Bible for Toddlers***

Kregel / 2006 / 440 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

An ideal introduction to the popular and timeless stories from the Bible, this book will both teach and entertain toddlers! Stories from the Old and New Testaments spring to life with exciting, vibrant illustrations with clear, simple sentences that will keep your little ones' attention and help them to grow spiritually.

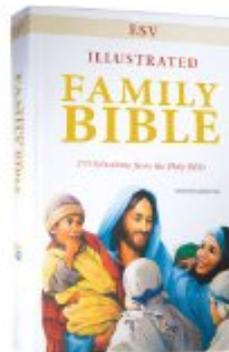


Written especially for toddlers, this Bible storybook is also perfect for first time readers. ~ excerpt from CBD

## ***Illustrated Family Bible (ESV)***

Crossway / 2008 / 424 pp / \$24.99 / Hardcover

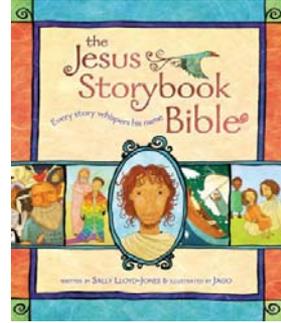
“Each story contains only the *text of the Bible itself*, selected and presented straight from the pages of Scripture. And each one comes with beautiful, full-color illustrations that delight young eyes and help bring the story to life. Children will want these Bible passages read to them over and over.



Early readers will discover the joy of reading the ‘real Bible’ for themselves, as parents, you’ll be pleased to help children of all ages grow in their love for God’s Word and see it have an impact on their young lives.”  
~ CBD

**Jesus Storybook Bible** by Sally Lloyd-Jones  
ZonderKidz / 2007 / 352 pp / \$16.99 / Hardcover

“The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the Story beneath all the stories in the Bible. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby, the child upon whom everything would depend. From Noah to Moses to King David, everything whispers his name. Jesus is like the missing piece in a puzzle- the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together.” ~ excerpt from cover



“No, the Bible isn’t a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a Story. It’s an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It’s a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne — everything — to rescue the one he loves. It’s like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true to life!” (p. 17)

The deluxe slip-cased edition of The Jesus Storybook Bible features gilded pages, a ribbon marker and three audio CDs containing the story read by award-winning actor, David Suchet. \$24.99.

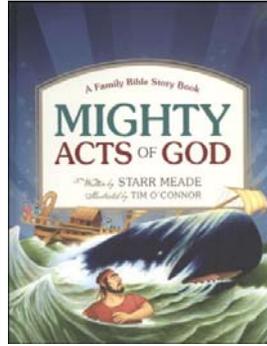
*I did not get my knowledge of the Bible from Sunday School or from any other school, but I got it on Sunday afternoons with my mother at home. And I will venture to say that although my mental ability was certainly of no extraordinary kind I had a better knowledge of the Bible at fourteen years of age than is possessed by many students in the theological seminaries of the present day.*  
~ J. Gresham Machen

## ***Mighty Acts of God: A Family Bible Story Book***

by Starr Meade

Crossway Books / 2010 / 288 pp / \$24.99 / Hardcover

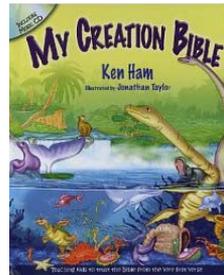
“In this storybook, the focus in each story is on God, not on the human characters in the story. The stories are not presented primarily as moral tales giving children role models to emulate, or as accounts of how God always meets people’s needs (as do genies in fairy tales!). Instead, the book’s goal is for children to rightly see the God of Scripture, as he presents himself in the Bible’s narrative accounts. In this way, the book as a whole provides an overview of the character and attributes of God.” (excerpt from Meade’s note to the parents)



## ***My Creation Bible*** by Ken Ham

Master Books / 11 pp / 2006 / \$11.99 / Boardbook

Ken Ham sets the stage with the account of Creation and the Fall, the flood and Babel and points ahead to our need for salvation through Jesus Christ.



*The most important Christian educational institution is not the pulpit or the school, important as these institutions are; but it is the Christian family. And that institution has to a very large extent ceased to do its work.*

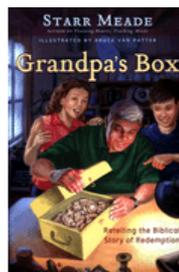
*~ J. Gresham Machen*

## Selected Bible Stories

### **Grandpa's Box** by Starr Meade

P&R Publishing / 2005 / 286 pp / \$13.99 / Paperback

“One of the best things in Grandpa's shop is an old chest filled with small wood carvings. Each represents a Bible story, and they all fit together — just like God's Word! A terrific way to teach about the big picture of Scripture and God's plan of redemption for his people.” ~ CBD

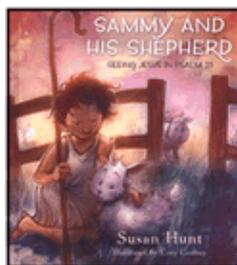


### **Sammy and His Shepherd** by Susan Hunt

Reformation Trust / 2008 / 50 pp / \$17.00 / Hardcover

“A retelling of the Psalm 23 from the perspective of a lamb, Sammy, describing what it is like to be cared for by a gracious, loving, and protective shepherd. Sammy is taught by an older sheep who explains about the good shepherd.” ~ excerpt from Dr. Dennis E.

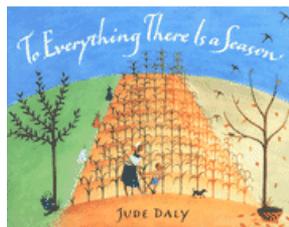
Hensley, [www.ChristianBookPreviews.com](http://www.ChristianBookPreviews.com)



### **To Everything There is a Season** by Jude Daly

Eerdmans / 2006 / 32 pp / \$16.00 / Hardcover

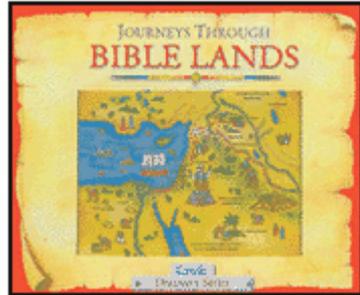
In this entertainment-crazed society it is good to step back and consider the sage's words. Follow a family on a South African homestead and see them journey through Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.



# Bible Maps

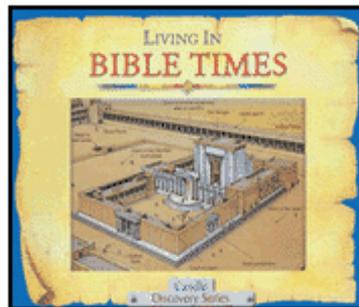
***Journeys Through Bible Lands*** by Tim Dowley  
Kregel / 2007 / Hardcover / 12 pp / \$13.99.

“Embark on an interactive journey through the Promised Land! This graphic guide features simple profiles, vivid photographs, and colorfully illustrated pull-out maps that retrace the steps of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Jesus, and Paul. Pull the tab and slide the acetate window to discover lots of colorful information about key Bible stories.” ~ CBD



***Living in Bible Times*** by Tim Dowley  
Kregel / 2007 / Hardcover / 12 pgs / \$14.99.

“Camel rides are not required for this discovery tour of the ancient world! This exciting guide to important buildings and structures in Bible times asks many questions. Moses built a great tent in which to meet God. How was it constructed? Herod's Temple was a marvel of its time, what did it actually look like? In what sort of ship was Paul ship wrecked? All these and many more are answered graphically as the sliding acetate picture enables the detail and content to be revealed.” ~ CBD



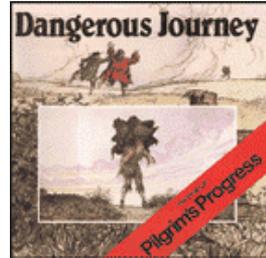
# Allegories

***Dangerous Journey*** by John Bunyan

retold by Oliver Hunkin

Eerdmens / 1985 / 126 pp / \$24.99 / Hardcover

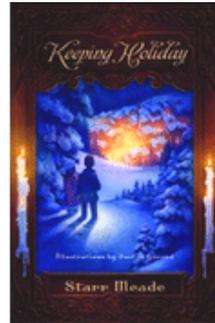
This is an excellent children's version of John Bunyan's beloved *Pilgrim's Progress*.



***Keeping Holiday*** by Starr Meade

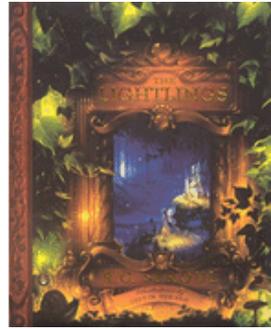
Crossway / 2008 / 224 pp / \$14.99 / Paperback

“Keeping Holiday blends fantasy and allegory into an adventure that looks at the wonder of the Incarnation and of the “Christmas” that occurs when God finds a lost sinner. Your whole family will enjoy this story that reveals how God brings a person to faith.” ~ CBD



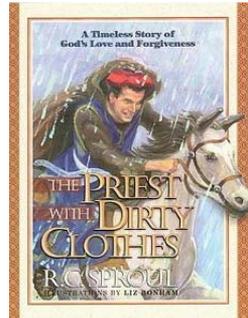
***The Lightlings*** by R. C. Sproul  
Reformation Trust / 2006 / 32pp / \$18.00 / Hardcover

“An allegorical tale that captures the essence of the biblical story of redemption in a manner that will fascinate and delight children. A race of tiny beings known as lightlings represent humanity as they pass through all the stages of the biblical drama — creation, fall, and redemption. In the end, children will understand why some people fear light more than darkness, but why they need never fear darkness again.” ~ Ligonier Ministries



***The Priest With Dirty Clothes*** by R. C. Sproul  
Reformation Trust / 1997 / 48pp / \$18.00 / Hardcover

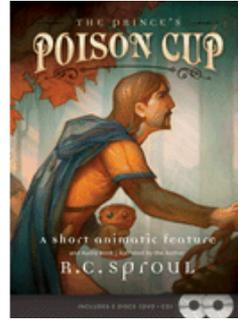
“Dr. R.C. Sproul tells of a young priest who falls from his horse. The mud ruins his garments, dashing his hopes of appearing before the king. But the great prince offers his own beautiful clothes, echoing the timeless message of the Lord Jesus Christ atoning for our sin and clothing us with the robe of His perfect righteousness, without which no one can see God.” ~ Ligonier Ministries



*Has it never dawned upon us that God is valuable for His own sake, that as personal communion is the highest thing that we know on earth, so personal communion with God is the sublimest height of all?*  
~ J Gresham Machen

***The Prince's Poison Cup*** by R.C. Sproul  
Reformation Trust / 2008 / 35 pp / \$18.00 / Hardcover

“When young Ella gets sick and has to take yucky medicine, she wonders why something that will help her get well has to taste so bad. She puts the question to Grandpa, and he tells her the story of a great King and His subjects who enjoyed wonderful times together — until the people rebelled against the King and drank from a forbidden well. To their horror, they found that the water in the well was poisonous. To reclaim His people, the King asks His Son, the Prince, to drink from that same well.” ~ excerpt from Ligonier Ministries



***Terrestria Chronicles, Volumes 1-7*** by Ed Dunlop  
Dunlop Ministries / \$8.99 / Paperback

“Travel back in time to the kingdom of Terrestria, a land where knights and their ladies live in castles and where dragons still roam. Filled with powerful imagery and heart-pounding adventure, these life-changing books are captivating.”  
~ CBD (recommended by Anna Vincent)

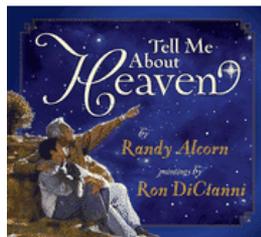


# Heaven

***Tell Me About Heaven*** by Randy Alcorn

Crossway / 2007 / Hardcover / 64 pp / \$19.99

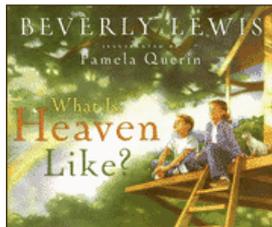
“When young Jake asks his grandfather, “What’s it like where Grammy is?” he — along with the children you love — will be ushered into a warm story answering the many questions kids have about heaven. . . . Use this book to help your special little ones look forward to that new world.” ~ excerpt from cover



***What is Heaven Like?*** by Beverly Lewis

Bethany House / 2006 / 32 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

“What will it be like to live with God forever? A boy and his sister wonder that one day when they are missing their recently deceased grandfather. Curious, the boy sets out on a mission to find out, and he won't give up until he asks everybody he knows about eternity! It poignantly addresses the questions kids ask most when they are coming to terms with the loss of a loved one. The final page offers suggestions for parents and Christian educators.”



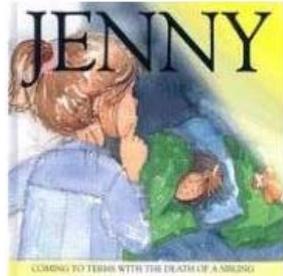
# Death

## ***Jenny: Coming to Terms with the Death of a Sibling***

by Stephanie Jeffs

Abingdon Press / 2006 / 32 pp / \$14.00 / Hardcover

"Why doesn't Rosie feel better after a good night's sleep?" "Why is she always ill?" "Dear Jesus, please take care of Rosie."

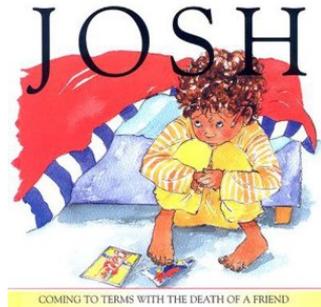


## ***Josh: Coming to Terms with the Death of a Friend***

by Stephanie Jeffs

Abingdon Press / 2006 / 29 pp / \$14.00 / Hardcover

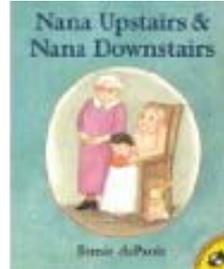
"Well, said Mom slowly. Max's body was so hurt that it couldn't work anymore, but the things that made Max special – his kindness, friendliness, all the things that made Max who he was which we call his spirit – have gone to be with God."



*On a personal note, sing Psalms with your children so when their dark day comes they will have God-inspired words to voice their God-forsaken feelings.*

***Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs*** by Tomie dePaola  
Puffin Books / 2000 / 32 pp / \$6.99 / Paperback

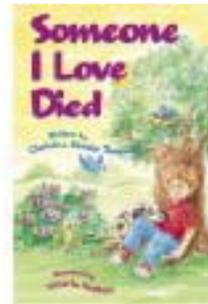
Although this is not written from a Christian perspective, I think we can profit from this tender autobiographical sketch of 4 year old Tomie who loved and lost his best friend, his great grandmother.



***Someone I Loved Died*** by Christine Harder  
Tangvald / Chariot Victor Publishing  
1988 / 24 pp / \$9.99 / Hardcover

This book makes use of fill-in-the-blanks to allow for a very personalized expression of grief.

“When one of God’s people dies, God moves the breath of life back out of the body to a special place we call heaven, a place we can’t see right now.”

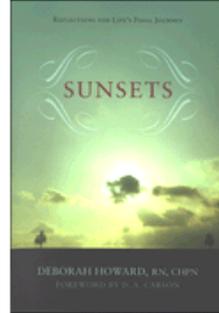


## **Sunsets: Reflections for Life's Final Journey**

by Deborah Howard

Crossway / 2005 / 336 pp / \$19.99 / Paperback

As a hospice nurse, Deborah Howard has spent many years caring for the dying, and with this book she has answered many of my questions. She describes the process of death and how to prepare for it. And in many ways she equips us to care for those who are passing through this valley.



“At some point all of us will be involved with death, either of our loved ones or friends, or our own. Get a copy of this book, live with it, and you will be better prepared to deal with death when it does come.”

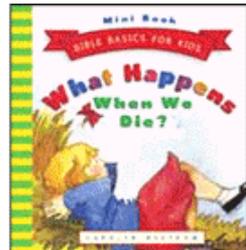
~ Curtis C. Thomas

(You can read some of the text and D. A. Carson’s foreword at [books.google.com](http://books.google.com))

## **What Happens When We Die?** by Carolyn Nystrom

Moody Publishers / 2003 / 32 pp / \$4.99 / Hardcover

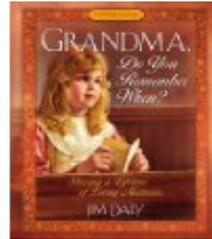
“What happens when we die? Does it hurt? The thought of dying can make a child sad and scared. This simple but profound book helps kids understand why people die – and what God has in store for them in heaven.” ~ excerpt from cover



## Grandparents

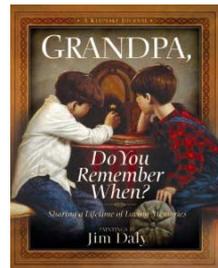
***Grandma, Do you Remember When?*** by Jim Daly  
Harvest House / 2003 / 48 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

A keepsake journal for sharing a life of memories.



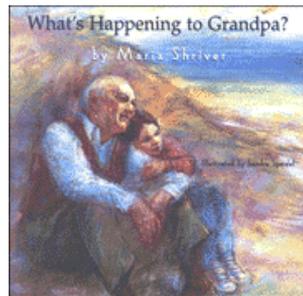
***Grandpa, Do you Remember When?*** by Jim Daly  
Harvest House / 2007 / 48 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

A keepsake journal for sharing a life of memories.



***What's Happening To Grandpa?*** by Maria Shriver  
Hatchette / 48 pp / \$15.95/ Hardcover

Maria Shriver far exceeded my expectations with this tender, loving, parent-honoring book. If you have a loved-one who is beginning to show signs of Alzheimer's disease this book may be very helpful for your children.

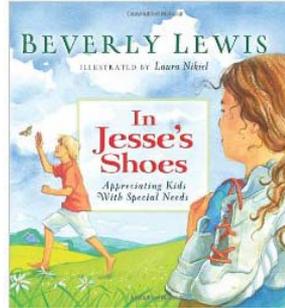


## Special Needs

### ***In Jesse's Shoes*** by Beverly Lewis

Bethany House / 2007 / 32 pp / \$9.99 / Hardcover

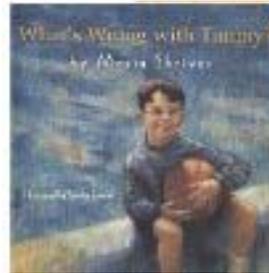
“What parent hasn't urged son or daughter not to stare at or tease a child who is "different" or disabled in some way? In this sensitive yet realistic story, Jesse's sister struggles to understand her brother--and the kids who make fun of him. This endearing book will encourage families everywhere to appreciate and befriend children with special needs.” ~ excerpt



### ***What's Wrong with Timmy?*** by Maria Shriver

Little, Brown Books / 2001 / 48 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

“All children ask questions that are difficult to answer. What then is the best response when a child points out that a disabled child or adult looks and acts “different”? How can a parent talk about differences while emphasizing the things all people have in common? In this book, remarkable for its sensitivity and generosity of spirit, Maria Shriver uses her storytelling art to provide some answers.” ~ excerpt



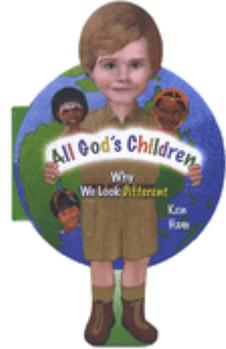
# Racial Diversity

## ***All God's Children: Why we look different***

by Ken Ham

Master Books / 2005 / 10 pp / \$6.99 / Board book

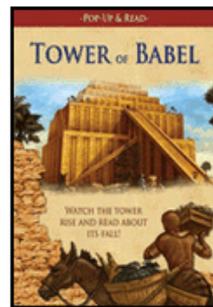
In this cut-out board book with rhyming verse, Ham introduces children to 10 different people groups, the fall, the flood, and the Tower of Babel. The last two pages say, "So God gave them different languages and forced them to move apart. The different groups moved to different lands to begin a whole new start. Yes, this is why some boys and girls look different to each other, and even though my skin is light, an Aborigine is my brother."



## ***Tower of Babel, Pop-Up and Read Book***

Master Books / 2007 / 24 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

"This book on the tower of Babel explains why people around the world speak different languages, live in different areas, and look different as well. The Bible teaches that all people groups on earth are descendants of Adam and Eve, through the three sons of Noah and their wives. We not only share the same ancestors, but also the same promise of the Savior whom God promised to the world in the Garden of Eden." ~ pages 18-22



# Growing in Christian Character

## **Children's Character Building Collection**

Although I have these 19<sup>th</sup> century reprints, I have not yet read them. They look very good, and it is for this reason alone that I pass the titles on to you. I apologize in advance if they are not as good as they appear.

1. The Bible in the Wall
2. Godliness is Great Gain
3. The Little Medicine Carrier
4. The Reward of Childhood Truth
5. The Weed With an Ill Name
6. Roses and Thorns
7. Tampering With Temptation
8. Wandering May
9. Little Daisy and the Swearing Class
10. Theobald the Iron-Hearted
11. A Little Rebel Becomes a Saint

"Some of these were the very first spiritual novelettes that I read to my children as a young father. The stories are wonderful and each of them evinces a no-compromise, no-holds-barred commitment to the highest ideals of the Christian life. Often throughout the course of child training, I have referenced my children to specific phrases, mottos, and morals taken directly from these stories." ~ Doug Phillips, Vision Forum

Please see [www.graceandtruthbooks.com](http://www.graceandtruthbooks.com) for book descriptions. You may also be interested in

## **Character Building Collection for Girls and Character Building Collection for Boys**

[You may be interested in: Alone in London, Nobody Loves Me, Christy's Old Organ, Peep Behind the Scenes, Teddy's Button, Little Faith, Winter's Folly, Aurie's Wooden Leg, Legend Led, Probable Sons, Jessica's First Prayer/Jessica's Mother, Anita and the Driftwood House, No Place Like Home, White Than Snow and Little Dot ]

**Children's Stories** by J.C. Ryle

Christian Focus / 2001 / 144 pp / \$6.99 / Paperback

I am moved by Ryle's earnest appeal to children to flee from the wrath to come and follow Christ.

"Oh, if you wish to be happy in this world, remember my advice today and do as the little blind girl did: "Love Jesus Christ, and He will love you; seek Him early, and you shall find Him."

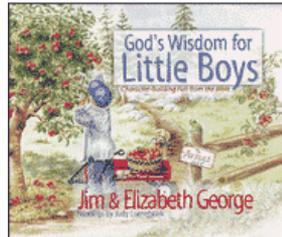


**God's Wisdom for Little Boys:**

by Jim and Elizabeth George

Harvest House / 2002 / 48 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

"Helpful at home with a cheerful heart, picking up toys and doing his part . . . Eager and willing, he does all that he can, to grow in wisdom and become God's little man." ~ excerpt

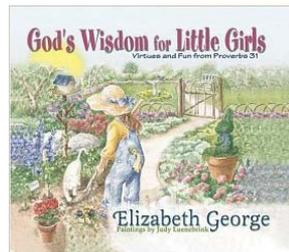


**God's Wisdom for Little Girls:**

by Jim and Elizabeth George

Harvest House / 2000 / 48 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

"There is more to being a girl than simply being sweet and nice. God desires for them to be helpful, confident, thoughtful, eager, prayerful, creative, cheerful, and kind — one of His little girls!" ~ excerpt



***Kindness is a lot of Things*** by Edith Eckblad  
Kinder-Garten / 2006 / 20 pp / \$3.00 / Paperback

This delightful book gently illustrates the numerous ways a child can show kindness.



***Let Me Hold You Longer*** by Karen Kingsbury  
Tyndale Kids / 2004 / 32 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

This book enflames my affections and stirs-up my desire to be kind to my children. I will forewarn you, however, that it may make you cry, but I think it is worth it, for it may awaken us to reality and remind us that the years of childhood are racing by. “Precious, simple moments and Bright flashes from your past – Would I have held on longer if I’d known they were your last?”



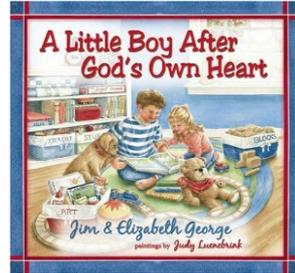
*Kindness is a sincere desire for the  
happiness of others and goodness is the  
activity calculated to advance that happiness*  
~ Jerry Bridges

## ***A Little Boy After God's Own Heart***

by Jim and Elizabeth George

Harvest House / 2007 / 32 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

“The combination of charming paintings and easy-to-learn lessons will guide boys toward the heart of God and toward a life of godliness that shows in their words, actions, and spirit.”  
~ excerpt

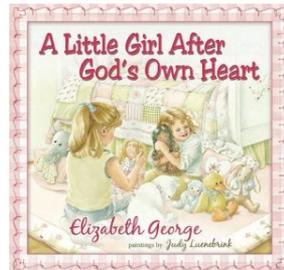


## ***A Little Girl After God's Own Heart***

by Elizabeth George

Harvest House / 2006 / 32 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

“Now the principles of Elizabeth George’s bestselling *A Woman After God’s Own Heart* are shared in sweet poetry for little girls. Elizabeth George shares the gift of pursuing a heart filled with: love, gentleness, faithfulness, kindness, goodness, joy and peace.” ~ excerpt

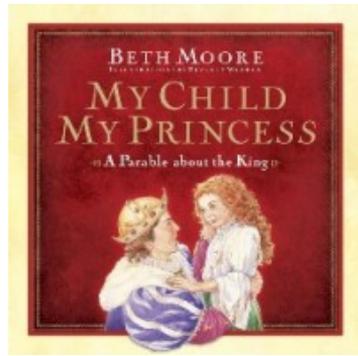


## ***My Child My Princess: A Parable about the King.***

B&H Publishing / 2007 / 32 pp / \$14.99 / Hardcover

“A young princess grows tired of palace life, enchanted by the fun and freedom by those on the outside. But despite her best attempts at being “just like them,” she discovers that freedom comes at a cost for a child of the King. If you’ve ever wished you were

someone you’re not, run away for a moment with the Princess and see what she learns. Open your eyes again to the love of the King and the life of your dreams — the life he promises to every child, every princess, who calls Him Father.” ~ excerpt from cover

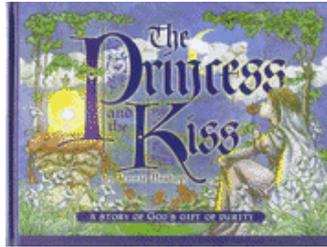


*“Well do I remember hearing my father speak of an incident that greatly impressed him? He used to be frequently away from home preaching, and at one time, as he was on his way to a service, he feared that he was neglecting his own family while caring for the souls of others. He therefore turned back, and went to his home. On arriving there, he was surprised to find no one in the lower rooms of the house but, on ascending the stairs, he heard a sound as of someone engaged in prayer. On listening at the bedroom door, **he discovered that it was my mother, pleading most earnestly for the salvation of all her children, and specially praying for Charles, her first-born and strong-willed son.** My father felt that he might safely go about his Master’s business while his dear wife was caring so well for the spiritual interests of the boys and girls at home, so he did not disturb her, but proceeded at once to fulfill his preaching engagement.”*

*~ C. H. Spurgeon*

***The Princess and the Kiss*** by Jeanne Bishop  
Warner Press / 2000 / 32 pp / \$12.99 / Hardcover

“I asked God how I could teach my young daughters the value of purity, how I could begin in their early years to stress the importance and beauty of saving themselves for marriage. This is God’s



poignant answer. My prayer is that this simple story will fulfill the same purpose for many other loving parents.”

~ Jennie Bishop, author

***The Squire and the Scroll*** by Jeanne Bishop  
Warner Press / 2004 / 35 pp / \$12.99 / Hardcover

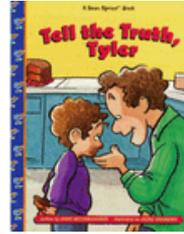
“This captivating adventure follows a young squire who travels a long, dangerous road beside his brave knight, on a quest for a king. The action builds until the final face-off with the monstrous, evil



dragon. Only then does the squire learn of the secret beyond the cave that ends in a joyous celebration for the entire kingdom. Children will gain valuable insight about the dangers of temptation, and what it takes to guard one’s heart from all that is impure.” ~ excerpt

***Tell the Truth Tyler*** by Jodee McConnaughay  
Standard Publishing / 2005 / 16 pp / \$1.99 / Softcover

This rhyming book is the perfect way to introduce your children to the concept of lying. I am thankful that we read this with Isaiah before he told his first lie, for after he did tell a lie, he knew that he sinned just like Tyler. This is very well done, and I wish all books were available at this price!



*Encouragement for Parents*

*“Even the best education, may fall short of affecting the heart, as my own story will demonstrate; but I think my example should be an encouragement for godly parents to continue doing their part faithfully. Although in later years I sinned away all the advantages of my early learning, they did restrain my behaviour for some time. They returned in my mind again and again, and it was a very long time before I could wholly shake them off, when the Lord finally opened my eyes, I found that my recollection of them was a great benefit. My dear mother, beside the care she took with me, often commended me to God with many prayers and tears.”*

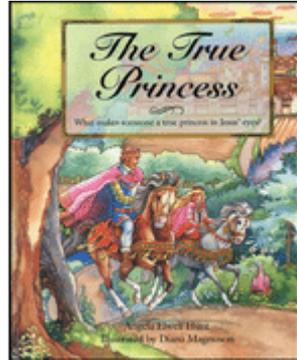
*~ John Newton*

***The True Princess*** by Angela Elwell Hunt  
Charisma Kids / 2004 / 32 pp / \$11.99 / Hardcover.

Theme: “love marks a true daughter of the king.”

When the king journeys to another kingdom to help his friend, his daughter must go into hiding. Disguised as a commoner, the princess no longer has musicians or servants, jokers or cooks. She learns to cook for herself, dress herself, laugh at herself and

sing to herself. After many months the king returns and announces that he will receive his daughter the following day. The next morning the king is surprised to find 26 “princesses”. How will he find out which is the true princess?



**Viking Quest Series** by Lois Walfrid Johnson  
Moody Publishers / 2003 / \$29.95 / Paperback

“When Briano O’Toole rescues a stranger from drowning, she doesn’t realize that her actions may have put her family and village in danger. Then, in one frightening day, Viking raiders capture Bree and her brother Devin and take them away from their home in Ireland.



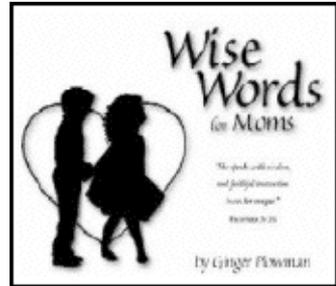
All of the Irish prisoners are at the mercy of Mikkell, the proud young leader of the Vikings. Separated by Mikkell, Bree and Devin each face different journeys to courage. As Bree sails toward a life of slavery in Norway and as Devin struggles to survive on his own, they must choose to trust God in spite of the troubles they face.” ~ excerpt from back cover

Of course I was excited to find such good historical fiction, but what really impressed me about this series was the theology. When Bree is captured and enslaved she prays, “I thought you were a good God. Didn’t my mama and daddy tell me so? If You’re really good, why did You let this happen to me?” (v. 1, p. 122).

How I wish I would have wrestled with this concept as a child. What takes months or even years to resolve in reality, Bree resolves in a few little paragraphs and resigns herself to God, sweetly offering this prayer: “I don’t understand what You’re doing, but I choose to trust You. . . . And, Lord, if this is where I’m going to be, I ask You — I plead with You — to somehow use my life for good (v. 1, p. 122).

**Wise Words for Moms** by Ginger Plowman  
Shepherd Press / 2001 / \$4.00

"This is an answer to one of the most frequently asked questions, "How can I find passages of Scripture that will enable me to address heart issues?" Ginger Plowman has identified themes of response we find in our children and



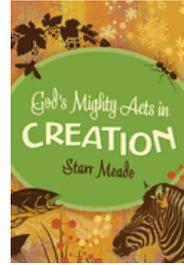
located passages of scripture that will address heart issues in richly biblical ways. Laid out in a calendar-like format to hang on the wall for easy reference."  
~ Shepherd Press

"The Bible is very clear about the responsibility of parents to discipline their children, and to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Tragically, America now faces an epidemic of undisciplined children. In *Wise Words for Moms*, Ginger Plowman offers assistance and guidance for Christian mothers seeking to raise godly children. Her advice is particularly helpful for mothers of young children. This is not a task for cowards. *Wise Words for Moms* will help mothers to bend young twigs into strong and faithful trees. Every father ought to borrow Mom's copy as well." ~ R. Albert Mohler, Jr., President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

# Bible Study for Children

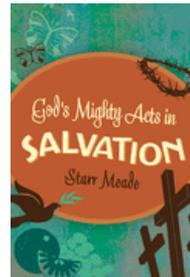
**God's Mighty Acts in Creation** by Starr Meade  
Crossway / 2010 / 96 pp / \$10.99 / Paperback

This guide explores the wonders of nature and what they reveal about the Creator. Examining God's glory, wisdom, sovereignty, and power, each reading includes a key verse, stimulating questions, and engaging activities for elementary-aged children. Great for family devotions or individual use!

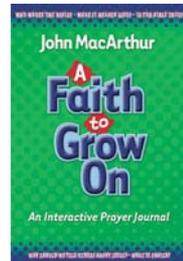


**God's Mighty Acts in Salvation** by Starr Meade  
Crossway / 2010 / 96 pp / \$10.99 / Paperback

“Introduction to God's saving work and the significance of the gospel message. Creatively unpacking Paul's teachings in Galatians, each reading begins with a key verse, highlights one element of the gospel in everyday terms, and follows with stimulating questions and kid-friendly activities. Awaken young hearts to God's Word!” ~ CBD



**A Faith to Grow On** by John MacArthur  
Tommy Nelson / 2000 / 192 p  
\$15.99 / Paperback



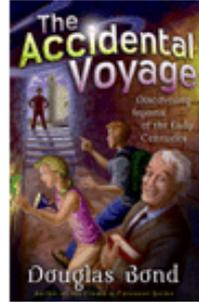
*“[My mother] made it the chief business and pleasure of her life to instruct me, and bring me up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”*  
~John Newton

# Missions and Church History

## ***The Accidental Voyage: Discovering Hymns of the Early Centuries*** by Douglas Bond

P & R Publishing / 2005 / 264 pp / \$9.99 / Paperback

Bond is such a good writer that you get carried off on an adventure and learn great hymns on the way! Hymns you learn in this volume include: Of the Father's Love Begotten (Prudentius), Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (Bernard of Clairvaux), Jerusalem the Golden (Bernard of Cluny), All Creatures of our God and King (St. Francis of Assisi), Be Thou My Vision, etc.



The other books in this series include ***Mr. Pipes: Hymns of the Reformation, British Hymn Makers Comes to America.***

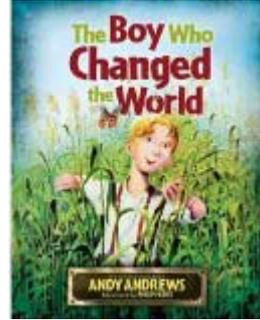
“What did the Holy Spirit do when he saw that the human race was not led easily to virtue, and that due to our penchant for pleasure we gave little heed to an upright life?

He mixed sweetness of melody with doctrine so that inadvertently we would absorb the benefit of the words through gentleness and ease of hearing, just as clever physicians frequently smear the cup with honey when giving the fastidious some rather bitter medicine to drink. Thus he contrived for us theses harmonious psalm tunes, so that those who are children in actual age as well as those who are young in behavior, while appearing only to sing would in reality be training their souls. For not one of these many indifferent people ever leaves church easily retaining in memory some maxim of either the Apostles or the Prophets, but they do sing the texts of the Psalms at home and circulate them in the marketplace.”

~ Saint Basil (ca. 330-379)

***The Boy Who Changed the World*** by Andy Andrews  
Tommy Nelson / 2010 / 40 pp / \$16.99 / Hardcover

Read this true story of how God used Norman Borlaug to spare 2 BILLION people from starvation, and be inspired to dream, realizing that everything you do matters.



*“The fate of empires depends  
on the education of youth.”*  
~ Aristotle

***Christian Biographies for Young Readers:  
Augustine*** by Simonetta Carr  
Reformation Heritage / 62 pp / \$18.00 / Hardcover

“Augustine (354-430) grew up a very talented, but disobedient boy, but his mother kept praying for him. As he grew up, he looked for answers in many places, but did not turn to the Bible until he was 31. Once he came to Christ, God began to use him in a many remarkable ways in the church in Northern Africa, as a preacher, as a leader, and as a writer. His life is a great testimony to a mother’s answered prayers.”  
~ Pastor Vincent

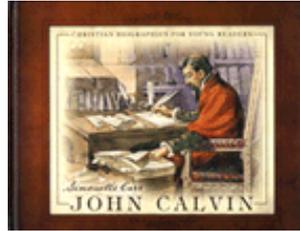


***Christian Biographies for Young Readers:***

***John Calvin*** by Simonetta Carr

Reformation Heritage / 63 pp / \$18.00 / Hardcover

“Born in France, John Calvin’s (1509-1564) life is a testimony to the helpful spiritual influence of godly friends. Though Calvin grew up loving to serve in the church, he learned as a young man that it is possible even for a church to do things against the



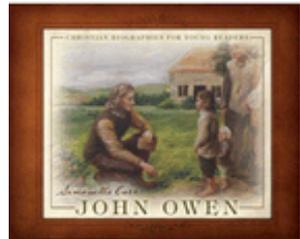
Bible. Good friends in college helped John to discover the truth of the Bible, and from that moment, Calvin dedicated his life to helping other people know the Bible. He served God as a husband, a preacher, and a writer.” ~ Pastor Vincent

***Christian Biographies for Young Readers:***

***John Owen*** by Simonetta Carr

Reformation Heritage / 64 pp / \$18.00 / Hardcover

“From his early years John Owen (1616-1683) proved to be a hard worker, a good listener, and a diligent student. He eventually married and became a father of eleven children! As a preacher, Owen gave his life to trying to help the church in



England correct its teaching and its practices. He was invited to pastor in Boston, Massachusetts, and later, even to become the president of Harvard, but he remained in England, spending his time preaching and writing whenever He could. He wrote at least 80 different books during his life.” ~ Pastor Vincent.

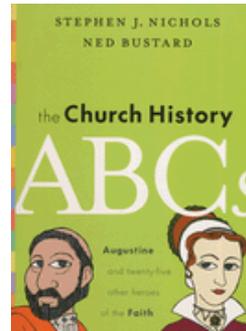
Some anticipated volumes: John Knox, Lady Jane Grey, John Bunyan, Jonathan Edwards, Charles Spurgeon, and B.B. Warfield

## ***The Church History ABCs***

by Stephen J. Nichols and Ned Bustard

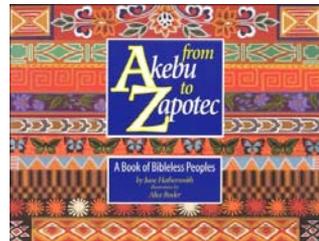
Crossway / 2010 / 32 pp / \$15.99 / Hardcover

While we await the publication of Pastor Vincent's Church History book for children, we will have to be satisfied with this one. The hilarious endorsements on the back cover give you a flavor of what is inside. What a fun way to introduce your children to 26 extraordinary servants of God.



***From Akebu to Zapotec: A Book of Bibleless People*** by Hathersmith Wycliffe Bible Translators / 31pp / \$12.00 / Paperback

“Here’s a fun and educational book that introduces kids to a variety of people and cultures around the world. With 26 different Bibleless language groups represented—one for each letter of the alphabet—your children will not only learn a great deal about the world they live in, but they’ll also be able to pray for people who haven’t yet received God’s Word in the language that allows them to truly understand God’s love.” ~ Wycliffe Bible Translator’s Review



*The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while the conditions are still unfavourable. Favourable conditions never come.*

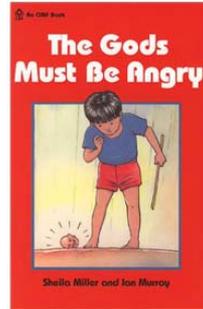
~ C. S. Lewis

## ***The God's Must Be Angry***

by Sheila Miller and Ian Murray

OMF / 28 pp / \$4.49 / Paperback

“Bradit loved to play at being band major. But then disaster struck — his stick knocked the head off the Happy Idol! Father was furious, mother was horrified, and Bradit was very, very, scared.” ~ excerpt from cover



This is the testimony of Pastor Bradit (name changed) as told to Ian Murray.

*People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives. . . . and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.*

*~ Nate Saint*

**Heroes for Young Readers Series** by Renee Taft  
YWAM Publishing / 32 pp / \$8.99 / Hardcover



Each book is written in poetic form. Here is an excerpt from the book on Jonathan Goforth:

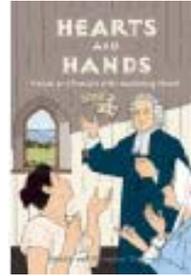
Since he was poor and from the farm,  
his classmates had been mean,  
but Jonathan was sure that he  
could not give up his dream.  
Determined, he would stay and study  
hard till school was done  
so he could sail to other lands  
and teach about God's Son.

Please see [www.ywampublishing.com](http://www.ywampublishing.com) for descriptions of each book.

(Gladys Alyward, Brother Andrew, William Carey, Amy Carmichael, Loren Cunningham, Jim Elliot, Jonathan Goforth, Betty Greene, Adoniram Judson, C. S. Lewis, Eric Liddell, David Livingstone, Lottie Moon, George Müller, Nate Saint, Mary Slessor, Ida Scudder, Hudson Taylor, Corrie ten Boom, Cameron Townsend)

**History Lives Series** by Brandon & Mindy Withrow  
Christian Focus / \$8.99 / Paperback

The Withrows certainly accomplished their mission: “Let history come to life — just the way it should be.”



**Volume 1: Peril and Peace:  
Chronicles of the Ancient Church**

(Paul, Polycarp, Justin, Origen, Cyprian, Constantine, Athanasius, Ambrose, Augustine, John Chrysostom, Jerome, Patrick, and Benedict, 240 pp)

**Volume 2: Monks and Mystics**

(Gregory the Great, Boniface, Charlemagne, Constantine Methodius, Vladimir, Anselm of Canterbury, Bernard of Clairvaux, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Sienna, John Wycliffe and John Hus, 224 pp)

**Volume 3: Courage and Conviction: Chronicles of the Modern Church**

(Erasmus and Luther to Katherine Parr and William Bradford, Scientific Revolution, wars of religion, the Puritans, 256 pp)

**Volume 4: Hearts and Hands: The Awakening Church**

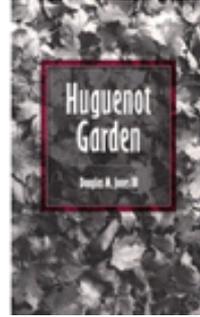
(John Wesley and Jonathan Edwards to Elizabeth Fry and Sojourner Truth, social reform, the French and American Revolutions, and the rise of Protestant Denominations, 224 pp)

**Volume 5: Rescue and Redeem: Chronicles of the Modern Church, 1860 A.D. –Tomorrow**

(Niijima Jo and Pandita Ramabai to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Janani Luwum, 256 pp)

**Huguenot Garden** by Douglas M. Jones III  
Canon Press / 2005 / 126 pp / \$8.99 / Paperback

“Huguenot Garden is a children’s story of the daily and adventurous episodes in the lives of Renee and Albert Martineau, young twin sisters in a 17<sup>th</sup> century, French Protestant family. . . . The story aims to portray the ideas and historical details common to Huguenot life in France, 1685, a tragic year whose final quarter brought the full wrath of Louse XIV.” ~ excerpt from cover



## **Light Keepers: Ten Girls Who / Ten Boys Who**

by Irene Howatt

Christian Focus / \$6.99 / Paperback

Howatt uses her storytelling skill to interweave characteristics of each person back into their childhood, so that children who read these stories today will see that God used people who were at one time just like them: children. This is how she introduces one of our favorite theologians:



“Jonathan lay absolutely still on the grass, hardly daring to breathe. Just in front of him was what he had hoped to see. A tiny spider climbed up a twig on a low bush, then it stopped and seemed to rub all of its legs together. A moment later, it swung to another branch, and the boy could see just the faintest glint of . . . .”

### **Ten Boys Who Made History**

(Charles Spurgeon, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, John Owen, D. L. Moody, A.W. Tozer, Samuel Rutherford and Billy Sunday)

### **Ten Girls Who Made History**

(Mary Jane Kinnaird, Emma Dryer, Florence Nightingale, Lottie Moon, Ida Scudder, Henrietta Mears, Bessie Adams, Betty Green, Elisabeth Elliot, Jeanette Li)

### **Ten Boys Who Changed the World**

(John Newton, William Carey, Adoniram Judson, Eric Liddell, Brother Andrew, George Muller and more.)

### **Ten Girls Who Changed the World**

(Gladys Aylward, Mary Slessor, Isobel Kuhn, Amy Carmichael, Joni Eareckson Tada, Catherine Booth, Corrie ten Boom, Elizabeth Fry, Jackie Pullinger, Evelyn Brand)

### **Ten Boys Who Used Their Talents**

(Paul Brand, Ghillean Prance, C.T. Studd, Wilfred Grenfell, J.S. Bach, Samuel Morse, John Bunyan)

### **Ten Girls Who Used Their Talents**

(Harriet Beecher Stowe; Mildred Cable; Sarah Edwards; Annie Lawson; Carine Mackenzie; Katie Ann Mackinnon; Selina; Countess of Huntingdon; Helen Roseveare; Patricia St. John; and Mary Verghese)

### **Ten Boys Who Didn't Give In**

(Polycarp, Cranmer, George Wishart, Alban, James Chalmers, Dietrich Bonhoffer, Nate Saint, Ivan Moiseyev, Graham Staines and John Oldcastle)

### **Ten Girls Who Didn't Give In**

(Blandina, Perpetua, Lady Jane Grey, Anne Askew, Lysken Dirks, Marion Harvey, Margaret Wilson, Judith Weinberg, Betty Stam and Esther John.)

### **Ten Boys Who Made a Difference**

(Augustine, John Knox, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jan Hus, Hugh Latimer, Ulrich Zwingli, William Tyndale, Thomas Chalmers and Lord Shaftesbury)

### **Ten Girls Who Made a Difference**

(Susanna Wesley, Ann Judson, Edith Schaeffer, Monica of Thagaste, Susannah Spurgeon, Maria Taylor, Katherine Luther, Bethan Lloyd-Jones, Sabina Wurmbrand, and Ruth Bell Graham)

**Little Lights Series** by Catherine Mackenzie

[www.christianfocus.com/images/items/9781845501082.jpg](http://www.christianfocus.com/images/items/9781845501082.jpg)

CF4kids / 2010 / \$7.99 / Hardcover

**What is the Truth?** John Calvin

**Who is the Bravest?** David

Livingstone

**Are All of the Watches Safe?**

Corrie ten Boom

**What Should I Do?** Martin Luther

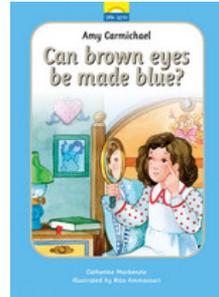
**Can Brown Eyes be Made Blue?**

Amy Carmichael

**Does Money Grow on Trees?** George Muller

**What's in the Parcel?** Helen Roseveare

**Could Somebody Pass the Salt?** Hudson Taylor

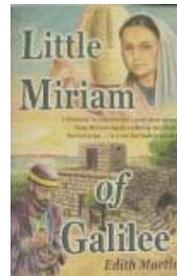


**Little Miriam of Galilee** by Edith Martin

Veritas / 121 pp / \$6.00 / Paperback

“A dishonest tax collector and a poor wheat harvest mean Miriam's family could lose their home. But God helps in a way they hadn't expected. Rare, great historical fiction in Bible times.”

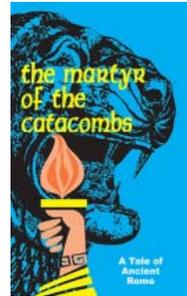
~ Veritas Press review



## ***Martyr of the Catacombs: a Tale of Ancient Rome***

Christian Light / 2007 / 153 pp / \$4.50 / Paperback

David recently read this book aloud to our family. Here is a portion of the forward: “An anonymous story was published many years ago. A copy of that book was salvaged from an American sailing vessel, commanded by Captain Richard Roberts,



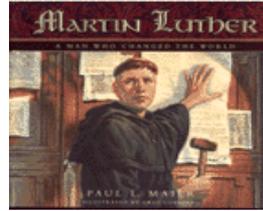
abandoned at sea, after a disastrous hurricane in January, 1876. It is now in the possession of his son. This volume, bearing the same title, is a carefully edited reprint of that book, and it is now jointly sent forth in the hope that it may be used of the Lord to bring vividly before faithful and thoughtful, as well as careless and thoughtless, believers and their children, in these last and evil days, a picture of what the saints endured for our Lord Jesus Christ, under one of the bitter persecutions of heathen Rome; and which, we believe, will be repeated with satanic intensity in the future, . . .”

## ***Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed The World***

by Paul Maier

Concordia / 2004 / 32 pp / \$10.49 / Hardcover

“The reformer, Martin Luther, was a powerful, influential man whose personal quest for peace with God launched widespread change in the church and laid a new foundation for society. As a young monk, Luther searched the Scriptures to ease his anxieties about sin and salvation. He became convinced that the Roman Catholic Church had lost sight of its central themes. Luther challenged the church by posting his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church, an act that guaranteed attention. Rome responded quickly, demanding Luther to retract his remarks and eventually declaring him an outlaw. Despite its best efforts, the hierarchy of the church could not suppress Martin Luther. These dramatic events of his life sparked discontent that had been smoldering for centuries. Luther’s writings were widely read and accepted as the Renaissance ended and the Reformation began. His words continue to influence the church today as Christians rely on the truth of God’s Word.” ~ CBD



You may also be interested in: **Luther the Leader** by Virgil Robinson.

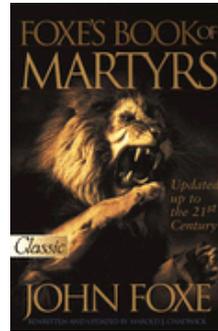
*“The catechism was something Luther took very seriously. He believed that everyone should memorize it, that anyone unwilling to learn it should be barred from the Lord’s Supper, that parents should withhold food and drink from children, and that, ultimately, such people should be exiled. He knew he could not force belief, but **he insisted that the people at least know the truth**. And, in many ways, it seemed to work. Within a few years, he reckoned that fifteen-year-olds in Wittenberg knew more about the word of God ‘than all the universities and doctors before’.”*

*~ Dr. Michael Reeves*

## ***New Foxe's Book of Martyrs***

Bridge Logos Publishing / 2001 / \$14.99 / Paperback

“President Lincoln once called Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, “the little lady who wrote the big book that started this great [Civil] War.” John Foxe (1516-1587) could aptly be described as “the little man who wrote the big book[s] that inspired the English Reformation.” Though Foxe penned more than 40 different works, his most well-known is a massive 8-volume set entitled, *The Acts and Monuments of the English Martyrs*. Many of those martyrs whose testimonies he records not only were his contemporaries; they were among his personal friends.

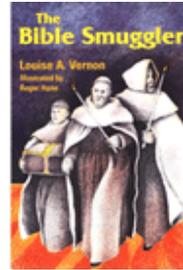


After publishing several revised and updated editions of the collection, Foxe died in April 1587. His work, however, has long outlived him. Even during his lifetime, people saw the value of the record he had compiled, and every cathedral church was ordered to obtain a copy to make available for people in that parish to read. Many other parish churches also purchased the expensive, large volumes as an aid to help their people never forget the price at which their faith had been bequeathed to them.” ~ Pastor Vincent

*“The dark days of Queen Mary are well-known to the students of English history. Thanks to the wide-spread distribution of the Book of Martyrs by the laborious and reliable compiler John Foxe, no period in our country's history is better known to the youth of both sexes. Old and young have read its pages; its pictures have given increased interest; and its present cheap form enables every school boy or girl to have a copy in their possession.” ~ Thomas Hope Aston*

**Religious Heritage Series** by Louise Vernon  
Herald Press / \$8.99 / Paperback

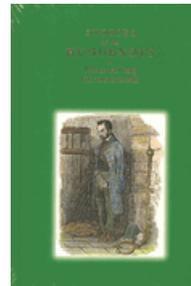
1. The Beggars' Bible (Wycliffe)
2. The Bible Smuggler (Tyndale)
3. Doctor in Rags
4. A Heart Strangely Warmed (Wesley)
5. Ink on His Fingers (Gutenberg)
6. Key to the Prison (George Fox)
7. The King's Book (KJV Bible)
8. The Man Who Laid the Egg (Erasmus)
9. Night Preacher (Menno Simons)
10. Peter and the Pilgrims
11. The Secret Church (Anabaptists)
12. Thunderstorm in Church (Martin Luther)



**Stories of the Huguenots in France and Italy for Young People**

Sprinkle Publications / 2004 / \$28.00 / Hardcover

“We think that the history of [21 year old] Blance Gamond deserves to be read and thought over, and that it may be useful. The profession of Christianity is easy in our day. We live in peace, and in the midst of enjoyment. Such was not the case with Christians in early times, and with a great number of the disciples of the reformers. It is well that works written in that season of persecution should appear from time to time, to remind us of the truth of the Saviour’s words: “If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross daily and follow me.” If God gives us all things in abundance, let us learn to give ourselves entirely to him; and let us work night and day, and say with the apostle, “Lord, I will lay down my life for thy sake.”  
~ preface by Merle D’Aubigne



“Dear Children, here is a little book for your perusal. It is not adapted for mere amusement, but I think you will find it both interesting and instructive. Our path of life is not always equally smooth. We must expect to encounter difficulties, and sometimes even dangers. Should you ever be exposed to persecutions similar to those of these youths, this little book may afford you much warning and encouragement; and if you are preserved from such trials, it may show you how grateful you ought to be for your great and precious privileges!” ~preface to second story in this compilation

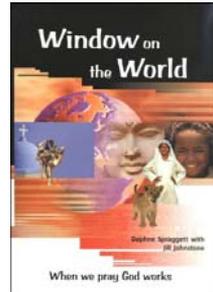
***Window on the World: When we pray God works***

by Daphne Spragget and Jill Johnson

Authentic / 2007 / 224 pp / \$16.99 / Paperback

(also available in Hardcover)

“A book that will inform and inspire the whole family, this beautifully presented yet practical book is the ideal accompaniment to Operation World. Stunning photographic visuals complement this A-Z of 100 countries and people groups providing an exciting learning experience and guide for prayer. Learn about different people groups, their beliefs and circumstances.” ~ CBD

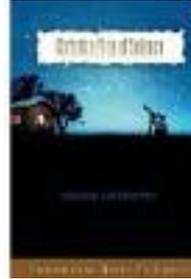


## Science

*At first glance it may seem strange to have a section on Science, but I think you will agree that the better we understand the creation the greater potential we have to worship the Creator.*

**Christian Men of Science: Eleven Men Who Changed The World** by George Mulfinger and Julia Mulfinger Orozco / Ambassador International / 2004 / 321 pp. / 14.99 / Paperback

Read how God used some of His people to change the world and encourage your children to emulate them. This book contains biographical sketches of Kepler, Boyle, Sir David Brewster, Faraday, Samuel F.B. Morse, Matthew Fontaine Maury, Lord Kelvin, James Maxwell, Howard Kelly, Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Walt Brown.



If your child shows an unusual propensity toward the sciences by all means encourage that gift and set the needs of the world before the eyes of your child. Maybe God will use him to prevent or alleviate much suffering.

“Intellectuals solve problems, geniuses prevent them.”

**Famous Scientist Laminated Poster** / Safari LTD / \$14.99

These are the ultimate posters! From Aristotle to Stephen Hawking, this 24"W x36"H poster contains pictures of 57 scientists and a description of their contribution to the scientific world. We turn this into a game by placing a poster at each end of our home. I call out a name or a question and the kids race to find the answer. For example: Find John Bardeen. Find the man who invented the battery. Find the scientist who is in a wheelchair. At age 2, Isaiah easily finds the correct answer and one-year old Jerusha has a blast just running around, laughing and squealing, trying to keep up with her older brother. Once we identify the correct answer, I call out another question and the kids race about 50 feet to the other poster and locate the answer. So, as you can see, this is "Toddler P.E." and science and ultimately a ton of fun.



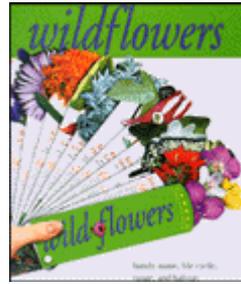
### **Famous Inventors** (Guttenberg – Eckert)

You can buy these through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or from [www.safariltd.com](http://www.safariltd.com). Be aware that some people try to sell these posters for \$200, so don't be duped.

(I think it is certainly worth paying a few extra dollars for the laminated copy. I want these to last for a few decades.☺)

**Fandex Field Guides** / Workman Publishing / \$9.95

This is one of those cases where the picture just doesn't do this justice. Each fandex contains approx. 50 cards, and each card includes an informative write-up and a picture cut-out in the shape of the flower (or butterfly, etc.). The whole thing is attached at the bottom so you don't have to worry about losing cards.



(Science Fandex Guides Include:  
Birds, Bugs, Butterflies, Cats,  
Dinosaurs, Dogs, Trees,  
Wildflowers)

*How unreasonable is it that we should delight in the world,  
and not much more in him that made it! ~ Thomas Watson*

“These days it seems everywhere you turn, people are talking about the importance of **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education**, and the reason for this is simple. Demand for scientists and engineers is expected to grow at a rate far exceeding any other occupational field, while at the same time fewer and fewer students are pursuing careers in these areas, and when they are, they are often not performing at a sufficient level of academic achievement to be successful.”- Fischertechnik website

Fischertechnik hopes to bridge the educational gap. For over 50 years they have been innovating and manufacturing high quality modeling systems used for industry, education and play. We have the impressive Universal II Kit. With over 400 pieces you can build 48 models including a sewing machine, screw press, oil drill, construction crane, hand blender, helicopter, lifting platform with car, rotating swing and much much more.



“Each fischertechnik educational set includes full color assembly instructions as well as a multi-language, black and white activity booklet with thematically related tasks and topics that can be covered in class and discussed. Additional worksheets can even be downloaded right from the fischertechnik web site.

Here are just a few of the topics your students can explore and learn about with Fischertechnik:

**Mechanics**--gears, pulleys, and electrical motors.

**Statics**--stability, struts and braces.

**Pneumatics**--making things move with air, the relationship between force and pressure

**Renewable Energies**--the production, storage and use of electrical energy and the regenerative energies from wind, water and the sun.

**Electrical Technology**--electrical circuits and electromechanical controls; circuit, series and parallel connection.

**Robotics** (aka Mechatronics and Computer Science) -- design machines and robot models, then use graphic software to program and control their actions.”

-information taken from Fischertechnik website

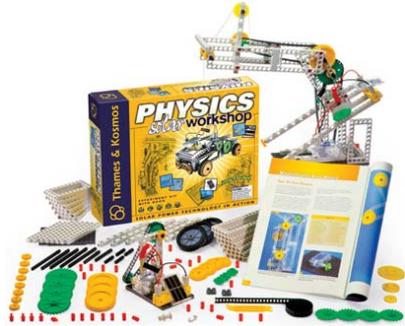
[www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) often sells these kits at a significantly discounted price.

You can request a catalog and maybe your kids will find something they would really like for Christmas. 😊

“If I have ever made any valuable discoveries,  
it has been due more to patient attention,  
than to any other talent”  
— Sir Isaac Newton

## Thames and Kosmos

“Thames & Kosmos (T&K) was founded in 2001 with the mission of improving informal science education by publishing high-quality science and technology related educational products for children of all ages. T&K places an emphasis on teaching concepts and skills through hands-on modeling of real-world devices and processes, and by offering comprehensive, meaningful reading materials for a rich learning experience.

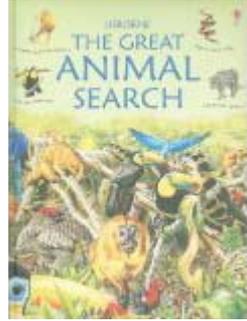


Thames & Kosmos currently offers more than 60 science kits in eleven categories: Chemistry, Physics, Alternative Energy & Environmental Science, Technology & Electronics, Biology, Earth Science & Natural History, Fun & Fundamentals, Astronomy, Classic Science, Little Labs, and Sophisticated Science.” - T&K website [www.thamesandkosmos.com](http://www.thamesandkosmos.com).

Again, you can request a catalog and maybe your kids will find even more things they would like for Christmas. 😊

**The Great Animal Search** by Caroline Young /  
Usborne / 48 pp. / \$9.99 / Hardcover

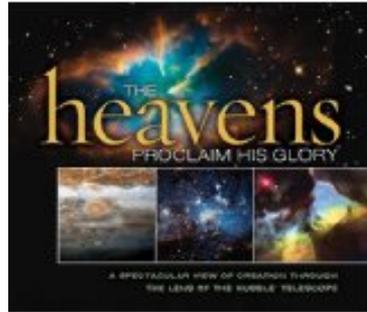
Instead of looking for “a ball, a thimble and a shovel” (I SPY), you can get this book and look for “Pikas, Lammergeiers and a Tahrs”. Every double page represents a different geographical region (i.e. North Pacific Ocean, East Asia, Australia), and there is a helpful fact given for nearly every animal in the search (i.e. Dholes are wild dogs. They whistle to each other to stay in touch). This is good educational fun for the whole family.



“I have no special talent.  
I am only passionately curious.”  
~Albert Einstein

**The Heavens Proclaim His Glory: A Spectacular View of Creation Through The Lens of the Hubble Telescope** / Thomas Nelson, Inc. / 2010 / \$19.99

The pictures in this book will cause you to stand in awe of the Creator.

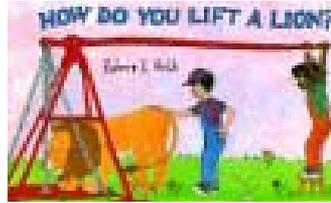


*“Having put the marvelous system of the universe on show for human beings to look at – since no other species is capable of taking it in – He must prefer the type of person who examines carefully, and really admires His work, to the type that just ignores it and like the lower animals remains quite unimpressed by the whole astonishing spectacle.”*

*~Thomas Moore, Utopia*

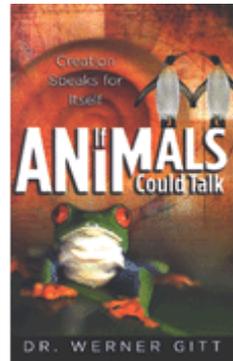
**How Do You Lift A Lion?** By Robert E. Wells / Albert Whitman & Co. / 1996 / 32pp. / \$6.99 / Paperback

My high school Physics classes may have been more profitable if all we did was read this little book. I love it when people distill big concepts and put them into a story book for children. If you get this book, your kids will learn about levers, fulcrums, pulleys and much much more.



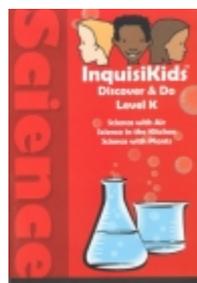
**If Animals Could Talk, Creation Speaks By Itself** by Dr. Werner Gitt / New Leaf Publishing Group / \$9.99 / Paperback

“Dr. Werner Gitt, one of the foremost creationist speakers in the world, uses his scientific expertise in this book to show the unique design features of some of God's most captivating creations. All people, young and old, layperson or expert, will be able to understand and enjoy this straightforward book. Told from the perspective of the animals being described, *If Animals Could Talk* clearly shows the impossibility of life without design. Dr. Gitt uses simple language to provoke a sense of wonder and awe at the marvelous design of the Creator.” – CBD review



## **InquisiKids Discover and Do DVD: Science with Air, Science in the Kitchen, Science with Plants / \$19.99**

Imagine a boy in the MCBC youth group doing science experiments in front of a video camera and you will get the basic idea of what to expect from this DVD. The video quality is not the greatest, BUT my son really likes this, and I must admit that I have learned some new things too. Amazingly, the young man does nearly 100 experiments in about 90 minutes. Some of the experiments are as simple as licking your finger and determining the direction of the wind, and some of them are as complex as understanding and seeing how a hot-air balloon works. You can watch several samples of this DVD at: <http://www.sonlight.com/KS07.html>



I consider this to be more valuable than all of the “How to Do Experiment” books I own, for when I look through the books and see the pages of instructions I usually just put the book back on the shelf. But with this DVD we see the experiments and it is easy to quickly gather the materials and perform the experiment right along side the DVD. If you like this DVD, you may also be interested in the other InquisiKids DVDs that are available through Sonlight.

**Jonathan Park Adventure Series / The Vision Forum**  
\$25.00 ea. / Audio CDs

“In **Volume 1, *The Adventure Begins***, Jonathan Park, Jessie Brenan and their families have a vision to build the Brenan Ranch and Museum, excavate dinosaur bones, solve any mystery that comes their way, explore unknown caves and most importantly, fight for the message of a Creator! Twelve episodes will have you on the edge of your seat as Jonathan and friends make their way through the world of creation science.



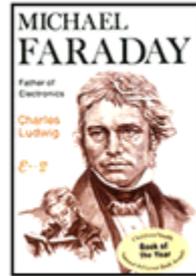
In **Volume 2, *No Looking Back***, tune in to listen to the continuing adventures of the Park and Brenan families. Captivating for listeners of all ages while it teaches the truth of biblical, 6-day creation. Each adventure is based on real places and scientific discoveries!

In **Volume 3, *The Winds of Change***, join the families as they face a hurricane in Florida, travel to the Middle East to learn about the Tower of Babel, and form a Creation Response Team to help solve the disappearance of a well-known creationist.”-CBD

Each volume contains 12 episodes and 4 CDs with approximately 5 hours of audio. Please visit [www.cbd.com](http://www.cbd.com) to hear samples and to read the descriptions of the other titles in this series.

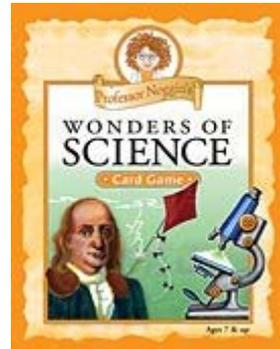
**Michael Faraday: Father of Electronics** by Charles Ludwig / Herald Press / 1998 / 208 pp. / Paperback

“Michael Faraday only attended school a year or two in his entire life. Yet Albert Einstein rated him as one of the all-time greats of science along with Galileo and Sir Isaac Newton. . . . He was the father of the electric motor, the transformer, and the generator. He discovered benzene, improved steel alloys, and was the first to turn chlorine into a liquid. . . .Throughout his life, Faraday served as an elder in a small London church that was determined to live by the Sermon on the Mount.” – exert from the back cover



**Professor Noggin’s Card Games** / Outset Media / \$9.95

“Professor Noggin’s series of educational games encourages kids to learn interesting facts about their favorite subjects. Each of the thirty game cards combines trivia, true or false, and multiple choice questions. A special three-numbered die is included which creates interaction and promotes communication between players.



Easy and hard levels keep kids interested and challenged – while of course having fun!” – exert  
Please visit [www.professornoggin.com](http://www.professornoggin.com) to see all the available titles.

I think the cheapest place to buy these is from Children’s books in Lyman: [www.childsbooks.com](http://www.childsbooks.com)

**Lyrical Science** by Doug Eldon and Bobby Horton / Lyrical Learning / \$29.99 per set which includes a book, a workbook and CD

Anyone who can take material that is taught at a college level and distill it down into a song that even toddlers can sing must be border-line genius. Right? Well, this is precisely what Horton and Eldon have done. Instead of singing, “Oh Susanna”, you can sing, “Oh Bacteria”.

Here’s the first verse:



*Oh, lacking any nucleus, you do have a cell wall.  
You live in water, air and soil, and anywhere at all.  
You reproduce by fission, and you do so very fast  
And under harsh conditions in an endospore you last,  
Oh, bacteria though simple and so small,  
Without you e-co-systems would not function well at all.*

The creators of this program intend for the CD to be funny and fun, but if you do not like the CD, it’s no problem because the books contain the sheet music for each song. In addition to using this to assist a struggling science student, many people use this as an elementary school science curriculum and it is with good reason, for a child who uses this for elementary science will be light-years ahead of the child who uses a traditional science textbook.

Titles in this series include:

1. Life Science: Bacteria to Birds
2. Life Science: Mammals, Ecology and Biomes
3. Life Science: The Human Body
4. Earth Science: Geology

Please visit [www.lyricallearning.com](http://www.lyricallearning.com) to learn more.

## Resources from [www.rainbowresource.com](http://www.rainbowresource.com)

### Chartlets - \$1.95

17"x22" Non-laminated

Sturdy Cardstock

Atom

The Cell

Constellations

Cross Section of the Earth

DNA

Earthquakes

Eclipse

Electricity and Magnetism

The Eye

Hurricanes

Light and Color

Moons of our Solar System

Phases of the Moon

Rocks and Minerals

Simple Machines (1)

Simple Machines (2)

Sun

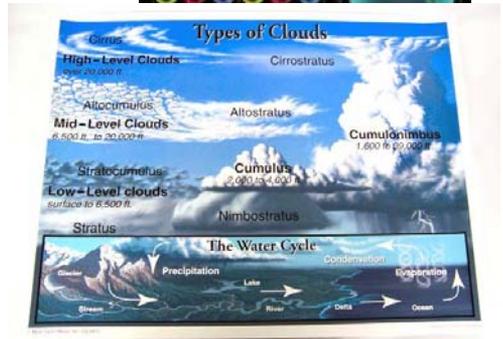
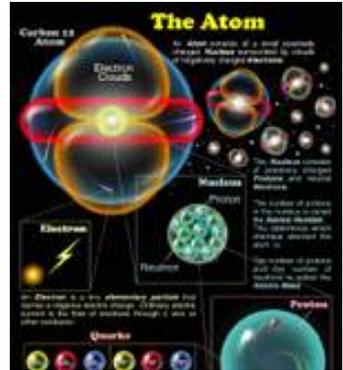
Tornados

Types of Clouds

Types of Rocks

Volcanoes

Your Skin



### Pets 😊

In the comfort of your own home you can watch these little critters develop and grow. Kits are available for Ants, Butterflies, Earthworms, Frogs, Lady Bugs, Praying Mantis, and Triops. They are a lot of fun, and they provide a forum for discussions about life and death.

*"The world is only a passage room to eternity . . . a dressing-room to dress our souls in, not a place where we stay for ever." ~ Thomas Watson*

**Placemats - \$2.50**  
12"x17.5", Laminated

- Bugs and Insects
- Butterflies
- Cats
- Dogs
- Fresh Water Fish
- Horses
- Human Body
- Metric System
- Periodic Table
- Pet Birds
- Polar Life
- Rocks and Minerals
- Salt Water Fish
- Solar System
- Stars and Constellations
- Weather



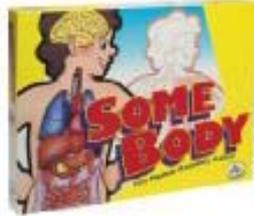
**Timelines \$3.95**  
Fold-Out, non laminated,  
sturdy cardstock  
6in. x 68in. (picture is a  
portion of the timeline)



- Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- History of Astronomy (Ancient times- 1950)
- Ocean Exploration (Ancient Times- 1900)
- Ocean Exploration (1900- Present)
- Polar Exploration
- Space Exploration (1950-1980)

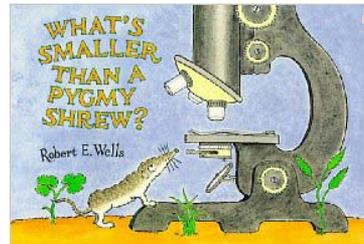
## **Some Body Board Game** by Talicar / \$29.99

This 5-in-one game has provided many hours of fun and laughter in our home. My children are still too young to play the more advanced parts of this game, but they can easily learn about human anatomy and place the vinyl stickers on the activity board.



## **What's Smaller Than A Pigmy Shrew** by Robert E. Wells / Albert Whitman & Company / 1995 / 32 pp. / Paperback

Here's a good biology book for babies and a good book for you if you want to brush-up on protozoa, cells, paramecia, amoebas, bacteria, molecules, atoms, electrons, protons, neutrons, nucleus, and quarks. What an outstanding little book!



*Look up to the heavens, for they show much of God's glory.*

*The sun gilds the world with its bright beams. Behold the stars, their regular motion in their orbs, their magnitude, their light and their influence. We may see God' glory blazing in the sun and twinkling in the stars. Look into the sea, and see the wonders of God in the deep. Look into the air, there the birds make melody, and sing forth the praises of their Creator.*

*Look into the earth, there we may wonder at the nature of minerals, the power of the loadstone, the virtue of herbs. See the earth decked as a bride with flowers. All these are the glorious effects of God's power. God has wrought the creation as with curious needlework, that we may observe his wisdom and goodness, and give him praise due to him.*

*~ Thomas Watson*

# Where to Start

I hope this booklet has helped you, but just incase you feel a bit overwhelmed with all the options I thought I would recap and recommend a place to start.

## 1. Listen to Scripture

You will be absolutely amazed by how much your children can learn about God while they play.

Free audio Bibles: [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com).

## 2. Catechize

John Newton's mom is one of my heroes. Physically speaking, she was weak, but spiritually speaking, she has been rivaled by few. She faithfully catechized her son, and without a doubt, her 4-year old new more about God than most American Christians, and what convicts me most about her story is that she died when her son was six. How much will our children know about God when they are six?

## 3. Bible Timeline

I love to see how the whole Bible fits together, and my son likes to point at people and ask "What did he do? What did he say?" Sometimes I know, and sometimes I don't. I still have so much to learn, and when my children point to someone I know nearly nothing about, it gives us another opportunity to look in the Bible and learn more about God.



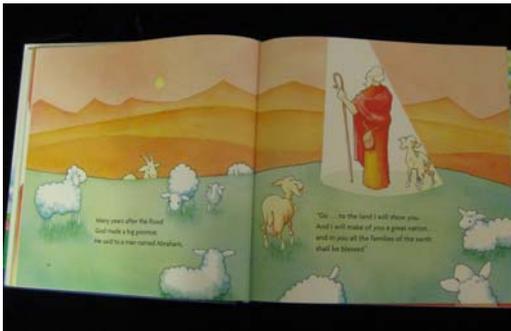
#### 4. Add another Bible Story Book to your reading time

##### 1. Learn About God Series



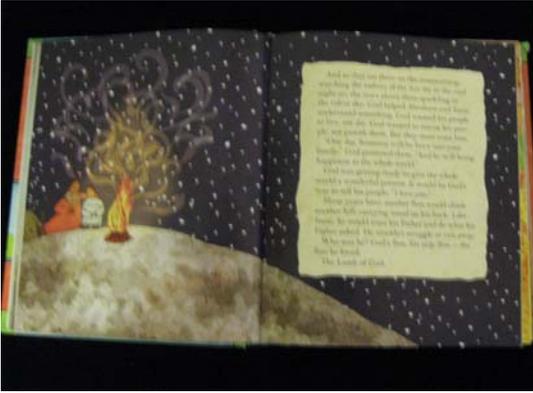
I think this is the best board book series available.

##### 2. The Big Picture Story Bible



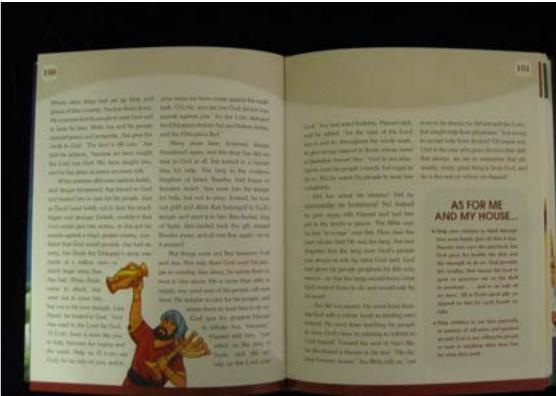
"I enjoyed this book so much that I memorized nearly the entire thing." – I think this is what Isaiah would say.

### 3. The Jesus Storybook Bible



This book has increased my love for Christ.

### 4. The Mighty Acts of God



This is exactly how we want our children to learn to read the Bible. We want them to see God. We don't want them to think that the main point about Asa was that he had bad feet. We want them to learn that God wants his people to trust in Him alone.

## 5. **Read what you love**

Read the books that really excite you. Your children will sense your passion and passion is often contagious. When you pick your books for story time try to read a book about God, a book about history, a book about science, a book about geography, etc., and incorporate both types of reading. (I hope to soon include chapters on “the other type of reading”, “history” “geography” etc.) Worship God when you study every subject. Exalt His providence when you study history. Marvel at His wisdom when you study science. Let the queen of the sciences hold all of the sciences together.

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