

Faith Formation at Home

Books for Children

Bible Stories, Devotionals, Prayers and Stories of Faith

Reading to children is a very effective way to instill faith. These books introduce Bible stories, prayers and stories of faith to children. The stories we hear and reflect on powerfully shape us. When reading together, reflect on the story's similarities to your own lives and pray together.

From Good Books www.goodbks.com or 1-800-762-7171

Board Books

My Little Bible Board Book by Christina Goodings, illustrated by Melanie Mitchell

This colorful board book retells 20 beloved Bible stories from beginning to end in simple language that allows young children to explore the Bible for themselves. These short stories highlight key aspects of the Christian faith—love, obedience, and trust. The padded cover and rounded corners are designed for everyday play. 40 pages 5½ x 67/8 inches \$9.99

Board books by Lois Rock; illustrated by Alex Ayliffe. Each book below is 16 pages, 5 3/4 x 6 1/2 inches, \$5.99

Baby Jesus captures the story of the first Christmas when shepherds, angels, and the wise men sought the newborn Jesus.

The Lost Sheep tells of the shepherd who loses one of his 100 sheep and does not stop looking until he finds it.

Noah and the Ark retells the beloved story of Noah and the animals.

Our Father teaches young children the world's favorite Christian prayer and explains the meaning behind each phrase of the prayer.

Daniel and the Lions captures the high drama of Daniel's encounter with lions and his eventual deliverance in this story about being faithful.

The Good Samaritan retells the well-known parable that Jesus told about helping those who are in need.

Jesus and His Friends shows how Jesus invited children, fishermen, tax collectors, the rich and poor, and others to be his friends.

Jonah and the Whale takes young readers into a boat, on the sea, and finally onto Nineveh to learn about God's forgiveness.

This trio of books is designed for children ages 0-4.

My Very First Bible by Lois Rock, pictures by Alex Ayliffe 256 pages; \$18.99

Toddlers everywhere will be drawn to this warmly colorful and friendly Bible. Its stories of Jesus are full of love and tender kindness. The old, old stories are told simply yet faithfully and with great respect for the original text. Among the 20 favorites are "Grandfather Abraham," "Brave Joshua," "David and His Song," "Jesus and His Friends," "The Hole in the Roof," and "A Prayer for Always."

My Very First Prayers by Lois Rock, pictures by Alex Ayliffe 158 pages, \$14.99

Here are prayers about all the things in a child's world . . . discovering oneself, living in a family, meeting new friends, exploring the world, celebrating the festivals, feeling happy, feeling sad, and learning about the love of God through the bright and busy day and the dark and quiet night.

My Very First Bedtime Storybook by Lois Rock, pictures by Alex Ayliffe 128 pages, \$14.99

This collection of 10 stories and matching blessings offers steady resolution and hope, each with bright and lively illustrations and language. Each story draws on one of Jesus' parables but stands alone on its own; each one is retold to reflect the everyday world of young children.

My First Bible by Pat Alexander, pictures by Leon Baxter

Here are more than sixty Bible stories, especially chosen for young children; a foundation on which to build a growing knowledge of the Bible. They have been selected for their importance in the big story of God to the rescue, which the whole Bible tells. Beginning with the creation of our world by a God who loves and cares for people, they move through the story of the nation of Israel and its leaders to the life of Jesus and what follows. These stories can be clearly understood, and they are fun to read, to share, and to enjoy. In fact, they are at their best when read aloud. 480 pages \$14.99

This pair of books is designed for 7-12 year-olds

The Bible for Children by Murray Watts, illustrated by Helen Cann

Here are 200 Bible stories that are faithful to the meaning and spirit of the original Scripture. The imaginative style reflects the variety of the biblical and comprehensively cover key themes of the Bible. The colorful illustrations add meaning to the stories, drawing readers into the emotion and power of all that happens. 352 pages \$23.99

Prayers for Children by Rebecca Winter, illustrated by Helen Cann

This book includes more than 200 prayers arranged into five main sections. Both traditional and newly written prayers are paired with detailed illustrations that invite a moment's worship through all of life. Altogether, the volume is designed to encourage older children to explore their own ways of praying. The prayers are fully indexed by subject and first line, making the book a useful resource for home, church, and school use. 160 pages \$14.99

This book can stand alone or serve as a companion volume to *The Bible for Children*.

From Herald Press www.heraldpress.com or 1-800-245-7894 ext. 278

Nursery Happy Times Book by Katherine Royer

Here are 23 short stories for 3-to-4-year-olds about Sunday school, the four seasons, food, bedtime, play, snow, grandparents, rain, singing, growing, and birthdays—all illustrated with full-page four-color artwork. Each story has a verse of Scripture which is appropriate to the story. 48 pages \$5.99

Nursery Songbook by Katherine Royer

Twenty-five songs celebrate the young child's special delights which God gives—family, playmates, playful pets, sunny days, starry nights, butterflies, fireflies, flowers, birds, snowflakes, raindrops, Sunday school, Christmastime, and Jesus' love. Includes 27 four-color pictures. 48 pages \$5.99

Also available in a book and CD set along with the *Sing, Little Children, Sing CD* for \$17.99.

Sing, Little Children, Sing CD performed by Becky Degan

These Bible-based nursery songs from the *Nursery Songbook* are presented in a fun, modern-day style that will engage children in the joy of praising God's creation. The songs are perfect for children aged pre-school through second grade, and can be used in the home, Sunday school classes and music classes. \$15.99

101 Devotionals for Children by June Galle Krehbiel

Written for children, these 101 readings are suitable for family, personal, group or congregational worship. Each devotional contains a Bible reading, key verse, reading, prayer and clincher. 176 pages. \$9.99

God with Us Today by June Galle Krehbiel

This book offers a warm, inviting way to share devotions at home. Each of the 100 devotions includes a brief meditation on a scripture passage, a prayer, and some questions that explore how God is reaching out to each of us. 216 pages. \$12.99

Little Stories for Little Children by Donna McKee Rhodes

This collection of 52 concise children’s stories communicates Christian faith to children in simple, engaging and meaningful ways. Great for family devotions. 128 pages. \$8.99

Children's Illustrated Bible by Eve MacMaster

The Bible is rich in stories that teach, fascinate, and encourage young people. *The Children's Illustrated Bible* retells these stories with clear simple language and colorful artwork on each page or spread. The young child will move from reading to discovery. Originally published as a 10-volume paperback series which was published in English and translated in several languages, including Russian, the books have been brought together into one volume. 498 pages \$22.99

Songs to Live By I and II

How can we pass on our faith to our children and grandchildren? How can we help children learn and enjoy the inspiring music of our faith? These were the questions guiding musicians and coordinators through the development of this CD recording. Features 16 hymns and songs sung by both adults and children along with a variety of instrumentation. \$15.99

Also available: **Sing the Story and Sing the Journey CDs**; two CDs for each songbook. \$15.99 each

Storybooks are an important resource for faith formation.

Good Books: See www.goodbks.com → Children’s books for many storybooks for young children.

Herald Press Books for 4-8 year-olds:

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| Bully Bill | Sleep in Peace |
| Chinese Eyes | Henner’s Lydia |
| Cups Held Out | Skippack School |
| The Family Song | Thee, Hannah! |
| Mattie Mae | Yonie Wondernose |
| Rachel, A Hutterite Girl | |

Herald Press Books for 8-14 year-olds:

The Cost of Passage, Elisabeth and the Windmill, Finding Anna Bee, Henry’s Red Sea, Katelyn’s Affection, Margaret’s Print Shop, Michael Faraday: Father of Electronics, On Fire for Christ, Tirzah, Treasure Hunt: A Shenandoah Valley Mystery, Virginia and the Tiny One, When Lightening Strikes, When the River Calls

also, Louise Vernon’s Religious Heritage Series:

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| The Beggar’s Bible – John Wycliffe | The King’s Book – King James Bible |
| The Bible Smuggler – William Tyndale | The Man Who Laid the Egg - Erasmus |
| Doctor in Rags - Hutterites | Night Preacher – Menno Simons |
| A Heart Strangely Warmed – John Wesley | Peter and the Pilgrims – the Separatists |
| Ink on His Fingers – Johann Gutenberg | The Secret Church - Anabaptists |
| Key to the Prison – George Fox | Thunderstorm in the Church – Martin Luther |