# Books and Bibles for Children

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These book and Bible translations have been reviewed by a group of seasoned children’s ministers, led by Melanie C. Gordon, Director of Ministry With Children for Discipleship Ministries.

## Biblical Foundations

- *At Break of Day* by Nikki Grimes
- *God Created* by Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones
- *Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden* by Jane Ray
- *Noah’s Ark* by Jerry Pinkney
- *The Ark* by Matthew Reinhart (pop-up book)
- *Joseph* by Brian Wildsmith
- *The Moses Basket* by Jenny Koralek
- *Exodus* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Psalms for Young Children* by Marie-Hélène Delval
- *Let’s Make a Joyful Noise: Celebrating Psalm 100* by Karma Wilson
- *Psalm Twenty-Three* by Tim Ladwig
- *The Day When God Made Church* by Rebekah McLeod Hutto
- *Jonah and the Big Fish* by Sekiya Miyoshi
- *On Noah’s Ark* by Jan Brett
- *Cain and Abel: Finding the Fruits of Peace* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *Star of Wonder* by Leena Lane
- *The Friendly Beasts* by John J. Blumen
- *The Nativity* by Julie Vivas
- *Jesus, The Word* by Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones
- *Jesus* by Brian Wildsmith
- *The Easter Story* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Easter, Easter, Almost Here!* by Kathleen Long Bostrom (board book)
- *The Colt and the King* by Marni McGee
- *J is for Jesus: an Easter Alphabet and Activity Book* by Debbie Trafton O’Neal
- *The Tale of the Three Trees* by Angela Elwell Hunt
- *The Miracles of Jesus* by Tomie dePaola
- *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *The Lord's Prayer* illustrated by Tim Ladwig
- *Morning Has Broken* by Eleanor Farjeon
- *Tonight You Are My Baby: Mary’s Christmas Gift* by Jeannine Q. Norris
- *Snuggle Time Psalms* by Glenys Nellist

## Bibles for Children

### Spark Story Bible
*Storybook for toddlers through early readers*

### The International Children's Bible
*Translation that children can read and understand independently*

### The Children's Bible in 365 Stories
*Bible stories for families to read together*

### Contemporary English Version of the Holy Bible
*Translated on a third- to fifth-grade level*

### Deep Blue Bible
*Common English translation on a fifth-grade level*

### New Revised Standard Version
*Translation appropriate for higher level readers and for reading along with an adult*

Also:

- *Baby Bible* by Sarah Toulmin
- *A First Bible Story Book* by Mary Hoffman
- *Children of God Storybook Bible* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- *Classic Bible Stories for Little Children* by Louie Stowell
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- *The Family Story Bible* by Ralph Milton
FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
- The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco
- Amos and Boris by William Steig
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
- When Stories Fell Like Shooting Stars by Valiska Gregory
- Looking for Angels by Valiska Gregory
- Old Turtle by Douglas Wood
- God’s Dream by Archbishop Desmond Tutu (board book available)
- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- In God’s Name by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- Jubilee by Ellen Yeomans
- Where is God? by Lawrence and Karen Kushner (board book available)
- My Spiritual Alphabet Book by Holly Bea
- Good Night God by Holly Bea
- Where Does God Live? by Holly Bea
- Sleep in Peace by Ingrid Hess
- I Wanted to Know All about God by Virginia Kroll
- Miss Fannie’s Hat by Jan Karon
- Saint Francis by Brian Wildsmith
- Stories of the Saints by Joyce Denham
- Saint Nicholas: The Real Story of the Christmas Legend by Julie Stiegemeyer
- If Jesus Came to My House by Joan G. Thomas
- Does God Have a Big Toe?: Stories About Stories in the Bible by Marc Gellman
- First Strawberries by Joseph Bruchac
- In God’s Hands by Lawrence Kushner and Gary Schmidt
- Because Nothing Looks Like God by Lawrence Kushner
- Love Letters from God by Glenys Nellist

SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMPASSION, & EMPATHY

- Oliver and Albert – Friends Forever by Jean Van Leeuwen
- Our Big Home by Linda Glaser
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
- Oh, The Places You’ll Go by Dr. Seuss
- A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
- Brown v. Board of Education: A Fight for Simple Justice by Susan Goldman Rubin
- The Lady in the Box by Ann McGovern
- I’m Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children by Marian Wright Edelman
- Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh
- Tight Times by Barbara Shook Hazen
- The Story Of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
- Loser by Jerry Spinelli
- The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
- Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams
- Colour of Home by Mary Hoffman

SACRAMENTS

- Water, Come Down! by Walter Wangerin, Jr.
- Come, Touch the Water – A Storybook About Jesus’ Baptism by Daphna Flegal
- Come Taste the Bread – A Storybook About the Lord’s Supper by Daphna Flegal
- What Is Communion? by G. Lynette Reed
- What Is Baptism? by G. Lynette Reed

STEWARDSHIP

- Amos and Boris by William Steig
- Beatrice’s Goat by Page McBrier
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
- If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World’s People by David J. Smith
- Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback
- A Kiss For Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
- Old Turtle by Douglas Wood
- Peter’s Chair by Ezra Jack Keats
- Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
- The Give-Away by Ray Buckley
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
- The Quiltmaker’s Gift by Jeff Brumbeau
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- The Table Where Rich People Sit by Byrd Baylor
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
- 3 Pandas Planting by Megan Halsey
- Vegetable Dreams by Dawn Jeffers
ADOPTION

- The Red Blanket by Eliza Thomas
- God Found Us You by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis
- We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption and Families by Todd Parr

DIVORCE

- Fred Stays with Me! by Nancy Coffelt
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- Something to Count On by Emily Moore
- Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse
- Papa, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse
- It's Not Your Fault, Koko Bear: A Read-Together Book for Parents and Young Children During Divorce by Vicki Lansky
- Mom’s House, Dad’s House for Kids: Feeling at Home in One House or Two by Isolina Ricci
- Was It the Chocolate Pudding? A Story for Little Kids About Divorce by Sandra Levins and Bryan Langdo
- Standing On My Own Two Feet: A Child’s Affirmation of Love in the Midst of Divorce by Tamara Schmitz

MILITARY FAMILIES

- My Red Balloon by Eve Bunting
- While You Are Away by Eileen Spinelli

LIFE’S LESSONS

Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
There Is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me by Alice Walker
A Child’s Book of Blessings compiled by Sabrina Dearborn

FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION, & PEACE

- Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- Christmas Moccasins by Ray Buckley
- Peace is an Offering by Annette LeBox
- Cain and Abel: Finding the Fruits of Peace by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- Granddad’s Prayers of the Earth by Douglas Wood
- Peace Begins with You by Katherine Scholes
- What Does Peace Feel Like? by Vladimir Radunsky

GRIEF, LOSS, & TRAUMA

- Badger’s Parting Gifts by Susan Varley
- Water Bugs & Dragonflies: Explaining Death to Young Children by Doris Stickney
- The Memory Box by Mary Bahr
- The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo Buscaglia
- Fred the Fox Shouts “No!” by Tatiana Y. Kisil Matthews
- Feelings by Aliki
- Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll by Franklyn M. Branley
- Mom and the Polka-Dot Boo-Boo by Eileen Sutherland
- Fire! Fire! by Gail Gibbons
- Children Just Like Me by Anabel and Barnabas Kindersley
- Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen
- To Everything by Bob Barner
- Jim’s Dog Muffins by Miriam Cohen
- Bedtime for Frances by Russell Hoban
- Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse
- Abiyoyo by Pete Seeger
- Humphry’s Bear by Jan Wahl
- The Tin Forest by Helen Ward
- Hurricane by David Wiesner
- The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda D. Williams
CREATION

- *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *People* by Peter Spier
- *God Created* by Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones
- *The First Strawberries – A Cherokee Story* retold by Joseph Bruchac
- *Because Nothing Looks Like God* by Lawrence Kushner and Karen Kushner
- *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox
- *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson

PARENT, CHILD, GRANDPARENT, & GRAND-PAL

*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney
*Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
*Papa, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
*Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman
*Joy!* by Joyce Carol Thomas
*My Grandma / Mi Abuelita* by Ginger Foglesong Guy
*I Love You Stinky Face* by Lisa McCourt

INTERGENERATIONAL

*Singing with Momma Lou* by Linda Jacobs Altman
*What’s Happening to Grandpa?* by Maria Shriver
*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
*The Quiltmaker’s Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau
*The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy
*Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
*Gus and Grandpa* by Claudia Mills, series of 10 books
*Listen to Me* by Barbara J. Neasi