

Family Worship Resources for Reading Scripture

Children's Bibles:

- Kevin DeYoung, *The Biggest Story ABC* (ages 0-2)
 - Board book that walks through the storyline of the Bible while simultaneously teaching the ABC's
- David R. Helm, *The Big Picture Storybook Bible* (ages 0-3)
 - 26 simply-illustrated Bible stories
- Jared Kennedy, *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* (ages 2-5)
 - 52 beautifully-illustrated Bible stories; includes discussion questions
- Carl Laferton, *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook* (ages 2-6)
 - 92 well-illustrated Bible stories with color-coded themes
- Marty Machowski, *The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments* (ages 5-11)
 - 156 extended paraphrases of Scripture with some illustrations; includes discussion questions
 - Can be used as a companion to Machowski's *Long Story Short* and *Old Story New* devo's below
- Kevin DeYoung, *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* (ages 6-12)
 - 104 vibrantly-illustrated Bible stories
- Sally Michael, *More Than a Story* series (ages 7+)
 - Very in-depth, God-centered storybooks that highlight theology; great for homeschooling

Bible-Centered Devotional Resources:

- Champ Thornton, *Devotional Dippers* (ages 7+)
 - Five variations: Key Bible Words, Prayer, God, Christmas, Wisdom
 - Each tube contains about 40 "dippers" that include a theme, a Bible passage, a discussion question, and a prayer point – great when you have a short timeframe
 - Ideal for age 7+ but can be adapted for smaller children
 - Available 30% off on thegospelcoalition.org
- Marty Machowski, *Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* and *Old Story New: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* (any age)
 - Outstanding 10-minute devotions that provide short commentaries on biblical passages together with discussion questions and ideas for prayer
- Marty Machowski, *WonderFull: Ancient Psalms Ever New* (any age)
 - Guides the family through the Psalter, framed by the story of an 11-year-old conversing with his grandfather
- Joel R. Beeke, *Family Worship Guide* (older children)
 - Positive: Contains brief comments and discussion questions on the entire Bible
 - Negatives: Based on the King James Version (KJV); sometimes uses jargon that is hard for children to understand
- Bible Project Book Overview Videos - bibleproject.com (ages 5+)
 - Illustrated videos narrated by an Old Testament scholar that help you see the "big picture" of biblical books. Great to watch before going through a biblical book
 - Negative: Sometimes the theology is not Reformed; Mackie de-emphasizes God's wrath

Memorizing Scripture:

- Rebecca Lutzer, *ABC Bible Verses for Little Ones* (ages 0-4)
 - Contains one verse and an illustration for each letter of the Bible
- Susan Hunt, *My ABC Bible Verses: Hiding God's Word in Little Hearts* (ages 3-7)
 - Uses stories to apply individual Bible verses to real-life scenarios, helping children memorize Scripture and learn the alphabet in the process
 - See also Hunt's *My ABC Bible Verses from the Psalms* (out of print)
- "Seeds Family Worship" videos (YouTube)
 - Bible verses set to music (sometimes with hand motions) for small children

Teaching Theology:

- *Little Pilgrim's Progress* (ages 3-10)
 - Wonderfully-illustrated, captivatingly-written paraphrase of Bunyan's spiritual classic (an allegory for the entire Christian life); some scary scenes for ages 3-4
- *Big Theology for Little Hearts* series; *Baby Believer* series (ages 0-2)
 - Well-illustrated board books for babies that teach biblical truths + shapes, alphabet, opposites, etc.
- Marty Machowski, *Theology: Ancient Truths, Ever New* (all ages)
 - Makes systematic theology simple for kids of all ages with illustrated stories, examples, and analogies; see also the accompanying music by Sovereign Grace Music
- The Good Book Company, "Tales that Tell the Truth" series (ages 3-6)
 - Illustrated stories by various authors that teach basic Bible truths
- Truth 78, "Making Him Known" series (elementary-age)
 - In-depth, God-centered devo's with Scripture, explanations of doctrines, discussion questions, and activities; perfect for homeschooling
- Sinclair Ferguson, *The Big Book of Questions and Answers: A Family Devotional Guide to the Christian Faith* (1997); *The Big Book of Questions and Answers About Jesus: A Family Guide to Jesus' Life and Ministry* (2000) (ages 6-10)
 - Presbyterian doctrines in a lively Q&A format with corresponding Scriptures and activities

Catechisms (Reformed & Presbyterian):

- First Catechism (Quest):
 - Great Commission Publications, *First Catechism: Teaching Children Bible Truths*
 - Contains all of the questions and answers that 5K-5th grade students go through at Quest
 - Also available online at <https://www.opc.org/cce/FirstCatechism.html>
 - Susan and Richie Hunt, *Big Truths for Little Kids: Teaching Your Children to Live for God*
 - Devotional with kid-friendly, highly applicable stories teaching the First Catechism
 - "Ask Me WhoOo" songs (3 vols.) – streaming services
 - Every question in the First Catechism set to a highly memorable tune
 - Available for free on most streaming services (YouTube, Apple, Spotify, etc.)
 - "Reformed Mama": <https://www.reformedmama.com/childrens-catechism>
 - A treasure-trove of resources, crafts, and activities for teaching the catechism at home
- Westminster Shorter Catechism:
 - Starr Meade, *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds: Family Devotions Based on the Shorter Catechism*
- Westminster Confession:
 - David R. Helm, *Big Beliefs! Introducing Your Family to Big Truths*
 - 99 lessons teaching the basic truths of the Westminster Confession to kids ages 7-12 with a short Scripture reading, explanation, and discussion questions
- New City Catechism:
 - Timothy J. Keller, *The New City Catechism: 52 Questions & Answers for Our Hearts & Minds*
- Other Historic Creeds: Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Heidelberg Catechism

Teachable Moments/Parenting Using Scripture:

- Lou Priolo, *Teach them Diligently: How to Use the Scriptures in Child Training*
- Tedd and Margy Tripp, *Instructing a Child's Heart*
- John Younts, *Everyday Talk: Talking Freely and Naturally about God with Your Children*
- Kara Durbin, *Parenting with Scripture: A Topical Guide for Teachable Moments*