

Parenting Resources

Seek and Find ESV Bible (Crossway, October 2010)

This is the ideal first “real Bible for pre-readers and young readers, ages 5 to 9, to grow up with. It includes complete ESV Bible text with more than 120 new, vibrant illustrations of major Bible stories. Accompanying each full-page illustration is the Bible story itself, clearly and accurately retold for young readers—and for the parents, grandparents, and teachers who read to them. Each story includes a Key Bible Verse to memorize, Additional Readings for discovering more of the story throughout the Bible, and simple Reflection Questions to help children begin to understand and apply God’s Word.

Big Truths for Young Hearts (Crossway, 2009) By Bruce Ware

Based on the bedside conversations he had with his daughters as they grew up, Bruce Ware has compiled a story-form book of basic Christian doctrine for parents and children to study together. This is a great tool to use to go deeper with your children into particular aspects of God’s Story. Recommended for parents to read and discuss with elementary and older children.

Everyday Talk (Shepherd’s Press, 2004) By John Younts

This book challenges parents with the reality that we teach our children most effectively when we are not even trying to teach them! Our normal, “everyday” words and actions carry the most weight and will either undermine or verify the things we are trying to teach our children through instruction and discipline.

Treasuring God in Our Traditions (Crossway, 2003) By Noel Piper

A great resource of ideas for building intentional, gospel-focused traditions into your family’s daily activities and special occasions.

The Big Picture Story Bible (Crossway, 2004) By David Helm, Illustrated by Gail Schoonmaker.

This is the best picture Bible for young children. The illustrations are excellent, and the text is simple and engaging (about 3 sentences per page). This Bible does a great job at telling the main points of the entire Story of God from Genesis to Revelation. Recommended for Parents & Toddlers - Early Elementary Age Children.

The Jesus Storybook Bible (Zondervan 2007) By Sally Lloyd-Jones, Illustrated by Jago.

This picture Bible is excellent, especially for young readers. It has a couple of paragraphs of text per page, and the illustrations are beautiful. This Bible is excellent at showing how all of scripture finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

Gospel-Powered Parenting (P&R Publishing, 2009) By William Farley

This book thoroughly explains how the gospel informs and transforms parenting, The relationships within the home (husband/wife, parent/child) have been designed by God to illustrate gospel truth. But sinful people are unable to reflect this truth in their relationships. Farley explains how the gospel is effective to redeem parents, children, and parenting from the brokenness of sin.

Shepherding a Child’s Heart (Shepherd Press, 1995) By Tedd Tripp

This book is written for parents with children of any age, this insightful book provides perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child’s heart into the paths of life. The book gives fresh biblical approaches to child rearing.

Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens (Presbyterian & Reform Publication Co. July 2001) By Paul David Tripp

Paul Tripp uncovers the heart issues affecting parents and their teenagers during the often chaotic adolescent years. With wit, wisdom, humility, and compassion, he shows parents how to seize the countless opportunities to deepen communication, learn, and grow with their teenagers.