

PARENTING RESOURCES

Here are some of our favorite parenting resources. Most are available at the CrossWay Bookstore on Sunday morning. The resources marked with an asterisk are ones that we would especially recommend.

Parenting

* ***Duties of Parents*** – J.C. Ryle (Grace & Truth Books)

Timeless wisdom from a 19th century pastor; brief, biblical, a must read for every parent.

* ***Shepherding a Child's Heart*** – Ted Tripp (Shepherd Press, 1995)

Essential foundations for parenting. Primarily for parents of preschool/ elementary children.

* ***Age of Opportunity*** – Paul Tripp (P & R Publishing, 2001)

Aimed at parents of teens, helping them see challenges as opportunities to train. Required reading.

Don't Make Me Count to Three – Ginger Plowman (Shepherd Press, 2004)

Shepherding a Child's Heart... but more user friendly. Written by a mom for moms of young children.

Instructing a Child's Heart – Ted and Margy Tripp (Shepherd Press, 2008)

Helps you impart to your children the wisdom and truthfulness of God's ways. Best for ages 6 and up.

Teach them Diligently – Lou Priolo (Timeless Texts, 2000)

Focuses on how to use the Scriptures in child training. Bible saturated! Best for ages 6 and up.

Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full – Gloria Furman (Crossway, 2014)

Gospel meditations to encourage and strengthen the faith of busy moms.

Loving the Little Years: Motherhood in the Trenches – Rachel Jankovic (Cannon Press, 2010)

More encouragement for moms of young children; practical, humorous, envisioning.

Family Devotionals

* ***Long Story Short*** – Marty Machowski (New Growth Press, 2010)

Walks through the Old Testament in a Gospel-Centered way. Preschool – Middle School. Excellent!

* ***Old Story New*** – Marty Machowski (New Growth Press, 2012)

Rich New Testament devotions; five 10-minute sessions each week. Highly recommended!

The Big Picture Family Devotional – David Helm (Crossway, 2014)

Covers the big story of the Bible in 3 short devotions a week. Uses Q&A format. Preschool – Elementary.

Theology & Catechism

* ***Everything a Child Should Know About God*** – Ken Taylor (10 Publishing, 2014)

Explains God in ways even a 4-year-old can understand; colorful pictures, short explanations.

* ***The Ology*** – Marty Machowski (New Growth Press, 2015)

A beautiful and creative way to show deep and important truths about God to your elementary children.

Big Book of Questions and Answers – Sinclair Ferguson (Christian Focus Publications, 1997)

Answers to kids questions about God, sin, salvation, prayer, the Bible and more. Preschool.

Big Book of Questions and Answers About Jesus – Sinclair Ferguson (Christian Focus Publications, 2000)

Answers to kids questions about Jesus; who he was, what he did and why it's important. Preschool.

God Knows My Name – Debby Anderson (CrossWay, 2003)

Delightful way to teach little children big concepts about God. Bright, fun pictures; serious truths.

God's Names – Sally Michael (P&R Publishing, 2011)

A rich study for children 8 and up on the names of God and how they reveal the character of God.

My First Book of Questions and Answers – Carine Mackenzie

Uses simple questions and short answers to teach children, ages 5-10, about God.

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

How would a theology professor teach his kids about God? Read this and find out! Elementary & up.

* ***CrossWay Scripture Memory*** – Free on our website at cwc.church, under Resources: Scripture Memory.

Memorizing God's word together as a family is a great way to train your children. Let us help you!

Bible & Bible Story Books

* ***The ESV Children's Bible***

Brings the Bible to life with 200 colorful illustrations, maps and more. Designed for ages 5-10.

* ***The Big Picture Story Bible*** – David Helm (Crossway, 2014)

Tells the story of the whole Bible; Genesis to Revelation. Perfect for kids and adults!

* ***The Jesus Storybook Bible*** – Sally Lloyd-Jones (ZonderKidz, 2007)

Shows the Jesus-Centered story of the Bible. Written for children, loved by children and adults!

The Gospel Story Bible – Marty Machowski (New Growth Press, 2011)

Another rich gospel resource from a trusted author. Can also be used as a devotional.

The Child's Story Bible – Catherine Voss (Eerdmans, 1984)

Originally published in 1935, this book is still a classic telling of the main stories of the Bible.

Biography & Story Books

* ***The Priest with Dirty Clothes*** – R.C. Sproul (Reformation Trust Publishing, 2011)
Beautifully illustrates how, in salvation, Jesus take our sin and gives us his righteousness. Kids 4 & up.

The Princes Poison Cup – R.C. Sproul (Reformation Trust Publishing, 2008)
Another great story, showing how Jesus, in salvation, takes the punishment we deserve. Kids 4 & up.

Martin Luther – Paul Maier (Concordia Publishing, 2004)
Wonderful artwork brings Luther's story to life, focusing on his unwavering faith in Christ. Ages 7-12.

* ***Dangerous Journey*** – John Bunyon/ Oliver Hunkin (Eerdman's, 1985)
Amazingly illustrated retelling of Pilgrim's Progress. Great springboard for conversations! Ages 7 & up.

Pictorial Pilgrim's Progress – John Bunyon (Moody Publishing, 1960)
Illustrated by a former member of this church. Read this Christian classic to your 7-12 year olds.

Sex & Dating

Sex is Not the Problem (Lust Is) – Joshua Harris (Multnomah, 2005)
Create a plan with your teen for fighting lust, celebrating purity. Specific, honest without being graphic.

How to Talk confidently with Your Child About Sex – Lenore Buth (Concordia Publishing, 2008)
Helpful strategies for discussing God's plan for sexuality with your children and teens.

Why Boys and Girls Are Different – Carol Greene (Concordia Publishing, 2008)
Read this with 5-8 year olds. Affirms God's good design for gender differences.

Where Do Babies Come From? – Carol Greene (Concordia Publishing, 2008)
Read this with 9-11 year olds. Explains sexuality & how a new baby develops; simple, accurate language.

Special Issues

The Gospel for Children – John Lauzarder (Shepherd Press, 2008)
Methodically teaches the gospel to young children. Lots of Scripture references!

* ***Your Child's Profession of Faith*** – Dennis Gundersen (Grace & Truth Books, 2010)
How do you know if your child is truly saved? A must read for parents on a challenging issue.

* ***Praying for the Next Generation*** – Sally Michael (Desiring God Ministries, 1999)
Uses Scripture to guide you as you grow in praying for your children. Good for all ages!

Peacemaking for Families – Ken Sande (Focus on the Family, 2002)
Biblical solutions to real-life conflict in the home. Read it for yourself, teach it to your children.

The Heart of Anger – Lou Priolo (Calvary Press, 1998)
Anger starts in the heart. Address it with practical advice from a biblical perspective. Elementary & up.

Girl Talk – Carolyn Mahaney (Crossway, 2005)

Helps moms talk to their daughters about what it means to be a godly woman.

Thoughts for Young Men – J.C. Ryle

Timeless wisdom on dealing with sloth, lust, love of pleasure, peer pressure and more.

Lies Young Women Believe – Nancy DeMoss (Moody Publishers, 2008)

Examines 25 lies commonly believed in the culture, in light of biblical truth.

Music

Awesome God – Sovereign Grace Music (2004)

Worship songs that teach kids the character and nature of God. Great for family worship. Ages 7 & up.

Walking with the Wise – Sovereign Grace Music (2010)

13 songs, inspired by Proverbs, that encourage kids to treasure God's wisdom and follow his commands.

Seeds of Faith – Seeds Family Worship (2008)

Seeds of Praise – Seeds Family Worship (2008)

Seeds of Purpose – Seeds Family Worship (2008)

Seeds of Courage – Seeds Family Worship (2008)

Bible verses set to music make memorization fun and easy! Check out seedsfamilyworship.com.

Hide'em In Your Heart – Steve Green (1990)

Bible verses set to music for younger children.

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