

Children's Ministry

Books + Resources

I will link to most of these books through Amazon because it's the easiest way for you to view the book and read reviews. However, many of these books are also available at your library (you can also request for your library to purchase a book it doesn't have!). I also encourage you to seek out independent bookstores to purchase from. Tombolo Books is a local St. Pete bookstore and Alsace, the owner, is a pleasure to work with and I've ordered many books through her. If you can live without next day shipping, check out: Tombolobooks.com or www.indiebound.org. Happy reading!

In creating this list, I heavily relied on suggestions and descriptions "[I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible](#)," by Elizabeth Caldwell. I can't recommend this book enough! Plus, we have it our library at the Cathedral so you can borrow it any time.

Children's Bibles and Storybook Bibles

What's the difference? "Story" or "storybook" lets you know that the book holds a collection of stories chosen by an author or editor. There are often additional prompts for adults to read as a way to begin conversation or go deeper into the story. Storybook Bibles often take scripture and retell the story with a specific approach. A children's Bible will include all of scripture, but may still offer notes and prompts as a way for kids to engage.

Storybook Bibles for Young Children (pre-readers to age 5)

[Children of God Storybook Bible](#) by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

[Children's Everyday Bible](#) by Deborah Chancellor

[Spark Story Bible](#) by Patti Thisted Arthur

[Deep Blue Bible Storybook](#)

Bibles for Elementary-Age Children (ages 6 to 8)

[Shine On: A Story Bible](#)

[The Bible for Children](#) by Murray Watts

[Deep Blue Bible Storybook](#)

[The Bible for Young Children](#) by Marie-Helene Delval

Bibles for Older Children (ages 9 to 11)

[Deep Blue Kids Bible](#)

[Kids Spark NRSV Bible](#)

[The Guidebook: NRSV Student Bible](#) (most appropriate for ages 11+)

This is a list of great authors. Rather than list all their books, just know you can't go wrong with anything they've written!

- Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
- Matthew Paul Turner
- Amy-Jill Levine
- Tim Ladwig (illustrator)

Books for babies - age 3

[All Creatures Great and Small](#) by Naoko Stoop

[Love is Patient Love is Kind](#) by Naoko Stoop

[Psalms of Praise: A Movement Primer](#) by Danielle Hitchen

[Images of God for Young Children](#) by Marie-Helene Delval

Books for ages 3-6

[Because Nothing Looks Like God](#) by Lawrence Kushner

[Maybe God is Like That Too](#) by Jennifer Grant

[He's Got the Whole World in His Hands](#) by Kadir Nelson

[The Lord's Prayer](#) illustrated by Tim Ladwig

[The World is Awake](#) by Linsey David

[Let Us Pray: A Little Kid's Guide to the Eucharist](#) by Jennie Turrell

Books for ages 6-11

[Marvellous Mustard Seed](#) by Amy-Jill Levine

[When God Was a Little Girl](#) by David Weiss

[Psalm 23](#) illustrated by Tim Ladwig

[The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights](#) by Carol Boston Weatherford

[Jesus from A to Z](#) by Kevin Graham

Resources

[StoryPath](#) is created in collaboration with Union Presbyterian Seminary. They have children's books to connect with *every single lectionary text*! You can also search by theme (everything from baptism, shyness, to horses!), scripture, and read book reviews.

There is commentary for each book describing its connection to scripture as well as discussion questions.

[Wendy Claire Barrie](#) has written her own books about faith at home for families. Her blog has a bunch of resources -- books, Pinterest boards, a blog, and of course, a list of recommended children's books!

For Parents

[Faithful Families](#) by Traci Smith

[I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible](#) by Elizabeth Caldwell

[The Daily Question for You and Your Child: A Three-Year Spiritual Journal](#)

Advent/Christmas

[Who Built the Stable](#) by Ashley Brown

[The Birds of Bethlehem](#) by Tomie dePaola

[Drummer Boy](#) by Loren Long

[The Story of Christmas](#) illustrated by Pamela Dalton

[Go Tell It on the Mountain](#) by Debbie Trafton O'Neal

[Humphrey's First Christmas](#) by Carol Heyer

[Song of the Stars](#) by Sally Lloyd-Jones

[How Many Miles to Bethlehem](#) by Kevin Crossley Holland

[Who is Coming to our House](#) by Joseph Slate

[The Legend of the Poinsettia](#) by Tomie dePaola

[Nativity](#) by Cynthia Rylant

[Silent Night](#) by Lara Hawthorne

[Christmas Love Letters from God](#) by Glenys Nellist

[Twas the Evening of Christmas](#) by Glenys Nellist

[The Night of His Birth](#) by Katherine Paterson

[Home by Another Way](#) by Barbara Brown Taylor

[Worst Christmas Ever](#) by Kathleen Long Bostrom

[The Legend of Old Befana](#) by Tomie dePaola

[Amazing Peace](#) by Maya Angelou

[Refuge](#) by Anne Booth

[Room for a Little One](#) by Martin Waddell

[The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey](#) by Susan Wojciechowski

[The Spirit of Christmas](#) by Nancy Tillman

[This is the Stable](#) by Cynthia Cotten

Holy Week

[Holy Week: An Emotions Primer](#) (babies - age 6)

Easter

[Easter Love Letters from God](#) (ages 3-11)