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- *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman
- *Little Changes, Big Results for Crazy Busy Couples* by Roger & Becky Tirabassi
- *The Road Back to You* by Ian Morgan Cron & Suzanne Stabile (Enneagram book)
- Card Decks free app from The Gottman Institute (fun date night conversation questions)

PARENTS

- *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller
- *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony
- *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch
- hangtenmovement.com (great resource for navigating technology habits!)
- *Not So Fast: Slow-Down Solutions for Frenzied Families* by Ann Kroeker (written in 2009, so some references to specific technologies are outdated, but the message is very relevant)
- *More Than Just The Talk: Becoming Your Kids' Go-To Person About Sex* by Jonathan McKee
  - We recommend you read this early on in your parenting and then read and discuss the companion book, *Sex Matters*, with your preteen/teenager (as early as ages 10-13)
- *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future* by Kara Powell & Steven Argue (a great book for parents of ages 13+)
- familydiscipleshiplabs.com/parent-resources (great resource for spiritual practices to do with kids)
- kidzatheart.org/resources
- *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* by Kara Powell & Chap Clark
  - See also *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family* by Kara Powell
- *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley
- *Pass It On: Building a Legacy of Faith for Your Children through Practical and Memorable Experiences* by Jim Burns

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BABIES (0-18 months)

Bibles

- *The Rhyme Bible Storybook* by L. J. Sattgast
- *Laugh and Grow Bible for Little Ones* by Phil Vischer

Other Resources

- "NDC Songs for Kids" Spotify playlist
  - The first half of the playlist is worship songs. The second half of the playlist is Scripture memory songs that walk through the Bible pulling select verses from Genesis-Revelation.
- *Today and Always, This Is True, God Loves You* by Holley Gerth
- *Little One, God Loves You* and *Little One, God Made You Special* by Amy Warren Hilliker
- *When I Pray for You* by Matthew Paul Turner (there's a regular version and a board book version)
- *A Love Letter from God* board book by P.K. Hallinan
- *God Loves the World* by Gary Bower
- *Mostly What God Does Is Love You* by Savannah Guthrie
- *Hear, O Little One: In the Morning and in the Evening* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
- *Bedtime Blessings for Little Ones* by Emily Lex
- *The Chosen Presents: Come and See Jesus* by Dallas & Amanda Jenkins

Advent/Christmas Resources

- "NDC Kids Songs for Christmas" Spotify playlist
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Lent/Easter Resources

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- *Easter for Little Ones: God's Big Promises* by Carl Laferton

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TODDLERS (18-36 months)

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- *Good Night, God: A Family Liturgy for Bedtime Examen* by Parker Smith
- *The Story of God* 5-book set by Jennie Allen
- *Indescribable for Little Ones* by Louie Giglio
- *This I Know: Seeing God in the World He Made* by Clay Anderson
- *Hear, O Little One: In the Morning and in the Evening* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
- *A Love Letter from God* by P.K. Hallinan
- *Cutie Fruities* by Make Believe Ideas Ltd. (a fun scratch and sniff book about the fruit of the Spirit)
- *Betty Confetti* by Maghon Taylor
- *Mostly What God Does Is Love You* by Savannah Guthrie
- *Bedtime Blessings for Little Ones* by Emily Lex
- *This Special Blessing for You* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
- *The Chosen Presents: Come and See Jesus* by Dallas & Amanda Jenkins
- Minno Kids (subscription-based streaming service or Amazon Prime Video add-on, specializing in Christian TV programming for kids)

Advent/Christmas Resources

- "NDC Kids Songs for Christmas" Spotify playlist
- *My First Advent Storybook* by Laura Richie
- *Christmas for Little Ones: God's Big Promises* by Carl Laferton
- *The Advent Storybook: 25 Bible Stories Showing Why Jesus Came* by Laura Richie
  - A devotional a day from Dec 1-25; companion coloring book available
- *The Mouse in the Manger* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
  - Retells Jesus' birth from the perspective of a fictional mouse, but includes details that actually paint a much more historically probable nativity scene than most accounts
- *The Christmas Promise Coloring and Activity Book* by Catalina Echeverri

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Lent/Easter Resources

- "NDC Kids Songs for Easter" Spotify playlist
- *My First Easter Storybook* by Laura Richie
- *Easter for Little Ones: God's Big Promises* by Carl Laferton
- *The Easter Storybook: 40 Bible Stories Showing Who Jesus Is* by Laura Richie
- *Easter Is Coming!* by Tama Fortner
- *Spring Sings* by Ellie Holcomb

Pentecost Resources

- *The Go-and-Tell Storybook: 30 Bible Stories Showing Why We Share about Jesus* by Laura Richie
    - A great resource for engaging the season of Pentecost as a follow up to *The Advent Storybook* & *The Easter Storybook*

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PRESCHOOL (3-5 years)

Bibles

- *The Rhyme Bible Storybook* by L. J. Sattgast
- *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook* by Carl Laferton
- *Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids* by Phil Vischer
    - Also has a companion coloring/activity book and videos available to stream on YouTube

Other Resources

- "NDC Songs for Kids" Spotify playlist
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- *Good Night, God: A Family Liturgy for Bedtime Examen* by Parker Smith
- *The Story of God* 5-book set by Jennie Allen
- *Our Daily Bread for Preschoolers: 90 Big Moments with God* by Crystal Bowman & Teri McKinley (better for older Preschoolers or Elementary)
- *The Big God Story* by Michelle Anthony
- *This I Know: Seeing God in the World He Made* by Clay Anderson
- *The Story of God with Us* by Kenneth Padgett & Shay Gregorie
- *The Chosen Presents: Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Dallas & Amanda Jenkins
- *Mostly What God Does Is Love You* by Savannah Guthrie
- *The Youngest Disciple* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
- *Maybe God Is Like That Too* by Jennifer Grant
- *The Maker of the Mountain: A Story About What God Is Like* by Sandra McCracken & Tim Nicholson
- *God Gave Us Prayer* by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- *A Love Letter from God* by P.K. Hallinan
- *Cutie Fruities* by Make Believe Ideas Ltd. (a fun scratch and sniff book about the fruit of the Spirit)
- *Betty Confetti* and *Spreading Kindness like Betty Confetti* by Maghon Taylor
- *Wherever You Go, I Want You To Know* Board Book by Melissa Kruger
    - Also has a coloring book version and a hardcover version
- *Hear, O Little One: In the Morning and in the Evening* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
- *Bedtime Blessings for Little Ones* by Emily Lex
- *This Special Blessing for You* by Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer
- *You're God's Little Girl* by Wynter Pitts
- God Made Me series, which aims to help parents begin to navigate conversations with their kids about important topics:
    - *God Made Babies: Helping Parents Answer the Baby Question* by Justin & Lindsey Holcomb
    - *God Made Me in His Image: Helping Children Appreciate Their Bodies* by Justin & Lindsey Holcomb

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PRESCHOOL (3-5 years) continued

- *God Made All of Me: A Book to Help Children Protect Their Bodies* by Justin & Lindsey Holcomb
- *God Made Boys and Girls: Helping Children Understand the Gift of Gender* by Marty Machowski
- *God Made Me AND You: Celebrating God's Design for Ethnic Diversity* by Shai Linne
- *God Made Me Unique: Helping Children See Value in Every Person* by Joni and Friends

- Minno Kids (subscription-based streaming service or Amazon Prime Video add-on, specializing in Christian TV programming for kids)

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- *The Advent Storybook: 25 Bible Stories Showing Why Jesus Came* by Laura Richie
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- *God's Big Promises: The First Christmas Sticker and Activity Book* by Carl Laferton (based on *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook*)
- *The Christmas Promise Coloring and Activity Book* by Catalina Echeverri
- *Our Daily Bread for Kids Christmas Coloring and Activity Book* by Crystal Bowman & Teri McKinley
- *This Is the Christmas Story* by Kids Read Truth
  - Works its way from Genesis to Revelation portraying Jesus as the light

Lent/Easter Resources

- "NDC Kids Songs for Easter" Spotify playlist
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- *God's Big Promises Easter Sticker and Activity Book* by Carl Laferton (based on *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook*)
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ELEMENTARY (K-5th grade)

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- *Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids* by Phil Vischer
  - Also has a companion coloring/activity book and videos available to stream on YouTube
- *The Book of Belonging: Bible Stories for Kind and Contemplative Kids* by Mariko Clark
- *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook* by Carl Laferton
  - Also has a companion prayer book - *God's Big Promises Bible Story Prayers: 101 Prayers for Children* by Carl Laferton
- *God's Colorful Kingdom Storybook Bible: The Story of God's Big Diverse Family* by Esau McCaulley
- *God's Big Picture Bible Storybook* by NT Wright
- *NIrV Kids' Quest Study Bible* by Zondervan
  - For kids ready to read a full text Bible
- *The Action Bible*
  - Also has a 52-week devotional, study Bible, trivia game, coloring book, activity book, etc.
- *The Biggest Story Bible Storybook* by Kevin DeYoung
  - Also has a coloring book, activity book, animated short film, etc.
- *God Gave Us the Bible* by Lisa Tawn Bergren

Devotionals

- *Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids: Jesus Stories: The Gospels in 52 Five-Minute Bible Stories* by Jess Wolstenholm
  - Also has videos available to stream on YouTube
- *The Bible Recap Kids' Devotional* by Tara-Leigh Cobble
- *Our Daily Bread for Kids: 365 Meaningful Moments with God* by Crystal Bowman
  - Also has a companion coloring and activity book
  - *Our Daily Bread for Preschoolers: 90 Big Moments with God* by Crystal Bowman & Teri McKinley is also very good, and more at an Elementary level despite the name
- *Epic Devotions: 52 Weeks in the Story That Changed the World* by Aaron Armstrong (One Big Story series)
- *Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids About God and Science* by Louie Giglio
  - Has multiple sequels including *How Great Is Our God* and *The Wonder of Creation*, plus the *Indescribable Activity Book for Kids*
- *The Purpose Driven Life 100 Illustrated Devotions for Children* by Rick Warren
- *Know God: A 28-Day Devotional Experience for Kids* by Lauren Terrell
  - Recommended for 3rd-5th graders

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- *Grit and Grace: Heroic Women of the Bible* by Caryn Rivadeneira
- *The One Year Choose Your Own Ending Devotions* by Pioneer Club

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  - *God Made Me Unique: Helping Children See Value in Every Person* by Joni and Friends
- *You're God's Little Girl* by Wynter Pitts
  - Also two coloring books and three preteen devotionals by this author
- Versify app (generates games to help memorize any Bible verse you choose)
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- *Laugh and Grow Bible Family Advent Devotional: A Four-Week Journey Through the Christmas Story* by Jess Wolstenholm (based on *Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids* by Phil Vischer)
- *A Better Than Anything Christmas: Explore How Jesus Makes Christmas Better* and *A Jesus Christmas: Explore God's Amazing Plan for Christmas* by Barbara Reaoch
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- *Our Daily Bread for Kids Easter Coloring and Activity Book* by Crystal Bowman & Teri McKinley
- *A Jesus Easter: Explore God's Amazing Rescue Plan* by Barbara Reaoch
  - An interactive 30-day family devotional
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STUDENTS (6th-12th grade)

Bibles

- *NIV Quest Study Bible For Teens* by Zondervan
- *Life Application Study Bible* (NIV or NLT) by Tyndale
- *NIV Beautiful Word Coloring Bible for Teen Girls* by Zondervan
- YouVersion app has tons of Bible translations to explore

Devotionals

- She Reads Truth
  - App that offers Bible reading plans and Bible study resources
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- *Know God: A 28-Day Devotional Experience for Students* by Ben Crawshaw
  - Recommended for 6th-8th graders
- *How To See God: Four Weeks on the Fruit of the Spirit* by Shane Sanchez
- *Starting Now: A 30-Day Guide to Becoming Who You Want to Be in College* by Crystal Chiang and Gerald Fadayomi
  - A great guide for college freshmen to walk through with a mentor

Other Resources

- Bible Project
  - See bibleproject.com for tons of Bible study resources
- The Chosen TV series
- *Sex Matters* by Jonathan McKee
  - Parents should also read the companion book *More Than Just The Talk: Becoming Your Kids' Go-To Person About Sex* by Jonathan McKee
- *Surviving Religion 101* by Michael Kruger
  - A great book for high school seniors to read with a parent or mentor. There are a couple topics the author could've nuanced more, so discussing it as you read would be helpful.
- 101.9 WAY-FM radio station
- The Prayer Map for Teens
  - A journal that offers some simple prompts to help guide students' prayers
- *A Teen's Guide to the 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman