

FAMILY DEVOTION BOOKS

1. The Big Picture Story Bible by David Helm
*Preschool age; The stories of the Bible with big pictures. All stories point to Jesus as Savior.
2. Big Thoughts for Little People by Kenneth Taylor
* Ages 2-5; includes story, questions and Bible verses.
3. The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones
* Ages 5-10; The stories of the Bible. All stories point to Jesus as Savior.
4. My ABC Bible verses: Hiding God's Word in Little Hearts by Susan Hunt
* Ages 3-8; Each day there is a verse and a story that teaches the principle of the verse.
5. Big Truths for Little Kids by Susan Hunt
* Ages 4-12; Stories that teach the basic truths of Scripture & the Christian faith - based on the catechism; there's also an emphasis on prayer & memorization.
6. Discovering Jesus in Genesis and Discovering Jesus in Exodus by Ritchie and Susan Hunt
* Ages 4-10; These books brings some of the concepts of Susan's books into stories for kids/the family. These really help children (and adults :)) to see how the O.T. continually points to Christ. There are a lot of lessons about the covenant family as well.
7. Leading Little Ones to God by Marian Schoolland
*Ages 4-10; This book leads children to grow in their faith and understanding of God. It discusses such things as the nature of God, sin, salvation, the Christian life the church and prayer. Has discussion questions, a suggested reading, a hymn, and a prayer.
8. A Year with your child in the Bible by Cromarty
* I have just ordered this book for our family, so I can't actually recommend it through experience, but I found it on a trusted website (monergism.com) and thought it looked good. It works the family through the main themes of Scripture in a year (365 daily readings).
10. 10 Boys who made a Difference by Irene Howat (there is also a 10 Girls book for future reference)
* This book is great - maybe more of a general reading book for the 8-12 year-old than a family devotional, but if they have the time to read each chapter together as a family it would be a rich time! Some of the people covered are Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Tyndale... (there are many books in this series for both boys and girls).

11. Bible Promises: Sermons for Children on God's Word as our Solid Rock by Richard Newton
*This book uses "old language" as it is from the 1800's, but it's rich with mini sermons for kids. I ordered this book from www.solid-ground-books.com.
12. Little Pillows and Morning Bells by Frances Ridley Havergal
*Another book from the 1800's and also ordered from the Solid Ground Bookstore. There are devotionals that are specifically geared toward morning and others geared for the "before bed" time. These are short, yet deep. They definitely give the children a different perspective than books written in the modern day - but they might seem too formal for some people.
13. One hundred Bible Stories: In the words of Scripture, Concordia Publishing House (www.cph.org).
* Ages 6-12; A wonderful family devotional that has reflection questions at the end.
14. The Big Book of Questions & Answers about Jesus: A family guide to Jesus' life and ministry by Sinclair B. Ferguson
* Ages 6-10 if you're reading it together, but can also be a devotional that kids ages 9-14 read on their own. Each lesson has a reading time, discussion time, an activity, & a prayer.
15. The Westminster Shorter Catechism (2nd edition) by G.I. Williamson
* A great tool for teaching children Reformed theology. A pretty deep devotional/study tool for the family, but wonderfully rich! Probably best for ages 5-15.
16. Training Hearts, Teaching Minds by Starr Meade
This book of daily readings . . . aids memorization by devoting six days per question. explains the catechism in simple language. provides six different meditations on the main points of each question. Ages 5-15
17. Girl Talk by Carolyn Mahaney
* Discussions based on Scripture for moms and daughters to have together. Ages 10-18.
18. Firm in the Faith by Dennis Hustedt
*Young to older teens; Has a leader's guide and a student guide. Our kids filled in the answers as we were going over the topics. The topics covered the foundations of the Christian faith and living them out in daily life. Out of print, but you can get it on Amazon.com

Dangerous Journey: The story of Pilgrim's Progress (7-12 years)