

# BOOKS AND BIBLES FOR CHILDREN

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These book and Bible translations have been reviewed by a group of seasoned children's ministers, led by Melanie C. Gordon, Director of Ministry With Children for Discipleship Ministries.

## BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

- *At Break of Day* by Nikki Grimes
- *God Created* by Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones
- *Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden* by Jane Ray
- *Noah's Ark* by Jerry Pinkney
- *The Ark* by Matthew Reinhart (pop-up book)
- *Joseph* by Brian Wildsmith
- *The Moses Basket* by Jenny Koralek
- *Exodus* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Psalms for Young Children* by Marie-Hélène Delval
- *Let's Make a Joyful Noise: Celebrating Psalm 100* by Karma Wilson
- *Psalms Twenty-Three* by Tim Ladwig
- *The Day When God Made Church* by Rebekah McLeod Hutto
- *Jonah and the Big Fish* by Sekiya Miyoshi
- *On Noah's Ark* by Jan Brett
- *Cain and Abel: Finding the Fruits of Peace* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *Star of Wonder* by Leena Lane
- *The Friendly Beasts* by John J. Blumen
- *The Nativity* by Julie Vivas
- *Jesus, The Word* by Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones
- *Jesus* by Brian Wildsmith
- *The Easter Story* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Easter, Easter, Almost Here!* by Kathleen Long Bostrom (board book)
- *The Colt and the King* by Marni McGee
- *J is for Jesus: an Easter Alphabet and Activity Book* by Debbie Trafton O'Neal
- *The Tale of the Three Trees* by Angela Elwell Hunt

## BIBLES FOR CHILDREN

### Spark Story Bible

*Storybook for toddlers through early readers*

### The International Children's Bible

*Translation that children can read and understand independently*

### The Children's Bible in 365 Stories

*Bible stories for families to read together*

### Contemporary English Version of the Holy Bible

*Translated on a third- to fifth-grade level*

### Deep Blue Bible

*Common English translation on a fifth-grade level*

### New Revised Standard Version

*Translation appropriate for higher level readers and for reading along with an adult*

Also:

- *Baby Bible* by Sarah Toulmin
- *A First Bible Story Book* by Mary Hoffman
- *Children of God Storybook Bible* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- *Classic Bible Stories for Little Children* by Louie Stowell
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- *The Family Story Bible* by Ralph Milton
- *The Miracles of Jesus* by Tomie dePaola
- *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *The Lord's Prayer* illustrated by Tim Ladwig
- *Morning Has Broken* by Eleanor Farjeon
- *Tonight You Are My Baby: Mary's Christmas Gift* by Jeannine Q. Norris
- *Snuggle Time Psalms* by Glenys Nellist



## FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- *Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco
- *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco
- *Amos and Boris* by William Steig
- *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
- *When Stories Fell Like Shooting Stars* by Valiska Gregory
- *Looking for Angels* by Valiska Gregory
- *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood
- *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu (board book available)
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *In God's Name* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *Jubilee* by Ellen Yeomans
- *Where is God?* by Lawrence and Karen Kushner (board book available)
- *My Spiritual Alphabet Book* by Holly Bea
- *Good Night God* by Holly Bea
- *Where Does God Live?* by Holly Bea
- *Sleep in Peace* by Ingrid Hess
- *I Wanted to Know All about God* by Virginia Kroll
- *Miss Fannie's Hat* by Jan Karon
- *Saint Francis* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Stories of the Saints* by Joyce Denham
- *Saint Nicholas: The Real Story of the Christmas Legend* by Julie Stiegemeier
- *If Jesus Came to My House* by Joan G. Thomas
- *Does God Have a Big Toe?: Stories About Stories in the Bible* by Marc Gellman
- *First Strawberries* by Joseph Bruchac
- *In God's Hands* by Lawrence Kushner and Gary Schmidt
- *Because Nothing Looks Like God* by Lawrence Kushner
- *Love Letters from God* by Glenys Nellist

## SACRAMENTS

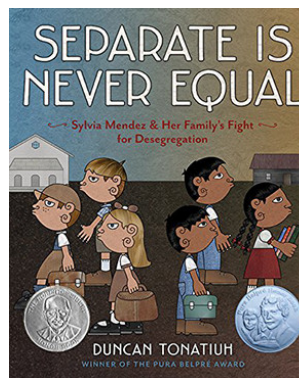
- *Water, Come Down!* by Walter Wangerin, Jr.
- *Come, Touch the Water – A Storybook About Jesus' Baptism* by Daphna Flegal
- *Come Taste the Bread – A Storybook About the Lord's Supper* by Daphna Flegal
- *What Is Communion?* by G. Lynette Reed
- *What Is Baptism?* by G. Lynette Reed

## STEWARDSHIP

- *Amos and Boris* by William Steig
- *Beatrice's Goat* by Page McBrier
- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss
- *If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People* by David J. Smith
- *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback
- *A Kiss For Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik
- *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood
- *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown
- *The Give-Away* by Ray Buckley
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson
- *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau
- *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister
- *The Table Where Rich People Sit* by Byrd Baylor
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss
- *3 Pandas Planting* by Megan Halsey
- *Vegetable Dreams* by Dawn Jeffers

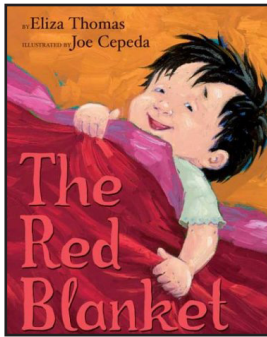
## SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMPASSION, & EMPATHY

- *Oliver and Albert – Friends Forever* by Jean Van Leeuwen
- *Our Big Home* by Linda Glaser
- *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
- *Oh, The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss
- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams
- *Brown v. Board of Education: A Fight for Simple Justice* by Susan Goldman Rubin
- *The Lady in the Box* by Ann McGovern
- *I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children* by Marian Wright Edelman
- *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Tight Times* by Barbara Shook Hazen
- *The Story Of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles
- *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes
- *Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *Four Feet, Two Sandals* by Karen Lynn Williams
- *Colour of Home* by Mary Hoffman



## ADOPTION

- *The Red Blanket* by Eliza Thomas
- *God Found Us You* by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- *Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born* by Jamie Lee Curtis
- *We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption and Families* by Todd Parr



## DIVORCE

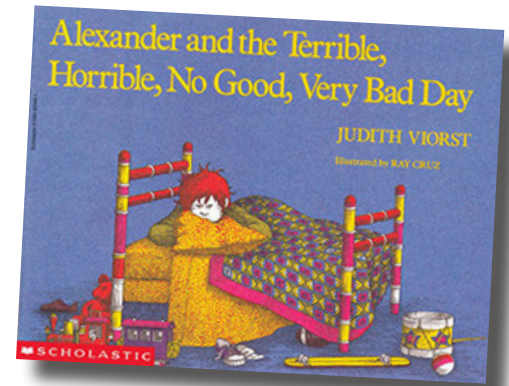
- *Fred Stays with Me!* by Nancy Coffelt
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
- *Something to Count On* by Emily Moore
- *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
- *Papa, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
- *It's Not Your Fault, Koko Bear: A Read-Together Book for Parents and Young Children During Divorce* by Vicki Lansky
- *Mom's House, Dad's House for Kids: Feeling at Home in One House or Two* by Isolina Ricci
- *Was It the Chocolate Pudding? A Story for Little Kids About Divorce* by Sandra Levins and Bryan Langdo
- *Standing On My Own Two Feet: A Child's Affirmation of Love in the Midst of Divorce* by Tamara Schmitz

## MILITARY FAMILIES

- *My Red Balloon* by Eve Bunting
- *While You Are Away* by Eileen Spinelli

## LIFE'S LESSONS

- *Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
- *There Is a Flower at the Tip of My Nose Smelling Me* by Alice Walker
- *A Child's Book of Blessings* compiled by Sabrina Dearborn

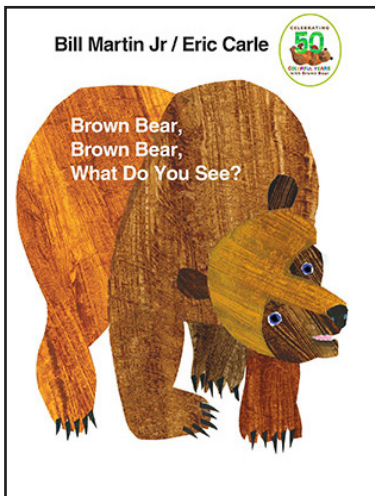


## FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION, & PEACE

- *Children of God Storybook Bible* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- *Christmas Moccasins* by Ray Buckley
- *Peace is an Offering* by Annette LeBox
- *Cain and Abel: Finding the Fruits of Peace* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *Granddad's Prayers of the Earth* by Douglas Wood
- *Peace Begins with You* by Katherine Scholes
- *What Does Peace Feel Like?* by Vladimir Radunsky

## GRIEF, LOSS, & TRAUMA

- *Badger's Parting Gifts* by Susan Varley
- *Water Bugs & Dragonflies: Explaining Death to Young Children* by Doris Stickney
- *The Memory Box* by Mary Bahr
- *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* by Leo Buscaglia
- *Fred the Fox Shouts "No!"* by Tatiana Y. Kisil Matthews
- *Feelings* by Alike
- *Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll* by Franklyn M. Branley
- *Mom and the Polka-Dot Boo-Boo* by Eileen Sutherland
- *Fire! Fire!* by Gail Gibbons
- *Children Just Like Me* by Anabel and Barnabas Kindersley
- *Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children* by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen
- *To Everything* by Bob Barner
- *Jim's Dog Muffins* by Miriam Cohen
- *Bedtime for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse
- *Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger
- *Humphrey's Bear* by Jan Wahl
- *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward
- *Hurricane* by David Wiesner
- *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda D. Williams



## CREATION

- *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *People* by Peter Spier
- *God Created* by Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones
- *The First Strawberries – A Cherokee Story* retold by Joseph Bruchac
- *Because Nothing Looks Like God* by Lawrence Kushner and Karen Kushner
- *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox
- *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson

## MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

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## PARENT, CHILD, GRANDPARENT, & GRAND-PAL

- *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney
- *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Josse
- *Papa, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Josse
- *Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman
- *Joy!* by Joyce Carol Thomas
- *My Grandma / Mi Abuelita* by Ginger Foglesong Guy
- *I Love You Stinky Face* by Lisa McCourt



## INTERGENERATIONAL

- *Singing with Momma Lou* by Linda Jacobs Altman
- *What's Happening to Grandpa?* by Maria Shriver
- *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
- *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau
- *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
- *Gus and Grandpa* by Claudia Mills, series of 10 books
- *Listen to Me* by Barbara J. Neasi