

# Children's Bibles and Books By Topic

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## 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

*Common English Bible* – Deep Blue Bible – a fresh translation on a fifth grade level

*New Revised Standard Version* – translation appropriate for higher level readers and for reading along with an adult

Also See: [The Bible: Catching Young Children's Interest](#), an article by Diane Kilmer



## Biblical Foundations

*At Break of Day* by Nikki Grime

*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)

*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

*Psalm 21* illustrated by Tim Ladwig

*Psalm 23* by Tim Ladwig

*Jonah and the Big Fish* by Sekiya Miyoshi

*On Noah's Ark* by [Jan Brett](#)

*Cain and Abel* by Sandy 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

*The Miracles of Jesus* by Tomie dePaola

*God's Paintbrush* by Sandy 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

## **Sacraments**

*Water, Come Down!* by Walter Wangering, Jr.

*Come Touch the Water – A Story About Jesus' Baptism* by Daphna Lee Flegal

*Come Taste the Bread – A Storybook About the Lord's Supper* by Daphna Lee Flegal

*What is Communion?*

By G. Lynnette Reed

*What is Baptism?* By G. Lynnette Reed

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* by Julie Stiegemeyer

*If Jesus Came to My House* by Joan Thomas

*Does God Have a Big Toe?* by Marc Gellman

*First Strawberries* by Joseph Bruchac

*In God's Hands* by Lawrence Kushner and Gary Schmidt

*Because Nothing Looks Like God* Lawrence Kushner

## **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 Smith

*Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback

*Kiss For Little Bear* 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

*Three Pandas Planting* by Megan Halsey

*Vegetable Dreams* by Dawn Jeffers

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMPASSION, AND EVANGELISM**

*The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

*Three Pandas Planting* by Megan Halsey

*Oliver and Albert – Friends Forever* by Jean Van Leeuwen

*Our Big Home*

by Linda Glaser

*Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* by [Mem Fox](#)

*Oh, The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss

FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION, AND PEACE

*Children of God Storybook Bible* by Desmond Tutu

*Christmas Moccasins* by Ray Buckley

*Cain and Abel* by [Sandy Sasso](#)

*Granddad's Prayers of the Earth* by Douglas Wood

*Peace Begins with You* by Katherine Scholes

## **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* by Todd Parr

## **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 Eric Carle

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

*God Created* by [Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones](#)

## **Diversity**

*In God's Name* by Sandy Sasso

*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

*The First Strawberries – A Cherokee Story* retold by Joseph Bruchac

*Because Nothing Looks Like God* by Lawrence Kushner and Karen Kushner

*I'm Your Child, God*

by Marian Wright Edelman

## **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. Joesse

*Papa Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joesse

*It's Not Your Fault, Koko Bear: A Read-Together Book for Parents and Young Children During Divorce*  
by Vicki Lanski

*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

## **Grief, Loss, and 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 Matthews

*Feelings* by Aliki

*Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll* by Franklyn M. Branley

*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, and illustrated by Ronald Himler

*Bedtime for Frances* by Russell Hoban, and illustrated by Garth Williams

*Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joesse, and illustrated by Barbara Lavallo

*Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger, and illustrated by Michael Hays

*Humphrey's Bear* by Jan Wahl, and illustrated by William Joyce

*The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward, and illustrated by Wayne Anderson

*Hurricane* by David Wiesner

*The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams

## **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 Series* by Claudia Mills

*Listen to Me* by Barbara Neasi

## **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

## **Military Families**

*My Red Balloon* by Eve Bunting

*While You Are Away* by Eileen Spinelli

PARENT, CHILD, GRANDPARENT AND GRAND-PAL

*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney

*Mama Do You Love Me* by Barbara M. Joesse

*Papa Do You Love Me* by Barbara M. Joesse

*Are You My Mother?* by Dr. Seuss

*Joy!* by Joyce Carol Thomas

*My Grandma – Mi Abuelita* by Ginger Foglesong Guy

