



Understanding the Bible—Resources for Children and Teens

[*Jesus Storybook Bible – Sally Lloyd-Jones*](#) (preschool through early middle school)

The author explains in a loving and compelling way how “every page whispers Jesus’ name.” It gives an amazing overview of Scripture, connecting the dots between the Old and New Testaments, between prophecies and their fulfillment in Christ. Beautifully illustrated, and written in an engaging, almost poetic prose, this book will give every child a deep understanding of God’s love, His plan to rescue us, and His desire to have a relationship with us. What’s more, adults will be drawn in by the beautiful writing as they share it with their children.

[*The Word & Song Bible – Stephen Elkins*](#) (preschool and early elementary)

This Bible presents Scripture through recorded songs and sounds that children under 10 will love learning as they follow along with the illustrated book. It has a chapter for every book of the Bible, including a song on an accompanying CD. It is great for children to use during a quiet time each day or while riding in a car. By covering each book of the Bible, this book goes well beyond the typical children’s Bible, which tends to focus on only a few stories.

[*What the Bible is All About Bible Handbook for Kids – Henrietta Mears*](#) (through middle school)

This book is adapted for children from the classic, best-selling work by Henrietta Mears. There are separate chapters for each book of the Bible, laid out in easy-to-read form and illustrated for children. For each book of the Bible, this handbook explains who wrote it, the focus of the book, an outline, the main characters, and how the book connects to Jesus. Maps, diagrams and cartoon style dialogue make it an easy, fun read for children and a helpful companion to their Bible. The handbook also has a useful dictionary of key terms in an appendix. This book can be particularly helpful when read along with the Bible, whether in family reading time or when the child is reading alone. Understanding how the Bible fits together can be difficult for children, but this book explains it in a clear, compelling fashion.

[*30 Days to Understanding the Bible: Unlock the Scriptures in 15 minutes a day*](#) (30th Anniversary expanded edition) – Max Anders (high school and beyond)

In just fifteen minutes a day, you'll learn the Bible's key people, events, and doctrines to get more out of God's Word. This simple-to-use, straightforward guide has been recommended by Bible teachers and pastors for thirty years, and now it's available in an expanded thirtieth anniversary edition—with the most requested topics from the original edition restored and updated for today's readers.

