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Here are some excellent resources for families to check out.

## Children's Bibles

### Pre-school

*The Beginner's Bible for Toddlers*, by Kelly Pulley (Oxford: Candle Books, 2007).

*The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories* (Grand Rapids: Zonderkidz, 2005).

*365 Story Bible*, by Meg Wang and Heather Stuart (Thorold, ON: Anno Domini Publishing, 2010).

### Early Primary

*Spark Story Bible* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2009).

### Early to Mid-Primary

*Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, ed. by Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol Wehrheim, editors (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).

*The Children's Bible in 365 Stories* (Oxford, England: Lion Publishing, 1995).

### Bibles for reading levels

Grade Six - *The Bible in Today's English*. A great one is *Good News for Modern Man: Today's English Version New Testament in Color* by the American Bible Society

Grade Eight - *New Revised Standard Version*. A great one is *Spark Bible NRSV* by Augsburg Fortress.

## Great theory and practice books for families

(These books increase in depth and from practical to theoretical as the list progresses)

*Everyday Family Faith: Simple Practices and Activities for Building Faith at Home*, Sandy Swartzentruber (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive, 2019).

*Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* (previously *Seamless Faith: Simple Practices for Daily Family Life*), Traci Smith (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2017).

*Prayers for Faithful Families: Everyday Prayers for Everyday Life*, Traci Smith (Minneapolis: Beaming Books, 2020)

*Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation*, Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive, 2019).

*Homegrown Handbook for Christian Parenting: 111 Real-Life Questions and Answers*, Karen DeBoer (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive, 2010).

*Shaped By God: Twelve Essentials for Nurturing Faith in Children, Youth and Adults*, Robert J Keeley, ed. (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive, 2010).

*Dwelling: Helping Kids Find a Place in God's Story*, Jessie Schut (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive, 2011).

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*Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids*, Kara Powell and Chap Clark (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011).

*Real Kids, Real Faith: Practices for Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives*, Karen Marie Yust (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2004).

*Nurturing Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives and Best Practices*, Holly Catterton Allen ed. (Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2008).

## Newsletters, Blogs and Apps

Blog *Bread Not Stones: Feeding the Spiritual Lives of Children* is written by a Presbyterian Minister in the US and is an excellent resource for parents and congregations of thoughts and ideas for connecting faithfully with children at home and church. [www.breadnotstones.com](http://www.breadnotstones.com).

Blog *Faith In Homes* comes out of the UK with lots of simple and enjoyable ways of worshipping and practicing our faith as a family. [www.faithinhomes.org.uk](http://www.faithinhomes.org.uk)

*Fuller Youth E-Journal* is a bi-weekly emailed resource for youth workers and parents of youth focussing on no-cost resources and research and articles on how to make faith stick with youth.

*Storypath* is a blog out of Union Theological Seminary connecting children's literature with our faith story. Wonderful recommendations for books that make great gifts, library loans, children's stories in worship, and church library purchases can be found here: <http://storypath.upsem.edu>.

*Vibrant Faith @ Home* has been created by a group of primarily mainline protestant ministers, educators and church leaders who are passionate about providing resources and ideas for life-long faith formation. There is something for every age group at this website: [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org).

*Traci Smith: faith + family + spirit* is a website supporting family friendly faithful activities and practices. This is a good companion to the *Faithful Families*, and *Prayers for Faithful Families*, her books listed in the bibliography. You can also receive emails with seasonal ideas and activities as well as book and blog reviews by signing up for her weekly email called 'Treasure Box Tuesday' found on the upper bar of the front page of her site. This weekly email, great for parents and educators supporting parents is filled with lots of fresh ideas for families.

*Wendy Claire Barrie: Faith at Home* is a blog of ideas, book reviews and seasonal celebrations for families to practice at home. This blog is a companion to her book *Faith At Home: A Handbook for Cautiously Christian Parents*. Wendy is a parent and Episcopalian Christian education professional.