

St. John's Vancouver Recommended Children's Books and Additional Resources

Below you will find a list of children's books and resources, which have been compiled by several members of the St. John's Vancouver Anglican Church family. We want to bring some lesser-known books to your attention, so many well-known and well-loved children's classics are not included here. The books and resources that are on this list have been included because these members of the St. John's family have recognized their quality as well as their value in nurturing the spiritual and emotional life of children. Good books shape children's minds, hearts, and imaginations so that they may know and love what is true, good, and beautiful (while bringing them joy and delight in the process!).

Not all the books on our list can be purchased new. But they are well worth buying second hand on sites like Amazon and ThriftBooks. If you have book suggestions for our list, do contact Manya Egerton (megerton@telus.net), and please share our list.

We hope that these books will bring much joy, love, and life to the children in your life as well.



GREAT BOARD BOOKS

Picture Books | Preschool and Older

Andreae, Giles: *Giraffes Can't Dance*

Gravett, Emily: *Orange, Pear, Apple, Bear*

Jay, Alison: *Picture This*

Rosen, Michael (illustrated by Helen Oxenbury): *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*

Shaw, Nancy (illustrated by Margot Apple): *Sheep in a Jeep*

Weeks, Sarah (illustrated by Ashley Wolff): *Splish Splash*

Bland, Nick: *The Very Cranky Bear*

GREAT STORIES ATTENTIVE TO THE INNER LIFE OF CHILDREN

Picture Books | Preschool and Older

Bourgeois, Paulette (illustrated by Brenda Clark): *Franklin in the Dark*

Dr. Seuss: *My Many Colored Days*

Eastman, P.D.: *Are You My Mother?*

Ellis, Sarah (illustrated by Kim LaFave): *Big Ben*

Emberly, Ed: *Go Away Big Green Monster*

Feiffer, Jules: *I Lost My Bear*

Gay, Marie-Lousie: *Caramba*

Gay, Marie-Lousie: *Caramba and Henry*

Henkes, Kevin: *Owen*

Henkes, Kevin: *Sheila the Brave*

Henkes, Kevin: *Wemberly Worried*

Hughes, Shirley: *Dogger*

Hughes, Shirley: *Alfie Gives A Hand* (and others in this series)

Hughes, Shirley: *Don't Want to Go!*

Isop, Laurie (illustrated by Gwen Millward): *How Do You Hug a Porcupine?*

Janisch, Heinz and Leffler, Silke: *I Have a Little Problem, Said the Bear*

Kraus, Robert (illustrated by Jose Aruego): *Leo the Late Bloomer*

Leaf, Monroe: *The Story of Ferdinand*

Lucas, David: *Robot and Bluebird*

Matthews, Janna (illustrated by Kristi Valiant): *The Goodbye Cancer Garden*

Rey, Margaret and H. A. Rey: *Curious George Goes to the Hospital*

Stinson, Kathy (illustrated by Dušan Petričić): *The Man with the Violin*

Stinson, Kathy (illustrated by Robin Baird Lewis): *Red is Best*

Tankard, Jeremy: *Grumpy Bird*

Waddell, Martin (illustrated by Barbara Firth): *Can't You Sleep Little Bear?*

GREAT (OFTEN FUNNY) STORIES ABOUT BEHAVING, BADLY AND OTHERWISE

Picture Books | Preschool and Older

Bailey, Linda (illustrated by Bill Slavin): *Stanley's Party*

Dewdney, Anna: *Llama, Llama, Red Pajamas*

Ellis, Sarah (illustrated by Dušan Petričić): *The Queen's Feet*

Fagan, Carl (illustrated by Dušan Petričić): *My New Shirt*

Fox, Mem (illustrated by Marla Frazee): *Harriet, You Are Driving Me Wild!*

Henkes, Kevin: *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*

Hoberman, Mary Ann (illustrated by Marla Frazee): *The Seven Silly Eaters*

Rath, Tom (illustrated by Maurie J Manning): *How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids*

Nancy Vo: *The Outlaw*

Yolen, Jane (illustrated by Mark Teague): *How Does A Dinosaur Say Goodnight?*

GREAT STORIES ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND BELONGING

Picture Books | Preschool and Older

Becker, Bonny (illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton): *A Visitor for Bear*

Burn, Doris: *Andrew Henry's Meadow*

Choi, Yangsook: *The Name Jar*

Cooney, Barbara: *Island Boy*

Cuevas, Michelle (illustrated by Erin E. Stead): *The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles*

Davis, Aubrey (illustrated by Dušan Petričić): *Bone Button Borscht*

Freeman, Don: *Corduroy*

Fox, Mem (illustrated by Julie Vivas): *Wilfred Gordon MacDonald Partridge*

Gilman, Phoebe: *Something from Nothing*

Henkes, Kevin: *Chester's Way*

Hoban, Russell: *Best Friends for Francis*
Jeffers, Oliver: *Lost and Found*
Kasza, Keiko: *A Mother for Choco*
Kasza, Keiko: *Silly Goose's Big Story*
Knudsen, Michelle (illustrated by Kevin Hawkes): *Library Lion*
Long, Loren: *Otis*
Lobel, Arthur: *Frog and Toad Books* (4 in series)
Lucas, David: *The Robot and the Bluebird*
Macaulay, David: *Angelo*
Nyen, Tao: *Squid and Octopus: Friends for Always*
Oberman, Sheldon (illustrated by Ted Lewin Honesdale): *The Always Prayer Shawl*
Rayner, Catherine: *Sylvia and Bird*
Scheffrin-Falk, Gladys (illustrated by Barbara Garrison): *Another Celebrated Dancing Bear*
Stead, Philip, C. (illustrated by Erin Stead): *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*
Trottier, Maxine (illustrated by Rajka Kupesic): *Claire's Gift*
Wahl, Jan: *Doctor Rabbit*
Ana Zamorano (illustrated by Julie Vivas): *Let's Eat!*
Wilson, Karma (illustrated by Jesse Chapman): *Bear Snores On*

[GREAT STORIES ABOUT ANIMALS, REAL OR IMAGINED](#)

Picture Books | Preschool and Older

Dodd, Lynley: *Slinky Malinki* (and others in this series)
Dr. Seuss: *What Pet Should I Get*
Feiffer, Julius: *Bark, George*
Galing, Ed (illustrated by Erin E. Stead) *L Tony*
Hamburg, Jennifer (illustrated by Sue Truesdell): *A Moose that Says Moo*
Hindley, Judy (illustrated by Ivan Bates): *Do Like a Duck Does!*
Kent, Jack: *There's No Such Thing as a Dragon*
LaMarche, Jim: *Lost and Found: Three Dog Stories*
Morgan, Allen (illustrated by Michael Martchenko): *Matthew and the Midnight Turkeys*
Moore, Inga: *Six-Dinner Sid*

Numeroff, Laura: *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* (and others in this series)

Simmie, Lois (illustrated by Cynthia Nugent): *Mister Got To Go: The Cat That Wouldn't Leave*

Titus, Ever (illustrated by Paul Galdone): *Anatole* (series)

Mo Willems and Jon J Muth: *City Dog, Country Frog*

Zion, Gene (illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham): *Harry the Dirty Dog* (and others in the series)

GREAT STORIES ABOUT CREATION - A SENSE OF PLACE

For Many Different Age Groups

Andrews, Jan (illustrated by Karen Reczuch): *The Auction*

Alderson, Sur Ann (illustrated by Ann Blades): *Ida and the Wool Smugglers*

Bean, Jonathan: *Building Our House*

Brett, Jan: *The Mitten*

Burgess, Thornton: *The Adventures of Jerry Muskrat* (one of many Bedtime Story-Books)

Carter, Anne Laurel (illustrated by Alan and Lea Daniel): *Under a Prairie Sky*

George, Jean Craighead: *My Side of the Mountain*

Fan Brothers: *The Night Gardener* (many other books)

Fogliano, Julie (illustrated by Erin E. Stead): *and then it's spring*

Hall, Donald (illustrated by Barbara Conney): *The Ox-Cart Man*

Herriot, James: *James Herriot's Inspirational Stories for Children* (variations on this title)

Larsen, Andrew and Dušan Petričić: *In the Tree House*

Keates, Ezra: *The Snowy Day*

Messner, Kate (illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal): *Over and Under the Snow*

MacLachlan, Patricia (illustrated by Mike Wimmer): *All the Places to Love*

Reid, Barbara: *Picture a Tree*

Schwartz, Roslyn: *The Mole Sisters and the Cool Breeze*

Wells, Rosemary (illustrated by Susan Jeffers): *Forest of Dreams*

Yolen, Jane (illustrated by John Schoenherr): *Owl Moon*

GREAT BOOKS TO LAUGH ALONG WITH

Early Readers and Older

Gaiman, Neil: *Fortunately, the Milk*

Justes, Norton: *The Phantom Toothbrush*

Peet, Bill: *Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent* (and many others)

Joslin, Sesyle (illustrated by Maurice Sendak): *What Do You Say, Dear?*

Scieszka, Jon (illustrated by Lane Smith): *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*

Schenk de Regniers, Beatrice (illustrated by Beni Montreso): *May I Bring a Friend*

Thurber, James: *The 13 Clocks*

Wyke-Smith, E. A.: *The Marvellous Land of Snergs*

PICTURE BOOKS AND NOVELS WITH PROFOUND TRUTHS

Children and Adults

Barnhill, Kelly: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*

Brumbeau, Jeff (illustrated by Gail de Marcken): *The Quiltmaker's Gift*

Davis, Aubrey (illustrated by Dusan Petricic): *Bagels from Benny*

de Paola, Tomie: *The Clown of God*

Hodges, Margaret (illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman): *St. George and the Dragon*

Hunt, Angela (illustrated by Tim Jonke): *The Three Trees*

Abridged by Hunkin, Oliver (illustrated by Allan Perry): *The Dangerous Journey (Pilgrim's Progress)*

Lucado, Max (illustrated by Sergio Martinez): *You Are Special*

Luchsinger, Dena Fox (illustrated by Karen A. Jerome):

Sometimes Smart Is Good/A Veces Es Bueno Ser Listo

(an exploration of 1 Cor. 13, in the context of taking part in a community with handicapped people)

MacDonald, George: *At the Back of the North Wind*

Newbell, Trillia (illustrated by Catalina Echeverri): *God's Very Good Idea*

Paterson, Katherine (illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon): *The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks*

Schmidt, Gary D (illustrated by Barry Moser): *John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress*

Schwiebert, Pat and Chuck Deklyen (illustrated by Taylor Bills):

Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss

Ten-Boom, Corrie: *The Hiding Place* (for children Grade 5+)

Wangerin, Walter Jr.: *The Book of the Dun Cow*

PICTURE BOOKS ENJOYED BY OLDER CHILDREN

Some Overlap with Other Categories, Including Books with Profound Truths

Bartone, Elisa (illustrated by Ted Lewin Honesdale): *Peppe the Lamplighter*

Barrett, Judi (illustrated by Ron Barrett): *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

Brumbeau, Jeff (illustrated by Gail de Marcken): *The Quiltmaker's Gift*

Brownridge, William Roy: *Moccasin Goalie*

Burn, Doris: *Andrew Henry's Meadow*

de Paola, Tomie: *The Art Lesson*

Choi, Yangsook: *The Name Jar*

Hindley, Judy (illustrated by Ivan Bates): *Do Like a Duck Does!*

Lawson, JonArno (illustrated by Sydney Smith): *Sidewalk Flowers*

Munson, Derek: *Enemy Pie*

Polacco, Patricia: *An Orange for Frankie, Thank You, Mr. Falker, The Art of Miss Chew*

(These three books are good, not all her books are. An adult should read any others of hers first)

Reynolds, Peter: *Ish*

Rumford, James: *From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World*

Schwartz, Joanne (illustrated by Sydney Smith): *Town Is by the Sea*

Smucker, Barbara (illustrated by Janet Wilson): *Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt*

Steig, William: *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*

Cooney, Barbara: *Miss Rumphius*

Stewart, Sarah (illustrated by David Small): *The Friend* *(out of print but worth finding)*

Stewart, Sarah (illustrated by David Small): *The Gardener*

Stewart, Sarah (illustrated by David Small): *The Journey*

Stewart, Sarah (illustrated by David Small): *The Money Tree*

Stewart, Sarah (illustrated by David Small): *The Quiet Place*

Wild, Margaret (illustrated by Julie Vivas):

Let the Celebrations Begin! A Story of Hope for the Liberation *(discuss with an adult)*

Wild, Margaret (illustrated by Julie Vivas):

The Very Best of Friends *(also good for discussion)*

Williams, Vera B.: *A Chair for My Mother*

EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

Brisley, Joyce Lankester: **Milly-Molly-Mandy** (series of 6)

Craighead George, Jean: **My Side of the Mountain** (trilogy)

DiCamillo, Kate: **Because of Winn-Dixie**

Gannett, Ruth Stiles: **Three Tales of My Father's Dragon**

Gardiner, John Reynolds: **Stone Fox**

Harper, Charise Mericle: **Just Grace**

Henkes, Kevin: **Penny and her Marble** (in series of 3)

Holmelund Minarik, Else, and Maurice Sendak: **Little Bear's Friend** (series of 5)

Howe, James (illustrated by Marie-Louise Gay): **Houndsley and Catina** (series of 5)

Hunt, Elizabeth Singer: **Jack Stalwart**

King-Smith, Dick: **The Sheep Pig** and other animal stories

(became the movie "Babe")

Hart, Maude: **Betsy-Tacy** (series)

MacLachlan, Patricia (illustrated by Vanessa Julian-Ottie): **Sarah, Plain and Tall** (series of 4)

Pennypacker, Sara: **Clementine**

Rylant, Cynthia: **In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen**

(the first of 6 in the Cobble Street Cousins series)

GREAT STORIES ABOUT THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Probably Grade 5 and Older

Ehrlich, Esther: **Nest**

Ellis, Sarah: **The Bread Winner**

Enright, Elizabeth: **Gone-Away Lake**

Enright, Elizabeth: **The Saturdays** (part of the Melendy Quartet series)

Fisher, Dorothy Canfield: **Understood Betsy**

Fox, Paula: **One-Eyed Cat**

Little, Jean: **From Anna**

Little, Jean: **Mama's Going To Buy You a Mockingbird**

Lowry, Lois: **Number the Stars**

Mills, Lauren: **The Rag Coat**

Paterson, Katherine: *The Great Gilly Hopkins*

Holm, Ann: *I Am David*

LaFleur, Suzanne: *Eight Keys*

Martin, Ann M.: *Rain Reign*

Palacio, R. J.: *Wonder*

Paterson, Katherine: *Bridge to Terabithia*

Peck, Richard: *A Long Way from Chicago; A Year Down Yonder; Teacher's Funeral; A Season of Gifts*

Wolfson, Jill: *What I Call Life*

Smith, Boris Buchan: *A Taste of Blackberries*

Wangerin Jr, Walter: *Potter*

Birdsall, Jean: *Penderwicks Books* (this is a series of five, the first is the best)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Boissery, Bev: *Sophie's Rebellion; Sophie's Treason; Sophie's Exile*

de Angeli, Marguerite: *The Door in the Wall*

Various Authors: *Dear Canada* (a series of historical novels, written in the form of the diary of a fictional young woman living during an important event in Canadian history)

Roy, Jennifer: *The Yellow Star*

Smucker, Barbara: *Days of Terror*

Smucker, Barbara: *Underground to Canada*

Schwartz, Virginia: *If I Just Had Two Wings*

Fischer, John: *Saint Ben*

Lewis, Hilda: *The Gentle Falcon*

Lawrence, Iain: *The Wreckers; The Smugglers; The Buccaneers*
(The High Seas Trilogy)

O'Dell, Scott: *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

Paterson, Katherine: *Lyddie*

MacColl, Michaela: *Promise a Night*

Morpugo, Michael: *War Horse; Butterfly Lion*

Raven, Margot Theis: *Night Road to Freedom*

Serrailier, Ian: *The Silver Sword*

Speare, Elizabeth George: *The Bronze Bow*

Sutcliff, Rosemary: *The Eagle of the Ninth; The Silver Branch; Lantern Bearer*
(Roman Britain Trilogy)

Van Stockum, Hilda: *The Winged Watchman*

Voigt, Cynthia: *Jackaroo*

FANTASY, SCIENCE FICTION, AND ADVENTURE

Auxier, Jonathan: *Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes; Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard,*

Cooper, Susan: *Dark is Rising* (series of 5)

Eddings, David: *The Belgariad* (series of 5), *The Mallereon* (series of 5)

Feiffer, Jules: *Barrel of Laughs, a Vale of Tears.*

Fischer, Kathy: *Firebird*

Funke, Cornelia: *The Inkheart Trilogy*

Gaiman, Neil: *Coraline*

Goudge, Elizabeth: *The Little White Horse*

Hunter, Erin: *Warriors in the Wild*

Kendall, Carol: *The Gammage Cup*

LeGuin, Ursula: *The Earthsea Trilogy*

Alexander, Lloyd: *Chronicles of Prydain* (series of 5)

Paolini, Christopher: *The Inheritance Cycle* (series of 4)

McKinley, Robin: *The Hero and the Crown; The Blue Sword; Rose Daughter; Outlaws of Sherwood
Spindle's End; Beauty* (retelling of *Beauty and the Beast*); *Dragon Haven*
(these earlier books are better than those written later)

Tolkien J.R.R.: *The Silmarillion*

Wiesner, David (illustrated by Donna Jo Napoli): *Fish Girl*

Wilson, N.D.: *Leepike Ridge, Boys of Blur, The 100 Cupboards Trilogy*

SHAKESPEARE AND POETRY

Garfield, Leon: *Shakespeare Stories*

Editor: Kennedy, Caroline (illustrated by Jon J. Muth):

A Family of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children

Editor: Kennedy, Caroline (illustrated by Jon J. Muth):

Poems to Learn by Heart

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Green, Roger Gilbert Lancelyn: **Several Books about Myths and Legends**

NON-FICTION BOOKS AND WEBSITES

Buckley, Carol: *Tarra and Bella: the Elephant and Dog who Became Best Friends*

Guillain, Charlotte (illustrated by Yuval Zommer): *The Street Beneath My Feet*

Hood, Susan (illustrated by Sally Wern Comport):

Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay

Hrdlitschka, Shelly and Rae Schidlo (illustrated by Linda Sharp):

The Grizzlies of Grouse Mountain: the True Adventures of Coola and Grinder

Hutts Aston, Dianna (illustrated by Sylvia Long): *A Seed Is Sleepy* (and others in the series)

Iggulden, Conn and Hal: *The Dangerous Book for Boys*

Mealer, Bryan, and William Kamkwamba: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*

McKnight, Lesley: *Vancouver Kids*

Millard, Anne (illustrated by Steve Noon): *A Street Through Time*

Poliquin, Rachel (illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler):

Beastly Puzzles: A Brain-Boggling Animal Guessing Game

Various Authors: *Kingfisher Knowledge Books*

This is a useful article with some good nonfiction suggestions:

<https://www.readbrightly.com/how-to-get-kids-to-read-nonfiction/>

Another useful site, with great categories, including science, math, etc... but also folk and fairy tales (which are considered nonfiction): <https://www.startwithabook.org/summer-reading-learning>

GENERAL BIOGRAPHIES

Bardoe, Cheryl (illustrated by Jos A. Smith):

Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas

Davies, Jacqueline (illustrated by Melissa Sweet):

The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon

Hopkins, Joseph, and Jill McElmurry:

The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever

Paul, Miranda and Elizabeth Zunon:

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia

Rappaport, Doreen, illustrated by Gary Kelley:

Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt

BIOGRAPHIES THAT HIGHLIGHT CHRISTIAN FAITH

Hannula, Richard: ***Trial and Triumph: Stories from Church History***

Hendrix, John: ***The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*** (graphic novel)

Jackson, Dave and Neta:

Hero Tales: A Family Treasury of True Stories for the Lives of Christian Heroes (four volumes)

Nichols, Stephen J. (illustrated by Ned Bustard):

The Church History ABCs: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith

Nichols, Stephen J. (illustrated by Ned Bustard): ***Bible History ABC's***

Nichols, Stephen J. (illustrated by Ned Bustard): ***Reformation ABC's***

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKS

For All Ages | This List Includes Some "Holiday Stories" Along with Faith-Based Christmas Stories

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan: ***The Jolly Christmas Postman***

Boss, Gayle: ***All Creation Waits: An Advent Mystery of New Beginnings***

Brett, Jan: ***Christmas Trolls***

Butterworth, Nick: ***The Nativity Play***

Buck, Nola: ***Christmas in the Manger Board Book***

Castillo, Lauren: ***Christmas Is Here***

Daley Mackall, Dandi (illustrated by Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson): ***Listen to the Silent Night***

de Brebeuf, Jean (illustrated by Frances Tyrrell): ***The Huron Carol***

dePaola, Tomie: *The Friendly Beasts*

Di Camillo, Kate: *Great Joy*

Goudge, Elizabeth: *I Saw Three Ships*

Hendrix, John: *Shooting at the Stars: The Christmas Truce of 1914* (a graphic novel)

Joslin, Mary (illustrated by Helen Cann): *On That Christmas Night*

Keats, Ezra Jack: (illustrated by Katherine Kennicott Davis): *The Little Drummer Boy*

Kurelek, William: *A Northern Nativity: Christmas Dreams of a Prairie Boy*

L'Engle, Madeleine: *The Twenty-four Days Before Christmas* (precedes *The Austin Family Chronicles*)

Lindgren, Astrid: *Christmas in Noisy Village* (same author as *Pippa Longstocking*)

Lloyd-Jones, Sally (illustrated by Jackie Morris): *Little One, We Knew You'd Come*

Lloyd-Jones, Sally (illustrated by Alison Jay): *Song of the Stars*

Lloyd-Jones, Sally (illustrated by Jago): *The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Activity Book–24 guided Crafts plus Games, Songs, Recipes, and More*

Lunn, Janet: *One Hundred Shining Candles*

McCaughrean, Geraldine: *The Jesse Tree*

Neale, John M. (illustrated by Tim Ladwig): *Good King Wenceslas*

Nordqvist, Sven: *The Tomtes' Christmas Porridge*

O'Neal, Trafton: *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Park, Linda Sue (illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline): *The Third Gift*

Paterson, Katherine: *Angels and Other Strangers: Family Christmas Stories*

Paterson, Katherine: *A Midnight Clear: Stories for the Christmas Season*

Rumer, Godden (illustrated by Barbara Cooney): *The Story of Holly and Ivy*

Slate, Joseph (illustrated by Ashley Wolff): *Who is Coming to Our House*

Tavares, Matt: *Red and Lulu*

Watt, Fiona (illustrated by Rachel Wells): *The Nativity*

Waddel, Martin (illustrated by Jason Cockcroft): *Room for a Little One: A Christmas Tale*

Wildsmith, Brian: *A Christmas Story*

Wildsmith, Brian: *The Road to Bethlehem*

Wilner, Isabel: *B is for Bethlhem*

Wojciechowski, Susan (illustrated by P.J. Lynch): *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*

Vivas, Julie: *The Nativity*

Voskamp, Ann: *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift–A Family Celebration of Christmas*

Ziefert, Harriet: *A New Coat for Anna*

LENT AND EASTER PICTURE BOOKS

For All Ages

Biffi, Inos: *The Way of the Cross: Holy Week, the Stations of the Cross, and the Resurrection*

Boss, Gayle: *Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing*

Hunt, Angela: *The Tale of Three Trees*

Joslin, Mary (illustrated by Helen Cann): *On That Easter Night*

Ytreeide, Arnold: *Amon's Adventure: A Family Story for Easter*

Houselander, Caryll (illustrated by Tomie dePaola): *Petook: An Easter Story*

PICTURE BOOKS OF HYMNS

For All Ages

Farjeon, Eleanor (illustrated by Tim Ladwig): *Morning Has Broken*

Alexander, Cecil Francis (illustrated by Bruce Whatley): *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Neale, John M. (illustrated by Tim Ladwig): *Good King Wenceslas*

Nelson, Kadir: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

BIBLE STORY BOOKS AND BOOK OF PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN

For Various Age Groups

Batchelor, Mary (illustrated by John Haysom): *The Children's Bible in 365 Days*

Butterworth, Nick: *Stories Jesus Told*

Mauss, Doug (illustrated by Sergio Cariello): *The Action Bible*

Delval, Marie-Hélène (illustrated by Arno): *Psalms for Young Children*

dePaola, Tomie: *Tomie dePaola's Book of Bible Stories*

DeYoung, Kevin: *The Biggest Story*

Leo and Diane Dillon: *To Every Thing There Is a Season* (fascinating illustration of Ecc.3:1-8 and 1:4)

Helm, David (illustrated by Gail Schoolmaker): *The Big Picture Story Bible*

Ladwig, Tim: *Psalm Twenty-Three; The Lord's Prayer*

Lindvall, Ella: *Read Aloud Bible Stories* (five volumes)

Lloyd-Jones, Sally: *Found: Psalm 23; Loved: The Lord's Prayer*

Lloyd-Jones, Sally: *The Jesus Story Book Bible*

Lloyd-Jones, Sally: *Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing*

Paterson, Katherine (illustrated by Pamela Dalton):

Brother Sun, Sister Moon: Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures

Paterson, Katherine (illustrated by Alexander Koshkin): *The Angel and the Donkey*

Pinkney, Jerry: *Noah's Ark*

(Published by) Zondervan: *NIV Kids' Visual Study Bible*

Machowski, Marty: *The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testament*

Skevington, Andrea (illustrated by Sophy Williams):

The Lion Classic Bible (places prophets in their historical context)

Sleeman, Matthew: *Meet Jesus in Mark*

Steedman, Amy: *Read Aloud Book of Bible Stories*

Turner, Philip (illustrated by Brian Wildsmith): *The Bible Story*

Vos, Catherine: *The Child's Story Bible* (detailed and faithful to the biblical text)

Watts, Murray (illustrated by Helen Cann): *The Lion Bible for Children*

Wolfe, Gregory and Suzanne M. Wolfe: *Bless This House: Prayers for Families and Children*

BIBLE STUDIES, DEVOTIONALS, CATECHISM, AND THEOLOGY

Significant Overlap with Many Other Categories

Blessed is She: *Rise up: Virtues Devotional for Kids*

Thornton, Champ: *The Radical Book for Kids*

(Editor) Hansen, Colin; Keller, Kathy and Tim; and Various Authors:

The New City Catechism; The New City Catechism Devotional

The New City Catechism for Kids

(Editor) Packer, J.I.; (Editor) Scandrett, Joel; Anglican Church in North America:

To Be A Christian: An Anglican Catechism

Lister, J. Ryan: *Emblems of the Infinite King: Enter the Knowledge of the Living God*

Machowski, Marty: *The Ology*

Taylor, Kenneth (Illustrated by Jenny Brake): *Everything a Child Should Know About God*

BOOKS ABOUT SEXUALITY

Jones, Stan and Brenda: *God's Design for Sex Series*

Burns, Jim: *Pure Foundations Series*

God Made Your Body (for ages 3-5)

How God Makes Babies (for ages 6-9)

The Purity Code: God's Plan for Sex and Your Body (for ages 10-14)

Accept Nothing Less: God's Best for Your Body, Mind, and Heart (for ages 14+)

Teaching Your Children Healthy Sexuality (for parents)

MUSIC RESOURCES

Slugs & Bugs Sing the Bible (*Bible Passages set to funny, kid-friendly music*)

Rain for Roots (*thoughtful, acoustic-folk, enjoyable listening for parents as well as kids*)

Sovereign Grace Music (*theologically rich, biblically sound, fun worship music for older children*)

Happy Hymnody (*Hymn resource for homeschoolers*)

Barefoot Abbey: Singing with the Saints (*Catholic Hymn resource for homeschoolers*)

VIDEO RESOURCES

Bible Play Videos from Saint John's Vancouver Anglican Church

A number of Scripture passages and Bible stories visually enacted with peg people and creative backdrops.

<https://www.stjohnsvancouver.org/kids-bibleplay>

The Bible Project

A ministry that creates videos giving thoughtful and creative overviews of books of the Bible and key biblical themes.

<https://bibleproject.com/>

What's in the Bible with Buck Denver

A series of creative, fun, and hilarious videos which give a thoughtful, gospel-centered overview of the whole Bible, showing how all of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation tells one story that points us to Jesus Christ.

<https://whatsinthebible.com/>

WEBSITES AND PODCASTS

Read Aloud Revival:

This website was founded and is run by Sarah MacKenzie, a Catholic homeschool mom. It has many current lists of recommended books and a good podcast.

Website: <https://readaloudrevival.com/>

Story Warren:

Thoughtful reflection on arts and culture which aims to support families in fostering holy imagination.

Website: <https://storywarren.com/>

BOOKS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, CHILDREN AND BOOKS

Clarkson, Sarah: *Read for the Heart: Whole Books for Wholehearted Families* (out of print)

Clarkson, Sarah: *Caught Up in a Story: Fostering a Storyformed Life of Great Books & Imagination*

Hunt, Gladys: *Honey for a Child's Heart*

MacKenzie, Sarah: *The Read-Aloud Family*

Martin, Jamie: *Give Your Child the World: Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time*
(reading treasury of the best children's literature for each area of the globe)

Pritchard, Gretchen Wolff: *Offering the Gospel to Children*
(children's faith formation, many find it both wise and practical)

Wilkinson, Mary Ruth and Heidi: *A Time To Read: Good Books for Growing Readers*

Trelease, Jim and Cindi: *Jim Trelease's Read-Aloud Handbook*
(this book is not written from a Christian point of view, but is still helpful)

BOOKS ABOUT OUR CULTURE'S WORLDVIEW

Trueman, Carl: *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*
(an excellent exploration of the Western world's evolving understanding of the self)

For more information about the books on this list you are welcome to contact Manya Egerton:

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