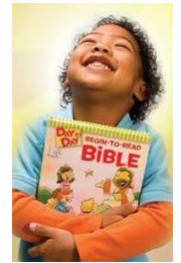
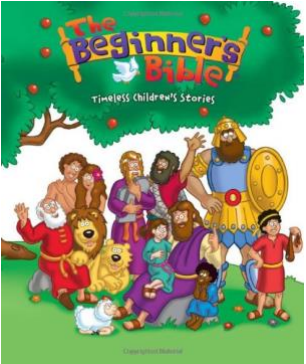
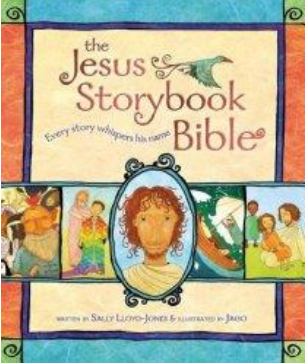
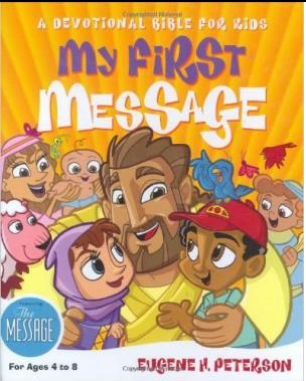




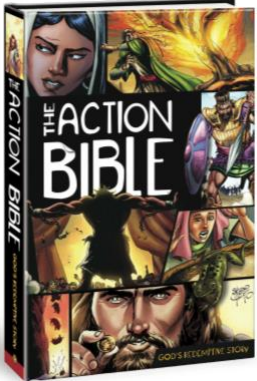
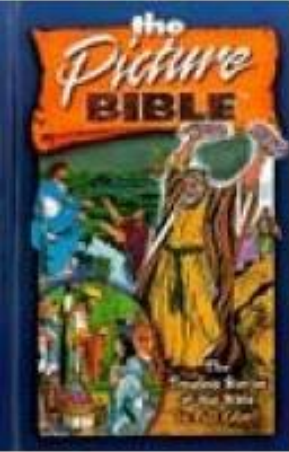
# Choosing a Bible for your Child

Thanks to Amber Parry Strong, of Island Bay (Kids Friendly) Presbyterian Church, who collaborated with the Kids Friendly team to produce this resource to guide us in sharing the Bible with children.

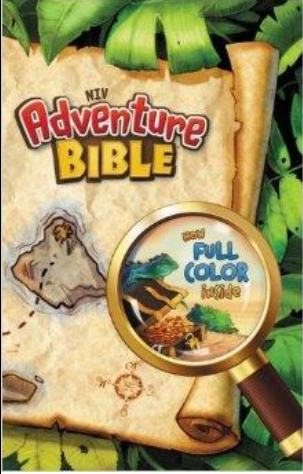




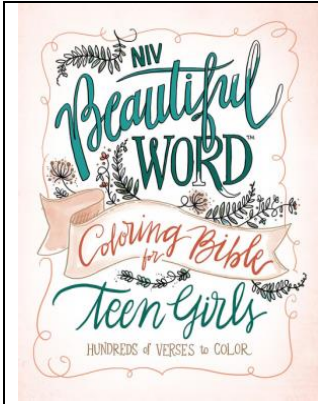
Choosing Bibles for	Pre-schoolers, Early Readers, Primary and Intermediate Age Children:
	<p><b>The Beginners Bible</b></p> <p>This is the best read aloud book of bible stories for pre-schoolers I have come across and we use it at home and at church. We have also found it great for ESOL speakers as it is written with such clear language. As the kids get older and can read to themselves, my daughter (who is an average reader) read it herself at age 6 and her school uses it in all their junior classrooms.</p>
	<p><b>The Jesus Storybook Bible</b></p> <p>This bible says it's aimed at 4-7 year olds, but I think the age range should extend up to 10 as a child read book. My 7.5 year old isn't quite up to reading it herself yet. This is a beautifully written and illustrated collection of bible stories for primary school aged kids. There are also DVD clips on the internet and a Sunday school curriculum that go with it.</p>
	<p><b>My First Message</b></p> <p>I am a big fan of the Message Translation and there is now a version for primary school children. This also has activities and devotions for families throughout the book.</p>



Choosing Bibles for	Primary Readers
	<p><b>Comic Format Bible Storybooks:</b></p> <p><b>The Action Bible</b> is a collection of bible stories aimed at primary school age children, but written in comic strip format. Boys of 9+ particularly respond to this bible. It is designed to look like a Marvel comic, actually illustrated by a Marvel artist.</p>
	<p><b>The Picture Bible</b> is a collection of bible stories aimed at primary school age children, but written in comic strip format. The Picture Bible has been around for decades but has recently been re-released with new graphics. This seems to have wider appeal with both genders.</p>
	<p><b>My Bible Journal</b> is a collection of daily devotional journals that encourage primary age children to dig into the Bible. Aimed at 5-9 year old boys and girls, there is plenty of space for writing prayer requests, praises to God, or writing anything else as they engage and reflect on Scripture.</p>

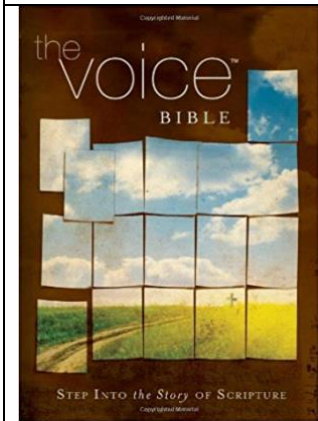


Choosing Bibles for	Older Kids and Teens
	<p><b>The (full) Bible:</b></p> <p><b>The Good News</b> and <b>The Message</b> are both Bible translations that are easy to understand and suitable for older kids and teens.</p> <p><b>The Adventure Bible</b> (New International Version) has added pictures and explanations.</p>
	<p><b>The Big Rescue Bible</b> (Contemporary English Version) has added pictures and explanations.</p>
	<p>If you want something more specifically aimed at girls, then the <b>New Bible for Teen Girls</b> is good. It's aimed at 13+ year olds, but I think it would still appeal for Intermediate Age plus. It does have a lot of "smart advice, and open discussion about the realities of life" so if you don't like that then go for the Message or a plain NIV.</p>



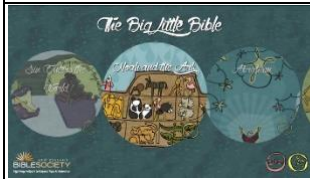
### The NIV Beautiful Word Colouring Bible

For those teen girls who love to colour and are ready to dive into the Word, the NIV **Beautiful Word Colouring Bible for Teen Girls** is perfect! The bulk of this Bible is filled with hundreds of verses in ready-to-colour line art. There is also ample space for their own illustrations and journaling



**The Voice Bible** reads like a story with a combination of narratives, poetry, and teaching. Readers are invited to enter into Scripture in a refreshing way. Although this Bible is not specifically written for teenagers, it has been used very successfully in a summer camp setting where older children as well as teenagers were nurtured by the Word in this form.

### Bible APPS



**The Big Little Bible** like the book follows the unique 'one line' art technique through 30 stories. Read together, save favourite verses.



**Bible Bedtime APPS 1 and 2:** Interact, create your own pictures to add to the text.  
Also **YouVersion Bible App for Kids** [www.bible.com/kids](http://www.bible.com/kids)



**Guardians of Ancora** is a world-class tablet game for 8- to 11-year-olds offering an amazing virtual world and an immersive interactive experience of Bible stories. [www.guardiansofancora.com](http://www.guardiansofancora.com)



**Bible Pathway Adventures** is a free discipleship app designed to help children everywhere learn God's truth in a fun creative way.  
[www.biblepathwayadventures.com](http://www.biblepathwayadventures.com)



**Wild Online** takes children on a journey across an interactive map that visits the life, teaching and miracles of Jesus with lots of short animated videos, characters and quizzes.  
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**The Aetherlight- Chronicles of the Resistance** is a NZ made Biblical allegory in a language kids understand- games! Players join a mysterious steampunk world seeking to restore the land and return the Great engineer to the throne. Built for 9-12 yr olds – fun for parents too! Family pass \$19.99 gives over 15 hrs game time  
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