

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

# The Bible



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## Books for Little Ones

The first four years of a child's life are a wonderful time. Children are discovering so much about themselves and about their world. It is a delight—and often lots of fun—to watch the changes taking place. Helping a child learn about God during these formative years is both a great privilege and a unique challenge.

Books for Little Ones is a series of simple books written specifically for 1-4 year olds. Along with beautiful photos, each book provides age-appropriate teaching about God and us, in a way that encourages your child to take the first steps of faith—first steps on what will be, God willing, a lifetime journey of growing in the knowledge and love of God.

Extensive tips and ideas are also provided for parents. For more information, see [www.teachinglittleones.com/bflo](http://www.teachinglittleones.com/bflo).

## The Bible

In this book children will learn that the Bible is a special book because it is God's book. The Bible tells me lots of important things. It tells me about Jesus and that he loves me lots and lots. It tells me I can be friends with God.

In the **Books for Little Ones** series:

<b>The Bible</b>	<b>God loves</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>God hears</b>	<b>God loves me</b>	<b>Please God</b>
<b>God is great</b>	<b>God made</b>	<b>Sorry God</b>
<b>God knows me</b>	<b>God made me</b>	<b>Thank you God</b>

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## Notes for parents and other adult readers

Sitting down to read a book with a young child is a special privilege, and helping them take early steps in getting to know their world, themselves and God is even more special. However this book is not just intended to be read, but to be a springboard for helping children learn throughout the day (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 145:3-7). Here are a few tips to help you adapt your reading and help their learning go beyond these pages:

**For really little ones:** Why a book on the Bible when little ones can't read yet? As children grow we want the Bible to stand above other books in its importance. We want children to grow up with a desire to listen to (then read) and learn from the Bible and be shaped by it. So we are laying foundations here about what the Bible is and its importance.

**For bigger ones:** We want children to know that the Bible is where we learn about God and Jesus, and to see it as God's authoritative Word. How wonderful that God tells us in the Bible about how we can be friends with him through Jesus. We want the Bible to have a special place in their lives.

**Other Bible passages to look at:** Romans 15:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

**Reading the Bible with your child:** I would encourage you to start reading the Bible with your child, beginning with single verses. You may need to explain some words. Then for older ones, you can start reading narratives about Jesus from a book like Mark's Gospel. Use a simple Bible version such as the Good News Bible or NIRV. Also, you could write/paste Bible verses in a special book (which your child can decorate). A different verse could be read each day, and over time remembered (through repeated reading).

**Pray:** Remember to thank God for the Bible. You can also thank God for what the Bible tells us (e.g. about Jesus). Bible verses could also be turned into prayers.

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