

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

God loves me



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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/bfo.

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God always loves us. He loves me when I'm little, and he loves me as I grow bigger and bigger. He loves me wherever I am. He loves me whether I am happy or sad. God showed how much he loved me by sending Jesus. Thank you God.

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

The Bible

God hears

God is great

God knows me

God loves

God loves me

God made

God made me

Jesus

Please God

Sorry God

Thank you God



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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: This book is intentionally repetitive to build key foundations. Reminding them of God's love through the day reinforces those foundations. Although they may not yet grasp how sending Jesus shows God's love, it's worth drawing the link and then building on it as they grow. (For more ideas, see the website.)

For bigger ones: Talk to them about God showing us his love by sending Jesus. As appropriate, start to explore questions like "Why did God send Jesus?" How can you help your child better understand God's love for them and how God wants us to respond to his love for us? (For more ideas, see the website.)

Other Bible passages to look at: Psalm 118:1; Psalm 145:8; John 3:16; Romans 5:8.

Making books for/with your child: Photograph your child at different times/places etc (or older children can draw). Drawings or a photo could be hung up with the caption 'God loves me'.

Pray: Regularly say short, simple prayers, like "Thank you God that you love me" and "Thank you God for Jesus".

For more thoughts and tips, see www.teachinglittleones.com/bflo.

Important note: The theme of 'God loves' is not as simple as it seems. Does God love sinners? If so, does that mean he accepts them? What sort of love is it? How do Jesus and faith fit in? And how does all this relate to young children? Space prevents us exploring these vital issues here, but we urge you to go to the website to read more.

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God made me and he loves me.
He loved me when I was a little baby.
He even loved me before I was born.

God loves me as I grow bigger...



...and bigger. He never stops loving me.

