

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

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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/bflo.

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In this book children will learn that Jesus is God's special King. He is the King forever and ever and he loves me. Jesus died on the cross, but he didn't stay dead. God made him alive again. I can be friends with God because of Jesus.

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

The Bible	God loves	Jesus
God hears	God loves me	Please God
God is great	God made	Sorry God
God knows me	God made me	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 has some hard concepts for really little ones which in time they will understand more fully. (See the website for more explanation of how to read this book with little ones.) Use this book to lay foundations that can be built on as they grow (e.g. emphasising Jesus loves us and Jesus is King). We want children to hear about Jesus, that he is so great that he is the King of everyone, but also so loving that he came to help us. They can join with you in saying "Jesus is the King of everyone, Jesus is the King of everything". Make sure they realise none of the photos in the book are of Jesus.

For bigger ones: There's lots for a child to learn in this little book. Use this book to begin conversations with your child (as appropriate) about what it means that Jesus is King; what it means that Jesus died so we can be God's friends; and how Jesus came to help us, or serve us, even though he is the King of kings. You can talk to your child about how we are to live if Jesus is the King. You can read Mark 4:35-41 for the story of Jesus calming the storm. There are many accounts of Jesus healing people, including Mark 1:29-31, 3:9-10, 5:25-34; Luke 7:1-10.

Other Bible passages to look at: Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:6-11; Revelation 1:5.

Pray: Regularly say short and simple prayers like "Thank you God that Jesus is King", "Thank you that Jesus loves me", and "Thank you that Jesus came so we could be your friends."

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God sent Jesus to be his special King.
Jesus was not like other kings.





Some kings wear fancy clothes
and live in castles. But Jesus didn't.



King Jesus was born in a dirty animal shed.
Jesus was not like other kings.