

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

please God



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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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In this book children will learn that we can talk to God and ask for his help. I can ask God to help me be kind. I can ask for his help when I feel sick or sad. I can also ask God to help my family, my friends, and lots of other people.

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

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Sorry God

Thank you God



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Notes for parents or 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 (“Please God help...”), modelling short prayers that your child could say. The wording “Please God help” (instead of simply “Please God”) is to show our dependence on God and to ask for his help, rather than list things we want. This book focuses on people who would be known to your child, as that’s most appropriate to a really little one. This can help begin a prayer life for your child.

For bigger ones: It would be great to go beyond this book in thinking more specifically about what you and your child could pray for people your child knows as well as for themselves (things linked to their daily life). Also think of things to pray for people who are not known to your child (e.g. people in your community or in need).

Other Bible passages to look at: Psalm 88:13; Ephesians 1:16; Colossians 4:2.

Making books for/with your child: Photograph your child at different times/places (or older children can draw). Put the pictures in a mini album with captions like “Please God help me to be kind to my friends.” Also include photos of people your child can pray for (e.g. family, friends, a missionary family, a photo of the local hospital to pray for people who are sick, a picture of a fire engine to pray for fire fighters, etc).

Pray: This book, or part of it, can be read as a prayer; or used as a model of how your child could pray; or as the start of a prayer (e.g. “Please God help my family to...”).

For more thoughts and tips see www.teachinglittleones.com/bfo

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Thank you God that I can talk to you and say,
'Please God help me.'





Please God help me love you.



Please God help me love my family.