

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

# Sorry 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](http://www.teachinglittleones.com/bfo).

## Sorry God

In this book children will learn that God loves us and he sees everything we do. I can't hide from God. But I can say "sorry" to God when I do the wrong thing, and I can also ask him to help me do the right thing.

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 is a simple introduction for little ones and there is a lot that isn't said (including concepts like forgiveness). But it's a first step to know that God always sees us, because children (like adults!) try to cover up, shift blame, and pretend to be innocent. But they can't deceive God. Hopefully this book will lay foundations for little ones to learn (as they grow) about confession and repentance, as well as show them how much we need God's forgiveness.

**For bigger ones:** The word 'sin' is not used in this book, rather some specific sins that most young children can identify with (and so see that they do things they shouldn't do). The aim of this book is partly to help children recognize sin. You can then help your child to see that these things are called 'sin'. We also want them to learn that we don't just say sorry to a person we have wronged, but also to God (whom we have ultimately sinned against). All of this prepares them for understanding that God takes our sin so seriously that he sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserve.

**Other Bible passages to look at:** Psalm 32:5; Psalm 69:5; 1 John 1:8-9.

**Pray:** Parts of this book can be prayed as a useful model for confessing sin (which is important for children to both learn about and do).

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God loves me. I love God.  
But sometimes I make God sad.





Sometimes I'm not kind. I'm sorry God.



Please help me be kind.