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Books to inspire and support Christian parents







We're here to encourage, empower and support Christian parents in bringing up their children from an early age in the faith of Christ.



Raising God-connected kids in the everyday

How would you like to help your children and teens discover faith on their own terms? To come alongside them easily and naturally, spotting everyday opportunities to talk about God right where you are: on the school run... in the queue at the supermarket... playing football...?

Deuteronomy 6:7 encourages us to nurture young people's faith through everyday family life: 'when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up' – not by making it an additional extra. But where to start?

Our mission is to empower everyone to develop a personalised approach that works for their own situation and church culture. Join our growing network of parents, family members, church workers and others on this journey. **Browse these books** written or recommended by **Rachel Turner**, BRF's Parenting for Faith Pioneer.

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'I've learnt to show my children the relationship I have with God. As I was driving the children to school the other day, my youngest started talking to God.' 'I've had more relaxed conversations with our teenager and their responses are more relaxed and thoughtful.' 'My wife and I came into the course open and willing to learn new methods to help our children... find Jesus on their own terms. This course really delivered on that level.'





Parenting Children for a Life of Faith Omnibus Edition

Helping children meet and know God

Rachel Turner

This volume is a fully updated compilation of titles previously published as *Parenting Children for a Life of Faith, Parenting Children for a Life of Purpose* and *Parenting Children for a Life of Confidence*.

Parenting Children for a Life of Faith provides inspiration and wisdom for nurturing children into the reality of God's presence and love, equipping them to access him themselves and encouraging them to grow in a two-way relationship with him that will last a lifetime.

Pb, 978 0 85746 694 5, 304 pages, £12.99, published September 2018

Rachel Turner is an author, speaker and the Parenting for Faith Pioneer for The Bible Reading Fellowship. She has been a full-time children's and families worker and the National Children's Work Coordinator for New Wine.

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It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent

Creating a culture where parenting for faith can flourish

Rachel Turner

How can churches become centres for empowering parents to raise God-connected children? How can we transform the lives of parents, carers, grandparents and church communities, and the way generations of children are raised? While it is parents who are on the front line of discipling their children, God has placed us as the church to journey alongside them, nurturing and equipping them and cheering them on. This book will help church leaders and volunteers to grow in the skills needed to make our churches places that empower families. It explores how to help parents over the major obstacles that hinder them from proactively discipling their children, and looks at practical ways to lay the foundations of a church culture where parenting for faith can flourish.

Pb, 978 0 85746 625 9, 176 pages, £8.99

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Prayer Journey into Parenthood

Claire Daniel

Pregnancy and new parenthood are some of the most exciting and challenging times of life, and this book forms a gentle devotional guide for that journey. Providing undated Bible reflections and prayers, plus space for personal journalling, it makes an attractive gift for an expectant mother and also an easy-to-use resource for couples to use together as they prepare for parenthood. Arranged so that it can be read chronologically or thematically, it begins with the earliest days of pregnancy and continues into the first months of parenthood.

Claire Daniel is mum to two busy boys and lives in Water Orton, Birmingham. She is author of *80 Creative Prayer Ideas*, is passionate about supporting other parents, and speaks at conferences, churches and workshops on prayer.

978 0 85746 479 8, 128 pages, £9.99

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Comfort in the Darkness

Helping children draw close to God through biblical stories of night-time and sleep

Rachel Turner

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Eleanor Bird has been involved in children's work since she was twelve and in full-time ministry since she was 21, leading children's venues for New Wine and seminars for leaders across the UK.

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Being intergenerational in Messy Church

Martyn Payne

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Martyn Payne was BRF's Messy Church researcher until he retired in 2017. A qualified teacher, Martyn worked with BRF for over twelve years on training and resources and leading Barnabas RE days; prior to this, he was national children's work coordinator at the Church Mission Society.

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