

Recommended Bibles & Bible Storybooks

Plus “suggested” ages –many Bibles are suitable for all age groups.

For Preschool Children, Early Readers and All Generations

- *Adventure Bible Storybook* (Zonderkidz): Fifty plus stories with key verses highlighted for each story.
- *The Beginner’s Bible: Timeless Children’s Stories* (Zonderkidz): Almost 100 Bible stories told in an easy to read format and kid friendly pictures.
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (Zonderkidz): Written by Sally Lloyd-Jones, this unique Bible storybook reveals how Jesus is the center of every story. A personal favorite! Check-out web where one can hear stories read aloud. <http://www.jesusstorybookbible.com/>
- *My First Message: A Devotional Bible for Kids* (NavPress): Based on Eugene Peterson’s *The Message*, this Bible storybook features wonderful illustrations as well as prayers, questions, and things to do at the end of each story.
- *The Rhyme Bible Storybook* (Zonderkidz): Thirty-five classic Bible stories are retold in delightful rhymes.
- *Spark Story Bible* (Augsburg Fortress): One hundred fifty stories in a hardback book with colorful artwork to engage young children. Accompanying Curriculum available.
- Also see *Whirl Bible* below.

For Elementary Children and Households

- *The Adventure Bible* (Zonderkidz): This NIV Bible contains introductions to each Book of the Bible, relevant history facts, and ways to live out God’s Word in daily life. For students ages 8 – 12.
- *The Adventure Bible for Young Readers* (Zonderkidz): Many of the same features of the regular *Adventure Bible*, but the shorter sentence structure and simpler vocabulary makes it a better choice for those ages 6 – 10.
- *Connect Bible* (Augsburg Fortress) Is NRSV. Used for both Holy Moly Sunday School and Connect Tween Sunday School. It includes activities to get kids thinking about the stories they’ve just learned and tools to help kids learn how to use the text.
- *The Family Story Bible: (Westminster Knox)*: Ralph Milton believes that if you are not having fun reading the Bible, then you are not doing it right. His “Word to Adults” is a must read. Stories of faith told in a down-to-earth way. A great first Bible for families new to your church or to the faith.
- *Holy Bible: (American Bible Society)*: Contemporary English Version. User friendly, easy to read aloud. Written at 4th grade reading ability. Perfect for 3rd Grade Bible gifting.
- *Holy Moly Story Bible* (Augsburg Fortress): Ignite a biblical imagination that lasts a lifetime—also includes a Sunday school curriculum for kids in K- grade 4.
- *The Spark Bible* (Augsburg Fortress): Designed for children in grades 3 – 6, this NRSV Bible includes stickers for use in marking and highlighting passages.
- *Whirl Story Bible* (Spark House) NEW! Stories organized according to the three years of the Revised Common Lectionary. Simplified story followed by engaging questions.

For Middle and High School Youth and Their Friends

- *Here We Stand Lutheran Study Bible*. (Augsburg Fortress) NRSV. Includes introductions, notes, articles written by Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. Invites confirmation students to engage in the Bible as encountered by people in the Bible as well as how it now engages us.
- *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language* (NavPress): Written by Eugene Peterson. A translation using today's words, idioms and metaphors. Meant as a "reading Bible," to get people into the Word. Teenagers may find the language more accessible than a traditional Bible.
- *The NIV Student Bible* (Zondervan): A study Bible containing introductions to each book, tips on how to read it, biographies of 100 biblical people, a guided tour section listing important events, plus "insights" with life questions to stimulate thought.

For Adults of Every Age in Every Stage of Life:

- *The Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan): Available in several translations, the Life Application Study Bible provides study notes, but also encourages readers to apply what they are reading to their own lives.
- *Lutheran Study Bible* (Augsburg Fortress): This Bible features the NRSV translation as well as introductions, notes, and articles written by over sixty Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians.
- *Marriage Devotional Bible* (Zondervan): NIV with reflection questions for couples and 52 brief devotions by couples who are leaders in Couple Enrichment.
- *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language* (NavPress): Written by Eugene Peterson, it is meant as a "reading Bible," to get people into the Word. Many find its language is more accessible and fresh than wording in a traditional Bible.
- *The NIV Study Bible* (Zondervan): Provides extensive study notes and cross-references as well as multiple indexes.
- *The Peoples' Bible* (Fortress Press): An NRSV Bible that highlights the role of the cultures in shaping the development of the bible and the way people read it. Study notes and section overviews are provided by a number of distinguished scholars.
- *Serendipity Bible* (Zondervan): This NIV Bible is suitable for leading small group studies. It provides questions for facilitators to open group study, stimulate discussion, and help process what the passage might mean for each one personally.

Web Links providing a wealth of extensive information and resources:

American Bible Society www.americanbible.org and www.bibles.com (Selection of Bibles in Spanish)

Bible Gateway: www.biblegateway.com

Book of Faith www.bookoffaith.org

Enter the Bible: www.enterthebible.org

Select Learning: www.bibleletutor.com

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