

RESOURCES YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL

BOOKS

Resource	Age Group	Details
'I am Special' series by Max Lucado	K-2 (read too) 3-6 (read by themselves)	Picture Book Using the analogy of the Wemmicks, little wooden people, Max Lucado explores issues of our identity in God. We often read these in River Kids.
Lost Sheep Series by Andrew McDonough	4-10 years	These bright and colourful books explore parables, bible characters or biblical ideas (We are the branch and God is the vine) in a super engaging and easy way for kids to understand. They even come with the bible passage from where the story is from, and questions to ask before, during and after the story.
Here Comes Heaven by Bill Johnson and Mike Seth	8-12 years	The kids' version of When Heaven Invades Earth, a powerful book by Bill Johnson, Senior Pastor of Bethel. This book is an invitation for young people to bring the realm of Heaven to earth! As children discover their identity through the revelation of the Father's love, they are released to fulfill their Royal Mission: to demonstrate the Kingdom of God by living a life of miracles.
Here I am, the One you Love by Stephanie Schureman	6-12 years	A beautifully illustrated book that looks at what it means to live in the presence of God and in a deep relationship with their Papa.
Loving Our Kids on Purpose by Danny Silk	For Parents	<i>Loving Our Kids on Purpose</i> brings the principles of the Kingdom of God and revival into our strategy as parents.
Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo	3 years to Adults (because there are different versions)	With three versions, Heaven is for Real for Little Ones, For Kids, and the original adult version (which our preteen and teenagers could read), this book tells the real life story of Colton who visited Heaven, and came back with one important message: Jesus really, really loves children.

* Please have a browse on Koorong or iBethel store online for more books as there are so many!

BIBLES/ DEVOTIONALS

Resource	Age Group	Details
The Beginners Bible	3-5 years	Perfect first bible! Includes 95 bible stories with colour illustrations.
Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones	K- 4	From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle. A Bible like no other, The Jesus Storybook Bible invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the centre of God's great story of salvation - and at the centre of their Story too.
Big Rescue Bible (or other CEV children's bibles)	K-6	We have found Contemporary English Version as an effective, engaging and easy to understand bible.
Topz (Every Day with Jesus) devotional	Primary	This is the kids version of Everyday With Jesus. Coming in bimonthly magazines, kids are encouraged to read their bible everyday by following the readings and then doing a one page question sheet.
Reap Harvest Devotional	10-14 years	This devotion book stretches over the year and acts as a guided journal for your child. It seeks to teach children how to get meaning out of the bible passages and apply it to their lives.

*Koorong has a large supply of devotional books for kids designed for their needs for examples just girls, pre teens, 7 minutes, year long, bible book based, leadership etc

WEBSITES/ ONLINE RESOURCES/ APPS

Resource	Age Group	Details
HomeFront Magazine	Parent Resource	Available by App or emailed to you once a month by subscribing at the following website: http://homefrontmag.com/ This resource is full of ideas for family devotions, crafts, current Christian parenting issues and articles.
Bible for Kids App	3-6 year olds	From YouVersion, this is a new free app that has different bible stories the kids can choose from. The words are read out loud and include interact illustrations.
Sundayschool.com	Parent Resource	Crafts, family devotions, books, parenting and bible storytelling ideas all at your fingertips. There is lots of free stuff or you can join up for a membership.
Koorong	Parent Resource	Koorong is the biggest Christian bookstore in Australian and their website is excellent. You can purchase and view all their stock online including ebooks that can we downloaded onto ipads. Most resources mentioned here can be found at Koorong.
Children's Bible Games and Activities for your Family and School App		Fun bible based games. A bit expensive though!
Bible Pathway App	6-10 year olds	Kids go on adventures to different biblical locations to unlock stories of the bible. Free!
God's Love: A Bible Story Book App	Infants	Heaps of bible stories paraphrased into quick stories. They provide the bible reference, pictures and the option of audio.
Jesus Calling For Kids App	8-12 years	You can trial this for free. This app is day to day devotions for kids to follow.
Growing Faith	Parent resource	A website aims to equip and energise parents and carers. Can subscribe to a monthly newsletter.

MUSIC AND DVD'S

Resource	Age Group	Details
Veggie Tales	K-5	Fun, engaging, humorous and modern retellings of different bible stories in 30 minutes or hour long DVDs. These can be bought from koorong.
Hillsong Kids	ALL	Releasing albums almost every year and in different age groups, Hillsong Kids produce a lot of quality music. Have a look on itunes and you are sure to find some songs you know.
The Shed	Infants	Produced by members from our church, The Shed CD's are fun and easy to listen to. We have free cd's available for you if you would like it.
Planetshaker Kids	ALL	With a similar vibe to Hillsong, Planetshakers have modern, catchy and powerful songs you will find yourself wanting to sing (and maybe dance!) over and over again. Itunes are the best place to get them.
Tru Worship, Ekidz	ALL	Another great music producer with several albums aiming at different ages of children.
Hillsong Young & Free	8 years +	This album was released within the last couple of years by Hillsong's college students. It is popular in youth groups for its dancey feel and awesome melodies and our kids also love it! Because it is aimed at youth, the lyrics and concepts are not as difficult to understand either.
Bethel	ALL	We sing a lot of songs written or produced by Bethel Church in church and so do our kids. Definitely worth purchasing an album (or two) if you haven't already!