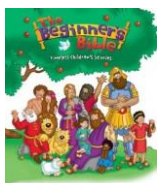


Recommended story bibles and Bibles for children and young people

These are the story bibles and Bibles we'd most recommend for use at home. Suggested age ranges take account of the use of language and concepts, how things are explained, the appeal of the pictures etc. Of course, with young children, you can read the complete Bible or story bibles aimed at older age groups, and they will start to become familiar with the true stories in the Bible even if they don't understand every word.



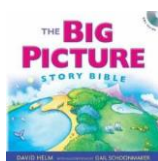
The Beginners Bible (for ages 0-5). This has 94 simple Bible stories with brightly-coloured pictures. Adults can read the stories aloud to babies and young children and later children can read them for themselves. We currently use this in Baby Ark on Sundays.

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God's Big Promises Bible Storybook, by Carl Laferton & Jennifer Davison (for ages 2-6). Written by the author of "The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross" and published this year, this contains 92 Bible stories which are very theologically faithful. Together, these stories point to the one big story of the Bible: God making and keeping his promises to redeem His people.



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The Big Picture Story Bible, by David R. Helm & Gail Schoonmaker (for ages 2-7). This tells the storyline of the Bible as a unified whole, in 26 parts. It takes the theme of "God's people in God's place under God's rule" and shows how this develops through the Bible. An audio recording is included. This is recommended for use in addition to other more detailed story bibles.

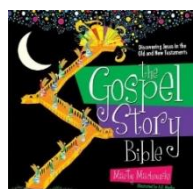
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Bible Stories every Child should Know, by Kenneth N Taylor and Jenny Brake (for ages 4-8).

There are over 120 Bible stories in this story bible. Bible truths are presented in child-friendly language and there are comprehension questions at the end of each Bible story to help children fully understand what they have read.



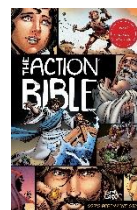
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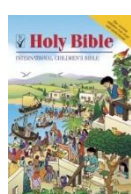
The Gospel Story Bible, by Marty Machowski (for ages 7-11). This contains 156 Bible stories. Each story ends with a very helpful short commentary designed to connect events in the story to God's larger plan of redemption. Old Testament stories show how they point forward to Jesus. New Testament stories point to the cross.

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The Action Bible, by David Cook and Sergio Cariello (for ages 8-12). This story bible is presented like a comic or graphic novel. It has 215 narratives, presented in a very attention-grabbing way. It would be especially good for children who don't like reading lots of pages of text, but any child or teenager could enjoy this action-packed rendition of the Bible.



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The International Children's Bible (for ages 7-11). This is a full version of the Bible, translated from the original Hebrew and Greek, especially for children. It's faithful to the original, as well as simple enough for children to understand. So it's good both for parents to read to their children and for children to read themselves.

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The New International Version of the Bible (for ages 8 plus). We use the NIV in the Ark from year 3 upwards, and where easily understood, the Ark memory verses are from the NIV. Many adults at St John's use this version at home and in growth groups. The NIV is a good version for older children and teenagers to have as their personal Bible.



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