



First Baptist Church  
**GRANDVIEW**

# Family Discipleship Guide

## **Vision of First Baptist Church:**

*Our vision at First Baptist Church is to see our families, our community and our world transformed by the power of God.*

## **Mission of First Baptist Church:**

*Our mission at First Baptist Church is to proclaim and display the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **Family Discipleship:**

At First Baptist Church we desire to partner with families through equipping them in the discipling of their children. On one end of this equipping, we provide ministries and training through the church. On the other end, we want to encourage parents to wisely lead and instruct their children in the home. What this means is that we want to serve our families by connecting the church and the home.

Therefore, there are two goals of this booklet. First, this booklet is to introduce you to the concept of family discipleship. Second, this booklet seeks to offer you some of the best resources available for teaching your kids about Jesus and to provide some biblical structures you can put in place in your home to help you to that end.

### **Family Discipleship**

Family worship is an important part of the Christian life and Christian households. Paul makes this clear in his second letter to Timothy:

*I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

*2 Timothy 1:3-7*

Paul begins his letter to Timothy by going back to the faith of Timothy's grandmother and mother. In many ways, this letter is a call to faith, and Paul, with gratitude to Christ, begins with the faithfulness of previous generations. Later on, near the end of the letter, Paul appeals again to the biblical teachings Timothy received from childhood as an encouragement to persevere and grow in the faith of the gospel.

*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

*2 Timothy 3:14-15*

Paul's words show why family worship is important and significant for today. Furthermore, parents are the ones who have been tasked with the responsibility of passing down their faith to their children. This is meant to be a comprehensive effort.

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

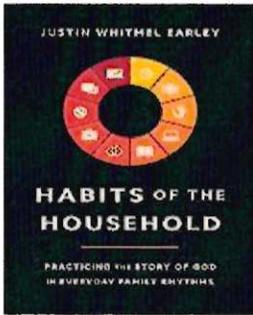
Maureen Bradley summarizes Deuteronomy 6:4-9 by saying we have responsibility to teach our children during mealtime, drive time, bedtime, and in the morning. That means that leading our children to see the Lord in every aspect of their lives will require a bit of intentionality. Some parents pray and teach the Scriptures to their kids each night before bedtime. Others supplement nighttime stories and prayers with more structured worship services that include singing. Some have family worship during the family meal. The key is *consistency*. At the same time, *regularity* is more important than *frequency*. It would be better to gather the family once each week without fail than to exasperate one's family with failed attempts to meet every day.

There are many ways to disciple children in the faith of Jesus Christ. We encourage parents to feed their children a consistent diet of scripture, prayer, singing, and memorization. None of this is meant to be overwhelming, but if we employ the concepts of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, then we find that there are ample opportunities, through using the suggested diet above, to lead children to see and savor Jesus Christ.

## **Family Resources**

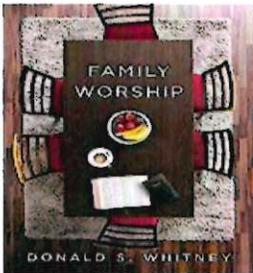
What follows are resources to help equip you to disciple your children towards a greater understanding of Christ and his gospel. The first section provides resources for parenting with an overall biblical vision, second, resources for family worship, third, resources for children's Bibles, fourth, resources for bible memory and catechism, fifth, resources for children's music that will help teach them truth from God's word, then last, a schedule of sorts that will help guide you in increasing your child's understanding of scripture.

- A. To help create a broad vision for how a parent can disciple their children, we want to first, provide some resources on Parenting:



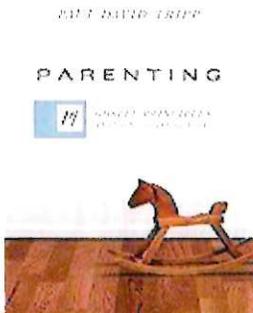
### [Habits of the Household](#)

Award-winning author and father of four Justin Whitmel Earley understands the tension between how you long to parent and what your daily life actually looks like. In *Habits of the Household*, Earley gives you the tools you need to create structure--from mealtimes to bedtimes--that free you to parent toddlers, kids, and teens with purpose



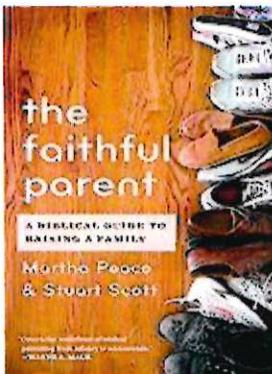
### [Family Worship](#)

Gathering together for worship is an indispensable part of your family's spiritual life. It is a means for God to reveal himself to you and your loved ones in a powerful way. This practical guide by Donald S. Whitney will prove invaluable to families—with or without children in the home—as they practice God-glorifying, Christ-exalting worship through Bible reading, prayer, and singing.



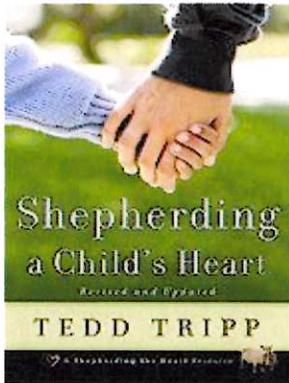
### [Parenting](#)

Sometimes parents wish there was a guaranteed formula for raising good kids—a certain list of rules to follow to ensure they'd have obedient children. But if moms and dads view their role through the lens of God's grace, they will see that the gospel must first shape how they parent before they can effectively shape their children. In the bestselling book *Parenting*, Paul David Tripp unfolds a more biblical perspective on parenting than merely adhering to a list of rules. He lays out 14 gospel-centered principles that will radically change the way parents think about what it means to raise up a child, informing everything they do as a parent



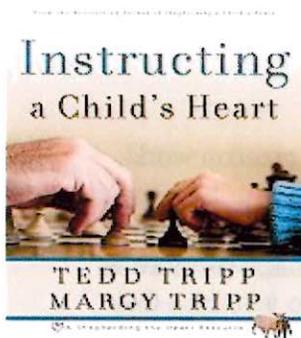
### [The Faithful Parent](#)

The Faithful Parent provides the comprehensive help that parents need. Martha Peace and Stuart Scott have done for parenting what their earlier books did for the roles of a husband and a wife. . . . The book you are holding is an outstanding resource. The authors are seasoned Christians who are safe spiritual guides. They are full of the hope and grace of the gospel. They are wise in their understanding of the nature of the Christian life. They are insightful in their understanding of the needs of children and the difficulties of being a faithful parent. They are mature in their application of the Bible and its message to the challenges of raising children. This will be a timeless resource for faithful parents



### [Shepherding a Child's Heart](#)

'Shepherding a Child's Heart' is about how to speak to the heart of your child. The things your child does and says flow from the heart. Luke 6:45 puts it this way: "Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." Written for parents with children of any age, this insightful book provides perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child's heart into the paths of life. In this revised edition, Dr. Tedd Tripp not only draws on his thirty years experience as a pastor, counselor, school administrator, and father, but he also shares insights gained in many years of teaching this material in conferences worldwide, providing more valuable help for parents.



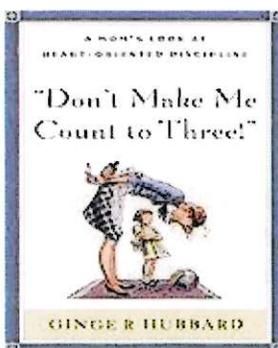
### [Instructing a Child's Heart](#)

'Instructing a Child's Heart' by Tedd and Margy Tripp provides a crucial foundation for the principles in 'Shepherding a Child's Heart,' teaching parents the importance of developing and shaping their children's thinking. This formative instruction is not discipline or correction; rather, it is intentionally building a biblical culture of thought and understanding in our homes.



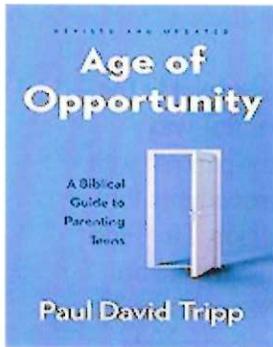
### [Loving the Little Years](#)

In "Loving the Little Years," Jankovic offers heartfelt encouragement for mothers who recognize that mothering young children is no easy task. Drawing from her own experiences, she shares insights for those moments when you feel motivated, discouraged, or weary. With grace-filled parenting and a focus on Gospel-based principles, Jankovic reveals the beauty and significance of this sacred calling.



### [Don't Make Me Count to Three.](#)

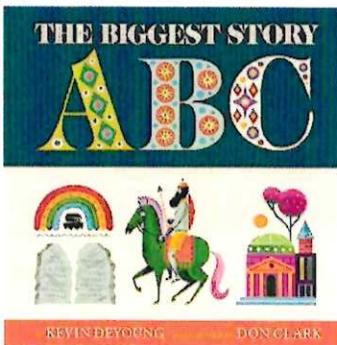
Do you find yourself threatening, repeating your instructions, or raising your voice in an attempt to get your children to obey? Are you discouraged because it seems you just can't reach the heart of your child? Through personal experience and the practical application of Scripture, Ginger Hubbard encourages and equips moms to reach past the outward behavior of their children and dive deeply into the issues of the heart. Ginger's candid approach will help moms move beyond the frustrations of not knowing how to handle issues of disobedience and into a confident, well-balanced approach to raising their children.



### [Age of Opportunity](#)

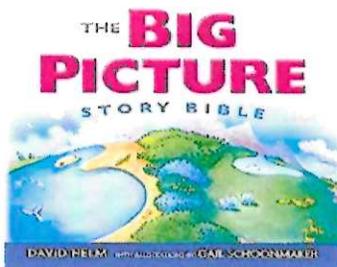
For a parent, the teen years are years of unprecedented opportunity—years of penetrating questions and exciting new discussions, years that open the door to a teen’s heart. In this wise and hopeful book, Paul Tripp shows parents how to connect with their children as never before, drawing on practical strategies shaped by God’s Word. This revised and updated edition features fresh, heart-focused discussion questions for each chapter as well as a Q&A section.

- B. Second, in addition to parenting resources, we want to help you instruct a time of family devotions. What follows are suggested resources to that end:



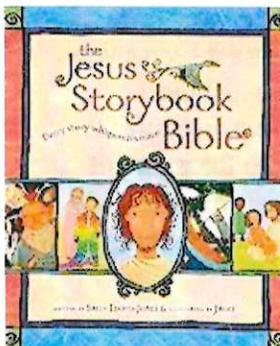
### [The Biggest Story ABC](#) (Ages 1-3)

From Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden to Zion and the new creation world, the Bible is telling one big story—the story of God’s promise to deliver his people. Each page introduces a new letter of the alphabet with engaging and whimsical illustrations from award-winning artist Don Clark, retelling the biblical narrative in one continuous story. This board book is a fun way for parents to introduce their small children to the big story of the Bible.



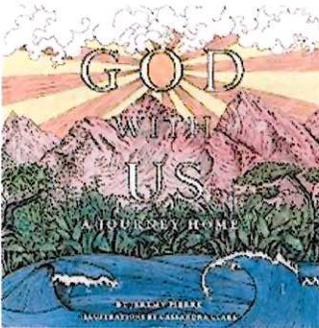
### [The Big Picture Story Bible](#) (Ages 2-5)

The Big Picture Story Bible presents this remarkable true story. Simple words and striking illustrations unfold the storyline of God’s Word from Genesis to Revelation. All ages will enjoy this exciting discovery of a God who keeps his big promise.



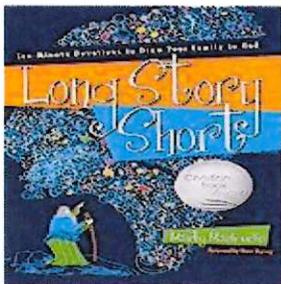
### [The Jesus Storybook Bible](#) (Ages 4-8)

The Jesus Storybook Bible tells the Story beneath all the stories in the Bible, pointing to Jesus as our Savior. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds, children will clearly see that Jesus is at the center of God’s great story of salvation—and at the center of their story too.



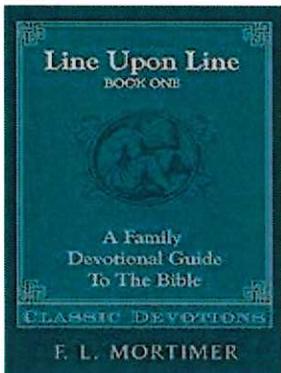
### [God With Us: A Journey Home](#) (Ages 4-12)

This world is not our home. We live east of Eden and short of Heaven. The earlier children understand this, the more sense they can make out of this sad, wonderful place. This storybook aims to shape their vision of the world as a place in-between, to awaken them to the brave journey they must take toward their true home--their home with God.



### [Long Story Short](#) (Ages 4-9)

The Bible can seem like a long story for an active family to read, but when you break it down into short sections, as Marty Machowski does, family devotions are easy to do. Long Story Short will help busy parents share with their children how every story in the Old Testament points forward to God's story of salvation through Jesus Christ.

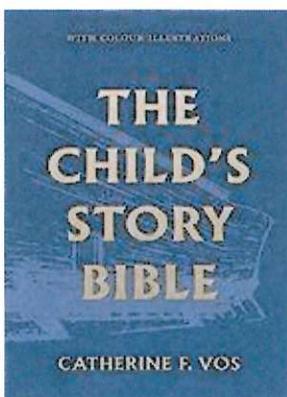


### [Line by Line](#) (Ages 5-9)

These classic devotional books have been the source of blessing to countless Christian families over several generations. Whilst still retaining their classic feel, the text has been updated to appeal to today's reader and additional features added to help the lessons be adopted. Each daily segment starts with a devotional section, an activity section, the lesson itself, questions and finally a conclusion to wrap up the segment

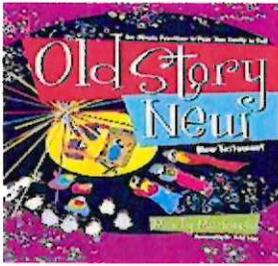
There are 4 books total

- C. Third, to help your children grow deeper in their understanding of the Lord, the following recommendations are given for children's Bibles and Bible studies:



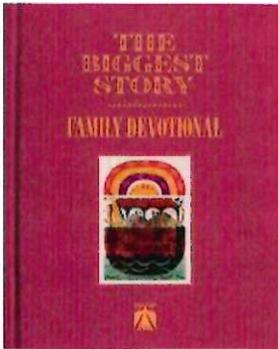
### [The Child's Story Bible](#) (Ages 5-10)

Catherine Vos' Child's Story Bible combines qualities which are not generally found together: she appeals to the interest and imagination of children without sacrificing fidelity to the text of Scripture; she uses the stories to impress great doctrinal truths, uniting the element of enjoyment with instruction; and she takes the sombre warning passages of the word of God as well as those which call for admiration and trust in the Saviour around whom children once gathered upon earth. Suitable to be read to children aged 3+, and read by children aged 7+ by themselves. Also suitable for all adults who wish to refresh themselves of the overarching narrative of the biblical story.



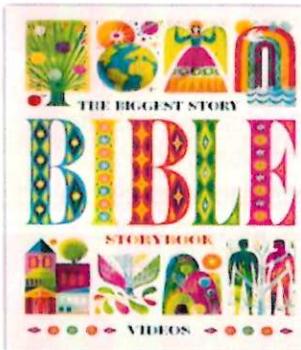
### [Old Story New](#) (Ages 5-11)

Old Story New makes it easy for parents to stay on the life-giving course of sharing the gospel story with their family. This second volume in Marty Machowski's Christian family devotional series continues the gospel story begun in the Old Testament devotional, Long Story Short.



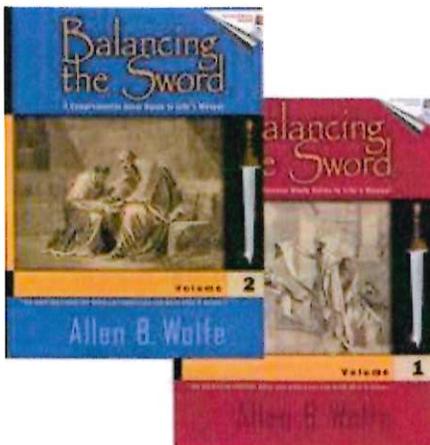
### [The Biggest Story Family Devotional](#) (Ages 6-12)

The Biggest Story Family Devotional features 104 Bible stories. Each story includes a brief Big Picture introduction and a Gospel Connection summary to help children understand and apply Scripture. A QR code on each story page links to an animated video retelling that parents and children can watch together. The 104 stories each include 5 individual Bible readings (520 in all) that families can complete whenever they choose. Each reading has family discussion questions, a prayer, and space for notes.



### [The Biggest Story Bible](#) (Ages 6-12)

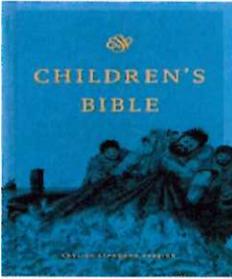
Beginning in Genesis and ending with Revelation, DeYoung provides engaging retellings of various Bible stories, explaining how they fit into the overarching storyline. Each reading is coupled with beautiful illustrations by award-winning artist Don Clark and concludes with a reflective prayer. Perfect for bedtime stories or to read together as a family, both children and parents alike will experience afresh the captivating story of the Bible in an easy-to-understand, compelling way.



### [Balancing the Sword](#) (Ages 10 +)

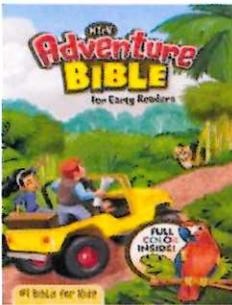
Balancing the Sword is a meticulous study of the Bible, designed to give its users a comprehensive working knowledge of what the Bible actually says. Each volume of this two-volume set covers every chapter of all 66 books in the Bible. There are also 54,000 cross references, over 1,000 quotes from famous people who acknowledged the Bible's greatness, and over 1,000 illustrations, literal depictions, charts, and maps.

D. Fourth, for independent Bible reading, the following resources are recommended for your children:



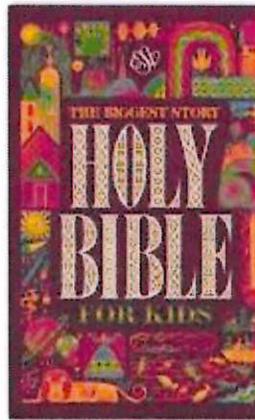
[The ESV Children's Bible \(Ages 5-10\)](#)

The *ESV Children's Bible* is designed to help children ages 5–10 see Bible stories come to life. Included with the complete ESV Bible text are more than 200 vibrant, full-color illustrations of Bible events and characters. Additional content includes a dictionary, Old and New Testament timelines, kid-friendly maps, and feature pages that help orient kids to key Scriptures on various topics.



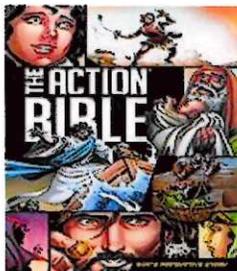
[The Adventure Bible for Early Readers \(Ages 6-10\)](#)

The bestselling *NirV Adventure Bible® for Early Readers* gets kids 6-10 excited about God's Word! They will be captivated with the full-color features that make reading Scripture and memorizing their favorite verses engaging and fun. Along the way they'll meet all types of people, see all sorts of places, and learn all kinds of things about the Bible. Most importantly, they'll grow closer in their relationship with God.



[ESV The Biggest Story Holy Bible for Kids \(Ages 6-12\)](#)

Each book of the Bible opens with a colorful 3-page introduction that includes a summary, timeline, information about the author, character profiles, and more. There are 104 key Bible stories highlighted in the Bible text. At the end of every highlighted Bible story, "Digging Deeper" sections recap the passage and prompt kids to "Learn, Reflect, Discover, and Pray" about what they've just read. Sidebars throughout teach kids to apply God's truth, learn important facts, and see Jesus in all of Scripture. With the full text of the ESV Bible and a variety of engaging features, *ESV The Biggest Story Holy Bible for Kids* helps children—and even parents—grow in their knowledge of God's Word.



[The Action Bible \(Ages 8-12\)](#)

Every page sparks excitement to explore God's Word and know Him personally. Witness God's active presence in the world through stories from the life of Jesus and great heroes of the faith. These stories will inspire you to know more about God's Word and grow your faith in Christ.

E. To help aid in Scripture memory, the following resources are recommended:

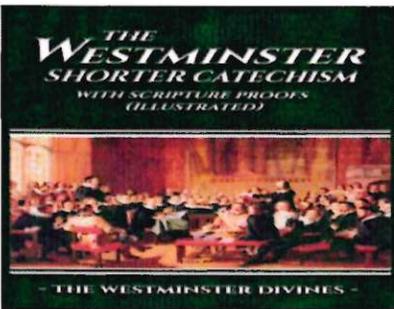


THE WESTMINSTER  
SHORTER CATECHISM  
FOR KIDS  
Westminster Assembly



### [Westminster Shorter Catechism for Kids](#)

The Confession covers a wide range of theological topics, including the nature of God, the authority of Scripture, the person and work of Christ, the role of the Church, and the end times



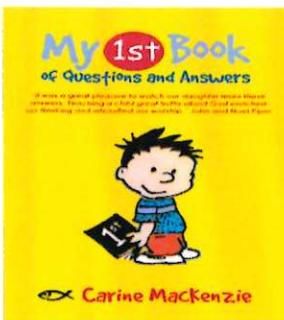
### [Westminster Shorter Catechism](#)

If you long to grow in your knowledge of the Christian faith, the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* offers a faithful and enduring guide to the great doctrines of God's Word. For generations, this beloved catechism has helped believers of all ages know what they believe and why.



### [Truth and Grace Memory Books](#)

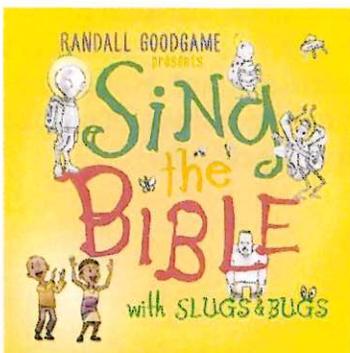
These books are a help to those striving to raise young children in the Lord. They contains a historic Baptist catechism called *A Catechism for Boys and Girls*. There are also suggested Scripture memories and hymns that serve to strengthen children to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.



### [My First Book of Questions and Answers](#)

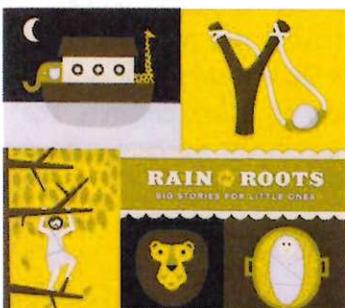
If you have ever wanted to know how to explain the Christian faith to young children in bite-sized chunks then the 114 profound questions and answers, backed by scripture proofs provide an invaluable tool to get you started.

- F. For times of singing, these resources are great for family worship, car rides, bedtime, or anytime of the day.



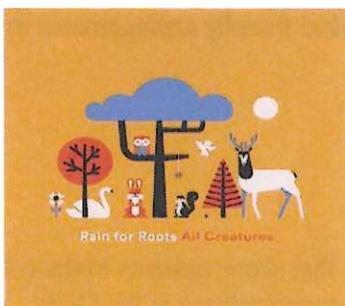
### [Slugs and Bugs Sing the Bible](#)

These toe-tapping, captivating melodies will have you and your kids memorizing Bible verses without even realizing it! The goal of Slugs & Bugs is to make music the whole family will love. We believe songs are one of God's powerful tools for building strong relationships. When songs inspire laughter or deep spiritual thought, they can transform a routine car ride into a sweet family experience. Over time, that influence can profoundly impact the culture of the home.



### [Rain for Roots](#)

Rain For Roots is a collective of songwriters, young mothers and friends who came together around a single vision to make new scripture songs for children. Inspired by traditional folk melodies, this band of four set out to make new, timeless songs about the old gospel Story. This album, Big Stories for Little Ones, is based on the poems of best-selling children's author, Sally Lloyd-Jones.



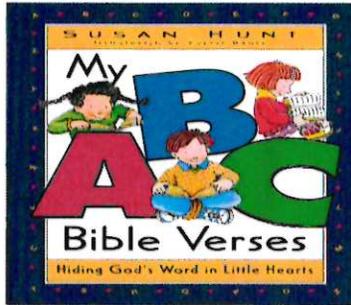
### [All Creatures](#)

Rain for Roots is a collective group of musicians and songwriters who write singable Scripture songs for kids and grown ups alike. While the albums have featured other collaborators and guest musicians since 2012, Rain for Roots primarily includes four members, Sandra McCracken, Flo Paris Oakes, Katy Hutson Bowser and Alice Smith



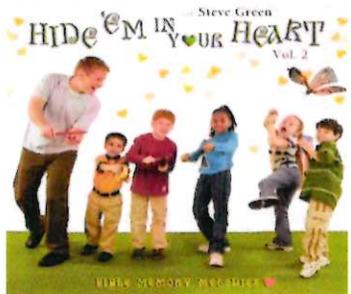
### [Seeds Family Worship](#)

Seeds Family Worship is music-based ministry that creates word for word scripture songs for families. These twelve songs remind us that true rest; comfort and hope come from God alone. This music is an awesome way to experience God's Word with your baby, kids and family.



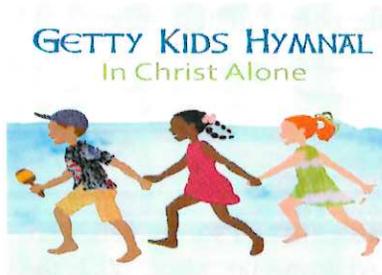
### [My ABC Bible Verses](#)

Presented in an easy-to-use story format that applies individual Bible verses to real-life situations, this illustrated book for 3- to 7-year-olds is perfect for reading to your children or grandchildren, and great for use in churches, Christian schools, Bible clubs, or home schools. It can also be easily adapted for family devotions with young children.



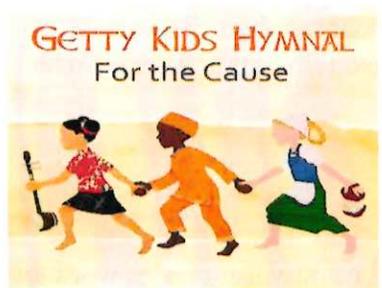
### [Hide 'em in Your Heart](#)

In the words of Hide 'Em narrator and vocalist Steve Green 'nothing surpasses the treasure of hiding God's word in our hearts.' For more than ten years Green has sung these timeless Bible memory melodies in his live performances, introducing them to new groups of children. The target audience for this product is parents, specifically mothers, who are teaching their children the value of scripture memory.



### [Getty Kids: In Christ Alone](#)

Engaging kids with songs to carry for life that share timeless truths with intentional artistry. Hymns, old and new, sung by kids for kids of all ages to sing along to! Recorded with kid friendly arrangements by the Getty Band.



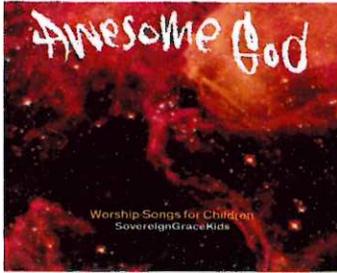
### [Getty Kids: For the Cause](#)

Engaging kids with songs to carry for life that share timeless truths with intentional artistry, For the Cause is the second release in the Getty Kids Hymnal album series. As with the first release (In Christ Alone) this latest album features 12 hymns old and new sung by kids for kids of all ages to sing along to! Recorded with kid friendly arrangements by the Getty Band.



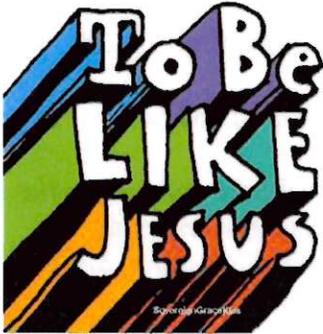
### [Getty Kids: Family Hymn Sing](#)

Family Hymn Sing is the third in the Getty Kids Hymnal series which exists to help children learn the Christian faith through singing. With kid friendly arrangements recorded by the Getty's band of Irish and American virtuosos and sung by kids, Getty Kids Hymnal Family Hymn Sing is an album with songs the whole family can sing together!



### [Awesome God](#)

This is the first Sovereign Grace Kids CD, Awesome God. The 12 songs on this CD have been selected and arranged to help kids better comprehend and worship God for who He is.



### [To Be Like Jesus](#)

To Be Like Jesus contains twelve worship songs that teach the fruit of the Spirit in a creative and memorable way. Through these songs kids will learn that Jesus is our perfect example of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. More than that, they'll discover that we can't be like Jesus unless we trust in the power of his cross to forgive us and the power of his Spirit to change us.

## Prayer

Here are ways to encourage you to pray for and with your children

**Pray for your children.** We can teach and model the Christian faith all day long, but only God can convict our children of their sins and give them new life in Christ. It is imperative that we pray for our children – not only that God would convict them of their sins and enable them to trust in Christ, but that they would be guarded from evil influences and the devastating effects of sin.

**Pray with your children.** By modeling prayers for our kids, we model for them our spiritual priorities and values, and we teach them to pray. In prayer, we show our children that we depend upon God, His mercy and His protection. Pray that your children will grow up to love Jesus and trust in Jesus. Pray that they will have godly friends and godly spouses one day. Pray that they will be protected from Satan and his schemes. Teach them to adore God in prayer. Teach them to confess their sins. Teach them to ask God to meet their needs.

Here are two structures to help you pray with your children in family worship times.

### 1. ACTS Prayer

The ACTS framework is a biblical structure for prayer. This is also the structure that we use in our worship services each Sunday morning. Each letter stands for a particular prayer emphasis: A = Adoration, C = Confession, T = Thanksgiving, S = Supplication. Go around in your family and ask each member to make one prayer or request based on these four emphases. Then pray together as a family.

## 2. Prayer for Others – your local church, evangelism, missions, the persecuted church

Part of our supplication should be praying for God’s Church and His Great Commission. This means we should regularly pray for our local church, evangelism, missions, and the persecuted church across the world. You don’t have to do this at every worship time, but it is ideal to be consistent in praying for these things, at least on a weekly basis, with your family.

- *Local church* – If your church has a membership directory, pray through a page or a smaller section of this as part of your prayer time. Also, use your church’s prayer page (it might be in a weekly email, newsletter, handout, etc) to pray for your church.
- *Evangelism* – pray for people in your lives that are not believers. Think through the concentric circles of relationships in your lives to identify people to pray for specifically – Work, School, Family, Friends, Neighbors.
- *Missions* – Pray for missions and especially the missionaries who partner with your local church.
  - Buy a big world map, put it on your wall, and include color photos of all the missionaries you all know and want to pray for regularly.
  - Buy a copy of Operation World’s prayer book designed for children, *Window on the World* (<http://www.operationworld.org>), and use this in your family worship time.
- *The Persecuted Church* – Sign up for the weekly prayer requests from *Voice of the Martyrs* (<http://www.persecution.com>) and pray for the persecuted church.

## Suggested Bible Memory

What follows are suggested plans for helping your children understand the Bible and grow in their knowledge of the Lord through Scripture memory

### for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3)

#### Scripture Memory for Toddlers (age 2-3):

##### *January*

No man can serve two masters. Matthew 6:24

##### *February*

Do everything without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14

##### *March*

When I am afraid, I will trust in you [God]. Psalm 56:3

##### *April*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

##### *May*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1

*June*

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10

*July*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

*August*

A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

*September*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

*October*

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

*November*

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6

*December*

Every good and perfect gift is from above. James 1:17

**for preschoolers  
(ages 4-5):**

**General Bible Knowledge:**

1. Know the name of the first book of the Old Testament.
2. Know the names of the first four books of the New Testament

**Memory Passages:**

**Genesis 1:31a**

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

**Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd, I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

**Psalm 100:3**

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**Proverbs 3:5a**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

**Isaiah 53:6**

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Explanation: Iniquity is sin, which is saying “no” to God.

**Matthew 3:17**

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**Matthew 16:16**

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

**Luke 2:11**

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:52**

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**John 1:1**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

**John 1:14**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 20:31**

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Acts 1:11b**

“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

**Acts 16:31**

So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

**Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Revelation 1:18a**

[Jesus said,] "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!"

**for grades 1-2  
(ages 6-7)**

**Bible Reading for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):**

Read *Genesis* and the four gospels (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*)

**Bible Memory for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):**

**General Bible Knowledge:**

**Know the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:3-5a, 7-8, 12-17):**

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them and worship them.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Memory Passages:**

**Numbers 23:19**

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

**Psalm 119:9-11**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.  
I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.  
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**Psalm 119:105**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

**Psalm 145:8**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow in anger and rich in love.

**Proverbs 1:8-9**

Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction  
And do not forsake your mother’s teaching.  
They will be a garland to grace your head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.

**Isaiah 41:10**

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Matthew 1:21**

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

**Matthew 4:19**

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

**Matthew 5:16**

In the same way, let your light shine before me, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

**Luke 18:16**

But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

**Luke 19:10**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

**John 3:30**

He must become greater; I must become less.

**John 4:24**

God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth.

**John 6:68**

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

**John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**John 14:6**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**John 14:21**

“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

**Romans 3:22-24**

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sin.

**Romans 5:6**

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus or Lord.

**Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**for grades 3-6  
(ages 8-11)**

**Bible Reading for Grades 3-6 (age 8-11):**

Read Exodus, Psalms, Proverbs, Acts, and Ephesians.

**Scripture Memory for Grades 3-6 (age 8-11):**

**General Bible Knowledge:**

**Third Grade:** Know the names of the Twelve Apostles:  
(Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; Acts 1:13)

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Simon Peter              | Phillip                   | James (Son of Alphaeus) |
| James (Son of Zebedee)   | Bartholomew               | Simon the Zealot        |
| John (Son of Zebedee)    | Thomas                    | Thaddeus                |
| Andrew (Peter’s brother) | Matthew the tax collector | Judas Iscariot          |

**Fourth Grade:** Know the books of the Old and New Testament:

**Old Testament**

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Genesis      | 2 Chronicles    | Daniel    |
| Exodus       | Ezra            | Hosea     |
| Leviticus    | Nehemiah        | Joel      |
| Numbers      | Esther          | Amos      |
| Deuteronomy  | Job             | Obadiah   |
| Joshua       | Psalms          | Jonah     |
| Judges       | Proverbs        | Micah     |
| Ruth         | Ecclesiastes    | Nahum     |
| 1 Samuel     | Song of Solomon | Habakkuk  |
| 2 Samuel     | Isaiah          | Zephaniah |
| 1 Kings      | Jeremiah        | Haggai    |
| 2 Kings      | Lamentations    | Zechariah |
| 1 Chronicles | Ezekiel         | Malachi   |

## New Testament

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	1 Peter
John	1 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Acts	2 Thessalonians	1 John
Romans	1 Timothy	2 John
1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	3 John
2 Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

**Fifth Grade:** Know the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
One holy church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Sixth Grade: Review ALL Bible Memory Work**

**Memory Passages:**

**Psalm 29:2**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**Psalm 100**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Romans 1:16-17**

I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

**Romans 10:9-10**

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

**Philippians 2:13**

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

**Titus 3:4-5a**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

**1 John 1:8-9**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 2:1-2**

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**1 John 3:18**

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

**1 John 4:7-10**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**1 John 4:14**

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

# Appendices

## 20 Lessons for Raising God-Honoring Children

By Matt and Elizabeth Schmucker

1. The saying goes, "When mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." We believe daddy is actually the problem. From a complementarian's viewpoint one needs to conclude the above saying with, "And if daddy ain't happy in the Lord, ain't nobody happy."
2. In a stay-at-home-mom scenario, dad tends to back away from discipline when mom has been with the children all day. In one sense this is wise as he has not observed the rhythm and rhyme of the day. However, dad needs to catch up and jump in.
3. Talk to both good and not-so-good parents; you'll learn lessons from both.
4. Talking to really old parents may not prove to be fruitful as their memories fade and they'll remember raising kids as either a nightmare or a glorious experience. Talking to parents 5-10 years ahead of where you are seems most fruitful (Prov. 15:22: "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed").
5. Though you may think this premature, have a vision for being involved spiritually with your grandchildren. This will shape even your parenting.
  - Positive example: Paul writing to Timothy said, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in your also" (2 Tim. 1:5).
  - Negative example: "After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel" (Judg. 2:10).
6. Let your children see you practicing hospitality and let them participate. This breaks down the selfish tendencies all kids have (Rom. 12:13: "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality").
  - Unbelievers set up their home for the benefit of themselves. Christians should set up and use their homes for the benefit of their family, the church community, and outsiders (notice the order of this list).

What does your home smell like?

13. "Moral children" does not equal "Christian children."
14. Do a "sermon review" with your children on Sunday. Have each child recap what he or she learned in Sunday School or "big church" and then help them apply it to their own hearts and trials. Then spend time praying for each other's coming week.
15. Martin Luther said he had the responsibility to be the worship leading pastor in his own home. His home was to be both a school and a church. Fathers, do you have this mindset?
16. The unstated implication of Luther's charge (above) is that fathers need to be present to lead in

worship.

17. Don Whitney encourages "brevity, regularity and flexibility" in family worship.
18. Build in your children a global vision of God's work in the world and thereby build a Great commission Mindset. We have found that having a map near to where we eat most of our meals is helpful. Reading from *Operation World* can inform the entire family of God's work in the world.

## Recommended Reading for First Through Eighth Grade

Compiled by Justin Taylor

Reading good books can help a child build creativity, imagination and a greater knowledge of God and the world around them.

### First Grade Reading List

*Swallowed a Fly*

Wood, Audrey. *Quick as a Cricket*

### Read aloud:

Leaf, Munro. *How to Behave and Why*  
Leaf, Munro. *How to Speak Politely and Why*  
Lloyd-Jones, Sally. *The Jesus Storybook Bible*  
Taylor, Helen. *Little Pilgrim's Progress*  
Leithart, Peter. *Wise Words: Family Stories that Bring the Proverbs to Life*  
Brown, Jeff. *Flat Stanley*  
Dalgliesh, Alice. *The Courage of Sarah Noble*  
Silverstein, Shel. *A Light in the Attic*

### Level 2

Carle, Eric. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
Davoll, Barbara. *The Potluck Supper*  
Daugherty, James. *Andy and the Lion*  
Duvoisin, Roger. *Petunia*  
Flack, Marjorie. *Angus and the Ducks*  
Freeman, Don. *Corduroy*  
Galdone, Paul. *The Little Red Hen*  
Galdone, Paul. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*  
Hoban, Russell. *Bedtime for Frances*  
Hunt, Angela. *A Gift for Grandpa*  
Keats, Ezra. *Peter's Chair*  
Marshall, James. *George and Martha*  
McGovern, Ann. *Stone Soup*  
Minarik, Else. *Little Bear*  
Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*  
Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*  
Rey, Margaret & H.A. *Curious George*  
Richardson, Arleta. *A Day at the Fair*  
Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great*  
Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog*

### Outside Reading

#### Level 1

Bulla, Clyde. *Daniel's Duck*  
Changler, Edna. *Cowboy Sam*  
Frasconi, Antonio. *The House that Jack Built*  
Graham, Margaret. *Benjy's Dog House* +  
Hoff, Syd. *Sammy the Seal*  
Hoff, Syd. *Danny and the Dinosaur*  
Krauss, Ruth. *The Carrot Seed*  
Lionni, Leo. *Inch by Inch*  
Littledale, Freya. *The Magic Fish*  
Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Are Friends*  
Offen, Hilda. *A Treasury of Mother Goose*  
Seuss, Dr. *Beginner Books*  
Seuss, Dr. *Bright and Early Books*  
Tabak, Simms. *There Was an Old Lady Who*

#### Level 3

Buckley, Helen. *Grandmother and I*  
Burton, Virginia. *Maybelle the Cable Car*  
Coerr, Eleanor. *The Josefina Story Quilt*  
De Regniers, Beatrice. *May I Bring a Friend?*  
Ets, Marie. *Just Me*

Gramatky, Hardie. Little Toot  
Hader, Berta. The Big Snow  
Keats, Ezra. Whistle for Willie  
Lewis, Kim. Floss  
Lowry, Jannette. The Poky Little Puppy  
McCloskey, Robert. Make Way for Ducklings  
Piper, Watty. The Little Engine that Could  
Potter, Beatrix. The Tale of Peter Rabbit  
Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are  
Turkle, Brinton. Thy Friend, Obadiah  
Ward, Lynd. The Biggest Bear  
Wilder, Laura. My First Little House Books  
Williams, Vera. A Chair for My Mother

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### Second Grade Reading List

Andersen, Hans C. The Emperor's New Clothes  
Brown, Marcia. Dick Whittington and His Cat  
Burton, Virginia. The Little House  
Burton, Virginia. Mike Mulligan and His Steamshovel  
Cauley, Lorinda. The Ugly Duckling  
Cleary, Beverly. The Mouse and the Motorcycle  
Cleary, Beverly. Ribsy  
Dalgliesh, Alice. The Bears on Hemlock Mountain  
Lewis, C. S. The Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe  
McCloskey, Robert. Time of Wonder  
Steig, William. Doctor De Soto  
Warner, Gertrude. The Box-Car Children (vol. 1)  
Williams, Marjorie. The Velveteen Rabbit

### Outside Reading

#### Level 1

Cannon, Janell. Stellaluna  
Galdone, Paul. The Gingerbread Boy  
Galdone, Paul. The Three Bears  
Galdone, Paul. The Three Little Pigs  
Kessel, Joyce. Squanto and the First

Thanksgiving  
Roop, Peter and Connie. Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie  
Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale  
Yolen, Jane. Owl Moon

#### Level 2

Anderson, C. W. Billy and Blaze  
Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline  
Bontemps, Arna & Conroy Jack. The Fast Sooner Hound  
Calhoun, Mary. Cross-Country Cat  
DeBrunhoff, Jean. Babar  
Flack, Marjorie. The Story about Ping  
Gag, Wanda. Millions of Cats  
Gauch, Patricia. Thunder at Gettysburg  
Haywood, Carolyn. Betsy & Billy  
Hope, Laura Lee. The Bobbsey Twins  
Leaf, Munro. The Story of Ferdinand  
Loveless, Maude. Betsy-Tacy  
Milne, A. A. When We Were Young  
Milne, A. A. Now We are Six  
Politi, Leo. Song of the Swallows  
Steig, William. Doctor De Soto Goes to Africa  
Taha, Karen. A Gift for Tia Rosa  
Warner, Gertrude. The Boxcar Children  
Ziefert, Harriet. A New Coat for Anna

#### Level 3

Aardemas, Verna. Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears  
Harness, Cheryl. Three Young Pilgrims  
Le Gallienne, Eva. Seven Tales by H. C. Andersen  
McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal  
McCloskey, Robert. One Morning in Maine  
McCloskey, Robert. Lentil  
Mowat, Farley. Owls in the Family  
Nesbit, E. The Railway Children  
Sobol, Donald. Secret Agents Four  
Sproul, R. C. The King Without a Shadow  
West, Jerry. The Happy Hollisters  
Williams, Jay. Danny Dunn

### Third Grade Literature List

Atwater, Richard. Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Barrie, James. Peter Pan  
Farley, Walter. The Black Stallion  
Fleischman, Sid. The Whipping Boy  
Gannett, Ruth. My Father's Dragon  
Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows  
(Scholastic Jr. Classic)  
Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Book (Scholastic Jr. Classic)  
Lewis, C. S. The Horse and His Boy  
Swift, Jonathan. Gulliver's Stories (Scholastic Jr. Classic)  
White, E. B. Charlotte's Web  
White, E. B. Stuart Little  
Winterfeld, Henry. Detectives in Togas

### Outside Reading

#### Level 1

Bulla, Clyde. A Lion to Guard Us  
Bulla, Clyde. Shoeshine Girl  
Cleary, Beverly. Henry Huggins  
Dalglish, Alice. The Courage of Sarah Noble  
Gardiner, John. Stone Fox  
Hall, Donald. Ox-Cart Man  
Kellogg, Steven. Paul Bunyan  
MacGregor, Ellen. Miss Pickerell  
MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall  
McSwigan, Marie. Snow Treasure  
Scieszka, Jon. The Time Warp Trio: Sam Samurai  
Sobol, Donald. Encyclopedia Brown Series  
Stanley, Diane. The True Adventure of Daniel Hall  
Warner, Gertrude. The Box-Car Children  
(excluding vol. 1)

#### Level 2

Collodi C. Pinocchio  
Edmonds, Walter. The Matchlock Gun  
Henry, Marguerite. Misty of Chincoteague  
Herriot, James. James Herriot's Treasury  
Hope, Laura Lee. The Bobbsey Twins

Hurwitz, Johanna. Aldo Applesauce  
Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking  
Milne, A. A. Winnie the Pooh  
Nesbit, E. The Railway Children  
Richardson, Arleta. In Grandma's Attic  
Roddy, Lee. Family Adventures  
Rupp, Rebecca. Dragon of Lonely Island  
Wilder, Laura. Little House on the Prairie

#### Level 3

Bailey, Carolyn. Miss Hickory  
Bond, Michael. Paddington  
Butterworth, Oliver. The Enormous Egg  
Cleary, Beverly. Ramona  
D'Aulaire, I. E. Benjamin Franklin  
Estes, Eleanor. The Moffats  
Fritz, Jean. The Cabin Faced West  
Holling, H. C. Paddle-to-the-Sea  
Jackson, Dave & Neta. Trailblazer Series  
Kipling, Rudyard. Just So Stories  
Lawson, Robert. Rabbit Hill  
McCloskey, Robert. Homer Price  
Nesbit, E. The Story of the Treasure Seekers  
Peretti, Frank. The Door in the Dragon's Throat  
Reece, Colleen. American Adventure Series  
Streatfeild, Noel. Ballet Shoes

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### Fourth Grade Literature List

Blackwood, Gary. The Shakespeare Stealer  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden  
Carroll, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland  
Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar. Leif the Lucky  
Daugherty, James. The Magna Charta  
de Angeli, Marguerite. The Door in the Wall  
Du Bois, William Pene. Twenty-one Balloons  
Estes, Eleanor. Ginger Pye  
Henry, Marguerite. King of the Wind  
Green, Roger Lancelyn. King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table

Konigsburg, E. L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basel E. Frankweiler*  
Lewis, C. S. *Prince Caspian*  
Norton, Mary. *The Borrowers*  
Prum, Deborah M. *Rats, Bulls, and Flying Machines*  
Rebsamen, Frederick. *Beowulf*  
Sis, Peter. *Starry Messenger: Galileo*  
Stanley, Diane and Peter Vennema. *Bard of Avon*  
Stanley, Diane. *Joan of Arc*  
Vernon, Louise A. *Thunderstorm in the Church*  
White, E. B. *The Trumpet of the Swan*

#### Level 1

Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three*  
Armstrong, William. *Souder*  
Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*  
Burnett, Frances H. *A Little Princess*  
Carlson, Natalie. *The Family Under the Bridge*  
Estes, Eleanor. *The Hundred Dresses*  
Knight, Eric. *Lassie Come-Home*  
L'Engle, Madeliene. *A Wrinkle in Time*  
Lenski, Lois. *Prairie School*  
Lenski, Lois. *Strawberry Girl*  
Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*  
McSwigan, Marie. *Snow Treasure*  
Seredy, Kate. *The Good Master*  
Speare, Elizabeth. *The Sign of the Beaver*  
Taylor, Sydney. *All-of-A-Kind Family*  
Thurber, James. *Many Moons*  
Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*  
Wilson, N. D. *100 Cupboards*

#### Level 2

Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*  
Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart*  
George, Jean C. *My Side of the Mountain*  
Grahame, Kenneth. *The Reluctant Dragon*  
Hanes, Mari. *Two Mighty Rivers*  
Jacques, Brian. *Redwall*  
Lofting, Hugh. *The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle*  
Morey, Walt. *Gentle Ben*  
Peretti, Frank. *The Cooper Kids Adventure*

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*  
Smith, Dodie. *The 101 Dalmations*  
Street, James. *Good-bye My Lady*  
Travers, P. I. *Mary Poppins*  
Wilson, N. D. *Leepike Ridge*

#### Level 3

Adamson, Joy. *Born Free*  
Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*  
Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*  
Field, Rachel. *Calico Bush*  
Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me*  
Robertson, Keith. *Henry Reed, Inc.*  
Robinson, Barbara. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*  
Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*  
Sidney, Margaret. *Five Little Peppers*

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#### Fifth Grade Literature List

Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*  
Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*  
Lathan, Jean. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*  
Lewis, C. S. *The Silver Chair*  
Lewis, C. S. *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*  
Speare, Elizabeth. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*  
Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels* (excerpts)

#### Level 1

Beatty, Patricia. *Turn Homeward, Hannalee*  
Brink, Carol. *Caddie Woodlawn*  
Byars, Betsy. *The Summer of the Swans*  
Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw*  
De Jong, Meindert. *The Wheel on the School*  
Enright, Elizabeth. *Thimble Summer*  
Gates, Doris. *Blue Willow*  
Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*  
Hanes, Mari. *Two Mighty Rivers*  
O'Brien, Robert. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*  
Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*  
Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*

Level 2

Cameron, Eleanor. Mushroom Planet

De Jong, Meindert. The House of Sixty

Fathers

George, Jean Craighead. Julie of the Wolves

Montgomery, Lucy. Anne of Green Gables

O'Dell, Scott. Island of the Blue Dolphin

Pearce, Philippa. Tom's Midnight Garden

Porter, Eleanor. Pollyanna

Rawks, Wilson. Summer of the Monkeys

Spyri, Johanna. Heidi

Wyss, Johann. Swiss Family Robinson

Level 3

Alcott, Louisa. Little Men

Burnett, Frances. Little Lord Fauntleroy

De Jong, Meindert. Journey from Peppermint Street

Dodge, Mary. Hans Brinker

Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows

MacDonald, George. The Princess and Curdie

MacDonald, George. The Princess and the Goblin

North, Sterling. Rascal

Seredy, Kate. The White S?tag

Stevenson, Robert Louis. Treasure Island

Terhune, Albert. Lad: A Dog

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit

Verne, Jules. Around the World in Eighty Days

Verne, Jules. Journey to the Center of the Earth

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Sixth Grade Reading List

A couple of notes on the nomenclature below:  
“+” indicates that any title in that series would be acceptable.

Some titles also contain a label:

- L – Language

- V – Violence
- C – Coarse actions
- M – Mature theme

Read in class or assigned for outside reading:

Adams, Richard. Watership Down

Bishop, Claire. Twenty and Ten

Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage

Doyle, Arthur Conan. Sherlock Holmes  
(excerpts)

Lewis, C. S. The Magician's Nephew

Lewis, C. S. The Last Battle

Orwell, George. Animal Farm

ten Boom, Corrie. The Hiding Place

Level 1

Alexander, Lloyd. The Prydain Chronicles +

Bradbury, Ray. The Martian Chronicles

Kjelgaard, James. Big Red +

Lester, Julius. The Tales of Uncle Remus

Rawlings, Marjorie. The Yearling

Sorensen, Virginia. Miracles on Maple Hill

Speare, Elizabeth. The Bronze Bow

Van Leeuwen, Jean. Bound for Oregon

Level 2

Baum, Frank L. The Wizard of Oz

Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451

Dickens, Charles. A Christmas Carol

Eareckson, Joni. Joni

Fisher, Dorothy. Understood Betsy

Irving, Washington. Rip Van Winkle

Irving, Washington. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Jacques, Brian. Marlfox +

London, Jack. White Fang

Marshall, Catherine. Christy

O'Hara, Mary. My Friend Flicka

Sterling, Dorothy. Freedom Train

Taylor, Theodore. The Cay

Trapp, Maria Augusta. The Story of Trapp Family Singers

Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry

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### Level 3

Field, Rachel. Hitty: Her First Hundred Years  
Henty, G. H. By Right of Conquest  
Henty, G. H. In the Reign of Terror  
Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Book  
London, Jack. The Call of the Wild  
Orczy, Emmuska. The Scarlet Pimpernel  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. Kidnapped  
Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry  
Tunnell, Michael. Candy Bomber  
Twain, Mark. The Prince and the Pauper  
Verne, Jules. Around the World in Eighty Days  
Wells, H. G. War of the Worlds  
Yates, Elizabeth. Amos Fortune, Free Man

Latham, Jean Lee. This Dear-Bought Land  
Lewis, C. S. Out of the Silent Planet  
Lewis, C. S. Perelandra  
Lewis, C. S. That Hideous Strength  
Little, Paul. Know What You Believe  
Little, Paul. Know Why You Believe  
MacDonald, George. The Baronet's Song  
O'Dell, Scott. Streams to the River, River to the Sea  
O'Dell, Scott. The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt By Day  
Orczy, Baroness. The Scarlet Pimpernel  
Seredy, Kate. The Good Master  
Speare, Elizabeth George. The Bronze Bow  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. The Black Arrow  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
Thomson, Andy. Morning Star of the Reformation

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## Seventh Grade Reading List

Aldrich, Thomas. The Story of a Bad Boy  
Brother Andrew. God's Smuggler  
Bunyan, John. The Pilgrim's Progress (original)  
DeJong, Meindert. The House of Sixty Fathers  
DeKruif, Paul. Microbe Hunters  
Dickens, Charles. Nicholas Nickleby  
Dickens, Charles. Oliver Twist  
Dumas, Alexandre. The Count of Monte Cristo  
Dumas, Alexandre. The Three Musketeers  
Eaton, Jeanette. David Livingstone, Foe of Darkness  
Field, Rachel. Calico Bush  
Forester, C. S. Horatio Hornblower  
Freedman, Ben. Mrs. Mike  
Grant, George. The Last Crusader  
Henry, O. The Best Short Stories of O. Henry  
Henty, G. A. By Pike and Dyke +  
Henty, G. A. In Freedom's Cause +  
Hugo, Victor. Les Miserables  
Kipling, Rudyard. Captains Courageous

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## Seventh Grade History List

Bliven, Bruce. The American Revolution (Landmark) – H  
Blos, Joan. A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal – H, NN, YC  
Bond, Douglas. Guns of Thunder  
Bond, Douglas. Rebel's Keep  
Calabro, Marian. The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party – H, NN  
Carter, Alice. The American Revolution  
Collins, David. Noah Webster: Master of Words  
Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans – H, NN, YC  
Cousins, Margaret. Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia (Landmark) – H  
Cox, Clinton. Mark Twain – H, NN, YC  
Cox, Clinton. Undying Glory: True Story of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment – H, NN  
Dafoe, Daniel. Robinson Crusoe – H, NN, YC  
Daugherty, James. Of Courage Undaunted – H, NN

Daugherty, James. The Landing of the Pilgrims – CCS, H  
 de Trevino, Elizabeth. I, Juan de Pareja – H, NN, YC  
 DK Eyewitness. North American Indian – NN  
 Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain – CCS, H, NN, YC  
 Forbes, Esther. Paul Revere and the World He Lived In – H, NN  
 Foster, Genevieve. George Washington's World – H  
 Freedman, Russell. Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille – H, NN, YC  
 Fritz, Jean. The Double Life of Pocahontas – H, NN, YC  
 Fritz, Jean. Why Not, Lafayette? – H, NN, YC  
 Hamilton, Alexander, et al. The Federalist Papers – H, NN, YC  
 Haugaard, Erik. Cromwell's Boy – H  
 Jackson, Shirley. The Witchcraft of Salem Village – H, YC  
 Lasky, Kathryn. Jahanara: Princess of Princesses – H, NN, YC  
 Lawton, Wendy. The Captive Princess  
 Lawton, Wendy. The Tinker's Daughter – CCS  
 Mansfield, Stephen. Forgotten Founding Father: George Whitefield – CRPC  
 McPherson, Joyce. The Ocean of Truth: The Story of Isaac Newton  
 Murphy, Jim. A Young Patriot – H, NN, YC  
 Newman, Shirlee. The African Slave Trade – H, NN, YC  
 O'Dell, Scott. Streams to the River, River to the Sea – H, NN  
 Roosevelt, T. and Lodge, H. Hero Tales from American History  
 Savery, Constance. The Reb and the Redcoats  
 Schanzer, Rosalyn. How We Crossed the West – NN, YC  
 Severance, John. Thomas Jefferson: Architect of Democracy – H, NN  
 Speare, Elizabeth. George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond – CCS, H, NN, YC

Speare, Elizabeth George. Calico Captive – H, NN, YC  
 Speare, Elizabeth George. The Sign of the Beaver – CCS, H, NN, YC  
 Stevenson, Robert Louis. Kidnapped – H, NN, YC  
 Stevenson, Robert Louis. Treasure Island – H, NN, YC  
 Vaughn, David. Give Me Liberty – CRPC, YC  
 Yates, Elizabeth. Amos Fortune, Free Man – H, NN, YC

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#### Eighth Grade Reading List

Austen, Jane. Emma +  
 Austen, Jane. Northanger Abbey +  
 Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice +  
 Braithwaite, Edward. To Sir, with Love  
 Chesterton, G. K. The Complete Father Brown  
 Chesterton, G. K. The Best of Father Brown  
 Colson, Charles. Born Again  
 Defoe, Daniel. Robinson Crusoe  
 DeKruif, Paul. Microbe Hunters  
 Dickens, Charles. A Tale of Two Cities +  
 Dickens, Charles. David Copperfield +  
 Douglas, Lloyd C. The Robe  
 Forester, C. S. Horatio Hornblower +  
 Gilbreth & Carey. Cheaper By the Dozen – L  
 Gilbreth & Carey. Bells on Their Toes – L  
 Henry, O. Best Short Stories of O. Henry  
 Herriot, James. All Creatures Great and Small – L  
 Herriot, James. All Things Bright and Beautiful – L  
 Herriot, James. All Things Wise and Wonderful – L  
 Lee, Harper. To Kill a Mockingbird – M  
 Lewis, C. S. The Screwtape Letters  
 Scott, Sir Walter. Ivanhoe  
 Shakespeare, William. Hamlet  
 Shakespeare, William. Julius Caesar  
 Shakespeare, William. Macbeth  
 Shakespeare, William. Much Ado About

Nothing

Shakespeare, William. Othello  
Shakespeare, William. Twelfth Night  
Sheldon, Charles. In His Steps – C  
Swift, Jonathan. Gulliver's Travels  
ten Boom, Corrie. The Hiding Place – V  
Twain, Mark. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court  
Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – L  
Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – L  
Wallace, Lew. Ben Hur  
White, T. H. The Sword in the Stone

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Eighth Grade History List

Abernathy, Alta. Bud & Me: The True Adventure of the Abernathy Boys  
Ambrose, Stephen. The Good Fight: How WWII Was Won – H, YC  
Beatty, Patricia. Turn Homeward, Hannalee – H, YC  
Bierman, Carol. Journey to Ellis Island – NN, YC  
Bliven, Bruce. Invasion: The Story of D-Day – H  
Bradley, James. Flags of Our Fathers – H, NN, YC  
Brown, Dee. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee – CCS classroom, H, NN, YC  
Catton, Bruce. A Stillness At Appomattox – CCS classroom, H, NN, YC  
Cornelissen, Cornelia. Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears – NN, YC  
Crockett, Davy. Davy Crockett: His Own Story  
Derry, Joseph T. Story of the Confederate States – H, NN  
De Vries, Anne. Journey Through the Night  
Doswell, Paul. War Stories: True Stories from the First and Second World Wars  
Frank, Anne. The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition – H, NN, YC

Freedman, Russell. Immigrant Kids – H, NN  
Grant, George. Carry a Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of T. Roosevelt – CPRC  
Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea – H, NN, YC  
Henty, G. A. With Lee in Virginia  
Hersey, John. Hiroshima – H, NN, YC  
Hunt, Irene. Across Five Aprils – H, NN, YC  
Ingold, Jeanette. Hitch – NN, YC  
Irwin, James. Destination: Moon  
Kantor, MacKinlay. Gettysburg – H  
Lester, Julius. To Be A Slave – H, NN  
Levitin, Sonia. Journey to America – H, YC  
Linnea, Sharon. Raoul Wallenberg: The Man Who Stopped Death – NN  
Mansfield, Stephen. Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill  
Marrin, Albert. The Yanks Are Coming – H, YC  
Marrin, Albert. Stalin: Russia's Man of Steel – NN  
Marrin, Albert. Hitler – H, NN  
Marrin, Albert. America and Vietnam: The Elephant and the Tiger – H, NN  
McMurdie, Jean McAnlis. Land of the Morning  
McMurdie, William. Hey, Mac!  
Murphy, Jim. The Boys' War: Confederate & Union Soldiers Talk About the Civil War – H, NN, YC  
Nolan, Peggy. The Spy Who Came in from the Sea  
O'Grady, Captain Scott. Basher Five-two – NN, YC  
Prins, Piet. The Lonely Sentinel (The Shadow Series) +  
Raven, Margot. The Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot – H, NN, YC  
Reynolds, Quentin. The Wright Brothers – H, NN  
Serraillier, Ian. Escape From Warsaw  
Sperry, Armstrong. All Sail Set – H  
Steele, William. We Were There on the Oregon Trail – NN  
Steele, William. We Were There with the Pony

Express

Taylor, Theodore. Air Raid—Pearl Harbor!—  
H, NN

Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder. Hear My  
Cry— H, NN, YC

ten Boom, Corrie. The Hiding Place— CRPC,  
CCS, H, NN, YC

Trapp, Maria Augusta. The Story of Trapp  
Family Singers — H, NN, YC

Van Leeuwen, Jean. Bound for Oregon — YC

Velde, Vivian. A Coming Evil

Wilkins, J. Steven. Call of Duty: The Sterling  
Nobility of Robert E. Lee

Winik, Jay. April 1865: The Month That  
Saved America — H, NN, YC

York, Alvin. Sergeant York and the Great  
War — CCS

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