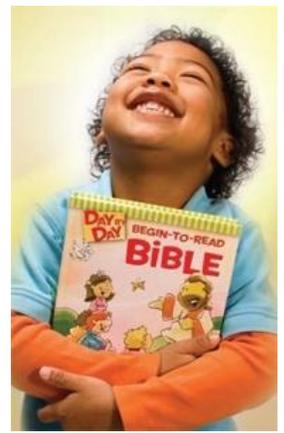
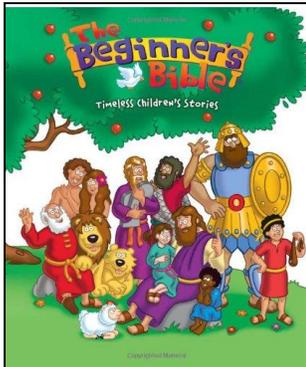


Choosing a Bible for your child

Amber Parry Strong, of Island Bay (Kids Friendly) Presbyterian Church shared this resource she wrote for the families of her community. It is a good guide from a mum obviously committed to sharing her love of the bible with her and all children. We hope you find it helpful.

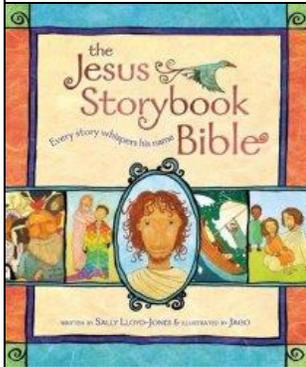


Bibles for Preschoolers, Early Readers, Primary and Intermediate age children:



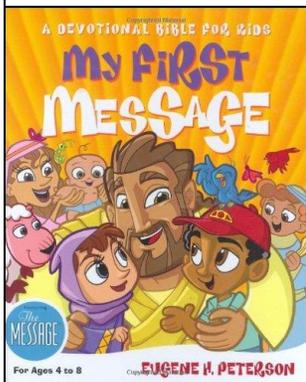
The Beginners Bible

This is the best read aloud book of bible stories for pre-schoolers I have come across and we use it at home and at church. We have also found it great for ESOL speakers as it is written with such clear language. As the kids get older and can read to themselves, my daughter (who is an average reader) read it herself at age 6 and her school uses it in all their junior classrooms.



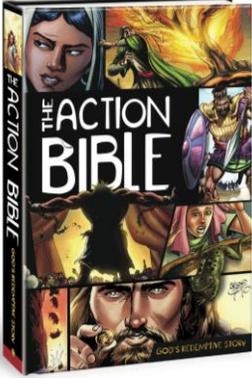
The Jesus Storybook Bible

This bible says it's aimed at 4-7 year olds, but I think the age range should extend up to 10 as a child read book. My 7.5 year old isn't quite up to reading it herself yet. This is a beautifully written and illustrated collection of bible stories for primary school aged kids. There are also DVD clips on the internet and a Sunday school curriculum that go with it.



My First Message

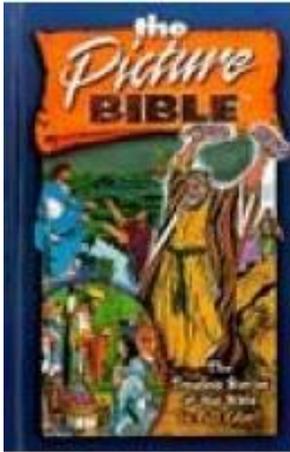
I am a big fan of the Message Translation and there is now a version for primary school children. This also has activities and devotions for families throughout the book.



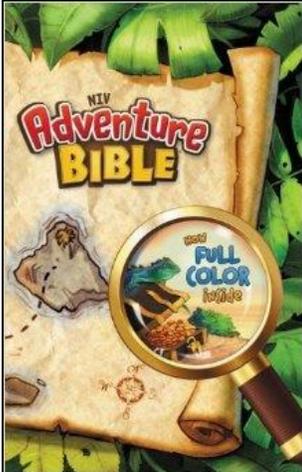
Comic Format Bible Storybooks:

The Action Bible and The Picture Bible are collections of bible stories aimed at primary school age children, but written in comic strip format.

The Action Bible is aimed at older boys 9+. It is designed to look like a Marvel comic, actually illustrated by a Marvel artist.



The Picture Bible has been around for decades but has recently been re-released with new graphics. This seems to have wider appeal with both genders.

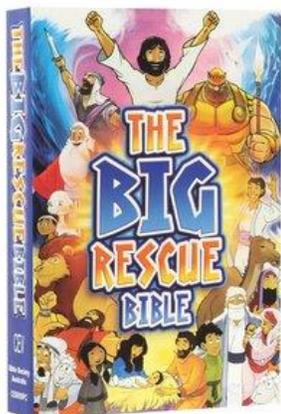


The (full) Bible:

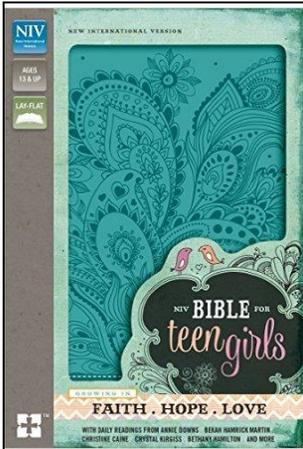
The Good News and **The Message** are both Bible translations that are easy to understand and suitable for older kids and teens.

The Adventure bible (New International Version)

and



The Big Rescue Bible (Contemporary English Version) have added pictures and explanations.



If you want something more specifically aimed at girls, then the **New Bible for Teen Girls** is good. It's aimed at 13+ year olds, but I think it would still appeal from intermediate age. It does have a lot of "smart advice, and open discussion about the realities of life" so if you don't like that then go for the Message or a plain NIV.