The First 100 Books for the Children's Section of Your Church Library

One hundred books that will make a church library as useful to children as it is to adults, plus a list of series at the end. The full article, with links to buy each book, is at **challies.com/articles/the-first-100-books-for-the-childrens-section-of-your-church-library**.

Board Books

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Ages 0 to 3.

- [ ] 1 **The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible**
  Jared Kennedy
- [ ] 2 **Read-Aloud Bible Stories, Volume 1**
  Ella K. Lindvall
- [ ] 3 **Little Me, Big God: Stories about Jesus**
  Steph Williams
- [ ] 4 **Seek and Find: Old Testament Bible Stories**
  Sarah Parker
- [ ] 5 **God Cares for Me (For the Bible Tells Me So)**
  Kristen Wetherell
- [ ] 6 **My First 123 Book of Bible Numbers**
  Jonathan Gibson
- [ ] 7 **Training Young Hearts Board Books Boxed Set**
  Abbey Wedgeworth
- [ ] 8 **Who Is Jesus?: 40 Pictures to Share with Your Family**
  Kate & Joe Hox
- [ ] 9 **My First ABC Book of Bible Verses**
  Jonathan Gibson
- [ ] 10 **P.R.A.Y. Pals: When We Pray, What Do We Say?**
  Jonathan & Christy Hooper
- [ ] 11 **God Gives Sleep**
  Betsy Childs Howard
- [ ] 12 **Found: Psalm 23**
  Sally Lloyd-Jones
- [ ] 13 **Psalms of Praise: A Movement Primer (Baby Believer)**
  Danielle Hitchen
- [ ] 14 **The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross (board book edition)**
  Carl Laferton

Picture Books

Ages 3 to 7.

- [ ] 15 **The Jesus Storybook Bible**
  Sally Lloyd-Jones
- [ ] 16 **The Biggest Story Bible Storybook**
  Kevin DeYoung
- [ ] 17 **The Big Picture Story Bible**
  David Helm
- [ ] 18 **The Kingdom and the King Storybook Bible**
  Bob Hartman
- [ ] 19 **The Gospel Story Bible**
  Marty Machowski
- [ ] 20 **The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross**
  Carl Laferton
- [ ] 21 **Jesus Moments: Esther**
  Alison Mitchell
- [ ] 22 **Joseph and the Very Strange Dreams**
  Tim Thornborough
- [ ] 23 **Jude and the Extraordinary, Spectacular, Miraculous Day**
  Jessica Dennis Bush
- [ ] 24 **The Man in the Tree and the Brand New Start**
  Carl Laferton
- [ ] 25 **The Long Road Home**
  Sarah Walton
- [ ] 26 **The Acrostic of God**
  Jonathan Gibson
- [ ] 27 **The Apostles' Creed: For All God's Children**
  Ben Myers, ill. Natasha Kennedy
- [ ] 28 **C Is for Christian**
  Alistair Begg
- [ ] 29 **The Big Wide Welcome Storybook**
  Trillia Newbell
- [ ] 30 **God's Great Big Global Church**
  Tim Challies
- [ ] 31 **God's Go-Togethers**
  Sam Allberry
- [ ] 32 **Jesus, Strong and Kind**
  Sinclair Ferguson
- [ ] 33 **The Prince's Poison Cup**
  R.C. Sproul
- [ ] 34 **The Donkey Who Carried a King**
  R.C. Sproul
- [ ] 35 **Arlo and the Keep-Out Club**
  Betsy Childs Howard
- [ ] 36 **Lucy and the Saturday Surprise**
  Melissa Kruger
- [ ] 37 **Polly and the Screen Time Overload**
  Betsy Childs Howard
- [ ] 38 **The Quest for the Best**
  Jimmy Needham
- [ ] 39 **All Kinds of Weather**
  Abbey Wedgeworth
- [ ] 40 **He Always Hears**
  Alyson Punzi
- [ ] 41 **God Made All of Me**
  Justin & Lindsey Holcomb
- [ ] 42 **It's Good to Be a Girl**
  Jen & Zoe Oshman
- [ ] 43 **Elisabeth Elliot: The Brave Girl Who Chose to Love**
  Ellen Vaughn
- [ ] 44 **John Knox: The Boy Who Changed a Country**
  Sinclair Ferguson
- [ ] 45 **Joni Eareckson Tada: The Girl Who Learned to Follow God in a Wheelchair**
  Kristyn Getty
- [ ] 46 **C.S. Lewis: The Boy Who Loved to Ask Big Questions**
  Laura Wickham-Caputo
- [ ] 47 **Susannah Spurgeon: The Pastor's Wife Who Didn't Let Sickness Stop Her**
  Mary Mohler
- [ ] 48 **Corrie ten Boom: The Courageous Woman and the Secret Room**
  Laura Caputo-Wickham
- [ ] 49 **We Sing!: Teaching Kids to Praise God with Heart and Voice**
  Kristyn Getty
- [ ] 50 **Praise God, All Creatures: A Doxology for Children**
  Jason Duesing
- [ ] 51 **Pippa and the Singing Tree**
  Kristyn Getty
- [ ] 52 **God's Big Promises Bible Story Prayers**
  Carl Laferton
- [ ] 53 **The Big Big Big Christmas (That Was Also Very Small)**
  Mei Shan Dibble
- [ ] 54 **Empty!: Celebrating the Risen Savior**
  Joshua Cooley
- [ ] 55 **A Jesus Easter: Explore God's Amazing Rescue Plan**
  Barbara Reaoch
- [ ] 56 **Penelope Judd**
  Shai Linne

Early Readers and Chapter Books

Ages 6 to 9.

- [ ] 57 **Abigail and the Big Start Over**
  Bethany McIlrath
- [ ] 58 **Lily, the Lemur, and the Lamb King**
  Bob Hartman
- [ ] 59 **The Big Book of Questions and Answers about Jesus**
  Sinclair Ferguson
- [ ] 60 **Big Beliefs!: Small Devotionals Introducing Your Family to Big Truths**
  David Helm
- [ ] 61 **Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God**
  Marty Machowski
- [ ] 62 **The New City Catechism for Kids**
  The Gospel Coalition
- [ ] 63 **God's Gospel (Making Him Known)**
  Jill Nelson
- [ ] 64 **Everything a Child Should Know About God**
  Kenneth N. Taylor
- [ ] 65 **Jesus' Stories: A Family Parable Devotional**
  Carine MacKenzie
- [ ] 66 **Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer Family Bible Devotional**
  Katy Morgan
- [ ] 67 **Ten Boys Who Changed the World**
  Irene Howat
- [ ] 68 **Ten Girls Who Changed the World**
  Irene Howat
- [ ] 69 **Bible Investigators: Creation**
  Danika Cooley
- [ ] 70 **Cassie & Caleb Discover God's Wonderful Design**
  Susan & Richie Hunt
- [ ] 71 **Promises Made, Promises Kept: A Family Devotional for Christmas**
  Marty Machowski

Middle Grade

Ages 8 to 12.

- [ ] 72 **The Ology: Ancient Truths, Ever New**
  Marty Machowski
- [ ] 73 **The Radical Book for Kids**
  Champ Thornton
- [ ] 74 **Who Am I and Why Do I Matter? (Big Questions)**
  Chris Morphew
- [ ] 75 **John Calvin's Illustrated Institutes, Book 1**
  Paul Cox, Martin Williams & Joy Williams
- [ ] 76 **Bible Doctrine for Younger Children (Second Edition)**
  James W. Beeke
- [ ] 77 **10 Questions about Salvation**
  Champ Thornton
- [ ] 78 **A Short Guide to the Bible**
  Katy Morgan
- [ ] 79 **The Sword: Magnus and the Mystery of Romans**
  Marty Machowski
- [ ] 80 **Deep Dive into the Old Testament: 51 Expeditions in God's Word**
  Claire Sims
- [ ] 81 **New Morning Mercies for Kids**
  Paul David Tripp
- [ ] 82 **101 Devotions for Girls and 101 Devotions for Guys**
  Rebecca Davis
- [ ] 83 **The Story of Eric Liddell (Lives of Faith and Grace)**
  Champ Thornton
- [ ] 84 **The Story of Corrie ten Boom (Lives of Faith and Grace)**
  Jennifer Kelley
- [ ] 85 **Around the World with 80 Missionaries**
  Linda Finlayson
- [ ] 86 **Go Tell Everyone: 9 Missionaries Who Shared the Good News**
  Meredith Cook
- [ ] 87 **John Calvin (Christian Biographies for Young Readers)**
  Simonetta Carr
- [ ] 88 **Anne Bradstreet (Christian Biographies for Young Readers)**
  Simonetta Carr
- [ ] 89 **Amy Carmichael: Rescuer by Night (Trailblazers)**
  Kay Walsh
- [ ] 90 **David Livingstone: Africa's Greatest Explorer (Trailblazers)**
  Vance Christie
- [ ] 91 **Risen Hope: The Church Throughout History**
  Luke H. Davis
- [ ] 92 **Reformation ABCs**
  Stephen J. Nichols
- [ ] 93 **The Chronicles of Narnia**
  C.S. Lewis
- [ ] 94 **On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (The Wingfeather Saga)**
  Andrew Peterson
- [ ] 95 **The Dream Keeper Saga**
  Kathryn Butler
- [ ] 96 **The Green Ember**
  S.D. Smith
- [ ] 97 **Little Pilgrim's Progress**
  Helen L. Taylor
- [ ] 98 **The Serpent Slayer and the Scroll of Riddles**
  Champ Thornton & Andy Naselli
- [ ] 99 **Christian's Quest: The Pilgrim's Progress Graphic Novel**
  John Bunyan & Tyler Van Halteren
- [ ] 100 **Mr. Pipes and the British Hymn Makers**
  Douglas Bond

Full Series

Series that are worth owning in full.

- [ ] **Do Great Things for God**
  The Good Book Company
- [ ] **Lives of Faith and Grace**
  Crossway
- [ ] **Trailblazers**
  Christian Focus
- [ ] **Christian Biographies for Young Readers**
  Simonetta Carr
- [ ] **Tales That Tell the Truth**
  The Good Book Company
- [ ] **Jesus Moments**
  Alison Mitchell
- [ ] **For the Bible Tells Me So**
  Kristen Wetherell
- [ ] **Big Questions**
  Chris Morphew
- [ ] **Lightkeepers**
  Irene Howat
- [ ] **The Wingfeather Saga**
  Andrew Peterson
- [ ] **The Green Ember series**
  S.D. Smith
- [ ] **The Dream Keeper Saga**
  Kathryn Butler