

Choosing a Bible for your Child

The Bible is the living Word of God. It is filled with His promises, brings encouragement, and strengthens our faith and our relationship with God.

Each Sunday, we explore the Bible as we teach your child about God. We encourage you to engage your child in reading it regularly. It will help them know Jesus better and learn more about God.

When searching for the right Bible for your child, consider these questions:

1. What is your child's age and reading level?

This will help you decide if a full-text Bible or storybook Bible would be more enjoyable for your child and easier to understand. If the reading part is a challenge, children may be more resistant to reading the Bible. Full-text Bibles contain all 66 books, including the Old and New Testaments. Typically these Bibles are in order of Genesis through Revelation. Storybook Bibles are designed for younger children, they have illustrations to teach basic stories and themes. These Bibles use summaries rather than exact scriptures.

2. How will your child use their Bible?

Will your child use the Bible for personal devotion, to follow along at church, or for Bible studies. Once you have selected and purchased a Bible, spend some time introducing your child to the Bible and its features. Spend time reading a favorite Bible story or doing a devotional reading with your child to help them learn how to use their new Bible. The habit of Bible reading can begin in a child's foundational years and can start with their own special Bible.

3. What translation will be easiest for them to read?

There are many translations available and it's important to choose one that is easy to understand. In Pursuit Kidz, we typically use NIV (New International Version). Once students are in high school, you could consider a Study Bible in the version they enjoy the most.

4. What interests your child?

We're all more likely to read something that we're interested in. For some kids, an attractive cover or beautiful illustrations will draw them in. For others, larger print and smaller paragraphs may be more appealing. For older elementary students, they may really enjoy picking one out themselves.

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