

Visionary Family (Rob Rienow). Readers of Visionary Parenting will capture a fresh, God-sized vision for their family. No matter where they are on the parenting journey, they will see God can transform their home. It begins with understanding God's purpose for the family to ensure that the next generation grows up to know, love, and serve Him.

Family Worship: In the Bible, in History & in Your Home (Donald Whitney). This short, but potentially life-changing book covers the motivation and importance of family worship.

Once you're convinced of the value of family worship, here are some resources that could be useful for family worship...

- **The Big Picture Story Bible (David Helm).** If you have young children, this is a must have resource. Simple but gospel-rich storytelling. Great pictures.
- **The Jesus Storybook Bible (Sally Lloyd-Jones).** Another must have for those with young children. Beautiful pictures and writing. Like Big Picture, the author connects each Bible story to the Bible's central character and central message, Christ, and His saving work.
- **God's Very Good Idea (Trillia Newbell).** A wonderful explanation of the gospel! This book will help children see how people from all ethnic and social backgrounds are valuable to God, and how Jesus came to rescue all kinds of people.
- **Mighty Acts of God (Starr Meade).** Much like the previous, except that it gives more detail and tells more stories. It's a good Bible to let your reading-age son/daughter take to bed and begin his/her personal times of reading Scripture.
- **Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing (Sally Lloyd-Jones).** Sometimes a great sign of maturity in faith is seen through one's increasing ability to connect the gospel to everything in life. This book is a primer on seeing how the gospel relates to everyday life.
- **The Ology: Ancient Truths, Ever New (Marty Machowski).** An excellent book to help kids of all ages understand who God is and how we, as his children, relate to him. While this book is very helpful for kids, parents will gain a lot from it as well.
- **The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden (Kevin DeYoung).** an exciting journey through the Bible, connecting the dots from

the garden of Eden to Christ's death on the cross to the new heaven and new earth. This book has great illustrations and is best for elementary age children.

- **Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God (Marty Machowski).** A one-stop-shop resource. Gives brief Bible reading, brief devotional thought, asks good questions for family discussion. Offers helps for family prayer. Gospel-centered.
- **The Big Book of Questions and Answers: A Family Devotional Guide to the Christian Faith (Sinclair Ferguson).** Ferguson does a good job making big truths accessible to little children.
- **The Real Story books by Paul Maier: The Real Story of the Creation; The Real Story of the Flood; The Real Story of the Exodus; The Very First Christmas; The Real Story of Easter.** These are great books to use during family worship, particularly as you approach a holiday (Christmas/Easter).
- **Grandpa's Box: Retelling the Biblical Story of Redemption (Starr Meade).** Meade uses a story of children visiting their grandpa as the backdrop for teaching the one big story of the Bible. Readings can take (if memory serves) 10+ minutes, so it's probably better for older kids (maybe 8 and up).
- **Big Truths for Young Hearts (Bruce Ware).** Devotional chapters written to unpack major doctrines (God as Creator, etc.). Can be doctrinally heavy (in a good way). For older kids. Readings take about 15 minutes.

Some resources for bedtime reading, road trips, etc.

- **Dangerous Journey (Hunkin/Bunyan).** An easy to read (and with pictures!) version of Bunyan's classic, Pilgrim's Progress. Younger ones will have a hard time comprehending it all and (warning) some pictures are a little gruesome.
- **Keeping Holiday (Starr Meade).** A Christian allegory akin to Pilgrim's Progress. Excellent portrayals of how temptation works and many other biblical motifs. Great refrains about "the Finder." Older kids (maybe from 8+) will get the most out of it.
- **The Priest with Dirty Clothes (R.C. Sproul).** Great story and beautiful pictures. Helpful teaching and conversation starter toward understanding the vital doctrine of imputation/ justification.

- **The Lightlings (R.C. Sproul).** Great story and beautiful pictures. A retelling of the big story – creation, sin, salvation.
- **The Prince's Poison Cup (R.C. Sproul).** Great story and beautiful pictures. Helps teach the truth that Christ took our curse for our salvation.
- **The Barber Who Wanted to Pray (R.C. Sproul).** For centuries the main go-to for family worship was the Lord's Prayer, the 10 commandments, the Apostle's Creed (see Westminster for some help here as well). So, when Martin Luther's barber asked him how to pray Luther went to those three. This is a storied and kid-friendly version of what Luther wrote to his friend the barber.
- **The King Without a Shadow (R.C. Sproul).** Like the other Sproul books, the content is very good. The concept of God's holiness/otherness is a bit more difficult to capture in story form. So, this is abstract at times and may be more difficult for young children to grasp.