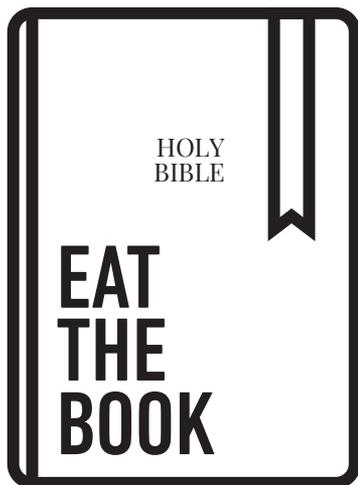


BOOK 1:

**THE CHURCH  
ON MISSION**





**BOOK 1:**

# **THE CHURCH ON MISSION**

**2018 is ahead of us with all kinds of possibilities. What do you desire as parents? What if, at the end of this year, your kids were regularly reading and applying the words of scripture? What if your family was consistently studying the Bible together? What if, at the end of the year, your entire family was more deeply in love with Jesus?**

***“Ask kids (or adults): If you are super honest with me, is it sometimes boring to read the Bible or is it always super awesome?”***

**Most will admit that the Bible can be difficult and dull to read. *“The Bible is a boring book unless you hear from God through it. As soon as God talks, it changes everything!”* (kidswantanswers.com).**

**God wants us to know Him and have relationship with Him, growing ever closer. The primary way that happens is letting our hearts and minds be shaped through reading God’s Word.**

**“When I discovered Your words, I ate (devoured) them. They are my joy and my heart’s delight.”**

**Jeremiah 15:16**

**You hold in your hands a new tool, the Eat The Book Bible Initiative guide for kids & families. Each week offers 5 short Bible readings, a memory verse, and space for questions and thoughts. For older elementary children, this is an opportunity for them to read the passages on their own, followed by discussion with you as parents. For younger elementary, you will want to read the passage or corresponding Bible story together. At the very back are pages to list praises to God and prayer requests.**

**The reading passages match the elementary Gospel Project curriculum used at church. This gives the kids an opportunity to discuss the Bible passages at home and then on Sunday morning with peers and teachers. Please make it a habit to remind your children to bring their Bibles and this guide in their specially designed bags to church.**

**The goal of this year's Eat The Book Family Initiative is:**

- 1. Create curiosity and hunger to hear God speak through His Word.**
- 2. Establish habit of daily Bible study.**
- 3. Equip parents to share God's Word with their children.**
- 4. Connect what kids are learning at home and church.**
- 5. Lead our children (and us) to fall deeper in love with Jesus, the author of the book**

**Libby Skillman & Katherine Cole**

January 7-13

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MAJOR STORY:

# THE GOSPEL COMES TO THE GENTILES

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READING 1:

Acts 10:1-23

READING 2:

Acts 10:23-48

READING 3:

Acts 11:1-18

READING 4:

Acts 11:19-24

READING 5:

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Revelation 7:9-12

KIDS APP:

Peter's Vision & Cornelius

MEMORY VERSE:

“For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to His good purpose.” Phil. 2:13

# WOW!

What hits my heart?

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# HMMMM?

This is surprising! What does it mean?

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# RESPOND:

The gospel is for everyone! Who is someone I know who needs to know Jesus? Pray for them.

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January 14-20

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**MAJOR STORY:**

# PAUL'S CONVERSION & BAPTISM

READING 1:

**Acts 9:1-19**

READING 2:

**Acts 9:20-31**

READING 3:

**Acts 20:17-21**

READING 4:

**Eph 4:20-32**

READING 5:

**I Cor 13:1-8a**

KIDS APP:

**From Enemy  
to Friend**

MEMORY VERSE:

**“You will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit has  
come on you, and you  
will be My witnesses in  
Jerusalem, in all Judea and  
Samaria, and to the  
end of the earth.” Acts 1:8**

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# RESPOND:

What is something I need God to do that would be a miracle if it happened? Pray and ask Him to act!

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January 21-27

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**MAJOR STORY:**

# PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

READING 1:

**Acts 13:1-11**

READING 2:

**Acts 13: 12-19**

READING 3:

**Acts 13:38-52**

READING 4:

**Acts 14:1-20**

READING 5:

**Acts 14:21-28**

KIDS APP:

**Paul's Journey &  
Trials**

MEMORY VERSE:

**"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8**

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# RESPOND:

Pray & ask God... what part of His mission is He inviting me to participate in with Him?

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January 28–February 3

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**MAJOR STORY:**

# THE MESSAGE: “CHRIST ALONE”

READING 1:

**Acts 15:1–19**

READING 2:

**Acts 15:22–35**

READING 3:

**Eph 2:1–10**

READING 4:

**John 14:1–6**

READING 5:

**Romans 5:1–2**

MEMORY VERSE:

**“You will receive  
power when the Holy  
Spirit has come on  
you, and you will  
be My witnesses in  
Jerusalem, in all Judea  
and Samaria, and to  
the end of the earth.”**

**Acts 1:8**

# WOW!

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# RESPOND:

How does it feel to know I can have salvation in Christ alone? What does that make me want to say or do?

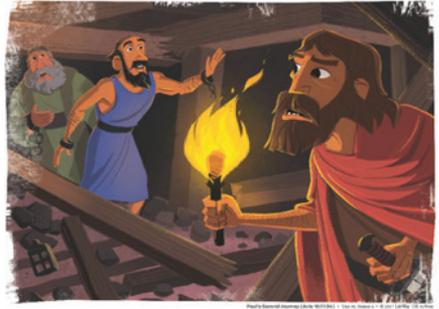
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February 4-10

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MAJOR STORY:

# PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

READING 1:

Acts 15:36-41

READING 2:

Acts 16:1-5

READING 3:

2 Tim:1:1-7

1 Tim 4:11-12

READING 4:

Acts 16:6-15

READING 5:

Acts 16:16-40

KIDS APP:

Paul's Journey &  
Trials

MEMORY VERSE:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

# WOW!

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# HMMMM?

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# RESPOND:

Even though I am young, how has God gifted me to serve Him now? Pray & ask God... how can I serve You this week?

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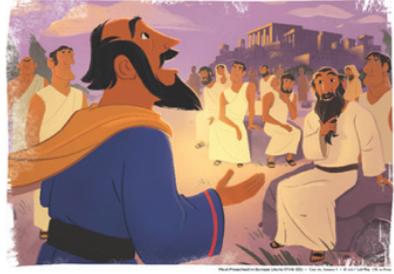
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February 11-17

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MAJOR STORY:

# PAUL PREACHES IN EUROPE

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READING 1:

Acts 17:1-9

READING 2:

Acts 17: 10-15

READING 3:

Acts 17:16-34

READING 4:

I Thes 1:1-10

READING 5:

Psalms 96:4-5

MEMORY VERSE:

“You will receive  
power when the Holy  
Spirit has come on  
you, and you will  
be My witnesses in  
Jerusalem, in all Judea  
and Samaria, and to  
the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

# WOW!

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# RESPOND:

I don't know everything, but one thing I do know is true about God is:

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February 18-24

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**MAJOR STORY:**

# PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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READING 1:

**Acts 18:1-16**

READING 2:

**Acts 19:1-22**

READING 3:

**Acts 19:23-41**

READING 4:

**Acts 20:1-12**

READING 5:

**Acts 20:13-38**

MEMORY VERSE:

**“You will receive  
power when the Holy  
Spirit has come on  
you, and you will  
be My witnesses in  
Jerusalem, in all Judea  
and Samaria, and to  
the end of the earth.”**

**Acts 1:8**

# WOW!

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# RESPOND:

Pray & ask God... is there anything in my life that I put before You?

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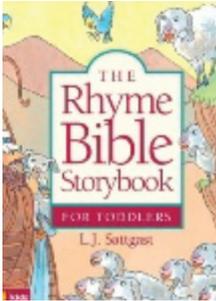
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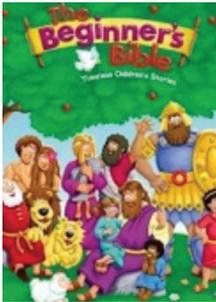
# RECOMMENDED BIBLES:

## Storybooks



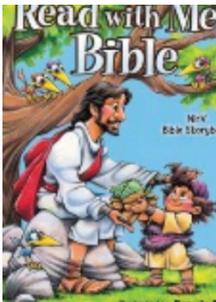
### **The Rhyme Bible Storybook for Toddlers**

Children love the soothing sound of rhyme. This storybook contains thirty-five delightful, classic Bible stories retold in lilting verse and rollicking, read-aloud rhyme. Updated and vivid illustrations by Laurence Cleyet-Merle breathe new life into a previously successful storybook Bible in the popular Rhyme brand. Also comes in padded board book edition, The Rhyme Bible Storybook for Little Ones.



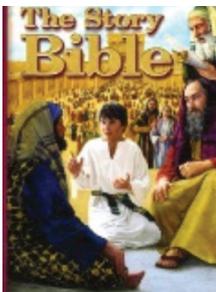
### **The Beginner's Bible**

This Bible has been a favorite with young children and their parents since its release in 1989 with over 25 million products sold. Now it's redesigned with new vibrant three-dimensional art and compelling text to introduce young children to 90 Bible stories. This Bible goes along with our Sunday morning curriculum in Kids Point Ministry for 3-5 year olds.



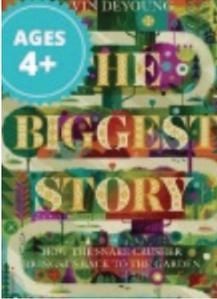
### **Read with Me Bible**

This storybook Bible is action packed with full-color art and contains 106 Old and New Testament best-loved Bible stories to life. Children will love reading it with you or to you. The Read with Me Bible is based on the New International Reader's Version (NIRV) (2.9 grade level) using simpler words and shorter sentences to make the text easy to read and understand.



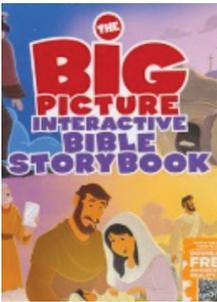
### **The Story Bible, Over 130 Stories**

This Bible storybook is written especially for beginning. Children will be captivated with the stories and illustrations as they discover the Old Testament promise of a Savior and the New Testament fulfillment of that promise with the coming of Jesus. Great family storybook to use with various ages of children. Wording is drawn directly from the Scriptures and includes discussion helps, prayer ideas, and glossary of key terms.



### **The Biggest Story... How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden**

Children need to know how Bible stories connect to Scripture's overarching message about God's glorious plan to redeem His rebellious people. In *The Biggest Story*, Kevin DeYoung leads kids and parents alike on 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. Great book for families with school age children to read together



### **The Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook**

Featuring 145 illustrated, one page stories, this interactive Bible includes a "Christ Connection" feature that shows kids how God's plan for salvation through Jesus appears throughout Bible. Includes a free downloadable app for kids to view the images in an augmented-reality format and listen to story as well. Stories go along with curriculum LCF elementary age kids are using.

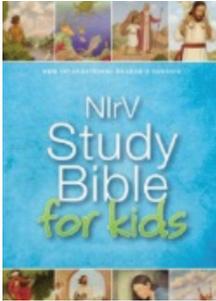


### **The Action Bible**

This action-packed graphic cartoon style Bible rendition will capture and draw children into God's Word. Includes 215 fast-paced narratives in chronological order. The Action Bible ESV version for kids makes it easier for readers to follow the Bible's historical flow as the story builds up to the thrilling climax of Christ's life. Many kids love the graphic cartoon style of reading. Great way to introduce elementary age children to Bible reading on their own.

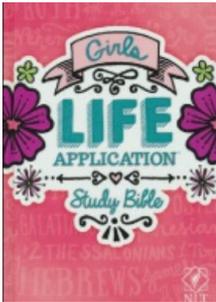
# RECOMMENDED BIBLES:

## Complete Bibles



### **NIV Study Bible for Kids**

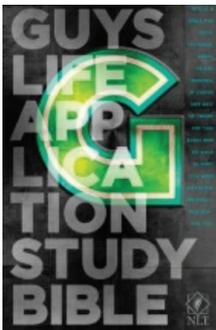
This bestselling Bible starts early readers on path of reading and studying God's Word. This Bible uses the New International Reader's Version (NIRV) written at a third-grade reading level. Includes 32 full-color pictures, Check It Out—sketches and descriptions of what life was like in Bible times, Brain Game with questions, Soak It up—key verses to memorize, book introductions, Bible dictionary, maps and comes in a variety of styles/colors.

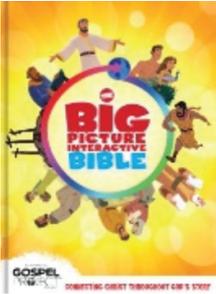


### **NLT Girls/Guys Life Application Study Bible**

These editions are created for older elementary age girls or boys based on best-selling Life Application Study Bible. Packed full of notes and features, this Bible is easy to use and helps answer some of the questions preteen girls or boys have about God and life. Bible version is NLT written on 6th grade reading level. This is a great first study Bible.

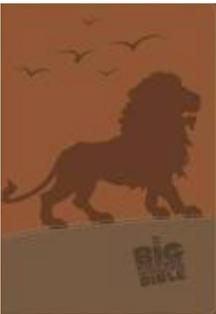
- "What Now?" Learn how to make good choices in tough times
- "I Survived!" Personal stories from older teens sharing life wisdom
- "Amazing Facts" Bible trivia
- "At a Glance"—the lives of famous women in the Bible—good and bad—become lessons for teens
- "Is It OK?" A reality check on what the Bible says about current issues
- Not the Only One!—Gives a lighter perspective on embarrassing situations
- Book introductions and timelines
- Charts and 3-dimensional maps





### **The Big Picture Interactive Bible**

This colorful, fully designed Bible includes Christ Connections and Big Questions and Answers call outs that show God's story unfolding from the beginning of time and how we fit into His plan. Also includes a free downloadable app that allows reader to view the images in an augmented-reality format and listen to the story narration. Please check to see you are ordering the CSB version as it comes in other Bible versions as well. **Guys and girls version will be coming January 2018.**



- This Bible goes along with Sunday morning curriculum and the version used in youth group & for adults.
- Book introductions
- 100 Top Memory Verses for kids
- Family discussion questions
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