

## About this Age...

This is a very exciting, though sometimes, wearying age. Children are discovering so much so fast. They are beginning to have much higher social interaction. They are learning language and beginning to develop more abstract thinking.

Even at this young age the world is already influencing them. And they are on a steep learning curve.

This is the ideal time to begin basic spiritual disciplines in their lives. Starting this early with prayer, family devotions and Bible reading will help them to view how the world and how they live in it through Biblical lenses. It will also help them instill these practices as a natural part of their lives.

## Some Goals for this Age

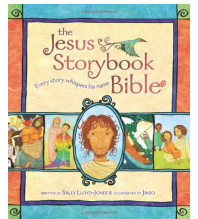
- Write out life-goals for your child and share them with him/her
- Write out a blessing for your child and pray it over them. This shows your love for them, your value of them, and your good desires for them.
- Begin having regular Family Devotional Time. This could be a larger weekly activity or smaller daily ones.
- Pray daily with your child, modeling prayer for them and allowing them to pray as well.
- Create Family Mission Statement
- If you haven't already...make a spiritual plan

## Helpful Tips:

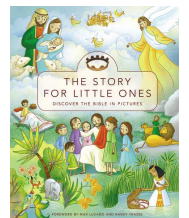
- Have fun with Bible stories. Act them out. Children love to do this.
- Make sure you are very clear about the difference between Bible stories and storybooks. Keep them separate from one another. Bible stories are real stories about real people.
- FaithTalk with Children cards are great conversation starters

## Resources and helps

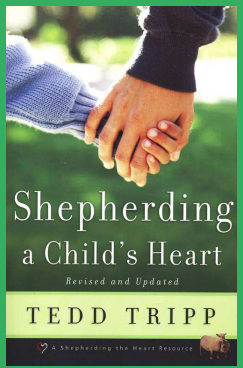
The Jesus Storybook Bible  
By Sally Lloyd-Jones



The Story for Little Ones  
By Max Lucado



# For Parents:

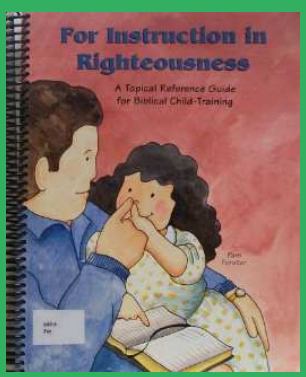
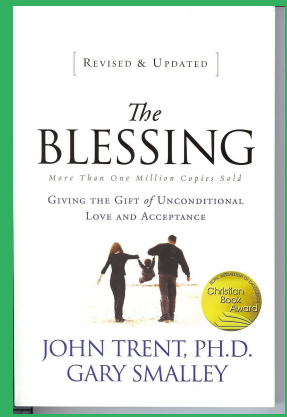


*Shepherding a Child's Heart*

Tedd Tripp

*The Blessing*

Gary Smalley & John Trent



*For Instruction in Righteousness*

Pam Forster

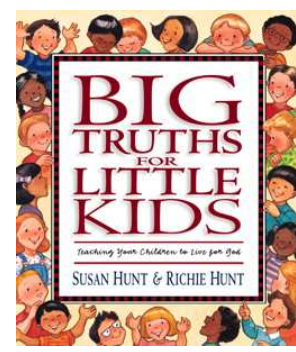
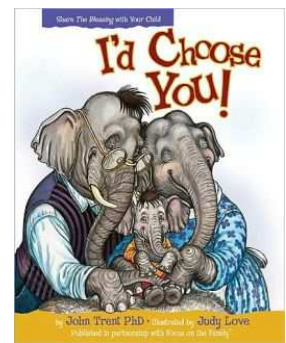
# Helpful Websites:

- Connectedfamilies.org
- lakepointe.org/faithpath/
- faithathome.com
- church.family.org
- familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting
- familyvisionministry.org
- focusonthefaily.com/parenting
- /spiritual\_growth\_for\_kids/blessing-your-child.aspx



*FaithTalk With Children Cards*  
Vibrantfaith.org

*I'd Choose You!*  
John Trent



*Big Truths for Little Kids*

Susan & Richie Hunt

# Parent Resources

3-5 years

MAKING FULLY FUNCTIONING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WHO ARE ROOTED IN HOPE AND BRANCHING OUT TO THE WORLD

