

Recommended Bibles for Children

We are often asked which Bibles we suggest for use with children. This may be in school for RE and collective worship, to give to school starters, or leavers, and for church groups. This leaflet gives information about some of our favourites. We have not put ages on them because you know the children in your context so are best placed to decide which is right for your children. You may have a favourite that we haven't included, if so do let us know and we will add it to this leaflet.

Funding for Bibles



Both school and church budgets are thinly stretched making the cost of buying Bibles for a class or more a challenge. If you are looking to present each child with a Bible as they join or leave the school some parishes:

- Ask church members to sponsor a Bible for one or more pupils. They display a copy of the Bible they will give for people to see and explain how much they cost and how many they need.
- The PCC gives a grant to fund the Bibles. In some churches this comes from their mission giving.
- The school 'Friends Group' or PTA fund half and the church fund half.

Eden online Christian Books offer discounts when you buy multiple copies, however your local independent book shop may offer a competitive price if you talk to them about a large order.

There are some charities set up to provide Bibles for schools.

Bibles for Children –

<https://biblesforchildren.org.uk/>



The school or local churches contribute a small sponsorship for each Bible of 50p. The charity pays the remainder. They offer The Children's Bible for year 2 pupils and the Rainbow Good News Bible for year 6 pupils.

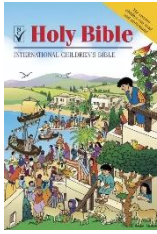
- The first time a school orders Bibles from them, they provide a Bible for every pupil in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Additional free Bibles are included for their teachers. These Bibles cost a sponsorship of 50p each, so for a school with 30 pupils in each year group the charge will be £75.
- In the years following, further Bibles can be ordered as required for the new Year 2 pupils and for older pupils at a sponsorship of £5.95 each, a charge of £178.50 for a year group of 30 pupils.

Good News for Everyone (formerly The Gideons) – [Good News for Everyone \(formerly Gideons UK\)](#)

Offer free New Testaments and Psalms in the New International Version NIV. If you wish they will visit your school talk about the Bible in Collective worship or RE lessons. The diocese arranges for them to distribute Bibles to the schools who wish to receive them at the leavers' services in June.



Bibles with Chapters and Verses



International Children's Bible (ICB) – We generally use this version in the collective worship and RE materials that we write for schools.

[ICB Bible International Children's Bible | Free Delivery at Eden](#)



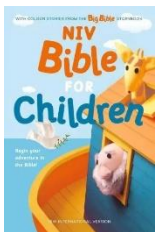
Children's Rainbow Good News Bible – includes extra background information

[Rainbow Good News Bible \(GNB\) | Free Delivery at Eden](#)



Good New Youth Bible – Good for year 6 and above, includes wide margins and spaces for doodling as well as information

[Good News Youth Bible – White Hardback Edition for Teens and Young Adults: Free Delivery at Eden.co.uk](#)



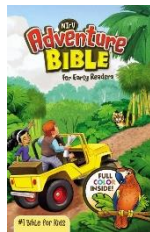
NIV Bible for Children – This has a full New International Version Bible for use by teenager and adults interspersed with illustrations from the Big Story Bible Storybook and Simple Bible stories for young children.

[NIV Bible for Children | Eden Christian Shop](#)



Adventure Bible – New International Readers Version
Lots of fun facts pages on lief in Bible Times etc. The dust jacket has the American spelling of colour but you can remove it without spoiling the look!

[NIV, Adventure Bible, Paperback, Full Color Inside: Free Delivery at Eden.co.uk](#)



NIRV Adventure Bible for Early Readers – This has the same full text all the same features but more accessible language, written for grade 3 reading level.

[NIRV Adventure Bible for Early Readers: Free Delivery at Eden.co.uk](#)

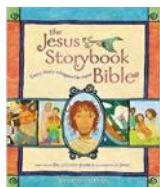


Hands on Bible – The whole text of the Bible in New Living Translation (NLT) with fun facts, activities and introduction to each book of the Bible.

[NLT Hands-On Bible, Third Edition \(Softcover\): Free Delivery at Eden.co.uk](#)

Bible Stories

These books are not full Bibles; they contain a varying number of Bible stories.



The Jesus Storybook Bible –
Our current favourite! 44 stories with whispers of Jesus through the Old Testament and a new heaven and new earth throughout the New

Testament. Make sure you buy the Anglicised version.

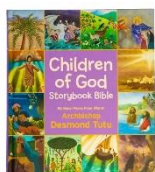
[The Jesus Storybook Bible - Sally Lloyd-Jones, Jago | Eden](#)



My Big Story Bible – By Tom Wright 140 stories. Includes familiar characters and events, but also passages from Psalms, Proverbs, the Prophets and the letters of Paul. This looks as if it

could fit with the RE units of work about the Big Bible Story, however this is new, so we haven't seen a hard copy yet.

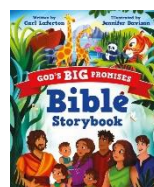
[My Big Story Bible Storybook Bible - Tom Wright | Eden](#)



Children of God Storybook Bible – Told by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 56 stories with illustrations from artists from a variety of cultures including China, Argentina, Vietnam,

South Africa and the UK.

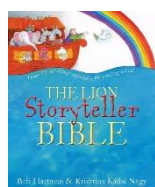
[Children of God Storybook Bible - Desmond Tutu | Eden](#)



God's Big Promises Bible Storybook – By Carl Laferton 92 stories. Icons indicate which stories relate to a promise made or a promise kept within 5 distinct themes:

Rescue, People, Land, Joy, King.

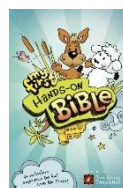
[God's Big Promises Bible Storybook - Carl Laferton 9781784988128 | Eden](#)



The Lion Storyteller Bible –
Written by Bob Hartman, 70 stories. This is the version that is often used by Open the Book.

If you have a team visiting your school, it could offer a good link into collective worship.

[The Lion Storyteller Bible - Bob Hartman | Eden](#)



My First Hands on Bible – For EYFS 85 stories uses common household items to have a hands-on learning experience while engaging with the Bible Story.

[NLT My First Hands-On Bible, Hardback: Free Delivery at Eden.co.uk](#)

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