

Set a regular time and place.

In packed schedules, what's most important can get lost. So carve out a specific time for Bible reading at least once a week.

Gradually, you and your child will start looking forward to this special time of shared closeness. Be sure to hold your child in your lap, or have some other warm physical contact. That good feeling of cuddling will then expand to the Bible too. Soon your children will be choosing their favorite Bible stories and wanting to hear them over and over.



Maybe it will happen at bedtime. Children like predictable routines because they are steady and secure. Life can be crazy—so give them this anchor to count on.

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Help Your Child Learn to



Read the Bible!

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Give your child what's most important.

You want to share with your child what's most important about your faith. That means the stories of Jesus. Knowing what he did and said, your child will come to love him. Focus on the gospels first. Add Old Testament stories later. Your own faith will grow too as you share this treasure.



Buy a well-illustrated children's Bible or get illustrated Bible stories from the library.

Before children can read, they are glued to the pictures. Make sure your Bible has LOTS of pictures. Also look for wording that's simplified for children. Ask your local librarian or your child's catechist for help. They may be eager to recommend their favorites.

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Discuss the stories afterwards.

If you tell and read good Bible stories, they start conversations. For instance: which characters are you most like? What would you have done if you were there? What part of the story captured your imagination best?

"Imagine..."

Imagine being the child who brings Jesus 5 loaves and 2 fishes which he multiplies to feed 5000. How would you feel if you were that child, and that was your lunch?



"Experiment..."

Have fun with the stories.

Experiment with different voices. You and your family may want to act out Bible stories. (For instance, tell the story of Jesus calming the storm at sea with pot lids for thunder, blue and green scarves for waves, frightened disciples, and a pillow for him to sleep on in the boat.)

