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EDITOR’S REMARKS

Thank you for reviewing this list of resources that accompanies the special issue of *God’s Revivalist* (September 2014). Some comments are in order.

Of course, not everybody will agree with everything included here, although there was a concerted effort to list only those books and other resources that are indeed good. A number of mothers were solicited for their recommendations for each of the categories listed below; in the subsequent compilation, an indication was made to show how many of those involved in the selection process had identified each item as “good.” A smaller group of GBS mothers, all professionals with college degrees and experience teaching/working in Bible colleges, selected items for inclusion in the resource boxes/sidebars in *God’s Revivalist*. They also identified items which they felt should be included in this longer list.

Simply consider what you find here to be suggestions for you. It remains your responsibility to make sure the suggested materials are appropriate for your family. What works for one family may not work for another. What seems to be perfect for one child may not work as well for others, even those within the same family. Let me illustrate this with an example. The book *To Train Up a Child* by Michael and Debi Pearl is included on this list but was not listed in *God’s Revivalist*. There are people who like the book and people who dislike it. Some have mentioned that they found it very helpful, but only for children up to about one-and-a-half years of age. Some declare it has no value at all. Again, you as the consumer should be selective in determining what works for your family.

Be aware that often there are different versions of the same book. For example, a book may be available in hardback, paperback, or board book format. There may be versions that are illustrated or abridged, or those that contain ancillary materials, like CDs, DVDs, and accompanying websites.

I will close with Dr. Connie Palm’s words from her article “The Intrigue of Ink” (*God’s Revivalist*, September 2014, pp. 18-19).

Read from many genres of books. A child who eats nothing but hotdogs will think that there is nothing better than hotdogs. The only way for you to know which books are best is to read them yourself.

Otherwise, begin with books written before the mid-seventies. A shift in children’s literature occurred about that time, and although there are many good children’s books being written today and ones you will want to use, some recent books push the envelope on every social and moral issue. These may be useful if you discuss the ideas with your child and put the content through the filter of God’s Word. But be aware that there is a plethora of recent books for children that are just plain stupid. Time is precious… choose the best.

OBEDIENCE AND DISCIPLINE


Brown, Nadine. *How to Have Kids with Character: Even If Your Kids are Characters* (out of print but copies often available on Amazon.com). Tyndale House, 1990.


Kids of Integrity: [http://www.kidsofintegrity.com](http://www.kidsofintegrity.com) (Focus on the Family)


**POTTY TRAINING**


Jenson, Lora. *3 Day Potty Training*. Amazon Digital (also materials at www.3daypottytraining.com)


**GENDER AND SEX**


**CHILDREN AND MONEY**


**ERIK ERIKSON AND PSYCHOSOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**


**GENERAL CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**


Doorposts. Available at [www.doorposts.com](http://www.doorposts.com).


**STAGE 1: INFANTS (0-2)**


Kelly Mom (http://kellymom.com). Website resource for breastfeeding moms.


**STAGE 2: TODDLERS (2-4)**


Dobson, James. *The NEW Dare To Discipline*. Tyndale Momentum, 1996.


STAGE 3: PRESCHOOLERS (4-5)


Laing, Geri & Elisabeth Laing Thompson. The Tender Years: Parenting Preschoolers. DPI, 2009.

STAGE 4: SCHOOL-AGED (5-12)


**BOOKS ABOUT SELECTING BOOKS**


**BOOKS TO READ TO CHILDREN**


Lamplighter - Excellent character building books and audio dramas. www.lamplighter.net


Lucado, Max. If Only I Had a Green Nose. Crossway, 2002.

Lucado, Max. You are Special. Scholastic, 1997.


Milne, A.A. Winnie-the-Pooh (this original plus various others). Puffin, 2005.


Various authors. *Golden Books* (There are dozens of them).

Various authors. *Your Story Hour* (audio CD series). Your Story Hour, various dates.


**BOOKS CHILDREN SHOULD READ**


Dixon, Franklin W. *Hardy Boys* (Set, but only the early versions). Grosset & Dunlap, 1927.


Keene, Carolyn. *Nancy Drew* (Set, but only the early versions). Grosset & Dunlap, 1930.


Various authors. Missionary biographies. (For example: Hudson Taylor, Gladys Aylward, Eric Liddel, Jim Elliot, Amy Carmichael)


**CHILDREN’S BIBLES**


**CHILDREN’S DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**


Hill, Nancy S. *The One Year Did You Know Devotions*. Tyndale Kids, 2008.

Hill, Nancy S. *The One Year Did You Know Devotions 2*. Tyndale Kids, 2009.


The Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum [http://www.jesusstorybookbible.com](http://www.jesusstorybookbible.com)

Keys for Kids [http://www.keysforkids.org/ForKids.aspx](http://www.keysforkids.org/ForKids.aspx)


Sword Study by the Shelby-Kennedy Foundation [http://www.swordstudy.org/](http://www.swordstudy.org/)

Worldview Curriculum [http://www.apologia.com](http://www.apologia.com)


**PREACHING TO KIDS**


**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**


Bible Visuals International
http://shop.biblevisuals.org/

Child Evangelism Fellowship
http://www.cefonline.com/


The Kidologist
www.kidology.org


Ministry to Children
http://ministry-to-children.com/


Penn View Visuals
https://ssl.catalog.com/~pennviewvisuals.biz/store/


**CHURCH NURSERIES**


**TECHNOLOGY**


**GAMES & APPS**

Adventure Bible Memory App by Zonderkidz

The Bible App for Kids by YouVersion
(Interactive and really fun)

Biblicious Bible Trivia by Pariah, Inc.

David and Goliath by Jumping Pages
Fighter Verses by Children Desiring God

Kids Answers by Answers in Genesis (https://answersingenesis.org/kids/)

Prayer List by Vurgood Applications

Starfall Education Products by Starfall Education

VerseMinder by NavPress

Various games....
 Trivia games (To test and build beneficial knowledge)
 Sudoku (To build critical thinking and problem solving skills)
 Chess (To build mental multitasking skills, as well as problem solving skills)

DVD SETS

Adventures in Odyssey by Focus on the Family (www.whitsend.org/cdsvds)
 Listen to episodes for free at www.oneplace.com/ministries/adventures-in-odyssey/

Animated Bible Story Videos by Nest Family Productions (http://www.nestlearning.com/)

Auto-B-Good by Rising Star (http://autobgood.com/)

Buck Denver asks... What’s In the Bible by Veggie Tales (http://whatsinthebible.com/)

Children’s DVD Pack (and other DVDs) by Answers in Genesis (https://answersingenesis.org/store)

Greatest Heroes and Legends Series by Cinedigm Entertainment (www.christianbook.com)

Hermie & Friends by Max Lucado (sites.maxlucado.com/hermie/)

Monster Truck Adventures by Team Marketing (www.monstertruckadventures.com/)

MUSIC

Hide ‘Em in Your Heart (I & II) by Steve Green (www.stevegreenministries.org/

Hymns for a Kid’s Heart by Bobbie Wolgemuth & Joni Eareckson Tada (hymnsforkids.com/)

Patch the Pirate by Majesty Music (www.majestymusic.com/)

Sam Songs by Brent Vernon (brentvernon.bigcartel.com/)

Sleep Sound in Jesus by Michael Card (www.amazon.com/)

Wee Sing Bible Songs (and others) by Pam Beall and Susan Nip (www.weesing.com)

Worship for Kids (and others) by Cedarmont Kids (www.cedarmont.com/)