

# Growing Together



Dear Families,

I hope you find these resources helpful. They are just suggestions and it is by no means an exhaustive list. If you use or find something else that you think other families would like to know about, please tell me and I can add it when we next update this.

I have examples of nearly all of the books and CD's listed, so please do ask for a copy from the children's office if you would like to 'try before you buy'.

I hope you enjoy spending time together and growing as a family as you try some of these things out—let me know what you most enjoy!

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*Children's Worker*

## **General**



**Scripture Union** – Parents page with various topics including Christian parenting and transitioning to Secondary School.

<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/Families/Parents/1113.id>



**Flame: Creative Children's Ministry** – An excellent blog of ideas for things to do with children.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/>

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/p/things-to-do-at-home.html>

## Engaging children

Try using dressing up or household objects to re-enact Bible stories

Use playdough/duplo/craft materials to make something that they learnt/remember from a story or that they want to pray for

## Prayer



**Family Faith** – Brilliant resource of prayers and devotions to use with children.

<http://www.familyfaith.co.uk/>



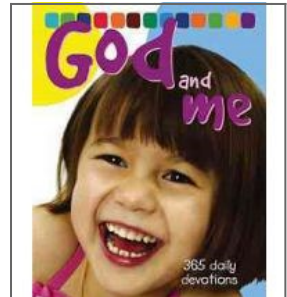
**Flame: Creative Children's Ministry** – Prayer bags to use at home.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk/2012/02/pray-at-home-bag-for-under-5s.html> - under 5's

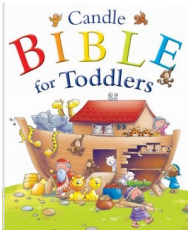
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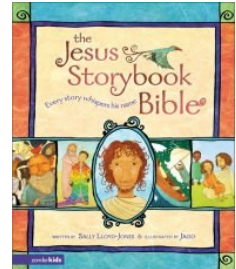
**God and Me by Penny Boshoff** – 365 devotions for children aged 3-6 years. Lovely use of photographs on each page to help illustrate a short Bible passage and prayer.



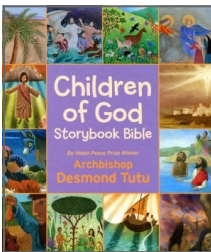
## Bibles and Devotions



**Candle Bible for Toddlers** – With only a line or two of text on each page accompanied by large bright pictures, this is a great way of introducing Bible characters and stories to young children.



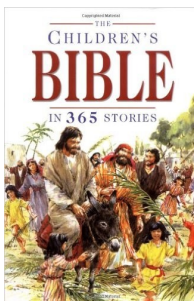
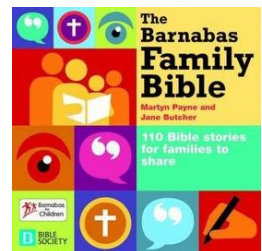
**The Jesus Storybook Bible** – A great Bible for children and parents to read together, written with lovely language, and consistently bringing the stories round to pointing to Jesus.



**Children of God Storybook Bible** – Written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, this Bible has stunning pictures – each story on a double page spread is illustrated by a different artist. The stories are short, and finish with a one line prayer for children to say.

### **The Barnabas Family Bible**

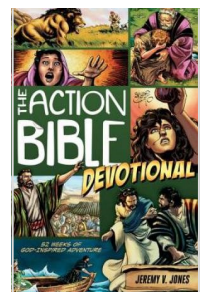
A great way of working through the Bible in 110 stories, with questions, activities and prayer ideas for everyone.



### **The Children's Bible in 365**

**Stories** – This is the Bible we use on Sunday mornings to read stories from. It is also great to use to read one story a day and read the whole Bible in a year together!

**The Action Bible Devotional** – A years worth of weekly devotions to work through the Bible from start to finish, including activities and questions to think about (aimed more at 7-11 years).



## Music

**Rain for Roots** – Bible stories to music for young children

<http://rainforroots.com/>

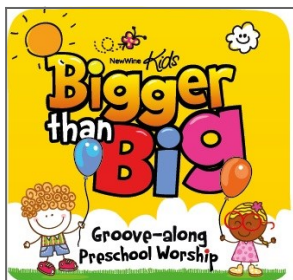
**Worship for Everyone** – Nick and Becky Drake

This website encourages the whole family in singing worship songs together (complete with action videos!)

<http://www.worshipforeveryone.com/#!music/c8jg>

**Big Family of God** – Nick and Becky Drake

Bringing together lots of their songs from their website, this is a great album to have.



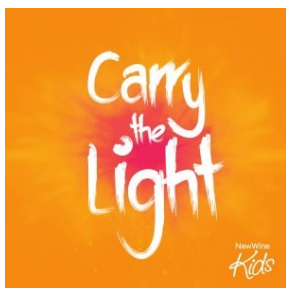
**Bigger Than Big** – New

Wine Kids

Although it is described as a 'pre-schooler' worship album, it is good for key stage 1 as well – some new songs as well as some we do regularly.

**Stand Together** – New Wine Kids

A favourite album for young and not so young, brilliantly written songs for families to worship together to.



**Carry the Light** – New

Wine Kids

A great album written for toddlers to older kids, there are also online resources and activities that go with each song.

## **SMB Action Songs**

Below is a list of songs (with youtube videos where possible) we use in services and children's church that you may want to use with your children at home...

\*Bigger than Big – Jay Stocker (New Wine Kids – 'Bigger than Big' album)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPpvTQ4iIdk>

\*Number One – John Murphy (New Wine Kids – 'Stand Together' album)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zHAtmyCNPM>

\*Never Far Away Ever – John Murphy (New Wine Kids – 'Stand Together' album)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMiYNo96SSA>

\*All through History – Nick and Becky Drake ('Big Family of God' album)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lxs2l2hzv4&feature=plcp>

\*Big Family of God – Nick and Becky Drake ('Big Family of God' album)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_F5pr6gEkBU&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_F5pr6gEkBU&feature=plcp)

\*I reach up high – Judy Bailey (Family Worship – 'Let praise break out' album)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfR-eacqm2g>

\*Every Move I Make – David Ruis (Vineyard Voices – 'Every Move I Make' album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgfIYzscBIE>

Star – John Murphy (New Wine Kids – 'Stand together' album)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBVNHu\\_16Ag](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBVNHu_16Ag)

\*Shine! – Nick Jackson (PowerPack – 'Shine from the Inside Out' album)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XVq2z\\_7TLM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XVq2z_7TLM)

Carry the Light – John Murphy and Abi Hedges (New Wine Kids – 'Carry the Light' album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOE4bMaM2AU>

Trust the Lord – David Grout (New Wine Kids – 'Carry the Light' album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvMXIfm8Lw8>

\*So Glad – Nigel Hemming, Jo Hemming & Sarah Pickering (Vineyard Songs – ‘Great Big God 3’ album)

\*Jump up (and wave your arms and shout hooray) – Paul and Hannah Kerslake and Karen Bugg (New Wine Kids – ‘Bigger than Big’ album)

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fqTqh6H2OI>

Lighthouse – Rend Collective (‘The Art of Celebration’ album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU>

Guardian – Ben Cantelon (‘Everything in colour’ album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIRH8Hc8VQI>

Every Giant Will Fall – Rend Collective (New Wine Kids – ‘Carry the Light’ album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AplkaENFsc>

Plans – Tim Hughes and Nick Herbert (New Wine Kids – ‘Carry the Light’ album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnMCtfSAbQw>

Good Good Father – Housefires

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE\\_I-Klp2Uk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE_I-Klp2Uk)

Taste and See – Brian and Jenn Johnson (Bethel Music Kids – ‘Come Alive’ album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjdFKYZRxcM>

Go – John Murphy, Gareth Matthews, Marianne Matthews (New Wine Kids – ‘Carry the Light’ album)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-cVawfoWNw>

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Psalms 105:1-2

My people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable;

I will utter hidden things, things from of old —  
things we have heard and known,

things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants;

we will tell the next generation

the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,

his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalm 78v1-4

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