

The Best Devotionals for Your Children

I. Have a Plan.

- Don't use devotionals as a crutch or sanctified baby-sitter.
- Be intentional. Know what you want your kids learning about, and what kind of devotionals will help them learn it.

II. Put the Bible First.

- Teaching your child to understand and appreciate Bible study is one of the greatest gifts you can give them.
- If you're going to use a devotional, make sure it's packed full with Scripture, or requires your children to read the actual words of the Bible in order to use the devotional.

III. Choose a Devotional that's Theologically Accurate.

- Too many devotionals teach unbiblical ideas.
- Things like, "*If you're scared, all you need to do is pray to God and everything will be okay.*" is a lie.
- Comb the devotional to be sure no one is teaching your child heresy.

IV. Choose a Devotional that's Focused on Who God Is and Having a Relationship with Him (not just having good character).

- Teaching a child to have good character apart from a saving relationship with God and power from Him simply teaches a pagan how to live a nice life.
- Be sure the devotional grounds our behavior in the Truth of God.

V. Choose a Devotional that's Not Shallow.

- This doesn't mean it has to be "deep."
- But the devotional shouldn't be so shallow it's meaningless.
- This will differ depending on the mortality of your child.

VI. Choose a Devotional that's Developmentally Appropriate.

- Suggested ages aren't always accurate (generally the expectations are low)
- Each child is different. Some are more mature than others, so make certain your child will be able to understand the vocabulary and connect with the illustrations.
- If the older material is better for your younger child, don't forget to check for appropriate content. There are some things you don't want your child being introduced to for the first time from a page of their devotional.

Continue for a list of Devotional Suggestions.

Devotional Suggestions

in alphabetical order by author

- I. The One Year Every Day Devotions: Devotions to help you stand strong 24/7**
 - by Steven Arterburn
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- II. What Do I Know About My God?**
 - by Mardi Collier
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- III. Hope for Each Day: 365 Devotions for Kids**
 - by Billy Graham
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- IV. Joseph: Junior Bible Study**
 - by Matt and Julie Herbster
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- V. Jonah: Junior Bible Study**
 - by Matt and Julie Herbster
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- VI. Daniel: Junior Bible Study**
 - by Matt and Julie Herbster
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- VII. Joshua: Junior Bible Study**
 - by Matt and Julie Herbster
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- VIII. Numerous Devotionals for Teens**
 - by Rand Hummel
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- IX. Grace for the Moment: 365 Devotions for Kids**
 - by Max Lucado
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- X. For Girls Like You: A Devotional for Tweens**
 - by Wynter Pitts
 - Click [here](#) for more.
- XI. Case for Christ for Kids: 90-Day Devotional**
 - by Lee Strobel