

# Christian Family Helps

Educational Resources for parents, children and church members



“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.  
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters...” Jeremiah 17:7,8

## Free Downloads

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**ALL RESOURCES** can be **DOWNLOADED FREE** for reading and/or printing out.

# The FAMILY: Christian and Home Education

## Family Bible Quotes – rich treasure for families

A selection of Bible passages showing God's instructions and promised blessings for family living



*"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; He gently leads those that have young."*  
Isaiah 40:11 NIV

THE BIBLE is full of God's instructions and promised blessings for families – **Rich Treasure!** These quotes (with comments), taken from every book of the Bible, cover every area of family life. The Lord has not left us guessing about how to fulfil the most serious responsibility a human being can be given: to bring up a child on God's behalf.

Here are the words of our loving heavenly Father and his Son. If we listen obediently, we will hear his kind invitation to ask for his richest blessings on our family. Do these include the greatest of all blessings? Taste and see!

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you..."* John 15:7 NIV

256 pages A5 Book

*"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.  
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots  
by the river, And will not fear when heat comes..."* Jeremiah 17:7,8

THIS BOOK looks at UK educational influences on children and shows how the Good News gives great hope for parents and others in positions of educational responsibility.

The subject is of massive importance but often overlooked as 'a secondary matter'. The upbringing and care of children is not a secondary matter. It is of primary importance for the present and coming generations of God's people. How we view the teaching of God's Word on these things has vital, eternal consequences for our own children and our unbelieving friends and neighbours.

106 pages A5 Book

## The Urgent Need for Christ-centred Education



**An appeal to parents  
and church elders**



## A Word for Women

Carol Sherwood

DOES GOD have a distinct role in mind for women or does he want us to adopt a role reflecting our society?

In family life, a woman's role is crucial. Here are some thought-provoking considerations from Titus 2, Proverbs 31 etc., with realistic, practical

applications. This booklet encourages us to consider how we can best please our God and Saviour.

58 pages A5 Book

## A case for Christian Education

WOULD a non-Christian be allowed to teach our children on Sundays? (in Sunday School)

Should the same person teach them from Monday to Friday? (in Day School)

Double-sided A4 sheet, A5 tri-fold leaflet

## Sunday School, Monday School Christ-centred Education



## Home Education -a testimony



HOW WE became convinced that it was biblical to educate our children at home.

How we were enabled to manage.

Steve and Carol Sherwood

4 pages A5 Booklet

INCLUDES: Facing obstacles and difficulties, a pitfall to avoid and simple curriculum guidelines.

8 pages A5 booklet



Thoughts for  
those considering  
**HOME  
EDUCATION**



## Understanding the times

- safety for men,  
women and  
children

WE ARE LIVING in the 'Last Days'. The Bible says that these are times of great blessing and also of great danger. The Lord Jesus teaches us how to experience his blessing and keep ourselves and our children safe.

"...know how to interpret the present time..." (Luke 12: 56)

54 pages A5 Book

## PARENT'S BIBLE BOOKMARK

The benefits of daily family Bible reading and prayer are incalculable. A parent's version of the child's bookmark. Covers all the stories (over 700) and some of the simpler teaching passages. The Bookmark suggests how to draw out lessons that God wants us to learn.

The PDF file can be printed back-to-back (A4). This gives three bookmarks which can then be cut out for use.

2 pages A4



## READING THE BIBLE WITH OUR CHILDREN

HERE ARE the 700+ stories of the Bible and a few simpler teaching passages (about 47% of the Bible).

Reading suggestions:

Try to make the meaning clear, using your own words when necessary. Bring out the significance of the story from your general knowledge of God's word. E.g., point out good/wise behaviour, bad/foolish behaviour, faith or lack of faith, God's faithfulness to his promises, God's patience, God's saving grace. Remind the children of God's commands and warnings. Show too how the Old Testament always points forward to Christ's coming and that Israel prefigures the world-wide Church.

The Book of Proverbs provides a valuable on-going family study as children get older.

Genesis 1 - 50

Job 1, 2, 42

Exodus (a) 1 - 20

(b) 23v20 - 24v18

(c) 31 - 36v7

(d) 40

Leviticus 9, 10, 16, 24v10-v23, 26

Matthew 1 - 28

Numbers (a) 9v15 - 14v45

(b) 16, 17

(c) 20 - 25

## WHAT SHALL OUR CHILDREN READ?



HOW CAN our children make good use of their reading abilities?

What children's literature pleases God?

How can we teach a child to distinguish between good and bad literature?

These are vital questions for parents who want to provide healthy nourishment for their children's minds.

The word of God provides the answers for this important area of childcare. This book seeks to apply well known teaching from the Bible to children's reading.

64 pages A4 Book



THE PURPOSE of this booklet is to help parents by focusing on the modern world of sport through the 'spectacles' of God's Word.

Sport is God's gift but we live in a fallen world and what God intends for our good can easily be hijacked and used for our children's harm.

The Bible guides us as we play games and take part in sport in the family and further afield. It also has much to say about the way modern society treats sport.

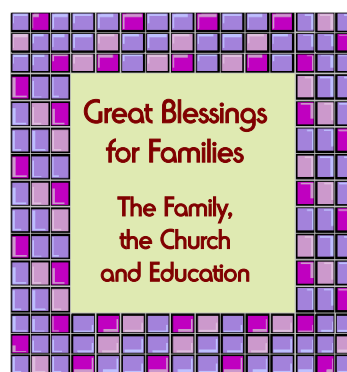
72 pages A4 Book

# Family Matters Booklets

Short, practical A5 booklets on basic family issues

**No 1.** IN HIS WORD, our heavenly Father has given strong encouragements to expect that he will bless and save our children. This booklet is about some of them.

*12 pages*



**No.5**

CHRIST-CENTRED, church-focused education may be hard but it invites God's blessing.

*12 pages*

**No. 2** AM I building my house (family life) on the rock or on the sand?

The gospel is good news for fathers.

The Bible gives much practical help.

*16 pages*



**No. 6** SOME BIBLE GUIDELINES and personal testimony.

Bible reasons we discovered for including babies, toddlers and older children in our family and church worship.

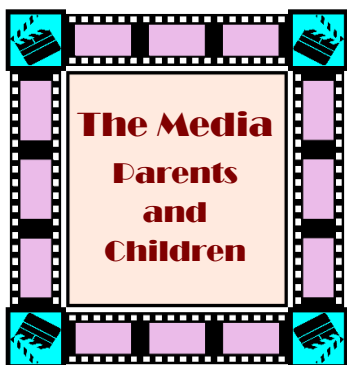
Great benefits!

*12 pages*

**No. 3** SOCIETY around us exerts constant pressure to think and act in certain ways but the gospel sets us free.

"Females are not males 'Equal' is not identical."

*20 pages*



**No. 7** SOCIETY is moulded by media-led views and activities; the Bible shows why. God's Word also helps us to use the media wisely, while keeping children safe.

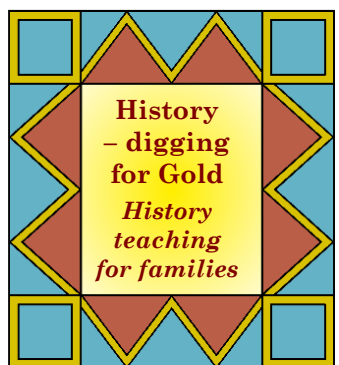
*20 pages*

**No 4** WHAT DOES our heavenly Father say about clothing?

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God."

Romans 12:1.

Written for teenage daughters and their mothers to discuss together. *8 Pages*



**No. 8** A BRIEF INTRODUCTION to History for the family. God's Word says that history teaching is essential and accessible for all parents, from any educational background.

*20 pages*

# Helps for Home Teaching



## Guidelines for Home Teaching



THE PROSPECT of teaching our own children at home can be daunting. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and completely inadequate. The guidelines give simple, accessible practical advice and help based on our experience of home-educating our six children and on many years of teaching in UK schools.

The book is suitable for parents with young children (of, say, three or four) up to about 9 or 10 years old. It lays a foundation for on-going learning to secondary level.

The aim for Christian parents is, by God's grace, to establish their children's education and worldview on the Rock (Matt. 7:24-27). We have tried to base everything on the principles in God's Word – his supernatural guide for every aspect of life in this world.

70 pages A4 Book

## MATHS for MUMS DADS and 3 to 8-year-olds



STEP-BY-STEP illustrated guide designed for parents with limited mathematical knowledge. Suitable for teaching 3-year-olds (or below) to 8-year-olds; also for teaching maths appreciation to older children.

Based on a successful primary school course; can be used with any traditional textbook.

- British in approach
- Soundly related to the real world
- Biblical foundation to subject matter and teaching method

The Bible gives great insight into Maths and the way we teach it. It shows us that God has filled the world with mathematical wonder and beauty. He has woven maths into the fabric of everyday life. We use maths to help us recognise God's glory and serve him.

118 pages A4 Book

## Teaching Reading



THIS APPROACH and method, based on biblical common sense, was developed at home and used very successfully with 4 to 7-year-olds in a London primary school. It refers to reading books from the Ladybird Key Words reading scheme but the approach can be used with any graded reading material.

"Success in reading is not due to brilliant, exciting methods and teaching. It comes from steady, daily practice, which gradually builds reading ability - like a builder making a house, brick on brick, day after day. Long sessions given at irregular intervals will not be much use. 10 or 15 minutes daily will build confidence and success steadily ..."

The Book includes 7 pages of instructions and 32 pages of a 'book of words' beginning with each letter of the alphabet for practising letter and sound recognition, plus some word games.

40 pages A4 Book



## History & Geography *Guidelines*



"The earth is the  
Lord's and  
everything in it,  
the world and all  
who live in it."  
Psalm 24



THESE GUIDELINES show how we can teach our children from the perspective of "the Lord of heaven and earth" even if our own educational background is limited. The Guidelines were originally for Christian schools. Home-educating parents have found them helpful as guides to subject matter and teaching from a Christ-centred perspective. They have been expanded bearing in mind the needs of home educators. Although initially designed for use in primary school, they are also very relevant to secondary education.

*"For by him all things were created:  
things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible, whether thrones  
or powers or rulers or authorities;  
all things were created by him and for him."* Colossians 1:6

85 pages A4 Book

**For more teaching aids, look in the next section:**

## **CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

# Children's Books to Read & Study with Parents

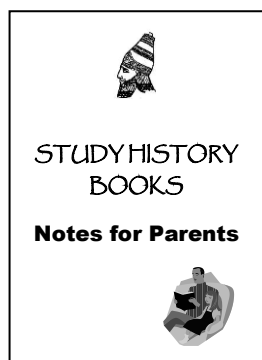
## Study History Books

A SERIES OF A4 SIZE BOOKS, extensively illustrated by coloured photographs, maps and drawings. Designed for parents to read and discuss with their children and/or children (age 10 to teens) to study for themselves.

The books aim to help parents and children to think about history from the perspective of the word of God. If you read the books with your children, they could be accessible for children of 5 or 6+ (depending on background and aptitude). Older teenagers and adults will find the material interesting and instructive.

Features:

- Opportunity to study
- Questions for simple research
- Questions requiring personal thought
- Some activities to try
- Maps and plans
- Many pictures and colour photographs
- Links to specific Bible narratives
- Notes for parents

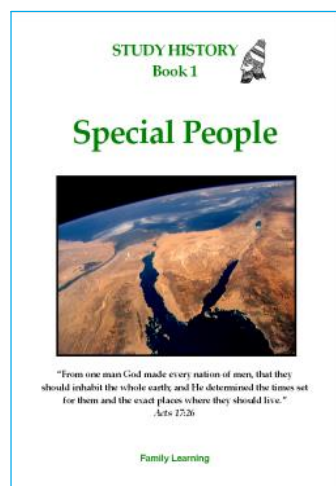


### NOTES FOR PARENTS

Notes with suggestions on how to make best use of Study History Books.

For use with any Study History Book.

2 pages A4 Sheet



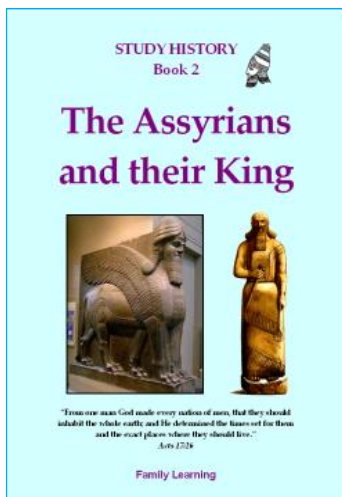
### SPECIAL PEOPLE

This is a brief outline of selected events in the history of Israel up to the 9th century BC. Children are taught to assess happenings and behaviour in terms of God's working and God's standards. The stories are fully referenced to the relevant Bible passages for further study.

*"From one man God made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." Acts 17:26*

38 pages A4 Book

1. Ready to go
2. What is History?
3. God's Purpose for History
4. A Secret
5. Special People old and new
6. The Story of the Children of Israel
7. The Canaanites
8. The Days of the Judges
9. Saul, David and Solomon
10. Two Countries instead of One
11. Trouble for Israel
12. The early Kings of Israel
13. Aram—a Nation that brought trouble
14. King Ahab again



## THE ASSYRIANS AND THEIR KING

This book introduces the Assyrian Empire. Assyria was a major world power from 900-600 BC. Because its history parallels and interweaves biblical history, we can hear God's own assessment of this empire and how he used it in world events. The book gives children an appreciation of the magnificence of King Ashurnasirpal II along with a God-centred critique of the monarch and the people he ruled.

Also in the spotlight is Austen Henry Layard, the 19th century archaeologist and his exciting discoveries of the buried biblical city of Calah (Nimrud) and its palaces.

The discovery of ancient Assyria and its written records was one of the world's greatest archaeological achievements. It opened up extensive knowledge of nations only previously known from the Bible.

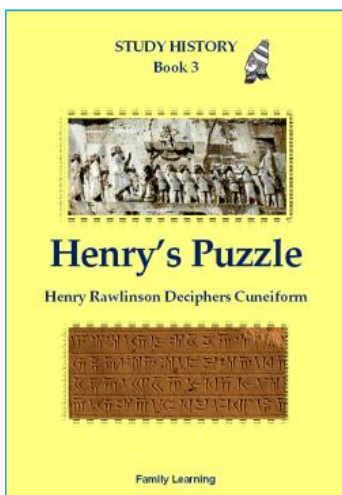
73 pages A4 Book

1. Starting off
2. Do you Remember?
3. The Powerful Nation
4. The Godless Nation
5. The Mighty Hunter becomes a Great Empire
6. The Great King
7. The Mystery of the Mounds
8. The Lost City
9. Magnificent Palaces
10. The Unknown King of Assyria
11. Inside the Palace
12. Further inside the Palace

13. Lions and Bulls with Eagles' Wings
14. Removing the Finds
15. To the British Museum
16. The Mysterious Writing



17. What the Inscription Said
18. Carvings on the Wall
19. Ashurnasirpal Goes Hunting
20. Ashurnasirpal the Warrior
21. The Assyrians at War
22. After the Siege
23. A Warning to Israel



## HENRY'S PUZZLE

### Henry Rawlinson Deciphers Cuneiform

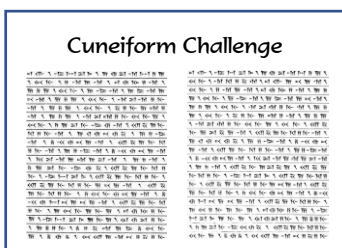
Henry's Puzzle takes up the fascinating story of how Henry Rawlinson managed to decipher the strange Cuneiform Script just in time for the discoveries of Layard and others. A lost chapter of world history was brought to light which gave spectacular confirmation of the Bible's accuracy.

66 pages A4 Book

1. Is it True?
2. The Writing that Nobody Could Read
3. God's Plan for Cuneiform
4. Henry Rawlinson
5. Mount Elwand
6. A Puzzle for Henry
7. Three Special Words
8. Cuneiform Challenge (+ Cuneiform Test Page)
9. The Great Rock
10. Who Made the Carvings?
11. The Great King
12. The King, the Rock and the Soldier

13. Three Forgotten Languages
14. The Important Link
15. Henry's Time Away
16. Back to Bisitun!
17. Crossing the Gap
18. A Squeeze and an Escape
19. Henry the First Meets Henry the Second
20. Henry Tries Again
21. A Brave Boy

Appendix: Henry's Helpers, Henry's Timeline, The Unknown Inscription, Test Page Answers



## CUNEIFORM CHALLENGE

Single A4 cuneiform sheet to be used when a child tries the 'challenge' set in *Henry's Puzzle*.





**LORD SHAFTESBURY**



**Friend  
of the  
Friendless**

### **FRIEND OF THE FRIENDLESS Lord Shaftesbury** Christine Sherwood

This illustrated book for young people aged 11 to teens tells some of the story of Antony Ashley Cooper, the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury. He is a stirring example of someone who 'presented himself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed.' (2 Timothy 2:15)

The Book is also suitable for family reading and discussion. Additionally it aims to be a resource for studying aspects of 19th Century history. It is accompanied by a question booklet to enhance its usefulness for home or school history lessons.

90 pages A4 Book

Friend of the  
Friendless:  
LORD SHAFTESBURY



Question Booklet

### **QUESTION BOOKLET**

Study Questions for *Friend of the Friendless*.

12 pages A5 Booklet

## Science and Maths

### **TEN QUESTIONS FOR SCIENTISTS (young & old)**

Science is the study of God's creation – a fact generally unrecognized in today's world. *Ten Questions for Scientists* aims to help young people think beyond what is in the average science textbook.

The Bible shows:

- God wants us to use science in developing the earth and its resources.
- The study of creation reveals God's glory and teaches us many lessons.

This book, designed for parents/teachers to read and discuss with young people (11+), aims to help young scientists in God-centred thinking.

28 pages A4

### **Ten Questions for Scientists (young and old)**



**Looking at  
Maths  
In the Light of  
God's word**

### **LOOKING AT MATHS IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD**

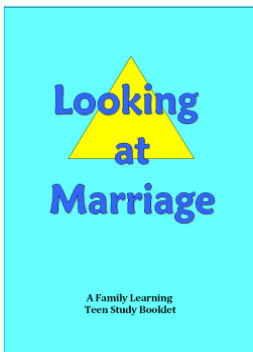
This booklet seeks to show young people (10+) that God has deliberately placed us in a mathematical creation. He has given every one of us mathematical ability and it pleases him when we use it.

Contents include: • What is maths? • God's Creation is mathematical • Using maths • God, man and mathematics • Studying maths • Using our mathematical talents

12 pages A5 Booklet

## Study Booklets

These can be used as lesson material in home teaching, for individual or family Bible study, or for church youth groups.



THESE STUDIES seek to give teenagers a taste for the wonderful blessing of Christ-centred marriage. They also warn about following the ways of humanistic youth culture.

Includes:

- Being Single
- Being Prepared
- The Lord's Choice
- Danger Alert
- Marriage under Attack

8 pages A5 Booklet



STUDY BOOKLET for girls (9 or 10+ to teens) showing what they can do 'now' while expecting great things from God.

"Girls who follow God's word will not be disappointed."

8 Pages A5 Booklet



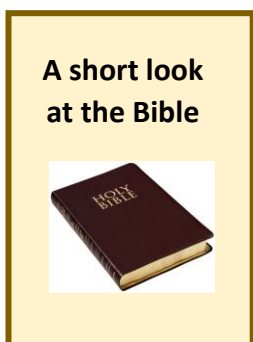
A BOOKLET for teenage girls to read on their own and/or discuss with their mothers.

What does our heavenly Father say about clothing?

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God." Romans 12:1.

No. 4 in the *Family Matters* series.

8 pages A5 Booklet



A SUMMARY of Bible History and God's plan of Redemption for teenagers. The booklet also introduces the layout of the Scriptures. This brief overview was first produced for overseas students with little or no knowledge of the Bible.

20 pages A5 booklet



### BEING WISE ABOUT THE MEDIA

This study booklet for teenagers is also useful for parents - including those with babies or young children.

Includes biblical assessment of the Internet and social media.

We live in a society dominated by media-led views and activities. For

children to grow up to be 'salt and light', they need a realistic understanding of the forces shaping society. As parents, it is wise to plan in advance if we are to establish God's viewpoint in our families. In a short time, children are exposed to immense pressure from today's culture. Successfully educated children will, by God's grace, use the media properly and safely.

76 pages A5 Book



### THE MEDIA AND MY SMARTPHONE

This short booklet for teenagers uses material from *Being Wise about the Media* with particular emphasis on the safe use of phones and social media.

"Are you serious about following the Lord Jesus? Are

you one of his sheep?"

"Those who follow the Good Shepherd listen to his voice and follow him. They will run away from strangers (see John 10:4,5). This short booklet is written to help you use your phone to follow him."

16 pages A5 Booklet



## READING THE BIBLE - the Stories

HERE ARE the stories of the Bible (over 700), and a few teaching passages - almost half the Bible altogether. As you read, pray that the Lord will open your eyes to understand and obey His word.

Things to notice in the stories:

- God saves and blesses people who call to Him.
- Obeying God leads to life and joy.
- Disobeying God leads to death.
- God does not want people to be lost; He wants us to turn away from sin and believe in the Saviour.

The Old Testament shows how God prepared the world for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament tells us about Him. While reading, remember that what God did for others He can do for you. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Genesis 1 – 50

Job 1, 2, 42

Exodus (a) 1 – 20

(b) 23v20 – 24v18

(c) 31 – 36v7

(d) 40

Leviticus 9, 10, 16, 24v10-v23, 26

Matthew 1 – 28

Numbers (a) 9v15 – 14v45

(b) 16, 17

(c) 20 – 25

## BIBLE BOOKMARK

### *A Bible Reading Aid*

When a young person is reading through the Bible for the first time, it can be helpful to begin with the most interesting and readily accessible parts. The Bookmark lists the 'story' parts of the Bible plus a few easy-to-read teaching passages (about 47% of the Bible).

The PDF file can be printed back-to-back (A4). This gives three bookmarks which can then be cut out for use.

2 pages A4

## CAN I BE SURE OF GOING TO HEAVEN?

### *A Bible Study Booklet*

The devil can trouble us with doubts and worry about our salvation. This simple study in Hebrews 9 & 10 aims to give young people (12 or 13+) a clear grasp of our safety in Christ.



## Can I be Sure of Going to Heaven?

Includes: • Satan's flaming arrows

- Jesus's once-for-all sacrifice
- No need to feel guilty
- No need to fear death
- The New and Living Way
- God keeps his promises
- The Great Day

24 pages A5 Booklet

## SET FREE FOR EVER!

### *A Bible Study Booklet*

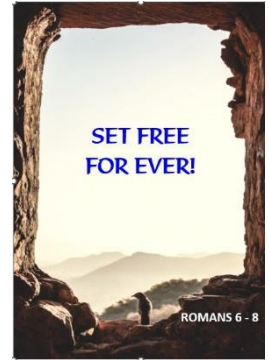
This study in Romans 6 – 8 is written simply for a young Christian (12 or 13+) to give a clear grasp of what Christ has done for him/her. It is easy for us to get discouraged at sin's seeming power, especially when we are young.

An understanding of Romans 6 – 8 is the antidote!

Includes: • We have died with Christ.

- We have been raised to life with Christ.
- We are set free from sin.
- We are set free from death.
- We can deal with sin.
- We can live for God.
- What happened when Jesus died?
- What happens when we die?

44 pages A5 Booklet



## 'Story Talk' Books

APART FROM direct teaching passages of Scripture, there are over 700 narrative Bible stories to teach our children during the short years of childhood. That is about 45 stories a year from 0-16 years of age.

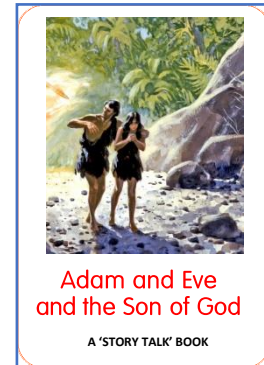
- These books seek to help parents as they lead their families in a daily Bible Time.  
They are designed to read aloud and discuss with children (aged from approximately 4 – 11+).
- Also helpful for elderly family members to read or have read to them.
- They can be used in Sunday school or visitation of the elderly

### **ADAM AND EVE AND THE SON OF GOD**

#### **A 'Story Talk' Book**

The story of a happy husband and wife who became very sad. But the end of the story is better than the beginning. The Son of God made sure of that!  
Based on Genesis 3 and other passages.

24 pages A5 Booklet



### **GOOD NEWS FROM EXODUS**

#### **Ten 'Story Talk' Books**

Each booklet relates one part of the complete story of the people of Israel as in Exodus 1 - 20.

Retelling is faithful to the Bible narrative, draws out the significance of the stories and makes relevant application.

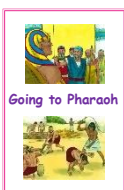
The language is simplified for ease of first-time understanding. This makes the books suitable for older brothers and sisters to read to younger ones and children to read for themselves.



**Book 1 The Cruel King and the Baby Boy**  
20 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 2 The Burning Bush**  
20 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 3 Going to Pharaoh**  
24 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 4 Plagues in Egypt!**  
16 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 5 The King Refuses to Listen!**  
16 pages A5 Booklet



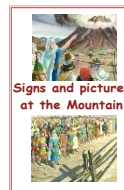
**Book 6 Set Free at last!**  
20 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 7 Walking through the Sea!**  
16 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 8 Testing Times in the Desert**  
20 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 9 Signs and Pictures at the Mountain**  
16 pages A5 Booklet



**Book 10 The Ten Commandments**  
32 pages A5 Booklet

## 'Story Talk' Mini's

Little A6 booklets suitable for children of 2 to 6. Have also been successfully used with older people in care homes. Designed to make even a small child think about what Jesus is saying to them.

4 pages, i.e. one A5 double-sided sheet, folded.

### JESUS STORIES



#### 1 The woman who touched Jesus



#### 2 Jesus and the little girl



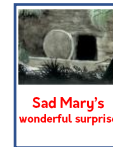
#### 3 The man who wouldn't be quiet



#### 4 Jesus calls a sinner



#### 5 The man who came through the roof



#### 6 Sad Mary's wonderful surprise



#### JESUS and the children

A mini story book for toddlers  
8 pages A6 Booklet

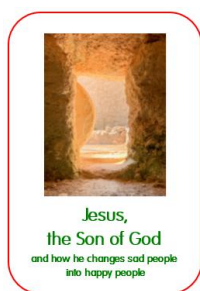


#### MOSES mini-book

**The king, the princess and the baby –**  
baby Moses - more detailed application than previous booklet.

8 pages A6 Booklet

## CATALOGUE Latest Additions



#### JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

##### and how he changes sad people into happy people

This 'STORY TALK' book (for children aged 4-11+) and parents spans the whole Bible from the Garden of Eden, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to Jesus' second coming.

Stories of men and women whose lives Jesus changed from sadness to gladness show how the Lord Jesus welcomes every child and adult to receive his infinite eternal blessings.

44 pages A5 Booklet

#### **FAMILY BIBLE READING -what a privilege!**

Parents cannot just expect a child automatically to become acquainted with the word of God. We need to efficiently use the few short years of childhood and teens.

Church worship and teaching will help but the chief responsibility is ours.

Double-sided A4 sheet, A5 tri-fold leaflet

