

Sunday school resource ideas to encourage Scripture Engagement

How can we get children excited about the Bible? How can we help them spend meaningful time in Scripture and uncover its underlying message of salvation and redemption?

Let us share with you some resources on the theme of Scripture engagement to help answer these questions for the children in your life. Whether you are a parent, Sunday school teacher, or children's pastor, these resources will help you engage children of all ages in the Bible. We pray that the kids in your care can glean powerful lessons from Scripture, dig into the depth of what the Bible teaches, and learn to apply these truths in their lives!



"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7, NIV)

Free resources

- **Elementary age:** [Better Than Gold Lesson Series](#), by the Newspring Network, is an eight-week Sunday school series, in which kids discover how God's Word is one big story of God's love for His people and see that it's a treasure that's "better than gold"! They will learn that the books and chapters contain true messages from God that teach us who He is and how He wants us to live. And they'll memorize Psalm 119:140 so they never forget how the Bible is a treasure! You can access downloadable lesson outlines, media, graphics and music by signing in to the Newspring Network (for free).
- **Elementary age:** [Guardians of Ancora](#), by Scripture Union Canada, is a free digital game that can be played on any mobile device. This game offers an amazing virtual world that 8-11 year-olds can enter, where Bible stories come alive. Children will encounter the stories of Jesus' life in this parkour-style game. Watch the game promo [here](#).
- **Preschool age:** [Bible Memory Flash Cards](#), by Focus on the Family Canada, are a great way to introduce young children to the promises of God's Word. You can download these 26 flashcards to help make learning Scripture as easy as ABC for your child. With a verse for every letter of the alphabet, your children will learn to keep the words of the Bible close to their heart.
- **Elementary age:** [Bible Detectives Activity Kit](#), by Focus on the Family Canada, is a great tool to help children actively engage with Bible stories and improve their Bible literacy. In this activity kit, children act as "Bible Detectives" and try to solve mysteries based on biblical narratives. The kit is filled with 26 entertaining puzzles and case files for two dozen interesting characters!

Additional resources you'll love

- **Age 4 to 8:** "[Tiny Truths Illustrated Bible](#)" uses diverse, whimsical illustrations to make Bible stories come alive. Through 33 Old and New Testament stories, the *Tiny Truths Illustrated Bible* introduces children between 4-8 years old to important biblical truths and characters, while also highlighting how the Bible tells one overarching, cohesive story—the story of God’s great love for his children! This is a valuable resource for families and children’s ministry workers who want to expose young ones to the Bible from an early age.
- **Age 4 to 8:** "[The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)", by Sally Lloyd-Jones, is a best-selling storybook Bible inviting children aged 4-8 years old to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the very center of God’s great story of salvation, and their own story too! From Noah, to Moses to King David, every single story in the Bible whispers his name. Filled with beautiful illustrations, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* helps children understand the unified message of Bible stories –the story beneath all stories.
- **Age 4 to 10:** "[The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden](#)", by Kevin DeYoung, highlights the metanarrative of Scripture (like the Jesus Storybook Bible) through powerful illustrations and thoughtful prose. From the Garden of Eden to Christ’s death to the new heaven and earth, DeYoung draws children aged 4-10 years old into the Bible story—the bigger story—of the Snake Crusher bringing us back to the garden.
- **Age 6 to 12:** "[Bible Infographic for Kids](#)" helps spark excitement about the Bible for kids. This creative collection of colourful infographic spreads is designed to make the Bible come alive for children. These creations answer questions like “What’s the deal with de tabernacle?”; “how big was Noah’s arch?” and “is there really a talking donkey in the Bible?” ... and even includes a Bible timeline board game! Ideal for at-home catechism or a Sunday school lesson, these visual tools depict some key concepts, figures and fun facts from the Bible, with the goal of instilling a lifelong love of God and the Bible in your children.
- **Age 6 to 12:** "[Hands-On Bible](#)" is an age-appropriate, illustrated Bible (NLT version) that uses experience-based learning to communicate God’s Word in an active, understandable way. Jesus Himself used hands-on learning to teach important truths, so now your child can too! The *Hands-On Bible* is full of hundreds of activities, Q&As, fun facts, Bible book introductions and Bible hero biographies, inviting children aged 6-12 to discover the beauty and power of the Scriptures. Family devotions, Bible reading plan content and teaching guides can be found at thehandsonbible.com.
- **Age 8 to 12:** "[Adventure Bible](#)" is a bestselling children’s illustrated Bible (NIV version). Young readers will be captivated by the full-color features and activities, making Bible reading and verse memorizing all the more engaging and fun! The *Adventure Bible* includes memory verses, fun facts, maps, close-ups on people in Bible times, an age-appropriate dictionary and *Live It!* activities that help young readers apply biblical truths to their life. Games, devotionals and resources can be found on adventurebible.com.

