

Hi everyone! Below is a list of resources and information from Becky, our Children's Coordinator, for families looking for help teaching their children about faith while we are shut in at home - and any other time!

"My Top 5: Bible Studies for Kids

Hello Belmont families! If you are looking to add some sort of Bible Study time into your daily routine, here are my top 5 resources for you to take a look!

1. The Bible App for Kids - <https://bibleappforkids.com/>

I LOVE this resource. It definitely is my #1 go to for our time together! I encourage you to download the Bible App for Kids onto their tablets or cell phones. This is especially good for older kids in the 3-5 grade age range. There are activities, interactive stories, and questions they can answer to reflect. I have it for my children too, but they need more guidance from me when they use the app.

For those of you with toddlers to second grade kids, take a look at their website. There are multiple tabs of resources for parents and churches. For parents, there are suggestions for you and coloring sheets you can download.

Each day, we have been watching one of the videos that are posted on this website. It has a Blues Clues feel to them, which is why I recommend it for younger kids. Each video is about 21 minutes long. They teach a theme, a Bible story, a Bible verse, and they have interactive songs too! This has been just enough for us to start our time together. Much longer, and my kids would go on the fritz!! So really, go check this out!!

2. Focus on the Family- <https://www.focusonthefamily.com>

This organization has been around for a long time and for good reason! I remember Adventures in Odyssey from when I was a kid. (They still have the audio series!) Many items do come with a price tag. However, in response to Covid-19, they have opened up some of their resources for FREE to families. There are devotionals, activities, and how-to's that they are offering during this time. Who knows, you might browse and find something that you love and feel it's worth paying for.

3. DLTK's Bible Lesson Plans- <http://www.dltk-bible.com/>

This is a website that looks a bit archaic in design. However, there are TONS of free, downloadable ideas for Old Testament and New Testament stories. There is the Bible story, a memory verse, a teacher's guide with suggestions, and MANY activities. Depending on the age of your children, you can choose from or adapt the given choices. Have younger kids? Try a coloring page or a craft! Have older kids? Try a crossword puzzle or a game!

4. Praisercize! www.youtube.com

Want to give your child/ren a chance to exercise and praise Jesus at the same time?!?! Here are some links to youtube that you can use to bring some praiseful activity to your home!

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5. Devotionals Only Using Your Bible- <https://www.notconsumed.com/fun-kids-devotions/>
Check out this blog post by Not Consumed for some practical ways to use ONLY your BIBLE! This post outlines some great ways to make the Bible come alive, and bring the family together as you learn!

EXTRAS:

1. ABC Jesus Loves Me- <https://www.abcjesuslovesme.com/>

If you have 1-5 year olds, and you are looking for a FREE comprehensive homeschool curriculum, this is your site! I have used this with my son, and now I am using the same material with my daughter. It has a Christian emphasis with scriptures, stories, and songs. However, it will also help provide tools for your child to learn their colors, shapes, letters and numbers, etc.

2. Veggietales Devotionals- <https://www.veggietales.com/books/sunday-school.html>

If you are looking to invest in a physical devotional for your child/ren, I highly recommend the Veggietales series. They have lots to choose from, they are engaging and are just the right length. We have one we use for evening devotions as a family. My children are usually wound up right before bed; my husband and I are usually exhausted with little remaining patience. These devos are short enough to keep their interest, yet it also helps us do something at night that we otherwise wouldn't have the stamina to do."

-Becky Fultz

[Based on the popular Bible App for Kids for iOS, Android, and Kindle devices, bibleappforkids.com offers parents and churches free resources like activities, curriculum, and videos.](#)