

## Religious Reading by Academic Level

For long lists of books recommended by age level, go here. *This* page is a tentative list of my own goals for intentionally supplementing my children's education with Lutheran material.

These are not devotional or catechetical books, but introductions and discussion aids. I have not even included specific Bible stories, although I mention a few children's Bibles. For youngsters, I plan to introduce roughly one book (or section of a book) per week as a read aloud.

Automatically presumed are Scripture, a regular text of the Small Catechism, liturgy, and hymnody, since these are the content and language they are growing into.

### Toddlers/Preschoolers

For Bible stories in devotions, we like *The Story Bible*.

For Bible story references and play, we like the [Lift the Flap Bible](#). Visual details aren't perfect as I doubt a volcano was erupting in perfection. Still, a general resource.)

Another admittedly not Lutheran book my children have responded well to is

[Big Thoughts for Little People](#). It has 26 little lessons built around the alphabet.

Song/hymn books:

*I am Jesus' Little Lamb*

*A Mighty Fortress is our God*

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

*We All Believe in One True God*

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Introduce and discuss vocation with *How Can I Help? God's Calling for Kids*

Discuss the Divine Service with *Whisper, Whisper: Learning about Church*

Explore worship and the liturgy more with

*My Little ABC Liturgy Book*

*Our Faith From A to Z* (large text)

Introduce and explore the Small Catechism with the [Follow and Do](#) Series (Six small books for the six chief parts)

Explore creation with *God Made It For You!*

Explore the Gospel with *God Loves Me Such that He Would Give*

(FYI, [Arch Books](#) are geared for children from kindergarten through third grade. The jumbo set of 125 is often on sale during CPH Warehouse Sales. Also, don't forget to check CPH's [Not Quite Perfect](#) section for books in general!)

I have not yet read these, although they have been recommended to me:

[Water Come Down \(Day You Were Baptized\)](#) by Walter Wangerin Jr.

[In the Beginning There Was No Sky](#) by Walter Wangerin Jr.

### Additional Teaching Tools for Preschool and Older

[My First Hymnal](#)

[Sing the Faith: The Small Catechism set to Music](#)

[Songs of the Church Year](#)

**First Grade**

[\*The Story Bible.\*](#)

*My First Catechism*

**Second Grade**

[\*The Story Bible.\*](#)

[\*Ordering Our Days in His Peace\*](#)

[\*Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World\*](#)

**Third Grade**

[\*The Story Bible.\*](#)(Anyone know about the CPH'S NEW BIBLE!!!)

[\*Our Faith From A to Z\*](#) (Large and small text with discussion once a week)

*Behold the Lamb: An Introduction to Christian Symbolism* (One or two symbols a week)

**Fourth Grade**

[\*Luther: Echoes of the Hammer, Katie Luther, Timeless Bible Truths: The Illustrated Small Catechism\*](#) (Graphic Novels) or

Heroes of Faith series

[\*Worshiping with Angels and Archangels\*](#)

[\*Complete Bible Discovery Guide?\*](#)

**Fifth Grade:**

[\*Know the Bible Now\*](#) (Read about 2-pages a school day)

**Sixth Grade:**

*Concordia's Bible History Workbook & Student Book* (Read about 3-pages of text a school day)

**Seventh Grade:**

*Concordia's Complete Bible Handbook*

[\*Inside the Reformation\*](#)

*A Small Catechism on Human Life* (No longer available?!) )

**Eighth Grade:**

*(Treasury of Daily Prayer)*

*Praying Luther's Small Catechism*

The Large Catechism

*One God, Many Gods?* (Bible Study on various world religions)

*One Truth, Many Lies?* (Bible Study on historic and ongoing heresies)

*One Christ, Many Creeds?* (Bible Study on denominations)

[\*They Will See His Face: Worship and Healing\*](#)

**Ninth:**

Augsburg Confession

[\*Reading the Psalms with Luther\*](#)

Bo Giertz' *Romans: A Devotional Commentary*  
*God at Work*

**Tenth:**

*Spirituality of the Cross*

*The Defense Never Rests*

*In the Beginning*

Apology to the Augsburg Confession

*Hammer of God*

**Eleventh Grade:**

*Christian Freedom: Faith Working through Love*

*Bondage of the Will*

Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope

*Family Vocation: God's Calling in Marriage, Parenting, and Childhood*

**Twelfth Grade:**

*The Church from Age to Age*

Epitome or Thorough Declaration of the Formula of Concord

Great Galatians or *Martin Luther's Basic Exegetical Writings*

**Additional Aids/Books**

*Evening & Morning: Music of Lutheran Daily Prayer*

*A Simple Way to Pray*

*Grace Upon Grace* by John Kleing