

Religious Reading by Academic Level

For long lists of books recommended by age level, go back to my Education Resource page. *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