

## Menlo Church Mountain View GREAT DATES Suggested Resources for PARENTS



### Friends with God Story Bible & Friends with God Devotions for Kids (Group Publishing)

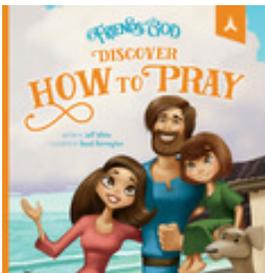
Help kids build a true friendship with God with 54 first-person stories spanning the Old and New Testaments, and 54 devotions that show a truth that will change their lives forever.



### The Action Bible (David C Cook)

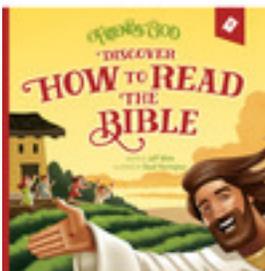
The Action Bible presents 215 fast-paced narratives in chronological order, making it easier to follow the Bible's historical flow—and reinforcing the build-up to its thrilling climax.

The stories in The Action Bible communicate clearly and forcefully to contemporary readers. This compelling blend of clear writing plus dramatic images offers an appeal that crosses all age boundaries.



### Friends with God: Discover How to Pray (Group Publishing)

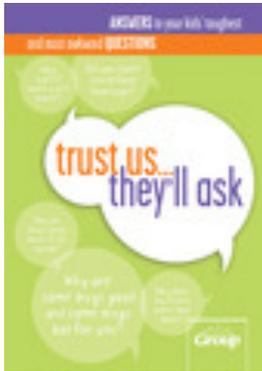
This fun book shows kids just how easy it is to talk with God—anytime, anywhere, and in so many ways. They'll be joined by 30 friends of God from the Bible who'll tell kids what prayer means to them. Plus you'll find prayer prompts, sample prayers, and verses that show your kids what the Bible says about prayer.



### Friends with God: How to read the Bible (Group Publishing)

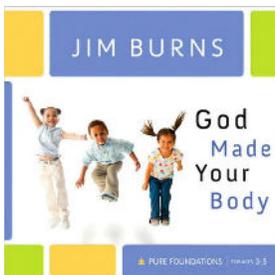
The Bible is a big, big, BIG book. Kids might think it's hard to read. Where do you start? How much should you read? What if you don't understand it? How will you ever finish it?

This hands-on book shows your kids what the Bible is all about—its thrilling stories, its jaw-dropping surprises, and why it's all so important. Bible characters will show kids just how easy it can be to read and understand God's Word. They'll be expert Bible readers in no time!



### **Trust Us... They'll Ask (Group Publishing)**

Parents always dread those cringe-worthy moments when kids ask the uncomfortable questions that make parents blush or feel completely unprepared to answer. Not anymore...now parents have a resource that informs, equips, and encourages them, so they're ready to tackle those tough and awkward questions from inquisitive preschoolers through preteens. *Trust Us...They'll Ask* covers every topic imaginable, from questions about body development to substance abuse, from Internet usage to sexual topics. Parents have access to current information on 101 tough topics, answers to kids' most common questions, and guidance on how to answer from a Christian—and realistic—perspective. This book will help parents open dialogue with their kids and transform what was once uncomfortable territory for parents into faith-building opportunities for their children.



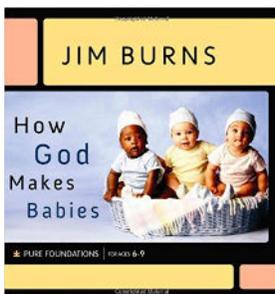
### **God Made Your Body by Jim Burns (Bethany House Publishers)**

Laying the Foundations for Healthy Sexuality  
An Age-Appropriate Resource for Ages 3 to 5

Children's curiosity often prompts them to ask questions you, as a parent, don't feel ready or able to answer. But it doesn't have to be that way. Dr. Jim Burns, family expert and award-winning author, offers a valuable resource for those uncomfortable--even dreaded--conversations.

With biblical, age-appropriate information and illustrations, *God Made Your Body* introduces children ages 3 to 5 to the basic idea that God created our bodies. Addressing topics such as how boys and girls are different, it also emphasizes how each child is unique and special to God.

Though not always easy, opening this discussion early helps you lay a solid, godly foundation in your children's lives. By reading this book together, you are giving your children the tools they will need throughout their lives to make God-honoring decisions about their bodies, their self-image, and their relationships. Don't wait until it's too late. A life of purity can begin today.



### **How God Makes Babies by Jim Burns (Bethany House Publishers)**

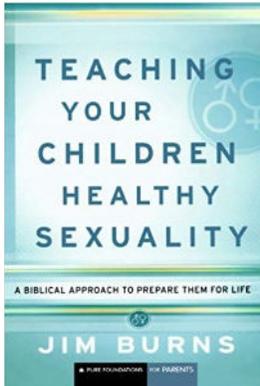
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question of where babies come from, it also emphasizes how children are a part of God's wonderful plan for families.

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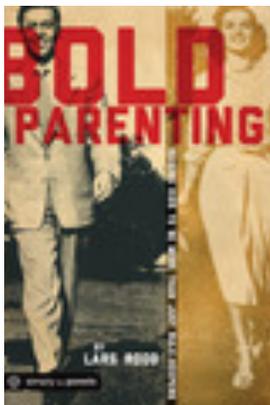


**Teaching Your Children Healthy Sexuality: A Biblical Approach to Prepare Them for Life by Jim Burns (Bethany House Publishers)**

You may have been eleven once, but you were never their age. Thanks to the Internet, graphic images in the media, and their "know-it-all" friends, kids today grow up earlier than ever. They have questions, and as a parent, your responsibility is to clear up the mixed messages and lead them to a healthy, value-centered view of sexuality. Sure, conversations with your kids about sex and their changing bodies can be uncomfortable—but they don't have to be. Jim Burns gives expert advice on how and when to talk with your children, and he provides answers to the most difficult questions your kids and teens might ask, like:

- How far is too far?
- If you do "everything but sex," are you still a virgin?
- Is self-stimulation wrong?
- I think I'm addicted to porn. What can I do to get help?
- Is a boy/girl sleepover okay if there's a chaperone?

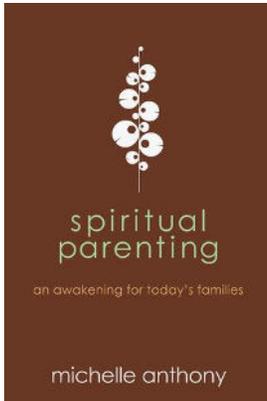
The world's culture may have cheapened sex, but God's view of sexuality is wonderfully made. Talking with your kids at a young age will help them make more godly decisions along the way, but they'll need conversation with you at every age. This is your opportunity to establish in them a lasting sexual integrity that will extend throughout their lives.



**Bold Parenting by Lars Rood (Group Publishing)**

As you read the pages of *Bold Parenting*, veteran youth worker Lars Rood—a husband and father of three—will challenge you to think more deeply and more clearly about the faith you're responsible for passing on to your children.

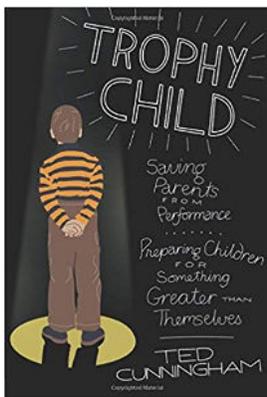
Lars' book on Christian parenting will help you examine the traps we fall into as parents directing the spiritual journey of our kids, and then he'll discuss resources and ideas that can help you to redirect the faith journey toward a rich, robust, real connection with Jesus.



### **Spiritual Parenting by Michelle Anthony (David C Cook)**

It's hard enough to train kids to behave, but good behavior isn't what Jesus calls for in the Bible. He wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward God and others. How can parents cultivate this in their children? In this book Dr. Michelle Anthony shares practical examples and biblical insight on the spiritual role of parenting.

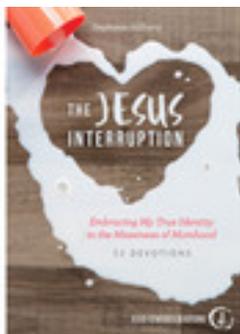
Spiritual Parenting introduces the simple but revolutionary concept that parents are, by the power of God's Spirit, to obey and depend on God in order to create an environment God can use to beckon their children to Him.



### **Trophy Child: Saving Parents from Performance, Preparing Children for Something Greater Than Themselves By Ted Cunningham (David C Cook)**

Do you cringe when your kids fight in public because it makes you look bad? Do you find yourself helping too much with homework because you want the teacher to be impressed? Do you secretly take credit for your child's dance recital, soccer win, or spelling bee crown? You might be in danger of vanity parenting. Vanity parenting happens when our culture's obsession with performance leads us to form expectations for our kids based on the world's standards, not on the Bible. As a result, our children try to meet our emotional needs instead of growing into the calling God has for them.

Trophy Child will help you create a home where your children find success in following their heavenly Father's leading for them and you know the joy of seeing your children embrace their full potential as children of God.



### **The Jesus Interruption by Stephanie Hillberry (Group Publishing)**

These 52 do-them-whenever devotions will help you see...hear...and embrace Jesus. They're Jesus interruptions—moments in the mess you can reach out to Jesus and feel the warmth of him reaching back to you.