

# FAMILIES TOGETHER: Best books to enjoy together

*Some of our best for sharing with younger children*

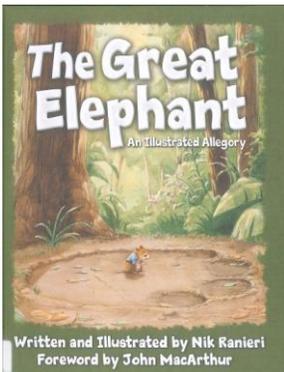
**PICTURE BOOKS FOR AGES 3-9** (in approximate order of age level)

Pete & Pillar: The Big Rain (E STODDARD) *Big machines and friendship -- what could be better for little boys!*

The Flyaway Kite (E BJORKMAN) *A delightful story of God's love, especially for ages 3-5.*

A Gaggle of Geese & a Clutter of Cats (E MACKALL) *Fun with words for all ages.*

The Progress of Pilgrim Mouse (E PARRY) *Pilgrim's Progress wonderfully retold for kids, divided into chapters to accommodate younger children's attention spans.*



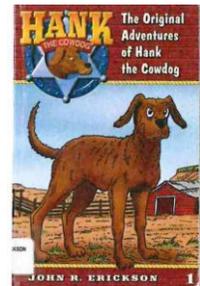
The Great Elephant (E RANIERI) *A great adventure story for younger children, and a delightful lesson in theology for elementary aged children and their parents.*

The Incredible Discovery of Lindsey Renee (E TADA) *Not just for girls, this is a story about our freedom and the sovereignty of God.*

The Boy Who Changed the World (E ANDREWS) *How one ordinary boy came to develop "super plants" that helped save billions of people from starvation*

**CHAPTER BOOKS** (in approximate order of age level)

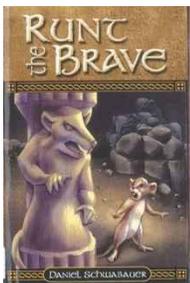
Hank the Cowdog (J ERICKSON) *Quick and fun - a good first read-together book.*



Trouble Times Ten (J KID) *First in a series of adventures about children living in Bible times.*

The Princess and the Goblin (MS MacDONALD) *A great introduction to this classic author.*

Runt the Brave (MS SCHWABAUER) *A wonderful story of honor and courage, this one is in the Middle School section only because of its length and reading level, but is a great read-aloud for as young as 1st grade (there are scary parts, so perhaps not for bedtime).*



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (MS LEWIS) *Essential reading, as enjoyable for adults as for children. This is in the Middle School section but is an excellent read-aloud for ages 7 and up.*

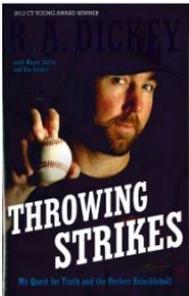
**Suggestions for older children on the other side**

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*You will enjoy these special books as much as your children will,  
and they will spark some great discussions as well*

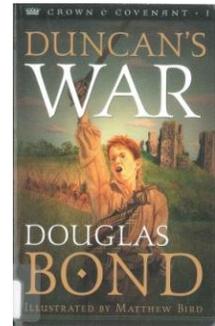
### MIDDLE GRADES and EARLY TEENS

Kingdom's Dawn (MS BLACK Kingdom) *A young man gets thrown into the battle to save the kingdom; this is the first in a series that puts the story of the Bible into a knights and castles context.*



Throwing Strikes (MS 921 DICKEY) *Baseball, God, and the meaning of life.*

Duncan's War (MS BOND) *The first book in a historical fiction series set in 17<sup>th</sup> century Scotland.*



Masada: The Last Fortress (T MIKLOWITZ) *The moving story of the Roman conquest and the Jew's last stand after the destruction of Jerusalem.*

### DISCUSSION STARTERS WITH YOUR OLDER TEENS

(read together or separately, but *talk* about them!)

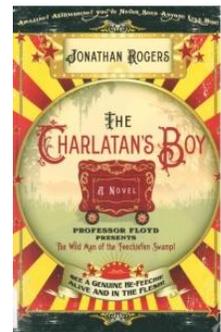


The Good Life, by Trip Lee (T 248.4 LEE) *Is the good life really defined by popular culture, or does God have a better idea?*

Playing with Purpose: Inside the Lives and Faith of Top NBS Stars (T 920 YORKEY) *Find your favorite players, and learn about the origin of basketball as well.*

Wherever I Wind Up: My Quest for Truth, Authenticity, and the Perfect Knuckleball (921 DICKEY) *The subtitle says it all!*

The Charlatan's Boy (T ROGERS) *Not explicitly Christian, but an intriguing story, and a great discussion-starter on many fronts.*



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