SPIRITUAL PARENTING
Our very best books to help with the spiritual training of your children

PARENTING:

*Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting* (249.5 FARLEY) Why and how our parenting must be different.

*Give Them Grace: Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus* (249.51 FITZPATRICK) We tend to raise our children by law (be good), but only the Gospel brings real and lasting change of heart.

*Our Covenant with Kids: Biblical Nurture in Home and Church* (249.5 SISEMORE) How do we cultivate godliness in our children; what is the difference between discipline and discipling?

SPIRITUAL TRAINING:
*The Family Worship Book: a Resource Book for Family Devotions* (249.52 JOHNSON) This practical guide will both encourage and empower you to get regular family devotions off the ground.

*Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* (249.52 MACHOWSKI) Easy to use devotions revealing the Gospel through the stories of the Old Testament.

*Training Hearts, Teaching Minds* (249.52 MEADE) Short devotions for the family based on the Shorter Catechism, including sections on the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer.

INFANTS & TODDLERS (6 months-2 years):
*Most of All, Jesus Loves You* (E PIPER) Just one of many picture books for the very young! Look for books with a red dot on the spine label.

*Loving the Little Years* (249.44 JANKOVIC) An encouraging little book especially for mothers in the midst of diapers, with humor and insight for nurturing the very young.

PRESCHOOLERS (age 3-5): *E indicates picture book collection, J is elementary collection*
*My ABC Bible Verses* (249.52 HUNT) A verse for each letter of the alphabet: “A – As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people.”

*Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers* (E ALLEN) A set of 4 small books with simple explanations of Gospel, Trinity, Mission, and Scripture

*Get Wisdom!: 23 Lessons for Children About Living for Jesus* (J 223 YOUNTS) The text is directed toward children from kindergarten through fourth grade, with suggestions for parents in the back.

*That’s When I Talk to God* (E MORROW) There’s more about prayer here than first meets the eye.

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AGES 6-7: E indicates picture book collection, J is elementary collection

*The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* (E BIBLE) Stories told to tie the whole Bible together as the history of God’s purpose to redeem us through Jesus Christ.

*God’s Mighty Acts in Creation* (J 231 MEADE) A Bible-based devotional showing how all God’s created works reflect who He is. Also, by the same author, *God’s Mighty Acts in Salvation* (J 227 MEADE)

*The Barber Who Wanted to Pray* (E SPROUL) Wrapped inside a family story are lessons from Martin Luther on how to pray.

*The Great Elephant : An Illustrated Allegory* (E RANIERI) With large, wonderful illustrations, this picture book examines true and false concepts of God.

ELEMENTARY AGES 7-12: J indicates elementary, MS indicates middle school level

*God’s Names* (J 230 MICHAEL) One of a set of three books about God and His character.

*The Story for Children* (J 220.5 STORY) Good for daily read-together to get a sense of the whole Bible.

*Bible Doctrine for Younger Children* (J 230 BEEKE) 2 volumes for serious teaching, including review questions, exercises and puzzles. The writing is on a child’s level, but need a parent’s guidance.

*Augustine of Hippo* (J 921 AUGUSTINE) Picture book format with solid information. We also have the books on John Calvin and John Owen from the same series.

*Ten Boys* (J 920 HOWAT) Introduces stories from the boyhood of famous men from John Newton to Nicky Cruz.

*Ten Girls* (J 920 HOWAT) Introduces stories from the childhood of famous women.

*The Pilgrim’s Progress* (J BUNYAN) We have several simplified versions for younger children. The adult fiction shelves (F BUNYAN) contain the original as well as a modern English version.

*Crossway Illustrated Bible Handbook* (MS 220 DOWLEY) This will help you teach your kids ‘all thing’ about the Bible. Look this over, then buy your own copy!

*Duncan’s War* (MS BOND Crown) First title in Crown & Covenant, an exciting fiction series to read together, set in 17th century Scotland.
SPiritual Parenting - Teens
Our very best books to help with the spiritual training of your teens

Teens: The ‘T’ in front of the call number indicates ‘teen collection’

Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens (249.55 TRIPP) Are the teenage hassles that disrupt parents’ lives, or prime opportunities to connect with, listen to, and nurture our kids?

Growing Up Christian (T 248.4 GRAUSTEIN) This one is in the teen section, but with it discussion questions, it make a great book to read together.

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The Blazing Center: The Soul-Satisfying Supremacy of God in All Things (T-DVD BLAZING) John Piper speaks at a teen retreat to call teens to deeper commitment. With 8 sessions, this is a great discussion starter for teens and their parents.

Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild (T-DVD GIRLS 6-22.sessions) A call to Christian women to live wisely, not relative to other women, but resolutely biblically. We also have the book of the same title (adult nonfiction 249.4 KASSIAN).

Choosing My Religion (T-DVD CHOOSING 5.sessions) This is an older series, but will help your teens think through their presuppositions and the reasons for faith.

Mothers of Teens

Girl Talk: Mother-Daughter Conversations on Biblical Womanhood (249.44 MAHANEY) Especially for older teens.

What Your Daughter Isn’t Telling You: Expert Insight Into the World of Teen Girls (249 .55 SHELLENBERGER) Based on real questions daughters have asked.

Preparing Him for the Other Woman: A Mother’s Guide to Raising Her Son to Love a Wife and Lead a Family (249.44 SHEPHERD)

Fathers of Teens

We Became Men (249 .33 BROWER) Sets out life as a journey, climbing a mountain: base camp, trail guide, band of brothers, wrong trail, etc

Stand Fast (249 .33 BOND) With lively illustrations and wise warnings this addresses the temptations and trials young men face today.

Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters: 10 Secrets Every Father Should Know (249 .33 MEEKER) Reinforces the awesome responsibility and influence of fathers for their daughters.

Daughters and Dads: Building a Lasting Relationship (249.33 CLARK) Help for maintaining a good relationship through the stages of your daughter’s development

What He Must Be -- If He Wants to Marry My Daughter (249.55 BAUCHAM) This is your call, Dad. Help your daughter find that special young man.