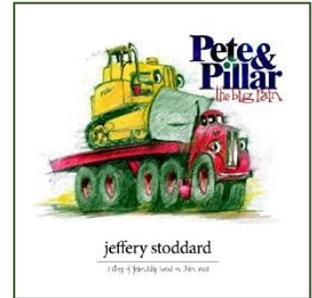


**FAMILIES TOGETHER: Best books to enjoy together**  
*Some of our best for sharing with younger children*

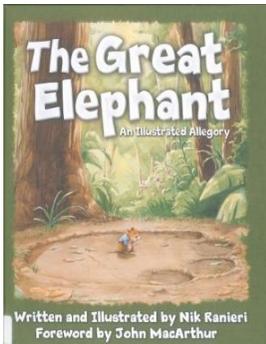
**PICTURE BOOKS FOR AGES 3-9** (in approximate order of age level)

Let There Be Light (E HITCHEN) *This board book introduces little ones to the Creation story as a vehicle for understanding opposites, a crucial concept in early cognitive development.*



Pete & Pillar: The Big Rain (E STODDARD) *Big machines and friendship for little boys! We also have Skid and the Too Tiny Tunnel.*

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



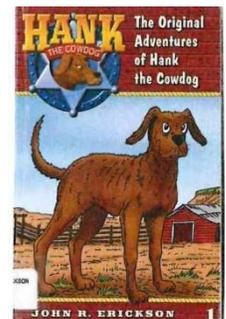
The Great Elephant (E RANIERI) *A story exploring truth and theology for elementary aged children and their parents.*

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

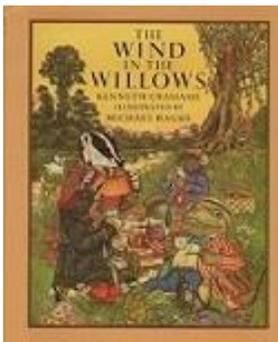
The Boy Who Changed the World (E ANDREWS) *How one ordinary boy came to develop "super plants" that helped save billions of people from starvation*

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

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



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (J 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.*



The Wind in the Willows (J Grahame) *This classic story of friendship and loyalty will entertain your whole family as you follow kindly Mole, sturdy Badger, dependable Water Rat, and the unpredictable and notorious Mr. Toad.*

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).*

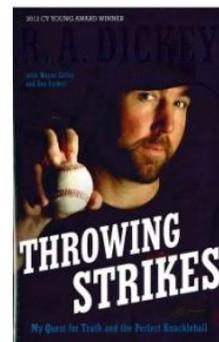
**Suggestions for older children on the other side**

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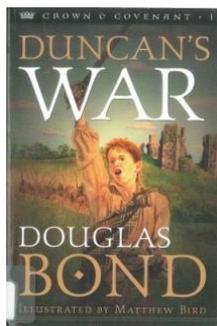
*You will enjoy these special books as much as your children will,  
and they will spark some great discussions as well*

### MIDDLE GRADES and EARLY TEENS

Throwing Strikes (MS 921 DICKEY) *As a young adult, he was told he'd never make it in baseball, but then he learned to throw the knuckleball.*



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.*



Duncan's War (MS BOND) *The first book in a historical fiction series set in 17<sup>th</sup> century Scotland. Follow the lives of the M'Kethe family as they endure persecution and later flee to colonial America.*

The Princess and the Goblin (MS MacDONALD) *Princess Irene and Curdie the miner's son must combine their courage and wits to foil the goblins' fiendish plot. This is a great introduction to this classic author.*

Weight of a Flame (MS CHOSEN Morata) *Olympia Morata (1526-1555) is a girl far ahead of her time. Appointed tutor to Duchess Renèe's children, her future is bright when suddenly, evil rumors turn her world upside-down.*

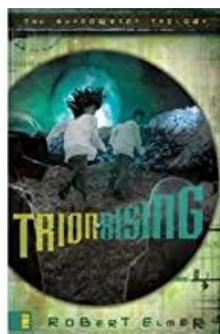
### DISCUSSION STARTERS WITH YOUR OLDER TEENS

*(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.*



Taken (T EASTMAN Quest) *Forced into a high stakes hunt for their missing parents by the sinister Cpt. Vedrik, four siblings' only hope is their parents' Archeos e-journal. An edge-of-your-seat beginning to a 4 book Quest for Truth.*

Trion Rising (T ELMER Shadowside #1) *Oriannon is living the good life on the bright side of Corista, a small planet circling three suns. But things get crazy for the teen when a new music teacher arrives at her school with strange songs and even stranger ideas.*

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