

1000 Good Books List

Primary Reading Level 1 - 3

Bible for Preschoolers & Beginning Readers

The Bible should be read aloud to children before they can read it for themselves. The regular family Bible is fine for this. For reading stories to children, we particularly like the New English Translation for its clarity and accuracy. In addition, The Bible in Pictures, The Child's Story Bible, Egermeier's, and The Golden Children's Bible are excellent read-aloud Bibles for children. The Bible in Pictures is further illustrated with quality artwork on every page. The Beginner's Bible is a well-done edition that beginning readers can read independently. Finally, A is for Adam, D is for Dinosaur, and The Gospel for Children are highly recommended presentations of the gospel for children.

Beginner's Bible by Karyn Henley

Bible in Pictures edited by Rev. Ralph Kirby, published by Greystone Press

Child's Story Bible by Catherine E. Vos

Egermeier's Bible Story Book by Elsie E. Egermeier

Golden Children's Bible by Joseph A. Grispino and Samuel Terrien

Book of Life by Newton Hall & Irving Wood, in 8 volumes

A is for Adam by Ken and Mally Ham

D is for Dinosaur by Ken and Mally Ham

Gospel for Children by John B. Leuzarder

Anthologies & Poetry

The 1-3 Anthologies and Poetry, and 1-3 Picture Books, along with 4-6 books designated *RA* are excellent read-alouds for children from a very early age.

A Apple Pie and Nursery Rhymes and others by Kate Greenaway *RA*

Aesop for Children illustrated by Milo Winter (126 fables) *RA*

Alan Garner's Fairy Tales of Gold by Alan Garner
Best-Loved Fairy Tales by Walter Crane
Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Jessie Willcox Smith *RA*
Children's Treasury of Virtues by William Bennett, illustrated by Michael Hague, and others in the series
Child's Treasury of Poems by Mark Daniel
Rhymes and Verses: Collected Poems for Children by Walter de la Mare *RA*
Fables by Arnold Lobel
Favorite Poems of Childhood by Philip Smith
Happy Prince and Other Fairy Tales by Oscar Wilde *RA*
James Herriot's Treasury for Children by James Herriot
McGuffey's Primer, Pictorial Primer, & First Reader by William McGuffey *RA*
Moral Tales by Maria Edgeworth *RA*
My Favorite Story Book by W. G. Vande Hulst *RA*
Nonsense Poems and others by Edward Lear *RA*
Now We Are Six by A. A. Milne *RA*
Nursery and Mother Goose Rhymes by Marguerite de Angeli
Once On A Time by A. A. Milne *RA*
Parent's Assistant by Maria Edgeworth *RA*
Pleasant Field Mouse Storybook by Jan Wahl
Poems & Prayers for the Very Young by Martha G. Alexander
Poems to Read to the Very Young by Josette Frank
Prince Rabbit by A. A. Milne *RA*
Real Mother Goose illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright
Ruth Ainsworth Book by Ruth Ainsworth
Songs of Childhood by Walter de la Mare *RA*
Stories Around the Year by Thornton W. Burgess
Tom Thumb & Other Stories by L. Leslie Brooke
When We Were Very Young by A. A. Milne *RA*

Holiday Books

Amish Christmas by Richard Ammon
Christmas in the Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey by Susan Wojchiechowski
Crippled Lamb by Max Lucado
First Christmas by Robbie Trent

First Christmas by Tomie de Paola
Grumpy Shepherd by Paddie Devon
Mary, Did You Know? by Mark Lowry
Modestita's Gift, El Regalo de Modestita by Inez Torres Davis
Peter Spier's Christmas by Peter Spier
Rembrandt: The Christmas Story published by Thomas Nelson
Silent Night by Susan Jeffers
Story of Christmas: Words from the Gospels of Matthew & Luke by Jane Ray
Who Is Coming to Our House by Joseph Slate

Picture Books

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by J. Viorst
Always Room For One More by Sorche Nic Leodhas
Amos and Boris and others by William Steig
And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street! by Dr. Seuss
Andy and the Lion by James Daugherty
Angus and the Ducks by Marjorie Flack
Animals of Farmer Jones & other Little Golden Books illus. by Richard Scarry
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barrett
Apple Pie by Kate Greenaway
Apricot ABC by Miska Miles
Baby Farm Animals & other Little Golden Books illus. by Garth Williams
Bambi's Children by Felix Salten
Beetle Bush by Beverly Keller
Big Book of Brambly Hedge and others by Jill Barklem
Big Snow by Berta Hader
Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward
Biggest House in the World and others by Leo Lionni
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Christine's Picture Book by Hans Christian Anderson
Church Mouse and others by Graham Oakley
Clown of God and others by Tomie de Paola
Cock, the Mouse, and the Little Red Hen by Felicite LeFevre
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Crane Maiden by Miyoko Matsutani
Cross Country Cat by Mary Calhoun
Curious George & others by Hans A. Rey

Dandelion Hill by Clyde Robert Bulla
Day at the Fair by Arleta Richardson
Deer at the Brook and others by Jim Arnosky
Doctor Dan the Bandage Man by Helen Gaspard, ill. by Corinne Malverne
Dogger by Shirley Hughes
Edward Lear Alphabet by Edward Lear, illustrated by Carol Newsom
Emily by Michael Bedard
Emperor's New Clothes and others by Hans Christian Anderson
Empty Pot by Demi
Fairy Caravan by Beatrix Potter
Faster Sooner Hound by Ama Bontemps
Fiona's Flea by Beverly Keller
Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by Dr. Seuss
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
Flip by Wesley Dennis
Frog Band and the Onion Seller by Jim Smith
Frog, Frog, Frog by Robert Welber
Gift for Grandpa by Angela Hunt
Gift for Tia Rosa by Karen Taha
Goodnight Moon and others by Margaret Wise Brown
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
Hilda the Hen Who Wouldn't Give Up by Jill Tomlinson
Hole is to Dig by Ruth Krauss
Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
House that Jack Built by Antonio Frasconi
I Saw the Sea Come In by Alvin Tresselt
If You Give A Moose A Muffin by Laura Joffe Numeroff
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
In the Forest and others by Marie Hall Ets
James & the Rain by Karla Kuskin
Johnny Crow's Garden by L. Leslie Brooke
King at the Door by Cole Brock
Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky
Lillie at Ballet by Rachel Isadora
Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Little House and others by Virginia Burton
Little Old Mrs. Pepperpot and others by Alf Proysen
Little Red Hen and others by Paul Galdone
Little Toot by Hardie Gramatky
Luckiest One of All by Bill Peet
Madeline and others by Ludwig Bemelmans

Make Way For Ducklings and others by Robert McCloskey
Marshmallow by Clare T. Newberry
May I Bring a Friend? by Beatrice S. De Regniers
Midnight Adventures of Kelly, Dot, and Esmerelda by John S. Goodall
Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Mr. Brown and Mr. Gray by William Wondriska
My Island Grandma by Kathryn Lasky
My Little Golden Book About God & others illustrated by Eloise Wilkin
My Mother is the Most Beautiful Woman in the World by Becky Reyher
N. C. Wyeth's Pilgrims by N. C. Wyeth and Robert San Souci
Noah's Ark by Peter Spier
Noah's Ark: Words from the Book of Genesis by Jane Ray
Old Rosie, the Horse Nobody Understood by Lilian Moore & Leone Adelson
On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott
Owl Moon by Jane Yolan
Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
Paper Crane by Molly Bang
Pelle's New Suit by Elsa Beskow
Penny Wise - Fun Foolish by Judy Delton
Peter Spier's Rain and others by Peter Spier
Petunia by Roger Duvoisin and other Petunia stories
Picture Books by Randolph Caldecott published by Frederick Warne
Pimm's Place by Beverly Keller
Poky Little Puppy by Janette Sebring Lowry, illus. by Gustaf Tenggren
Rain, Rain Rivers by Uri Shulevitz
Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book by Richard Scarry
Rome Antics by David Macaulay
Saint Valentine by Robert Sabuda
Shy Little Kitten by Cathleen Schurr, illustrated by Gustaf Tenggren
Sir Francis Drake: His Daring Deeds by Roy Gerrard
Smartest Bear and His Brother Oliver by Alice Bach
Snowy Day and others by Ezra Jack Keats
Snuggle Bunny by Nancy Jewell
St. Francis and the Friendly Beasts by Margaret Hodges
St. George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges
Stone Soup and others by Marcia Brown
Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack
Story of Babar and others by Jean and Laurent de Brunhoff
Story of the Creation: Words from Genesis by Jane Ray

Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Tale of Peter Rabbit & others by Beatrix Potter
Three Little Horses by Piet Worm
Three Little Kittens by Paul Galdone
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
Toad for Tuesday by Russell Erickson
Two Roman Mice by Horace, retold by Marilynne K. Roach
Uncle Wiggly Book by Howard R. Garis
Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
Veronica by Roger Duvoisin
Very Hungry Caterpillar and others by Eric Carle
Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? by May Garelick
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Beginning Readers

Beginning and Easy Readers are for children who are just learning to read for themselves.

Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman
Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Crash! Bang! Boom! by Peter Spier
Do You Know What I Know? by Helen Borten
Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss
Fire Cat by Esther Holden Averill
Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and others in the series by Maj Lindman
Foot Book by Dr. Seuss
Fox in Sox by Dr. Seuss
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
Owl at Home by Arnold Lobel
Put Me In the Zoo by Robert Lopshire
Snipp, Snapp, and Snurr by Maj Lindman
Stop That Ball! by Mike McClintock

Easy Readers

Amelia Bedelia and others by Peggy Parish
Animals Do the Strangest Things and others by Leonora Hornblow
Bedtime for Frances and other Frances books by Russell Hoban
Bravest Dog Ever by Natalie Standiford
Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Daniel's Duck by Clyde Robert Bulla
Frog and Toad are Friends and others by Arnold Lobel
George and Martha by James Marshall
George the Drummer Boy by Nathaniel Benchley & other History I Can Read books
George Washington's Mother by Jean Fritz
Granny and the Desperadoes by Peggy Parish
Greg's Microscope and other Science I Can Read books by Millicent Selsam
Horse in Harry's Room and others by Syd Hoff
Josefina Story Quilt by Eleanor Coerr
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter Roop
Little Bear and others by Elise Minarik
Mouse Soup by Arnold Lobel
Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great and others by Marjorie Sharmat
New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert
Night Noises and Other Mole & Troll Stories by Tony Johnston
One Bad Thing About Father by F. N. Monjo
Sam the Minuteman by Nathaniel Benchley
Sammy the Seal and others by Syd Hoff
Trojan Horse, or How the Greeks Won the War by Emily Little

Advanced Readers

Abraham Lincoln by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse by Ursula Moray Williams
Adventures of Tom Bombadil by J. R. R. Tolkien
Alligator Case and others by William Pene du Bois
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz
Angry Giant by Oscar Wilde
Apple & the Arrow by Mary Marsh Buff

Bard of Avon: the Story of William Shakespeare by Diane Stanley
Bear Called Paddington and others by Michael Bond
Bears on Hemlock Mountain and others by Alice Dalgliesh
Benjamin Franklin by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Benjamin West and his Cat Grimplakin by Marguerite Henry
Betsy & Billy and others by Carolyn Haywood
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill and others by Maude Lovelace
Billy & Blaze and others by C. W. Anderson
Book of Cowboys by Holling C. Holling
Book of Indians by Holling C. Holling
Box-Car Children and others by Gertrude Warner (the first 19 in the series)
Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli
Burt Dow, Deep Water Man by Robert McCloskey
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? by Jean Fritz
Capyboppy by Bill Peet
Castle by David Macaulay
Cathedral by David Macaulay
Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla
Charles Dickens: the Man Who Had Great Expectations by Diane Stanley
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
City by David Macaulay
Cleopatra by Diane Stanley
Coll and His White Pig by Lloyd Alexander
Columbus by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
d'Aulaire's Norse Gods & Giants by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Eric the Red & Leif the Lucky by Barbara Schiller
Fairy Doll by Rumer Godden
Finn Family Moomintroll and others by Tove Jansson
George Washington by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
George Washington's Breakfast by Jean Fritz
Good Queen Bess by Diane Stanley
Grain of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman
Happy Hollisters and others by Jerry West
Happy Orpheline and others by Natalie Savage Carlson
Henner's Lydia by Marguerite de Angeli
Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis
I, Columbus and others by Peter & Connie Roop
In Search of Troy by Piero Ventura

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln by Jean Fritz
Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling *RA*
Kindle of Kittens by Rumer Godden
Least of All by Carol Purdy
Leave Horatio Alone by Eleanor Clymer
Leif the Lucky by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Leonardo da Vinci by Diane Stanley
Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
Little Pear by Eleanor Frances Lattimore
Marco Moonlight by Clyde Robert Bulla
Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds
Michelangelo's World by Piero Ventura
Mill by David Macaulay
Minn of the Mississippi by Holling C. Holling
Mouse House by Rumer Godden
Mouse on the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannet
Nothing is Impossible, The Story of Beatrix Potter by Dorothy Aldis
Old Mother West Wind and others by Thornton W. Burgess
Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle by Rumer Godden
Ordinary Princess by Mary Margaret Kaye
Paddle to the Sea by Holling C. Holling
Pagoo by Holling C. Holling
Peter the Great by Diane Stanley
Pilgrims of Plimoth by Marcia Sewall
Puppy Summer by Meindert de Jong
Pyramid by David Macaulay
Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame
Rocking Horse Secret by Rumer Godden
Sarah Morton's Day and others by Kate Waters
Seabird by Holling C. Holling
Shhhh ... We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz
Ship by David Macaulay
Shoeshine Girl by Clyde Robert Bulla
Skipack School by Marguerite de Angeli
Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla
St. Philip of the Joyous Heart by Francis X. Connolly
Tale of Jolly Robin and others by Arthur Scott Baily
Tale of Three Trees by Angela Hunt

They Were Strong & Good by Robert Lawson
Three Dollar Mule by Clyde Robert Bulla
Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness
Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle
Tree in the Trail by Holling C. Holling
Truthful Harp by Lloyd Alexander
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop
Twenty Elephant Restaurant by Russell Hoban
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz
Where do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus? by Jean Fritz
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? by Jean Fritz
Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? by Jean Fritz
Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? by Jean Fritz
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? by Jean Fritz
Yellow and Pink by William Steig
Yonie Wondernose by Marguerite de Angeli