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Campbell, Carol [compiler] CLASSIC RELIGIOUS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. CSLA, 2001. $11.00pb.
ISBN: 091532444X
A helpful, annotated subject listing of children's books, for ages up to 6th grade level.

ISBN: 0915324334
Provides a basic list of the resources currently available to help librarians and library committees in organizing and operating effective congregational libraries. Includes descriptions of other CSLA publications which will be helpful and are available to the church librarian.

Thomas, Virginia Coffin and Betty Davis Miller. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN. Westminster John Knox, 1986. $18.95pb.
ISBN: 0804216908
An annotated resource for teaching, learning and worship. Parents and educators, as well as church librarians, will find a wealth of information here.

ISBN: 0141001615
The author believes that every child can become an avid reader. This classic guide shows how to make it happen. Explains the importance of reading aloud to children. Contains a bibliography of titles ideal for reading aloud.

BIBLE VERSIONS

(available in various editions)

GOOD NEWS BIBLE: THE BIBLE IN TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION (GNB). The American Bible Society's translation by a team of scholars. It attempts to "set forth the biblical content and message in standard, everyday, natural form of English."

KING JAMES VERSION (KJV). The authorized English version published in 1611, which has remained the most popular version right into modern times.


NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV). A popular translation reflecting evangelical scholarship.

NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE (NJB). Originally published in France by a group of Catholic scholars.

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV). Translation reflecting up-to-date scholarship. Gender-language more accurately reflects intent of original writers.

Phillips, J. B. THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MODERN ENGLISH. A popular paraphrase of the New Testament which has become a modern classic.

REVISED ENGLISH BIBLE (REB). A translation from the original tongues by representatives of major Protestant bodies of Great Britain.

BIBLE STUDY

Gives an excellent general introduction to the literature and faith of the Old Testament.

Barclay, William. THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE. Revised edition. Westminster John Knox, 1993. 17 volumes. $30.00 each, $190.00 set. ($12.95pb each)
ISBN: 0664240984
Excellent for serious study of the New Testament for both individuals and groups. Volumes have the added feature of devotional commentary, making the passages relevant to today.

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A lively, readable discussion of the origin, message and use of the Bible. Especially recommended for young people.

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A brilliant and inspiring look at the Bible today. With compassion, humor and insight, Gomes gives the reader the tools to make the Bible a dynamic part of daily life.

The story of the emerging Christian community and the writings which were developed with its growth.

Archaeology and science adventure 4,000 years into the past to document the actual events of the Bible.

A scholarly interpretation in a style accessible for a popular audience. An excellent video is available for group study.

THE NEW INTERPRETER'S BIBLE. 11 volumes currently, started in 1994, to be completed in 2002. Abingdon, prices from $60.00 to $130.00 each. The full texts of the NIV and NRSV of the Bible are presented in parallel columns for a fuller understanding of passages. There is a detailed critical commentary of the text with reflections presenting an exposition of issues.

A classic reference since 1894, this edition is the most complete concordance available today. It introduces the "Key Word Comparison" of selected words and phrases in the KJV with five leading modern translations: RSV, NES, JB, NAS and NIV.

Ralph, Margaret Nutting. AND GOD SAID WHAT? Paulist, 1986. $14.95pb ISBN: 0809127806 Discusses the various types of writing in the Bible — history, poetry, prophecy, allegory, etc. — and how each type should be read.

An illuminating assessment of what the Dead Sea Scroll texts reveal about a lost era in the history of Christianity and Judaism. This anthology reveals the true significance of the greatest archaeological discovery of our time.

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An understanding of the meaning of conversion is important to every Christian. This book tells the story of conversion as it has been experienced through the ages from the Apostle Paul to modern times.

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Much of the contents is based on the Beatitudes.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Bondi, Robert C. A PLACE TO PRAY: REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER. Abingdon, 1998. $17.00.
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The author draws on rich personal experience to help the reader recapture deep insights and challenges of the most fundamental of all Christian prayers. This will arouse both mind and heart.

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Quoist, Michel. PRAYERS. Sheed and Ward, 1985. $11.95pb.
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Fosdick, Harry Emerson. THE MEANING OF PRAYER. Abingdon, 1980. $12.00pb.
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ISBN: 0800628063
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