

DEVOTIONAL REVIEW – CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

365 Trivia Twists Devotionals – Betsy Schmitt and David Veerman – Paperback, \$11.99

Inside: full color images; full Index; begins with a story and points to a scripture verse/truth

Age Range: Grades 2-8

Lots of trivia facts that surround the daily themes. I love this devotional book, it is fun to read, engaging and has spiritual truths that challenge you to dig deeper.

The One Year Classic Family Devotions – Paperback, \$14.99

Inside: black and white pages; short one page stories with application points; scriptures; activities throughout the book to help kids engage; easy read; No scriptural index

Age Range: Grades 1-6

This is a remake of an “oldie but goodie.” My husband and I actually used the older version with our family. It was a staple at our house.

The One Year Devotions with Jesus – Joshua Cooley – Paperback, \$15.99

Inside: Two color cover (modern design); black and white pages; topical index; no scriptural index

Age Range: Grades 2-8

This is another version of the One Year Classic, listed above. It is specifically pointing to our relationship with Jesus. It is well written and provides good insight and explanations that will help kids wrap their heads around harder concepts and topics. Great for discussion starters. It offers some short quizzes to engage kids and is definitely written to engage them.

VeggieTales: Veggie Devos for Every Day – Hardback, \$14.99

Inside: bright red cover; black and white pages, but with the VeggieTales appeal; publisher frames the devotions by drawing from the “Big Ideas” about God; 365 devotions; no scriptural index; topical

Age Range: Grades K-3

This is short, and sweet. It is an easy read, and is great at applying the topic/scripture to daily of young kids. Follows with prayers.

Jesus Today: Devotions for Kids – Sarah Young – Hardback, \$19.99

Inside: 3 Color inside and out; written as if Jesus is speaking to the reader; great point of view; relevant and helpful topics; full scriptural index

Age Range: Grades K-7

This is from the bestselling author of Jesus Calling, and has lots of other options for kids, families and individuals.

101 Questions Children Ask About God – David Veerman (& several others) – Paperback, \$8.99

Inside: colorful front cover; black and white pages; not really a devotional book, but an informational book; provides scripture references for answers given; please read scripture surrounding verse to get the context; answers are short and general

Age Range: Grades K-6

I think this could be a good tool to have available for parents, but don't see it has a great devotional book.

Think, Act, and Be Like Jesus – Randy Frazee – Hardback, \$12.99

Inside: full color inside and out; great visual appeal; 90 devotions with some repeats, but appropriate

Age-Range: Grades K-8

This book just looks like fun. My grandchildren grabbed this out a huge stack of books to read. The devotions are short and simplistic, and topically based, ending with scripture and prayer. It has a great index with scripture and topics and the pictures that are engaging. Makes us think about God, others, and ourselves.

Devotions Off the Map – Hardback, \$12.99

Inside: great color inside and out, just looks fun to read; includes prayers, questions, stories, applications, activities, service projects, and more; 52 devotions, so you could hang out in a topic all week; Includes additional scripture for further study; gives you lots of options, by topic with icon cues to help you have more options to go deeper if you want; It can be a bit confusing at first.

Age Range: Grades K-8

This book would attract all ages, and has enough options to engage a wide range of family members. Be sure to spend time defining some of the harder words for Kindergarten and First Graders.

One Year, Dinner Table Devotions & Discussion Starters – Nancy Guthrie – Paperback, \$14.99

Inside: full color cover; black and white inside; 365 opportunities to grow closer to God as a family; encourages families to talk about God, offering simple to complex issues for them to chew on.

Age Range: Grades K-12

This book is good at talking to the individual members, while not letting the focus remain there. It helps kids and families keep other people's needs and points of view in mind while learning and integrating scripture. Nancy Guthrie is a well-respected leader/writer in the family and children's ministry area. I am going to begin using this book in my own home.

The Purpose Driven Life Devotional for Kids – Rick Warren – Hardback, \$19.99

Inside: brightly colored cover; insides attracts attention with the familiar name and author

Age Range: Grades 1-6

This book has 365 days of one-page devotions by topic. It provides family interactive discussion questions, and is an easy read that is very well written. It is simple but thought provoking. It has no scriptural index. It helps us understand who we are in God.