



# Child Evangelism

Raising children in faith



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# Barna study (2004)


Probability of accepting Christ,  
segmented by age:

- Nearly half (43%) of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their savior do so before reaching the age of 13
- Two out of three born again Christians (64%) accept Jesus Christ as their savior before their 18th birthday.
- One out of eight born again people (13%) made their profession of faith while 18 to 21 years old.

# New England Puritan error:

Faith is an adult thinking process that happens in their:

- 20s (1<sup>st</sup> gen)
- 30s (2<sup>nd</sup> gen)
- 40s (3<sup>rd</sup> gen)
- By the end of this time, with almost no one converting, half the churches opened communion to whoever would take it.
- A century later half the churches apostatized and became Unitarian.

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- Presumption of faith  
(RC, paedocommunionist)
  - Assumption of unbelief  
(Baptist, Davenport)
  - Assumption of faith  
(historic orthodoxy, Reformed)

# Deuteronomy 11:18-21

You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.



# Joshua 4:5–7

And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.



## Exodus 12:25–27a

And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’”



# Spreading a Feast

- Family Worship
- Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
- Worshipping together
- Memorizing Scripture
- Catechism
- Talking through the gospel

# Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save [except] in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

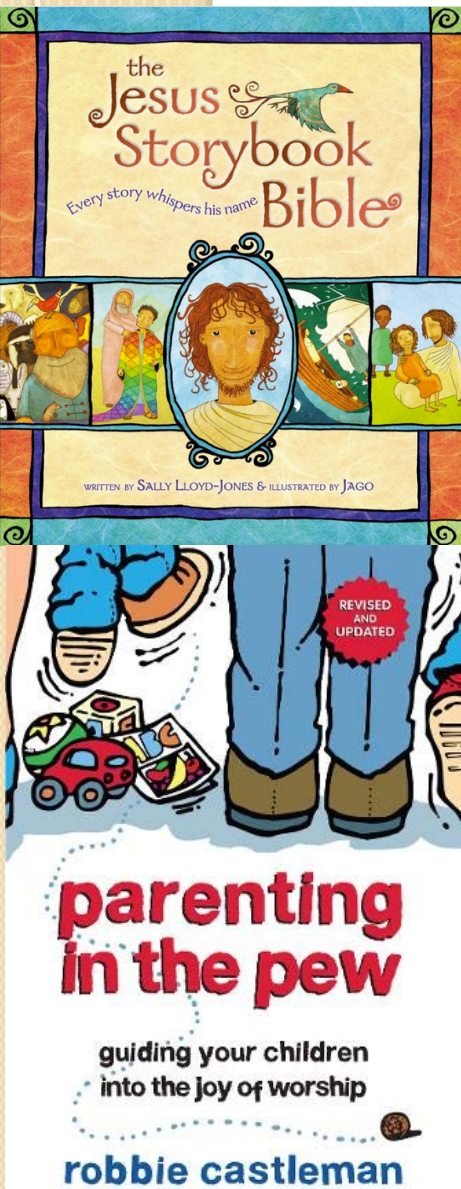
## Matthew 18:1-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

## Mark 10:13–16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

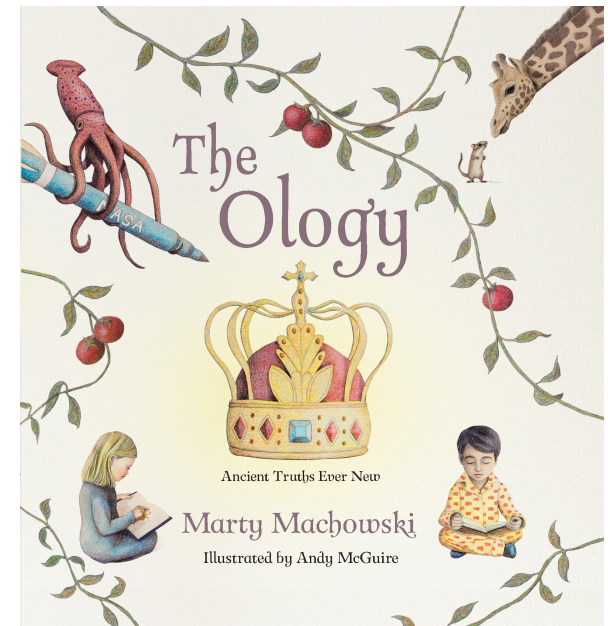
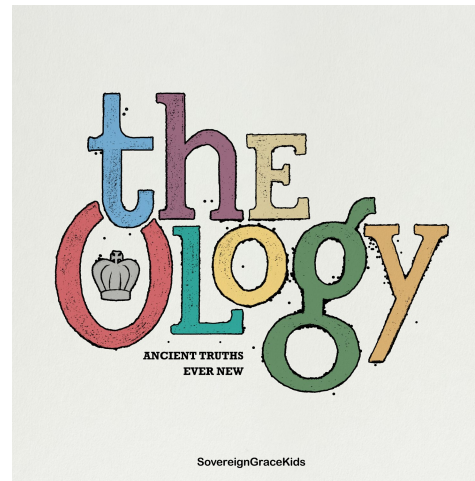
# Favorite Resources



- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, Sally Lloyd-Jones
- *Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children Into the Joy of Worship*, Robbie Castleman

# Favorite Resources

- Seeds Family Worship
- *The Ology*



- *My ABC Bible Verses: Hiding God's Word in Little Hearts*, Susan Hunt

