

Do you have some kids who avoid reading? Show signs or have a diagnosis of dyslexia?

Here are a couple of thoughts for helping them process and organize text they see: [highlighter tape](#) (removable highlighting! Won't tear even Bible pages!) or [EZC Readers](#) (a bookmark with a strip of see-through colored plastic, to guide and assist with reading line by line) – changing the background color behind the text can greatly help the brain process the text. Both of these items are in our [Inclusion Tool Kit](#).

Also, when having kids read from Scripture in class/Children's Ministry, let's consider if all kids have to read, or if a buddy could read while one child acts it out, or colors or draws or something to focus on the content.

Now, to consider a few options for kids to “get into” the Bible: [You Version \(The Bible App\)](#) has some really excellent options:

1. Pick any version of the Bible for the passage you are working with, and you can hit “play” and it will read it to you!
2. There are some very well done videos by something called [the Bible Project](#), which walk viewers visually through the Bible in ways that have helped me understand Scriptures in new ways and depths –and my 10 and 12 year old are addicted to them! They visually depict the flow of Scripture, the content and style, and explain stories and certain details, etc. Very good stuff.

This is not limited to You Version, but a great option as well: The version known as the [New International Readers Version](#) –a simplified language based on the NIV translation. It is what is used in the Adult Bible Study curriculum [“Together”](#) by Friendship Ministries, as it does not water down the message, but does use plain & easy to access language for non-academic readers.

Another couple of options that are my own kids' favorites:

1. [The Action Bible](#) (by David C. Cook Publishers) –a comic book version of the Bible. Not babyish, but engaging, very rich graphics. Still some chunks of text in places, but again, could be read by a partner, etc., and even just the “picture walk” (a reading technique used in schools with struggling readers, where you flip through the text looking at pictures only, and make some guesses about the content, before you go and read the words) through this can engage kids in the Word. There are also “comic books” of Bible stories, like [“Eternity”](#) (about Jesus' story of the beggar Lazarus and the rich man, who both die) and [“Beauty Queen”](#) (the story of Esther)
2. [The Brick Bible](#) –someone has taken their LEGO collection and used it to create images of Scripture. It is a bit odd, but super engaging and some of the best conversations about Scripture and spiritual matters have come from my kids pouring through this version of the Bible. The LEGO version of people, situations, and particularly heavenly hard-to-imagines take on a presence that pull our attention to what it all might mean.

A final thought: In our work with various learners, and writing curriculum, we are always tasked with coming up with lots of options for engaging in content. Drama. Reader's theater, song, movies of the content ([The Son of God](#), etc.) or pictures to guide through the words, and objects all help to bring the brain into the content...and let's never underestimate the power of God's Spirit to draw His children in in ways we can't even think of!

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