

Family Resources 4 Lil' Lutherans and Their Families



Family is inherently good; it is a gift God established in the Garden of Eden before sin came into the world, and it is purposely designed to uphold life.

Yet, we know that sin and brokenness affect all good gifts. Because sin creates brokenness in our lives and in the lives of our children, it's important to begin laying a foundation for discussing life issues with our children early. It's important to locate our child's identity in the creative, redemptive, and sustaining work God has done in their lives.

Here is a list of books that may help:



My First Hymnal – This is a great resource for teaching the liturgy at home, creating a worship routine, and reciting prayers and hymns as a family. Note that many prayers and hymns address life issues like end of life, adoption, illness, identity, and Christian living.

Arch Books – These books are set to a hymn-based tune and provide a solid retelling of a biblical story that is not watered down yet still understandable for young children. Many followers of God have experienced life issues, and their stories not only encourage us in times of trial but also remind us of God's faithfulness.



Story Bible – This text works well for children of all ages, or it can be used as a family Bible. God’s Word guides us when we face life issues, and we use it to combat temptation.

Little Visits with Jesus – This can be used for family devotions at bedtime or dinner. Through God’s word and a connecting story, families can address life issues that may impact young children.



Growing in Faith Bible – This Bible is on target for children aged six to ten. It has applicable and developmentally appropriate information on each story as well as a parent connection. Life issues are not new; we see many examples of current life issues in the Bible. The Growing in Faith Bible will help you and your child read and apply biblical stories to various life issues together.



Prayer: Learning How to Talk to God -
This book encourages readers to use the gift of prayer. Parents and children are reminded that when different life issues happen, we can talk to God. He is our Creator and Redeemer and the One whom we can depend on when life issues arise.

Kloria Publishing – This publishing company provides books which can help children memorize hymns and portions of the liturgy. These resources remind children that God is with them in all things, even the various life issues they face.



Family Faith Walks – This collection of active family devotions encourages conversation and quality time together throughout the year. As bonds between parents and children are strengthened, children become more comfortable communicating life issues with their family, and parents are given the opportunity to lead by example.



Prayers for Kids – Published through Lil’ Lutherans, Lutherans For Life, “Prayers for Kids” is a developmentally and spiritually age-appropriate resource that helps parents and their children trust in God when facing life issues and difficult emotions.

