

# BIG TRUTHS FOR LITTLE KIDS

*Teaching Your Children  
to Live for God*

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To "The Cousins":

Hunter, Mary Kate, Daniel, Susie, and Sam Barriault


Cassie and Scotty Coley

Mac and Angus Hunt

With the prayer that whether they eat or drink or whatever they do,  
they will do it all for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

And to Gene, the granddaddy of them all.

And in memory of Annie Grace Barriault  
who graced our family for eleven brief weeks.



*I will utter hidden things, things from of old—  
what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,  
his power, and the wonders he has done.  
He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,  
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,  
so the next generation would know them,  
even the children yet to be born,  
and they in turn would tell their children.  
Then they would put their trust in God  
and would not forget his deeds  
but would keep his commands.*

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Dear Lover of Children:

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend of the child you read to, thank you for sharing our passion to teach the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of our Lord. Our purpose for this book is:

- To teach children that they are created for God's glory.
- To show some practical implications of this life purpose.
- To repeatedly emphasize to children their need for God's grace to glorify Him.

These stories are an application of the truths taught in *First Catechism*. A catechism is simply a series of questions and answers that systematically teach a body of information. Catechizing children is an effective way to teach them a framework of biblical knowledge that helps them develop a Christian worldview. It is amazing how quickly children grasp the truths set before them and how quickly they begin to understand that how we live is based on what we believe.

One of our favorite stories is of a mom and dad who started teaching the catechism to their five-year-old son. To their surprise one night their three-year-old daughter said the answers. Another day the mother heard her little boy telling his friend that his daddy was at work. "Why does he go to work?" asked the friend. Without hesitation this little theologian answered, "For God's glory." That is a biblical perspective of life.

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

DEUTERONOMY 6 : 5 - 7

For God's Glory,  
Susan and Richie

P.S. from Richie: I grew up on the catechism. As we learned to talk, my sisters and I were taught the answers to the first few questions. As the Director of Children's Ministry at my church, one of my priorities is our catechism program. I want to share my rich inheritance with the kids in our church. Now I am grateful for the opportunity to share this legacy with the children you love.

P.S. from Susan: You can imagine my joy in working with our son on this project. Gene and I were committed to teaching the catechism to our children, so as we ate our meals, drove to soccer practice, and waited in orthodontist offices, we worked on the catechism. My frustration and discouragement at childish wiggling, resisting, and silliness has faded to a dim memory. Gene and I are thrilled that our children are teaching the catechism to the next generation. We pray that you will have the joy of seeing this fruit in the life of the child you love and teach.

## How to Use This Book

We encourage you to help your child memorize the answers to the catechism questions. We suggest that the first time you read through this book, you set a goal of memorizing between five and fifteen answers, depending on the age of your child. Memorizing the entire catechism should be a long-term project. Repeatedly reading the stories will reinforce the application of biblical principles. A suggested procedure:

- Memorize the answers to the questions in story #1.
- Each day, as you move to a different story, begin by reviewing the questions for story #1. Then ask each question in the new story, say the answer, and ask the child to recite the answer with you. Do not try to memorize these answers.
- Read the story and discuss the questions.
- Review the questions for story #1 again.
- Once your child knows the answers to these first questions, add another question.
- Each time you read the book, memorize additional answers. The truths and the applications will be reinforced, and your child's understanding will expand.
- Whatever you do, have fun. Make this a special time with your child.

The "Let's Pray" section is designed to teach children to pray biblically. Read the verse, or let the child read it, and then use the very words of Scripture in your prayer. Soon your child will begin to use the language of Scripture as he or she prays.

*Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.*

PSALM 34:3

**Q.** Who made you?

**A.** God

**Q.** What else did God make?

**A.** God made all things.

**Q.** Why did God make you and all things?

**A.** For His own glory.

**Q.** How can you glorify God?

**A.** By loving Him and doing what He commands.

**Q.** Why are you to glorify God?

**A.** Because He made me and takes care of me.





## A Party at the Zoo

Cassie and Caleb love the Lord Jesus. Their mom and dad teach them about Jesus and take them to church so they can grow up in God's family. Every night Cassie and Caleb's parents ask them some questions about God. The children have been memorizing the questions and the answers. These questions and answers are from what is called the "catechism." After the children work on the catechism, then their parents pray that Cassie and Caleb will always glorify God in everything they do. They call Cassie and Caleb their "catechism kids."

A week before Caleb's eighth birthday, his mom said to him, "Caleb, we have a surprise for you. For your birthday we will take you to your favorite place—the zoo. And you may invite two friends. Whom would you like to ask?"

"Angus!" Caleb answered excitedly. "He's my best friend." Caleb and Angus were in the same Sunday school class.

"Who else do you want to invite?" asked his mom.

"I think I'll invite Daniel," said Caleb. "He doesn't have any friends yet." Daniel and his family had just moved next door to Caleb's family. Caleb's mom and dad had invited them to church, but they said they didn't go to church. Caleb continued, "Maybe if Daniel meets Angus, he'll want to go to Sunday school with me."

"That's a wonderful idea, Caleb," said his mom.

Finally it was the day of the party. After the boys arrived at Caleb's house, they watched

the birthday boy open the gifts they had given him. Angus gave Caleb a cool set of building blocks. Daniel gave him a new soccer ball. Then everyone piled in the van to go to the zoo.

The boys had a great time. They saw the giraffes and elephants. They went to the petting zoo and saw the chickens and goats and pigs. Then they went to see the monkeys. They laughed as they watched the monkeys climb and swing on the vines. "Just think," said Daniel, "we came from monkeys."

"What!" said Caleb and Angus at the same time. "We didn't evolve from monkeys. God created us," explained Caleb.

"What do you mean?" asked Daniel.

Angus replied, "The Bible says that God made everything. He made the world and the animals. Then He made the first people. God made everything."

"Are you sure?" asked Daniel. "I've never heard anything like that."

"We're sure," said Caleb and Angus with confidence.

Caleb added, "God made us for His own glory,



and He takes care of us.”

“Really?” asked Daniel. “How do you know all of that?”

“The Bible tells us about God,” replied Angus.

“Why don’t you come to church with me tomorrow?” asked Caleb. “It’s really cool, and we learn a lot about God.”

“You would like our Sunday school class,” said Angus.

“I’ll ask Mom and Dad if I can go,” replied Daniel as the three boys ran to see a peacock that had just spread out his beautiful feathers.

### Let's talk

1. Tell the story back to me. What are the names of the brother and sister, and what do their parents call them? What happened in the story?
2. What did Caleb and Angus explain to Daniel?
3. Why did God make you and all things?

### Let's pray

*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. (ISAIAH 40:28)*

Thank God for what you learn about Him in this verse.



**Q.** *Are there more Gods than one?*

**A.** *There is only one true God.*

**Q.** *In how many persons is this one true God?*

**A.** *Three.*

**Q.** *Name these three persons.*

**A.** *The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**Q.** *What is God?*

**A.** *God is a Spirit and has no body as we do.*

**Q.** *Where is God?*

**A.** *God is everywhere.*



## Daniel Goes to Church

Caleb and Angus prayed that Daniel's parents would let him go to church with them on Sunday. They were excited when Daniel said he could go. Then they started praying that Daniel would like church and that he would learn about Jesus.

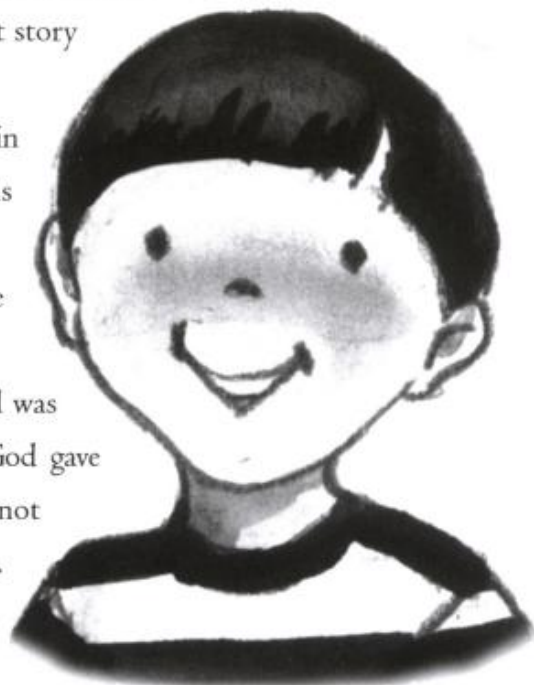
Everyone in the Sunday school class was nice to Daniel. Caleb and Angus let Daniel sit between them, even though they really liked sitting next to each other.

On the way home from church, Daniel said, "I liked church. That story about Daniel in the lion's den was about the best story I've ever heard. Is that a true story?"

"Yes, Daniel," explained Caleb's dad. "That story is in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word, and every word is true."

"Daniel was so brave!" said Daniel. "He must have been a superhero."

Caleb's dad smiled and said, "Well, actually Daniel was brave because of what he knew about God and because God gave him grace to obey. The best part about that story is not Daniel's bravery but God's faithfulness to His children. You see, God is sovereign. That means He is everywhere, He is all-powerful, and He is in charge of





everything that happens. So He could protect the Daniel in the Bible *and* the Daniel in the backseat of our car.”

“Cool,” said Daniel. “I’m glad I’m learning about God.”

Then the boys started talking about soccer. The next day they would find out which team they would be on. “I hope I get on the same team with you and Angus,” said Daniel. Caleb and Angus had been on the same team every year since they started playing soccer, and they were pretty sure they would be on the same team again. But on Monday, when the boys got to the soccer field and the coaches read the names on each team, Angus and

Daniel were on the red team, and Caleb was on the green team.

“That’s not fair,” said Daniel angrily. “You should be on the team with us. We asked to be on the same team.”

Caleb was really disappointed, but he remembered what he had learned about God. He knew that God is everywhere, so God had been there when it was decided who would be on each team. He prayed silently in his heart, “Dear God, help me to trust You and to be a good sport.”

