

Giving a Bible to a Young Person?

Dorothy Henderson's reviews

Many churches give Bibles at specific points to the young people in their congregation. This chart may help in the decision making. All are available from the Book Room at church offices (bookroom@presbyterian.ca; 800-619-7301).

My personal favourites?

- *The Global Bible for Children*. What a way to remind young people that we share our Christian faith with others around the world!
- *New Life Good News Bible*. A safe and sure choice.
- *Extreme Faith*. A solid choice for study in a teens or profession of faith classes.

Name of Bible	Publisher and Translation	Cost	Approximate Age Level	Great Features	Features which may concern you
Good New Bible	The Bible Society/Collins Translation: Good News for Modern Man	\$17.50	Ages 8-12 (It is great for teens too, but unfortunately, it says "The Bestselling Bible for Children" on the cover.	Nice cartoon line drawings that were featured in other Good News Bibles	Inserted colour art pages are frightening/freaky
New Life Good News Bible	United Bible Societies Translation: Good News for Modern Man	\$16.95	Ages 10-18	In addition to the cartoon line drawings, it has 27 helpful, colourful introductory pages including a one-year theme-based plan for reading	
Holy Bible (inside says NRSV Children's Bible)	Abingdon, 2006 Translation: New Revised Standard Version	\$39.95	Ages 8-14	Cartoon-y art; green and mauve cover; great clear print; side-bars with extra information and some suggested activities; maps and dictionary in back.	
The Beginner's Bible	Mission City Press, Zonderkidz Translation: New International Version	\$34.95	Ages 6-10 (the publisher says; I say ages 8-11)	Some big attractive cartoon-like pictures Good instructions on how to read the Bible	Very small print Too few pictures
Holy Bible	Oxford University Press Translation: New Revised Standard	\$43.00	Ages 7-12	A "presented to" plate inside Some colourful art A Bible to last a lifetime	

The Picture Bible	Version Chariot Victor Publishing	\$20.95	Ages 7-12	If you grew up on on “Sunday Pik” you will recognize these as the Pik leaflets bound in a book.	Makes a very literal visual representation of each story
The Edge	Translation: Not given (David C. Cook) Zondervan	\$39.95	Ages 8-12 (the publisher says; I say ages 8-16)	Daily devotionals through Bible; relevant to kids lives Funky cartoon art throughout	Considerable focus on sin, end times and “God’s sure plan” in devotionals Claims that there are no contradictions in the Bible
The Global Bible for Children	Authentic Media Translation: Contemporary English Version	\$28.50	Ages 8-16	Almost every page has a modern photo from 50 countries around the world—mostly of children	
The Word	American Bible Society Translation: Contemporary English Version	\$20.95	Teens	Good dictionary in back Very cool blue jean zippered covered Some verses in bright poster design	Very small book Very small print and fine paper
The Youth Bible	Word Publishing Translation: New Century Translation	\$23.25	Teens	Good youth situations devotionals/commentaries on each page	Visually very dull
Extreme Faith	American Bible Society Translation: Contemporary English Version	\$8.95	Teens	A great study/Sunday school class Bible Very affordable	No art at all
The Message//Remix	Navpress Translation: The Bible in Contemporary Language— Eugene Peterson	\$35.75 (purple cloth cover) \$37.95 (larger hard cover)	Teens	Clear, two column presentation Readable, formatted into paragraphs	No art or illustrations