**St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Family Resources – Lent 2017**

*(Thanks to Day Pritchartt for compiling the original list!)*

***Children’s Bibles (by age):***

**The Little Golden Bible Storybook,** by S. Simeon (Golden Inspirational, 2005). Ages birth – 3. The best first Bible storybook, with good story selection; attractive without being too cute or dumbed down. Board book, 36 pages.

**The Bible for Young Children,** by Marie-Helene Delval (Eerdmans, 2010) for pre-k and very early readers. A summary of important Old Testament stories and the life of Jesus.

*[other board books for young children]* There is a series called “My Very First Bible Stories,” by Lois Rock. Most relevant for Family Service families are **Our Father**, the **Lost Sheep**, the **Good Samaritan** and **Jesus and His Friends**. There are also several books of prayers, including bedtime prayers and thanksgivings.

**Children of God Storybook Bible**, by Desmond Tutu (Zondervan, 2010). Ages 4+, with illustrations by artists from around the world and global perspective. Hardcover, 128 pages. This volume is widely available in bookstores.

**The Bible for Children**, by Murray Watts (Good Books, 2002). Ages 5-12, with splendid illustrations of facial expression and gesture plus thematic use of religious symbolism. Hardcover, 352 pages.

**“Reader’s Digest” Bible for Children**, by Marie-Helene Delval (J Morris, 1995). Ages 5-12, this classic is currently out of print but used copies are available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Hardcover, 159 pages plus glossary.

**Bible Stories for the 40 Days**, by Melissa Musick Nussbaum (Liturgy Training Publications, 2007). Ages 7-12, with slightly more challenging treatment of Biblical themes than the other books on the list. Also an excellent representation of stories. Paperback, 96 pages.

***Old Testament Storybooks for Lent 2017:***

**Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden,** by Jane Ray (Eerdmans 2005). Grades K-3. A lovely depiction of the harmony and beauty of the Garden. God is caring after Adam and Eve are banished, and they set out from the garden on a journey of hope. Hardcover, 32 pages.

**Big Momma Makes the World,** by Phyllis Root (Candlewick, 2007). Ages 4-8. A fun and imaginative re-telling of the creation story, with feminine images of God. Does not include the Fall. Paperback, 48 pages.

**Exodus**, by Brian Wildsmith (Eerdmans 1998). Ages 5+. All of Wildsmith’s Bible storybooks are beautifully illustrated and true to Scripture. This one includes the entire story of Moses.

**God Calls Abraham ... God Calls You**, by Melinda Kay Busch (Arch Books, 2003). Ages 5+. All of the Arch Books tell Bible stories in rhyme and include moral teaching. This one focuses on Abraham’s obedience to God’s call and concludes that God’s promise that all the people of the world would be blessed is fulfilled through Jesus. Paperback, 15 pages.

**Sarah Laughs**, by Jacqueline Jules (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2008). Ages 5+. A midrash-based exploration of Sarah’s and Abraham’s faithfulness to God’s call, and their joy at the birth of the long-promised child. Paperback, 32 pages.

***Books for Holy Week and Easter***

**The Easter Story**, by Brian Wildsmith (Eerdmans 2000). Ages 5+. All of Wildsmith’s Bible storybooks are beautifully illustrated and true to Scripture. This one tells of the events of Palm Sunday through Easter Day, through the eyes of the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

**Easter**, by Fiona French (Ignatius Press 2004). Ages 3+. Illustrated with images inspired by cathedral windows, this book uses text from the RSV and covers events from Holy Week through the Ascension.

**At Jerusalem’s Gate: Poems of Easter**, by Nicki Grimes (Eerdman’s 2005). Reading level: 10 and older. Poems tell the story of Holy Week and Easter.

**The First Easter**, by Carol Heyer (Ideals Children’s Books 2003). Reading level: 4 and older. Lovely picture book.

**The First Easter**, by Lois Rock (Lion Hudson 2014). Ages 5-7. A straightforward retelling of the Holy Week events.

**The First Easter**, by Sophie Piper (Lion Hudson 2009). Ages 4-7.

**Rechenka’s Eggs**, by Patricia Polacco (Puffin 1996). Reading level: 4 – 8. An old woman’s faith in miracles is restored, as the goose she rescues lays exquisitely painted Ukranian eggs.

**Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**, by William Steig (Little Simon 2012). Reading level: 4 and older. A time- honored fable of resurrection.