COLLABORATIVE conversations

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CONVERSATION GUIDE
LET'S TALK CHILDREN'S BIBLES

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CONVERSATION STARTER IDEAS:

- Gather the church staff and/or parent groups together to watch the video and engage in discussion.
- Share the video link and some of the prompts by email to families in your church.
- On social media, link the video and start an online discussion with your church community or parent page.
- Use videos and discussion prompts at teacher training events.

WITH CHURCH LEADERS & TEACHERS

What qualities are you looking for in a quality children's Bible?

Why is it important that children can see themselves reflected in the pictures in a children's bible?

Is inclusive language important in your context?

Why is it important that ethnicity is accurately represented in children's bibles?

Are there stories or ideas in your children's bibles that will need to be untaught theologically or become roadblocks to faith later in the child's life?

Does the children's bible used in your church leave room for children to wonder about and question the stories?

Have we communicated to the children's teachers and parents the process and reasoning our church uses to choose quality children's bibles?

Who is portrayed as the hero in the children's bible your church uses - humans or God?

Does your church give or recommend quality children's bibles to families for different ages and developmental levels?

WITH PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

What qualities are you looking for in a children's bible?

How did you choose the children's bible(s) that you use in your home?

Is your child's bible kept in an easy to access place where they can use it regularly?

Are the children's bibles in your home age appropriate for your child(ren)?

Do the pictures in the children's bible represent diverse ethnicity and is your child reflected in those pictures?

Who is the hero of your child's bible - humans or God?

Are the stories told in a way that sparks wonder and questions in your child?

Is inclusive language important to you?

Do you feel that any of the lessons in the stories will have to be "untaught" later in your child's life?

WATCH THE VIDEO

https://tr.ee/ChildrensBibles