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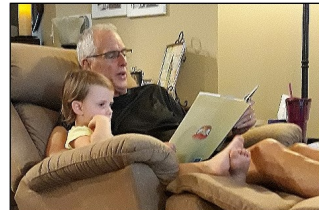
# Grandparents Ministry

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## “There Is No App for Your Lap!” Read to Your Grandchildren!

“Climb up here on Grandpa’s lap. You know this is our favorite place. I have a spot saved right here in the crook of my arm especially for you, and you fit perfectly. Now, what are we going to read today?”



So, what are **you** going to read today, this weekend, this summer to your grandkids? Remember “There is no app for your lap.” Reading to your grandchildren is the heart and soul of relationship building during a child’s early years.

Here are some book titles you may want to investigate for your grandparenting bookshelf suggested by Cheryl Bartemus, school librarian and grandmother extraordinaire:

### **Preschool Reads:**

*Tales That Tell the Truth* series (various authors)

*Arch Book Bible* series (fun rhyming Bible stories)

*The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear/Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Gill Martin

*I Love You to the Moon and Back* by Amelia Hepworth  
*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney

### Elementary Reads:

*The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* series by M.J. Thomas  
*Sugar Creek Gang* series by Paul Hutchens  
*Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant  
*I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis  
*Lies Boys Believe and the Epic Quest for Truth* by Jason and Erin Davis

Research shows that reading to children aloud gives them a measurable head start in life in the areas of cognitive development, vocabulary, and social and emotional development.

Here are some authors recommended by homeschool mom and book lover Katy Moss:

### Picture Books by Author:

Mo Willems (all kids love, but for younger ages - silly and fun)  
 Saundra Boynton (toddlers, quite silly and fun)  
 Jan Brett (gorgeously illustrated picture books - so much detail)  
 Jane Yolen  
 Richard Scarry  
 Bill Peet  
 Cynthia Rylant, especially her *Mr. Putter and Tabby* books (short chapter picture books, almost an early reader)

### Chapter Books for Younger Listeners:

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### Chapter Books for Older Children:

*Wingfeather Saga* series by Andrew Peterson  
*Wilderking* trilogy by Jonathan Rogers  
*Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place* series by Maryrose Wood and her standalone book *Alice's Farm*  
*Penderwicks* series by Jeanne Birdsall  
*Vanderbeekers* series by Karina Yan Glaser  
*Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling  
*A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Album

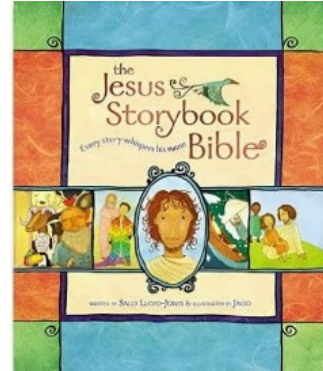


Reading to your grandchildren gives them your full attention, expands their vocabulary, and encourages you to be interesting and memorable by changing voices and facial expressions.

Here are some suggestions from teacher and grandmother Janice Boyd and her husband, Dr. Deveen Boyd:

- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroll
- *Curious George* books
- *Amelia Bedelia* books
- *Mac Series*
- *Frog and Toad* books
- *Patricia Polacco* books
- *Billy Steers Tractor*

Don't forget God's Word is of primary importance on your grandchildren's reading list, so that they might treasure the Bible like gold and delight in its commands. Wife, mother, and grandmother to 13, Ruth Carter, suggests this as her favorite Bible story book for all ages: *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones



### So, what can you do if your grandchildren live far away?

1. Investigate recordable books where you can read each page to your grandchildren. Then you can send the recorded book to them, and they can listen to your voice over and over again as they play and replay the book.
2. Have you tried FaceTime or a Zoom call where you read to your grandchildren?
3. How about a subscription to [BookChat by Readeo](#)? Readeo combines video chat with video picture books for a reading experience over the miles as if you were sitting on the bed reading a story to your grandchildren in person.

**Remember “There is no app for your lap.”**  
**Read to your grandchildren!**

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