

# The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith

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The Radical Book for Kids is a fun-filled explorer's guide to the Bible, church history, and life for boys and girls age 8 and up. Along with examining some of the most exciting realities in the universe, the handbook is vibrantly illustrated and chock-full of fun facts and ideas. Deep truths are communicated to elementary and middle-school aged kids while stimulating their curiosity and sense of adventure within a gospel-centered framework.

This power-packed book is "radical" in more ways than you might think! It is "radical" in the sense of the original meaning of the word, "going to the root or origin." The Radical Book for Kids will take children on a fascinating journey into the ancient roots of the Christian faith. But it's also "radical" in the more modern sense of being revolutionary. Kids read about men and women who learned to trust Jesus and stand for him—displaying radical faith—even when everything seemed against them.

But The Radical Book for Kids is also "radical"—meaning fun or cool—in the eyes of a child. Kids read about ancient weapons (and how to make one), learn about jewels, create pottery, discover ancient languages, use secret codes, locate stars, tell time using the sun, play a board game that's 3,000 years old—and more.

Check out the table of contents, skip around, or read straight through. However a child chooses to explore it, The Radical Book for Kids will open new vistas for their imagination and help to make straight paths for their feet.

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"Intriguing + edifying = the kind of book I want my kids reading. This is one of them."

- Andy Naselli,

Assistant Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology, Bethlehem College & Seminary

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"As I paged through this book, I kept finding assorted facts and tips that never manage to make it into my Sunday school lessons or family devotions—but should! This is a wonder-filled book for kids to explore. They will learn, have fun, and be challenged to grow deeper in faith."

- Jack Klumpenhower,

Author of Show Them Jesus; coauthor of The Gospel-Centered Parent and What's Up?

"I have three daughters and I'm always on the lookout for solid books. Champ Thornton's Radical Book fits the bill. It was an instant hit with my kids! It's got great design, rich theology, and is written in language that kids get. It's a book you should have in your home."

- Mathew B. Sims,

Writer and Freelance Editor; author of A Household Gospel

"Superheroes, beasts, enemies, a (not so) secret mission, the greatest love story! This book will shape for youth a big-God worldview and nurture Christ-exalting living. It's filled with fascinating nuggets, memorable bites, rich theology, clear wisdom, and fun ideas. The pictures and topics are varied and engaging and will both draw your child into God's world and Word and propel him or her toward maturity, responsibility, and godliness."

- Jason S. DeRouchie,

Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Theology, Bethlehem College & Seminary

"Champ Thornton's book shows families how to grow a root system in the Christian faith. It offers a broad base of rich content in meal-sized portions readily accessible to families. The content ranges from an introduction to Scripture, to biblical theology, to historical theology. The elephant jokes and knot tying lessons are a nice bonus. I am putting this on a short list of books I recommend that all our church families own."

- Chris Brauns,

Pastor; author of Unpacking Forgiveness

"The Radical Book for Kids is a book that every Christian child should own. Full of great insights, fun facts, and great activities, it is the perfect companion to help children unpack the Bible and their faith at a deeper level. We need to encourage our children to develop a love for the Bible that will help them to stand for the Lord in every area of their lives through the years. The Radical Book for Kids will help them to do just that!"

- Olly Goldenberg,

CHILDREN CAN, [www.childrencan.co.uk](http://www.childrencan.co.uk)

"Champ Thornton's The Radical Book for Kids is a wonderful presentation of core Christian truth and practice that stands out in both style and substance. I can immediately see many possible uses for this book, but I particularly commend it to parents as a fun way to talk about the faith with their kids. There is a feel of randomness in the selections of the topics, but I think that adds to the attractiveness of the book. Highly recommended."

- Stephen Smallman,

Author of The Walk-Steps for New and Renewed Followers of Jesus

"The Radical Book for Kids is deceptively fun! While preteens are utterly enjoying themselves with the creative games, hands-on projects, laugh-out-loud jokes, and cool stories, Champ Thornton is radically discipling them with a crash course on Bible study methods, hermeneutics, church history, biblical theology, and Christian life and ethics. This is the kind of book that stealthily helps parents, pastors, and teachers make young followers for Jesus Christ."

- Matthew C. Mitchell,

Pastor of Lanse Evangelical Free Church; author of Resisting Gossip: Winning the War of the Wagging Tongue; father of four

"In The Radical Book for Kids, Champ Thornton brilliantly combines words, drawing vivid pictures in one's mind to simplify key spiritual truths. Every parent, grandparent, and spiritual influencer of kids will want a copy for themselves due to the depth, insight, and comprehensive knowledge provided all in one convenient book. Kids will totally relate to the cultural relevance, fun facts, historical heroes, clever illustrations, and hands-on applications provided throughout."

- Darcy Stelzer,

KidzLife Ministry Director, New Life Church, Gahanna, Ohio

"I am always looking for that creative spark that creates conversation and simulates the desire to understand the Bible better. It is critical for this age group to achieve that. I'm convinced that this book will provide an amazing conversation to help young people to go deeper in their faith. It will create vibrant faith with the centrality of scripture, generate an interest in theology and could build a great foundation for disciples in the future and living out Christian faith as a teenager. I strongly endorse this book. I think it is well written, informative, engaging and will result hopefully in changed lives."

- Roy Crowne,  
Executive Director, HOPE

#### Other Books

Si Pangeran Kecil. This book is an Indonesian translation of The Little Prince (Le Petit Prince). It is a poetic tale, with watercolour illustrations by the author, in which a pilot stranded in the desert meets a young prince fallen to Earth from a tiny asteroid. The story is philosophical and includes social criticism, remarking on the strangeness of the adult world. It was written during a dark, restless, but productive period for Saint-Exupery after he fled to North America subsequent to the Fall of France during the Second World War.      . This book is an Indonesian translation of The Little Prince (Le Petit Prince)."