

## Catholic Bible Study Resources

### Bibles and Bible Books for Teens, Youth, and Children

For teens:

*The Catholic Youth Bible, Revised* Saint Mary's Press ([www.smp.org](http://www.smp.org))

Highly recommended for teen Bible study and personal use. Includes accurate, easy-to-read, and interesting articles and notes that help teens understand biblical books and difficult passages based on the mainstream Catholic approach to Scripture. Excellent short features help teens pray Scripture, apply texts to real-life situations, and make connections to Catholic doctrine and practices. Includes maps, a Bible timeline, and a concordance. Available in both the New Revised Standard (NRSV) translation and the New American Bible (NAB) translation. A third edition will be available in January, 2010. The best Bible you could get for teens!

For Youth:

*Breakthrough! The Bible for Young Catholics* Saint Mary's Press ([www.smp.org](http://www.smp.org))

Highly recommended for youth fifth-grade and older. Uses a simplified but good translation of the Bible, the Good News/Today's English Verion translation. Includes accurate and easy-to-read notes and explanations about biblical books and texts based on the mainstream Catholic approach to Scripture. Guides the young readers to understanding how to read the Bible as a modern Catholic. Excellent short features such as Bible People Interviews, Live It, and Pray It, help younger readers experience the Bible in a meaningful way.

*In addition, Saint Mary's Press has many other Scripture-related resources for teens and youth. It's one of the best Catholic publishers for these resources.*

For Children:

*Animals of the Bible from A to Z* by Alice Camille ACTA Publications  
([www.actapublications.com](http://www.actapublications.com))

Teach young children the alphabet by making connections to biblical stories.

*Sacred Stories: A Children's Bible Book* Pflaum Publishing Group ([www.pflaum.com](http://www.pflaum.com))

Simple retellings of key biblical stories, faithful to the original texts. An excellent introduction to the Bible's stories for young children.

*God Is Calling Story Books* St. Anthony Messenger Press  
([www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org))

Highly recommended series of faith stories based on Scripture. Includes *Yahweh Calls*—Old Testament stories; *Spirit with Us*—stories of the early Church and saints; and *Jesus Lives*—a retelling of the life of Jesus. Each collection is available for either ages 5-10 or ages 11-14. A great learning experience.