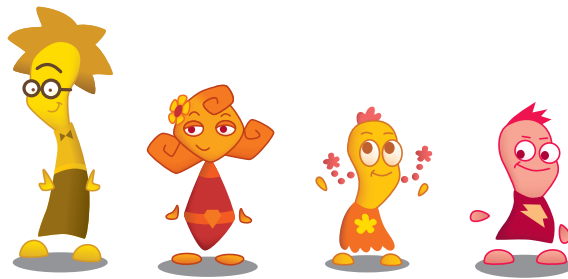


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A PARENT'S GUIDE

to Making Faith Connections Using The Whirl Story Bible

Welcome to *The Whirl Story Bible!*

The Whirl Story Bible was designed to engage young children with Bible stories. Beloved characters from the animated series *Whirl: Ada & Friends* and *Whirl: Leo & Friends* appear in each story and offer humorous comments and insights. Embedded questions help kids connect the stories of the Bible to their own lives. Each spread includes panel-style artwork, which helps kids follow the action of the stories.

Using *The Whirl Story Bible* with Your Family

The Bible lives, breathes, and beckons us to discuss, question, and find fun in its stories and application. However you choose to read *The Whirl Story Bible*—one story at a time, or in larger stretches—and whether you use this on rainy days or on car trips or before school or bed—in these pages you'll find conversational sparks and fun ways to deepen your and your children's understanding of Scripture.

Discussion Questions

After you've read a few or several stories, sit back, get comfortable, and ask your child some or all of the following questions. Feel free to tweak the questions in a way that feels comfortable and natural for your family. The goal of these questions isn't to drill or interview your child, and it isn't to come to a completely final lesson or conclusion. Instead, these questions are designed to open doors to conversation and to invite your child to engage, discuss—even wrestle!—with God's Word. If your child feels unsure about answering, share your thoughts first.

- Which of the stories are your favorites? What makes them so?
- Who are the main people in the stories?
- Which person did you like best? Why?
- Who did you like least? Why?
- What was one of the problems you read about in the stories? How was the problem solved?

- What is one of the most important lessons learned by the people you read about?
- How do these stories help you understand God's love?
- How do these stories help us understand how God wants us to live? What's one way you can live better for God today?

Activities

Sticky Note It

The Whirl kids ask great questions and offer great insights throughout *The Whirl Story Bible*—encouraging us to ask our own questions and share our own observations. So why not add our own? Before you read the next story, grab a stack of sticky notes and a few pens, markers, or colored pencils. Pass them out to everyone reading. Each of you can create a character version of yourself with an empty thought bubble next to it. Then, as you read the story, everyone can make notes of thoughts or questions. Fill in the thought bubbles while you're reading, then stick your notes throughout the book and discuss!

Share:

What sparked your questions or thoughts?

Set the Stage

Bring the stories from *The Whirl Story Bible* to life by acting them out! Choose one of your favorite stories and then choose one person to be narrator and another (or others) to act it out. Before you start, talk through the setting a bit: What time of day is it? What is the weather like? Are you inside or outside? Perhaps choose a couple of props. Then imagine the people in the story. What are they thinking? Feeling? Doing? Choose one person to read the story and others to act it out.

Want to ramp it up a bit? Why not contact a local retirement community or nursing home and see if you can take your show on the road? Or invite friends and neighbors to watch?

Share:

How does acting out a Bible story help you understand or relate to it?

Quick Cartoon Cover-Up

Choose one of the cartoon-panel pages from *The Whirl Story Bible*. Show it to your child and ask: What do these pictures tell you about the story? Or cover up the text and ask your child to tell the story just from the pictures. How is it different this way? Where is God in these pictures?