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# LIBRARY NEWS

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## Join the Celebration! March is National Reading Month



Join us in celebrating **National Reading Month**. Check out a book and start reading. What could be simpler! Renew your mind (Romans 12:2) with some of our great books. See the March calendar insert suggestions. We've selected some great titles to help celebrate the Easter and Resurrection Day season. And as always, ask one of our friendly librarians what they are reading.

## We Have an App for That

Did you know that you can carry the library's catalog on your phone or other mobile device? Yes, you can easily access the entire catalog of the FBA Media Library and have your library card in a digital, scannable format on your phone!

Simply download the free app **Librista**. Then, choose "FBA" as your library, add your library card number and PIN/password and you're all set. Access and search the catalog, read descriptions of our holdings, reserve items, check your account and more. You also will see our collection of links to dozens of news, devotional, sermon, and supplemental resources sites. Ask us for a demonstration. Please note that **Librista** is replacing the **Atrium-on-the-Go** app. The **Libby** app for the e-library remains the same.



## Get Equipped and Encouraged

Get equipped and encouraged at the FBA Media Library. This quarter our **Equipping Station** features resources for Bible Study & Reading. Need a new plan? Pick up a one-year, two-year or 90-day plan, or tip sheets for staying motivated and different ideas for approaching Bible study. We also have the Bible in different translations, as well as guides for choosing the best translation for your study. Next quarter the **Equipping Station** will focus on resources for deepening your prayer life.

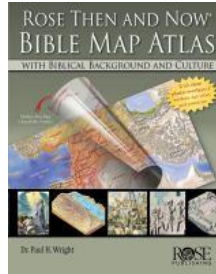


## New Resources

### Main Library

#### Bible Study

**Bible Map Atlas with Biblical Background and Culture**, Paul H. Wright (220.95 Wri)

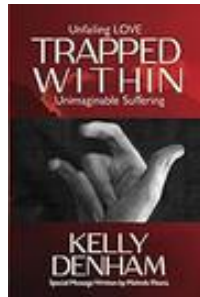


#### Christian Living

**Overcomer: 8 Ways to Live a Life of Unstoppable Strength, Unmovable Faith, and Unbelievable Power**, David Jeremiah (227.5 Jer)

**Honesty: A Missing Key to Unlocking Intimacy with God**, Howard Dayton (241.4 Day)

**Trapped Within: Unfailing Love, Unimaginable Suffering**, Kelly Denham (248.86 Den)



**Survivor: An Abortion Survivor's Surprising Story of Choosing Forgiveness and Finding Redemption**, Claire Culwell (362.19888 Cul)

**Conflicted: Pulling Back the Curtain on Public Education**, John Stamper (379 Sta)

**Leadership Promises for Every Day, A Daily Devotional**, John C. Maxwell (242.2 Max)

**Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers: How to Navigate Painful Problems with Grace and Truth**, Larry Fowler, Josh Mulvihill, gen. ed. (306.8745 Fow)



**Family Discipleship**, Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin (306.85 Cha)

**Discipling Your Grandchildren: Great Ideas to Help Them Know, Love, and Serve God**, Josh Mulvihill with Jen Mulvihill and Linda Weddle (306.8745 Mul)

#### Fiction

**Fairest of Heart, #1 Texas Ever After series**, Karen Witemeyer (813 Wit Tex 01)



**The Secrets Beneath, #1 Treasures of the Earth series**, Kimberley Woodhouse (813 Woo Tre 01)

**A Dangerous Love**, Michael R. Phillips (813 Phi Mer 02)

#### Biographies

**Consumed by Hate, Redeemed by Love: How A Violent Klansman Became a Champion for Racial Reconciliation**, Thomas A. Tarrants (Biog Tarrants)



**Jeremiah Strong: Based on the Inspiring True Story of a High School Football Star Tackled by Bone Cancer**, Rusty and Kendra Thomas (Biog Thomas J)

#### DVDs

**Psalms: Real Help for Real Life**, Ray Ortlund (DVD 223.2 Ort)

**Precept upon Precept: John – part 2** (7 DVDs), Kay Arthur (TEACH DVD 226.5)

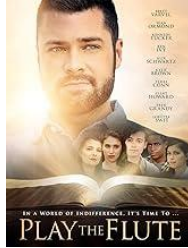
**Precept upon Precept: Psalms: The Lord Hears When I Call** (5 DVDs), David Arthur (TEACH DVD 223.2)

**Overcomer**, David Jeremiah (DVD 227.5 Jer)

**Play the Flute**, Five & Two Pictures (DVD Fic Pla)

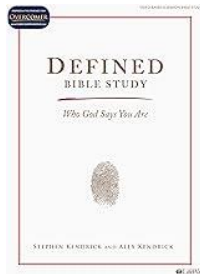
**Veggie Tales: Heroes of the Bible**, Big Idea (DVD CF Veg)

**Veggie Tales: The League of Incredible Vegetables: A Lesson in Handling Fear**, Big Idea (DVD CF Veg)



## In-Library Viewing

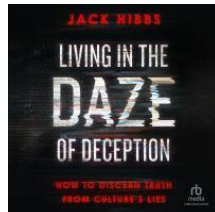
**Defined: Who God Says You Are**, Stephen Kendrick, Alex Kendrick with Lawrence Kimbrough (Schedule time for viewing with Librarian.)



## E-library

Digital resources are available at [fba.overdrive.com](http://fba.overdrive.com) or via the Libby app.

**Living in the Daze of Deception: How to Discern Truth from Culture's Lies**, Jack Hibbs (e-audio)

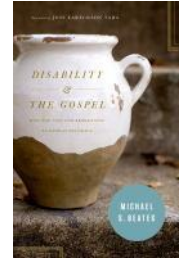


**Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey Across the Life Line**, Abby Johnson (e-audio)

**God's Chosen Fast: A Spiritual and Practical Guide to Fasting**, Arthur Wallis (e-audio)

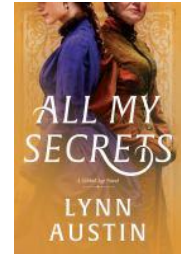
**God's Devil: The Incredible Story of How Satan's Rebellion Serves God's Purposes**, Erwin W. Lutzer (e-audio)

**Disability and the Gospel: How God Uses our Brokenness to Display His Grace**, Michael S. Beates (e-book)



**Long-distance Grandparenting: Nurturing the Faith of Your Grandchildren When You Can't Be There in Person**, Wayne Rice (e-audio)

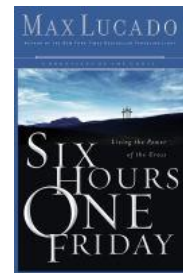
**All My Secrets**, Lynn Austin (e-book)



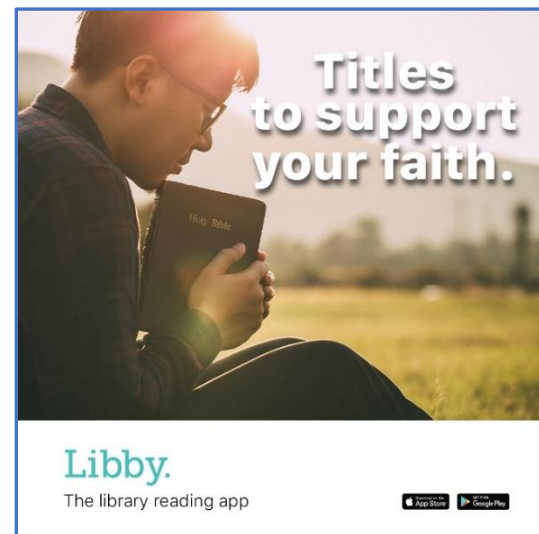
**To Seek and to Save: Daily Reflections on the Road to the Cross**, Sinclair Ferguson (e-audio)

**Reclaiming the Lost Art of Biblical Meditation: Find True Peace in Jesus**, Robert J. Morgan (e-book)

**Six Hours One Friday: Living in the Power of The Cross**, Max Lucado (e-book)



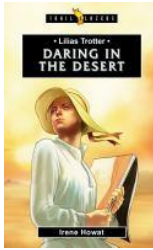
**Genesis 11:27 –50:26: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture**, Kenneth Mathews (e-book)





## Children's Library

**Daring in the Desert**, Lilius Trotter (JBiog Trotter)

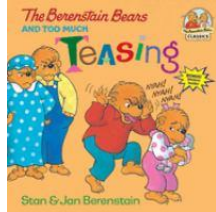


**Here I Am! series: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy**, Molly Frye  
Wilmington (CB Bonhoeffer)\*

**Here I Am! series: C. S. Lewis: The Writer Who Found Joy**, Daniel Dewitt (CB Lewis)\*

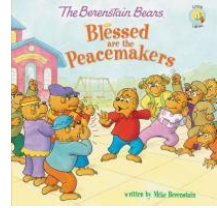
**Here I Am! series: Lottie Moon: The Girl Who Reached the World**, Amy Whitfield (CB Moon)\*

**The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Teasing**, Stan Berenstain (CE Ber)



**The Berenstain Bears All Things Bright and Beautiful**, Jan & Mike Berenstain (CE Ber)

**The Berenstain Bears: Blessed are the Peacemakers**, Mike Berenstain (CE Ber)

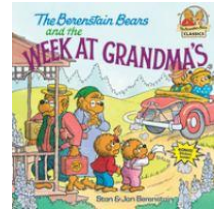


**Jesus and the Gift of Friendship**, Trillia J. Newbell (CE New)\*

**Land of the Lost, #30 The Imagination Station**, Marianne Hering (CFic Her ima 030)\*

**This Seat's Saved**, Heather Holleman (JF Hol)\*

**The Berenstain Bears and the Week at Grandma's**, Stan & Jan Berenstain (CE Ber)



\*See reviews on pages 5-7.



## REVIEWS

### This Seat's Saved, a novel

by Heather Hollemon. *Find it in the Children's Room at JF Hol.*

**Caution:** This story contains elements of Halloween as a holiday, which is not in keeping with the core beliefs of First Baptist Atlanta.

It's the beginning of 7th grade for Elita Brown, and from what she's been told, these are the new rules:

- "Get the right phone. Make sure you have Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram." (Elita has a hand-me-down from her mom and no social media.)
- "Choose the right elective" i.e., your fun class. (Elita's friends chose Fashion Design. Elita chose Nature Club.)
- "Wear the right brands." (Elita doesn't even know what they are and besides she's comfortable in her jean shorts and a T-shirt.)



Elita knows the rules aren't written down anywhere and tries not to worry. Then something happens on the very first day of classes.

She heard the words – those terrible words – the words that leave a “scar.” Words that make you feel left out, unwanted, not good enough. That’s what happened when Elita went to sit down with her best friends at lunch. Margo says, “This seat’s saved,” and that was the last seat left at their table.

Students, and adults, can identify with what happened to Elita. She was hurt emotionally and struggled to make sense of it. Her best friends had chosen other friends who were more popular. Why wasn't she one of the popular kids? She went to church. She knew about God but where was He when all this was happening to her. This author writes so well we are excited to keep reading. This is an “I can't put it down” book. The story follows Elita as she makes two new best friends, becomes a leader in the Nature Club, and gets a job after school helping a neighbor. The new best friends see her as smart and enjoy being with her. In Nature Club she can test her hypothesis about the appearances of the red fox. The neighbor is older, kind, and wise, and Elita tells her about what has happened at school. Her knowledge and understanding of God and His Word help guide Elita through the next four months of 7th grade. A lot happens to Elita in those months. “The Crime,” “The Trap,” “The Escape,” and “An Explanation” – these chapter titles describe it all. Elita is in trouble and will need all that she has learned about God to get through this problem. It's a great story.

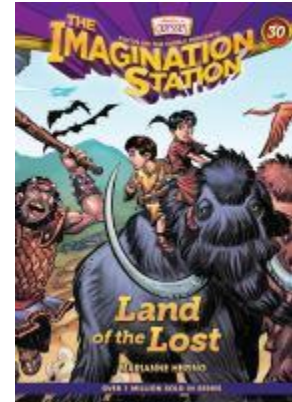
As I evaluate this book for placement in the FBA Library, I am concerned that Halloween is mentioned several times. Elita's mother is a second-grade teacher so they “tie dye shirts orange and black”, her mother always dresses in an “elaborate costume” for her class, and Elita complains about her birthday being November 1st when everyone is tired from the activities of the day before. The author does not endorse Halloween but seems to use the date to help set the timeline for her story.

– Martha Clark, reviewer

## The Imagination Station: Land of the Lost, book 30

by Marianne Hering, Illustrations by Sergio Cariello. *Find it in the Children's Room at CFic Ima Her 030.*

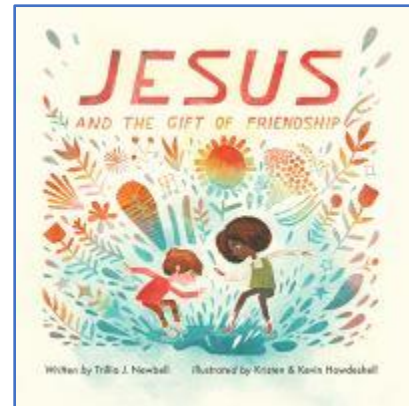
This is another exciting adventure for cousins Patrick and Beth. This time the Imagination Station takes them to visit Noah and his family as the animals are led onto the ark. Noah says the rain will start the next day. Most of the animals are on board, but conflict arises when that weird scientist from past adventures shows up to make trouble for Noah. And then there's the giants. Now they're real troublemakers! All Biblical references have been checked and reviews are excellent. A great addition to the library. – **Martha Clark, reviewer**



## Jesus and the Gift of Friendship

by Trillia Newbell, illustrated by Kristen & Kevin Howdeshell. *Find it in the Children's Room at CE New.*

This story is based on the Scripture in John 15:12-14 and is meant for children ages 3 to 6. In the story young Zeke has a best friend to play with until his family moves to another city. He tries to make friends with a boy in his neighborhood but that doesn't work out. Then his mom reminds him Jesus is his friend. She tells him about the many friends Jesus had and encourages him to ask Jesus to give him a friend. Zeke prays and the Lord provides him with a new friend.



This is a simple story for young children and one they will remember when they need a friend or have a problem. Jesus is their friend, and they can go to him in prayer for all things. The author's **Note to Parents** at the end of the story is particularly helpful, and the illustrations of Jesus's friends will send the reader to their Bible to read that person's friendship with Jesus. – **Martha Clark, reviewer**



Pick up your free copy of  
**Kids Answers** magazine  
by Answers in Genesis.

It's 32 pages of articles, stories, and activities  
focusing on our Creator. This issue features  
*Mimicking the Maker.*

## Here I Am! series

### Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Teacher Who Became a Spy

by Molly Frye Wilmington, illustrated by Marcin Piwowski.

*Find it in the Children's Room at CB Bonhoeffer.*

### C. S. Lewis, The Writer Who Found Joy

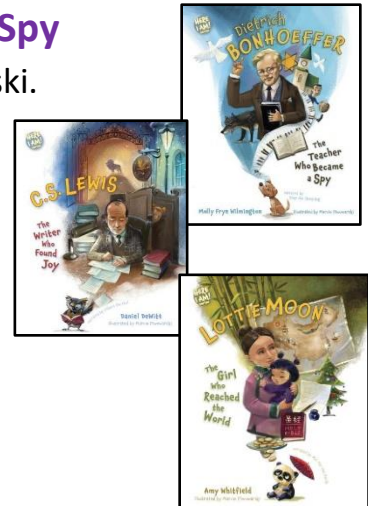
by Daniel DeWitt, illustrated by Marcin Piwowski.

*Find it in the Children's Room at CB Lewis.*

### Lottie Moon, The Girl Who Reached the World

by Amy Whitfield, illustrated by Marcin Piwowski.

*Find it in the Children's Room CB Moon.*



These are the first books in the B&HKids series *Here I Am!* The books are historical biographies describing the early life, the work, and the special accomplishments of three faithful Christians. They are intended for children ages 4 to 8. The stories tell the good things these Christians did, the difficulties they faced, and how they persevered to finish well. The illustrations are superb, perfect for the time periods, colorful, and complement the stories. Each story is narrated by an animal, Shep the Sheepdog (Bonhoeffer), Gilbert the Owl (C.S. Lewis) and Mei Mei the Panda (Lottie Moon). The animals help to explain a concept, how to pronounce a word, or add facts to the story. On each title page there is a game for the reader, a try-to-find certain things as they read. Review ratings for all three books are 4.5 to 5.

Shep the Sheepdog tells the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was “a brave teacher who became a spy and fought one of the biggest bad guys of all times.” That bad guy was Adolf Hitler, and this was WWII in Germany. Bonhoeffer depended on God to guide him as he warned the people about the danger of the Nazis and found ways to help them escape from harm.

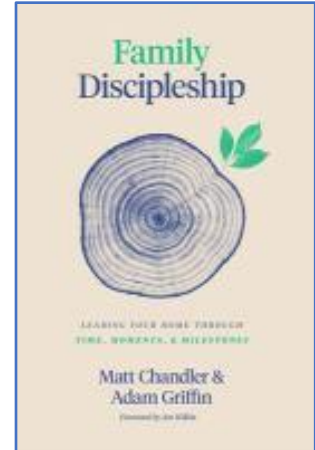
Gilbert the Owl tells the story of C.S. Lewis who lost faith in God as a young boy when his mom died. Years passed and he became a writer and a teacher, but he still struggled with “Was God real? Could he trust God?” With the help of his friend J.R.R. Tolkien, Lewis finally believed in God. He “prayed and told God all about it.” After that he wrote many books to help other people learn to trust God including wonderful stories for children. He is especially well known for writing ***The Chronicles of Narnia***.

Mei Mei the Panda introduces Charlotte Digges Moon, called Lottie by her family and friends, growing up in the countryside of Virginia. Lottie was very smart. When she was fourteen her family sent her to study at a school for girls learning to play musical instruments and speak other languages. Lottie did not believe Jesus was real until she was eighteen years old. When she became a Christian, she determined to tell the world the good news of the gospel. Lottie was one of the first single women from America to go to another country as a missionary. Her letters home telling about the needs of the people in China resulted in an offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which continues to raise money for missionaries around the world each year. – **Martha Clark, reviewer**

## Family Discipleship: Leading Your Home through Time, Moments, and Milestones

by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin. *Find it at 306.85 Cha.*

**Family Discipleship** coauthored by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin provides a practical, biblical, and honest framework for parents seeking to leverage the home towards discipleship. Chandler and Griffin argue that the main location for discipleship according to Scripture is the home and family. Through a biblical theology of family discipleship, the authors equip parents to understand their role in discipling their children. The authors provide this definition for family discipleship, "Family Discipleship is leading your home by doing whatever you can whenever you can to help your family become friends and follower of Jesus Christ." Using this definition, the authors create a family discipleship framework for parents around four words: Modeling, Time, Moments, and Milestones.



One of the greatest aspects of this book is the practical nature of the information. Throughout the book, Chandler and Griffin provide charts and questions for parents to utilize in their family discipleship growth. While the book is filled with a strong foundation of biblical precedence for family discipleship, the authors balance it well with action steps and practical initiatives for parents to take.

One final aspect of **Family Discipleship** is worth mentioning. From start to finish, Chandler and Griffin display ultimate humility and transparency into their failures as parents. The humility and transparency of the book reminds parents that discipleship is messy and will often include mistakes. Yet, in the midst of the mistakes, parents are able to trust the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to march forward in discipling their kids. The vulnerability of the authors coupled with the empowerment of the gospel makes this book an excellent read for families seeking to honor God in the home.

– Pastor Tanner Ward, reviewer

## Happy Resurrection Day!



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And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2