

Parent Ideas

for WingRunner Biographies

INTRODUCTION

Parents, you are the most important spiritual influence in your child's life! We encourage you to take time to read and discuss each Bible biography with your child, helping him to apply the truth of God's Word to everyday life.

When you sit down with your child to read, open your Bible to the listed Scripture passages. Although you won't be reading directly from God's Word (since the Bible biographies are paraphrases, geared towards children), this shows that what you are about to read is based on God's Word.

We use the word *biographies* instead of stories to emphasize the real people and real events of the Bible. **These biographies are not meant to replace the Bible text.** Instead, we recommend reading the Bible text with your child before or after reading the Bible biography or listening to it on the CD.

These biographies are dramatic and creative retellings that make the historical characters and settings come alive for Sparkies. In some places, we have added detail beyond what Scripture gives us. These details are based on our research and best guesses about what might have happened. However, we have been very careful not to include anything that changes the facts or truth of the Bible! We hope you enjoy these biographies as imaginative, Bible-based teaching tools for you and your child.

Pray before you read to highlight the special and spiritual nature of your task.

Although the biographies are read aloud on the CD, **we encourage you to read them first with**

your child one-on-one. Nothing replaces the personal interaction and example of a loving parent in a child's life.

Before you read together, download and print the appropriate biography PDF from the CD. Print a copy for your child too so she can read along. Then review the at-home activities for that biography. You will find **Read-together activities**, which provide creative, interactive ideas to enhance your reading time. You will find **Discussion activities**, which offer questions and activities to help your child grasp the key learning points of the biography. You will also find **Application activities**, which offer ways to help your child apply Bible truths to everyday life. Finally, you will find two **Review activities**, which help your child to remember and celebrate what she has learned.

You may also want to allow your first- or second-grade Sparkie to practice his budding reading skills. Encourage him to read parts or all of the biography to you, or to repeat sentences after you read them. You can also ask him to point to each word with his finger while he listens to you read. (But be sure your child is not so distracted by his reading that he fails to grasp the meaning and action in the biography.)

The CD is an excellent review tool. Just pop in the CD before bedtime, during playtimes or while driving together, and your child can listen to any of the Bible biographies from the *WingRunner*® handbook. What a great way to instill God's truths into your child's life all throughout the day!