

Growing Up Christian

Following a life-changing accident that left him paralyzed at age 51, Arthur Ullian began to realize that not only did life in a wheelchair make him feel "different," but he had always felt like an outsider to some degree, having grown up Jewish in the elite WASP world of prep schools, cotillion classes, sailing yachts, and restricted clubs. "How can a Christian home be dangerous? When it is based on legalistic practices and demands strict compliance with no consideration for a child's feelings. This highly controlled environment interferes with normal child development because it prevents children from learning how to think for themselves and to experience their emotions. Out of their fear and concern, well-meaning conservative Christian parents and church leaders have used the Cross as a club to scare children into the Kingdom and motivate them to serve Christ. The focus is on avoiding the "Master List" of sins, not personal growth. This approach is especially damaging to those with sensitive personalities who tend to take everything in life seriously. The more outgoing self-assured persons are able to blunt the scare tactics, so they struggle differently from their sensitive siblings. Using the DiSC system, the author describes various personality and behavioral styles to illustrate the differences. With personal experiences and stories from damaged Christians, the author describes these dangers and uses psychological/spiritual insights to explain how individuals can work through these issues and retain their essential faith. Learn how Christians can find answers that work without throwing God out of their lives

The best-selling author of The DNA of Relationships candidly shares his own personal struggles and the daily habits he learned to stay connected with God, offering insight into establishing one's own relationship with God and revealing ways to lead a stress-free life. Simultaneous.

How Faith Matures is a follow-up to C. Ellis Nelson's classic work, Where Faith Begins. Extending and developing the insights of that earlier volume, How Faith Matures proposes an alternative to the church school and presents a model that church professionals can apply to improve education in their church communities.

How Faith Matures

It's All About Relationships

This Changes Everything

Dr Christian's Guide to Growing Up Online (Hashtag: Awkward)

A Congregational Strategy for Nurturing Disciples

Chapter Book for Parents and Grandparents of Preteens Who Love to Read (Growing Up Aimi 1)

" ... an insightful look at life inside a conservative evangelical community--the Church of Christ. Growing up in a big church in a small town, Mike's thoughts and stories come from his unique perspective as the son of a famous preacher. Some of his memories are fond and some are, naturally, conflicted ... a memory book that eventually leads to a crossroad: remain in the church of one's outh or take strides in a different direction?"--Back cover.

Evangelicals are supposed to be experts at telling their story. From an early age you are expected to have a "testimony," a story of how God saved you from a life of sin and sadness and gave you a new life of joy and gladness. What happens if you don't have such a testimony? What if your story just doesn't fit the before-and-after mold? What are you supposed to do if your voice is not one usually heard? In these offbeat, witty, and often bittersweet essays, up-and-coming writers tell the truth about growing up female and evangelical. Whether they stayed in the church or not, evangelicalism has shaped their spiritual lives.

Eschewing evangelical cliches, idyllic depictions of Christian upbringing, and pat formulas of sinner-to-saint transformation, these writers reflect frankly on childhoods filled with flannel board Jesuses, Christian "rap" music, and Bible memorization competitions. Along the way they find insight in the strangest places--the community swimming pool, Casey Kasem's American Top 40, and an Indian mosque. Together this collection of essays provides a vivid and diverse portrait of life in the evangelical church, warts and all. List of Contributors: Jessica Belt Paula Carter Kirsten Cruzen Anne Dayton Kimberly B. George Carla-Elaine Johnson Megan Kirschner Anastasia McAteer Melanie Springer Mock Audrey Molina Victoria Moon Shauna Niequist Hannah Faith Notess Andrea Palpant Dilley Angie Romines Andrea Saylor Nicole Sheets Shari MacDonald Strong Stephanie Tombari Heather Baker Utley Jessie van Eerden Sara Zarr Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love Grace is amazing because it is God's provision for when we fall short of His standards. Unfortunately, too many of us embrace grace for our salvation but then leave it behind in our everyday lives. We base our relationship with God on our performance rather than on His love for us, even when we intuitively know that our performance cannot earn us the love we so desperately crave. Isn't it time to stop trying to measure

up and begin accepting the transforming power of God's grace? The product of more than ten years of Bible study, Navigator author Jerry Bridges's Transforming Grace is a fountainhead of inspiration and renewal that will show you just how inexhaustible and generous God's grace really is. This edition includes the full study guide, which was formerly available as a separate product (ISBN 9781600063046).

Has Technology Taken Over Your Home? In this digital age, children spend more time interacting with screens and less time playing outside, reading a book, or interacting with family. Though technology has its benefits, it also has its harms. In Screen Kids Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane will empower you with the tools you need to make positive changes. Through stories, science, and wisdom, you'll discover how to take back your home from an overdependence on screens. Plus, you'll learn to teach the five A+ skills that every child needs to master: affection, appreciation, anger management, apology, and attention. Learn how to: Protect and nurture your child's growing brain Establish simple boundaries that make a huge difference Recognize the warning signs of gaming too much Raise a child who won't gauge success through social media Teach your child to be safe online This newly revised edition features the latest research and interactive assessments, so you can best confront the issues technology create in your home. Now is the time to equip your child with a healthy relationship with screens and an even healthier relationship with others.

Maturity

True Tales of Growing Up Female and Evangelical

Growing Up

Growing Up God's Way for Girls

The Giant Forest

Have You Taken Ownership of Your Relationship with God?

Growing Up into the Children of God

Dr Christian Jessen tells it like it is, in this upfront and unashamed companion to growing up. Coming to the rescue of parents, boys and girls, Dr Christian is ready to answer all their questions about adolescence, sexuality and puberty. In his assured, no-nonsense fashion, he allays the fears and uncertainties of growing youngsters (and helps parents find answers) about puberty, sex, personal and emotional health and body image. Addressing all those cringey questions parents squirm at answering, Dr Christian's sensible, light-

hearted advice guides boys and girls on the path to be coming healthy, happy adults. Covering issues such as: puberty, diet, sex, sexuality, self-esteem/body image, personal health, emotional health and bullying.

Describes the author's Amish childhood, his departure from his community at age sixteen, his struggles to return to the Amish way of life, and his final acceptance of his own identity and his past.

Why isn't life everything we expected it to be? And why doesn't our faith resolve our frustrations and problems? Kevin Myers, the founding pastor of 12Stone Church, a congregation of more than 30,000 active attenders near Atlanta, believes the reason we don't experience a transformed life is that we fail to grow up spiritually. We focus on developing physically, intellectually, emotionally, and financially, yet our faith remains immature and anemic. In this powerful new book, Myers offers a deep yet simple roadmap to a grown-up faith through understanding the whole context of the Bible, developing spiritual intimacy with God, and gratefully embracing holy obedience. As you understand the Bible and the big picture of God's story with humanity, you begin to find answers to life's most compelling questions. As you begin to understand God more, your longing and ability to experience spiritual intimacy with him increases, as does your desire to obey what God asks of you and your ability to follow through. This is the way to the bigger life, a life even better than you expected--or even dreamed possible.

"As you take God's Word and apply its eternal principles to the everyday issues you face with your family, you will begin to create a godly heritage - a legacy that will impact that generations to come in ways you never dreamed possible." -Ken Ham

Christian families are struggling in a culture hostile to Christian values, and increasingly find themselves searching for answers and strategies to be more effective. Parents also face a disturbing trend of young people leaving home and leaving the church - and want to insure their children have a strong foundation of biblical faith and understanding. Discover how to create an incredible faith legacy in your family! Raising Godly Children in an Ungodly World presents empowering insight for: Surviving the culture wars as a family Educating children - the Bible offers guidance Practical tips for raising spiritually-healthy children Solutions to the root cause of dysfunctional families Discovering biblical authority as a parent Discipline - necessary and lovingly administered Ken Ham is joined by his brother, Steve Ham, in presenting this powerful look at how the principles and truth of Genesis are vital to the strong and lasting foundation of a family. Sharing their own stories of growing up in a "Genesis" family and

sharing this legacy within their own families, it is an intensely personal and practical guide for parents.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John... and Me

Raising Godly Children in an Ungodly World

Jesus Girls

Growing Up Amish

Growing Up Jewish in a Christian World

Growing Up and Going on in the Christian Life

Being Both

In 1994 Michael and Debi Pearl published *To Train Up a Child*. The book has sold over 625,000 copies, becoming "the handbook on child training" for many families. The Pearls received so many child training questions in the mail that they began publishing a free bimonthly magazine to answer them--*No Greater Joy*. As the subscriptions grew into the tens of thousands, subscribers kept asking for back issues, thus the publication of *No Greater Joy Volume One*, *Volume Two* and *Volume Three*--each book representing about two years of articles from back issues of the magazine. If you have read *To Train Up a Child* and you have questions, chances are you will find the answers in *No Greater Joy Volume One*, *Volume Two*, or *Volume Three*.

What are the most important lessons the New Testament has to teach us about being a Christian? Sinclair Ferguson shows that a deep-seated concern of the writers of the New Testament was to see Christians grow to spiritual maturity,"€,"and if that was the concern of the first believers, then it should be our concern too. In clear and logical chapters that are rooted in the reality of the Christian life, the author, who has had long experience in pastoral ministry and seminary teaching, seeks to show what Christian maturity is, and how it is to be obtained. It was the apostle Paul's desire to present those to whom he ministered 'mature in Christ',"€,"for such a maturity would lead to stable, servant-hearted Christians, and healthy, fruit-bearing churches. All those who desire to live useful, mature, and consistent Christian lives will gain much wisdom from reading and reflecting upon the contents of this book.

Growing Up Christian Have You Taken Ownership of Your Relationship with God?P & R Publishing

In this Mini Book Mike describes the normal pattern of growth necessary for a healthy Christian life.

Basic Steps to Discipleship

Growing Up Spiritually

Rapture Practice

Growing Up Duggar

Growing in Christ

A Christian Girl's Guide to Growing Up Be Mature (James)

McGuffey's Readers. Public school. Family prayers. In the 1800s, these were primary — and successful — strategies by which children learned to become Christians. Sunday school was developed to support what was already being done at home and in school. Today, churches still rely on the nineteenth-century model to encourage young people to become disciples of Christ. In *Growing Up Christian*, Dr. C. Ellis Nelson explores why these strategies are inadequate for the twenty-first century and offers practical, specific guidance for congregations who wish to nurture disciples of Christ more effectively. Part 1 describes the pattern of influences that form our images of God. Given the way culture and family influence the rising generation, Part 2 outlines a strategy for nurturing disciples that capitalizes on the persuasive power of the congregation in fellowship, worship, and instruction. A detailed discussion guide further assists congregations who wish to form a study group to assess and improve their Christian education.

This perennial best-selling discipleship tool contains the classic Bible studies *Lessons on Assurance* and *Lessons on Christian Living* in one package—13 lessons in all! These Navigator Bible studies are a great leader's resource to explain the fundamentals of the Christian life. An ideal gift for a new believer or someone who has an interest in Jesus. Tear-out Scripture memory verse cards are included in KJV, NIV, NASB, and NKJV.

"In a rare look inside America's favorite mega-sized family, the four eldest girls talk about their faith, their dreams for the future, and what it's like growing up a Duggar. Airing weekly throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, *19 Kids and Counting* has made the huge Duggar family into a media phenomenon. The Duggar children are frequently asked, 'Tell the truth; do you really agree with the lifestyle your parents have created for you?' Now, the four eldest Duggar girls--Jana, Jill, Jessa, and Jinger--open up about the blessings and advantages of living the Duggar lifestyle. With a backdrop of the key relationships in their lives--relationship with self, parents, siblings, friends, boys, and God--the four Duggar girls open up about their own personal faith and convictions, boys, dating, manners, living in a large family, politics, and much more. You'll learn how the family navigates the difficult years between twelve and sixteen and what the girls look for in a man, all in a frank and fun book that will inspire teens and adults alike. Including lighthearted stories about the younger kids' antics, *Growing Up Duggar* is a wise and entertaining trip into a family like no other"--

Presents information for girls about the physical and emotional changes which take place during puberty, discussing hormones, menstruation, nutrition, eating disorders, exercise, cleanliness, and body image.

Growing Up Church of Christ

Growing Up (revised)

The Dangers of Growing Up in a Christian Home

Practise Resurrection

Dr Christian's Guide to Growing Up (new Edition)

A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ

Your Relationship with God

Growing up God's way for Girls is a colourful, fully illustrated book available as separate versions for boys and girls. It is intended for children approaching or experiencing puberty, typically represented by

the 10-14 years old age range. The artwork has been specially produced for the book and includes accurate biological drawings as well as 'cartoon' illustrations to keep the young reader interested. Most importantly of all, the Bible is the constant reference point, so that what the Bible has to say about the matters dealt with is always front and centre. The result is that this book conveys essential biblical ethical teaching as well as the facts about puberty. For example, here's an extract from the teaching on the chapter on 'Physical Intimacy' (in this case in the girls version): So special that God has given us rules It might seem attractive to live in a world where there are no laws. (Of course it would mean that your parents would never be able to tell you that you were doing something wrong!) But have you ever thought what would happen if there were no laws about how we should drive a car? The laws of the road make it safe for us to drive. If there were none, many more people on the road would get injured and driving would be a very frightening experience. God has given us a law regarding how we relate to the opposite sex in sexual intimacy. This law is the seventh of the Ten Commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery' (Exodus 20:14). From this verse and other passages in the Bible, we learn that all sexual activity outside marriage is wrong. The word adultery means either being married and experiencing sexual intimacy with someone who is not your husband, or experiencing sexual intimacy with someone else's husband. In the New Testament, God warns us to 'flee from sexual immorality' (1 Corinthians 6:18). The term 'sexual immorality' includes any sexual activity that is not between a husband and his wife. The fact that God has given us a specific command to keep sexual intimacy for marriage shows how important God considers sexual intimacy to be. The husband and wife are important to Him, their marriage is important to Him, and the new life that may result from sexual intimacy is important to Him. God's law about sexual intimacy is for our safety and well-being - it protects us, it protects marriage, and it protects young life. A poignant and funny memoir that explores growing up in a Fundamentalist Christian family while questioning one's faith, identity, and place in the world. Sometimes salvation is found in the strangest places: a true story. Aaron Hartzler grew up in a home where he was taught that at any moment the Rapture could happen. That Jesus might come down in the twinkling of an eye and scoop Aaron and his family up to heaven. As a kid, Aaron was thrilled by the idea that every moment of every day might be his last one on planet Earth. But as Aaron turns sixteen, he finds himself more attached to his earthly life and curious about all the things his family forsakes for the Lord. He begins to realize he doesn't want the Rapture to happen just yet--not before he sees his first movie, stars in the school play, or has his first kiss. Eventually Aaron makes the plunge from conflicted do-gooder to full-fledged teen rebel. Whether he's sneaking out, making out, or playing hymns with a hangover, Aaron learns a few lessons that can't be found in the Bible. He discovers that the best friends aren't always the ones your mom and dad approve of, and the tricky part about believing is that no one can do it for you. In this

funny and heartfelt coming-of-age memoir, debut author Aaron Hartzler recalls his teenage journey to find the person he is without losing the family that loves him. It's a story about losing your faith and finding your place and your own truth--which is always stranger than fiction.

In this fun and interactive book from bestselling author Nancy Rue, all the questions girls 8 to 12 ask about their changing bodies and growing up are answered, along with advice and health tips designed to help you become the confident, beautiful young woman God created you to be. Whether you're noticing new curves and hair growing where it never did before, or feel like your emotions are always on the surface, you likely have a lot of questions about what is going on inside you ... and what it means. No matter how big the question or how embarrassing it may sound, Nancy Rue is here with answers. Inside You! A Christian Girl's Guide to Growing Up, you'll discover: honest answers to your changing-body questions health and beauty tips quizzes and journaling space to help you figure out where you are in your puberty journey medical and spiritual facts on the things you wonder about advice from girls like you who have been where you are Most importantly, you'll discover the true beauty that is revealed as you grow closer to God, and all the things you're going through are actually part of his plan for the beautiful, confident, grown-up you! You! A Christian Girl's Guide to Growing Up: can be used as a supplement to school health classes looks at puberty from a Christian perspective helps make adolescence understandable and manageable for young girls features a conversational tone and fun features Many teens are active in church youth programs, yet drop out of church later in life and never return. Other young adults rest on the merits of their parents faith without ever experiencing their own relationship with Jesus Christ. In Growing Up Christian, Karl Graustein and Mark Jacobsen seek to help teenagers who have grown up in Christian homes by reminding them of the blessings of growing up in a Christian home, warning them of some of the dangers they face, providing practical suggestions for avoiding these dangers, and urging them to think and live in a way that pleases God.

To Train Up a Child

Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church

*A Memoir of Consuming Faith, Tangled Love, and Starting Over
Transforming Grace*

You! A Christian Girl's Guide to Growing Up

Searching for Sunday

Growing Up Social

Book five of Eugene Peterson's landmark SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY series: foundational reading for the twenty-first-century church. Continuing Peterson's evaluation of contemporary Christian spirituality, PRACTISE RESURRECTION is a study of the book of Ephesians. It is often thought to be Paul's most difficult letter, but has been for over thirty years Peterson's text for his identity as a pastor. Peterson points out that

although Christians emphasise the importance of new birth, growth is equally important. This book is a conversation on spiritual formation and what it means to become a mature Christian. As with the first four books in this series, PRACTISE RESURRECTION is written for both lay and academic audiences. Challenging but deeply rewarding, it combines scholarship with the human experience and lightness of touch for which Peterson is known.

Perhaps of all the books in the New Testament, James most squarely focuses on results. His pull-no-punches approach to spiritual maturity, his preference for action over words, makes his text the perfect backdrop for a study of how to grow in our faith. Beloved author and teacher, Warren Wiersbe, leads you through this practical book with advice on how to overcome temptation, controlling the tongue, effective prayer, and how to practice what the Bible teaches. If you're going to make progress in these areas, you will need a growing faith and dependence on Christ because as James claims, "Every good and perfect gift is from above." Now with study questions and updated foreword by Ken Baugh, Be Mature makes the perfect guide through your study of James. Trust Warren Wiersbe's 40+ years of experience to instruct you on important truths from God's Word. Rev. Hagin compares stages of spiritual growth to those of physical growth. It will help you locate where you are spiritually and then show you how to grow into the next stage of spiritual development.

How do you make disciples? Growing Up is a manual for making disciples. It will answer the what, why, where, and how of discipleship. Underline in it, write in the margins, interact with it, and meditate on it. You are not learning this information for yourself only, although you will definitely benefit from it. You are learning for all the people you will disciple in the future. The gospel came to you because it was heading to someone else.

How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years

How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples

Growing Up Christian

Raising Relational Kids in a Screen-Driven World

A True Story About Growing Up Gay in an Evangelical Family

James

Grown-up Faith

A book on the growing number of interfaith families raising children in two religions Susan Katz Miller grew up with a Jewish father and Christian mother, and was raised Jewish. Now in an interfaith marriage herself, she is one of the growing number of Americans who are boldly electing to raise children with both faiths, rather than in one religion or the other (or without religion). In Being Both, Miller draws on original surveys and

interviews with parents, students, teachers, and clergy, as well as on her own journey, to chronicle this controversial grassroots movement. Almost a third of all married Americans have a spouse from another religion, and there are now more children in Christian-Jewish interfaith families than in families with two Jewish parents. Across the country, many of these families are challenging the traditional idea that they must choose one religion. In some cities, more interfaith couples are raising children with “both” than Jewish-only. What does this mean for these families, for these children, and for religious institutions? Miller argues that there are distinct benefits for families who reject the false choice of “either/or” and instead embrace the synergy of being both. Reporting on hundreds of parents and children who celebrate two religions, she documents why couples make this choice, and how children appreciate dual-faith education. But often families who choose both have trouble finding supportive clergy and community. To that end, Miller includes advice and resources for interfaith families planning baby-welcoming and coming-of-age ceremonies, and seeking to find or form interfaith education programs. She also addresses the difficulties that interfaith families can encounter, wrestling with spiritual questions (“Will our children believe in God?”) and challenges (“How do we talk about Jesus?”). And finally, looking beyond Judaism and Christianity, *Being Both* provides the first glimpse of the next interfaith wave: intermarried Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist couples raising children in two religions. *Being Both* is at once a rousing declaration of the benefits of celebrating two religions, and a blueprint for interfaith families who are seeking guidance and community support.

If you are serious about being a disciple of Jesus Christ—really, truly serious—a discipleship group can help you achieve that goal. Jesus established this model for us by forming and leading the first discipleship group—and it worked. The men who emerged from that group took the gospel to the world and ultimately laid down their lives for Christ. Discipleship groups can create an atmosphere for fellowship, encouragement, and accountability—building an environment where God can work. In *Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples*, Robby Gallaty presents a practical, easy-to-implement system for growing in one's faith. This guide offers a manual for making disciples, addressing the what, why, where, and how of discipleship. D-Groups, as Gallaty calls them, can teach you and others how to grow your relationship with God, how to defend your faith, and how to guide others in their relationships with God. *Growing Up* provides you with an interactive manual and resource for creating and working with discipleship groups, allowing you to gain positive information both for yourself and for others as you learn how to help others become better disciples for Christ.

My name is Jaquelle, and I'm a teenager. I like football movies, sushi, and dark chocolate. But the biggest, most crucial, most significant thing about me is that my life's task is to follow Jesus. He is the One who changed my life. That's what this book is about. It's for teenagers eager to reject the status quo and low standards our culture sets for us. It's for those of us who don't want to spend the adolescent years slacking off,

but rather standing out and digging deep into what Jesus says about following him. This book will help you see how the truth about God changes everything—our relationships, our time, our sin, our habits, and more—freeing us to live joyful, obedient, and Christ-exalting lives, even while we're young.

In the strange, us-versus-them Christian subculture of the 1990s, a person's faith was measured by how many WWJD bracelets she wore and whether he had kissed dating goodbye. Evangelical poster child Addie Zierman wore three bracelets asking what Jesus would do. She also led two Bible studies and listened exclusively to Christian music. She was on fire for God and unaware that the flame was dwindling—until it burned out. Addie chronicles her journey through church culture and first love, and her entrance—unprepared and angry—into marriage. When she drops out of church and very nearly her marriage as well, it is on a sea of tequila and depression. She isn't sure if she'll ever go back. *When We Were on Fire* is a funny, heartbreaking story of untangling oneself from what is expected to arrive at faith that is not bound by tradition or current church fashion. Addie looks for what lasts when nothing else seems worth keeping. It's a story for doubters, cynics, and anyone who has felt alone in church.

A 13-Week Course for New and Growing Christians

Embracing Two Religions in One Interfaith Family

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

You!

Growing Up in Christ

Exploring the Paradoxes of Christian Maturity

When We Were on Fire

David Newman reflects on what it means for Christians to grow to be mature members of the body of Christ, with faith in a God who acts and themselves actively engaged in the church and the world.

Christians of all ages can experience deeper truth for a deeper life. Dr. Warren Wiersbe opens readers' minds and hearts to the riches of God's Word in a new Bible study series for a new generation of Christ's followers. Perfect for group or individual study, each book includes

interactive questions, stories and illustrations, flexible format, application questions, and more. James: Growing Mature in Christ

Many of our problems in life stem from our spiritual immaturity. God wants us to grow up, not just grow old. This study will help you overcome temptation, practice what the Bible teaches, and pray with results.

Features and Benefits Trusted Author: Warren Wiersbe is known and respected throughout the evangelical world as one of the most effective Bible teachers of our time, because of his ability to combine clear biblical truth and powerful personal application. Flexible Format: Study groups, Sunday school classes, and individual students can use each book in this series, and can choose the length, depth, and pace of their study.

Abundant Extras: In addition to the powerful insights Dr. Wiersbe shares, readers will benefit from interactive questions, personal applications, and sidebar helps.

From New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans comes a book that is both a heartfelt ode to the past and hopeful gaze into the future

of what it means to be a part of the Church. Centered around seven sacraments, Evans' quest takes readers through a liturgical year with sharply honest and even funny stories about Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. Baptism Communion Confirmation Confession Marriage Vocation and even Death. Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of community and the power of grace, Searching for Sunday is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church. Move over C S Lewis and Roald Dahl. There's a new storyteller on the rise and she's only 11 years old. Prepare to rediscover the value of friendship when family lets you down. In this mysterious true-to-life story, Aimi, Roci, Mousi, Sybil and Sycamore are a loose group of friends, aka The Bunch, who attend school together. The Bunch go to a 150-year old church camp, Mount Hermon, founded around the time of the first gold rush in 1849. The camp is located in a giant forest in the Santa Cruz mountains of California, just over the hill from Silicon Valley. In keeping with the principles of its founders, Bart, Prissie and their adopted son, Artie, the camp administrators have created a modern day refuge for children like the Bunch who live at a time when many people around them, including their parents, are chasing new gold nearby. Each member of the Bunch becomes seemingly inexplicably lost in the giant forest. They must each find themselves, then find one another before they can together again find their way home. Along the way they are baffled at why they receive help from new animal friend. Each member of the Bunch battles with and finds resolution to problems they face at home from overbearing or neglectful parents, sibling rivalry, prejudice, betrayal and displaced loyalty. When the five become reunited, bigger battles ensue. To return home they must overcome giants that have plagued them throughout their lost experience. If victorious, the Bunch can return to Mt. Hermon with the help of their new forest friends. A chapter book for for preteens who love to read. The discussion questions at the end of each chapter have been parent and child, student and teacher and reading group tested. Create stronger ties with the people who are important to you. Giant Forest = a really big forest ... Or ... a forest with giants? Or both? Only the reader knows.

The Big Picture for a Bigger Life

A Lifelong Journey

5 Relational Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World

Screen Kids

What Every Christian Should Know about Growing

Dr Christian's Guide to Growing Up Online' takes a social-media style tour through such wide-ranging topics as health, puberty, anxiety, gender, sexuality, stress, grief and any difficult questions in between.