

Preface

The purpose of this compilation is to provide children with actual Bible text from some of the more interesting passages rather than simplified paraphrases. When children read a Bible, or have it read to them, it is important that the power and beauty of the word of God be retained. Simplified wording is sometimes appropriate for explanations about the scriptures, but is not appropriate for the Bible itself. Too often simplified wording and paraphrases mislead, and even demean the sacred text.

I am a retired middle-school teacher with a Master's degree. I know how important it is that children develop early an interest in, and an understanding of, the written word. Moreover, adults and children alike are blessed by time spent reading together. That is especially true when the time is spent sharing the Holy Bible. Also, by gaining familiarity with the passages in this compilation children can more easily begin reading the scriptures independently.

The text I used was from the ACV (A Conservative Version). You can read more about that version in the appendix of Volume I. I tried to choose those events that are not only more familiar, but which also teach us about the nature of God and his relationship with us. My hopes and prayers are that these selections will help all readers learn more about God, and come closer to him.

Now may God bless you parents as you strive to raise your children wisely and righteously in accordance with his holy word. And may God bless you children as you seek to learn more about that greatest of all books, the Holy Bible. And may we all apply these words of the prophet Moses about the old covenant to the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ for God's new covenant:

Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. And thou shall love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. And thou shall teach them diligently to thy sons, and shall talk of them when thou sit in thy house, and when thou walk by the way, and when thou lie down, and when thou rise up. And thou shall bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shall write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).