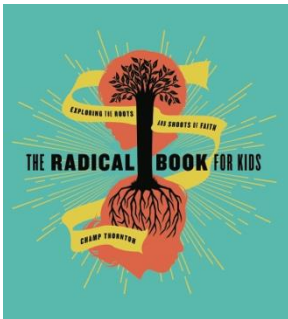

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Radical spiritual depth, strength and fun for kids

Champ Thornton stimulates kids' sense of adventure with gospel-centered new book



Seattle: What images does the term “radical faith” conjure? The Latin origin of the word “radical” literally means “roots.” Today the word also means extreme or revolutionary — even excellent or cool. With ***The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith*** (New Growth Press/October 24, 2016/ISBN 9781942572718/\$24.99), author **Champ Thornton** takes children deep into the ancient roots and origins of the Christian faith in both exciting and innovative ways.

Brilliantly illustrated and extremely kid-friendly, *The Radical Book for Kids* is an explorer’s guide to the Bible, church history and life, mixing practical and theological elements with fun activities such as a 3,000-year-old board game and a tutorial on how to make a (kid-safe) David-style slingshot. The hands-on approach will help kids grasp the Bible’s relevance for daily life and leave them with a curiosity driving them to learn more.

Chock-full of charts, design elements and illustrations that captivate and inspire, *The Radical Book for Kids* will have beginning, advanced and even I-don’t-like-to-read readers engrossed in engaging chapters covering important aspects of Christianity, such as:

- Biblical history
- Theology
- Fun facts
- Church history
- Daily Christian living
- Radical faith in the face of adversity
- Roots of the faith
- The lives of historical men and women of faith

The Radical Book for Kids will lead young readers to examine some of the most exciting realities in the universe and grapple with the deepest truths laid out in Scripture. “As parents, we all want what is best for the next generation, that they will love, trust and follow the Lord Jesus Christ,” Thornton shares. “So it’s my prayer that this book will be used by God to grow deep roots of faith in the children who read it.”

The book was designed for children ages 8 and up to explore on their own. However, it can be used in a myriad of ways: An adult can read it to a younger child, parents can incorporate it into family devotions, Sunday school and homeschool teachers can use it as a supplemental resource, and older teens and adults alike will enjoy and benefit from the wealth of information it holds.

“I want to scatter a packet of assorted seeds across the minds and hearts and imaginations of the next generation,” Thornton explains. “If this book makes children and teens (and adults) more curious and thirsty to know God and the good news of His Word, then it will have done its job.”

Learn more about more about *The Radical Book for Kids* and Champ Thornton at www.champthornton.com, or follow him on [Facebook \(Champ.Thornton.7\)](#) and [Twitter \(champthornton\)](#).

Advance Praise

"*The Radical Book for Kids* is like an encyclopedia of Truth. Thornton has done something magical here. He's taken every aspect of the Christian faith, the Word we love, and the character of God and made it accessible to children. It's everything you'd hope to know and teach in one place, even including stories of historical figures. I'm thankful my kids are still young, so I can use this book to teach them about the roots of our faith. *The Radical Book for Kids* is radical indeed — radically helpful, radically good."

~ Trillia Newbell, Author of *Fear and Faith* and *United*

"*The Radical Book for Kids* is like packaging that awesome Sunday school teacher you remember in a book. You know, she was the amazing mom who made learning about God a ton of fun but did it with gospel truth that transformed lives. Every family should have a copy of *The Radical Book for Kids* on their bookshelf — better yet, put it out like a plate of cookies on the coffee table and watch your kids devour it. The most exciting part of all will be seeing your children grow in their passion for God and his Word."

~ Marty Machowski, Family pastor; author of *The Ology* and *The Gospel Story Bible*

About the author



Champ Thornton has been the associate pastor of Ogletown Baptist Church in Newark, Delaware since 2012. Previously, he pastored Grace Bible Church in South Carolina and served as the director for SOMA, a ministry training school in Ohio.

Thornton has a deep passion for stirring curiosity and wonder for Christ and God's word in the hearts of children, which has led him to write several children's Bible curricula, including *God's Love: A Storybook Bible*, *Dynamic Christian Living*, and *Exploring God's Love*. His latest book is *The Radical Book for Kids*.

Thornton lives in Delaware with his wife, Robben, and their three children.

Champ Thornton invites you to connect with him at www.champthornton.com, on [Facebook \(Champ.Thornton.7\)](#) and via [Twitter \(champthornton\)](#).

Suggested interview questions

- Your new book is *The Radical Book for Kids*. What makes the book radical?
- How did your children provide inspiration for writing this book?
- *The Radical Book for Kids* is described as a fun-filled explorer's guide to the Bible, church history and life. What are some of the specific topics kids will be able to explore?
- You say you want to whet kids' appetites for God and the Bible by giving them samples of various aspects of the faith. What are some of the samples offered in the book?
- The book is a vibrantly-illustrated book, full of charts and visual aids. Can you describe more about the format?
- How is *The Radical Book for Kids* designed to be used? Can kids go through the book on their own, or is it best for parents and children to read it together?
- Do kids need to have some kind of church background to get the most out of the book, or can it serve as an introduction to the Bible and Jesus?
- What was the most difficult theological topic to explain, and how did you break it down in a way kids can understand? Will parents learn anything by reading along with their children?
- What are some of the fun, hands-on activities included in *The Radical Book for Kids*?
- You also provide sections with practical advice, such as "How to Clean Your Room" and "What to do When You're Angry." How do those chapters fit in with the idea of the book as a whole?
- How can parents take a more active role in their children's spiritual growth?
- Do you have any advice for parents who want to make spiritual development part of their family culture but are struggling to know where to start?
- What is your hope for the children and families who read this book?

To request a review copy of *The Radical Book for Kids*, to schedule an interview with Champ Thornton, or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, audra@lifusegroup.com.