



I Can Read!™



PARENT AND TEACHER RESOURCES



Dear Parent and Teacher,

We know how important it is for you to instill the love of reading within the children in your life. The Zonderkidz

I Can Read fiction and nonfiction booklist gives young readers opportunities to explore the world of books, experience the excitement of reading about the adventures of favorite and trusted characters, and also discover God's creation and love all while introducing vocabulary and other literacy skills in a time-tested and reliable way.

I Can Read books have been introducing young readers to books since 1957. The titles in each level are written very deliberately. Readers are introduced to age- and skill-appropriate vocabulary and reading skills in an educationally sound way. These books are perfect for at-home as well as classroom use.

The Zondervan I Can Read fiction and nonfiction booklist has titles in 3 levels:

- » **My First**
- » **Beginning Reading level 1**
- » **Reading with Help level 2**

I Can Read "My First" books are ideal for the very early reader just learning print and book features such as letters, words, sentences, and illustrations. Young children at this stage will benefit from finger pointing at each word as you and she move through the text. As you read these My First titles with your child, think out loud as the characters and plot develop. This means making statements such as, "I wonder what they will do next?" before you turn a page or talking about the illustration and how it shows what the words are saying.

I Can Read "Beginning Reading level 1" books have simple sentences and many high frequency sight words. (Sight words are those words that occur very often and should become automatically recognizable such as a, and, the, yes, no, and please. These words do not always follow the rules we use to figure words out such as long and short

vowel sounds or hard and soft sounding C.) As you model reading, children will become more familiar with print concepts and will be able to identify many words independently at this level.

I Can Read "Reading with Help level 2" books have high interest themes and ideas. Level 2 books build on and reinforce the child's prior knowledge. Early readers will take risks and self-navigate text using a range of literacy skills gained from previous experiences like sounding out words, noticing word patterns, and use of punctuation marks. He might try to read words that look similar to one he already knows or predict what is coming because of clues in an illustration.

As you read through the titles on each level you will begin to notice that your child is moving through progressively more difficult text and on her way to making meaningful connections as an independent thinker and learner.



Using the Zonderkidz I Can Read Series

SO, WHERE TO BEGIN?

Talk about books first. Whether at home or in a classroom we cannot take it for granted that a child knows all about what a book is! Give your reader, or everyone in a small group, a book and talk about books in general:

- » What is a book?
- » Where are the pages?
- » Where are the cover and back of the book?
- » Point to the title.
- » Who is the author and where is her name?
- » What is a spine on a book? Show me.
- » What are illustrations? Where is the illustrator's name?
- » Are there illustrations or photos in the book?

NOW TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC BOOKS

You do not want your young reader to have her first reading experience be frustrating, so a general rule of thumb is if a child is unable to read five words on a given page, it is likely too difficult for independent reading.

An easy way to check this is to have the child place her hand flat on a table top, palm up. Each time she struggles with a word as she reads, she should curl up a finger.** If she makes a fist before the page is complete, try the next level down or read this one together.

***Note: In some of the nonfiction titles such as Bible stories there may be proper names of people and places that children do not recognize or know (Nebuchadnezzar, for example). These do not need to be counted in the five-finger rating of books.*

HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS BEING READ?

It is very important for young readers to connect with what they are reading. Can they relate to what the story is about? Does it have anything to do with the world around them? Are there ideas in one book that are similar to another they have read? One way to get students reading thoughtfully is to have before, during, and after reading questions. This type of activity works for both fiction and nonfiction and when working with one child at home or in a larger group in a classroom. The questions below can be tweaked to work for either genre.

BEFORE READING

Build background knowledge and set purpose—talk about the book.

What does the cover illustration tell us about what we are going to read?

Who are the author and illustrator? What are their roles?

What kind of book is this? Fiction? Nonfiction? How do you know?

What can we learn from fiction and nonfiction texts?

Preview new vocabulary.

What are some strategies you can use to figure out a word you do not know?

What do you already know about _____?

What do you think is going to happen? (Check predictions as you read.)

SET A PURPOSE FOR READING

Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?

What makes you think that?

What characters do you think might be in our story?

Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?

Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?





DURING READING

Engage students in the reading, solidify their understanding of a text.

Why is end punctuation important? Find examples in the story. (period, comma, quotation marks, exclamation point)

Does the text remind you of something you know or believe?

Who are the characters in the story?

What is the setting? (Where)

What is the plot? What is happening to the characters? (Beginning, middle, end, problem, and solution)

What pictures stand out as you read?

What can the pictures tell us about the characters, setting, and plot?

What is the author trying to say?

What do you think will happen next?
How do you know?

What can you tell me about the story so far?

Find examples of discovery, imagination, and suspense in the story.

Can you predict how the story will end?

Why do you think the character did _____?

What would you have done
if you were the character?

How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)

As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?

What did the author mean by _____?

As you read, what are you wondering about?

Put what you've just read in your own words.

AFTER READING

Check understanding, respond to the book, and make deep connections.

What do you understand from what you just read?

What is the author's purpose for writing this book?

What are the main idea and details?

How do you know the theme or central idea of the book?

How can you relate the theme to your own life?

In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?

Were your predictions about the story correct?

If there was a problem, did it get solved?

What happened because of the problem?

What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?

What was your favorite part of the story/book?

Why did you like this book? Why didn't you?

Did you learn a lesson? What was the lesson?

Discuss something new that you learned from the book.

If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?

Can you retell the story in order?

If you were _____,
how would you have felt?

What is the most interesting situation in the story?

Is there a character in the story like you?
How are you alike?

Does the book remind you of another book that you have read?

Extension lessons check comprehension and give opportunities for children to apply knowledge and actively participate in shared reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities after a book has been read and discussed.

FICTION

- 1** Choose an important character from the story. Create a list of words that describes the character. Use examples from the story.
- 2** Write a letter to the author telling how you personally connect with the story. What did you learn?
- 3** Draw a picture of the story's setting. List what you would hear, see, smell, taste, feel, and know about if you could go there.
- 4** Create a character collage for your favorite character using magazines and construction paper. Cut out words and images that reflect your character. Share with the class.
- 5** Find a quote from the book and draw a picture of what it means to you. Write a sentence describing the saying in your own words. Share with the class.

NONFICTION

- 1** Draw a main idea and detail web about the book.
- 2** Choose a plant or animal from a nonfiction title such as the I Can Read Made by God series. Research facts about the plant or animal and present using pictures and words.
- 3** Create a class mural of a habitat. Use recycled materials found in the home and school.
- 4** Pick a real animal, insect, or creature from a book. Find a fictional book with the same animal, insect, or creature. Compare and contrast the behaviors and characteristics of real and fictional characters.
- 5** Go on a word hunt. Find words in the book that are new to you. Write the words down. Describe how you unlocked the meaning of the word. Did you look it up in the dictionary? Use context or picture clues? Hang the words on a "word wall" in the classroom.



FULL LIST OF ZONDERKIDZ I CAN READ TITLES (1 OF 4)

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READ	ISBN	SERIES	TITLE
	9780310715856	Barnabas Series	Barnabas Helps a Friend
	9780310715863	Barnabas Series	Happy Birthday Barnabas
	9780310716075	Howie Series	Howie Finds a Hug
	9780310716051	Howie Series	Howie's Tea Party
	9780310718758	Howie Series ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Howie Wants to Play / Fido quiere jugar
	9780310715528	The Beginner's Bible	Adam and Eve in the Garden
	9780310717805	The Beginner's Bible	Baby Jesus Is Born
	9780310717676	The Beginner's Bible	Baby Moses and the Princess
	9780310715511	The Beginner's Bible	Daniel and the Lions
	9780310715504	The Beginner's Bible	David and the Giant
	9780310714613	The Beginner's Bible	Jesus and His Friends
	9780310717799	The Beginner's Bible	Jesus Feeds the People
	9780310715535	The Beginner's Bible	Jesus Saves the World
	9780310714590	The Beginner's Bible	Jonah and the Big Fish
	9780310717317	The Beginner's Bible	Joseph and His Brothers
	9780310717812	The Beginner's Bible	Lost Son
	9780310718000	The Beginner's Bible	Moses and the King
	9780310714583	The Beginner's Bible	Noah and the Ark
	9780310718154	The Beginner's Bible	Queen Esther Helps God's People
	9780310718925	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Adam and Eve in the Garden / Adán y Eva en el jardín
	9780310718918	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Daniel and the Lions / Daniel y los leones
	9780310718901	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	David and the Giant / David y el gigante
	9780310718895	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Jesus and His Friends / Jesús y sus amigos
	9780310718932	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Jesus Saves the World / Jesús salva al mundo
	9780310718871	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Jonah and the Big Fish / Jonás y el gran pez
	9780310718864	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Noah and the Ark / Noé y el arca
	9780310718888	The Beginner's Bible ● ¡Yo sé leer!	Queen Esther Helps God's People / La reina Ester ayuda al pueblo de Dios



	9780310714675		Mad Maddie Maxwell
	9780310715726		Mud Pie Annie
	9780310715757		Snug as a Bug
	9780310714668		Zachary's Zoo
	9780310717003		Ali Cat Finds a Home
	9780310721000	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears and the Little Lost Cub
	9780310721024	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears Help the Homeless

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	9780310721017	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears: Honey Hunt Helpers
	9780310720997	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears: Mama's Helpers
	9780310720973	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears' Kitten Rescue
	9780310720980	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears' Neighbor in Need
	9780310725114	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears, Do Not Fear, God Is Near
	9780310725015	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears, Faith Gets Us Through
	9780310725077	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears, God Made the Colors
	9780310725091	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears, God Made the Seasons
	9780310725039	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears, Thank God for Good Health
	9780310725053	Berenstain Bears	Berenstain Bears' Piggy Bank Blessings
	9780310726753	Bible Stories	Elijah and King Ahab
	9780310721574	Bible Stories	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
	9780310721581	Bible Stories	Jesus Raises Lazarus
	9780310721567	Bible Stories	Joshua Crosses the Jordan
	9780310721550	Bible Stories	Prodigal Son
	9780310726739	Bible Stories	Zacchaeus Meets Jesus
	9780310741695	VeggieTales	All Is Fair When We Share
	9780310741664	VeggieTales	Bob and Larry in the Case of the Messy Sleepover
	9780310727309	VeggieTales	Bob and Larry in the Case of the Missing Patience
	9780310727316	VeggieTales	Bob and Larry's Creation Vacation
	9780310732136	VeggieTales	Case of the Couch Potato Caper
	9780310741671	VeggieTales	Dial 'M' for Mess Up
	9780310727293	VeggieTales	Fairest Town in the West
	9780310727323	VeggieTales	Junior Battles to Be His Best
	9780310732082	VeggieTales	Junior Comes Clean
	9780310741688	VeggieTales	Larry Makes a Choice
	9780310732143	VeggieTales	LarryBoy and the Mudslingers
	9780310721611	VeggieTales	LarryBoy Meets the Bubblegum Bandit
	9780310732150	VeggieTales	Listen Up, Larry
	9780310741701	VeggieTales	Mess Detectives and the Case of the Lost Temper
	9780310732075	VeggieTales	Pirate in Training
	9780310732068	VeggieTales	Princess Petunia and the Good Knight
	9780310721628	VeggieTales	Princess Petunia's Sweet Apple Pie
	9780310741718	VeggieTales	Sheerluck Holmes and the Case of the Missing Friend
	9780310721604	VeggieTales	What's Up with Lyle?
	9780310721598	VeggieTales	Who Wants to Be a Pirate?

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	9780310732488	Princess Parables	Princess Charity's Golden Heart
	9780310732495	Princess Parables	Princess Faith's Garden Surprise
	9780310726777	Princess Parables	Princess Grace and Poppy
	9780310732501	Princess Parables	Princess Hope and the Hidden Treasure
	9780310726791	Princess Parables	Princess Joy's Party
	9780310750673	Princess Twins	Princess Twins and the Birthday Party
	9780310750642	Princess Twins	Princess Twins and the Puppy
	9780310750383	Princess Twins	Princess Twins and the Tea Party
	9780310750505	Princess Twins	Princess Twins Play in the Garden
	9780310720225	Ruby Raccoon	Ruby Bakes a Cake
	9780310720232	Ruby Raccoon	Ruby Paints a Picture
	9780310720249	Ruby Raccoon	Ruby's Perfect Day
	9780310716228	Song Series	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
	9780310716211	Song Series	If You're Happy and You Know It
	9780310716198	Song Series	Jesus Loves Me
	9780310716204	Song Series	Jesus Loves the Little Children



	9780310715788		Mrs. Rosey Posey and the Fine China Plate
	9780310717850	A Horse Named Bob	Double Trouble
	9780310717829	A Horse Named Bob	Horse Named Bob
	9780310717836	A Horse Named Bob	Perfect Pony
	9780310746669	Adventure Bible	Brave Queen Esther
	9780310750819	Adventure Bible	Elijah, God's Mighty Prophet
	9780310750932	Adventure Bible	Facing the Blazing Furnace
	9780310732402	Adventure Bible	Father's Love
	9780310732389	Adventure Bible	God's Great Creation
	9780310746621	Adventure Bible	Good Samaritan
	9780310750840	Adventure Bible	Joseph the Dreamer
	9780310732426	Adventure Bible	Miracles of Jesus
	9780310732365	Adventure Bible	Moses Leads the People
	9780310746836	Adventure Bible	Noah's Voyage
	9780310750765	Adventure Bible	Paul Meets Jesus
	9780310746508	Adventure Bible	Ruth and Naomi
	9780310718833	Dennis Jones Series	Adam and Eve, God's First People
	9780310718345	Dennis Jones Series	God's Faithful Follower

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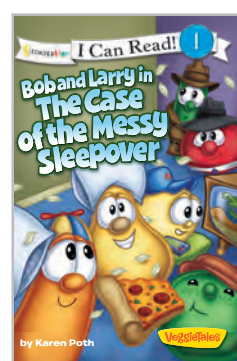
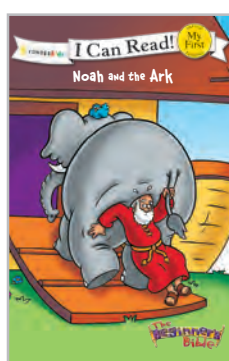
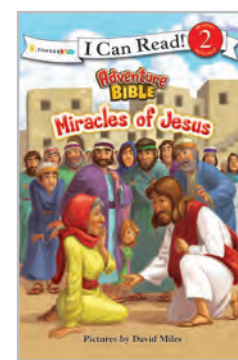
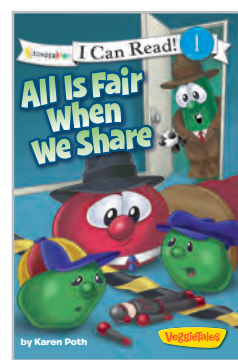
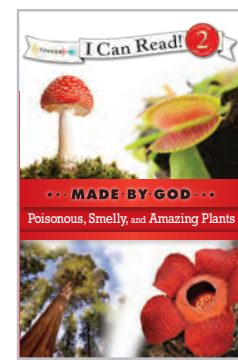
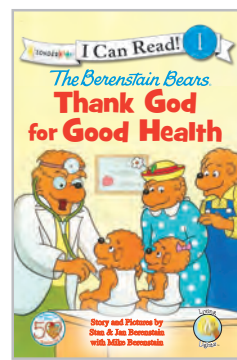
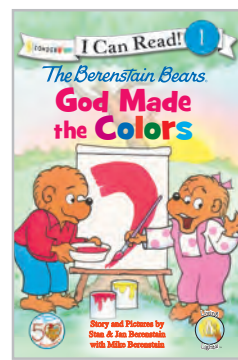
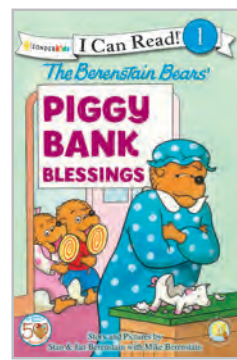
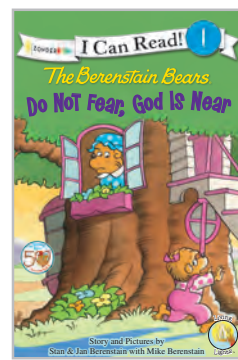
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	9780310718819	Dennis Jones Series	Jesus, God's Great Gift
	9780310718802	Dennis Jones Series	Jesus, God's Only Son
	9780310718352	Dennis Jones Series	Jonah, God's Messenger
	9780310718826	Dennis Jones Series	Moses, God's Brave Servant
	9780310718840	Dennis Jones Series	Noah and God's Great Promise
	9780310718475	Frank and Beans Series	Frank and Beans
	9780310718499	Frank and Beans Series	Frank and Beans and the Grouchy Neighbor
	9780310721864	Made By God	Big Bugs, Little Bugs
	9780310720096	Made By God	Cats, Dogs, Hamsters, and Horses
	9780310721871	Made By God	Curious Creatures Down Under
	9780310721901	Made By God	Forest Friends
	9780310721918	Made By God	Jungle Beasts
	9780310721840	Made By God	Our Feathered Friends
	9780310720089	Made By God	Poisonous, Smelly, and Amazing Plants
	9780310721888	Made By God	Polar Pals
	9780310721826	Made By God	Rainforest Friends
	9780310721833	Made By God	Sea Creatures
	9780310720072	Made By God	Spiders, Snakes, Bees, and Bats
	9780310718109	Rainforest Friends	Troo Makes a Splash
	9780310718086	Rainforest Friends	Troo's Big Climb
	9780310718093	Rainforest Friends	Troo's Secret Clubhouse
	9780310716969	Superhero Series	Super Ace and the Mega Wow 3000
	9780310716976	Superhero Series	Super Ace and the Rotten Robots
	9780310716983	Superhero Series	Super Ace and the Space Traffic Jam
	9780310716990	Superhero Series	Super Ace and the Thirsty Planet

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