

The Kidologist's Top Ten Books for Children's Ministers

1. [Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions](#) by *George Barna*
This is a must read for senior pastors as well as children's pastors. Barna finally supports with research what children's ministry leaders have known for decades.
2. [Rock Solid Kids](#) by *Larry Fowler*
The best biblical case made for church to prioritize ministry to children and to engage parents in the process rather than trying to do it for them.
3. [Raising a Modern Day Joseph](#) by *Larry Fowler*
Just released, this follow up to Rock Solid lays out a very doable strategy for the entire church to intentionally focus on raising up kids who stand strong against the culture.
4. [Parenting is Heart Work](#) by *Scott Turansky & JoAnne Miller*
The parenting book that finally address the *heart*, not behavior. For too long have books and seminars focused on helping kids behave, rather than shaping hearts. Applicable to the church as much as the home.
5. [Building Faith at Home](#) by *Mark Holmen*
One of three books by Holman that lay out a strategy for engaging parents to take the lead in raising up children in the Christian faith.
6. [Lead the Way God Made You](#) by *Larry Shallenberger*
Instead of modeling your life after a leader you admire, Larry will show you how to lead the way *you* were meant to lead. Larry profiles me in one chapter exposing my weaknesses to the world!
7. [The Fabulous Reinvention of Sunday School](#) by *Aaron Reynolds*
While "reinvention" may be an overstatement, it IS a fresh presentation of creative teaching that will make a difference in kids lives. Challenges thinking and is loaded with tips and examples.
8. [Grow, Minister and Lead](#) by *Bill Allison*
Everything from Cadre Ministries is concise, on target, and loaded with practical advice and encouragement that builds the leader as much as his leadership.
9. [The Kidology Handbook](#) by *Karl Bastian*
Called by many their manual for ministry, this PDF book is a blueprint for relational ministry, creative teaching and can serve as a teacher training resource as well.
10. [Running on Empty](#) by *Fil Anderson*
While not directly a children's ministry book, it is one I wish I'd read years sooner and that many other overachieving children's pastors may find pivotal in how they approach life as well as ministry.