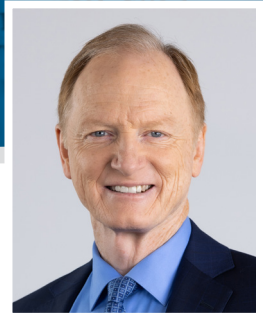




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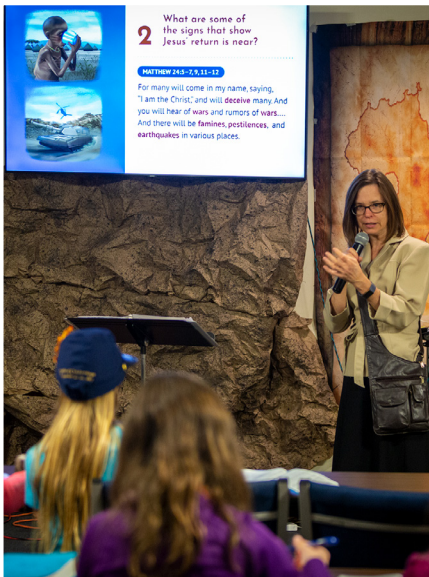
Dear friend in ministry,

Some of the most remarkable characters in the Bible are children or young adults who as children were raised to know and love God. *That is why It Is Written is committed to providing opportunities for children to know Jesus as their personal Savior.* Today's children are capable of doing great things for God. Raising children to know Jesus prepares them for a life of service and for eternal life in the world to come.

When Naaman, a captain in the Syrian army, was suffering from leprosy, it was a young girl who suggested that he see the prophet of God in Israel. Samuel was a young boy when God called him to an important work and, ultimately, a life of service. Daniel was a teenager when he was taken from his home into captivity in Babylon, yet he went on to write one of the most important books in the entire Bible. It seems Joseph was a teenager when he was sold into Egyptian slavery, but owing to his faithfulness to God, he went on to become the prime minister of a great nation.

Each of these individuals were raised to be faithful to God. As children, they were led to know and serve the God of heaven. I could also mention Timothy, to whom Paul wrote two letters that became books of the Bible. Paul wrote that Timothy had "known the Holy Scriptures" "from childhood" (2 Timothy 3:15). And Jesus was prepared for His earthly ministry by parents who encouraged Him to love and serve God while He was still a child.

I want to ask you to prayerfully assist It Is Written in reaching tomorrow's Timothys, Daniels, and Josephs for Jesus. It Is Written resources are being used all over the world to introduce children to Jesus, and to teach them to faithfully follow and live for Him.



Melissa Bradshaw presents the lesson study during Buried Treasure.



My Place With Jesus Bible Guides set



Children participating in games during Flight 3:16.

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*We continue to hear of children who have made decisions for Jesus or have prepared for baptism by studying the My Place With Jesus Bible Guides,* which

were developed by my wife, Melissa, the director of children's ministries at It Is Written. A friend recently told me that her daughter was baptized after carefully studying through those very Bible guides and coming to know Jesus as her personal Savior. "Our pastor said that while there are very few Bible studies that speak to the hearts of children, he feels that the *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* are perfect for introducing children to Jesus and the major teachings of the Bible," she said.

Another friend proudly told me that his third-grade grandson is using the *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* to give Bible studies to children at his school. "He's studying with not only the younger children, but with some of the older children as well," he said. Grandpa couldn't be happier that his young grandson is already giving Bible studies!

When an 8-year-old boy asked Kate to give him Bible studies, Kate introduced him to the *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides*. Jeremy was an excellent reader and loved learning about Jesus. He gave his heart to Jesus and enjoyed understanding the teachings of the Bible. Jeremy was amazed to learn God doesn't burn people in hell forever, and that people who die sleep until the return of Jesus. He was thrilled by the lesson on Daniel 2, and even changed his eating habits after studying lesson 18, "A Recipe for Health." He also enjoyed the puzzles at the end of each lesson. Jeremy

told Kate that their weekly Bible study was one of the best parts of his week! Jeremy is a true disciple of Jesus and is excitedly awaiting his baptism. As Kate said to me, “Praise God for what He is doing in Jeremy’s life.” She is soon to begin leading Jeremy through the My Place With Jesus Bible marking plan so Jeremy can share from the Bible what he believes.

This is exactly why the ministry of My Place With Jesus is so important. It is what Melissa had in mind when she wrote our children’s Bible studies. Reaching children makes a huge difference.



Children work on a craft during the Flight 3:16 program.

Sunshine Notes



Would you please help me present Jesus to even more young people, and give them the opportunity to share their faith with others? Introducing children to Jesus is the first step in raising up a new generation of soul winners. The resources It Is Written produces for young people encourage them to be active disciples for the Lord.

Buried Treasure, the It Is Written evangelism program recently developed for children, is leading more and more children to know Jesus as their Savior and best friend. Melissa has now developed Flight 3:16, a brand-new vacation Bible school. Based on the *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides*, Flight 3:16 is an aviation-themed VBS introducing children to Jesus through fun, friendship, and the Word of God.

A new resource from It Is Written is the Sunshine Notes, cards that can be used as greeting cards, thank-you notes, encouragement notes, and much more. They are designed to introduce sunshine into another person’s life. One school used the Sunshine Notes in a community project at a local assisted living facility. The residents were encouraged, and students were energized by sharing the love of Jesus.

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Melissa and I have been so blessed to know that our children's resources have been used to reach more than children. Adults also frequently use the *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* to deepen their faith in God. Adults who don't read well, have learning difficulties, or simply enjoy the format of the studies often study their way through our children's Bible guides. God has used them even beyond our own expectations.

I want to see even more young people reached with the love of Jesus. I am asking that you would help It Is Written produce Flight 3:16, our new vacation Bible school program. I want to see children all across North America enjoy Flight 3:16 as they sit at the feet of Jesus. It is important that we continue to produce Buried Treasure, and print and distribute the life-changing *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides*, which I believe are the gold standard in children's Bible studies.

*Your support this month will enable It Is Written to introduce Jesus to the Samuels and Daniels of tomorrow.* Please pray about how God can use you to reach more children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with the love of Jesus.

To reach today's children is to prepare tomorrow's church leaders, missionaries, and ministers. Thank you for helping Melissa, me, and the rest of our It Is Written team to lead young people to the heart of God. Eternity will be more joyful if we can spend it with our children and grandchildren.

With sincere thanks for your gracious support,





John Bradshaw  
President, It Is Written

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P.S. It Is Written resources are being used all over the world to introduce children to Jesus, and to teach them to faithfully follow and live for Him. Our *My Place With Jesus Bible Guides* make studying the Bible easy and fun. Children are being baptized as a result, and sharing what they've learned with their friends! New from My Place With Jesus are Sunshine Notes and Flight 3:16, an aviation-themed VBS, which will reach many more children with the love of Jesus. Thank you for your support of our children's ministries this month!



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