



RESOURCE LIST: ADOPTION

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BOOKS

ADOPTED AND LOVED FOREVER by Annetta E. Dellinger (Concordia) • 0041678 •

This colorfully illustrated book for children ages 4-7 examines the questions young ones have about their adopted status, assuring them that they are deeply loved and chosen, and like adoption into God's family, adoption into their family is forever.

THE ADOPTION DECISION: 15 THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW BEFORE ADOPTING by Laura Christianson (Harvest House) • 920001 •

Before you make the decision to adopt, it's wise to know how it will affect your daily life, your other children, and your marriage. Here are 15 important questions to help you make the right choices.

BEFORE YOU WERE MINE: DISCOVERING YOUR ADOPTED CHILD'S LIFE STORY by Susan TeBos & Carissa Woodwyk (FaithWalk) • 902693 •

Before You Were Mine helps you create a life story that will provide a sense of history and belonging and bring you closer together as a family as it weaves a biblical foundation into the center of your child's story before they were adopted.

CASTAWAY KID by R. B. Mitchell (FOF/Tyndale) • 74349 •

Rob Mitchell grew up an orphan with kids who were not friends but rather "co-survivors." Becoming a Christian as a teenager, Rob found what he was looking for: home and family in a relationship with God.

COMPLETE GUIDE TO BABY & CHILD CARE: FROM PRE-BIRTH THROUGH THE TEEN YEARS by Paul C. Reisser, MD, Physicians Resource Council (FOF/Tyndale) • 313054 •

Newly revised and expanded with the latest research and medical data, this exhaustive medical reference book addresses the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children.

DORIE: THE GIRL NOBODY LOVED by Doris Van Stone (Moody Publishers) • 22756 •

As a child, Dorie was rejected by her mother and was sent to live in an orphanage where she was regularly beaten by the orphanage director and cruel foster parents. As she accepted God's love, her life began to change.

FIELDS OF THE FATHERLESS by C. Thomas Davis (Global Publishing Services) • 714100 •

Tom Davis shows you how to reach out to a special group of people who are most in need—and who the Bible reveals are most on God's heart . . . the orphan, the widow and the alien.

GIANNA: ABORTED...AND LIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT by Jessica Shaver (FOF/Tyndale) • 97113 •

This is the miraculous story of Gianna Jessen, who survived a saline abortion at seven months gestation and overcame obstacles in her life to become a strong pro-life advocate.

HANDBOOK ON THRIVING AS AN ADOPTIVE FAMILY: REAL-LIFE SOLUTIONS TO COMMON CHALLENGES edited by David and Renee Sanford (FOF/Tyndale) • 973381 •

This resource provides insights into vital issues including attachment and bonding, sibling and extended family relationships, past abuse, nurture and discipline, and developing a support network.

I CHOOSE THIS DAY: MOURNINGS AND MIRACLES OF ADOPTION by Sharon Fieker & Lori Smith (Tate Publishing) • 865363 •

An inspirational story told by Sharon and Lori, the little girl she gave up for adoption. Theirs is a story of hope and grace and trusting in the Lord that will encourage anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy.

LAUNCHING AN ORPHANS MINISTRY IN YOUR CHURCH by Jason Weber (FamilyLife) • 5009782 •

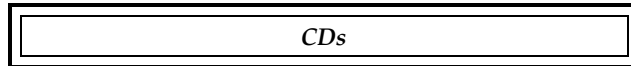
In this step-by-step guide, you are given the principles and practical tools needed to launch an effective church orphans ministry. Includes a DVD hosted by FamilyLife President, Dennis Rainey.

SMALL TOWN, BIG MIRACLE: HOW LOVE CAME TO THE LEAST OF THESE by Bishop W.C. Martin with John Fornof (FOF/Tyndale House) • 74438 •

God chose the Bishop of a small church to begin a movement with one simple word: "Adopt." Church members were challenged to adopt 72 of the toughest kids in the foster care system and demonstrate the power and redemption of love.

SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION: A GUIDE FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILIES by Natalie Nichols Gillespie • 454123 •

Demystify adoption and discover if it's right for your family, how to pay for it, where to find the right agency and how to make sense of the paperwork.



"ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY: THE CHOSEN ONE" I, II • 5008131 •

Kelly faces a difficult situation: an absent father, an abusive mother with several boyfriends, and schools that have kicked her out. The Washingtons face a difficult decision when Whit suggests that they might be suited to mentor Kelly.

DOMESTIC ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE SET • 5008812 • 6 CD Set

This set examines adoption from all angles—providing insight and encouragement to those seeking to make a difference in a child's life through adoption or foster care.

"THE ADOPTED CHILD" I, II (Dr. James Dobson) • 5008807 •

Dr. James Dobson explores the facets of parenting an adopted child.

"THE BARRETT'S: AN AMAZING ADOPTION STORY" I, II (Mr. Billy Jack and Mrs. Anne Barrett) • 5008567 •

Billy Jack and Anne Barrett talk about how their horses have helped in the healing process of their emotionally-troubled children and how their home was completely rebuilt on the ABC television show, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

"HUTCHERSON & ANTIOCH ADOPTIONS" I-III (Dr. Ken Hutcherson, Dr. James Dobson, John Fuller) • 5008780 •

How can you and your church help get orphans placed in loving homes? Hear about Antioch Adoptions, a groundbreaking orphan care and adoption program founded by Antioch Bible Church in Redmond, Washington.

"DORIE: THE GIRL NOBODY LOVED" (Dorie VanStone) • 5008309 •

Dorie VanStone weaves her love for the song, "He's Everything," throughout this testimony of abject rejection. After living in an uncaring orphanage, she was sent to a family where she was impoverished, degraded, and physically abused.

"THE HEART OF A BIRTH MOM" (Mrs. April Warren, Mr. Nathan Howe, Dr. James Dobson) • 5008804 •

April Warren gave her baby boy up for adoption nearly 20 years ago. She and her son were recently reunited on Focus' campus, recorded soon after their emotional meeting and shared how God used their circumstances to fulfill His purposes.

"WHEN LOVE ISN'T ENOUGH" (Panel, Dr. Bill Maier) • 5009146 •

The panel discusses Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD), a problem faced by many adoptive parents. Symptoms of RAD include superficial charm, lack of eye contact, manipulation, and affection toward strangers but not immediate family.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION SET • 5008813 • 7 CD Set

This 7 CD set examines the life-changing impact of international adoption. Guests talk about the joys and struggles of blending a family from different parts of the world.

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"THE BENTLEYS: A RADICAL JOURNEY OF FAITH" I, II (John & Lisa Bentley) • 5008675 •

John and Lisa Bentley describe how their missionary trip to China culminated in the adoption of a baby boy. If not for their faithful response to God's call upon their lives, little Levi would be dead today.

"GOD'S MIRACLE OF ADOPTION" (Jill Savage, Dr. James Dobson) • 5008386 •

Jill Savage shares her own story of adopting little Russian boy after having given birth to four children of her own. Jill explains the financial difficulty involved and how God provided.

"HEALING CHILDHOOD TRAUMAS" I, II (Stephanie Fast) • 5008900 •

Graphically recounting a childhood marked by verbal and physical abuse, Stephanie Fast shares her experience as an orphan in Korea. Her adoption by missionaries led to her salvation and started her along the path of emotional healing.

"HOPE FOR ORPHANS WORLDWIDE" (Dennis & Barbara Rainey, Jim Daly, Ryan Dobson, Dr. James Dobson) • 5008645 •

Guests discuss their adoption experiences and introduce Voice of the Orphan, a new organization of churches and ministries dedicated to supporting the fatherless and connecting those children with loving, Christian families.

"STEPHEN CURTIS CHAPMAN ON ADOPTION" I, II (Stephen Curtis Chapman, Dr. James Dobson) • 5008649 •

Steven Curtis Chapman shares the story of how he and his wife adopted their daughter from an orphanage in China.

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"ZANE FULLER: AN ADOPTION STORY" (John and Dena Fuller, Dr. James Dobson) • 5008168 •

With five biological children, the Fullers prayerfully considered adopting a sixth. The answer came in the form of a Russian boy named Zane, and the process of making him their son has transformed their lives.

MISCELLANEOUS

"YOUR GUIDE TO ADOPTION: BREAKS DOWN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION INTO MANAGEABLE STEPS" by Katie Porter (Focus on the Family) • 5009768 • 17" x 24" Color Fold-out Brochure

Considering adopting from foster care but don't know where to start? *"Your Guide to Adoption"* is meant to serve as a guide to help you through this process as well as provide helpful tips along the way.

"BUILDING A BRIDGE" (Shaohannah's Hope & Steven Curtis Chapman) • 5009781 • Booklet and DVD

Help move your community to further care for orphans. The enclosed DVD includes videos such as the *Building a Bridge* video created specifically for use at a worship service to raise interest in adoption in a compelling way through the Chapmans' story.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY WEB SITE: ICAREABOUTORPHANS.ORG

• <http://www.icareaboutorphans.org/>

This Focus on the Family web site lists ways to make a difference in the life of an orphan, offering information on education and awareness to the adoption and fostering of an orphan child.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY WEB SITE: "PARENTING: ADOPTIVE FAMILIES"

• http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/adoptive_families.aspx

This site offers great resources and online articles on parenting, including those who have adopted or are considering adoption.

"FROZEN EMBRYOS: THE ADOPTION SOLUTION" • FX429 • Complimentary

This information sheet provides details on thousands of frozen embryos being kept with no plans for the future. It also tells of an anonymous couple who "adopted" an embryo and had it implanted, carried it to term, and produced a healthy baby girl.