

# Parent Ideas

## for SkyStormer Biographies

### INTRODUCTION

Parents, you are the most important spiritual influence in your child's life! We encourage you to take time to read or listen to each Bible biography and discuss it with your child. Together, you can apply the truth of God's Word to everyday life.

Before you start reading, open your Bible to the passage(s) listed with each biography. (You may want to read both the biography and the Bible passages with your child.) Pray before you read to highlight the special and spiritual nature of your task.

We use the word *biographies* instead of *stories* to emphasize the real people and real events of the Bible. **These biographies are not meant to replace the Bible text.** Instead, we recommend reading the Bible text with your child before or after reading the Bible biography or listening to it on the CD.

These biographies are dramatic and creative retellings that make the historical characters and settings come alive for Sparkies. In some places, we have added detail beyond what Scripture gives us. These details are based on our research and best guesses about what might have happened. However, we have been very careful not to include anything that changes the facts or truth of the Bible! We hope you enjoy these biographies as imaginative, Bible-based teaching tools for you and your child.

Although you can listen to the biographies on the CD, **we suggest you read them first with your child one-on-one.** Nothing replaces the personal interaction and example of a loving parent in a child's life.

To prepare, download and print the appropriate biography PDF from the CD. Print a copy for your child too so she can read along. Then review the Parent Ideas for that biography.

Choose **one or more** activities to do with your child.

- You will find **Read-together activities** to make your reading times more creative and interactive.
- You will find **Discussion activities** to help your child grasp the key learning points of the biography.
- You will also find **Application activities**, which challenge you and your child to apply Bible truths to everyday life.
- Finally, you will find a few **Review activities** that lead your child to remember and celebrate what she has learned.

You may also want to give your second-grade Sparkie a chance to practice his budding reading skills! Encourage him to read parts or all of the biography to you, or to read sentences again after you read them first. You can also ask him to point to each word with his finger while he listens to the CD or to you as you read. (Just be sure your child is not so distracted by his reading that he fails to grasp the meaning and action in the biography.)

The CD is an excellent review tool. Just pop in the CD before bedtime, during playtimes, while driving together or at any other time of the day. Your child can listen to any of the Bible biographies from the *SkyStormer*<sup>®</sup> handbook. What a great way to instill God's truths into your child's heart all day long!