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From the desk of
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Dear It Is Written friend,

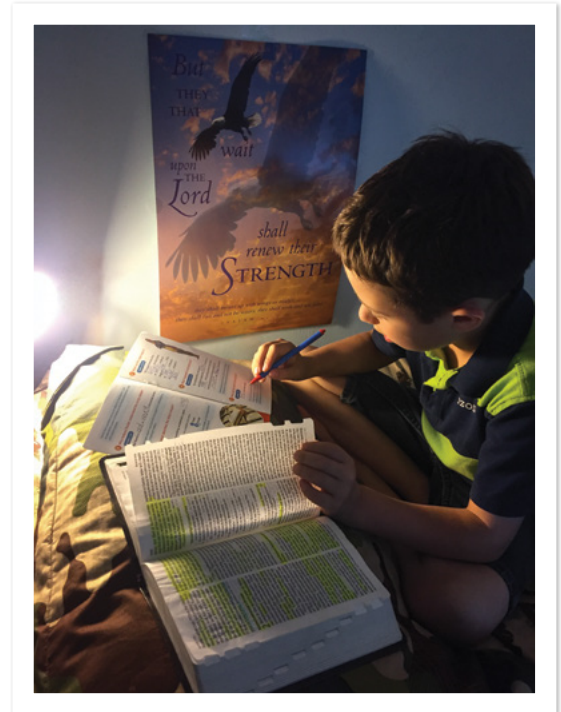
As a parent, my greatest desire is to see my children develop a personal relationship with Jesus. At It Is Written, we share that same concern for children everywhere. That's why I'm excited to share this story with you.

Seven-year-old Ryan loved riding his bicycle. One day he asked if he could ride his bike across town so he could study the Bible with his cousin, Daniel.

Ryan's mom had given him a set of the new My Place With Jesus Bible Guides. She wrote and told us that **"Ryan LOVED the Bible Guides set!"** He loved them so much that he wanted his cousin to know the exciting things he was learning. His favorite lessons were the studies on Daniel 2, heaven, and "the one with the fire truck" on the cover. Ryan's mother said he "wore out his Bible looking for all the verses."

How wonderful is that?! A child excited about studying the Bible and sharing his faith in Jesus with others! Ryan's mother said she "loved seeing all the underlining he did as he read every verse he found."

One night she went into Ryan's room to check the progress he was making with his Bible studies. She wrote, "I couldn't help but cry to see him asleep with his Bible and Bible Guides and his little lamp turned on." And then she added, "Thank you for making these!"



Ryan, 7 years old, studying the Word of God with the My Place With Jesus Bible Guides.

Ryan's mother thanked It Is Written and I'm thanking **you**. It's your support that has enabled us to introduce young people to Jesus and Bible study in such a powerful and exciting way.



Ryan leads a Bible study group with his cousin Daniel and other friends.

People everywhere ask themselves how they can introduce young people to Jesus, and here is a beautiful way of doing just that. Ryan and Daniel — and many others like them — are evidence **that young lives are being touched by the Holy Spirit and won to Jesus.** As Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

My wife, Melissa, and I are thrilled by stories like this. **There**

is nothing more encouraging than seeing young children find Jesus for themselves! As coordinator for My Place With Jesus at It Is Written, Melissa has worked tirelessly to give children the opportunity to fall in love with Jesus.

This year, **My Place With Jesus is releasing a New King James Version of the Bible just for children.** In the back, each Bible *includes* the full 21-lesson set of our My Place With Jesus Bible Guides. The Bible is full of many other exciting features, like 36 full pages of illustrations, a Bible timeline, and a reversible dust cover with a picture for children to color.

It Is Written’s My Place With Jesus program has come a long way since its inception in 2008. A new website and apps for iPhone® and Android™ are being customized and beta tested, and a special monthly challenge is produced for children all over the world. All of these tools are designed to reach kids for Jesus.

Ryan recently completed all 21 My Place With Jesus lessons. His mom told us, “He was so excited to bring me the certificate so I could sign it.” She was honored to sign the certificate, and along with her husband, present it to her son in church the following Sabbath.

It is vital that we do all we can to reach children for Jesus. **And when children meet Jesus as their best friend, they want to reach out and**



Ryan poses with his father after receiving his certificate for completing the My Place With Jesus Bible Guides.

share with others the good news they have learned. Ryan reached out to Daniel, just like children reach out to parents and grandparents. When Melissa was only seven, she encouraged her father to make a decision for Christ and to be baptized. Children can touch hearts that you and I could never reach as adults.

I would like to ask for your generous support of this special It Is Written ministry. It costs thousands of dollars each year to fund the development, maintenance, and expansion of resources for My Place With Jesus. For example, the cost to finish the online My Place With Jesus app will be approximately \$75,000.

Ryan's parents will tell you that investing in our children is worth it. Ryan certainly thinks so. And Daniel agrees. And every young life touched has the ripple effect of reaching countless more for eternity.

I would like you to have one of the new My Place With Jesus Bibles. Share it with your child or a child you know. When you complete the enclosed card with your gift of \$250 or more this month, check the box that says you would like to receive a complimentary copy of this beautiful Bible. And just so you know, I'm sending Ryan one too. He needs a new Bible!

It's so wonderful to see children like Ryan taking the lead and sharing the Bible with their friends. **I know that with your support, My Place With Jesus will continue to inspire children to put Jesus first in their lives.** Thank you for investing in these precious young lives.

Together in ministry for our children,



Pastor John Bradshaw
Speaker/Director, It Is Written

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P.S. Ryan is seven years old and has just completed the My Place With Jesus Bible Guides. He's been sharing them with his friends. He has worn out his Bible underlining verses! It Is Written has just printed a special My Place With Jesus Bible just for kids, with all 21 of the Bible Guides included. I'm going to send Ryan a copy. But there are more children like Ryan who need this Bible and the other My Place With Jesus resources It Is Written develops each year. For your gift of \$250 or more this month, I'll send you a My Place With Jesus Bible for you to share with a special young person in your life.



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