RESOURCES

ZONDERKIdz I Can Read!

#### **Dear Parent and Teacher,**

We know how important it is for you to instill the love of reading within the children in your life. The Zonderkidz I Can Read fiction and nonfiction booklist gives young readers opportunities to explore the world of books, experience the excitement of reading about the adventures of favorite and trusted characters, and also discover God's creation and love all while introducing vocabulary and other literacy skills in a time-tested and reliable way.

I Can Read books have been introducing young readers to books since 1957. The titles in each level are written very deliberately. Readers are introduced to age- and skillappropriate vocabulary and reading skills in an educationally sound way. These books are perfect for at-home as well as classroom use.

# The Zondervan I Can Read fiction and nonfiction booklist has titles in 3 levels:

- » My First
- » Beginning Reading level 1
- » Reading with Help level 2

I Can Read "My First" books are ideal for the very early reader just learning print and book features such as letters, words, sentences, and illustrations. Young children at this stage will benefit from finger pointing at each word as you and she move through the text. As you read these My First titles with your child, think out loud as the characters and plot develop. This means making statements such as, "I wonder what they will do next?" before you turn a page or talking about the illustration and how it shows what the words are saying.

I Can Read "Beginning Reading level 1" books have simple sentences and many high frequency sight words. (Sight words are those words that occur very often and should become automatically recognizable such as a, and, the, yes, no, and please. These words do not always follow the rules we use to figure words out such as long and short vowel sounds or hard and soft sounding C.) As you model reading, children will become more familiar with print concepts and will be able to identify many words independently at this level.

I Can Read "Reading with Help level 2" books have high interest themes and ideas. Level 2 books build on and reinforce the child's prior knowledge. Early readers will take risks and self-navigate text using a range of literacy skills gained from previous experiences like sounding out words, noticing word patterns, and use of punctuation marks. He might try to read words that look similar to one he already knows or predict what is coming because of clues in an illustration.

As you read through the titles on each level you will begin to notice that your child is moving through progressively more difficult text and on her way to making meaningful connections as an independent thinker and learner.

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## Using the Zonderkidz I Can Read Series

### SO, WHERE TO BEGIN?

Talk about books first. Whether at home or in a classroom we cannot take it for granted that a child knows all about what a book is! Give your reader, or everyone in a small group, a book and talk about books in general:

- » What is a book?
- » Where are the pages?
- » Where are the cover and back of the book?
- » Point to the title.
- » Who is the author and where is her name?
- » What is a spine on a book? Show me.
- » What are illustrations? Where is the illustrator's name?
- » Are there illustrations or photos in the book?

#### NOW TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC BOOKS

You do not want your young reader to have her first reading experience be frustrating, so a general rule of thumb is if a child is unable to read five words on a given page, it is likely too difficult for independent reading.

An easy way to check this is to have the child place her hand flat on a table top, palm up. Each time she struggles with a word as she reads, she should curl up a finger.\*\* If she makes a fist before the page is complete, try the next level down or read this one together.

\*\*Note: In some of the nonfiction titles such as Bible stories there may be proper names of people and places that children do not recognize or know (Nebuchadnezzar, for example). These do not need to be counted in the five-finger rating of books.

#### HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS BEING READ?

It is very important for young readers to connect with what they are reading. Can they relate to what the story is about? Does it have anything to do with the world around them? Are there ideas in one book that are similar to another they have read? One way to get students reading thoughtfully is to have before, during, and after reading questions. This type of activity works for both fiction and nonfiction and when working with one child at home or in a larger group in a classroom. The questions below can be tweaked to work for either genre.

#### **BEFORE READING**

Build background knowledge and set purpose—talk about the book.

What does the cover illustration tell us about what we are going to read?
Who are the author and illustrator? What are their roles?
What kind of book is this? Fiction? Nonfiction? How do you know?
What can we learn from fiction and nonfiction texts?
Preview new vocabulary.
What are some strategies you can use to figure out a word you do not know?
What do you already know about \_\_\_\_\_?
What do you think is going to happen? (Check predictions as you read.)

#### SET A PURPOSE FOR READING

Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book? What makes you think that? What characters do you think might be in our story? Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not? Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?



## **DURING READING**

Engage students in the reading, solidify their understanding of a text.

Why is end punctuation important? Find examples in the story. (period, comma, quotation marks, exclamation point)

Does the text remind you of something you know or believe?

#### Who are the characters in the story?

What is the setting? (Where)

What is the plot? What is happening to the characters? (Beginning, middle, end, problem, and solution)

What pictures stand out as you read?

What can the pictures tell us about the characters, setting, and plot?

What is the author trying to say?

What do you think will happen next? How do you know?

What can you tell me about the story so far?

Find examples of discovery, imagination, and suspense in the story.

Can you predict how the story will end?

Why do you think the character did \_\_\_\_\_?

What would you have done if you were the character?

How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)

As I read \_\_\_\_\_\_, it made me picture \_\_\_\_\_ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?

What did the author mean by \_\_\_\_\_?

As you read, what are you wondering about? Put what you've just read in your own words.

## AFTER READING

Check understanding, respond to the book, and make deep connections.

What do you understand from what you just read?

What is the author's purpose for writing this book?

What are the main idea and details?

How do you know the theme or central idea of the book?

#### How can you relate the theme to your own life?

In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?

Were your predictions about the story correct?

If there was a problem, did it get solved?

What happened because of the problem?

What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?

What was your favorite part of the story/book?

Why did you like this book? Why didn't you?

Did you learn a lesson? What was the lesson?

Discuss something new that you learned from the book.

If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?

Can you retell the story in order?

If you were \_\_\_\_\_, how would you have felt?

What is the most interesting situation in the story?

Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?

Does the book remind you of another book that you have read?

Extension lessons check comprehension and give opportunities for children to apply knowledge and actively participate in shared reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities after a book has been read and discussed.

#### FICTION

Choose an important character from the story. Create a list of words that describes the character. Use examples from the story.

2Write a letter to the author telling how you personally connect with the story. What did you learn?

**3** Draw a picture of the story's setting. List what you would hear, see, smell, taste, feel, and know about if you could go there.

Create a character collage for your favorite character using magazines and construction paper. Cut out words and images that reflect your character. Share with the class.

**5** Find a quote from the book and draw a picture of what it means to you. Write a sentence describing the saying in your own words. Share with the class.

#### NONFICTION

Draw a main idea and detail web about the book.

2 Choose a plant or animal from a nonfiction 2 title such as the I Can Read Made by God series. Research facts about the plant or animal and present using pictures and words.

**3** Create a class mural of a habitat. Use recycled materials found in the home and school.

Pick a real animal, insect, or creature from a book. Find a fictional book with the same animal, insect, or creature. Compare and contrast the behaviors and characteristics of real and fictional characters.

**5**Go on a word hunt. Find words in the book that are new to you. Write the words down. Describe how you unlocked the meaning of the word. Did you look it up in the dictionary? Use context or picture clues? Hang the words on a "word wall" in the classroom.

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= iYo sé leer! (SPANISH LANGUAGE)

My First

READ	ISBN	SERIES	TITLE
	9780829758412	I Can Read! / iYo sé leer!	Daniel, God's Faithful Follower / Daniel, el fiel seguidor de Dios
	9780829758450	I Can Read! / iYo sé leer!	Jesus, God's Great Gift/Jesús, el gran regalo de Dios
	9780310715863	I Can Read! / Barnabas Series	Happy Birthday Barnabas
	9780310715856	I Can Read! / Barnabas Series	Barnabas Helps a Friend
	9780310715849	I Can Read! / Barnabas Series	Barnabas Goes Swimming
	9780310715870	I Can Read! / Barnabas Series	God Loves You Barnabas
	9780310716075	I Can Read! / Howie Series	Howie Finds a Hug
	9780310716051	I Can Read! / Howie Series	Howie's Tea Party
	9780310718734	I Can Read! / Howie Series / iYo sé leer! / Serie: Fido	Howie Finds a Hug / Fido recibe un abrazo
	9780310718758	l Can Read! / Howie Series / iYo sé leer! / Serie: Fido	Howie Wants to Play / Fido quiere jugar
	9780310760504	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Jesus Is Born
	9780310760412	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Daniel and the Lions' Den
	9780310760481	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible David and the Giant
	9780310764649	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible God Makes the World
	9780310760368	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Jesus Saves the World
	9780310760443	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Jonah and the Giant Fish
	9780310760290	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Noah and the Great Big Ark
	9780310764786	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Queen Esther Saves Her People
	9780310718000	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Moses and the King
	9780310717812	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Lost Son
	9780310717799	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Jesus Feeds the People
	9780310717676	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Baby Moses and the Princess
	9780310717317	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Joseph and His Brothers
	9780310714613	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible	Beginner's Bible Jesus and His Friends
	9780310718932	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Jesus Saves the World / Jesús salva al mundo
	9780310718925	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Adam and Eve in the Garden / Adán y Eva en el jardín
	9780310718918	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Daniel and the Lions / Daniel y los leones
	9780310718901	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	David and the Giant / David y el gigante
	9780310718895	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Jesus and His Friends / Jesús y sus amigos
	9780310718888	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Queen Esther Helps God's People / La reina Ester ayuda al pueblo de Dios
	9780310718871	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Jonah and the Big Fish / Jonás y el gran pez
	9780310718864	I Can Read! / The Beginner's Bible / iYo sé leer!	Noah and the Ark / Noé y el arca

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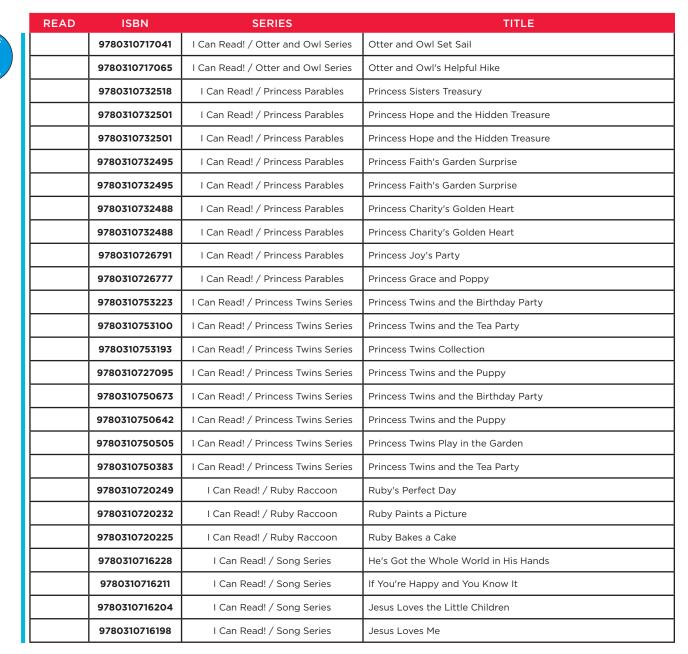


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	9780310718680	I Can Read! / iYo sé leer!	Mommy, May I Hug the Fish? / Mamá: ¿Puedo abrazar al pez?
	9780310718710	I Can Read! / iYo sé leer!	Snug as a Bug / Arropadito y a gusto
	9780310717409	I Can Read!	Best Breakfast
	9780310717089	I Can Read!	Little David's Big Heart
	9780310714682	I Can Read!	Mommy May I Hug a Fish
	9780310714699	I Can Read!	Sister for Sale
	9780310715757	I Can Read!	Snug as a Bug
	9780310715726	I Can Read!	Mud Pie Annie
	9780310714675	I Can Read!	Mad Maddie Maxwell
	9780310714668	I Can Read!	Zachary's Zoo
	9780310717027	I Can Read! / Ali Cat Series	Ali Cat Is a Scaredy-Cat
	9780310717010	I Can Read! / Ali Cat Series	Just Ali Cat
	9.78031E+12	I Can Read! / Ali Cat Series	Ali Cat Finds a Home
	9780310721642	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Good Deed Scouts Help Their Neighbors
	9780310721024	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Help the Homeless
	9780310721017	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears: Honey Hunt Helpers
	9780310721000	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears and the Little Lost Cub
	9780310720997	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears: Mama's Helpers
	9780310720980	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears' Neighbor in Need
	9780310720973	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Good Deed Scouts / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears' Kitten Rescue
	9780310768173	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Get the Job Done
	9780310760238	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Brother Bear and the Kind Cub
	9780310760153	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Get the Job Done
	9780310760245	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Play a Fair Game
	9780310760092	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Respect Each Other
	9780310760184	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears Sister Bear and the Golden Rule
	9780310725114	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears, Do Not Fear, God Is Near
	9780310725091	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears, God Made the Seasons
	9780310725077	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears, God Made the Colors
	9780310725053	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears' Piggy Bank Blessings
	9780310725039	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears, Thank God for Good Health
	9780310725015	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears, Faith Gets Us Through

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READ	ISBN	SERIES	TITLE
	9780310742111	I Can Read! / Berenstain Bears / Living Lights	Berenstain Bears God Shows the Way
	9780310726739	I Can Read! / Bible Stories	Zacchaeus Meets Jesus
	9780310721581	I Can Read! / Bible Stories	Jesus Raises Lazarus
	9780310721574	I Can Read! / Bible Stories	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
	9780310721567	I Can Read! / Bible Stories	Joshua Crosses the Jordan
	9780310721550	I Can Read! / Bible Stories	Prodigal Son
	9780310741718	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Sheerluck Holmes and the Case of the Missing Friend
	9780310741701	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Mess Detectives and the Case of the Lost Temper
	9780310741695	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	All Is Fair When We Share
	9780310741688	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Larry Makes a Choice
	9780310741671	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Dial 'M' for Mess Up
	9780310741664	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Bob and Larry in the Case of the Messy Sleepover
	9780310732150	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Listen Up, Larry
	9780310732143	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	LarryBoy and the Mudslingers
	9780310732136	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Case of the Couch Potato Caper
	9780310732082	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Junior Comes Clean
	9780310732075	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Pirate in Training
	9780310732068	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Princess Petunia and the Good Knight
	9780310727323	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Junior Battles to Be His Best
	9780310727316	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Bob and Larry's Creation Vacation
	9780310727309	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Bob and Larry in the Case of the Missing Patience
	9780310727293	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Fairest Town in the West
	9780310721628	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Princess Petunia's Sweet Apple Pie
	9780310721611	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	LarryBoy Meets the Bubblegum Bandit
	9780310721604	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	What's Up with Lyle?
	9780310721598	I Can Read! / Big Idea Books / VeggieTales	Who Wants to Be a Pirate?
	9780310717102	I Can Read! / Little David Series	Little David and His Best Friend
	9780310717119	I Can Read! / Little David Series	Little David Sings for the King
	9780310717096	I Can Read! / Little David Series	Little David's Brave Day
	9780310717058	I Can Read! / Otter and Owl Series	Otter and Owl and the Big Ah-choo!
	9780310717072	I Can Read! / Otter and Owl Series	Otter and Owl Say I'm Sorry

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9780	0310750994	I Can Read! / Adventure Bible	Great Stories of the Bible
9780	0310750963	I Can Read! / Adventure Bible	Heroes of the Bible Treasury
978	0310716990	I Can Read!	Super Ace and the Thirsty Planet
978	0310716983	I Can Read!	Super Ace and the Space Traffic Jam
978	0310716976	I Can Read!	Super Ace and the Rotten Robots
978	0310716969	I Can Read!	Super Ace and the Mega Wow 3000
978	80310715788	I Can Read!	Mrs. Rosey Posey and the Fine China Plate
978	0310717850	I Can Read! / A Horse Named Bob	Double Trouble
978	0310717836	I Can Read! / A Horse Named Bob	Perfect Pony

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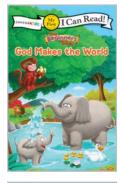


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	9780310718093	I Can Read! / Rainforest Friends	Troo's Secret Clubhouse
	9780310718086	I Can Read! / Rainforest Friends	Troo's Big Climb
	9780310714545	I Can Read! / The Jake Series	Jake Goes Fishing
	9780310716792	I Can Read! / The Jake Series	Jake Learns to Share
	9780310714552	I Can Read! / The Jake Series	Jake Plays Ball
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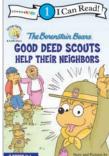




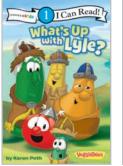


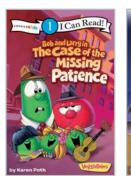


















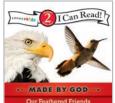












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