Doing Life Together



The following resources are a limited sampling of the many wonderful books and Bible studies written to encourage families affected by disability in their faith.

Support Group Material

- A Different Dream for My Child: Meditations for Parents of Critically or Chronically Ill Children by Jolene Philo
- Another Kind of Courage:
 God's Design for Fathers of Families Affected by Disability
 by Doug Mazza and Steve Bundy
- Creating the Moms Group You've Been Looking For: Your How-To Manual for Connecting with Other Moms by Jill Savage
- Held: Learning to Live in God's Grip by Sandra Peoples and Lee Peoples
- Special Needs Parenting: From Coping to Thriving by Lorna Bradley
- Special Strength for Special Parents:
 31 Days of Spiritual Therapy for Parents of Children with Special Needs by Nina Fuller
- Unlocking the Treasure:
 A Bible Study for Moms Entrusted with Special-Needs Children by Bev Roozeboom

Caregiving

- A Caregiver's Survival Guide:
 How to Stay Healthy When Your Loved One is Sick
 by Kay M. Strom
- Because You Care: Spiritual Encouragement for Caregivers by Cecil Murphey and Twila Belk
- Compassionate Caregiving: Practical Help and Spiritual Encouragement by Lois D. Knutson

- God's Encouragement for Caregivers (DVD and guide) by John Ankerberg, Joni Eareckson Tada, and Dr. Michael Easley
- Hope for the Caregiver: Encouraging Words to Strengthen Your Spirit by Peter Rosenberger
- The Caregivers Notebook: An Organizational Tool and Support to Help You Care for Others by Jolene Philo
- We Are: A Caregiving Manefesto by Dana Brown Ritter

Friendships

 Growing Friendships: Connecting More Deeply With Those Who Matter Most by Tracy Klehn

Tools for General Family Support

- After We're Gone: A Christian perspective on estate and life planning for families that include a dependent member with disability by Dr. Duane Ruth-Heffelbower
- The Art of Helping: What to Say and Do When Someone is Hurting by Lauran Littauer Briggs
- Just Show Up: The Dance of Walking through Suffering Together by Kara Tippets and Jill Lynn Buteyn

Marriage

- Joni and Ken: An Untold Love Story by Ken Tada and Joni Eareckson Tada with Larry Libby
- Married with Special-Needs Children: A Couples' Guide to Keeping Connected by Laura E. Marshak and Fran P. Prezant
- When God Doesn't Fix It: Lessons You Never Want to Learn, Truths You Can't Live Without by Laura Story and Jennifer Schuchmann

Written by and About Families Affected by Disability

 Real Families, Real Needs:
 A Compassionate Guide for Families Living with Disability by Joni and Friends

- Breakthrough Parenting for Children with Special Needs: Raising the Bar of Expectations by Judy Winter
- Dancing with Max: A Mother and Son Who Broke Free by Emily Colson
- Different Dream Parenting:

 A Practical Guide to Raising a Child with Special Needs
 by Jolene Philo
- Empowering Your Child Who Has Special Needs by Debbie Salter Goodwin
- His Majesty in Brokenness by Judy Squier
- Light from Lucas: Lessons in Faith From a Fragile Life by Bob Vander Plaats
- No More Peanut Butter Sandwiches by Jeff Davidson
- Too Wise to be Mistaken, Too Good to be Unkind: Christian Parents Contend with Autism by Cathy Steere
- Unexpected Journey: When Special Needs Change Our Course by Joe Ferrini and Cindi Ferrini
- Wrestling with an Angel: A Story of Love, Disability and the Lessons of Grace by Greg Lucas

Sibling Support

- Fasten your Seatbelt: A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters by Brian G. Skotko and Susan P. Levine
- Living with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs: A Book for Sibs by Donald J. Meyer and Patricia F. Vadasy
- Sibshops: Workshops for Siblings of Children with Special Needs by Donald J. Meyer and Patricia F. Vadasy
- Special Brothers and Sisters: Stories and Tips for Siblings of Children with Special Needs, Disability or Serious Illness by Monica McCaffrey and Annette Hames

- The Sibling Slam Book: What It's Really Like To Have A Brother Or Sister With Special Needs by Don Meyer and David Gallagher
- Thicker than Water: Essays by Adult Siblings of People with Disabilities edited by Don Meyer
- Views from our Shoes: Growing Up with a Brother or Sister with Special Needs by Donald Meyer

Picture Books

- All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome by Kathy Hoopmann
- All Kinds of Friends, Even Green! (spina bifida)
 by Ellen B. Senisi
- Inside Asperger's Looking Out by Kathy Hoopmann
- Don't Call Me Special: A First Look at Disability (physical disabilities)
 by Pat Thomas
- Enriqué Speaks with His Hands (hearing impairment) by Benjamin Fudge
- God Gave Us You by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- If Only I Had a Green Nose by Max Lucado
- In Jesse's Shoes by Beverly Lewis
- Just the Way I Am: God's Good Design in Disability by Krista Horning
- Let's Talk about It Series by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos
- Live and Learn Series by Barron's Educational Books
- My Brother Charlie (autism) by Holly Robinson Peete

- My Brother, Matthew by Mary Thompson
- My Friend Has Autism (Friends with Disabilities) by Amanda Doering Tourville
- My Friend Isabelle (Down syndrome) by Eliza Woloson
- Shelley, the Hyperactive Turtle (ADHD) by Deborah M. Moss
- Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book by Celeste Shally and David Harrington
- Special People, Special Ways (physical limitation) by Arlene Maguire
- The Prince Who Was Just Himself (Down syndrome) by Silke Schnee
- You Are Special by Max Lucado
- You Are Mine by Max Lucado
- You've Got a Friend (accident-induced paralysis) by Joni Eareckson Tada
- We'll Paint the Octopus Red (Down syndrome) by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen