

Dirt Dog and Friends Series 2026

A Faith-Based Literacy Resource for Early Learners

Strengthening Faith. Building Literacy. Shaping Character. One Story at a Time.

Dirt Dog and Friends is a faith-based children’s picture book series created to **strengthen early literacy, build self-esteem, and plant Biblical truth** in the hearts of young children during their most formative years.

Designed for **ages 4–8** (Preschool–3rd grade), the series uses engaging storytelling, relatable characters, and meaningful life lessons to help children **grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually**.

Why This Matters Now

Today’s children are growing up in a rapidly changing cultural landscape.

- Only **31% of fourth graders are reading at proficiency** nationally.
- Children begin forming **self-esteem as early as age five**.
- Students who struggle with reading early are significantly more **likely to struggle throughout their academic journey-- 88% of dropouts struggle with reading**.

At the same time, many children lack access to media that reinforces Biblical identity, character, and truth.

We have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to reach them early.

About the First Book

Dirt Dog Invites Prissy Poodle to the Prom teaches children a powerful Biblical truth:

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at...
the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

Dirt Dog struggles with self-worth but learns through encouragement, perseverance, and faith that his value comes from within—not outward appearance.

Each book includes:

- Engaging, age-appropriate storytelling
- Biblical character lessons
- Discussion prompts to support literacy and reflection
- Encouragement for both independent and guided reading

Program Purpose and Goals - Dirt Dog and Friends supports:

- Early literacy development and vocabulary growth
- Healthy self-esteem and identity formation
- Biblical worldview and character development
- Social-emotional learning and resilience
- Family, classroom, and ministry engagement



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This series is ideal for:

- Christian schools
- Homeschool families
- Classroom and church libraries
- Churches and children's ministries
- Christian daycare centers
- Literacy and outreach programs

Endorsed by Christian Author and Speaker Carol Kent (multiple award winner and best-seller of 30+ books)

“Dirt Dog is a heartwarming, tail-wagging tale that beautifully teaches children the importance of inner character over outward appearance... A delightful read for families and classrooms alike, gently weaving in the truth that God looks at the heart.”

Created by an Educator with a Heart for Children and Faith

Lisa M. Pritchard is a former Career and Technical Education teacher, county and state literacy team member, and literacy workshop leader with a passion for helping children grow in both reading ability and faith foundation. Her mission is simple:

To glorify God by helping children discover their value, grow in literacy, and build character through Christ-centered storytelling.

Free Printable Kid's Activities Available

With a free subscription, the Dirt Dog and Friends website provides:

- Writing practice sheets
- Mazes and literacy activities
- Coloring pages
- Safe, faith-based enrichment materials

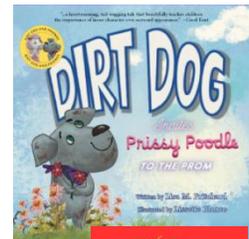
Visit: www.DirtDogandFriends.com

Partnership Opportunities

Lisa is currently seeking connections with:

- Christian educators
- Publishers and distributors
- Schools, churches, and outreach programs
- Ministry leaders
- Literacy advocates

Together, we can help raise a generation rooted in faith, confident in their identity, and equipped with strong literacy skills.



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Book 2 for DDF:
Tiny Tot Tiger Says
Happy 250th

