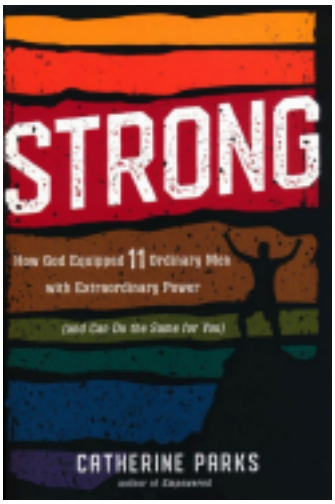
7th Grade Summer Reading

This summer, our upcoming seventh graders will be reading to strengthen themselves academically *and* spiritually. Catherine Parks wrote two Christian biographies specifically for middle school-aged boys and girls. The information for both books can be found below. Students will need to keep a journal as they read and complete the reflection questions at the end of each chapter. They may choose any style of journal that they prefer to use. I *highly encourage* students to also include prayer requests, prayers, scriptures, inspirational quotes, drawings, etc., in their journals as they read throughout the summer. The more they invest in this assignment, the more they will get out of it. Students will be asked to bring their journals to class during the first week of school for discussions and reflections. Hardback, paperback, and digital versions of both books are available for purchase on Amazon and Christianbook.com. I pray that this assignment will bring excitement for God's plans and confidence in His purpose!

7th Grade Boys

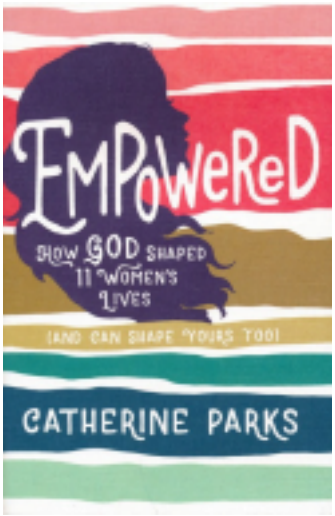


Strong

By: Catherine Parks

The world can give children some strong messages about what it means to be strong and heroic. What does true strength look like? And how are you supposed to live up to amazing stories of heroism when you're just an ordinary guy who has yet to discover any superpowers? The answer is God---He is your source of true power, and these stories will show how His strength equipped 11 faithful yet ordinary men to lead extraordinary lives. Read the inspiring stories of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, and Jim Elliot, to name a few, and discover that God can give you the strength to do heroic things in your own amazing life.

7th Grade Girls



Empowered: How God Shaped 11 Women's Lives

By: Catherine Parks

Empowered takes the popular idea of what it means to be a strong girl and flips it on its head, using the stories of eleven faithful women to show that real power comes from our loving Father through His Son. In the pages of this book, girls will encounter women they may never have heard of. They will learn some of the character traits that go along with the Christian walk. But they will also encounter a God who is faithful to complete the work He has begun in them. They don't have to do the things these women have done to live a life of purpose; by making a direct connection to their daily lives, readers will have a bigger and a more personal view of their Father and His love for them.