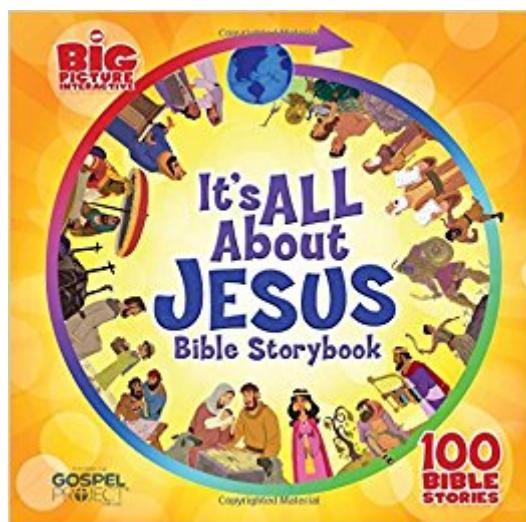


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# It's All About Jesus Bible Storybook (padded): 100 Bible Stories (The Big Picture Interactive / The Gospel Project)



## Synopsis

Make the Bible come to life! Give kids the big picture of God's story with this innovative, interactive Bible storybook. One hundred stories take readers on a journey through the Bible, and the digital pop-ups (accessed with a free "augmented reality" app) bring the art and story remarkably to life with both sound and 3-D imagery.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 5

## Customer Reviews

Heath McPherson dirige un pequeño estudio artístico que produce ilustraciones ingeniosas y animación para organizaciones en diversas localidades de los Estados Unidos. Su obra incluye Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought (El tren del pensamiento de Timmy y Tammy), escrito por Oliver Chin, como así también varios comerciales animados. Heath McPherson runs a small studio that creates whimsical illustrations and animation for folks across the country. His work includes Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought by Oliver Chin as well a number of animated commercials.

Being a parent, I know the following to be true: It's always a blessing to find kids' books that help us faithfully teach the Bible. But the search for such finds is not always easy. Often faith based books are so stuffed with round, pink, and purple animals that the Bible appears to be

on odd Fairy tale that mentions things like say the destruction of the world. On the flip side, other resources can be so rigid that they reach our kids' ears with all the familiarity of Shakespearean English. Finding books that both honor the authority and the power of the Scriptures and that connect with our kids' senses has proven to be difficult task for many publishers and parents. Thankfully, LifeWay via B&H Publishing is truly beginning to master this magical art. And, LifeWay's newest Children's Bible, It's All About Jesus: Bible Storybook, is a truly one such great find! I would encourage families with young children to grab a copy of this book. Here's why: This wonderful new kids' Bible consists of 100 chronological stories (50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament) that seek to help our children understand the scope and sequence of the Bible. Each story is three pages long. The first page lists the Bible story's title, its location in the Bible and a picture. The stories also have a Christ Connection Circle that shows how the story connects to the greater gospel narrative. For example, when discussing the story of Esther, the Christ Connection points out that the queen rescues the Jews from death in the same manner that God raised Jesus from the dead and defeated Satan once and for all. And each story is adorned with a question circle that relates the story back to our kids by asking them things like the following: "What home has Jesus promised to those who trust Him; Jesus' family reminds us of God's faithfulness. How has God been faithful to you?" and "What are some ways people try to be right with God apart from Jesus?" The stories combined with their colorful presentation and the helpful circles, create a wonderful resource that both proclaims the gospel through the narrative of the Scriptures and that connects with kids' visual senses. The book truly deserves to be linked to the long line of The Gospel Project for Kids products from which it was born. The book has great content. The stories in the book are almost direct copies of The Gospel Project For Kids 'curriculum minus the craft and game ideas. As a result, you know that the message of each story is closely tied to Scripture. Interpretive remarks are kept at a minimum and Bible citations are frequent! And if you have questions about the story, you can look up the references listed at the top of the page. By buying this book, you secure access to several years' worth of Sunday school content. You can integrate this into your kids' ministry and/or your homeschooling curriculum. Or you could simply read the book to your kids at night to reinforce what they are learning at church. Moreover, the Christ Connections and the question circles help you to further engage your kids with the Bible. Because of the content alone, this children's Bible should be considered by all parents. But thankfully the content does not stand alone on dull, empty pages. The children's Bible is colorfully designed. Every page

contains some bright and engaging art work consisting of a picture, a Christ Connection Circle, or a thumbnail of a story's larger picture. Every page provides young readers with several things to look at as their parents handle discuss the story. This Bible is designed to help capture those every wandering little eyes so that its message can go forward. Overall, this book is hands down one of the best Children's Bible in print. The book's only failings come in relation to its big brother, The Big Picture Interactive Bible Story Book. The first Big Picture Bible has many more stories. It tackles things like the Psalms and the books of Hosea and Obadiah. The Big Picture Interactive Bible was the first kids' Bible that actually tried to touch on all 66 books of the Bible. But because the It's All about Jesus Bible Storybook covers only 100 stories, it cannot cover the Bible in the same detail as its predecessor. A few stories had to be scrubbed out such as Amos, Habakkuk, and some others (mostly Old Testament Stories). I presume that much of this switch is due to the fact the LifeWay restructured their second cycle of The Gospel Project for Kids curriculum so that 1.5 years is spent in the Old Testament and 1.5 years is spent in the New Testament. For what it's worthy (and it's not much), I preferred having the curriculum reflect the Bible by spending more time in the Old Testament than the New Testament. (Obviously, I lost that debate.) And now it's time to move on. Although its content is slightly diminished, this new Children's Bible is still by far one of the most comprehensive kids' Bibles out there, touching on David's sin with Bathsheba, some of the minor prophets, the Parable of the Tenants, Paul's Ministry, and much much more. Moreover, this book's new illustrations, the larger format of the book, and its more kid friendly layout make it much easier to use with younger kids than its predecessor. It truly is improvement over its big brother. This is a great children's Bible. If your church is using The Gospel Project For Kids, you will want to have this book at home. With it on your shelf, you will be ready to review what your kids learn at church and discuss the Scriptures with them in a meaningful way. And even if your church doesn't use the Gospel Project, you will still want to grab a copy of this children's Bible. It is the best mix, of Scripture and kid friendly illustrations to date. Thus I think it's fair to say that this may be the number one Children's Bible currently available!

Great

From Genesis to Revelation, this book links Jesus to many stories in the Bible, even those in the Old Testament. I'm always a fan of Heath McPherson's colorful illustrations that display characters

and events throughout Biblical history. He really has a way of bringing the story to life in his artwork. Since he's been an intricate part of The Big Picture Interactive books, we can open each one that we personally own from the series and receive the same visual experience that connects the stories. Every book in the The Big Picture Interactive series also offers an enhanced way to tell each story. Parents can download a free app that allows them to scan the various icons throughout. Kids can then watch as the artwork comes to life even more as a digital pop-up, along with audio narration. As children read each Bible story, they will find various circles on the pages that ask questions to help them dig deeper into the meaning of the stories and how they can be applied in today's world. The "Christ Connection" areas that use scripture references are wonderful, because they really show how Jesus ties into each story. I'm always a fan of the "Parent Connection" section that is very signature to these B&H books. This is a page that offers parents ways in which they can engage in further discussions with their children, using the four key highlights, Remember, Read, Think, and Do. The book is definitely meant for older children—each story goes into a lot of detail, so there is a significant amount of text throughout. Of course, that doesn't stop me from enjoying it with my own son. Even though he is still young, we sit together and take in the amazing Bible stories. While he may not fully grasp the meaning to everything we read just yet, I know the earlier we start, the stronger his relationship with God will be when he is older. I received an advance review copy of this book to read—“all views expressed here are unbiased and purely those of my own.

100 Bible Stories from the Old and New Testaments told with scripture (Holman Christian Standard Bible), age appropriate discussion questions, brilliant and lively illustrations (Heath McPherson), and the best of all—the Christ Connection. From Adam and Eve to King Saul to Jonah to Mary and Joseph to the crucifixion to the first church to Revelation, each tied together to explain the purpose of Scripture. What can very easily be understood as segmented, unrelated stories becomes an epic adventure with one central character—Jesus, and one central purpose—God's plan for salvation. The Extras in this book are over the top brilliant. A Parent Connection guide on Page 6 provides practical tools to use with your child while studying the stories told on the pages. The Big Picture Icons are divided topically and initiate a meaningful dialogue, in addition to organizing the information. There is also an option to scan a QR code and download a free App wherein the illustrations come alive with movement and audio. Practical features: The cover of the book is sturdy and able to stand up to some rough handling. There is a bookmark sown in for easy place-keeping. The illustrations are appropriate, without being unrealistic, making this book a

resource for younger (preschool) and older (elementary-aged) children alike.

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