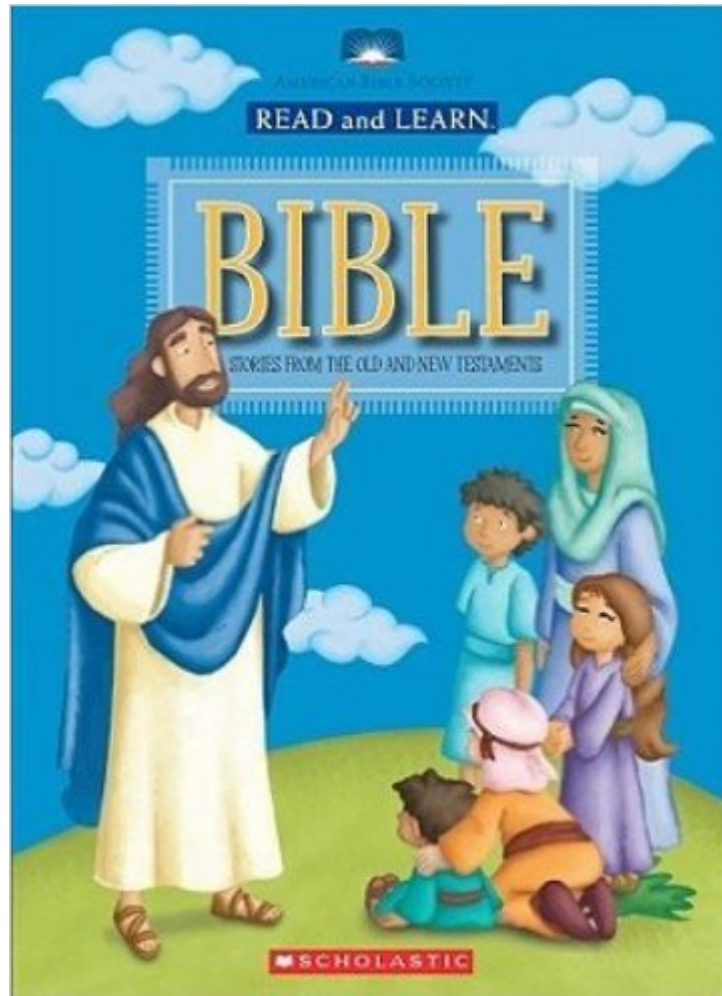


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# Read And Learn Bible



## Synopsis

Timeless stories from the Bible for children and parents to share. Parents and children can deepen their understanding of the Bible by reading Bible stories together. The Read and Learn Bible features stories from the Old and New Testament including: Genesis, Noah and the Flood, Exodus, Daniel in the Lion's Den, The Story of Queen Esther, The Nativity, Jesus the Teacher, Jesus Comes to Jerusalem, and many more. Illustrated in full color with callouts to help deepen the meaning of the stories, and parent pages to help in discussion, this is a Bible that children can share with their parents, and that parents will want to share with their children.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I used to work for a Christian bookstore and have seen dozens of children's Bibles by various publishers. This is the best I've ever encountered. Why?1) Accurate Bible accounts. (no extra-Biblical nonsense, like "Joseph loved his new coat so much, he even wore it when he slept!")2) Key details of the Biblical accounts are NOT withheld or edited out. The accounts have the original meaning. (I've seen Adam and Eve stories where they just lived happily in the garden and slept under the stars, or David and Goliath stories where Goliath was smiling as he was hit with a stone.)3) Culturally/historically relevant illustrations. Even though they are still "simple" illustrations they are the most true to the time period, culture that I've ever seen in a child's Bible for a young

reader. There are some exceptions but the pictures are far from being absurd. (Another review mentioned the "bulgey-eyed" characters of another Bible. I'm familiar with it. Women are almost always depicted with pearl "Barbara Bush" earrings, Joseph sleeps on a mattress and boxspring with an orange tabby curled up at his feet, and Noah's wife carries Red Delicious apples in a basket to smiling, rather than ferocious animals. Another children's Bible we have depicts evil characters smiling sweetly while engaging in wicked activities, like trying to kill someone.)4) Readable text in a simple-understand style for wide age span. This Bible was a gift to my 2-year old when, exasperated with our numerous but inferior children's Bibles, I commissioned my father-in-law with the nearly impossible task of finding a "good" children's Bible. Well, he came through! She loves having it read to her nightly. She loves paging through it independently and remembering the accounts. I find her doing this almost daily, unprompted by me. And I know it will serve her well until she can read the text for herself. It even has parent pages. Great for the family.5) Rather complete. This is one of the most complete collection of Bible accounts from the Old and New Testaments that I've ever seen.6) Fantastic price. The other types of Bibles may seem innocent enough, but I worried about what they would imply about history or culture by their anachronistic and Western (and at times cheesy) text and artwork. To conclude, I feel this Bible does a good job supporting my goal of teaching my daughter accurately (by what is said and seen) from the very start. (Thanks Grampa. You've done excellently!)

This review is based on my comparison of 20 different children's Bibles (CB). I first determined the appropriate age group of the Bibles, then pinned them on the scale of dynamic (sense for sense) or formal (word for word) equivalence: D2 (Most dynamically equivalent, a rather free translation with creative license) D1 (More dynamically equivalent) N (Neutral, somewhat dynamic and somewhat formal) F1 (More formally equivalent) F2 (Most formally equivalent, a rather rigid translation with little variance from the original text) Then, I used the following criteria to judge the usefulness of the Bibles: Scriptural Fidelity: Does the CB accurately convey the message of the original text of Scripture without adding extraneous details or subtracting essential details? Theology: Does the CB feature orthodox and appropriate theological interpretation that highlight the main idea and purpose of the text? Does it look ahead to Jesus Christ who fulfills the whole Scripture (Matthew 5:17-20)? Comprehensiveness: Does the CB include most of the stories from the original text of Scripture? Storytelling: Is the narrative flow of the CB fluent, clear, engaging, and inspiring? Illustration: Are the accompanying illustrations in the CB colorful, beautiful, imaginative, intelligible, and faithful to the cultural context and the original text of

Scripture? Interactiveness: Does the CB involve the reader in dialogue? Does it include questions, summaries, and other interactive features that facilitate understanding and encourage personal response? Read and Learn Bible: Stories from the Old and New Testaments Edited by Eva Moore and Illustrated by Duendes del Sur and Walter Carzon Scholastic, Inc., New York, American Bible Society, 2011 Kindergarten; F1 Scriptural Fidelity: 5 of 5 Theology: 3 of 5 Comprehensiveness: 4 of 5 (102 Stories) Storytelling: 3 of 5 Illustration: 4 of 5 Interactiveness: 3 of 5 Total: 3.7 Comment: The Read and Learn Bible sticks pretty closely to the original text of Scripture. It offers no additional theological interpretation. However, it has helpful study notes interspersed throughout the stories. For example, a study note explains that "The Hebrew word for Adam means 'of the ground' or 'from the red earth' and is also used as a general word for 'humankind' or 'people'." (15). The illustrations are colorful and beautiful, but most characters have staid expressions.

My (...) son has been learning to read. I checked out a popular beginning reader book from the library and he hated it. He's been asking to read the Bible, so when I found this I was so excited! It's written at around a late first to early second grade reading level. The stories are short enough that he can read one every day and the pictures are great (full color illustration on every page done in the same style that's on the cover). It's really improved his reading confidence!

I happened upon this Bible at a Scholastic Book Fair that was held at my workplace and bought it on a whim. I had been disappointed in the past with other children's Bibles that I had purchased because none seemed to hold my child's interest. This one, however, is completely different. My 5 year old son LOVES this Bible. He asks every night for stories from the Bible, even over other favorites like Pokemon. I like how the book is broken up into "chapters" that flow together. It really reads like an adventure book. The stories are accurate but written at an appropriate developmental level for preschool and young school age children. The pictures are very well done as well and really keep my son's attention. Sometimes he will just sit and look at the pictures and "read" the stories that he has memorized. I HIGHLY recommend this Bible to anyone with young children. You will not be disappointed!

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