

Children's Illustrated Bible



Synopsis

Developed in conjunction with a panel of religion consultants, this indexed anthology for young readers presents more than one hundred stories from the Old and New Testaments, accompanied by more than six hundred photographs, maps, and illustrations.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

In this outstanding edition of the Bible, the stories of the Old and New Testaments are retold by Selina Hastings in a lucid, flowing style for children's enjoyment and edification. Hastings consulted with a cadre of educators, scholars, and religious advisors to retain the original feel and poetry of the Bible, while appealing to contemporary young readers with clear, lively language. The somewhat lackluster illustrations on every page are not nearly as compelling as the stories themselves, but the variety of other artwork, including maps and color photographs of artifacts, plants, biblical places, animals, people, and architecture, makes up for any deficit there. All the best-known parables and teachings are here, including "The Plagues of Egypt," "The Birth of Jesus," "Jacob's Ladder," "Noah's Ark," "Judas Plots to Betray Jesus," and "The Resurrection," among many others. This volume also includes a "Who's Who in the Bible Stories" as well as quotations from the King James Bible, identified by chapter and verse. Hastings has written several other collections of Bible stories, including *The Birth of Jesus* and *The Miracles of Jesus*. And for a smaller, stockier version of the same book, check out Hastings's *The Children's Illustrated Bible*. (Ages 8 and older) --Emilie Coulter

Gr. 4-7. Considering the spectacular graphics of most Dorling Kindersley books, this illustrated Bible may be something of a disappointment. The book combines small photographs with rather listless pastel artwork. The color photos show artifacts, clothing, architecture, and various plants and animals of biblical times, among many other items. The big draw here is not the art, but rather the fluent retellings and the chapters of background information that place the stories in their historical and geographical contexts. Topics include life in Canaan, the land of the New Testament, and the early Church. A comprehensive volume that should find a place on religion shelves. Ilene Cooper

I am an Episcopal priest who gives out this Bible to all children who are to be baptized in the church. The stories are an engaging retelling of the scriptures that are not too watered down. While it is too advanced for infants and toddlers, it is great for grade school and older children. But I give it to the infants and toddlers and then use it as an opportunity to educate the parents. Some of them are too intimidated to read the Bible on their own. I tell them to read the full Bible so they can educate their children, but if they can't, at least read this Bible. It includes all the most important stories. The illustrations are excellent. The background information gives a richness to the material. It is through stories that Jesus taught, and so it is through stories of both the Old and New Testament, told in a compelling manner, that we learn best. The stories are colorful and short enough for children, and colorful and deep enough for adults too intimidated to read the original. As parents read to their children, they both draw closer to God.

I purchased this Bible for a friend who was looking for one for her young nephew. We had several Bibles for our two boys as they were growing up and I know how important it is to have a Bible children would be interested in and refer back to. It was a hard decision to order this one based on the reviews, especially with the way the illustrations were described. Was I ever not disappointed! I loved this Bible and had a hard time turning it over to my friend. I like the 'read-aloud' nature of the Bible accounts, but what really impressed me was the support information about the culture, meanings of words etc. I knew this Bible would grow with her nephew. Matter of fact I am going to suggest it to my Sunday School Teachers and parents. Its like a Bible, concordance, Bible Atlas and Handbook rolled into one. I purchased the large one, even though the small one is suggested for little hands, its the adults that would be reading it and you could always get a little one for church services.

Got the book, it's in very decent shape & the person I gave it to loves it. I do too! I appreciate the illustrations to make biblical times more understandable for children & those, like the person I gave it to, who have trouble comprehending regular material for adults. This will help her tremendously as she seeks to understand the bible.

This is a great book to start your little ones off with. Unfortunately with all the tech we have today its hard to keep their attention. With that said, I recommend reading a story at night before bed time allowing additional time for discussion. This is a big book and has tons of pictures and illustrations to help explain the stories. Im running out of time to give a proper review but over all Im happy with this purchase.

I believe in a loving intelligent designer. I believe love and morality and sacrifice from from Yaweh. If you want a chance at raising decent, morale, responsible adults, you need God in the picture. I read this bible often with my children, They always ask for prayers and bible. I know there is not secret formula for raising children, but I know they will remember these times and their father reading to them and praying with them.

I ordered this book because of the positive reviews and the "fits in a child's hand size" comments. What no one else mentioned is that the typeface is commensurately small--so small that it is a strain to my 42 year old eyes. By bedtime with my 2 and 6 year olds, I'll be so tired I likely won't be able to read the type. It is about the size of the small font used in paperback Penguins from the UK---about a 6-point on my computer's Times New Roman, where a 12 point TNR is the norm for letters. If you have strong eyes, the book is lovely, and it is an easily held size. The illustrations, contrary to somewhat lackluster reviews by some readers, were lovely. I plan to return the small version and will order the full size.

Each time one of my grandchildren receives their First Communion, this is the Bible I give to them. It's delightful.

This is a perfect Bible-story book that fills the gap between the immature and the mature young Christian. I bought it for my daughter back when she was in first grade and began reading it to her then. We've read through it many, many times together (depended on the attention span of the child, you can read as little or as much of the extra info provided), usually one story a night (they're

only 1 to 3 pages long). And now that she's in third grade, she still enjoys it and continues to read it on her own. There are maps, timelines, and overviews, as well as interesting facts and photos inserted along the margins that help the child (and adult) understand cultural details of the time. My only problem with it is that it completely omits the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in the third chapter of John's gospel (i.e., John 3:16.) Hello?? Isn't that a major point in Christianity? Its omission is very disturbing and unfortunately hasn't been included in the new 1996 edition either.

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