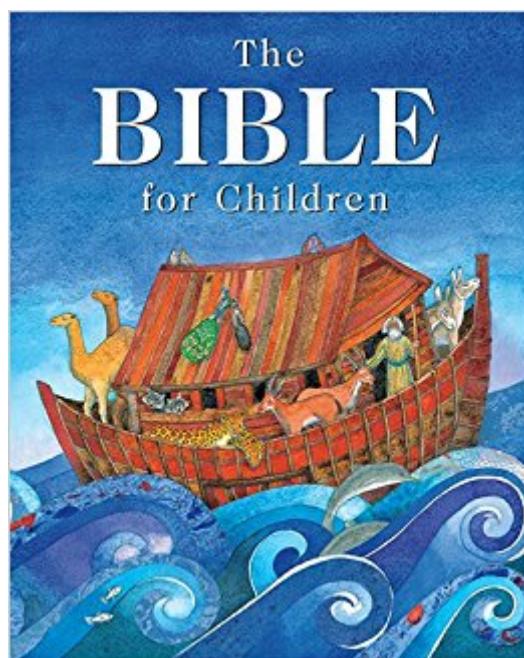


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# The Bible For Children (Retelling That Brings The Bible Narrative Alive For A New Ge)



## **Synopsis**

Accessible, compelling text that speaks to today's children, from a foremost reteller of the Bible. The Bible for Children contains more than 200 Bible stories, retold by playwright and filmmaker Murray Watts and elegantly illustrated by beloved artist Helen Cann. The stories comprehensively cover key themes of the Bible; they are faithful to the meaning and spirit of the original Scripture. The imaginative style reflects the variety of the biblical text—riveting stories, reporting, poetry, history, letters. The Bible for Children is a visual delight, filled with illustrations that add meaning to the stories. The rich color and the exquisitely drawn faces and settings draw readers into the emotion and power of all that happens. This book for 7-12 year-olds has the design and drama of a modern classic.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 2-6-In a clear, conversational style that is without sentiment or distortion, this superb retelling of the principal events in the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Acts, as well as a few cogent excerpts from Paul's letters and Revelation, smoothly weaves together a memorable, extensive narrative of God's relationship with the Jews and Christians of biblical times. Filled with expressive action, the glowing, folk-art watercolors are arranged around the crisp, easily readable text and decorate the outer margins of the pages and endpapers. Although there are many fine Bible-story collections, this is a worthy addition to the genre because of its scope and style of writing. Patricia Pearl Dole, formerly at First Presbyterian School, Martinsville, VA

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K-Gr. 4. A vibrant jacket featuring Noah's Ark sets the stage for this comprehensive collection of more than 200 Bible stories. Watts' retellings from the Old and New Testaments are vivid and evocative, introducing young readers to the mystery and wonder of this great book. History is made human and characters made flesh, as in the story of Abraham and Sarah. There is a freshness in the oft-told story of the child born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age, and also in the dramatic testing of faith when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son. Children will encounter anew Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walking out of a fiery furnace and Jonah surviving three days in a whale's gut. Besides marvelous stories to rival any edge-of-the-seat video, there are paraphrases of popular psalms and Old Testament words of wisdom and prophecy. The handsome pictures and decorated borders employ a rich palette of colors and patterns, giving the book a contemporary look. Also included are indexes of people and places, a glossary, and a map. Shelley Townsend-HudsonCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I teach religion at an Episcopal School and this is the children's Bible I choose for most of my classes up to third grade, as well as for Sunday School. I like the exciting yet faithful narration of the stories, with a few added details to help children imagine what these places might have looked like and to get them wondering how the people in the stories might have been feeling. I LOVE that these illustrations don't suffer from the "white Jesus" problem that most do. The pictures are beautiful and vibrant, and the children in my classes always want me to bring the book around so each can get a closer look. This is always the first children's Bible I recommend when families ask about a Bible to have for their kids to read at home.

I would almost give this book 5 stars. I love the range of stories in the book. I love, love, LOVE the artwork. The only thing that is difficult about this book is that the reading level is fairly high. I use this book in my church for kids from 3 years-5th grade. Some of the vocabulary needs to be explained even to the 5th graders. I don't mind this too much because it brings chances for vocabulary discussion but I definitely think there is a lot that needs explaining for the child.

This book is beautifully illustrated and the Biblical characters are not painted as blonde Anglo-Saxons, which my whole family appreciates. The text makes Bible stories easier to

understand for young minds, without being too saccharine for the adult who's reading aloud, which I appreciate. But if you want an exact copy of the King James text, just with pictures added for kids, another book is probably better.

I appreciated the clear and appealing writing style as well as the attractive illustrations in this book of Bible stories for children. However, it is not free from additions and interpretations as some reviewers have written. The author adds non-biblical details in order to make the stories more interesting and these details affect the reader's interpretation of the stories. This may be disappointing for buyers looking for unbiased retellings of the stories.

Our 6 and 4 year old children enjoy the stories and illustrations while I'm reading to them. They are always excited to each pick a story to be read to them. The stories are told in an easily understandable language for children from about 6 years old. Written in Chapters with Bible reference under the title of each chapter heading. The chapters are a good length for our 6 year old daughter who do not lose interest. My 4 year old son may start to lose interest closer to the end though. We have other children's bibles and the kids like to include this one with the other when they pick stories to be read to them. We are happy with this purchase.

One of my favorite childrens bibles! As close to the Word of God your going to get without loosing the interest of your "little" audience! Its great!!

Great easy to read Bible. Great pictures, easy reading and can discuss story with children at their level. Great Service, prompt delivery from seller. I'd give an A++I was looking for childrens bibles for Baptism through our church. Bible is great, but the size was inappropriate for carrying to church. I keep them at church now for those not having a bible. Still need Bible needed for 9-14 yr old on a smaller version of the childrens bible.

We love The Bible For Children! The illustrations are beautifully done and the Bible stories are accurate and easy to understand. We have three small children (4.5, 3, 1.5 yrs) who cherish our time reading through this rendition of the Bible! The stories include some words that need to be explained but I don't count that as a negative quality. I feel as though the choice of wording serves to expand my children's growing vocabulary as well as set this book aside from others which tend to be less detailed and more childish in their presentation. We would recommend this book to anyone!

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