

CARR Kids My First Illustrated Bible

The Bible's big story for kids



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About This Book

This picture Bible introduces young children to the Bible's main story, from creation to God's promise to make all things new. Each account is retold in short, original language for reading aloud.

This is an illustrated storybook, not a complete word-for-word Bible translation. The scripture reference beneath each title helps families find and read the full account in a Bible of their choice.

A Simple Reading Routine

- Look at the picture together and ask what the child notices.
- Read the short story slowly and explain unfamiliar words.
- Repeat the big truth and talk about the question.
- Finish with a short prayer in your own words.

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STORY 1

God Makes a Beautiful World

Genesis 1 to 2



Before there were trees, animals, oceans, or people, God was there. God made light and sky. He made dry land, plants, the sun, the moon, and the stars. He filled the water with fish and the sky with birds. He made every kind of animal. Then God made people in his image. God looked at everything he had made, and it was very good. He rested and enjoyed his beautiful creation.

Big truth God made the world, and everything he made is good.

Talk together What part of God's world do you enjoy most?

STORY 2

The Garden and a Sad Choice

Genesis 2 to 3



God gave Adam and Eve a lovely garden called Eden. They cared for the plants and animals, and God was close to them. God gave them one rule to keep them safe. But a sneaky serpent tempted them, and they chose not to obey. Sin brought sadness into the world. Adam and Eve had to leave the garden, but God still loved them. He promised that one day he would send a Rescuer to make things right.

Big truth God still loves us when we make wrong choices.

Talk together What can you do after making a wrong choice?

STORY 3

Noah and the Rainbow Promise

Genesis 6 to 9



People had filled the world with hurtful choices, but Noah trusted God. God told Noah to build a huge ark. Noah obeyed. His family and pairs of animals went inside. Rain covered the land, and God kept everyone in the ark safe. At last, the water went down and dry land appeared. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise. Whenever Noah saw it, he could remember that God keeps his word.

Big truth God keeps his promises.

Talk together What colors can you name in a rainbow?

STORY 4

God Calls Abraham

Genesis 12 15 and 21



God asked Abraham and Sarah to leave their home and travel to a new land. They did not know every step, but they trusted God. God promised Abraham a very large family. He said Abraham's family would bring blessing to the whole world. For many years Abraham and Sarah waited for a child. Then baby Isaac was born, just as God had promised. Their family became part of God's wonderful rescue plan.

Big truth We can trust God even while we wait.

Talk together What helps you wait patiently?

STORY 5

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 37 to 50



Joseph's father gave him a colorful robe, and Joseph's brothers became jealous. They treated him badly and sent him far away. Joseph faced many hard days, but God stayed with him. Years later, Joseph helped Egypt store food before a famine. When his hungry brothers came for food, Joseph could have turned them away. Instead, he forgave them, fed the whole family, and welcomed them close. God brought good even from a painful story.

Big truth God can help us forgive.

Talk together How can you show kindness after someone says sorry?

God Protects Baby Moses

Exodus 1 to 2



A cruel king made life hard for God's people in Egypt. Moses' mother placed her baby in a safe basket among the river reeds. His sister Miriam watched nearby. The king's daughter found Moses, cared for him, and asked his own mother to help raise him. God protected Moses because he had an important job for him. When Moses grew up, God would use him to lead his people toward freedom.

Big truth God cares for children and works through caring families.

Talk together Who helps care for you?

STORY 7

A Safe Path Through the Sea

Exodus 3 to 14



God spoke to Moses from a burning bush and sent him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. At last, the king let them go. Soon the people reached the Red Sea and felt trapped. God told Moses to lift his staff. The water opened, making a dry path right through the sea. Families walked safely to the other side. Then the water returned. The people sang and thanked God because he had rescued them.

Big truth God can make a way when we cannot see one.

Talk together What did the people do after God rescued them?

God Gives Good Rules

Exodus 19 to 20



God led his people to Mount Sinai. Thunder rumbled, and the mountain showed that God is powerful and holy. God gave Moses ten important commandments. The rules taught the people to love God, worship only him, tell the truth, honor their parents, and treat other people well. God's rules were not given to spoil their joy. They showed his people how to live safely, lovingly, and close to him.

Big truth God's ways teach us to love him and one another.

Talk together What is one loving rule in your home?

STORY 9

Joshua and the Walls of Jericho

Joshua 1 and 6



After Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the people. God told him to be strong and brave because God would be with him. At Jericho, God gave the people an unusual plan. They walked quietly around the city for several days. On the final day, the priests blew trumpets and everyone shouted. The mighty walls fell, and the people knew that the victory came from God. Joshua had listened and obeyed.

Big truth We can be brave because God is with us.

Talk together When do you need help to be brave?

Ruth Stays With Naomi

Ruth 1 to 4



Naomi was very sad and decided to return to her old home. Her daughter-in-law Ruth loved her and would not let her travel alone. Ruth promised to stay with Naomi and trust Naomi's God. In Bethlehem, Ruth worked hard gathering leftover grain so they would have food. A kind man named Boaz protected and helped her. In time, Ruth and Boaz married, and their family became part of the family line that led to King David and, much later, Jesus.

Big truth Faithful love shows up in kind actions.

Talk together How can you help someone who feels sad?

Samuel Listens to God

1 Samuel 1 to 3



Samuel lived at God's house and helped Eli the priest. One night, Samuel heard someone call his name. He hurried to Eli, but Eli had not called. This happened again and again. Eli understood that God was speaking. He told Samuel to listen and answer. When God called once more, Samuel said, Speak, for your servant is listening. Samuel grew up listening to God and sharing God's message with the people.

Big truth We can become quiet and listen to God's words.

Talk together When is a good time for your family to listen to a Bible story?

David Faces a Giant

1 Samuel 16 to 17



David was a young shepherd who trusted God. A giant warrior named Goliath frightened Israel's army. David remembered how God had helped him protect his sheep. He would not wear heavy armor. He took his sling and five smooth stones. David told Goliath that the battle belonged to God. One stone struck the giant, and Goliath fell. The frightened people cheered. David's courage came from trusting God, not from being the biggest person.

Big truth True courage grows when we trust God.

Talk together What makes David brave?

Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 3



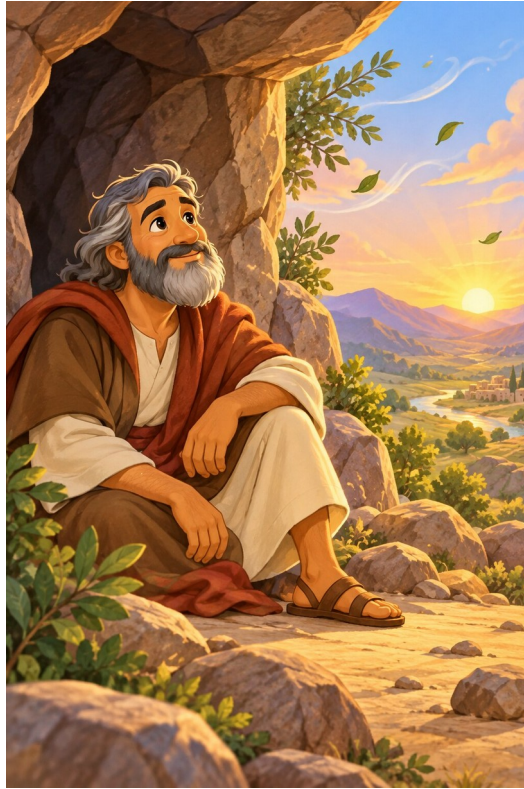
After David, his son Solomon became king. God told Solomon that he could ask for a gift. Solomon did not ask for riches or a long life. He asked for wisdom so he could lead the people well. God was pleased with his choice and made Solomon very wise. People came from far away to hear him. Solomon learned that wisdom begins with honoring God and choosing what is right.

Big truth Wisdom helps us choose what is right.

Talk together Who can help you make a wise choice?

Elijah Hears a Gentle Whisper

1 Kings 18 to 19



Elijah served God bravely, but one day he became afraid, tired, and lonely. He ran into the wilderness. God cared for him with rest, food, and water. Later, Elijah stood on a mountain. A strong wind blew, the ground shook, and a fire came, but God's message was not in those loud events. Then Elijah heard a gentle whisper. God reminded him that he was not alone and still had work to do.

Big truth God cares for us when we are tired or afraid.

Talk together Where can you sit quietly for a moment?

Jonah Learns to Obey

Jonah 1 to 4



God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but Jonah sailed the other way. A great storm came, and Jonah ended up in the sea. God sent a great fish to keep him safe. Inside the fish, Jonah prayed. After three days, the fish put Jonah on dry land. This time Jonah went to Nineveh and gave God's message. The people turned away from wrongdoing. Jonah learned that God's mercy reaches people we may not expect.

Big truth It is best to obey God, and God is full of mercy.

Talk together What did Jonah do inside the great fish?

Daniel and the Lions

Daniel 6



Daniel loved God and prayed every day. Some jealous leaders tricked the king into making prayer to God against the law. Daniel kept praying, so he was placed in a den of lions. God sent an angel and kept the lions from hurting him. Early the next morning, the worried king hurried to the den. Daniel was safe! The king praised Daniel's living God, who had rescued him.

Big truth We can stay faithful to God when doing so is hard.

Talk together What did Daniel keep doing every day?

Jesus Is Born

Luke 1 to 2



An angel told Mary that she would have a very special baby. He would be called Jesus, the Son of God. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem. There was no guest room for them, so baby Jesus was laid in a manger. Angels announced the good news to shepherds: the promised Savior had been born. The shepherds hurried to see him and left praising God. God's long-promised Rescuer had come.

Big truth Jesus is God's promised Savior.

Talk together Who heard the angels' good news?

Wise Men Follow the Star

Matthew 2



Wise men from the east saw a special star. They knew that a great king had been born, so they began a long journey. The star led them to Jesus. When they found the child with Mary, they bowed down and worshiped him. They gave him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. People from far away had come to honor the King God sent for the whole world.

Big truth Jesus came for people everywhere.

Talk together What guided the wise men to Jesus?

Jesus Grows and Pleases God

Luke 2 40 to 52



Jesus grew up in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. He learned, worked, prayed, and obeyed his parents. When Jesus was twelve, his family traveled to Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph later found him in the temple, listening to teachers and asking thoughtful questions. Everyone was amazed at his understanding. Jesus returned home with his parents. He continued to grow in wisdom and strength, pleasing God and earning the respect of people around him.

Big truth Children can grow in wisdom, kindness, and love for God.

Talk together What is something good you are learning?

Jesus Calls His Helpers

Matthew 4 and Luke 5



One day Jesus taught beside the sea. Some fishermen had worked all night and caught nothing. Jesus told them to lower their nets again. This time the nets filled with so many fish that they began to break! The fishermen were amazed. Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. They left their nets and became his disciples. Jesus would teach them to share God's love with people.

Big truth Jesus invites ordinary people to follow him.

Talk together What did the fishermen leave behind?

Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4 35 to 41



Jesus and his disciples crossed the lake in a boat. Jesus fell asleep. Suddenly, a fierce storm made high waves splash into the boat. The disciples were terrified and woke him. Jesus stood and spoke to the wind and waves. Be still! At once the wind stopped and the water became calm. The disciples stared in wonder. Even the wind and sea obeyed Jesus. They were learning that they could trust him in every storm.

Big truth Jesus is with us when we feel afraid.

Talk together What happened when Jesus spoke to the storm?

Jesus Feeds a Great Crowd

John 6 1 to 14



A large crowd followed Jesus to a hillside. By evening everyone was hungry. A boy offered his small meal of five loaves and two fish. Jesus thanked God for the food and began to share it. There was enough for every person to eat until satisfied. The disciples even gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus used one child's willing gift to care for thousands of people.

Big truth Jesus can use what we gladly share.

Talk together What did the boy share?

The Neighbor Who Stopped to Help

Luke 10 25 to 37



Jesus told a story about a traveler who was hurt beside the road. Two people saw him but walked past. Then a Samaritan stopped. He gently cared for the man's wounds, placed him on his animal, and took him to a safe place. The Samaritan even paid for his care. Jesus taught that a neighbor is someone who shows mercy. Love stops, notices, and helps.

Big truth God wants us to care for anyone who needs help.

Talk together What kind thing did the Samaritan do?

The Shepherd Finds His Sheep

Luke 15 1 to 7



Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. When one wandered away, the shepherd did not forget it. He left the other sheep in a safe place and searched until he found the lost one. Then he lifted it onto his shoulders and carried it home with joy. Jesus said heaven rejoices when a lost person turns back to God.

Big truth Every person matters deeply to God.

Talk together How did the shepherd feel when he found the sheep?

Zacchaeus Welcomes Jesus

Luke 19 1 to 10



Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. He climbed a tree for a better look. Jesus stopped beneath the tree, called him by name, and said he would visit his home. Zacchaeus was delighted. Jesus' love changed his heart. Zacchaeus promised to give generously and repay anyone he had cheated. Jesus came to seek and save people who were lost.

Big truth Jesus knows our names and can change our hearts.

Talk together Why did Zacchaeus climb a tree?

Jesus Welcomes the Children

Mark 10 13 to 16



Families brought their children to Jesus so he could bless them. The disciples tried to send the families away, but Jesus told them to let the children come. Children were important to him. Jesus welcomed them, held them close, and blessed them. He taught that God's kingdom belongs to people who receive it with simple trust. No child is too small to be loved by Jesus.

Big truth Jesus loves and welcomes children.

Talk together How did Jesus treat the children?

Jesus Is Alive

Matthew 26 to 28 and Luke 22 to 24



Jesus shared a final supper with his friends and told them to remember him. Soon afterward, he was arrested and died on a cross. His friends were very sad. Jesus was placed in a tomb, and a large stone covered the entrance. On the third morning, women came and found the stone rolled away. An angel announced wonderful news: Jesus was alive! Jesus met his friends and showed them that death had not won. God's rescue promise had come true.

Big truth Jesus died for us and rose again.

Talk together What happy news did the angel share?

Jesus Sends His Friends

Matthew 28 Acts 1 to 2 and Revelation 21 to 22



Before Jesus returned to heaven, he told his friends to share the good news with people everywhere. He promised to be with them. On Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit filled the believers with courage. Peter, Paul, and many others traveled and taught about Jesus. New churches began in many places. The Bible ends with a beautiful promise: Jesus will make all things new. God's people will live with him, and sadness, pain, and death will be gone forever.

Big truth God's good story ends with everything made new.

Talk together Who can you tell that Jesus loves them?