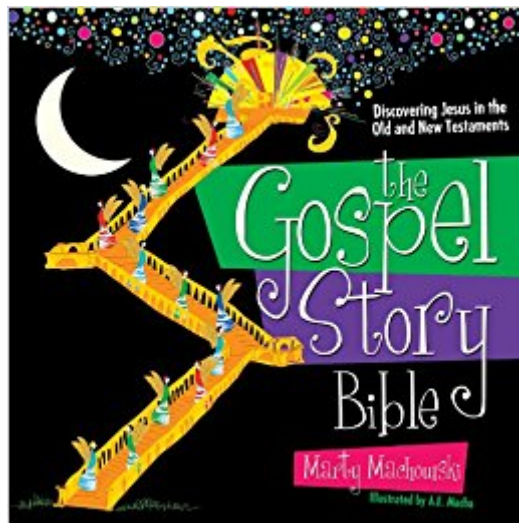




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# The Gospel Story Bible: Discovering Jesus In The Old And New Testaments



## Synopsis

Can a Bedtime Story Actually Change Your Life? It is easy to forget Jesus in the midst of frantic schedules, family squabbles, and conflicting priorities. But the truth is that he is the hero of every story, including these ordinary ones. This is why Marty Machowski puts God's plan of salvation in Christ on continuous display in The Gospel Story Bible. The easy-to-read storybook introduces your family to many captivating people, places, and events from the Bible's Old and New Testaments, showing how each one ultimately points to Jesus. As you share these Bible Stories together, you and your family will meet Jesus and learn a new, life-changing way of recognizing Christ as the hero of every story. Vibrant illustrations by A. E. Macha, child-friendly discussion questions, and Scripture references accompany each narrative to help you lead your family in exploring the Bible. You will be delighted to discover how easily even a young child can understand the original text of a story that he or she has already come to love. Ideal as a storybook for your preschooler, a devotional for your grade school student, a refresher for the adult believer, or an introduction for the new one, The Gospel Story Bible is also a companion to Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God and the Gospel Story Sunday School curriculum which is available at New Growth Press.

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## Customer Reviews

I could speak at length about how much I recommend Marty Machowski's books to churches and

indeed I do, along with books from a long list of other authors. But Marty's resources for families and children also appear on a far shorter list that places them in a more significant category for me: they are books that I actually use in my home. Again Marty has provided us with a God-centered, Scripture-grounded, gospel-driven resource that orients the minds of children toward the wondrous works of God. --Timothy Paul Jones, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Family Ministry, Southern Seminary; editor of The Journal of Family Ministry

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Gospel Story Sunday school curriculum. He and his wife Lois and their six children reside in West Chester Pennsylvania.

We love this bible. Our oldest is almost 5 now, so the first kid bible we had was starting to get a bit repetitive (we've read it to him for 4 years now!). We love the old bible (Jesus Storybook Bible) and how they really tie the Gospel into every part of the stories, even the old testament stories. We wanted a bible equally as centered on the message of the Gospel for our little ones, but with new wording and pictures. This bible fit the bill and is perfect for our kiddos! The stories are a little longer, perhaps slightly more in depth, and the Gospel is tied throughout all of the stories very well. The illustrations are beautiful. They only have one picture per story in this one, as opposed to the other bible we have used, so our 2 year old gets distracted sooner. But for our older kid it is just the perfect amount of information and pictures, and he seems to really listen and learn. This book also has discussion questions about what was just read, which gives the opportunity for more explanation of the biblical events. Our son never lets us finish up without the discussion questions!

If you love the true Gospel message that it is Jesus and only Jesus that makes us right with God, as opposed to good behavior (which is an understandable but heretic message communicated implicitly or explicitly by far too much of children's Christian literature), this is the story bible for you! We LOVED the Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones, but after a few years, our kids practically have it memorized. And as our older kids have gotten even older, it became boring to them. The Gospel Story Bible is like the next step up, more advanced in reading level, many more stories from scripture, discussion questions, and similar to the Jesus Storybook Bible, interesting and different artwork, rather than the usual cartoonish and saccharine illustrations you commonly find. Each story also includes how it relates or points to Jesus, which helps us all (adults included) understand the Bible as one story about God's great love for us, expressed through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. We find this the most usable of the story bibles we have encountered for Advent, Christmas, and Easter readings, as the stories are more in-depth and less condensed. I would say the only "bad" thing I can say is that because each story is simply two facing pages, and therefore only one picture, and no page turns, it doesn't hold younger kids' interest well. Break out the Jesus Storybook Bible for that.

I was looking for a Bible for my seven year old that had more detail and more stories than her Beginners Bible (my favorite Bible for preschoolers) or her Jesus Storybook Bible (beautifully

written, but a definite lack of stories). And I'm so pleased with the Gospel Story Bible. Yes, the illustrations are a bit more odd than I am accustomed to, but the richness and depth of the material more than makes up for it. I LOVE that word for word Scripture is sprinkled on every page. I love the DETAIL of the narrative and all the important questions that are being asked by my second grader. Every story has a final paragraph that ties into the New Testament and Jesus, often with a verse from Paul. Although much of this is lost on my child, I know it is important for her to hear and that it will eventually become more clear to her. I highly recommend this Bible as that final, important stepping stone from the world of Children's Bibles to the first, whole Bible that you give your preteen.

The artwork is spectacular. My oldest 20something daughter is reading this with my elementary aged daughter as we continue to grow her in Christ. The pages of this book NEVER disappoint, the stories keep her attention, and truly teach The Bible in a way that is easy to comprehend for the younger child!

Love this kids' Bible even more than the Jesus Storybook Bible- which is saying a lot for me! =) It is so solid theologically and my 3 boys all look forward to family worship time each night when we read it. I also like that they include a lot of Bible stories that most kids' Bibles leave out. I highly recommend this!!

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My kids and I really enjoy this bible. We love the story book bible too, this one is just a little more advanced and for kids a little older (5+ i would say). It has more stories and goes into greater detail. The best part is that the last paragraph of each story explains how it relates, points toward and is fulfilled in Jesus. Awesome!

I'm very excited about this book. It was recommended to me by some trusted friends, and I am confident that it is worth everything, including the shipping I paid to have it sent to me in France. I only wish it had a permanent ribbon bookmark in it. Regular bookmarks fall out of the pages when children are permitted to look at the book and magnet bookmarks tend to cause the book to tear. Other than that, thank you Mr. Machowski for your labor over this book, and for your desire help parents to teach their children the gospel from early on. This book is invaluable!

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