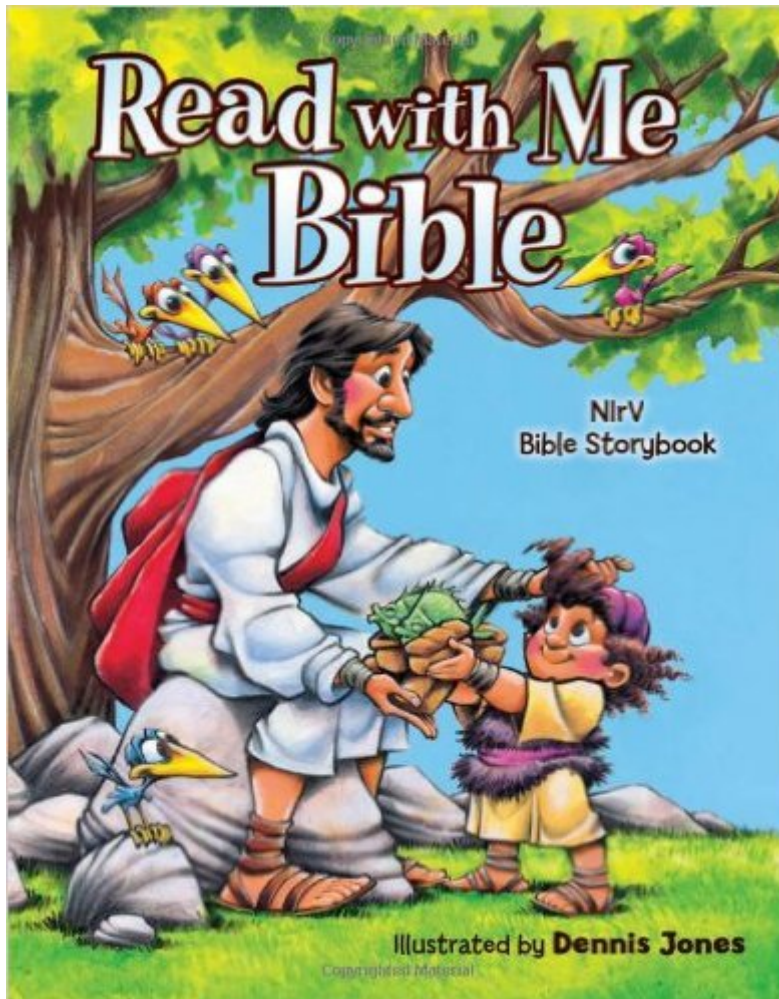


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# Read With Me Bible: An NIV Story Bible For Children



## Synopsis

The Read with Me Bible: Children love it. Parents trust it. Action-packed with full-color art, this storybook Bible contains Old and New Testament sections and brings 106 best-loved Bible stories to life. Children will love reading it with you or to you. The Read with Me Bible is based on the New International Reader's Version (NIRV) that uses simpler words and shorter sentences making the text easy to read and understand.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Recommended Age: 3-5 (the back of the book recommends 4-8). I have to disagree with the statements that this book's descriptions diminish the intent of the stories. Reading some of the stories of the bible to a child at that age is tedious enough. To bog the storylines down with detail at that age bores the child. They don't exactly have the patience of a "saint". I agree that this is a good preschool version though. By eight years old I was using an adult Bible and memorizing passages. I imagine my son will probably be pretty bright at that point also. I seriously doubt he will be using this Bible except as a cross reference. As for the book itself the illustrations are rather entertaining and in some cases comedic. They are very colorful and eye-catching for a 3-5 year old. As stated before, the storylines are easy to follow and don't dwell too deeply which caters to night time reading when a child is most receptive to stories. Another plus is that it intelligently smoothes the corners on some of the more violent or touchy subjects within the text of a standard Bible. If you want the whole

story including the graphic nature of Christ's death you should just buy a regular Bible and attempt a translation for you child. Personally, I don't feel a child the age of three necessarily needs a detailed description of what a scourging with a metal tipped whip is or the knowledge that spikes were driven into His hands. Allow children to be children and innocent for a few years. The brutality of human violence and stupidity will become painfully evident as they get older anyway. All in all I thought this was an excellent, entertaining, educational first Bible for teaching my son the Word of God. Hope those that read this post will find it to their liking also.

I picked this book up as an impulse buy about three years ago and began reading it to my then two year old daughter. At first I was a bit surprised by the violence of the stories. (The scary snake in the garden of Eden, Abel killed his brother Cain, God flooded the world and everything living thing was wiped out, etc). After comparing it to a full version Bible, I realized how closely it follows the real text. And so we continued reading, with me doing some pretty heavy editing. Well, my daughter just loved her Bible book. It wasn't long until we had read the whole thing cover to cover. Not only did we read it through another time or two, she then had her favorite stories that we read night after night. Now that her brother has turned two, we've started from the beginning again. He's not quite as intranced as she was... I think we're dealing with a different level of attention span. But he's listening and it's quality time. Everybody's right... the pictures in the book are great; the kids love them. It's not an "alls-happy-with-the-world" book of bible stories, but it is true to the full versions they'll be studying later. I'm going back to buy a second book as ours is completely worn out and pages are falling out.

In Brazil I bought a copy of the Portuguese language edition of this book to read to my daughter, so when we moved to the United States it was only natural to seek it out in English. Since she's now seven I don't read out of this Bible to her any more, but from age 3-6 it was great, and I'll read it to my little boy once he's old enough to sit still. We read it cover to cover many times, and I'm convinced that this has helped to establish a deep familiarity with the fundamental Biblical narrative. Buy it and read it to your kids or grandkids.

Our church purchased multiple copies of this book to give out at the end of Vacation Bible School to the families who had come. What a blessing it was! I was afraid that it might be too immature for the older kids (ages 9-10), but their families reported that they had read it, stayed VERY interested, and were telling them their favorite stories. The children who attended were between the ages of 3 all

the way to 17. The artist, Dennis Jones, is truly God-inspired. He has such wonderful talent- the pictures are incredibly interesting and often tell more about the Bible story than is even revealed in the text of this Bible. This book also contains a glossary at the end of the book to explain words that the children would not understand, but should- "Words You Should Know." I love the breadth of material that is in this collection. Many stories that aren't usually included in Bible story collections are here. There are 58 Old Testament stories and 47 New Testament stories, ranging from one page to eight pages long. Most pages have only 6-8 lines of text and a vivid picture displayed. I have a four year old who reads, and she can read this book with some help on some of the larger words. It is a well-written, accurate, and captivating book. I highly recommend its use with children to learn many of the good stories in the Bible.

What I dislike about children's Bibles in general is that they aren't proper translations. Instead, they're an author's own words. They're "Bible stories" rather than The Bible itself. I have never understood why the glorious text itself isn't used more widely for picture books. (It's not too long, since most Bible stories are shorter than a Dr Seuss book.)The text here is closely based upon the "NIRV", which is very similar to the popular NIV, but with some simpler words. The text in this book is not exactly the actual NIRV, but it's close. The differences are mostly to make it shorter, although a few words change. Here's an example:Actual NIRV quotation (Genesis 1:20-23):"God said, "Let the seas be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky." • So God created the great sea creatures. He created every kind of living thing that fills the seas and moves about in them. He created every kind of bird that flies. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. He said, "Have little ones so that there will be many of you. Fill the water in the seas. Let there be more and more birds on the earth." • There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five."What the book says instead (same passage):"God said, "Let the waters be filled with living things. Let birds fly in the sky." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five."As far as I can tell, this book is the closest to the real text that's on the market and still has lots of pictures for the kids. If anyone knows of a picture Bible or just individual story books that follows a good English translation more closely, then please post your suggestions in the comments!

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