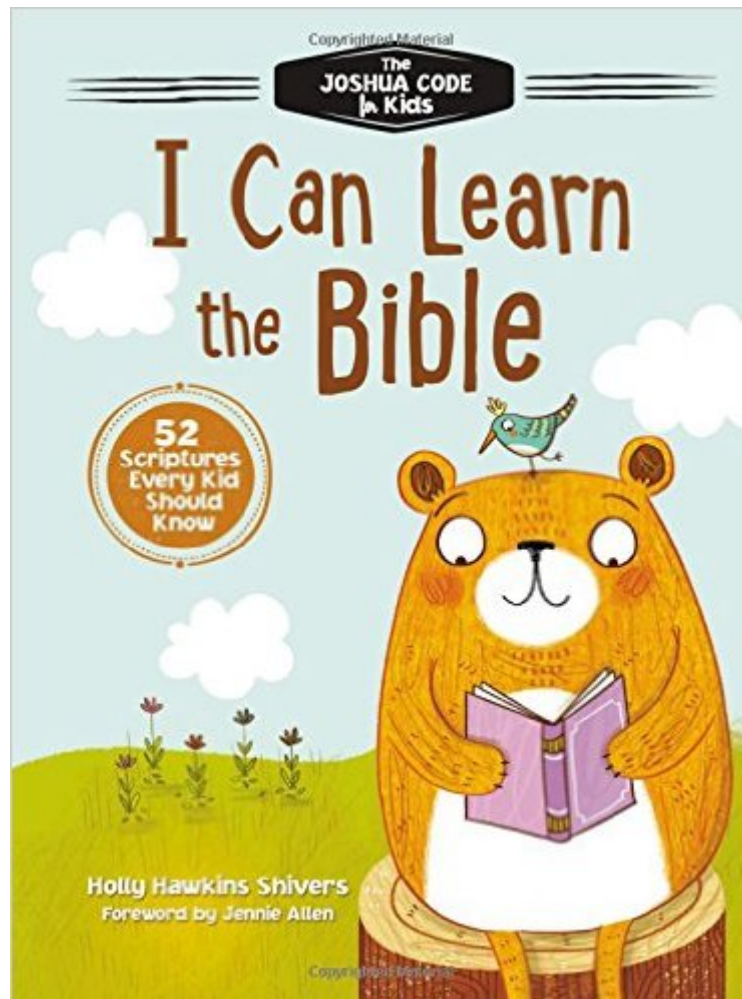


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# I Can Learn The Bible: The Joshua Code For Kids: 52 Devotions And Scriptures For Kids



## Synopsis

Memory verses and devotions that will write God's word on your children's hearts. In this 52-week devotional for children, author Holly Hawkins Shivers adapts the gift book *The Joshua Code* (written by her father, O.S. Hawkins) into a devotional that will help kids learn and live the scriptures. Using kid-friendly language, *I Can Learn the Bible* teaches scriptures in a way children can understand. Each week, kids will commit a new scripture to memory by reading a fun, engaging devotional that's doable for a child. Matthew 7:7 will remind kids to always ask God for help. Philippians 1:6 will teach them that God is always working in their lives. And 50 more scriptures will continue to write the truth on their hearts so that they will remember it forever. Parents using the gift book will love using the kids' book as a discussion tool for the entire family. A great gift for baptisms, confirmations, and any special occasion, *I Can Learn the Bible* includes clever tips for memorizing scripture. Each new day and each new verse will reinforce to young readers that "God's Word is FOR ME and TO ME, it is IN ME and working THROUGH ME, and just like His love, it goes on and on forever!" • Trim Size: 5.5 x 7.5

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## Customer Reviews

*I Can Learn the Bible: 52 Scriptures Every Kid Should Know* sounded like a book with a lot of potential. Right off the bat, I spotted several attributes in this book that I thought were very positive. First of all, I love that this book tackles "weighty" subjects. Instead of just providing fluff for kids,

topics such as modern day idols, understanding the role of God when bad things happen, evangelism, sin, and how to live the Christian life are tackled with ease and in an easy to understand format. I also really like the idea of the kids memorizing a Bible verse a week. Each week's devotional is short enough that a child could easily get through it in less than a week and is also laid out in a way that the child could choose to read under one of the headings each day. The recommended reading plan is for a parent to read the devotion on Monday and introduce the Bible memory verse. Then, the child works on the verse throughout the week, and the parent rereads the devotional at the end of the week. I like that plan a lot. Another part of this book I liked is the section in the appendix which contains tips for how parents can help their children memorize scripture. What I don't like is that most of the verses are not in a commonly known translation that the children might run across in other settings; they are from the International Children's Bible which, to my knowledge, is not a very common translation. Yet, the forward in the beginning of the book quotes a verse in the NIV translation. If only the entire book could have followed suit...or at least if different translation options were available to purchase. I also don't like the content of the one devotional that states, "God gives us keys to a happy life. Really, He does!" (203).

Confession: we have more children's devotionals than we've read or are likely to read. Wow. Good to get that off my chest. Now, I didn't buy all of these devotionals so it was never my intention to have this many. We are also not consistent in reading devotionals - we've tried breakfast time, after school, bed time and we just haven't found a time that works for us. However, do not let our lack of diligence keep you from continuing to read this review of "I Can Learn the Bible" by Holly Hawkins Shivers. The subtitle of the book is "52 Scriptures Every Kid Should Know." Now, I believe this is a subjective look because there are SO many verses from the Bible kids (and adults) should know.  Part of my family's problem with devotionals has been the format of the devos. Usually there is one verse and then a story to go along with maybe a little blurb at the end a la Aesop's Fables. The lesson. The format is just one of the things I really like about this "I Can Learn the Bible" book. There is a verse (most of them well known like Galatians 5:22-23, the Fruits of the Spirit) for each week (I also like it's split into weeks vs. days...probably for folks like us). But then it's different - the book talks to you as the reader (and your kids as listeners) to explain the verse(s). Sometimes they do use a story but I haven't felt that the stories were A) so long my kids stop listening or B) irrelevant. I just feel that the author has really taken the time to explain in a kid-friendly way but not dumbed-down way about the verses! Week 8 has "Continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open

for you." - Matthew 7:7.

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