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My First Hands-On Bible



Synopsis

My First Hands-On Bible is the preschooler version of the popular Hands-On Bible, which has sold over a half million copies. Jesus taught with hands-on lessons and illustrations; My First Hands-On Bible uses the same experience-based learning to communicate God's Word in an active, understandable way. My First Hands-On Bible is a fun and simple yet meaningful way to engage preschool, pre-K, and K children (ages 3-6) with the Bible while helping them build a solid faith foundation. Each lesson focuses on a specific Bible point through a variety of activities in order to reinforce and help young children remember the stories and lessons. Using common household items, you can help your children have a "hands-on" learning experience while engaging them in 85 key stories from the Bible. My First Hands-On Bible doesn't just retell the Bible stories; it also includes actual Scripture from the easy-to-understand and easy-to-read Holy Bible, New Living Translation. In addition to the stories and activities, there are fun illustrations, prayers, and a special Jesus Connection feature.

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Customer Reviews

The Bible young children can really get their hands on! Go from just reading the Bible with your kids to experiencing it! My First Hands-On Bible does what no other Bible can • it brings the Bible to life with fun activities and games that tie directly to the Bible stories. My First Hands-On Bible features

85 exciting Bible stories from the clear and easy-to-understand New Living Translation • Jesus Connections • to help kids see Jesus throughout the Bible Colorful, original illustrations Exciting activities and top-notch games created by the people who brought you the award-winning Hands-On Bible curriculum With My First Hands-On Bible, kids will get into the Bible, and the Bible will get into their hearts, giving them a priceless foundation of faith in God.

I really like this for the most part but I have a few problems with it. Of course this isn't the full Bible so it skips stories but the problem that I had is that sometimes it would come in in the middle of a story. For instance when it gets to Noah and the flood it completely skips where God tells Noah to build the arc so you have to go back and explain to your child who Noah is and that he built a big boat. It just goes right into God making it flood and Noah and his family and the animals entering the arc. It also breaks the stories up into several discussions which I did not like. It would have a very small section of a story and then go into activities and discussion at odd times instead of just finishing the story. It does have great activities and easy discussion for the kids and also easy prayers to guide them through which is nice I just feel like the stories that they pick should have been full stories and not them jumping into stories in the middle of the story or breaking a story up the way it does.

I wasn't quite aware that it was happening, but in the past year or so I've collected several little kid Bibles. A few from book reviews, and one or two as gifts to my girls. This one is by far my favorite. The biggest difference between this one and the others is that the text is the New Living Translation of the Bible. It is select passages, all stories that will appeal to kids, but it is actual Biblical text. Other versions are good, but that are all re-written down to a preschoolers level. After reading through this version, though, I think most preschoolers would understand the stories straight from this version of the Bible. In the intro parents are instructed to help kids understand some of the bigger words, but it is easy enough to do that. In every passage, there are several hands-on activities to do with your kids as you read them the story. They are usually simple motions, such as covering your eyes with your hands to imagine what the earth was like before God formed it, or carrying a doll or stuffed animal as you read about how Moses' mother cared for him before placing him in the basket in the river. At the end of each passage, there is a prayer that makes the point of the Scripture personal. There are also two activities that are more than the simple ones in the story, and can help reinforce the message of the story. And finally, each passage ends with a "Jesus Connection," that helps your child see that Jesus is the center of all Scripture, even in the passages

that don't mention him. This Bible is amazing, because it truly is the Bible. I'm not usually creative enough to come up with ways to help apply it to the life of a preschooler, and now I have an excellent tool. Tyndale House Publishers provided me with a free copy of this book as a part of their blogger book review program.

My two and a half year old daughter loves this book! I love being able to share the Bible with her. There are fun activities at the end of every lesson, ideas to incorporate though the week, a prayer, and a couple of discussion questions. There are also mini hands on activities throughout. We previously had "The Adventure Bible for Toddlers". This was excellent when she was under 2. We found it no longer went into enough detail for her, and she always had questions. "My First Hands-on Bible" uses real scripture rather than summarized stories that older toddlers and preschoolers can still understand. My daughter asks me to read it to her every day now, and we will be getting copies for friends with preschoolers.

The stories are far too abbreviated to be of real teaching value. Surprisingly, there's little or no story-to-story continuity, and many of major events and themes are missing (e.g., in God's promise to Abraham). Get the The Jesus Storybook Bible instead.

My husband and I wanted a bible that was appropriate for our 3 and 5 year old, but it was also important to us that it contained actual scripture. This bible is perfect. It is broken down into stories, in the same order as the bible, and the text is scripture. The awesome part is that during the reading every once in a while you will see a little colored hand print which indicates a "hands on" activity. In the margin the activity is printed and is something simple like turning the lights on and off to go along with the Creation story when God says "let there be light". It keeps the children engaged and having fun with the story, but the activity is simple enough that it doesn't distract them from sitting down and listening. They quite easily stay focused on the story and are excited to see what happens next. At the end of the story is a an activity you can do during the week to review the story/concept of the story. There is also a prayer and I think some questions/discussion type stuff. I definitely recommend this bible!

Wonderful book with interactive fun. Perfect for wiggly toddlers that are little sponges learning for info!

I have a 2 and 4 year old. We love doing this every day. The girls love the actions that we do as we read. I can not recommend this strongly enough. My two year old is a little young but I think she is still getting a little out of it. And I love that it is the real Bible.

As a pastor, I hand out this Bible for every baby baptism/dedication. I've read it to my own children and love the fun activities and questions.

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