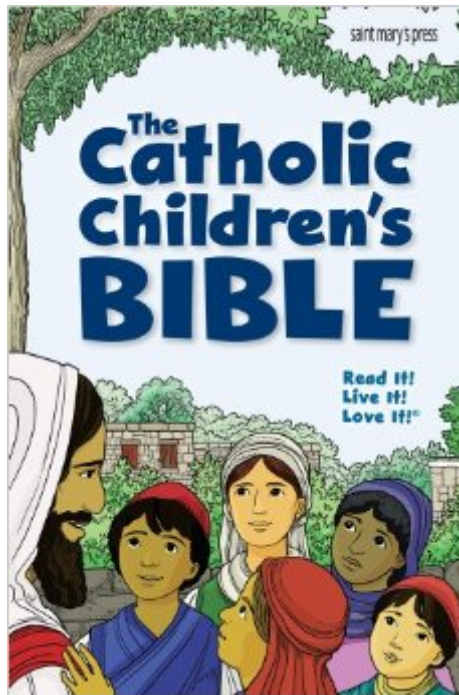


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# The Catholic Children's Bible (paperback)



## Synopsis

Introducing The Catholic Children's Bible, the first-ever complete Catholic children's Bible, only from Saint Mary's Press, that not only inspires but empowers children to read, live, and love the full Word of God. Children will know and understand God's saving plan revealed through 125 featured story spreads highlighting key Bible passages. Vibrant illustrations and borders immediately engage children and allow them to dive in to Scripture and become immersed in the stories. Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections help bring God's Word to life for the youngest of readers. Unique navigational features designed specifically for early readers help children easily locate passages and stories. Intentional design elements such as fonts built for early readers, increased line spacing, bold vocabulary words, colorized text, minimal hyphenation, and simple column dividers help make this a Bible children can read on their own.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

The Catholic Children's Bible is the first of its kind in that it is a COMPLETE Bible for children. That's right. You get all 73 books. The translation used is the Good News Translation (GNT), which is a more casual and conversational translation. I must admit that I am generally not a fan of the GNT. I feel it waters down powerful phrases in the Bible and makes them sound a bit clunky. One example that is always nails on a chalkboard to me is when they translate Jesus saying, "Amen, Amen I say to you," as "I'm telling you the truth!" The latter just doesn't hold the same gravitas as the former. I

would normally ding a Catholic Bible 1 star in a review for using this translation, but for children I believe this translation is acceptable and easier to understand for them. The first thing I love about this Bible is the color. It's like a rainbow exploded in this Bible, but in a systematic way. On page 15, they organize all the books of the Bible on a bookshelf and color code them into six different sections - the Pentateuch, Historical Books, Wisdom Books, Books of the Prophets, Gospels and Acts, and Letters. I always love this visual representation of the Bible. It helps remind us that the Bible is actually a collection of 73 books of all different literary genres. The same color code used on the bookshelf can then be seen at the bottom of the pages to remind your young one what section of the Bible they are reading. The feature I really love though is how they highlight important stories. At the beginning of every book of the Bible you will find a list of "Featured Stories." For example, if your child is reading the Bible like they normally would, and they come to a picture of a leaf, they know that this is "Featured Story." Then on the next two pages, the story is highlighted with pictures and extra features. These extra features include keyword definitions, a recap of the story, practical application for their everyday life, and three little pictures so your child can re-tell the story using their own words. I really like that they have to re-tell the story. This not only reinforces it in their memory, but helps them to own it. If you are serious about your Bible and want your child to be serious as well, then you will want to get this 5 star Bible! There is also an activity book available for purchase to help further reinforce the stories that your children read. I wasn't provided this to review, but looking at the sample pages, they'd be great for both home use and catechist use. The two arms of the Church are Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. We tend to ignore Sacred Scripture, but let's reverse that trend. I encourage you to buy this Bible. Read it to your children. Let your children read it to you. You won't regret it.

So nice to finally see a full Catholic children's bible and not just a book of bible stories. I really love the story pages within each of the books of the bible. I like the prayers in the back, along with the picture time lines, and maps. It really gives the kids something to put with the words. I love their "Read it, Live it, Love it" motto. They do a great job of bringing the bible to children with that in mind. I think St. Mary's Press did an amazing job. My children are 5 and under and I try to read the bible to them each night. I cannot say enough good things about this. If you are Catholic and have children, you should get this. No matter what their ages. I have even enjoyed it myself as well. If you go to St. Mary's Press website, [...], they have a great deal of information on it, pictures, etc. I bought the soft cover, but if I purchase another I am going to go with the hard back.

The language used here is somewhat crude, so I want other parents to be aware of it. Some examples: Gen 4:1 "Then Adam had intercourse with his wife, and she became pregnant." Gen 9:24 "When Noah sobered up" Gen 19:5 "The men of Sodom wanted to have sex with them." Ex 32:6 "The people sat down to a feast, which turned into an orgy of drinking and sex." Really, St. Mary's Press? You think my 7 year old daughter needs to read language this plain and crude? The Bible is written in order to shield young readers from things that they are not ready for yet, and your Bible translation is slapping them in the face with these things.

The Catholic Children's Bible published by Saint Mary's Press is a complete collection of the entire Bible for children. That's right you get every book along with every chapter and verse that is contained in your own "adult" Bible. It uses the "common language" of the Good News Translation Catholic Edition making it clear and simple to understand for children or anyone for that matter. There are some words used in this translation on sexual "intimacies" that I think The New American Bible words better for young children, however, I've found some explanations in this Good News Translation that did a better job. On that subject, it was a give and take. Of course, this is a topic that the parents need to help the child with no matter which Bible we read from. And then every family has different standards as to what words they use for the marital act and such. (You see which words I prefer to use!!) Overall this translation works great for children as it is simply worded so they can comprehend it. So other than the translation what makes this Bible good for children? Well, it has larger, spaced text in comparison to a regular Bible, with an easy to read font. Each book's title page starts with a nice explanation of that particular book along with any featured stories for that book. (More to follow on that!) Things are nicely color coded, as well. For example, along the bottom of the pages are found different colors for different sections of the Bible. This division includes groups of books including the Pentateuch, Historical Books, Wisdom Books, Books of the Prophets, Gospels, and the Letters. The other colorful feature includes the brightly written tabs for each of the 73 books along the side and edge of the pages. Ok, so it has a great kid appealing colorful cover, kid friendly text, and color tabs to easily find the book you're looking for. (Don't we all need those!) What else makes it appealing to children or moms and dads? Scattered nicely throughout the book contains wonderful page layouts featuring 125 Bible stories. There is a table of contents listing all these stories making it nice when searching for a particular one. On the left page contains a picture and the Bible verses containing the featured story along with bolded vocabulary with definitions. The right page contains the Understand It! and Live It! sections. These sections further explain the story for the child and have them "Live it" by saying or writing a prayer and

sometimes doing an activity that pertains to the topic of the story. Then at the bottom there are three or four pictures so the child can "Tell It!" back to you. Additionally the back of the book contains some colorful and helpful maps, a mini timeline, and Catholic prayers. Most importantly this Bible did not intimidate my 11 year-old. She jumped right into reading it, whereas if I'd ask her to read from the "adult" Bible I would have received resistance. It has an inviting look outside and inside for young readers and the featured stories are great for younger ones who need a picture to help with the storytelling. This Bible would also make a great First Communion gift. The first page has a place to write your child's name, given by, date, along with dates of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist. This Bible would serve the child well until their Confirmation when many teenagers receive their first "adult" Bible. The hardcover Bible may be a good investment if you plan to use this over many children. Overall this is a great book to get young children to actually read the Bible for themselves or get us parents reading the Bible to them. I received a copy of this book for this review from Saint Mary's Press. For more book reviews of quality Catholic books visit my site at [...]

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