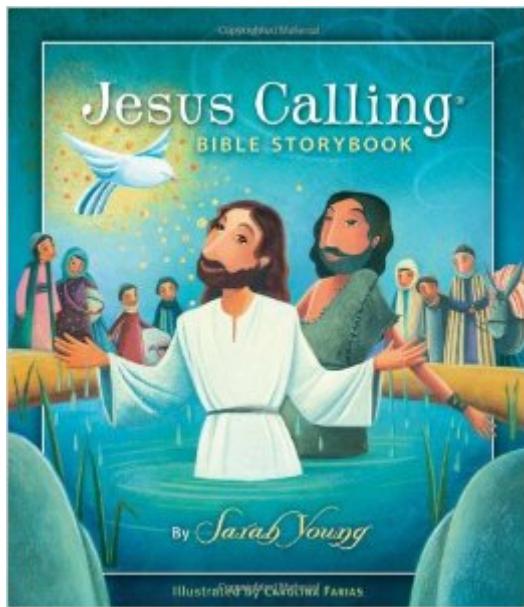


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# Jesus Calling Bible Storybook



## **Synopsis**

Nothing in heaven or on earth can stop Me from loving you. Jesus is calling out to our hearts, and you can hear His voice in every story in the Bible. These carefully selected stories are paired with new childrenâ™s devotions from Sarah Young and will help young hearts understand Godâ™s grand plan to send His Son, Jesus, to save His children and prepare a place for us in heaven.Â Bestselling author Sarah Young has touched millions of lives through her devotionals based on Scripture and written as though Jesus is speaking directly to the reader. This book will lead Godâ™s children, young and old, to talk to Jesus through prayer and to listen to His voice speaking love to their hearts. Meets national education standards.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

I LOVE Sarah Young's way of presenting God's promises to us in a personal way. I first discovered Ms. Young when I readÂ 40 Days With Jesus: Celebrating His Presence, which prompted me to purchase the year long devotional (Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence). When she publishedÂ Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions For KidsÂ I bought it! I type up the devotionals and add a picture to them and include them in my daughter's lunch box every day. When I saw this title, I was excited to have one to share with my preschooler. But this one is so much more than the others! It includes 49 Old Testament stories and 51 New Testament stories presented with beautiful illustrations (thank you Caroline Farias) and a great age appropriate narration. According to Young

this book was "designed to help young children come to know God's Word and enjoy the Presence of Jesus in their lives. This book tells the wonderful story of God's great love for His people." I have to say that this has definitely been accomplished. The Bible portions that have been included show God's love from creation, through Abraham, David, and finally the life of Jesus as well a reminder that "one day, things will become perfect the way God wants them to be. Someday God's love-brighter than the brightest sun-will be the only light we need...in the vision that Jesus showed to John, God and his children lived together as one perfect, happy family--the way it was supposed to be back in the Garden with Adam and Eve all those years ago." I found the stories to follow the Biblical account very closely and that made me happy. So many children's Bibles turn the accounts into fairy tales. What I especially enjoyed is that at the end of each story is a Bible verse that corresponds to the events as well as a devotional in the expected Sarah Young style. For example, the devotion after the story of Ruth and Naomi reads: Everything that happens fits into My plan for good if you love Me. Trust Me with big things, like your friendships and future dreams. You can also trust Me for little, everyday things. Remember how I took care of Ruth and Naomi. Nothing is too big or too small for Me. So talk with me about everything. And the watercolor illustrations are absolutely GORGEOUS! I would love to frame some of them! If you have a young child, this book really does need to be on your bookshelf! I did receive a digital copy of this book from the publisher with the expectation that I would give it an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

A friend of ours gave my children this book for Christmas. I started reading it to my kids, but stopped after just a few devotionals. I believe that devotional bibles are fine - if they are Biblically accurate. However, I found myself having to go back to the scripture passages to give my kids the true story! Things like the story of Cain and Abel - Sarah Young writes that after Abel's death, all people came from Cain - the cursed brother. No mention of Seth, etc. And in the story of Jacob, Rachel and Leah - she writes that Leah had eleven children and Rachel had two. Back to the Bible... I understand that a Bible story book will sometimes simplify complex stories for young readers, but it should NOT give false information!

I am so glad we found this Bible storybook! We have tried quite a few and usually become irritated for various reasons, such as an author introducing too much personal interpretation, focusing too much on any one aspect of scripture (such as every other story being about idolatry), or many of the stories being too long to hold a child's attention. Compared to the rest of the bible story books we have found, this one is the best! It is not perfect as there is still a subtle hint of interpretation such as

with the story of God Testing Abraham on pages 46-47, but overall, in my opinion, this storybook sticks very close to the original text. When I really try to place myself in the author's shoes, I don't think I could do a better job of making so many bible stories palatable for kids ranging from 2-12+. The stories are the perfect length to hold both my 4 and 7 year old's attention, the illustrations are great (really great!), and the stories frequently lead to further discussion and exploration within our family. Not to mention I get something out of them too! It is with all of this considered that I wholeheartedly rate this book 5 stars.

Pretty good. All the stories are just a page. Some stories need more than that. The verses she includes with each story are uncommon translations and are sometimes a stretch to relate to the story they are being associated with. The retelling of the stories is pretty good though. Overall, not bad, but not my favorite. I usually just skip reading the verses she includes with the story if I'm reading this with my daughter. After all, I'm the parent whose responsibility is to teach my children about God and his Word, but I don't need and "aid" that makes it confusing for little audiences.

This is a wonderful book for parents or grandparents to read to little ones. It covers the major parts of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. There are several parts to each section, and places to stop and dialogue. I am very pleased with this book, which I bought for me to read with my grandchildren.

I purchased this Bible for my four-year-old son. He loves to read; my husband and I read to him from a children's Bible each night. We'd already read The Jesus StoryBook Bible with him multiple times and we were ready for something new. This Bible was a perfect fit! It contains several new Bible accounts that our son hadn't heard from the Story Book Bible, such as the story of Samson. At the end of each account, there is an accompanying Bible verse. The verse doesn't necessarily come from the Biblical passage from the story; rather, it meets the theme or the overall lesson from the story. After the verse, there is a brief paragraph, speaking from Jesus in first person, in which the heart lesson is reiterated and important concepts are covered. In all, reading the story account, going over the verse a couple of times, and carefully covering the heart lesson takes about 5-10 minutes, which is just the right time based on my son's attention span. We're glad that we added this children's Bible to our collection.

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