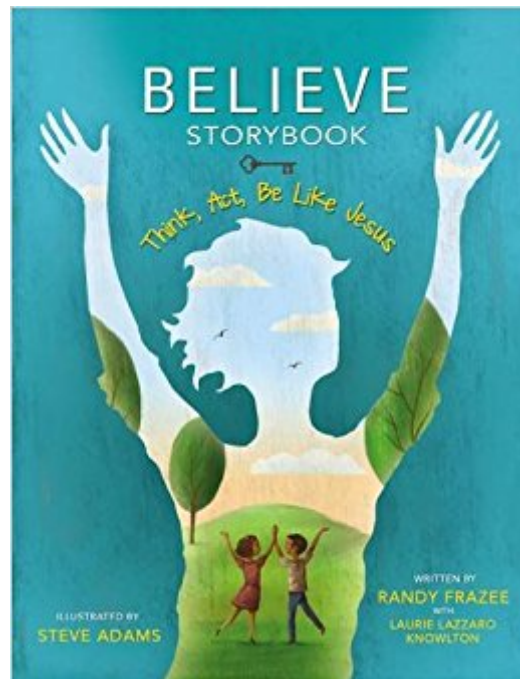




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# Believe Storybook: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus



## Synopsis

Presented by bestselling author and pastor Randy Frazee, the Believe Storybook shows children how they can think, act, and be more like Jesus. With 60 old and new testament stories from the Bible that showcase the themes, combined with captivating and dramatic illustrations by Steve Adams, children and adults alike will be inspired to become more like their savior and the person they were meant to be. The Believe Storybook is part of the national church-wide program led by bestselling author Randy Frazee that shows children how they can think, act, and be more like Jesus.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Randy Frazee is the senior minister at Oak Hills Church, one of the largest churches in America, leading alongside author and pastor Max Lucado. A leader and innovator in spiritual formation and biblical community, Randy is the architect of The Story church engagement campaign. He is also the author of *The Heart of the Story*, *The Connecting Church 2.0*, and *The Christian Life Profile Assessment*. He and his wife, Rozanne, live in San Antonio. Laurie's first published work was a note passed to a boy in elementary school. You would have thought that this most embarrassing moment would have stopped her writing career. But instead, Laurie is the author of thirty five books and author/illustrator of two more. Laurie lives in rural Ohio with her husband and two daughters and loves writing surrounded by horses, cattle, dogs, cats, and five turkeys.

When Jesus Christ is accepted as Lord and Savior that's only the first step of a life-long journey toward spiritual maturity and a personal "best friend" style relationship with Christ. Yet for some, the journey begins and ends with acceptance and a personal relationship is never nurtured or allowed to develop. So do you believe and can you talk easily about what you believe in and why? Christianity.com reported "Bible illiteracy is a scandal" based on 2014 surveys that revealed most people couldn't name every one of the disciples or list all Ten Commandments and some even thought "Sodom and Gomorrah were a married couple." In the March 2016 issue of U.S. News, Alan Neuhauser reported, "Prayer, Belief in God Sinks to All-Time Low in U.S...according to decade's long surveys" taken from 1972 to 2014. However, Randy Frazee senior pastor of San Antonio, Texas Oak Hills Church still believes the Bible is "the greatest story ever told." To encourage Bible reading he condensed The Story Bible into a story format of scriptural truths. That book led to The Story Church Campaign in 2014 and the release of Believe Storybook: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus, Believe Kid's Edition and Believe Student Edition in 2015. What follows are two positive and one negative review of the three books.\*\*\*\*\*'Believe Storybook: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus,' by Randy Frazee w/Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton, Illustrated by Steve Adams, Zonderkidz, 2015, 256 Pages, Ages 3-8, 978-0310745907, \$19.99 The glossy-paged, hardcover Believe Storybook equips parents and children, ages 4-8, to explore some of life's biggest questions together using the reader-friendly NIV translation. The full-color storybook is divided into three main sections of ten chapters each with 60 theme based stories that highlight the "belief, practices and core virtues" of Christian life. Stories are not in chronological order but are based on "think, act and be" themes with key scriptures that support story themes. Storylines include a starting question, an Old and New Testament story and a "Jump to Jesus" segment about Christ that answers thought-provoking questions of "what I believe, what should I do and who am I becoming?" Three more questions at story's end encourage discussion and teach children how to "think, act and be more like Jesus." Steve Adams captivating images complement the text with engaging and colorful illustrations. This well-written book of Bible stories is filled with scriptural truths that teach readers how to have a more personal relationship with Jesus. The "Bible Storybook would be especially good for a new believer, however I also think the book would be an excellent choice for any Christian who desires to "lead a more Christ-like life through [a better] understanding of Scripture."

I purchased this for our at-home use. I was excited. I've read Frazee's work before and found it to be encouraging and insightful. I have to say, I was underwhelmed. Frazee does a good job of

forming connections between the old testament, the new testament, and the Jesus connection but doesn't necessarily tell the entire story (e.g. the story of Abraham and Sarah). He picks and chooses what to include to demonstrate his point. So, for example, Abraham and Sarah's story is shared to demonstrate God's faithfulness and delivering on His promise. Frazee leaves out the part of Sarah taking matters into her own hands. Ishmael's story is completely left out-no mention is made of it at all. We can't simply pick and choose what we want to teach our kids about the Bible.

We got this for our kids as our church was starting this program. This book is very high quality and really well designed. We got the hard cover version if there is more than one, and just love it. It helps kids learn the stories of the bible and really understand what it means to believe. We have three kids (but one is a baby). The older two will get a lot of use out of this over the next few years. I would recommend this for anywhere from 6 year old to 12 year old.

Great storybook bible for kids. Very understandable language for children. Compares Old Testament stories with New Testament stories that relate to Jesus. I highly recommend it!

good for age group written for

Love the book!

I love books that take the truth of the Bible and filter them through a child's lens. Notice I didn't say they water down the stories of the Bible or the Biblical truths! As a mom, I appreciate a well-written book of Bible stories and scriptural truths. Something that goes beyond the Sunday School gloss-overs of Noah's Ark and David & Goliath. I have found very few books/Bible storybooks that are both interesting to children while maintaining the truth and integrity of the actual Bible events. The Believe Storybook: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus fits the bill! This is a beautifully illustrated book with 256 pages, 60 stories and 30 chapters that convey with great accuracy and conviction high points of the Bible. Unlike other Bible Storybooks that chronologically follow the Bible, this storybook is divided into three main sections full of chapters, with each chapter covering a different theme. The main sections are THINK, ACT, BE. It covers a multitude of material" everything from who God is, to Biblical community, eternity, fruit of the Spirit and the church. I love the way this book is laid out. For instance, under the main section of THINK, Chapter 3 is Salvation. The Key question is: How do I have a relationship with God? It is

followed by a (beautifully illustrated, full-color) synopsis of Genesis 2-3 from the Old Testament when Adam & Eve disobey God. It then has a "Jump to Jesus" page where the OT story is connected to Jesus and the following pages take us to the New Testament with a story from Luke of Jesus' resurrection. Each chapter carefully and brilliantly weaves the Old and the New Testaments together with the common thread of Jesus. Reading this book with my 4 year old has really helped me understand (and hopefully her too!) how the Bible is truly connected and all things point to Christ! This is a great book for gifting. It is full-color, glossy pages and has a dust jacket with the cover. The size of this book (I've had to include a picture at the end so you can gauge the size of it" it was surprising to me at first!) is large, almost coffee table sized. In fact, leaving it out on your coffee table might not be a bad idea. That way you will always have it close at hand to read!! highly recommend this book: 5/5.\*\*\*Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from the publisher through the BookLook Bloggers program. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.\*\*\*

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