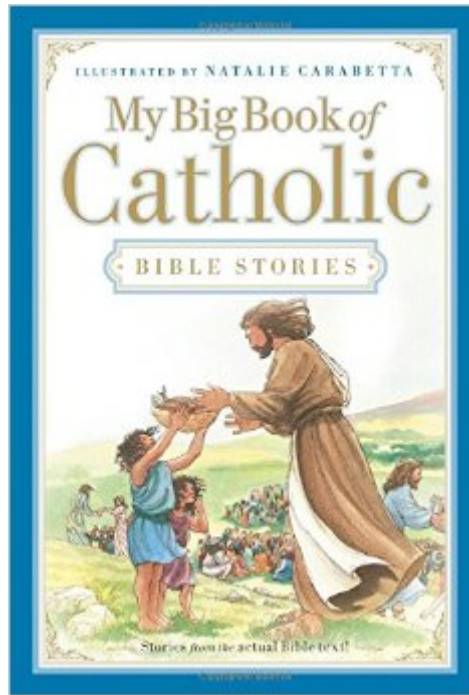


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# My Big Book Of Catholic Bible Stories



## Synopsis

My Big Book of Catholic Bible Stories is a Catholic family treasure! With almost 200 stories, this book is an excellent resource for children and families to grow together in their faith and knowledge of Catholic tradition. It uses selections from the actual text of the highly respected and readable New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, including stories from the Deuterocanonical Books. Along with stories from actual Bible text, My Big Book of Catholic Bible Stories includes additional elements. Each of these elements will help encourage the child to talk to God, to understand the meaning of new words from the passage, to learn quotes from saints and other important figures, and to go deeper in their faith by cross-referencing the CCC and applying the lesson to their lives. With its thorough teaching of Catholic faith, Bible stories, and classic art, this Bible Storybook will be a welcome addition to Catholic homes, schools, and churches.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 12 years

Grade Level: 1 and up

## Customer Reviews

Reason for Reading: We start our homeschool lessons with God. Including a reading from the Bible. I had seen this book recommended on a Catholic mum's blog (she no longer blogs, I think) and was utterly taken by her review, so I checked the book out online and purchased it immediately. I read a "story" to my son every school day and with almost 200 stories, we have been reading the book for about a year. As is always important to me when using Catholic materials with my son, the book does have a Nihil Obstat & Imprimatur. The book begins with a letter to children from Mother Teresa

and then a 2 page introduction by the compiler explaining how the book is set up. Each "story" is a two page spread, though the second page just includes the illustration and the extra interactive material. I should now mention, that though this Bible is divided into "stories" they are not reinterpretations dumbed down for children; Instead what we have are actual passages from the NRSV Catholic text of the Bible, plus the Bible contains stories from the Septuagint, the Holy Canon. This is the best Bible Story book I have read aloud to my children ever. Ds enjoyed our readings from this Bible and it will be a Keeper for our household. Briefly how a reading is set up. Each reading starts with a title followed by the scripture reference where it can be found. Then there is a blue box of text which introduces the background/people to be read about. This includes either some instructional material or something to think about. Then we have the Bible "story" taken verbatim from the NRSV Catholic text. This is followed by a prayer, which could be a traditional Catholic prayer, one taken to revolve around the scripture reading or a prayer from a Saint.

There's only one thing I don't like about My Big Book of Catholic Bible Stories, compiled by Heidi Hess Saxton and illustrated by Natalie Carabetta: It came out after my kids were older. This is a compilation of 175 of the most important stories in the Bible, along with prayers and activities. Granted, there are plenty of Bible Story compilations out there. Several things set this one apart, especially for Catholics: 1. The stories are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Catholic Bible. This means you'll find stories from the Deuterocanonical books, like Sirach. 2. The stories are pulled verbatim from the Bible. While summaries or interpretations are okay for children, it's nice to see a Bible stories book that recognizes that children can understand the actual language of the Bible, and gives them the chance to appreciate the beauty of the language and the details of the story outside of Mass. 3. After each story, you not only find an activity idea but also suggested readings from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that apply to the story. Even better: if the story is one read during Mass, Heidi tells you what Sunday and what other verses are read that day. She also includes traditional Catholic prayers, sometimes with the story and sometimes with their own special page. I know Heidi personally from our work on Catholic Writers Conferences Online, and have read her book, "Behold Your Mother." She was also editor of Canticle Magazine, a well-respected Catholic Women's online magazine. I know that she not only lives her faith, but thinks about it. She's also a very thorough researcher. I feel confident in the introductions she wrote for each story, as well as the extra facts dotted throughout the book.

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