The Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum Kit

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Curriculum
44 Lessons for Early/Middle Elementary

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Synopsis
Based on the award-winning storybook, The Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum by Sally Lloyd-Jones and Sam Shammas contains 44 lessons revealing how Jesus is the center of each Bible story and how every story whispers his name. With activities, notes for teachers based on material from Timothy Keller, memory verses, handouts for children, and more, The Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God’s great story of salvation” and at the center of their story too. The Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum Kit contains everything you need for 44 weeks of lessons: • 1 DVD-ROM containing 44 printable lessons (both teacher material and student handouts), 44 bonus animated videos, promotional materials, as well as instructions for implementing the curriculum • 1 hardcover The Jesus Storybook Bible • 3 audio CDs containing David Suchet’s recording of The Jesus Storybook Bible

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Customer Reviews
I love this curriculum. I’ve used the Bible with my boys (4 1/2 and 3) for a couple years now, and was so excited when the curriculum came out. I volunteer with 2-3 year old kids at church, and would use some of the activities with them, and shorten it to their needs. It is not a preschool curriculum, but you can definitely make it work with them. There is enough material to teach up to an hour, but is customizable so it would fit any time frame. My church will be using the curriculum in
their Sunday school for their kindergarten-2nd grade. I will be using it with my boys. There are lots of different options with the curriculum, from reading the stories to the kids, to having them listen to the audio recording, to playing the little videos for each story for them. Some of the activities are not at the level for my 3 year old, but my 4 1/2 year old can do most of them. I would definitely recommend getting this curriculum!

I love the JSB! It is a wonderful tool to help young children learn about Jesus. I have been looking over the curriculum that I just received. The videos and audio CD’s are wonderful and will capture their attention. I have also taken some time to look over the PDF files of the lessons that come on the DVD-ROM. I have found some mistakes and some errors in printables that are to be sent home with the children. It took much longer for me to get the Curriculum Kit than Zondervan had said. I wish they took a little more time to edit more carefully to put out a GREAT curriculum instead of an OK curriculum.

As a Sunday School teacher for 13 years I can honestly say this is the best curriculum that I have ever used. If you’re looking at this curriculum you probably are already very familiar with how wonderful the Jesus Storybook Bible is and how great it is to show children how the whole bible is really a story about Jesus and not just about people in history and moral lessons. I teach at a non-traditional church that meets in the gym of an elementary school and the space we have for the kids to learn in is roughly 10x5 feet. This curriculum is really suited to that as it assumes you have no permanent classroom so none of the activities require permanent fixtures and they also keep materials and technology to a minimum (which is quite awesome as each of my teachers/volunteers are required to provide all of their own materials). The lessons are full of great ideas and guidance which gives me confidence that it should be easy to use for even the most inexperienced teachers (and also teaching them a few things along the way). The videos that come along with it are beautiful and I find myself watching them for fun. they use the pictures from the Bible in a 3D/Pop up sort of way. I haven’t gotten a chance to use a fine tooth comb over the grammar so I can’t really comment on the editing. I really believe any Sunday School program would be wise to use this.

This curriculum has not only transformed the way we view the Bible in our ministry to children at our church, it consistently points us back to Jesus--even via the Old Testament stories. For many years we have wanted something that would show children that God is the God of both the Old and New Testaments and that the entire Bible is one big story pointing us to an amazing Savior...and now we
have found it! The writers have done a tremendous job at bringing this Storybook Bible to curriculum form...and I even tried it at home with my own kids and they loved it! They especially loved the story of creation and making the huge poster as a craft project! Thank you to my good friend, Sally Lloyd-Jones and her team for creating something that the children’s ministry in many churches are thirsty for!

I absolutely LOVE the JSB. We give one out to every family in our Children’s Ministry program. I currently write curriculum for our early childhood classes to go with the JSB, so I was excited when I learned that the curriculum kit was going to be available. I pre-ordered it in August 2011, and was looking forward to it being released in January 2012. When it was finally released in February and had it in hand, I have to admit I was disappointed. First of all, the picture of the product is mis-leading. It says for children age 4-7, but it is not the case. The product I got was different- it said for "early to middle elementary." Quite a difference! There is nothing I can use for the younger students I planned to use it for. I’m hoping that the publisher will eventually come out with a curriculum for pre-school students. The publisher also stated that you would be able to to have access to the artwork- which is not the case. The one good thing that I will be able to make use of are the videos of each lesson...but I’m not sure that was worth the $80. There are also typos in the take home pages...that you can’t fix because they are PDF’s.

I bought this for our Children’s Church over a few months ago. We are a smaller church with about 8-17 kids each week. We are unable to separate the age groups for our children’s church right now. So it’s very tough to find a curriculum that works for ages 5-11. But this curriculum NAILED it! It’s been such a great resource for our teachers. The only issue I have is you have to print the lesson plans out on your own. However, that really isn’t hard to do. That’s probably why the curriculum is so affordable though. I’d rather pay less for curriculum and print the materials myself. I would honestly recommend this curriculum to any children’s church leader. The material is so easy to teach and the lessons are laid out in a simple manner. The way the stories are told really helps kids understand and connect with Jesus. It’s pretty awesome. The other thing we did with this material was upload all the files to Dropbox for our teachers to access. I thought I’d mention that in case it helps others out. Now our teachers can access the lesson plans from home without having to share the CD/DVD each week. That way the CD/DVD stays with the materials at our church and doesn’t get lost. Anyway, buy this curriculum! It’s worth so much more than they are charging for it. I promise you’ll love it!