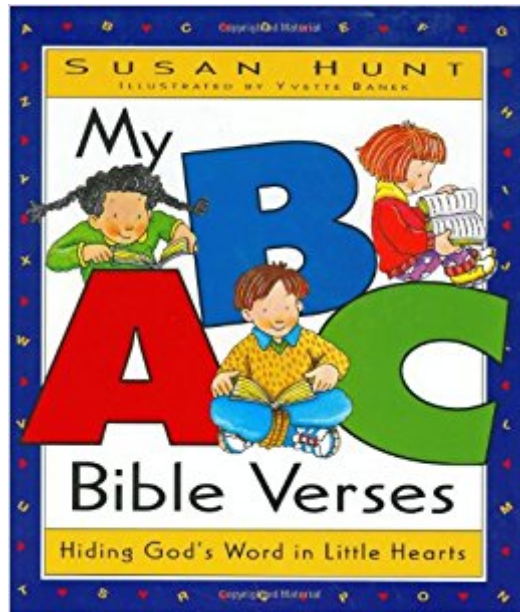


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My ABC Bible Verses: Hiding God's Word In Little Hearts



Synopsis

Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. ~ Psalm 119:11 Knowing the Bible can help you know God better. Here is a colorful, story-filled way for even the youngest child to take God's Word to heart ~ and learn the alphabet too! Presented in an easy-to-use story format that applies individual Bible verses to real-life situations, this illustrated book for 3- to 7-year-olds is perfect for reading to your children or grandchildren, and great for use in churches, Christian schools, Bible clubs, or home schools. It can also be easily adapted for family devotions with young children. The ABCs are building blocks to your child's formal education. And these verses are the building blocks of the soul ~ the building blocks that can lead to eternal life.

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Customer Reviews

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I bought this book in 1998 when our youngest children (of five) were aged 3 and 5. This was one of their favorite books - now our oldest children are having children and I picked up this book to read

again to my two grandchildren (and counting). Our family knows about this book because it contains stories starting with A-Z and has a Bible verse starting with a new letter of the alphabet for each story. My wife and I would read the stories to our kids - oftentimes on the way to school, or at the dinner table - and then we would all quiz one another, "What's the 'A' verse, or what's the 'd' verse. There are several benefits to reading this book and discussing it with your children: 1. You get to learn 26 verses that delineate great truths about the Gospel, Christ, and godly values. 2. You and your children get to memorize 26 verses of the Bible. 3. The verses are made practical in each story - so your children get to learn how applicable and relevant the Bible is to their own young lives. 4. The gospel is taught, explained, and calls for a response in this book. All of our children have made a profession of faith in Christ, and it is very possible that the seeds planted from this book contributed to their salvation. 5. The stories are excellent for kids - it worked out really well for our kids because it always involved a boy and girl (and we had a boy and girl) that were curious to see who the hero of each story was. 6. There are good discussion questions for each story and it lends itself well to prayer and a personal response time of repentance, or encouragement. 7. Susan Hunt is not only a good children's writer, but a very good theologian - she weaves the story line together with Biblical Theology in such a way that the book is not moralistic, but Christ Centered and gospel driven. 8. Having all the verses start with a letter of the alphabet is a brilliant mnemonic device that we still use even with our children today at the ages of 15 and 17. As a matter of fact - probably not a month goes by where one of us in the family doesn't quiz each other on the "A-Z" verses. Sometimes we can even recall the story that went with the verse. Since 1998 I've probably bought twenty of these books to give away to parents and at baby dedications in our church. I highly recommend it. I believe that my wife and I have benefited as much (maybe more) than our kids have. Now we are excited to read this book again and again to our grandkids. I highly recommend it for parents of young children, for grandparents, and for Sunday school teachers.

I really can't say enough great things about this book. A friend recommended it to me because I was having problems with my 4 year old daughter. This really has helped change her behavior. We refer back to the stories and I can relate them to situations we have had.

Love this book! This book has wonderful verses and great application story with each one. Really applies God's word to life. My four year old boy asks to read this again and again. And I have learned some things from reading it too. I just don't have enough great things to say about it. I would love a whole year devotional just like this.

My 3 and 4 year olds both enjoy learning a new scripture with this book, but I usually try to change the story to make it more entertaining. They tend to lose interest because the messages can sound like a rebuke. We focus instead on how each scripture is connected to a letter in the alphabet and they enjoy that aspect the most.

We love this book for our children. I don't think my older child had enough interest until he was indeed four. However, his younger sister, who is 2.5, does seem to follow somewhat, and at least pickup on some of the memorization. My favorite part -- the Holy Spirit emphasis. On the introduction page, Susan Hunt mentions that we as parents can introduce the Word to our children to encourage them to put the Word in their hearts, but that only the Holy Spirit can move us to obey it. It is grace-oriented, so that the stories don't point to the glory of the child obeying the Word, but to the Holy Spirit's work in their hearts. The stories and questions also prompt great discussion, which really is necessary to get the full benefit of this book. Remember you can't use a storybook as a formula, to just rattle off the stories and voila, your kids will love God and keep His commands. This book goes hand in hand with discussion and prayer.

Absolutely adore this book. This book shares bible verses and child appropriate and relevant stories. My kids love this book and reference the lessons throughout the day. It doesn't compromise on what scriptures mean. So happy I discovered this book.

My husband and I wanted to start nightly family devotions with our 3 and 1 1/2 year old. I found the reviews on this book helpful so we bought it. I cannot express how much this book has influenced all of us. We have all memorized the scripture verse for each letter. Even our 1 1/2 year old will finish the last word of each scripture!! The stories at first seemed a little too goody-two-shoes for my taste. At times I had to hold back a little laugh at how perfect these kids seem to behave. However, I've been changed as I read these and have hidden God's word in my own heart. Why wouldn't that be the standard I want to set for my children?!? Why do I need to compromise on God's standard? We should teach the high standards knowing we will fail, but teaching the way is still part of what we're called to do as parents. Our 3 year old has memorized almost every verse, word for word. I honestly didn't think that was possible. And he's so proud of it!! He wants to be a peacemaker, he shares better...he's been visibly changed. God's word will not return void. I'm ashamed I had such low expectations, I believe with God's love and guidance we are on a different track as a family than

we were before. I can't help but feel a deep sense of gratitude to the authors of this book.

I use these to help my grands to memorize Bible verses. The choice of verses is good and the illustrations are excellent

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