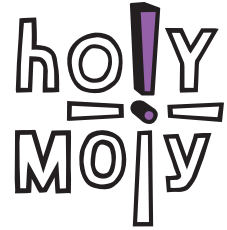


A PARENT'S GUIDE

to Making Faith Connections Using the Holy Moly Bible Storybooks



Welcome to the Holy Moly Bible Storybooks!

These creative Bible story collections were designed in partnership with the animated episodes of the Holy Moly Bible Story DVDs. Each book uses accessible text and fun, kid-style drawings to engage children in the stories. Coloring and drawing activities in each story invite children to respond creatively to what they've heard or read.

Using the Holy Moly Bible Storybooks with Your Child

In this guide, you will discover questions and activities designed to take the stories deeper, to help your child learn and wonder and begin to ask his or her own questions about the Bible and about God. The questions and activities are designed to be done in a variety of settings and in a variety of ways. Feel free to customize the questions and activities as creatively as you want to in order to best suit your family's needs.

Discussion Questions

After you read from the Holy Moly Bible Storybooks, find a good time to sit down with your child and discuss them. This might be as you're winding down the day, or at another quiet time, or it might even be in the car or at the dinner table. You can use any or all of these questions to spark conversations.

- Which is your favorite story? Why?
- Who are the people in that story?
- Who is your favorite person? Why?
- Who is your *least* favorite person? Why?
- What happens in the story?
- What's the main problem people in the story have to overcome?
- How did they solve the problem?
- What values did they use when they solved the problem?
- How does this connect to you or to our family?
- What does this story tell us about how God works in our lives?

Activities

SKIP, JUMP, AND RHYME

Bible stories aren't meant to be read and forgotten. God wants us to incorporate God's Word into everyday moments—even our silliest fun times. To get some practice at this, create skipping or jump-rope rhymes based on your favorite Holy Moly story. You don't need to tell the *whole* story—

just capture the essence of the story. Not sure how to start? Think of a familiar existing rhyme, such as “Hickory Dickory Dock,” and mimic the cadence and rhyme structure. Then grab a jump rope and put your story poems to the test.

Share:

What happens when you tell Bible stories in new fun ways? How does bringing movement into a story change your experience of it?

NOTE THE NEW

People read and reread the Bible because every time they do, they discover something new. The Holy Moly Bible Storybooks are no different. From the illustrations to the stories to the activities, we can discover something new every time we open the book. So try reading a story and keeping an eye out for something new. Then make a note about the new thing you noticed. If it's a piece of clothing, try to recreate it using towels or clothes from around the house. If it's a new food, see if you can find and try it! If it's a new word or idea, discuss what it means.

Share:

How does God use the “new” to speak to us?

PUT YOURSELF IN THE STORY

Choose a Holy Moly Bible Storybook story you recently read and ask your child: “What if you were in the story?” This doesn't necessarily have to mean what if your child were a person in the story. They might also think about what it would be like if they were passing by, standing witness, the proverbial “fly on the wall.” Ask your child what he or she might have felt? What might your child have seen, heard, tasted, smelled?

Appendix: Bible passages referenced

Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:4

Adam and Eve

Genesis 3:1–24

Noah

Genesis 6–9

Abraham

Genesis 15

Sarah and Abraham

Genesis 18:1–15

Rebekah and Isaac

Genesis 24

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–40

Jacob Becomes Israel

Genesis 32:22–32, 33:1–11

Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37:1–28

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream

Genesis 40:1—41:45

Joseph Forgives

Genesis 42–43; 45, 50

Baby Moses

Exodus 2:1–10

Crossing the Red Sea

Exodus 3:1-15; 7:14—12:32; 14:1-30

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19:1—20:17

Brave Deborah

Judges 4:1-16

Naomi and Ruth

Ruth 1

Queen Esther

Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17

God Calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1-13

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-52

Daniel and the Lions

Daniel 6:6-23:

Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah 1:1—3:3

The Angel Speaks to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Mary and Elizabeth

Luke 1:39-56

Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:1-20

The Wise Men Follow the Star

Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus at the Temple

Luke 2:41-50

John the Baptist

Mark 1:1-11

Jesus Calls the Disciples

Matthew 4:12-22; 9:9-13; 10:1-4

Jesus Changes Water to Wine

John 2:1-11

Jesus Calms the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27

The Parable of the House on the Rock

Matthew 7:24-27

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

Mark 4:30-32

Luke 13:18-19

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

The Ten Outcasts

Luke 17:11-19

A Man through the Roof

Luke 5:17-26

Jesus Feeds 5,000

John 6:1-14

Lazarus

John 11: 1-45

Teach Us to Pray

Matthew 6:5-15

Jesus and the Children

Mark 10:13-16

The Widow's Offering

Mark 12:41-44

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38–42

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Luke 19:1–10

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Mark 11: 1–11

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:26–30, 36–46

Jesus and the Cross

Matthew 27:26–61

The Empty Tomb

Matthew 28:1–10

Luke 24:1–12

Thomas Believes

John 20:19–29

Breakfast with Jesus

John 21:1–14

The Great Call

Matthew 28:16–20

The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13–35

Jesus Ascends

Luke 24:36–53

The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1–21, 36–42

Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8:26–40

Peter Raises Tabitha

Acts 9: 36–43

Saul Meets Jesus

Acts 9: 1–20

Paul and Silas

Acts 16:25–34