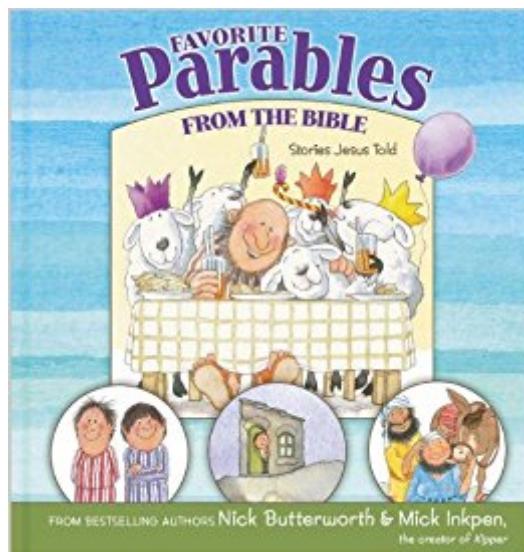


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Favorite Parables From The Bible: Stories Jesus Told



Synopsis

Jesus was a wonderful storyteller. His stories helped people see new things and to understand God's love in new ways. Superbly retold and delightfully illustrated by Nick Butterworth and Nick Inkpen, this collection of eight Biblical parables invites young children to experience the simplicity, humor, and inspiration of Jesus' artful storytelling. Featuring: The Lost Sheep The Precious Pearl The House on the Rock The Two Sons The Rich Farmer The Little Gate The Good Stranger Ten Silver Coins

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Nick Butterworth was born in Kingsbury, North London. He worked as a graphic designer for major London design consultancies before moving into freelance design and illustration, working in partnership with three others, including Mick Inkpen. In 1981 his first children's book was published, B. B. Blacksheep and Company. Nick has also worked as a television presenter on the children's programme Rub-a-Dub-Tub.

We were given a copy of the original edition as a baptismal gift when our eldest daughter was an infant. After reading it over and over and over while bringing up three kiddos, it is worn out. Our girls loved the cute illustrations. As parents we loved the humorous way that classic Bible stories were

mixed with modern day application. It was one of the few children's books that we didn't mind reading again and again. Now that I'm a pastor myself, I wanted to give the joy we found to others. I'm so glad it's back in print. I bought a stack of them to give as baby shower and baptismal gifts.

Pros: Very easy to read/ short sentences
Breaks down the parables in a very easy to understand way
Art is very cute
Engaging to preschool aged children
The precious pearl - very well presented and the ending is perfect: - "Jesus says, 'God is like the merchant's pearl. It costs everything to know him. But he is worth more than anything in the world'"
Cons: Parable 1 about the shepherd going searching for the 1 lost sheep out of 99 doesn't quite get the point at the end - "Jesus says, 'God is like the farmer. He loves us just like the farmer loves his sheep" - It kind of ends with a "wah wah". You would have to further explain why that one sheep is important. He cares about each of us individually. He goes after each of us when we are lost. However, the whole parable up to this point is presented excellently.
The Little Gate Parable - Mark 10:25 - A camel goes through a small gate called the "eye of the needle" - the point being rich people can go to heaven as long as they are humble. Since this parable is often debated it seemed a little difficult for me to want to teach our children at church this. (If my purpose was home my review might be different). I think it would plant something in their minds about the parable that has nothing to do with the Bible, which I'm pretty against. Still, it is presented very well and I'm considering keeping the book for our children's program at church due to the last line on the page. Here are the lines - "Without his fine saddle, the camel does not look proud and important any more. He is just an ordinary camel. Once more the camel tries. Down on his knees, shuffling forward, inch by inch, until finally...Hooray! He is through. Jesus says, "It is very hard for a rich man to get into heaven. It's easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle."

I have an older version of this book and was looking for a baptism gift for a good friend. This is one of the books my kids (ages 2 and 4) come back to time and time again. I love the very basic interpretation of the parables. It stays biblically sound. There are about 5 stories in this book. My kids ask for them by character, the naughty brother, the house in the sand etc. Thankfully this book is easy to read, easy to comprehend, and as a parent doesn't get old. It makes a great gift if you are looking for something other than the traditional childrens bible for a baptism. I bought the set and gave this one away and kept the Animal Tales story book.

One of our favorite books of ALL TIME. I order this for baby gifts frequently.

One of my very, very favorite books to share Jesus' parables with children -- biblically sound, extremely engaging text and impeccably fun illustrations -- brings the lesson right to their level. It's great for any Christian educator (even for older kids), kids' ministry worker, or parent. My first copy of this had fallen apart due to extended use over the last "umpteen" years teaching kiddos, and has since been replaced by this newer print. Also fun to narrate as kids act out stories!

Nick/Mick are just great. Also see their "Animal Tales," which works for slightly older children. The stories are well-distilled from the Bible, and the illustrations are humorously creative (but never absurd) and draw the children in. A true labor of love both in word and image. Be sure every generation in your family will have a copy for their kids as well!

My grandkids absolutely love this book! It is the one they always choose when they come to my house now! Great messages about Jesus in a way littles can understand.

My kids loved this book, and now my grandchildren are enjoying it and ask grandma to read it to them. Love the cute illustrations and the simple language the Bible stories are told in.

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