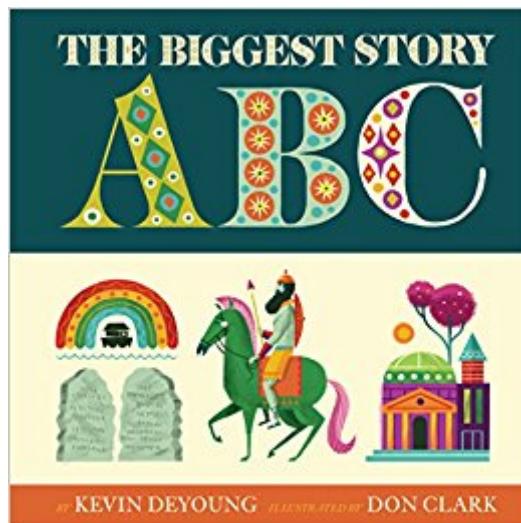


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# The Biggest Story ABC



## Synopsis

From Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden to Zion and the new creation world, the Bible is telling one big story—the story of God's promise to deliver his people. Kevin DeYoung, best-selling author of *The Biggest Story*, has written a new board book to help kids ages 1 to 3 to make connections from Genesis to Revelation and from A to Z. Each page introduces a new letter of the alphabet with engaging and whimsical illustrations from award-winning artist Don Clark, retelling the biblical narrative in one continuous story. This board book is a fun way for parents to introduce their small children to the big story of the Bible.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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Great for Kids Walks through each letter of the alphabet, making it perfect for kids ages 1-3.

Vibrant Illustrations Features new illustrations by award-winning artist Don Clark. One Continuous Narrative Retells the biblical narrative in one continuous story—one letter at a time. Thick Pages Printed on extra-heavy card stock for added durability.

Author Kevin DeYoung (MDiv, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) is senior pastor at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, North Carolina. He blogs at the Gospel Coalition and has authored or coauthored numerous well-known books such as 'Just Do Something'; 'The Hole in Our Holiness'; 'Taking God At His Word'; and 'What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?' as well as the award-winning books 'Why We're Not Emergent'; 'Why We Love the Church' (with Ted Kluck); and 'Crazy Busy.';

Illustrator Don Clark is an artist and the cofounder of Invisible Creature, a widely respected and award-winning design studio based in Seattle, Washington. Invisible Creature was formed in early 2006 with Don's brother Ryan. He has worked with clients such as Target, LEGO, WIRED magazine, Nike, Adobe, XBox, The New York Times, and more. Invisible Creature also designs and curates their own line of products for both children and adults. Their products can be found in stores such as Barneys New York, Walker Art Center, Nordstrom, San Francisco Museum of Art, Super7, Whole Foods, and more. Additionally, Invisible Creature's client list reads like a veritable who's-who of the music world, including Foo Fighters, Kendrick Lamar, Wolfmother, Alice in Chains, and countless others. In 2008, Invisible Creature received their fourth consecutive Grammy nomination for packaging design. Don's love for midcentury design and illustration lays the groundwork for Invisible Creature's aesthetic, although his range reaches far beyond any one, specific style. He lives with his wife and their 3 children on a ranch 30 minutes southeast of Seattle.

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Every once in a while, a book comes my way that impacts my entire family—“you know the kind of book I mean. Books like The Jesus Storybook Bible or Found. This sweet book is a board book, so I admit I wondered if it would be too baby for my 5yo and 3yo; however, we quickly discovered that the format aside, it’s actually perfect for preschoolers. Perfect! You see, my 3yo is on her way to preschool this fall and my 5yo is headed to kindergarten; my daughter is learning her letters, and my son is learning what sounds the letters make. An alphabet primer is just the thing. Each page introduces a letter of the alphabet, and then has one sentence telling a part of the gospel story with a key word using that page’s letter. For example, for the L page, the sentence is, “God gave them the Law, but they disobeyed.” (The L in Law is underlined.) Plus, the illustrations are stunning and engaging. We’ve had the most fun with this book! First, my 3yo looks at the letter on the page and tells me what it is. Then we talk about what sound it makes. I read the sentence, and my 5yo tells me what word in that sentence begins with the page’s letter! But of course, the best part is that they are learning and relearning the gospel story in 26 simple sentences that are comprehensible to their little minds. The gospel is not dumbed down at all—just stripped down to clear language that children can appreciate. They ask to read this book every single day; I think by the end of the summer, they might have it memorized. I love this book so much, it has become my new go-to birthday and baby shower gift.

This is a precious little book for little ones to begin to grasp the concept of the story of Jesus. It is not your typical “a is for apple” kind of ABC book. Instead it uses the alphabet letters as sentence starters to tell the story of Jesus as He is reflected throughout the scriptures. It’s very simple and understandable. Not to mention the pictures are so extraordinarily beautiful!! My little one loves to flip through the pages - and so do !!!

Excellent book for toddlers. They can work on their alphabet while learning the basics of the Bible’s big story about God and His redemption of fallen man.

My 2 year old loves this book. It’s a perfectly-sized board book, about 7x7". Super simple text, with a clear gospel story/message. My boy already started memorizing parts of it and we just got this book yesterday. I originally bought The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden, but it was a bit too advanced for my 2 year old who loves books but couldn’t sit still for the long texts. This board book is going on my list of baby shower gifts!

I love this! The Biggest Story ABC is more than a colorfully illustrated, biblically-themed ABC book. Pastor Kevin DeYoung tells the story of the Bible in twenty-six short selections, with illustrations by Don Clark. Starting with Adam and ending in the new world of Zion, DeYoung covers the creation, the history of Israel, the incarnation, and the resurrection. Even using the ABC structure, the story doesn't feel contrived at all. For example, "God gave them Judges, but the Israelites didn't listen. God gave them Kings, but they kept on rebelling. God gave them the Law, but they disobeyed. They needed a Messiah to make things right. (OK, I guess the law [with the illustration of stone tablets, presumably the Ten Commandments] should have come before the Kings, but it still works.) Can there be too many ways to tell the story of the gospel? Can a child hear too many stories about God's work among his people? Maybe. But DeYoung and Clark's book is a welcome addition to anyone's collection of story books. What a great springboard to deeper spiritual understanding. Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

Most ABC board books for small children use the letters of the alphabet to focus on a single word like Apple or Ball. Instead Kevin DeYoung tells the story of creation, the fall of mankind, then the message of the Old Testament melds into the salvation of the world through God sending Jesus Christ. The combination of the focused message is combined with the beautiful illustrations from Don Clark. Instead of the normal where each letter is focused on a single word, DeYoung has the particular word in a sentence for that letter. For example, M  They needed a Messiah to make things right.  Or N  But God's people were Naughty almost all the time.  The distinctions make the text more flexible than the normal ABC book and entertaining for young children. The creative twists with THE BIGGEST STORY ABC make this book a hit with young readers and something parents will enjoy reading repeatedly. I recommend this book. W. Terry Whalin is an editor and the author of more than 60 books including his latest  Billy Graham: A Biography of America's Greatest Evangelist

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