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Here's the most complete picture Bible ever! And it features a captivating, up-to-date artwork style—making it the perfect Bible for today's visually focused culture.

*The Action Bible* presents 215 fast-paced narratives in chronological order, making it easier to follow the Bible's historical flow—and reinforcing the build-up to its thrilling climax. The stories in *The Action Bible* communicate clearly and forcefully to contemporary readers. This compelling blend of clear writing plus dramatic images offers an appeal that crosses all age boundaries. Brazilian artist Sergio Cariello has created attention-holding illustrations marked by rich coloring, dramatic shading and lighting, bold and energetic designs, and emotionally charged figures. Let this epic rendition draw you into all the excitement of the world's most awesome story.

## The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story Details

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## From Reader Review The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story for online ebook

### Nicola Mansfield says

This took me a long time to read but it is very good. First, the illustrations by DC & Marvel illustrator Sergio Cariello are gorgeous! Secondly, the book is not arranged by the books of the Bible, as usual, rather, instead, it is arranged chronologically really providing an historical view of the "Greatest Story". This really helps in the OT presenting one continuous story. Between the OT and NT is a non-biblical history of what went on during those years and though not noted as such this contains some information from Maccabees. The NT is already mostly chronological but it brings a bigger picture by weaving the Letters throughout Acts. While the book is intended for children I'd recommend it for any age. As a Catholic, I found the Protest publisher's take to be Catholic-friendly with only a few common Protestant-only ideas.

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### Masterreader says

I'm a Christian so this just touches my heart because of my belief in God because of what he has done for me!

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### Yaz \*The Reading Girl\* says

**\*Warning!!: If you don't believe in God or think he doesn't exist then do not read this review because even if this is a big fat comic book its the whole bible story rewritten in a comic way\***

This is like the best comic book I have ever read!! So awesome. And the best thing is that I own this guy :D.

### 5 amazing stars

This is such an awesome way to read the bible. Its not a whole bunch of chapters and long lines of words. Its page after after page of drawings describing the stories and true events that happened in an artistic way. I was amazed by how beautiful the pictures looked and how detailed they were. I sometimes forgot this was even a bible. The Action Bible is really an awesome comic book. Its 700 pages long but its worth every minute of reading. It makes you understand the bible better because you can see the illustrations right in front of you. So instead of imagining you can just see it in front of you like a normal comic book.

I was so happy when I bought this book. I couldn't wait to read it.

The cover is so awesome. That's what captured me about it. The beautiful detailed cover. And what mesmerized me more was the inside. Gosh, my breath stopped when I saw the inside. So detailed and beautiful.

When I read this it was like I was in the stories and living every moment. I just wanted to be in the comic myself and take action. And I have said this so many times but the drawings were just breathtaking. It was the best. I just loved this.

I recommend this to everyone. You guys should give it a try. And its worth it. Sergio Carilleo is the best and I am his number one fan :D.

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## Debbie says

"The Action Bible" is a comic-book style picture Bible for children ages 5-8, though older children will also enjoy it. I'd personally call this book Biblical fiction rather than "a Bible" since extra-Biblical comments, commentary, and historical information was worked into the book's summary of Biblical events. Also, some Biblical events were left out. Sexual content and gore was largely smoothed over (using euphemism or implication) or skipped entirely.

I really liked that the events were in chronological order and shown in their historical setting. Several psalms were worked into David's life story and several proverbs into Solomon's story. The prophets gave their (summarized) prophecies during the actual events where they were given, and Paul's (summarized) letters were shown as written when they really were written during his travels. There were even some maps of Paul's missionary travels. Also, the Old Testament flowed into the New Testament through a brief (and clearly marked as not in the Bible) historical summary of the events that happened between the two. So the Bible came across as a continuous historical account of God relating to man with a redemptive plan in action (rather than as disconnected morality tales about heroes of the past).

I was also very impressed by the vivid, detailed illustrations. The illustrator did an excellent job of correctly showing the character's age, ethnicity, and culture. The illustrations were a lot more accurate than other Children's Bibles I've seen.

And, best of all, children really will read this book without prompting by their parents. I'm testing it on two boys (ages 5 & 10). The report for day 1 is that whenever they weren't running around, they were looking at this Bible.

However, like most children's storybooks, the stories in "The Action Bible" were only "based on" the Bible. The author always indicated "based on Judges 16:1-20" or whatever verses and, overall, did a good job accurately summarizing the Bible accounts. But the author's interpretation is a part of the text. Those highly familiar with the Bible are likely to come across several places where they won't precisely agree with the wording used--or they'll wish that some point that was omitted or implied was more clearly stated. But, again, that's usually true.

As long as parents don't neglect teaching the actual Bible, "The Action Bible" is an excellent foundational overview of the Bible that children simply aren't getting any other place, including at church. I'd highly recommend this "Action Bible" for use with elementary aged children instead of children's story books.

I received this book as a review copy from the publisher.

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### **Alexa Boksiner says**

This is so much fun to read. The comic pictures are fun to look at while reading Bible stories. They help me understand better as well. Our God is truly an AWESOME God!

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### **Shawn Birss says**

When I was a child, I read The Picture Bible all the way through several times. It had a deep impact on my understanding of and attraction to the narrative of the whole biblical arc. Now, The Picture Bible has been rereleased, with a slightly updated text and entirely new artwork that more closely matches the comic illustration on the shelves today.

My memory of The Picture Bible is that of a perfectly serviceable and consistent illustration style. It was clean and simple. It had a look of its own, of the same quality (or higher) as mainstream comics of the seventies and eighties, but with a somewhat more realistic, conservative approach to character design and settings. This updated version is far more dynamic in its illustration. Whether that is good or bad depends on the reader's preference. Drawn by Sergio Cariello, a graduate of Joe Kubert's school for comic artists, and an illustrator for Marvel and DC, the art and colouring more closely matches the style one might expect to find in comics today. That said, there is a significant variation in the quality and detail throughout the book. Parts one might expect to be more carefully drawn, such as the birth of Jesus, have a reverential beauty. Samson, David, and Elijah are big and bold. Besides the biggest events, there are sections of the narrative that feel forgotten when it comes to care of illustration. Some parts, particularly the chapters with Paul at the end, we're so like the original Picture Bible that they almost look light boxed off the original into the new artist's style. This inconsistency would bother me a great deal more in a more traditional graphic novel. In truth, I prefer the simplicity and consistency of The Picture Bible to the wild differences in quality seen here. However, both the original and The Action Bible do have a different intention than most graphic novels. As such, I think the illustrations are adequate to the task of creating a vehicle for the content, and sparking interest in the young reader.

As for the content, I would summarize it as thorough but age appropriate. Put another way, the book censors a lot of the Bible's naughtiest bits for the sake of readers under twelve. This censorship, unfortunately, does not impact only the narrative. In what would presumably be keeping in the interest of ecumenicalism, stories are told in about as inoffensive a way possible to create a book palatable to a generally conservative Christian audience worldwide and across denominations. Even in a book this thick and thorough, there is a lot of picking and choosing to be done. When this much is included, it becomes even more obvious what is being left out. One will not find an evangelical gospel message clearly stated in this book. Questions of the eternal virginity of Mary will not be answered here. The result is a collection of simplified stories, told roughly in the order they likely occurred according to the biblical narrative, without any overt theological intent outside of believing the Bible is true, God exists, and Jesus is God's son.

As a former evangelical pastor and biblical theologian, I hope for more, to be honest. While I understand why the creators of this book need to water things down, for the sake of the reader's sensitivity, and the book's wide accessibility, the Bible is so rich with meaning that I believe is lost or hidden in this Bible's presentation. To ameliorate this, I highly recommend that this book be shared with a child by a wise, biblically literate adult, who can put the pieces together that are left empty by the text.



This was a beautiful way to read the Bible. I highly enjoyed it and will probably be re-reading this every year. The illustrations are incredible! I did not give it 5 stars because the last chapter Revelation was very short. I know it's a really difficult chapter, but there could've been done much more than what it is now in the book.

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### **Beth says**

This book's best qualities are its worst ones too. Kids will love to look at it, and I like that it draws them in. There are, though, obvious problems with reading the Bible through an action hero lens, and sometimes the hermeneutics are just odd. Nonetheless, glad I own it for the fascination it provides, especially to the boys.

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### **Lucas Sosa says**

"The Action Bible" by Doug Mauss has different stories from the bible in a whole new way, in comic form. Some of the stories/people included are Adam and Eve, as well as Abraham and Mosese. Also in the first few few pages, it includes how God created the world. I recommend this book to all people of all kind, because I want more people to believe in the one true god, and it is also a really great book. Thank you Doug for making this comic of some bible stories.

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### **Kelly Mize says**

I haven't read the entire thing yet, but it is an excellent teaching resource, silent read for kids, and so high-interest. It flows logically and smoothly, not chopping from one story to the next as some Bibles for kids sometimes do. Pages are flagged for a particular lesson the kids will have next week, and I'll be surprised if they aren't well-engaged.

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### **Angel Villatoro says**

the action bible was really great it had lots of lessons and stories. the Action bible really had a spark in my life because it really helped me understand whether the story looks like or how it was like felling the way they felt. I really recommend this book to those who haven't found the glory of God

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### **Gail Welborn says**

\*\*\*...especially good Bible for reluctant readers...\*\*\*

The Action Bible targets juveniles ages eight and up with the look and feel of a graphic novel, from its kid-friendly artwork to its comic book style dialog boxes with easy-to-understand language. Because of that it doesn't follow a specific Bible translation, such as NIV, HSCB or King James. Instead the comic book style format simply tells over 200 Bible stories without further explanation.

The Bible was awarded best children's Bible in 2011 by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) [www.christianretailing.com/index.php/...](http://www.christianretailing.com/index.php/) perhaps due to the efforts of award-winning DC and Marvel comic's illustrator, Sergio Cariello.

Doug Mauss, General Editor believes children are the "...next generation of difference-makers." He wants them to understand Bible stories are about imperfect people, just as you and I are imperfect, yet God used them in spite of their imperfections.

He uses the breathtaking artistry of Sergio Cariello to capture their attention with an analogy to the action...Full Review: <http://tinyurl.com/bl4tlxp>

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