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The One O'Clock Miracle



Synopsis

Second in the new Tales that Tell the Truth series comes The One O'clock Miracle. Based on the healing of the official's son in John chapter 4, this wonderful storybook will teach children about the instant power of the words of Jesus, and that they should trust Jesus because he is God's Son. Stunningly illustrated by Catalina Echeverri, author and illustrator of several bestselling children's books, including Monty's Christmas, as well as the first two storybooks from The Good Book for Children, Alby's Amazing Book and The Christmas Promise. Written by Alison Mitchell, author of The Christmas Promise and several of our children's tracts. This book is perfect for children aged 3-6 years old and makes a beautiful gift.

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Customer Reviews

Catalina Echeverri is a Colombian freelance illustrator and designer specialising in children's illustration. Catalina is based in London, UK

I have been looking for non cheesy Christian children's books that have a good message along with cute illustrations. This book meets all those requirements. Fantastic book!!!!

I am so excited to own this book. I read it to my kids tonight for the first time, and both the 3yo and 9yo paid attention. My 3yo was so excited to learn more about Jesus! The book is beautifully illustrated and makes Bible truths exciting for children. I am going to buy every book in this series.

It goes overboard with dragging out this Bible story unnecessarily. It is puzzling why the father is

struggling to carry a bundle bigger than himself, when he is in such a hurry to find Jesus to come and heal his son.

I have been a parent of children for almost seven years, throughout this time I have search high and low for high quality children's books that teach a true gospel geared towards children instead of the constant moralism so common in Christian circles. Now granted from time to time my kids will watch or read something and I take that opportunity to explain to them why that is not why Jesus came to earth. But rarely have I found a book that I would feel comfortable with my young children (those that can read) reading on their own without me there to explain the problems with it. I can count on my hand the books that have done this, books like the The Jesus Storybook Bible. The One O'Clock Miracle is a fine book that tells the story of the royal official's son being healed from John 4. This book teaches clearly that Jesus is God's son, and that He is the way to life. Which is awesome! It also skips the traditional "be good" message of so many children's books and instead offers up the one who is good! The art work is playful and it is an enjoyable and quick read (Which can be really nice when it is late and you have to read to kids who should already be in bed).Recommended!

As a parent, disciple-maker, children's ministry director and lover of great children's literature, I am so excited that books like this exist. While the clever writing and beautiful illustration would hold their own among today's secular books in this genre, it is a 'true to the text' bible story that is gospel centered and sets you up for great conversations. I purchased it to present this Bible story to pre-schoolers at church, but my own 9 and 6 year olds liked it so much that I will be getting another copy for home. All ages of kids (3-9) and myself have been completely engaged and LOVED this book!

John 4:46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." 49 The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. 51 As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. 52 So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour [That is, at 1 p.m] the fever left him." 53

The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. This is the passage of the Bible that "The One O'Clock Miracle" is based on. The book is a creative retelling of this miracle. It is nice to have a Biblically based book to let my children read. I liked the "refrain" that is repeated throughout the book "he walked and walked - and sometimes ran- because he wanted to see Jesus". Obviously we don't know exactly how he got to Cana or what he was thinking, but this is an accurate idea of what I'd be doing! My kids really liked this story. One of them said it was "Amazing" and another said she liked the illustrations. The illustrations are bright and cartoon-y. I like how the text isn't all the same but is scattered across the pages to best fit with the illustrations and story. I would recommend this book to all with children in their lives. I received a complimentary copy of "The One O'Clock Miracle" in exchange for reviewing and participating in a blog hop about it. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

After I opened *The One O'Clock Miracle* written by Alison Mitchell and illustrated by Catalina Echeverri it was hard to put this book down. The pages drew me in; they are illustrated so beautifully, in such a cute, colorful, and unique manner. The book is based on the healing of the official son in John chapter 4. The story serves as a nice Bible lesson, and would be a good story for a children's Sunday School class or library time at a Christian school. Echeverri gracefully varies the illustration format, with some pages including many small drawings, and others showcasing large drawings. The characters' expressions are nicely drawn, and the reader can easily see what the characters are thinking and feeling. The font was aesthetically pleasing. Though the story deals with a very serious issue - the near-death of a child - it is also a very positive, upbeat story, celebrating the power of Jesus' healing. As the story progresses, there is a certain excitement that builds, and the reader feels as if he is cheering on the protagonist. The story is simple enough for a school-age child to read, but it is stylistically written with a nice flow. It is so great to find a well-written, well-drawn children's book that also depicts a Biblical story. This book is a gem, and I definitely want to check out other works by Mitchell and Echeverri, such as *The Christmas Promise*. I received a review copy from Cross Focused Reviews in exchange for an honest review.

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