

# I Will Follow Jesus Bible Storybook

By Judah and Chelsea Smith

**Bestselling author and influential pastor Judah Smith is first of all a dad.**

Judah and his wife, Chelsea, want their children to learn what a true relationship with Jesus is. *I Will Follow Jesus Bible Storybook* points children to a relationship with Jesus at a young age by showing them exactly who Jesus is and why He came to earth.

Kids will learn about Jesus' characteristics and purpose through the individual stories from the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments, accompanied by concrete takeaway statements such as "Jesus is grace," "Jesus is love," and "Jesus is your friend."

Together, these stories and takeaways will show children who Jesus is and how He lived while He was on earth, while also teaching them that Jesus was present at creation (John 1:1), He was present throughout history, He lived on the earth, He lives today, and someday, He is coming again.

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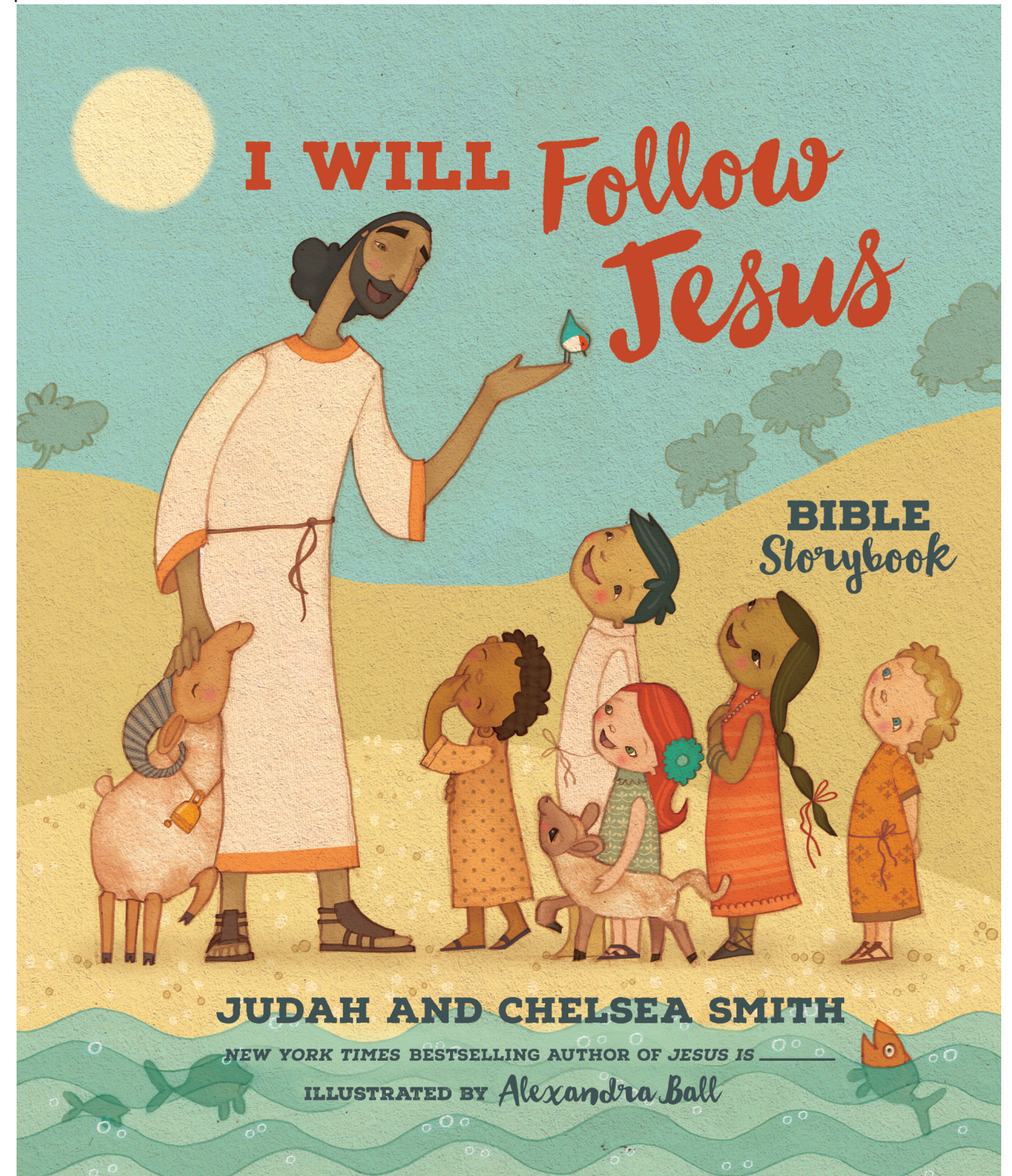
- *New York Times* bestseller *Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_* has sold more than 175,000 copies to date
- Meets a key need for Christian parents by helping them teach their children to follow Jesus
- Beautiful and engaging art pairs with Bible stories to teach kids about Jesus
- Judah Smith continues to rise in popularity and demand



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# NOAH *and the* BIG FLOOD

**H**as this ever happened to you? You are about to step into the road, but then you hear someone yell, "Stop!"

Your feet screech to a stop. You look both directions. A car was coming that you didn't see! You could have gotten hurt.

You stopped because you trusted the person who told you to stop. You knew that he or she loved you and wanted to help you. So you obeyed, and it kept you safe.

The story of Noah and the Flood shows us that God tells us what to do because He loves us and wants to keep us from getting hurt.





## A PROMISE IN THE SKY

### GENESIS 8-9

Noah, his family, and the animals were in the boat for a long time. A really, really, REALLY long time. Even after the rain stopped, they were still surrounded by water as far as the eye could see.

Everyone was tired of being inside the boat. They wanted to get out and find some nice grass to play on. Well, the dogs and cats wanted to play on the grass—the cows just wanted to eat it! But they had to wait for the water to dry up.

A few times, Noah opened a window and let a bird fly out to look for land. One day, the bird returned with a fresh green leaf in its mouth. That meant trees were growing and the water was drying up!

They kept waiting. And waiting. And waiting. Finally the water was gone, and they opened the door. Everyone was so excited! The birds flew circles in the sky. The animals jumped and rolled on the grass. Then Noah and his family thanked God for saving them.

God knew that the next time it rained, people might be scared that another flood would destroy the world. So He made a rainbow in the sky.

Noah and his family saw it and said, "Wow! That is beautiful! What does it mean?"

God said, "I will never flood the earth again. Every time you see a rainbow, remember My promise to take care of you."





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**H**ave you ever seen a rainbow? Next time you see one, remember how much God loves you. Remember that God promises to keep you safe. Noah believed that God loved him and wanted to take care of him. Because Noah loved God, he obeyed Him, and God kept Noah and his family safe.

God does the same thing for us. He loves us and wants us to be safe, He tells us to follow and obey Him. When we follow God, He promises to watch out for us and save us from danger. He loves to take care of us!

*Dear Jesus, thank You for keeping me safe. I know You love me and watch out for me. I want to obey You because I love You.*



## DANIEL

**H**as one of your friends ever told you to do something bad, like taking something that wasn't yours or being mean to another person or maybe telling a lie?

When I was a kid, some friends tried to get me to do bad things. I wanted to follow God—but I also wanted to make my friends happy. I didn't want them to make fun of me or stop being my friends.

It's more important to follow God than anyone else, even your friends. If someone tells you to do something you know is bad, just say, "No, I'm going to follow God, and you should too!"





## NO LUNCH FOR THE LIONS

### DANIEL 6

**D**aniel was a prophet of God. He lived in a city called Babylon. Daniel was honest and smart and good, and the king of Babylon liked him.

But some mean people were jealous of Daniel. They wanted to hurt him. So they tricked the king into making a very dumb law.



The law said people could pray only to the king—no one else. If they disobeyed, they would be thrown into a lions' den, which was a hole in the ground filled with lions.

When Daniel heard this, he wasn't afraid. He still prayed to God.

The mean people saw him and told the king. "King! Your friend Daniel disobeyed your law! He prayed to God. He must die."

The king was sad. He didn't want to let the lions eat Daniel, but he had to follow the law. So Daniel was thrown into the lions' den.

The king went home. He was too worried to eat or sleep.

In the morning, the king ran to the lions' den. He yelled, "Daniel, are you alive? Did God save you?"

Daniel yelled back, "I'm fine! God sent an angel to keep the lions from eating me!"

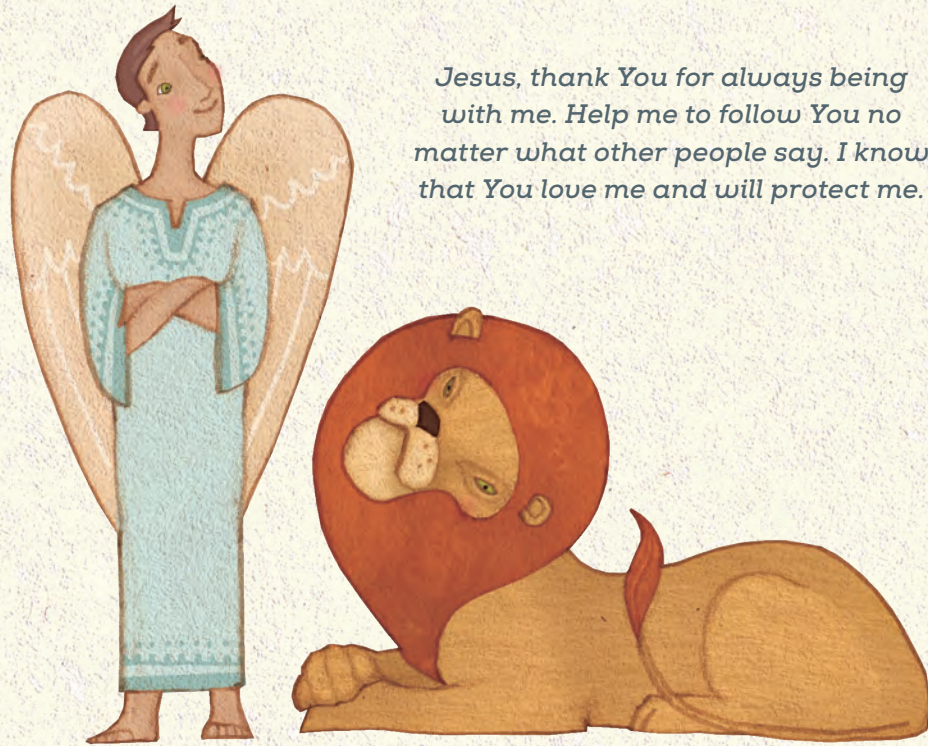
The king was happy Daniel was safe. He was so amazed that God saved Daniel that he made a new law. He told everyone they should follow God.

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**C**an you imagine what it would be like to have lions all around you? That must have been super scary.

But then imagine an angel appearing in front of you. All of a sudden you wouldn't be scared because you would know God is with you.

Daniel knew that it was better to follow God than other people because God could always take care of him. That is how it is for you too. God loves you, He is with you, and He takes care of you. You can trust Him.



*Jesus, thank You for always being with me. Help me to follow You no matter what other people say. I know that You love me and will protect me.*



## MAN of MIRACLES

**I** have an older sister named Wendy. Growing up, it seemed like she got to do everything first. Sometimes that made me feel small and unimportant. I wondered if I could ever do big things.

Have you ever felt that way? Let me tell you something: God thinks you are important, no matter how small or big you are. God can do amazing miracles for you and through you. A miracle is something that is too hard for normal people to do—but God can do anything!

Jesus did miracles for everyone, even little boys and scared disciples.

## THE BOY WHO SHARED HIS LUNCH

MATTHEW 14

Everyone wanted to listen to Jesus. He told stories about God's love and about how people should live.

One day he started talking, and thousands and thousands of people came to hear him. After they



had listened a long time, everyone was hungry. But there was no place nearby to get food.

Jesus' disciples didn't know what to do. How could they feed all these people? Did anyone have food they could share?

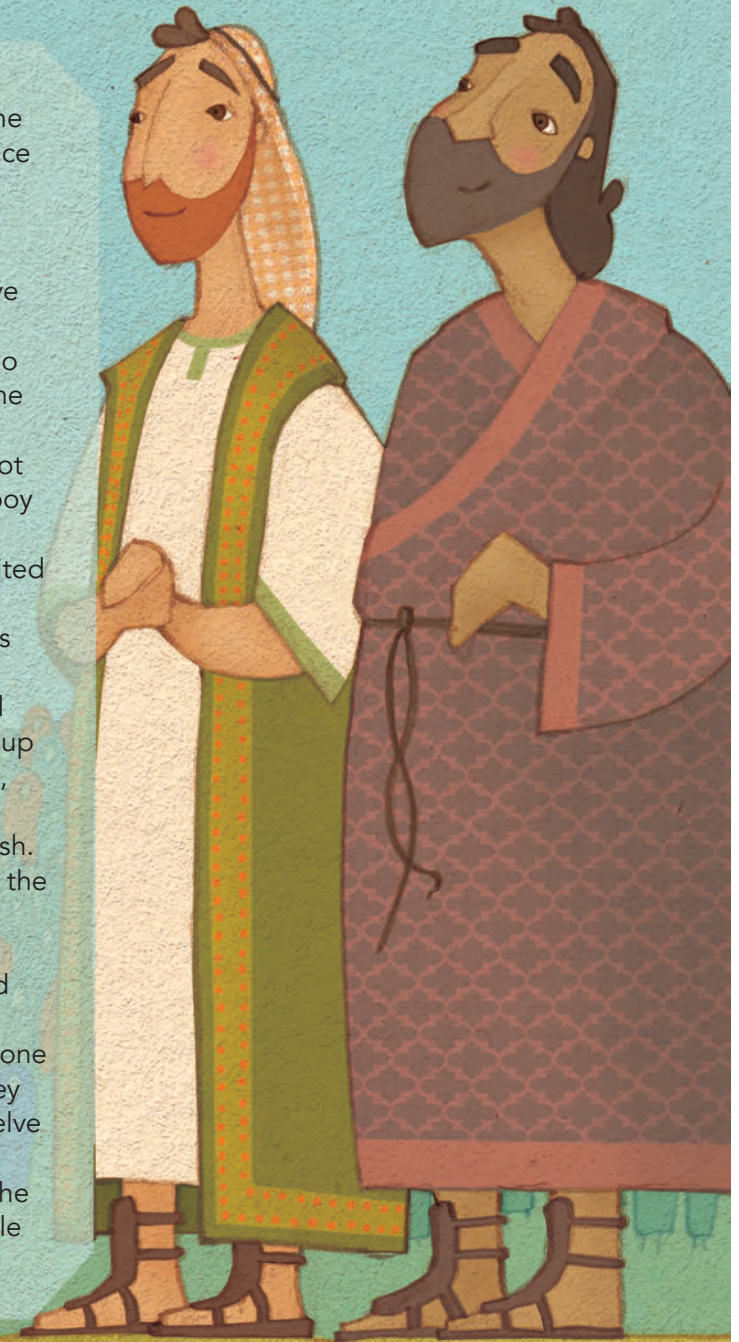
The disciples found a boy who had brought a lunch. He had some pieces of bread and some fish. It was only enough for one boy—not for everyone. But they took the boy to meet Jesus.

The boy must have been excited to see Jesus. But he probably wondered how his little lunch was going to help this huge crowd.

Jesus wasn't worried. He told everyone to sit down. He picked up the bread. He thanked God for it, and then He broke it into pieces. He did the same thing with the fish. Then He started giving pieces to the hungry people.

Everyone realized something strange was happening: the bread and the fish weren't running out! Everyone got some. In fact, everyone ate all they wanted. And when they were done, the disciples filled twelve baskets with leftover food.

It was a miracle! Jesus used the boy's little lunch to feed the whole crowd.







## JESUS MAKES WAVES BEHAVE

### MARK 4

One evening, Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to go across the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was tired. He had been teaching people all day. So when they got in the boat, Jesus put His head on a pillow and went to sleep.

But then the sky got dark. The wind started to blow really hard. Big, scary clouds and lots of rain came pouring down. It was a storm!

The waves got so high that water began to fill the boat. The disciples were scared. They thought they were going to die.

"We're going to sink!" they shouted at Jesus. "Don't You care?"

Jesus woke up and looked around. He wasn't afraid. He looked out at the wind and waves and said, "Be quiet!" Immediately the wind and waves calmed down.

*What in the world?* The disciples thought. *How did He do that?*

Jesus looked at His disciples. They looked at Him. "Why were you so afraid?" Jesus asked them. "Don't you believe, I will take care of you?"

The disciples were still surprised that even the wind and waves obeyed Jesus and they were very glad to be alive! They realized that Jesus would always take care of them.

## I WILL FOLLOW JESUS

**S**ometimes, like the little boy with the lunch, you might not feel very big. Or like the disciples in the boat, you might think your problems are too scary.

Jesus did many more miracles than these. He wanted to see that, no matter what, God will always take care of us. He loves us, and He is big enough and strong enough to help us.

Do you need God's help? Do you need a miracle? You can always pray and ask God for what you need. He loves to help us!

*Dear Jesus, I know that You can do anything. Please help me to trust You even when I feel scared. Thank You for always taking care of me. Amen.*

