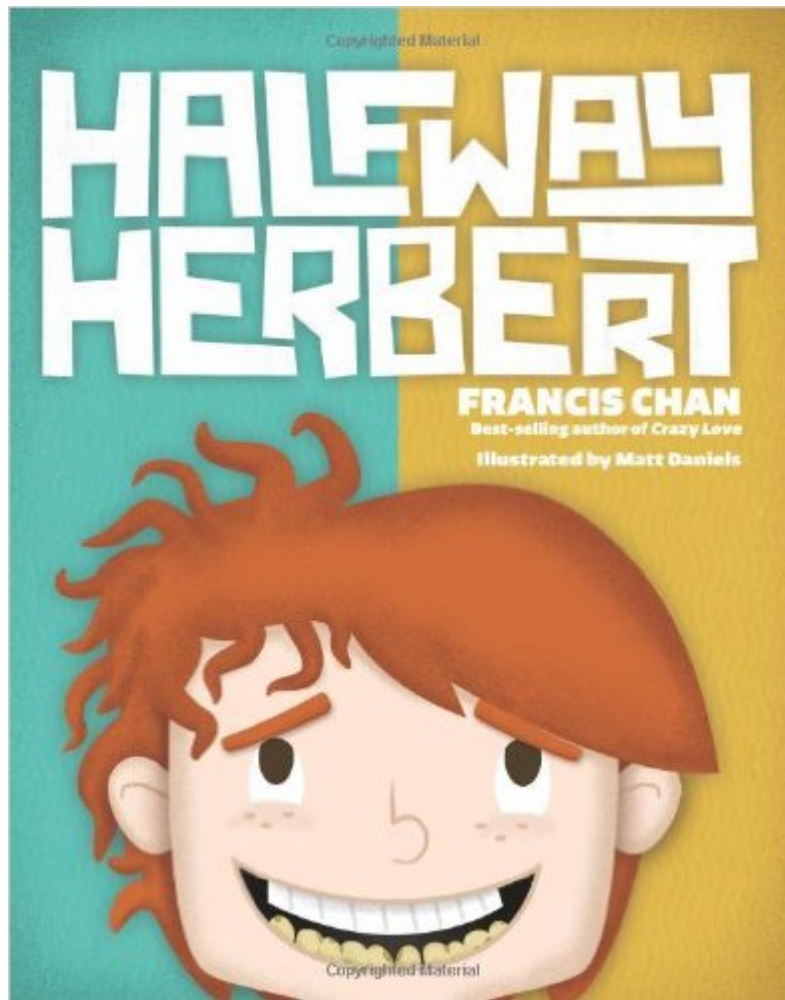


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# Halfway Herbert



## Synopsis

From best-selling author Francis Chan (Crazy Love and Forgotten God) comes a picture book for children 4 to 8. Halfway Herbert never completes anything. Homework remains half done, his room stays only partly clean, and dinner is never finished. Halfway Herbert somehow gets by. But when he tells a half-truth, he learns the importance of honesty and of following God with all his heart. Through Chan's trademark teaching and storytelling, children discover what living for God really means. Halfway Herbert offers parents a practical tool for inspiring godly character. Parents will appreciate that Chan, a father of four, understands the character development issues parents face. And fans of his previous books will treasure lessons geared especially for children.

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

My 4 year old son Jack prayed this at bedtime tonight: "Dear God. Thank you for giving me your spirit to come in me. Help me to follow you with my whole heart. I don't want to follow you halfway like Halfway Herbert but all the way." It's been about a week since we've read Halfway Herbert. I think the prayer speaks for itself.

Halfway Herbert only does things halfway. He doesn't finish anything, whether its homework or his dinner. But when Herbert tells a half-truth, his whole halfway system falls apart. He learns that if he's going to like a life like Jesus, he's going to have to put his whole self into it. It's the Crazy Love

message for kids, and Francis Chan and illustrator Matt Daniels put together a charming tale meant especially for young kids. A lot of times, the Christian parent tendency is to wait until kids are older to teach them about following Christ, but Chan holds to the belief that raising a child with a sense of commitment to Christ will make cultivating their relationship with the Creator even easier. His written-for-kids-but-also-poignant-for-adults *Halfway Herbert* is meant to teach children how even they can live fully for God. Since *Crazy Love* became a runaway success, Francis Chan has been hard at work developing a media ministry that involves both books and DVDs. Now he brings his signature messages in a format meant to instruct even the smallest among us. Parents everywhere will find *Halfway Herbert* completely useful in teaching their kids about following Jesus.

"Herbert Hallweg was seven-and-a-half years old, three-and-a-half feet tall, and fifty-five-and-a-half pounds heavy. He had lots of friends, but none of them called him Herbert. Instead, everyone called him... Halfway Herbert." That's how Francis Chan begins his children's book, *Halfway Herbert*. Herbert only ever does things halfway. He brushes half his teeth, does half his homework, eats half his food and gets half the sleep he needs. So when he is riding his bike and is only half paying attention, he hits his dad's car & decides to tell only half the truth... and gets caught in a whole lie. When his dad confronts him, he teaches Herbert that none of life isn't meant to be lived halfway--especially our lives as Christians. In this book, Chan does a terrific job of distilling the core message of *Crazy Love* into a powerful reminder of the importance of loving the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. That there's no such thing as being halfway obedient to Christ--He demands all of us. Although we always follow imperfectly, even in that the Holy Spirit is making us more and more like Christ. I was quite impressed when I read *Halfway Herbert*. It's geared perfectly to children around ages 4-8 (my oldest daughter listened attentively as my wife read it to her before we secretly bought it as a Christmas gift)--but it also has a lot to teach adults. Our children learn as much from our example what it means to be a Christian as they do from reading the Bible themselves. And when they're really young, they learn almost entirely from us. So what's the example we're setting? Do we live like people who are completely sold out for the cause of Christ... or are we, too, Halfway Herberts? I'd highly encourage parents to pick up a copy of *Halfway Herbert* for their children. Read it together and encourage one another to live a life fully devoted to Christ.

This is such a special book. It presents a Biblical principle in a wonderfully fun and understandable way for young children. Francis Chan has demonstrated a unique ability to present challenging information in a comprehensive fashion for adults in his nonfiction books and he does the same for

children with this book, as well as *The Little Red Tractor*, and *Ronnie Wilson's Gift*.

Beautiful, colorful, clean illustrations. Simple wording, easy for my toddler to follow & understand. Great way for kids (and big kids!) to metaphorically understand being whole-hearted vs. halfway. We often use the idea of being "Halfway Herbert" w/ my toddler, to which he responds, "No, I don't wanna be..." Love Francis Chan! Also have "Big Red Tractor" - great book too!

I was blown away by Chan's message "Lukewarm and Lovin' It" and so I wanted to by both of his books geared towards adults, which I did. Then I saw he did a couple of children's books, which I snapped up for my little lambs. The book is great. My children love it. The illustrations are fun and colourful. The best part though is the strong message against lukewarmness in the life of believers. I feel this is a message for the parents as well as the little ones. This is a good quality, hardback book that will last years if looked after well.

This book is well written and conveys spiritual truths in a relatable way for young children. The illustrations are professional and interesting. My son asked to re-read this which is a 3 year-old five star rating.

I loved this book it is so awesome and it was amazing and cool when I grow up I will ask God to give me the money for a kindle fire and I want my kids to get this book and it will teach my kids because it is a great book on byes bi

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