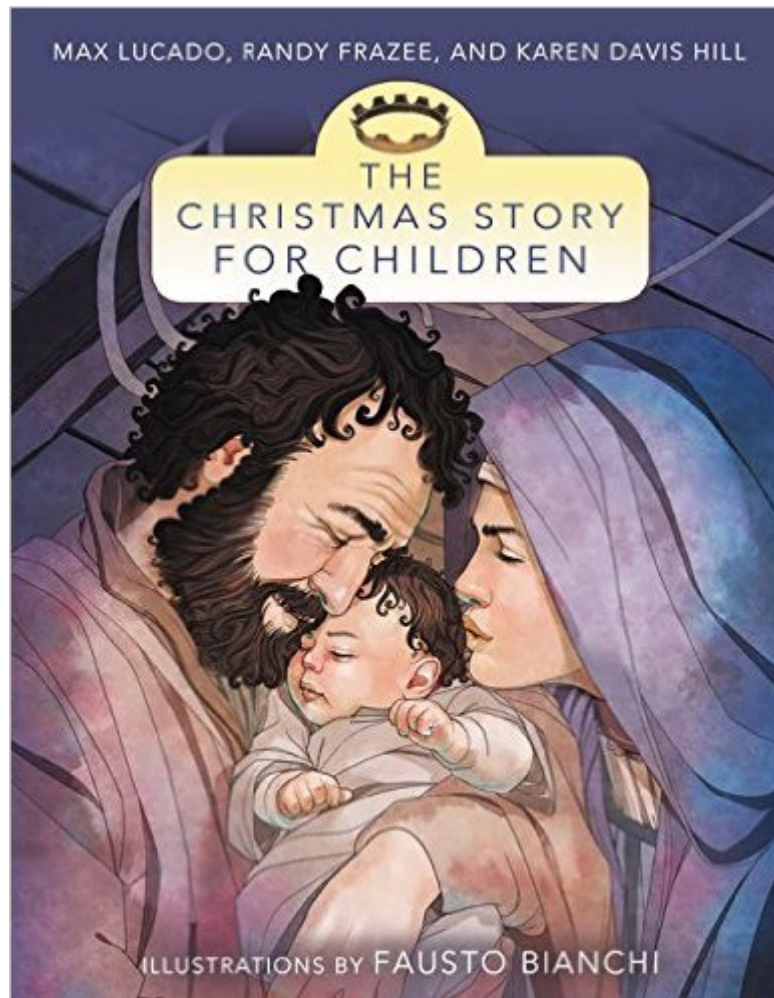


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# The Christmas Story For Children



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

The Christmas Story For Children by Max Lucado, Randy Frazee, and Karen Davis Hill is a solid, Biblical telling of the Christmas story. It starts with a brief description of the Jews waiting for their Promised One, includes Jesusâ™ birth (obviously!), and goes on to tell about His baptism and the start of His ministry. It reads like a story for school age children, yet feels like it is taken right out of the Bible. The cover picture above gives a good idea of what the illustrations are like throughout the book. Children could gain many great truths from this book, and you can get the book for a great price! Thatâ™s a great gift idea if you ask me. Thank you to BookLook Bloggers for providing me with a complimentary copy of this book. We will read it many, many times.

The title of the book is self-explanatory, as it tells the true story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was the Son of God, the Messiah whom God had promised long, long ago. The pages were drawn beautifully, with many different colors and easy on the eyes, as they seem to fit perfectly with what was happening with the reading. It pretty well follows the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ, not taking many liberties with the event of His birth. It starts out before his birth with Mary and Joseph, and ends with Jesus about to enter his earthly ministry. It took me about 10 minutes to read to myself. The age group is four to eight, but I say up to 12 years old would be fine too. I would like to see a second book written about Jesus' ministry on earth, and then a third for His death, burial, and resurrection.

I bought this book for my three year old, and while it tells the story more completely than some other kids Christmas books, it's a little over her head. However, I'm not concerned because she will grow into it. It's something we can read every year. Plus the illustrations keep her attention where the words don't!

About the Book: Follow the events of Jesus birth as you read this lovely picture book written by Max Lucado with Randy Frazee and Karen Hill and illustrated by Fausto. The Christmas Story for Children tells readers about the birth of a special baby whose story is filled with love for us all. Young readers as well as their parents will appreciate the beautiful words and artwork that convey the message that we are loved and cherished. A holiday companion book to the award-winning and bestselling The Story for Children. "My Review: There is nothing more touching in the entire world, whether it's during the holidays or not as the life of our Saviour. I love reading these type of books whether they are a children's version or not. It is just touching and heart-warming and to be reminded of what Jesus has done for all mankind is an awesome feeling better than anything else we could ever feel. The various authors that worked on this retelling of the very famous story that resounds so loudly at Christmas time and all days of the year but together the story we all know and love and added a little bit of what they may have thought some of the conversations were like among the different characters. It was a delightful story and I loved reading it to my youngest. The illustrations by Fausto Bianchi, were so beautiful. They look like paintings and they were so lifelike. This story begins shortly before His birth and goes on to tell about different parts of His ministry. A man sent to save mankind from destruction! He was no ordinary baby! \*\*Disclosure\*\* This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from the Z Blog Squad.

Author: Max Lucado, Randy Frazee, and Karen Davis Hill  
Publisher: Zonderkidz  
Reading Level: Leisure  
Advent is an important time of year in our house. It was during advent that we started family worship and we still retain some of the symbolism that goes along with the activity (e.g. light a candle nightly). Max Lucado's *The Christmas Story for Children* (henceforth *The Christmas Story*) is the latest in advent materials that we have read through as part of our nightly ritual. The illustrations from Fausto Bianchi are phenomenal. The illustrations have an attractive and bright watercolor look to them. Reformed individuals should be aware that there are many depictions of Jesus and thus should respond according to their conscience. The basis of *The Christmas Story* covers Christ's conception, birth, and baptism. With an early page dedicated to Jesus being the "greater David" it would seem that *The Christmas Story* provides the early echoes of Christ's fulfillment of Psalm 2 and Psalm 110. Both psalms contain Messianic/Sonship themes that could be described as the primary theme of this advent reflection. The wording of *The Christmas Story* is basic and easy for children to understand. There are no natural stopping points for daily reading but each household can determine at what speed they wish to read it. Our daughter absolutely loved the book and our reading it during family worship. On one particular night our schedule was rather off and family worship was truncated to simply reading *The Christmas Story*. Our daughter asked for the book during the day and even sat down to read it to herself on multiple occasions. In conclusion, *The Christmas Story for Children* is an excellent little book for the advent season.  
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The illustrations in this book are beautiful! I felt like it was very well done and intriguing for my two children, 4 & 5 years old. I like that it didn't just stop at the birth of Christ but carried on with the story. However, I thought it was strange that it continued the story past his birth but then stopped at Jesus being baptized. It wasn't really a deal breaker but it seemed a strange place to stop.

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