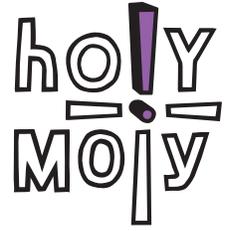


# A PARENT'S GUIDE

to Using *The Holy Moly Story Bible* with Your Child



## Welcome to *The Holy Moly Story Bible*!

This creative story Bible was designed in partnership with the animated episodes of the Holy Moly Bible Story DVDs. The story Bible uses humor, accessible text, and fun, kid-style drawings to engage children in the stories. Coloring and drawing activities in each story invite children to respond creatively to what they've heard or read.

## Using *The Holy Moly Story Bible* with Your Child

In this guide, you will discover questions and activities designed to take the stories deeper, to help your child learn and wonder, and to begin to ask his or her own questions about the Bible and about God. The questions and activities are designed to be done in a variety of settings and in a variety of ways. Feel free to customize the questions and activities as creatively as you want to in order to best suit your family's needs.

## Discussion Questions

Read several stories together in *The Holy Moly Story Bible*. Ask your child to choose a favorite or a particularly memorable story. Or if your child has been reading on his or her own, ask which story he or she has enjoyed most.

- What about the story do you like or remember most? What makes the story stand out for you?
- Who are the people in this story? Who is your favorite character? Why? Who is your least favorite character? Why?
- What might you wish happened differently in the story? Is there a situation in which you wish the people had behaved or responded differently? How might that have changed the outcome?
- What if this story took place today, in your neighborhood, with people you know? How would that make the story different? In what ways might it be the same?
- How does this story help you understand people better?
- How does this story help you understand God better?
- What did the coloring or drawing activities help you discover?

## Activities

### PICK A LINE, ANY LINE

Choose a short line from one of the stories in *The Holy Moly Story Bible*—a favorite line, one that's particularly compelling, surprising, or even troubling. Then, with your child, turn that line

into a blessing for your week. Say it as you leave for school or church or the store. Say it again before you go to bed or as you get up. After a few days, ask your child: What does this line mean to you now, after living with it for a week? What difference did these words make in your week?

**Bonus activity:**

Create a Booklet of Blessings from these favorite lines. Each week, write (or type) a line and ask your child to add visuals to the line by drawing original pictures, finding clip art, photographs, or pictures from magazines that add to the meaning of the line and turn it into a beautiful blessing. Makes a great gift or a family memento!

GUESS A SKETCH

Grab some sheets of plain white paper and pencils, pens, crayons, or markers. Have your child choose a favorite story and sketch a scene from it. But make sure they keep the story a secret! Then see if other members of your family can guess the story from the sketch alone. If no one can guess, your child can give clues or you can ask questions.

SHARE A SKETCH

Coloring has been shown to be a great way to relax and have fun—even for grown-ups! So ask your child to think of someone you know who could use less stress and more fun in their lives. Then have your child sketch a black-and-white depiction of one of the Bible stories. It can be a favorite story—or simply one that’s fun (or easy) to draw. Pack the sketch up with a box of crayons and a nice note (it can be anonymous!) and drop off or mail to a person who needs a little extra love.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Sometimes the Bible throws words our way we don’t fully understand. Since God wants us to explore God’s Word and to ask questions, why not do a little exploring and questioning with a dictionary? Choose a few words that left your child (or you!) curious and write them down in the spaces below. Then head to your favorite dictionary and write in the official definitions. You can also rewrite the definition in your own words.

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