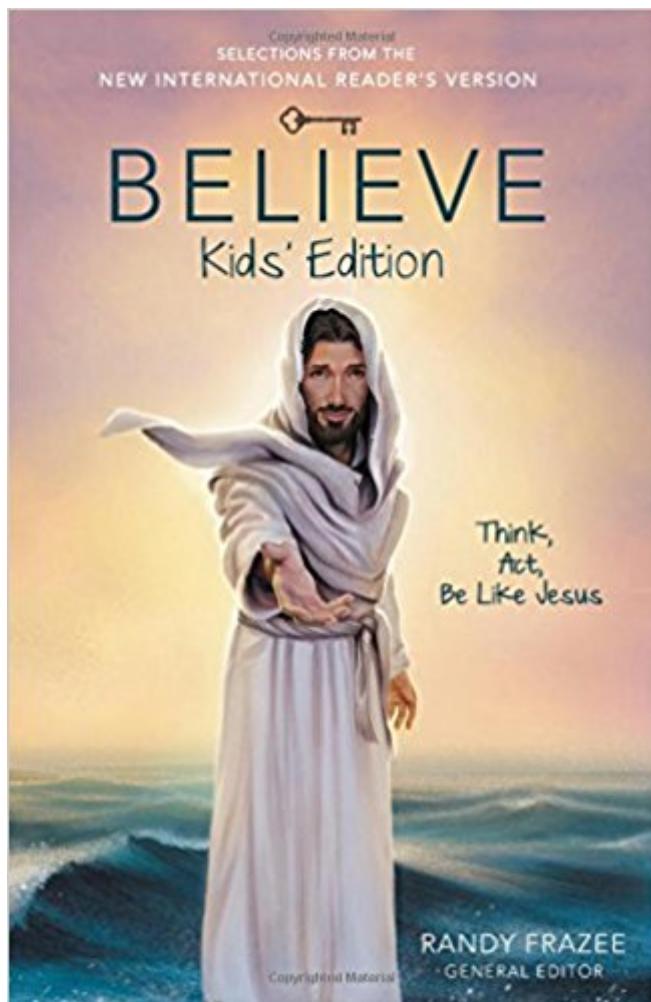


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# Believe Kids' Edition, Paperback: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus



## Synopsis

You know the story of the Bible, but do you know what it means? This kidsâ™ edition of Believe teaches you the core beliefs, practices, and virtues of Jesus-followers so that you can understand how to live out Godâ™s story in your own life today. As you walk through the three big categoriesâ"beliefs, practices, and virtuesâ"youâ™ll begin a journey that will take you closer to the heart of Jesus and deeper into the words of Scripture. Youâ™ll learn what the Bible has to say about everything from the nature of God and the identity of Jesus, to prayer, worship, and the fruit of the Spirit. Each big category is divided into ten topics to give you an up-close look at the important things God wants you to know. From bestselling author and pastor, Randy Frazee, the Believe: Kidsâ™ Edition will take you on a step-by-step tour through the Bible and show you how to think, act, and be more like Jesus.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Randy Frazee is the senior minister at Oak Hills Church, one of the largest churches in America, leading alongside author and pastor Max Lucado. A leader and innovator in spiritual formation and biblical community, Randy is the architect of The Story church engagement campaign. He is also the author of The Heart of the Story, The Connecting Church 2.0, and The Christian Life Profile Assessment. He and his wife, Rozanne, live in San Antonio.

I have been an on and off again Christian since I was a child. My wife and I returned to the faith in 2000. I have read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation several times. I recently became seriously involved in leading Bible studies and that turned me to study better myself. This book is a wonderful resource for that. It breaks down the Word into stories. Stories focused on specific messages important to us all. Take the time to read this. It will help you have a fuller understanding of our Saviour.

I read this along with my church. We were to read a chapter each week. At church the Sunday school classes were built around the the theme as was the sermon. In our small groups we continued the discussion of the chapter giving particular emphasis to how we might live out the message in our daily lives. All ages were included and families were provided extra resources to help them process the information with their children. The process we followed was a wonderful experience and I would highly recommend it for other church. However, in my opinion, just reading the book by oneself would not be that helpful. The book is 90% (my estimate) scripture which has been cut and pasted in a topical arrangement. The three major division of the book: Think, Act, and Be is a helpful way to outline the process of spiritual development. While one might debate the 10 subjects selected for each of the major divisions (i.e. Stewardship as a core belief and no chapter on the Holy Spirit) each subject was certainly worthy of discussion and the scriptures given provide a great amount of material to discuss.

When Jesus Christ is accepted as Lord and Savior that's only the first step of a life-long journey toward spiritual maturity and a personal "best friend" style relationship with Christ. Yet for some, the journey begins and ends with acceptance and a personal relationship is never nurtured or allowed to develop. So do you believe and can you talk easily about what you believe in and why? Christianity.com reported "Bible illiteracy is a scandal" based on 2014 surveys that revealed most people couldn't name every one of the disciples or list all Ten Commandments and some even thought "Sodom and Gomorrah were a married couple." In the March 2016 issue of U.S. News, Alan Neuhauser reported, "Prayer, Belief in God Sinks to All-Time Low in U.S...according to decade's long surveys" taken from 1972 to 2014. However, Randy Frazee senior pastor of San Antonio, Texas Oak Hills Church still believes the Bible is "the greatest story ever told." To encourage Bible reading he condensed The Story Bible into a story format of scriptural truths. That book led to The Story Church Campaign in 2014 and the release of Believe Storybook: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus, Believe Kid's Edition and Believe Student Edition in 2015. What follows are two

positive and one negative review of the three books. \*\*\*\*\*'Believe Kids' Edition, Paperback: Think, Act, Be Like Jesus,' General Editor Randy Frazee, Zonderkidz, 2015, 224 Pages, Ages 8 and Up, 978-0310746010, \$11.99The Kids' edition of Believe uses the same format as the "Believe Storybook" except the "Believe Kids' Edition" is designed for ages 9-12 and features the actual words from the Bible's New International Reader's Version (NirV).The reader-friendly stories begin with key questions, ideas and Scripture with a "Think about it" segment that identifies, summarizes and explores what that particular belief is and why it's important. Because "what you believe in your heart...sets the course for who you become," which begins with how you think about Jesus. While I think children will like the simple blue and white story illustrations, such as Jonah in the belly of the whale, Daniel's interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel in the lion's den. I would have preferred scripture references, chapter and verse, listed with the readings instead of at the back of the book under "List of Bible Excerpts." However, Bible reading with a parent far outweighs that minor criticism when children develop the habit of reading the Bible at a young age. \*\*\*\*\*I really like the concept and format behind these much needed and beautifully illustrated books. The biblical blueprint they provide is important with their teaching that "the words of God can change you as you learn to think, act, and become more like Jesus." However, I can only recommend "Believe Storybook" and "Believe Kid's edition, which are exceptional.\*\*\*\*\*Midwest Book Reviews:

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We are going through this as a church and it has been a wonderful study. We use it for small groups and for Bible School and then again, the minister preaches on the Chapter on Sunday morning. It is a great way for all of the body of Christ to study together in many different settings. I am learning much and really appreciate all the hard work Randy Frazee put into the book. It can be a read alone book and would work well for personal devotions, but if you decide to use it as a church tool, I highly recommend getting his videos to go along with it. If you have read the Story, this will make even more sense, but you can read it as a stand alone book.

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