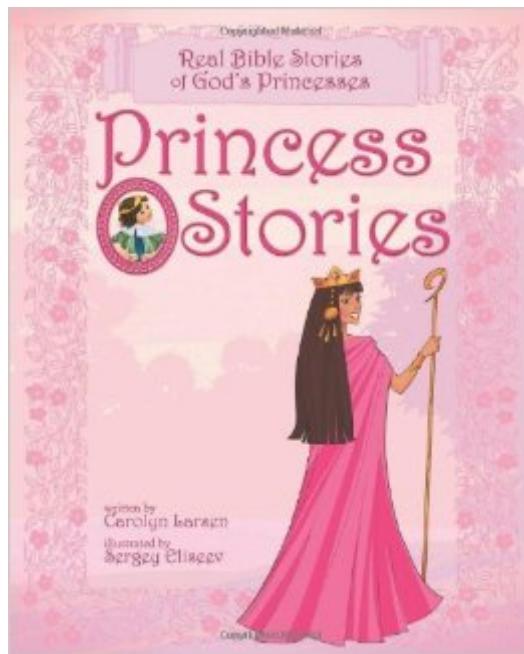


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# Princess Stories: Real Bible Stories Of God's Princesses



## **Synopsis**

Princess Stories is the big sister to popular board book My Princess Bible. Princess Stories, appropriate for girls ages 4 to 8, is a collection of first-person narrative stories about 29 women in the Bible•and the 30th story is about the reader, who is God's princess too. In each four-page story, the reader gets a rhyming verse about the princess (addressed to "Mirror, mirror on the wall"), a first-person story of the featured Bible woman and the special quality her life reflects, a Bible verse from another passage of Scripture that summarizes/relates to the character trait, and Princess Ponderings•questions that help girls and their parents discuss the stories and relate the lessons to life. Through this book, girls will learn more in-depth stories of women of the Bible and how to apply Scripture to their own lives.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

From time immemorial little girls have loved pretending to be princesses even though their chances of actually becoming such have always been virtually nil. In recent years it has become fashionable to fret about such things (something of an overreaction IMHO), but assuming you have reason for concern, what can you do? Well, you can rant and rave and deny your daughter certain playthings, which will only make her cry and desire them all the more, or you can do something constructive. This book offers a marvelously constructive alternative for Christian parents of young daughters. Christianity teaches that ALL of us have the opportunity to become adopted sons and

daughters of God the Father by accepting the sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son as payment for our sins. Thus, accepting God as our King, we become princes and princesses. This book gently makes this point by retelling in three pages each of simplified language the story of 29 "princesses by faith" from the Bible (the 30th princess is the story of YOU or rather, your daughter). Each story begins with verse references so you can look up the original story in your Bible, followed by a four line verse in the pattern of "Mirror, mirror on the wall, Who was the \_\_\_\_\_ princess of all?..." Three pages of story follow, then a memory verse, then a page of three questions to ponder. Each Bible "princess" has an attribute emphasized in the story: Eve was the first princess; Sarah, the surprised princess; Rahab, the brave princess; Ruth, the loyal princess; Abigail, the peaceful princess; Esther, the daring princess; Mary, Jesus' Mom, the obedient princess; etc., and the text is complimented by Sergey Eliseev's gorgeous artwork.

This book was a disappointment and I wish I hadn't purchased it. The same static image of a woman in a standing pose is used for every page of the story of that princess. My daughter asked me why they used the same picture on both pages (and she is very obviously bored because there are so many words and no action illustrations)! This book would be infinitely better if they had given pictures that illustrated the main event of each of the characters (they had the space to do this; I don't know why they didn't). She and I both really like the concept of thinking of the women in the Bible as valued daughters of the King but this did not meet our hopes. The princesses that are popular these days for little girls are the fictional ones, who wait for prince charming. Through the purchase of this book, I hoped to give her illustrations of REAL women who had admirable character and who were full of faith as well -- women I would want my daughter to emulate. Aside from the illustration issue, one thing I do not like about the content of this book is that the titles that were given to some of these women to sum up who they were (and therefore the virtue that was being upheld) didn't seem to fit with who they were. Sometimes those titles misrepresented these women because they miss the point of the story about these women. For example, Priscilla was named "The Respectful Princess" -- what does that have to do with who she was? She was a teacher, and she and her husband taught Apollos. She should be the "discipling princess" because she TAUGHT and DISCIPLED Apollos (or the "teaching princess", though I know that title was already used for Huldah, but Huldah should have been "the Prophet Princess").

I'm not going to lie - I had high hopes for this book and had originally planned to buy it. As it turns out, I'm really glad I checked it out of the library first. A minor quibble with this book is that its not

actually about real princesses in the Bible (or even female rulers), it's about any woman in the Bible who believed in God (& since God's King, these women are princesses). OK, eye roll, but I get it ... there aren't many "real" princesses in the Bible to fill the pages of this book. Not a huge deal. What annoys me the most about this book is how they claim certain women were the "most/best \_\_\_\_\_" princess. Rebekah (Issac's wife) was the most helpful princess, Naomi (Ruth's mother in law) was the best role model, Ruth was the most loyal, Hannah (Samuel's mom) the most prayerful, Elizabeth (John the Baptist's mom) the most honored, The woman at the well the most forgiven, and the reader the most special princess. (for a few examples ... almost every "princess" has some such extreme title given to her). The the "most" qualifier wasn't there, I wouldn't have a problem. Rebekah was helpful, Ruth was loyal, Hannah was prayerful, The woman at the well forgiven, and the reader special. But we have no way of knowing that any of these are the MOST or the BEST of anything. Further, some of the examples are just incorrect. E.g., Naomi was NOT a good role model - she moved to a foreign country when famine struck Israel (they weren't to associate with non-Israelites) & her two sons married pagan women (which was expressly forbidden by God)! The woman at the well was not the most forgiven - we are all equally forgiven for all sins are equally wrong.

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