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“I love what Kevin has done here! I’m buying a copy for each of my grandkids.”
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“*The Biggest Story* is a delight to the eyes, ears, and hearts of its readers. With rich illustrations and even richer text, the biggest and best story is presented in all of its vivid colors—every dark shade and every bright tone. Parent and child alike will feel the ache of the fallenness of human nature and the comfort of an always-faithful God. From our family to yours, we wholeheartedly commend this book!”
—**Matt and Lauren Chandler,** Lead Pastor, The Village Church, Dallas, Texas; President, Acts 29 Church Planting Network; and his wife Lauren, writer; speaker; singer

“Kevin DeYoung has written a delightful book that both young and old will enjoy. *The Biggest Story* is a small treatment of a huge theme—God’s drama of redemption, centered on Jesus Christ. Kevin’s words are fresh, engaging, playful, and biblical. Many Bible storybooks offer pearls without a string. This one puts the pearls on a string—the right one. The result is magnificent and memorable.”
—**Randy Alcorn,** Founder and Director, Eternal Perspective Ministries; author, *Heaven*, *The Treasure Principle*, and *The Ishbane Conspiracy*

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—**Ann Voskamp,** *New York Times* best-selling author, *One Thousand Gifts*

“So often, our kids hear individual stories from the Bible without fully understanding how these accounts are tied to the ‘biggest story’ of Christ’s ultimate victory over sin. Kevin DeYoung has linked together the Bible stories that are familiar to children into one, enthralling volume. From the first page to the last, kids will come to understand why Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension are truly at the center of all of history.”
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“In *The Biggest Story*, Kevin DeYoung masterfully tells the story of man’s inability to be good enough and God’s enduring faithfulness to his promise to bring us back to paradise. This is the big picture, not the typical moralistic way of telling the Bible’s story. This book is engaging and wonderfully illustrated; your kids will want sit on your lap and have you read it again and again.”
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"*The Biggest Story* is a family worship favorite around our household. The kids love hearing the story of Scripture read as one continuous adventure. From toddlers to adults, this book teaches important truths about God, his Word, and the history of his work in the world."
—**David Platt,** President, International Mission Board; author, Radical; and Heather Platt

"This book is really wonderfully done. *The Biggest Story* is a Bible survey, a biblical/theological/historical/redemptive review of the great theme of Scripture, and all done for little kids. The illustrations by Don Clark are quite festive, and invite examination. There is something about this book — it has drawing power. Set it out on the coffee table, and watch people go right to it."
—**Douglas Wilson,** Senior Fellow of Theology, New St. Andrews College; Pastor, Christ Church, Moscow, Idaho

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