

Review: Tiny Bible Tales

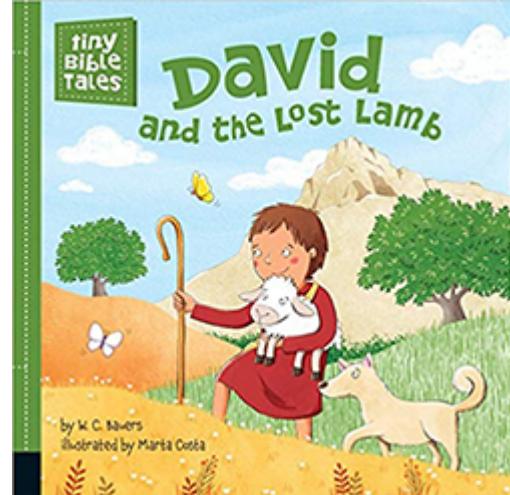
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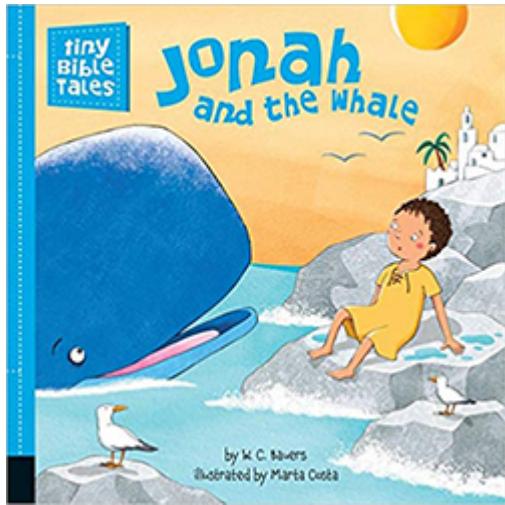
Jonah and the Whale

Written by W.C. Bauers, Illustrated by Marta Costa (Grosset & Dunlap)

Grosset & Dunlap published [David and the Lost Lamb](#) and [Jonah and the Whale](#) as the first two titles in the Tiny Bible Tales board book series. The sturdy volumes offer simple rhyming text by W.C. Bauers enhanced by whimsically colorful illustrations by Marta Costa.



[David and the Lost Lamb](#) begins with “Little David, shepherd boy” heading for the hills with his trusted dog and father’s sheep which he carefully counts at the start and end of the day. When one lamb strays, David bravely faces a lion to save the day. Facial expressions add to the story while frogs, lizards, butterflies and birds enrich the scenery. David’s nighttime prayers beside the animals end the story.



In *Jonah and the Whale*, "Little Jonah hears God say, 'Help the people to obey.'" True to the biblical account, stubborn Jonah answers "no" only to be swallowed by a whale after being thrown into stormy seas. All ends well when the fish spits out the prayerfully sorry boy, and forgiven Jonah faithfully heads to town to obey. Lively illustrations include a jellyfish, sea creatures of all types, birds and rabbits.

The Hillman boys liked the Jonah story best, although they questioned why Jonah appears as a young boy when he really was a man. Their sister preferred David. Overall, they gave the books high praise for poetry and sturdiness, but they especially liked the interesting pictures which kept them busy pointing out clever details. Tiny Bible Tales would be great additions to any preschool room at church or at home.

Sawyer, Tucker and Chandler Hillman, ages 9, 7 and 5, with their grandmother

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