

Note for Parents and Caregivers

This book explores the simple but far-reaching truth that Jesus always does exactly what he says he will. The Gospels repeatedly draw our attention to how trustworthy all his words are. In fact, he is “the Word” (John 1:1).

In Mark 2:1-12, Jesus simply declares the paralyzed man forgiven and healed, and he is—immediately! In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus’ word creates calm from chaos in the storm. In John 11, his command to the dead Lazarus brings life from death. All of this is a prelude to his ultimate promise that he will die and rise again to bring salvation to all who would believe. We can completely trust Jesus’ words that he will work his salvation in our lives as we come to him in faith.

As parents and caregivers, you can help your children see the relevance of Jesus’ words to them by initiating conversations after reading the book together. Perhaps you could ask a younger child:

**“What was your favorite picture?
What do you like about it?”**

**“What things did Jesus say he would do?
What always happened?”**



And you could ask an older child:

“Which of the accounts of Jesus doing ‘just as he said’ did you find most amazing?”

**“Do you ever find it hard to believe Jesus will do what he says he will?
Why is this?”**

“How can the true Bible stories we’ve just read help us if we do find it hard to trust Jesus’ words?”



It’s my prayer that each child who reads this book will be drawn to the power and goodness of Jesus’ words, and trust Jesus to save them—just as he said.