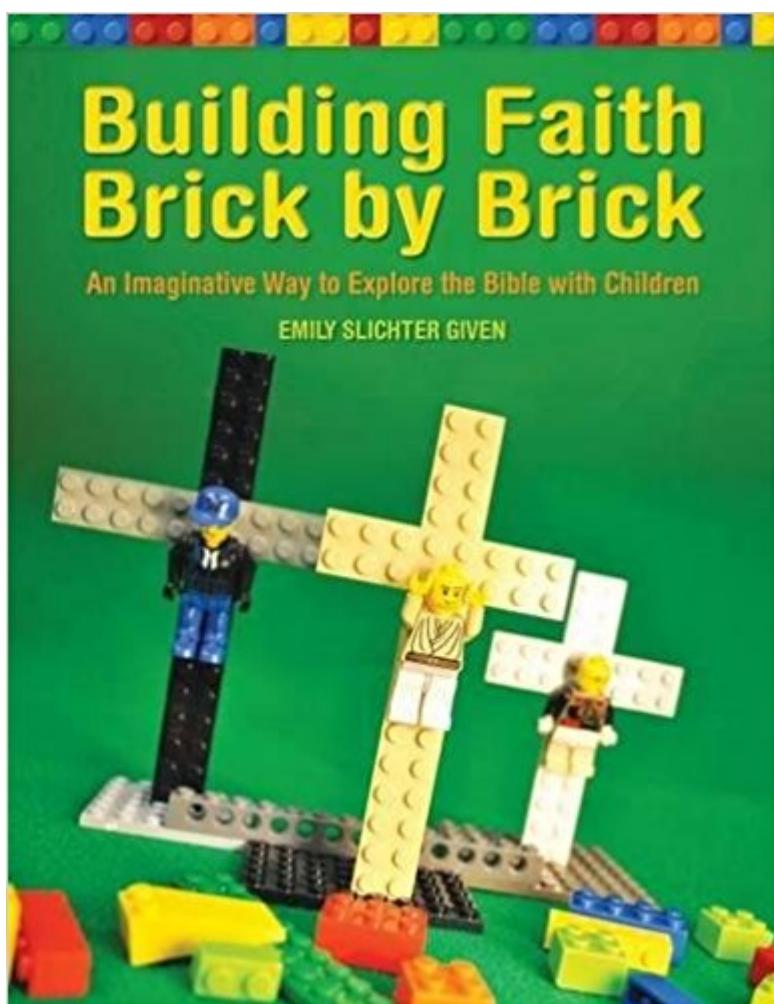


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# Building Faith Brick By Brick: An Imaginative Way To Explore The Bible With Children



## **Synopsis**

Building Faith Brick by Brick offers a culturally relevant, hands-on way to explore faith stories with a broad range of ages. It grew out of one congregationâ™s realization that there was a large group of first-grade boys who needed to engage in a new way of interacting with the biblical story. Knowing how much LegoÂ® bricks continue to be popular with children, the author dug deep into the well of creativity and an enormous bin of little plastic building bricks to meld together a new way of teaching the stories of God. This book offers the methodology as well as 30 Old Testament and 24 New Testament stories with lesson plans. Can be used in all settings and gatherings Includes take-home sheets for family study and conversation Engages children with multiple learning styles and a familiar medium

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## **Customer Reviews**

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This book is second only to the Lego Bible. It takes the lego bible to a whole other level! This book will spark creativity and joy in children of ALL ages. I've used it with folks and it always had a great response.

Our Sunday School is loving this book. The kids love using Legos to illustrate what they've learned from the lesson. They get to play with Legos while they listen and learn. WIN-WIN!!

Engaging for young and old!We used this in our Lenten Series this year. Both children and adults dived in enthusiastically. The process of both individual and group creativity and problem-solving was positive and (dare I say?) fun. The conversations around which pieces and characters to choose to fit the story image promoted listening and expressions of deep spiritual truths held by each participant. The possibilities are limitless!

I am using this as a framework for my Sunday School class. I have children from age 4 to 6th grade, and they understand the stories that I tell in a dramatic way. They then tell the stories with Legos or PlayDo or crayons. They are attentive (all ages!) and are able to retell the stories at the end of the session as they display their work.

The author has some very helpful tips at the start of the book. She has laid out lessons very well but also incorporated enough flexibility to make it work in many settings. I love the questions she poses in the lessons for the kids. I even did a lesson with adults and they enjoyed it!

The heart of this book is teaching the Bible. The "I wonder" questions take the story to a deeper level with the children. It does not come with patterns but the author clearly points out that the purpose is for kids to use their own imaginations. We have had an amazingly creative summer with this curriculum and it has inspired us to think about stories beyond those just in the book. We have gone from the Good Samaritan to Jonah and Moses. It had been so interesting to see which part of the story resonates most with the kids through their building. I was shocked at how many were moved by the fact that the Israelites were slaves and showed them building pyramids in their renderings rather than simply burning bushes for the story of Moses. You never know what will truly click with the kids until you let their creativity rule rather than imposing your own ideas or instructions.

This book was basically what I expected. I would have liked to see a little more explicit directions in tying together the legos and the Bible stories but did provide a good foundation.

This book is excellent. It is easy to read and understand. Contrary to another review, the clear intention of the book is to discuss bible stories and allow the children to be creative and use LEGOS to build the story that was just taught. The book gives ideas for story appropriate snacks and shows how the lessons can be modified to fit different time frames. A true gem and a must have for any youth religious education program.

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