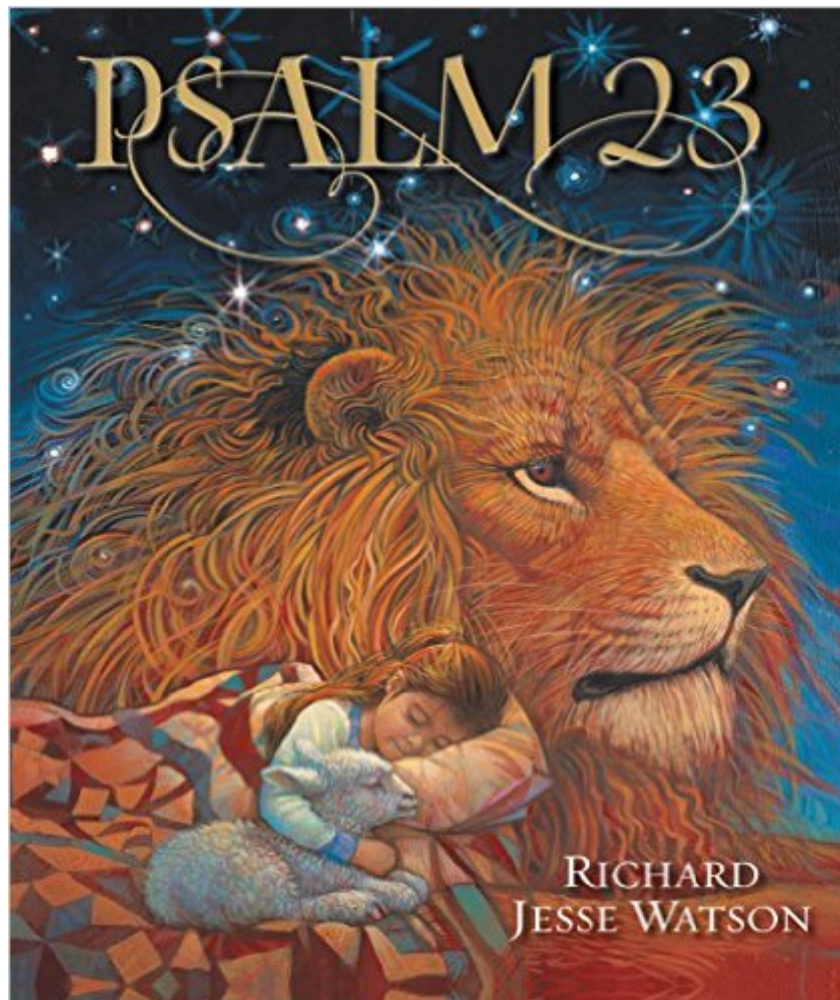


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# Psalm 23



## Synopsis

In this follow-up to his bestselling children's book, *The Lord's Prayer*, illustrator Richard Jesse Watson brings to life the beloved Psalm 23. As an honoree of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Watson's use of vibrant color and detailed imagery beautifully captures the essence of the comforting words of David, bringing the King James Version of Psalm 23 alive for readers young and old. Now in a board book format.

## Book Information

Board book: 24 pages

Publisher: Zonderkidz; Brdbk edition (February 3, 2015)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This 22-page board book is perfect for little ones to hold. Using the King James Version of the Bible for the text of the 23rd Psalm, artist Richard Jesse Watson illustrates each verse of this Psalm in vibrant colors. The opening, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," shows a close-up of a content lamb in the arms of his shepherd. "He restoreth my soul," shows a little girl looking lovingly into a happy lamb's face. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil," portrays a modern-day woman with large gold earrings and gold necklace as an angel with large wings that are a covering for a little boy and girl and two lambs. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life," has a field full of flowers and sweet toddlers. Lambs frolic through the grass while older children fly kites. What I Like One of my favorite illustrations in this book is the cover. This same illustration is featured inside

the book as the art for the last line of the Psalm. I love the majestic lion watching over the sleeping child with a lamb snuggled in her arms. There are so many images of happy lambs and sweet children and loving shepherds that the art conveys a powerful and precious message. I'm also glad that the KJV is used as I think this will be a nice way to teach a toddler and preschooler to memorize this beloved Psalm. I also like how the entire Psalm is featured altogether on the last page of the book.-Thanks, BookLook Bloggers for another wonderful free book in exchange for my honest review!

Using the text from the King James Version of the Bible, Richard Jesse Watson illustrates the 23rd Psalm of "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" in a board book format for children. Without preamble, the reader opens the book to begin the psalm. There is one picture and page set for every 1 to 2 lines of the psalm, which is written in its entirety on the last page of the book. The illustrations bring the words to life and help the reader understand their meanings. In keeping with the shepherd concept, there is a lamb included in each illustration. While the KJV is not my favorite, the pictures are lovely, colorful, and charming without being gaudy. The child-like innocence and trust comes through. Our 3 year old son likes it, and I recommend it for toddlers through young elementary age. Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book from the Book Look Bloggers program in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are my own, and they are not required to be positive.

Illustrator Richard Jesse Watson really makes this a book to keep. The illustrations are fascinating, intriguing, memorable, and realistic. I thought, when I requested this for review, that we would go through it and then donate it to church. But after seeing the beautiful images, I'm not sure I will do that. This may be a keeper book, even though my kids are all 'too old' for board books. My daughter (age 8) loves looking at the illustrations. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from the publisher through the BookLook Bloggers book review bloggers program. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

Although this is much smaller than expected, Psalm 23 is an adorable little keepsake for ages four to eight. It is made in a hard "board book" format. Derived from the King James Version, verses are divided up along 22 pages to parallel visual depictions. It then concludes

with the Psalm in its entirety at the very end. It simply maintains the biblical translation verbatim without paraphrasing into juvenile lingo to get the message across like some children's literature and Bibles are inclined to do. From one of the most beloved and renowned passages of the Holy Scriptures, this Old Testament piece is manifested via beautiful illustrations by Richard Jesse Watson. The artwork is the primary draw for my request to review this book. As an artist I tend to pay particular attention to the fine detail such as the facial and hand features as well as the lion's mane, which are all exquisitely rendered. My own favorite is the tranquil allure of the celestial background and the overall theme of gentility amongst the children's faces. It is also quite comforting to see the 23rd Psalm displayed in a more uplifting, joyful ambiance rather than the somber, albeit hopeful intent that I have been around in my funeral directing career. Unfortunately, it started to take on that connotation for me personally, so this is a nice refreshing angle of interpretation. Retailing at \$7.99, this treasure makes an affordable yet timeless gift for that special petite soul just coming to know the Spirit through God's spoken Word. This book was provided free for review by the publisher.

Publisher: Zonderkidz Reading Level: Leisure Pages: 20 This year our family journey is set to include learning the 23rd Psalm, broken apart into 12 monthly phrases. What a treat it has been to include illustrator Richard Jesse Watson's gorgeously illuminated King James Version of Psalm 23 into our scripture memorization! Beautifully lifelike and yet whimsical, each page brings alive the comforts, fears, and landscapes depicted in the Psalm. With a lamb to be found on each page, Watson also includes children in the drawings, weaving the Psalm's imagery together with common interpretations. Astounding in impact, the beloved words of Psalm 23 find amazing depiction in Watson's pictures. Not enough can be said about how arresting, vivid, and stirring these illustrations truly are – both of our children (ages 3 & nearly 2) were captivated from the cover alone. As a board book, this title can be loved and cherished by any age child. Which it most definitely will be! It is also an unlooked for, but highly exciting tool in assisting with the memorization of this Psalm. With how regularly we might be reading this King James Version of Psalm 23, our timetable of hiding it in our children's hearts may prove drastically diminished! Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

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