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## David and Parry's "Candle Bible for Kids" (Book Review)

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The term “brief” in the title is apropos as each theme is developed over approximately fifty pages. The limited space allotted for each section, and the broad time frame the author tries to address (2000 BCE – Present), necessitates such brevity when discussing key individuals and events that often the reader is presented with no more information than a name, date, and possible location. In this regard, very little knowledge is conveyed, and there is a decided lack of clarity about what role people played in larger movements and ideas within church history. For instance, both Ignatius and Polycarp are listed among the early church fathers, but no connection with the apostle John is mentioned (p. 21). Likewise, men like John Hus are mentioned as contributing to “variant Christian formations,” but there is a decided lack of discussion about how these individuals helped lay the groundwork for the Reformation era (p. 33). This problem, however, is primarily limited to the first theme (The People of God) as later chapters are much more concerned about the evolution of practices and ideas. While not overwhelming, there are times when the author tends to reveal presuppositions (JEDP) and theological interpretations (Adam and Eve, Jesus as a model), which are unnecessary for the development of his histories, and not typical of more academic works.

Overall, this book would be a welcome addition to church libraries, institutes, and Bible colleges. While it is too brief to be useful for academic research associated with upper-division and graduate level work, it can provide a valuable introduction for laypeople and students who are just entering college.

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### **Candle Bible for Kids,**

by Juliet David and Illustrated by Jo Parry. Oxford, England: Wilkinson House,  
2014. 40 pp. \$9.99. ISBN 9780781281017

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This children's Bible is a delightful read for an adult to use with babies and small children. The illustrations are bright and colorful and will draw the attention of children. Each story is easy to read and is short enough that a very young child can sit through one story. Older children will enjoy listening to more than one story at a sitting. This Bible starts with creation and includes well-known Old and New Testament stories that end with the resurrection of Jesus. The construction of this book is durable and will last for many years.