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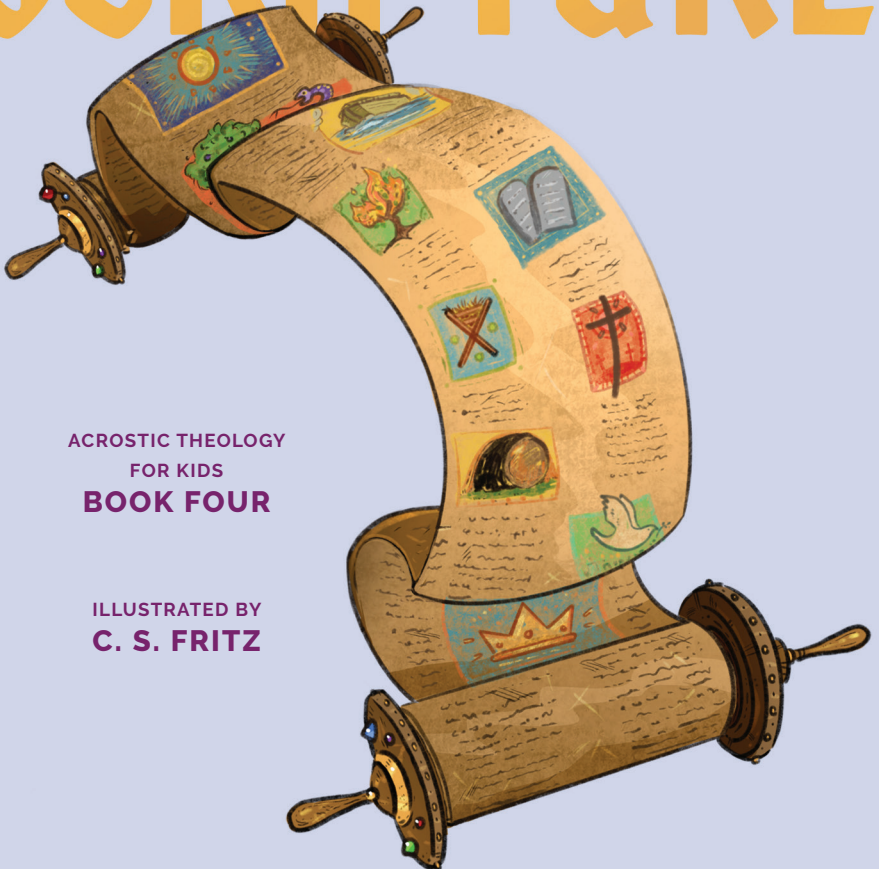
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"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:6–7

The inspiration behind these acrostic books comes from John Calvin, the Genevan Reformer. In 1542, Calvin simplified his Catechism for the Genevan Church (1537) so that children could better understand and memorize the essential truths of the Christian Faith. It was entitled *The French ABCs*.

These acrostic books are not strictly catechetical (questions and answers), but they are written in that same tradition of instruction. As such, they are a means of planting the good seed of God's Word into the hearts of children, so that they might grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. We hope the new element of an acrostic poem set to rhyme may help the truths about God (theology), Jesus (Christology), salvation (soteriology), and Scripture (Biblical theology) to stick a little bit better. The books may be read in one sitting (either by parent/teacher or child) or they may be used for family devotions, taking one letter per day for families to meditate on, with some accompanying Bible verses.

We are praying that this series will be used by the Spirit to allow children and parents to grow in the knowledge of God and thus to love and trust him more. Enjoy!

Jonny Gibson and Timothy Brindle

See back of book for more information about how to use this book with children. Use the QR code to hear Timothy Brindle read aloud *The Acrostic of Scripture* in rap style. To purchase *The Acrostic of Scripture* music album, visit www.timothybrindleministries.com.

Dedication

For Noah, Ellie, and Phoebe; Malachi and Abigail

"Open my eyes,
that I may behold wondrous
things out of your law."

Psalm 119:18

PROLOGUE

Let's read the Acrostic of *Scripture together*
So our knowledge of God's big *picture is better*.
We'll read it, rap it, *sing it—it's fun!*
Till Jesus comes back and his *kingdom has come*.

An acrostic poem uses the *alphabet*
To teach you God's truth, so you will *not forget*.
God does this in Scripture, like Psalm *One Nineteen*;
In Lamentations, he has a *fun rhyme scheme*.
So, from now on, we'll use the *first letter*
To help us to learn the Lord's *Word better*.
He's the Alpha and Omega; yes, from *A to Z*;
From Genesis to Revelation, it's *plain to see*.
Each page has a person, place, or event from the *Bible*
To show it's one big story leading to Christ's *arrival*.
He says, "In all your ways, *acknowledge me*";
Kids, let's learn biblical *theology!*
What's biblical theology? It's the *study of Scripture*,
That shows how all the stories point to Christ—
the *wonderful victor*.
Not just to see how Scripture *connects together*,
But to see God's Word as our *precious treasure*.

Let's read the Acrostic of *Scripture together*
So our knowledge of the big *picture is better*.
We'll read it, rap it, *sing it—it's fun!*
Till Jesus comes back and his *kingdom has come*.

ADAM

Adam was created by God as the *first human*;
His sin brought us all into the *worst ruin*.
What he did counts for us—by his *works we are cursed*;
But in Christ, the Last Adam, the *curse is reversed*.

Romans 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.



BABEL

Babel—the city where man makes a name for his *own praise*;
And even tries to make it to heaven by his *own ways*.
So God changed their languages—throughout the earth
they're *scattered*—
But he promised through Abraham's son they would be
gathered.

Genesis 11:9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed." (AT)

Revelation 7:9–10 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"



COVENANT

Covenant—a special promise God *makes with us*,

In which he requires us to *obey and trust*.

The LORD God first made with Adam a *covenant of works*:

Life if he obeyed; but if he sinned—*judgment was the curse*.

So God made another one—a *covenant of grace*;

His Son would come to take the *judgment in our place*.

This covenant with Abraham, Israel, and *David*

Is faithfully fulfilled in Jesus, just as he *stated*.

Matthew 26:27–28 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, **for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**”

2 Corinthians 1:20 **For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.**
That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

