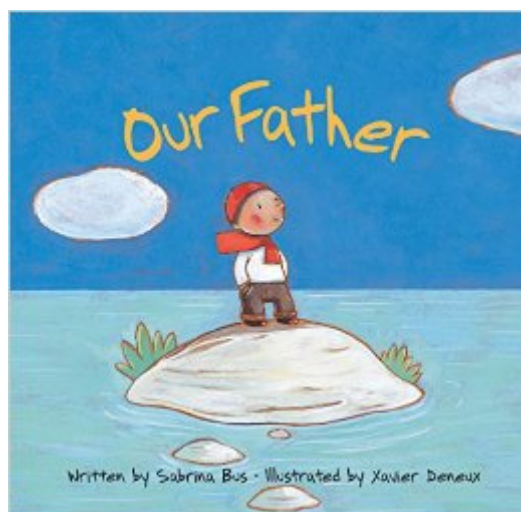


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# Our Father



## Synopsis

With clear, simple language and sweet illustrations, this board book explains the meaning of one of the best-loved Christian prayers, the Lord's Prayer. Brief explanatory text relates the words of the prayer to young children's everyday lives and teaches them how to talk to God like a father. Rounded corners, padded covers, and sturdy board book pages ensure that youngsters can enjoy this book over and over.

## Book Information

Board book: 12 pages

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Age Range: 1 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

This is a cute enough book. I don't think it explains the prayer very well but it makes an attempt and I'm fine with that part. My biggest problem with this book is that it has changed the words to the traditional "Our Father" prayer to be easier for kids. I want my daughter to learn the "Our Father" the way it's said during Catholic Masses and in our home each night before bed. Example: it says "Holy is your name" instead of "Hallowed be thy name". Maybe this won't bother most but I don't want to confuse my daughter by having her learn this "other" version and then have to re-learn the "real" one later on. She'll be attending a Catholic preschool and I'd like for her to know the real prayer. If you're Catholic and you feel the same way, keep looking for a version that teaches the prayer the way we're used to reciting it.

This version of the "Our Father" is in modern language without the "thee's and thou's". It also uses

the terms "sins" in replacement of "trespasses". It is a cute book for little kids with an explanation at the bottom of each page describing the portion of prayer used. My 2 year old loves it and is certainly learning his prayers! I must admit however, that while reading him the book I "read" the prayer in the traditional language rather than what is truly written.

I loved the idea of this book, however, the actual prayer in this book is not the same version that is recited each week in our church. I attend a traditional Catholic Church, and I purchased this book to use to teach my almost 4 year old. I will still use this book, however, I will have to modify it to match what I need him to learn to recite at church.

I bought this for a baptism present. It was a wonderful book. It takes each portion of the prayer and puts it into words a little one can understand. Although you can use it with younger kids to begin teaching them the Our Father, they will really start to understand it probably around age four. Cute pictures and great quality on the board book help give this two thumbs up for me and earn a spot on my baptism gift list.

The Lord's Prayer itself is accurate enough in the book and the illustrations are nice. However this book misses the mark on several pages in trying to translate the Lord's Prayer to kids. It's easy enough for kids to understand, but it's not a biblically accurate translation of the Lord's prayer according to the Bible. I only saw the first page of the book through the book preview, and page 1 is great! Many other pages just really are not accurate in portraying God's true character.

I'm uncomfortable with this book because of the non-traditional text eliminating thou, thee, and trespass. This important prayer then becomes very awkward, especially if using the book to teach youngsters. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, And do not lead us into temptation." Doesn't work for me! I believe that the prayer we teach our kids should be the same as what they hear at Mass.

Board book for my great grandson. No torn pages or broken books. He just loves them and so do his great grandparents. We love praying the prayers with him and he now follows along with his book. Great job.

We have had two books by Sabrina Bus in our house for over a decade, since our oldest was very

young. They were a gift from a friend of the family. Even though they are simple board books they are still often read and are treasured by our three children. I myself loved the books from the first reading and even today after hundreds of readings enjoy them. The book is sort of done in three parts. The first is the Our Father Prayer done in script across the top of the pages, the second is the illustrations, and the third is the text at the bottom of the pages explaining that specific line in the prayer. This book is a wonderful teaching tool. As mentioned the children love it. They know the prayer by heart but still read the book. Sometimes they read through the prayer, sometimes the book text and sometimes both together. The illustrations are wonderful as you can see by the example below. I highly recommend this book and its companion Hail Mary. (Note: in doing researching for this review I found that there are number of other books by the author and illustrator available in French, it is a pity they are not available in English.)

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