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From Eve to Esther, from the Samaritan woman at the well to the widow with her two mites, many women in the Bible have made courageous choices. All through the ages, women have chosen to help, to solve problems, to stand up for others, to strengthen families, and to follow God no matter what. Girls Who Choose God invites young readers (and those who love them) to make important choices of their own, following the examples of great women in the scriptures. With breathtaking illustrations, beautifully told stories, and insightful discussion questions, this delightful book is perfect for sharing, reading aloud, and drawing children into the scriptures.

Illustrated by Kathleen Peterson

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## Jessica says

Unique book focusing on women of the bible. Set in a format to learn and ask questions. Beautiful art.

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## Jenny's says

I can't begin to count the numerous times I have heard derogatory comments about Eve. From the time I was a little girl through adulthood I occasionally heard jokes, parodies, and slander about Eve and her daughters (my sex in general). I didn't grow up in a particularly religious family. There was nothing that countered those impressions I developed early on. This was simply what I saw and heard out in the world. At a young age I got the idea I was somehow inferior, and lacking judgement. That men were noble and created in God's image. Women being less. Life soon rectified those early beliefs. Nothing being that simple. Not all men are noble, and not all women temptresses out to corrupt. Our nature's being more complicated.

The jokes and slander still exist today, although maybe not taken as literally as they seemed to me as a child. (Actually, forgive me for that mis-statement because those beliefs still exist far to prevalently throughout the world). So what's the point?

A sweet and gentle children's book came to my attention. After reading it, I thought how wonderful it would have been to have such a book read to me as a child.

It has ferociously empowering idea's about women. Particularly women who choose God. The pages are filled with the stories of women and girls from the Bible, beginning with Eve.

Some of these women aren't even identified with names in scripture. Others like Esther, and Mary are better known. These stories are alive, brilliant and beautifully written. Accessing wonder, amazement, and gratitude for their courage. I could not help myself. I pondered their circumstances and choices. A great basis for dialog between mothers and daughters, fathers, sons and the human family that finds relevance today.

So how does a children's book pull this off?

Beautifully!

A collaborative effort of what must be three amazing women. I can't imagine the words without the paintings they are perfectly matched. They blend story and vision joyfully. The art is warm in tone, color and feel. I cannot overstate how alive and precious the book feels.

One of the strongest elements of the stories are the deliberate way it asks the reader to question themselves. Ending each story experience with a question to the reader.

It leaves the story in the readers hands asking us how will we continue the story? A sense of building upon their story and creating our own.

"EVE

Eve was the first woman ever to live on earth. She lived in a beautiful, perfect place called the Garden of Eden. . .

Eve had a choice to make. She could continue a life of ease in the Garden of Eden

or

she could have children and gain more experience to become like God. . .

Eve made a courageous choice to leave the garden of Eden. She found great joy and growth in having a family--even though it was not always easy. Because of Eve's decision, each of us has the gift of life on earth. We experience the wonder of our bodies, the sweetness of strawberries, and the grandeur of mountains. We are all grateful for glorious Mother Eve.

When have you made a courageous choice?"

Yes, I'm completely enamored with the book. and no I'm not related to anyone who created it. For many reasons I love this book. The greatest reason was the way It made me feel. I wanted to share it with everyone.

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### **Roma Jones says**

I am devoting this year to studying women in scripture so I was really really excited when I opened this book up on Christmas. The lack of women's stories and voices in scripture have always bothered me so when I found out about this book I was ecstatic to share and empower with all the young girls in my life with their stories. Though the stories in this book are simplified I loved the way they were presented and told. And the illustrations are absolutely magnificent. I will be holding on to this book for a very long time.

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### **Lynn says**

My daughter and son-in-law gave me this book for Christmas because they know how much I enjoy inspiring children's books. I loved this book. It is filled with stories from the Bible of women who've made courageous choices. After each story, there's a question that opens up a discussion with your child about making good choices. I highly recommend it for parents looking for a quality Christian book for their child.

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### **Julie says**

Lately, when I've been studying the scriptures, I've been looking specifically for when women are mentioned and how their lives and examples might apply to me. I think the women of the Bible are so interesting because there's such a wide diversity of positions with queens mentioned, all the way down to slaves. There are mothers, women who long to be mothers, sisters, cousins, and friends. The women of the Bible are truly worthy of study.

The new book, *Girls Who Choose God, Stories of Courageous Women From the Bible* is an illustrated book of selected women from the Bible. It gives a brief summary of their life and a choice they were faced with. You turn the page to find out what choice they made.

I liked the simple way it was presented and read it with my younger children. They were fascinated by the illustrations because they are quite unusual. There were several things to discuss from the illustrations alone! I liked the way once the choices were revealed, that there was a little question at the end to spark a discussion on what you would do if faced with such a choice. It's a great book for anyone with children who want to learn more about the women of the Bible. Could also be easily used in a Family Home Evening setting.

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### **Heather says**

In a world where children will be forced to make some hard decisions, *Girls Who Choose God* gives them examples of women from the Bible to look up to and emulate. With stunning hand painted illustrations by Kathleen Peterson this book is a work of art. My children are still a bit young to truly enjoy them, but we will be using it as a read aloud and Sunday School tool. The authors highlight strong women and ask readers a question at the end of each story. A wonderful addition to your library and a great way to get discussion going about what you would do in a difficult situation to be more like these girls in the scriptures. *Girls Who Choose God* has a multi-cultural and ethnic feel. The pages are vibrant. Love the message!

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### **Sara Snarr says**

One of the best religious children's books I've come across. Lovely inspired drawings. Thoughtfully chosen and presented stories. We don't often talk about courageous faithful women of God in scripture. Here are a few worth knowing.

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### **Segullah says**

Now, I don't take umbrage with the Book of Mormon not having many named women. I understand it was a different time, culture, age. What I take umbrage with is myself– I had completely missed all the women, though I have read the Book of Mormon more than a dozen times.

Why did I miss the women? Simply because they often are not named? Because they are not shown as the lead role in the story? We need to get better at recognizing and honoring women's participation in the God's work... and not just one narrow type of work but a broad spectrum of contribution. We can all contribute with whatever gifts we have.

For example, I am feisty. I admit this, I even had it listed in my online dating profile. (Despite my mother's pleas I tone down the word, I left it. I thought anything else would be false advertising.) However, there was a period of time when I worried about whether it was ok that I was such a firebrand. I was not very soft or tender or mild or any of those sorts of things that seemed (to me) to get held up as the way a Mormon woman

should be.

It was about the same time when I got called to be the seminary teacher. When the branch president laid his hands on my head to set me apart he ran through the usual mantle...and then paused...

To read this entire feisty review, please visit our blog: <https://segullah.org/daily-special/gi...>

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### **Anna says**

Another excellent book about women in the scriptures - this time featuring women in the Bible. Again, this is the perfect book for a baptism or for any LDS children who want to learn more about women in the Bible.

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### **Tiana says**

I think this book is must-have. I love the message and the illustrations.

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### **Jennifer Strong says**

This book highlights the courageous women in the Bible. Though their stories have always been available, this book makes these women and their incredible stories truly accessible. From Eve to Deborah to Mary and Martha the courageous actions of each woman are presented. Each page gives a short synopsis of the events occurring in each woman's life and presents the reader with choices she could make. The next page gives the end of her story and the courageous choice she made followed by a discussion question for the reader. The scriptural references for the stories are found at the bottom of each page as well.

How wonderful it is to find a book highlighting spiritually strong women! The art is gorgeous! Each story has three pictures- one small location image at the beginning of each story, a portrait of the woman or women highlighted, and a framed image of the woman in action. The text is short and well written, perfect for introducing these Biblical characters to children. The choices each woman faces are choices we face ourselves today. How can we bring our family together? How can we peacefully solve problems? Will we choose to lead? Will we stand up for others? Will we make time for gospel learning? I love that this book shows women being spiritual leaders and role models, and that it shows that their concerns mattered and their actions made a difference.

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### **Katie W says**

I loved the way each story was set up. A woman from the Bible was introduced and a brief synopsis of her story was given in a very simple way. At the end of the page, a choice was given--she could do this or she could do that. The next page told what that particular woman chose to do. A question was then asked about a situation or choice the reader has made. The questions always had to do with the story and was a great way to personalize things to the reader. I read this aloud with my two youngest children and we talked about those questions and thought about things that we've done to answer them. This book can be as simple or as

thoughtful as you want it to be. It can be read straight through or used as a great tool to have some fun discussions. As a bonus, the pictures were beautiful!

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### **Antoinette Scully says**

This is really hard for me to rate this book due to my religious bias. I will say I liked it but completely shocked by the framing of each story. On face value, the artwork is amazing and each woman is depicted as strong, gentle, and wise.

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### **Catherine says**

This is a good picture book for helping children learn more about brave, righteous women in the Bible.

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### **Krista says**

I absolutely love this book! I'm using this book as my spine this month for my homeschooling bible lessons. My kids adore the illustrations and learning more about the women in the bible! Such a spectacular read for adults, as well as, children.

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