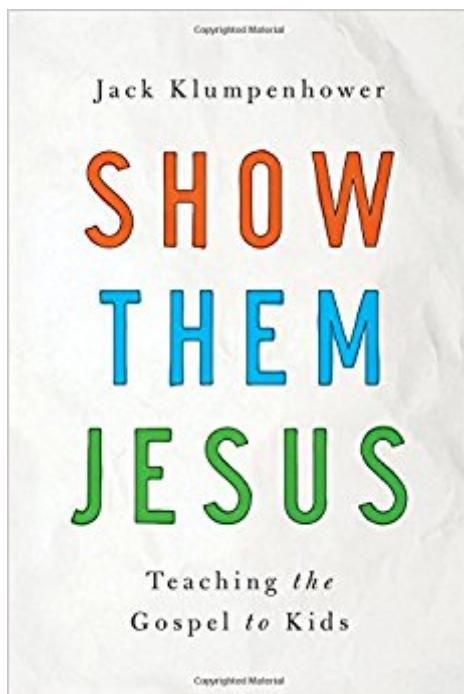


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# Show Them Jesus: Teaching The Gospel To Kids



## **Synopsis**

Millions of church kids are growing up and deciding to leave the church. They listened attentively in Sunday school, made friends, and seemed committed. But one day, they quit. What happened? The Bible says we love God because he first loved us. So if we are not primarily teaching our kids about God's love for us in Christ, we may miss our opportunity to capture their hearts. But what does it look like to teach a gospel-centered lesson? *Show Them Jesus* is an instruction manual for teachers of kids and teens written by a lay Bible teacher with 30 years experience. With a simple framework and lots of real-life examples, Klumpenhower's book helps teachers to identify and communicate the heart of the gospel to each child in each lesson. Conventional wisdom says, Make class more fun! Or just, Make it easier! But *Show Them Jesus* challenges the culture of low-stakes, low-expectations teaching and invites teachers to do nothing less than teach and treasure the good news of Jesus in every lesson. *Show Them Jesus*'s how-to approach will compliment and enrich existing lessons or teaching materials and is appropriate for teachers of children and teens in any setting.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am so thankful for New Growth Press for publishing, *Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids*, by Jack Klumpenhower. It is PHENOMENOL!!!!- No exaggeration! It has encouraged and challenged me, equipped and highly motivated me to share, teach and know the Gospel, BUT more than anything else, it has helped me see Jesus in a way that has made me fall in love with Him all over again!!! After chapter 3 I was already calling people on the phone to tell them to get the book!

After chapter 7, I just cried. Jack's emphasis on Jesus in telling the account of "Martha and Mary" just floored me. I have always identified with Martha in the story and always felt scolded and unapproved of when I hear the account. But looking at Jesus instead of just Martha's response to Him, helped me to see how much Jesus loved and was caring for Martha even in her worry and sin. It helped me believe how much He loves me in the midst of my own worry and sin!!!! Just like the author confessed in the chapter for himself--I realized how much I have taught my kids about a "puny Jesus" or a "flat character" in a story instead of the interesting, complex, full Son of God the Bible shows Him to be- if I really look at Him instead of trying to find some moral or principle to emulate. The book also does a fantastic job dealing with questions about Grace and Obedience. There is a whole appendix in the back called "Twelve Answers to the Objection That teaching God's Grace Leads to Lax Obedience". This has been such a huge issue in the church and I think he communicates his view so clearly-I loved it! This is a book that looks like it is just for people involved in children's ministry. It is an excellent resource for that....and for youth ministry....

Show Them Jesus: Teaching the Gospel to Kids is a new title from Jack Klumpenhower and New Growth Press that seeks to turn teachers and parents hearts toward the Gospel in their teaching rather than simply moralistic lessons. There are plenty of "dare to be a Daniel" lesson plans and Klumpenhower aims to show readers that there needs to be more "look at Jesus' work" teaching going on in the church. Our natural default is to always look at our works, either our good works which leads us to thinking that God is pleased with our effort, or our bad works which leads to a God who is angry with our pitiful sins. Instead, the church (all ages) needs to gain a clearer picture and understanding of the perfect righteousness that is imputed to us by the work of Christ and how we can find our rest and identity in Him alone, not our good/bad works. Klumpenhower sounds the gospel bell loudly for all to hear and anyone who teaches children whether in church or at home should take notice to what he has to say. The following quote is probably the best summary of the book I could give, so I will let Klumpenhower himself give it. He states: Typical religion is about doing what your god or gods require; it's following your beliefs and methods to achieve some goal or approval..... Let's face it: Christianity is often packaged this way. Live a good life and things will go well for you. Find the right spiritual resources and you'll be blessed. Ask Jesus into your heart and you'll be saved. This is why many people say all religions are the same. In some sense, they're right. But Jesus didn't bring typical religion. He brought good news.... The principle [of news] is, "Here's what happened, and it will change your life."

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