

# Heaven is for Real for Little Ones

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Heaven is for real, and you are going to like it!

Colton Burpo came back from his trip to heaven with a very important message: Jesus really, really loves children. In an effort to reach even more families with this eternally significant story, Heaven Is For Real is now simplified and told in a board book format for little ones. Young children will receive the same comfort and assurance that so many older kids have received from the picture book.

Beautifully illustrated under Colton's direction, Heaven Is for Real for Little Ones can help parents introduce the concept of heaven to toddlers and preschoolers. It's never too early to let children know that Jesus really loves them and has a special place for them in heaven!

Todd Burpo is pastor of Crossroads Wesleyan and a volunteer fireman. He and his wife, Sonja, have four children: Colton is an active teenager; he has an older sister, Cassie; a younger brother, Colby; and a very special sister he met in heaven. Sonja Burpo is a busy mom and pastor's wife. A certified elementary teacher, Sonja is passionate about children's ministry and helping women work through the difficulty of miscarriage.

Sonja Burpo is a busy mom and pastor's wife. A certified teacher in the state of Nebraska, she has taught in the public school system both in Oklahoma as well as in Imperial. Sonja is passionate about children's ministry and helping women through the difficulty of miscarriage. If you have a television, you've probably seen Colton Burpo, the boy who died and went to heaven, and then returned to tell about it. The original Heaven Is for Real (2010) spent time on the New York Times best-seller list, so not unexpectedly a spin-off for children is now available. One of the book's major problems is that nowhere does it mention how Colton got to heaven (i.e., how his appendix burst and he "died"), so young readers may wonder how it is that Colton knows "Jesus really, really loves children!" Told in first person, Colton's story also describes how he met John the Baptist, Samson, and his great-grandfather, among others. He had extensive conversations with God, and played with animals from dogs to lions. The introduction notes that art was done under Colton's direction to reflect what heaven looks like, which seems to mirror what you might find on cheap greeting cards. Biblical texts extend the art, and eight "questions kids ask" are appended. For instance, do we get wings in heaven? "Colton clearly remembers wings." The original book's popularity may spark demand for this one. Grades K-2. --Ilene Cooper

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The Real Heaven, Heaven has received a lot of attention in recent years as bestselling books and movies have told the stories of people who claim to have been there. But what does the Bible actually say about heaven? What difference does it make? What happens the moment after we die? What will our relationships be like in heaven? Chip Ingram sets aside the hype and myths and digs into the Scriptures to discover what God actually wants us to know about the hereafter. Most importantly, Ingram shows why our understanding of

heaven matters now, in this life. Because what we believe about heaven actually affects us today in ways we may not have imagined.

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