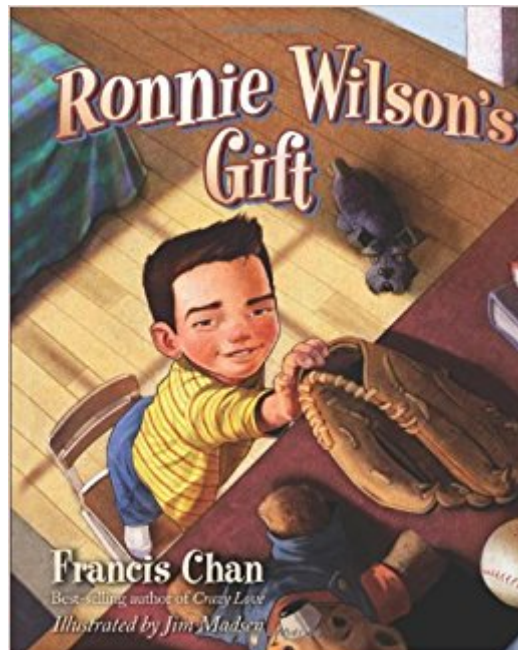




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Ronnie Wilson's Gift



Synopsis

A little boy's attempts to give Jesus a gift teaches him the truth that what he does for others, he does for Jesus. When Ronnie Wilson learns of Jesus's sacrifice, he wants to give Jesus a gift in return. But how can he get it to heaven? With each attempt he performs a simple act of service for someone in need, and eventually learns that what is done for the least in God's kingdom is done for Jesus himself. In the delightfully illustrated book *Ronnie Wilson's Gift*, bestselling author and prolific speaker Francis Chan continues the series of children's parables he began with *Halfway Herbert* and *The Big Red Tractor*.

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Customer Reviews

A pastor and church planter based in San Francisco, Francis Chan speaks to tens of thousands of people around the world every year. Known for his passionate, biblical style, Chan is on the board of World Impact and is the author of *Forgotten God*, *Erasing Hell*, and *Crazy Love*, which has sold nearly two million copies.

At nearly two, our son is starting to enjoy cuddling up to a good book read by his mother or me. We have quite a collection of books that was given to us by his generous grandmother, including great titles from Dr. Seuss and Arnold Lobel. There are good lessons in these for children. There were a

few Christian titles, but we still wanted to expand our boy's choices of Christian children's literature to fuel a hunger after God early in life. As part of that quest, we came across the book, *Ronnie Wilson's Gift* by Francis Chan. The book tells the story of little Ronnie Wilson. One day in Sunday School, Ronnie learns that Jesus gave him the ultimate gift through His death and resurrection. Ronnie is so thankful that he wants to give Jesus a gift in return, but it's hard to get your favorite baseball glove to heaven. During his attempts to send Jesus his gift, Ronnie takes the time to help some people in need. At the end of the book, Jesus appears to Ronnie in a dream and tells him that all those things he did to help others was like doing them for Jesus, so Ronnie gives his baseball glove to a boy in need of one. My wife and I cry every time we read it to our son. Not because the story is particularly moving but because Jesus is particularly moving. That He would empathize so much with those in need that He makes charity given to them equivalent to charity given to Him, our King, is mind-boggling! No wonder we'll sing of His love and His mercies forever. If you're looking for a gift for a child in your life, I whole-heartedly recommend *Ronnie Wilson's Gift*. This review was originally published on my blog--Manifest blog: Entering the Manifest Presence of the Divine.

A great lesson that faith can be shown in practical ways. My kids thoroughly enjoyed this book for years already and my 3 year old enjoyed the book as well

I love this book! I purchased one each for my three children because it is a book I think they should always have. I also have been purchasing more for friends! The message teaches in a very simple way that when you serve others you are ultimately serving Jesus. It is an absolutely wonderful book!

I have triplets (2 boys and a girl) who are 7 and they devoured this book. Most importantly, they really got the message of 'doing for the least of these.' It resonated with them so much that I have heard them re-teach the lesson to one another when given the opportunity to be generous towards another. Highly recommend.

Francis Chan does a great job of writing a book to teach smaller children about Loving God & His Word and still keeping the interest of an adult. My 2 year old wants to read this, as well as Chan's other children's books, w/ his Bible every night before bed time. The illustrations are creative and capture's the attention for readers to making it difficult to get distracted from the story at hand. I also recomend Chan's other children's books if you have little children. "Halfway Herbert" and "The Big Red Tractor and the Little Village".

We saw this book at our church and just got it here while ordering other items. This is a great book on the fundamental principle of showing love for God by serving and giving to others. This is a very simple book in that it's very easy for a toddler to understand. I read it to my 3 1/2 year old and with some very simple explanation of the topic, he was able to understand the main point of the book. The book also includes a letter from the author regarding the spiritual development of our children and that it is the responsibility of the parents to be the main example-setters, not by mere words, but seeing those words in action by our daily living. I highly recommend this book as a way to explain that we, as Christians, should serve "the least of these", because by doing so, we are serving Christ Himself. This book also has a couple of scripture verses that tie into the message of the story. Spend the \$12 for this book... it's worth it's weight in heavenly gold regarding the lesson it teaches about loving and serving our great Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sometimes it is hard to explain this Bible illustration to really small children. It helped my 3 year old "get" this concept of serving others as if they are Jesus himself. I also appreciate the masculine point of view. It seems here lately every book out is about a princess. I would love to see his heart for Bible doctrine illustrated in future children's stories.

This is very touching and well described. My 6 year old boy loves this story and at least he start thinking of sharing from the bottom of his heart.

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