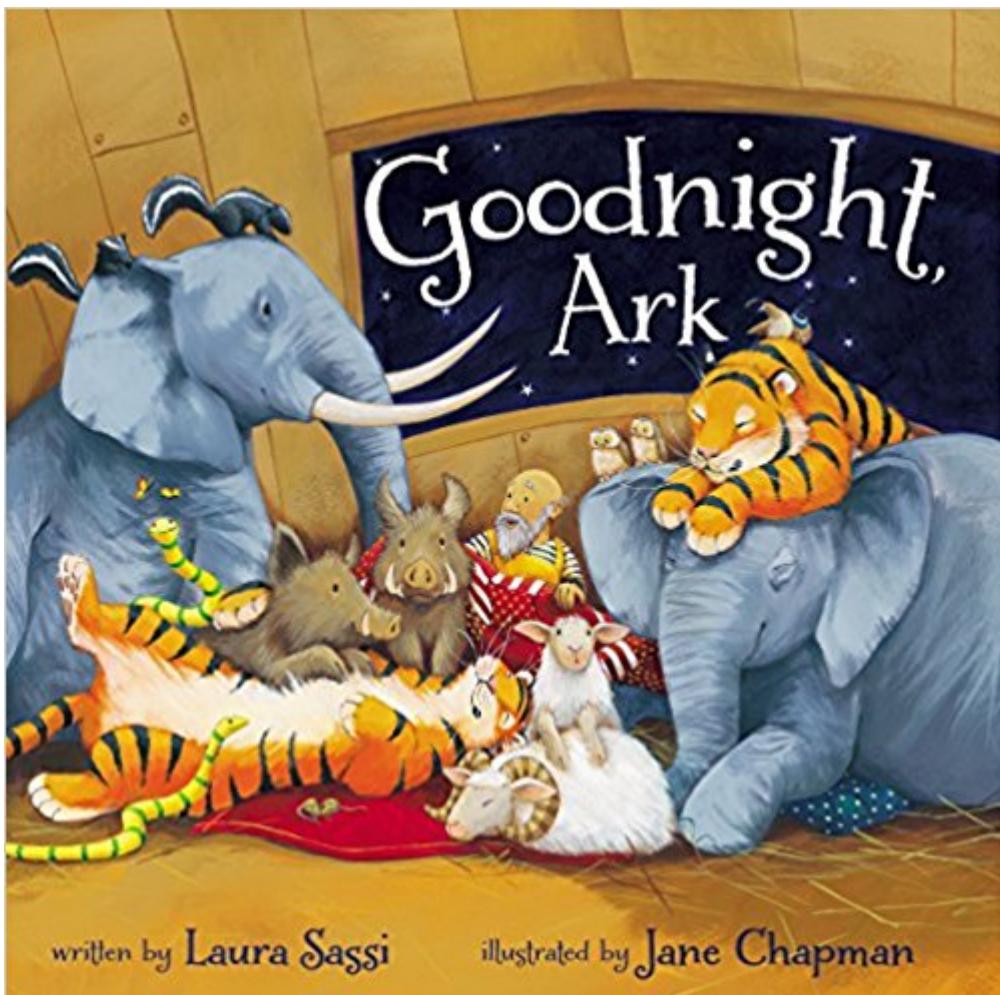


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Goodnight, Ark



Synopsis

The padded board book edition of Goodnight, Ark tells the story of Noah and the animals as they try to sleep through the storm that is raging outside. But when the storm gets louder boars, quails, elephants, snakes and a few other furry friends join Noah in bed, creating quite the commotion! Author Laura Sassi brings a new dimension to one of the Bible's most popular stories, giving a delightful glimpse into the emotional bond between Noah and the animals in his care. With sleek, buoyant verse and eye-catching illustrations by New York Times bestselling illustrator Jane Chapman, this read-aloud bedtime tale is sure to become a favorite of children and parents alike.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

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I ordered this book, sight unseen, as a gift for my niece's new baby. I'm giving it 5 stars because I think Laura Sassi's rhyming story of Noah and the animals is delightfully well done. Jane Chapman's illustrations are also delightful, BUT it REALLY bothers me that she left Noah's wife out of the pictures. In our current culture, when children have fewer and fewer role models of healthy, whole families, to have Noah sleeping in bed with no sign of his wife anywhere is not good. I would encourage parents, teachers, and other caregivers who share this book with children not to ignore this absence. Discuss it with them. Ask them where they think Noah's wife is, since the Bible clearly tells us she's on the Ark. Is she not in bed with her husband, sound to sleep like Noah, because she's off somewhere else on the Ark taking care of Armadillo who's seasick? Or maybe she's being a midwife and helping Mama Rabbit deliver new baby bunnies? Or maybe she started reading a book and it's so interesting, she can't bear to put it down to come to bed until she's finished it? Where do they think Noah's wife might be? This can be a good opportunity for discussion and an opportunity to stimulate creative thinking. But please don't just ignore Mrs. Noah's absence.

This is a lovely big book. The story is sweet and funny. The pictures are eye-catching. Can't imagine any little person not enjoying this little glimpse at a bible story. Very happy I chose it to go with the little ark set I gave my granddaughter for her birthday. KUDOS!

Great book for bedtime. I coupled it with the Aurora World Loppy Giraffe as a shower gift.

My two year old LOVES LOVES LOVES this, and goodnight manger too. He's had to have it read, multiple times, every night since he was 18 months. It is so fun, and easy to read it in an animated way that makes kids love it. Even my 6 and 8 year olds like it! I wish they were printed in true board book format if that makes sense, the kind of board book it is has thinner, bendy pages and a puffy cover. We've gone through three copies because my son often decides to read it by himself after he's been put to bed, that's how much he's into it!

This is my fave book for my new baby girl. its super cute and i had to get the goodnight manger one also! super adorable!!! Good gift for baby showers also!

I ordered this for my 6 yr old and he's asked me to read it over and over. It's a fun take on Noah's Ark and helps reinforce the Bible story. We read it in the middle of the school day to break up the workload that's less fun. Would also be suitable for babies and toddlers. It's a quick read with rhymes and bright, beautiful pictures of animals. You can't go wrong with this one!

Funny, great illustrations. Worth having on your bookshelf. I love to read it as much, if not more, than my 3 year old.

Was a gift for a preschool teacher and was a huge hit with her kids. Great book without bringing religion into class room.

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