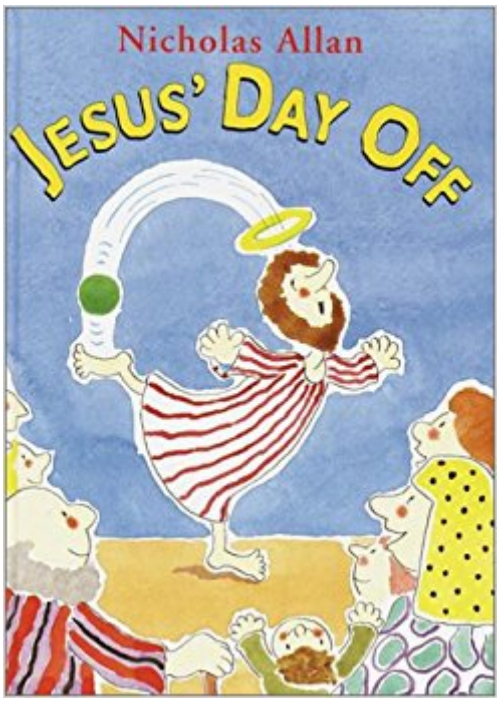
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Synopsis

It’s hard work performing miracles, making up stories for free, and spreading joy throughout the world. So when the miracles start to go wrong, Jesus is told to take the day off, relax, have some fun. . . and he does!

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Prompt & Exactly as described. Love Nicholas Allan!

I have a 3 year old and a 1 year old. This is a fantastic book to introduce small children not only to the BIG concepts of religion (eg: God & Jesus’ parent/child relationship, the apostles, etc...) but to the compelling person of Jesus himself. FAR from blasphemic, irreverent or disrespectful - this book paints a picture of Jesus LIKE the children who read it - but with an even more special relationship to God! Aside from the positive religious message it teaches - the book also puts forward an important message about how - when you take good care of yourself - you can take better care of others. Christians and Non-Christians should be able - through their subsequent talk with their children - put the content into proper perspective for their kids (depending on their views). A fundamentalist could make it a great way to draw kids into their savior. A non-believer could use it to introduce their children to the important historical figure of Jesus. It’s a win/win situation.

Okay first off, I’d like to point out the fact that I am an Atheist and if I was Christian I probably would

burn this book. But from a non-Christian point of view this book is very crazy and insane making it very enjoyable. The plot: It appears ol' Jesus is having a bad day and all his miracles aren't quite what they used to be. (Ex: He tries to walk on water and sinks) So basically the Jesmeister says, "I need a vacation from being a savior for a day. The next 20 or so pages has some hobo doing some crazy antics. (I say hobo because Jesus wouldn't be caught dead doing some of these idiotic things.) If you're a devout Christian, though, I warn you, you are going to HATE this book like the devil himself. But if you're one of the other kinds of people by all means read on.

Jesus' Day Off can be a humorous way to make a point to adults who feel they must maintain control of their time and effort. Only when we all take time off to appreciate God's magnificent creation - both our own bodies and the rest of the universe - can we see that we are not in fact in control. God is. God rested after creation to celebrate the magnificence, and if God can rest, so can we! Amen!

For the record, I am a Christian and I was not insulted by this book. I remember years ago my little sister got this as a gift and she liked it. It's a cute story that little kids can relate to. Overall, a good message.

This book is excellent to teach young children that religion can be fun. The illustrations are fabulous. They really draw the child into the story. In a word, fantastic!

This book is a total insult to Jesus Christ, and most Christians will be very offended by it. The light-hearted comical approach here is way off base- totally inappropriate. Jesus is not some fictitious fairy tale character to be toyed with- He's the real thing, the Son of God (that's what I believe). It's ridiculous to suggest that He sank in the water. Reducing Him to such an irreverant cartoon is shameful. I don't recommend this book to anyone, except as an example of what NOT to write about Jesus. This book couldn't be farther from the real Jesus (it reminds me of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "The Last Temptation of Christ" in the way that it is a total departure from the Biblical portrayal of Christ).

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