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"Kids who read about Abigail will be entertained, feel understood, and, most spectacularly, come away better equipped to press God's good news into their everyday lives."

Caroline Saunders

"Bethany has created a delightful series that helps young readers connect their faith with their everyday life. Abigail's adventures are fun and relatable, delivering valuable lessons for all kids and making this series a great one to add to your bookshelf"

Laura Wifler

Abigail and the Career Day Catastrophe

It's Time to Be a Hero...Right?

t's nearly Career Day, and 9-year-old Abigail is trying to decide what she wants to be when she grows up. She wants to do something that will make God and everyone else proud, so she decides she will be a missionary police officer—a job that she thinks means behaving perfectly and making sure everyone else does too!

But all her efforts seem to backfire. After some helpful Bible teaching from her loved ones about the story of Paul's conversion, Abigail rethinks what it means to make God proud and to "be good"!

This fun, relatable story will help kids to realize that it's only through Jesus that we can please God. And with the Holy Spirit's help, they can become more like Jesus and do good works with him.

The Abigail books are a fiction series designed for children 7 years+. They follow the adventures of 9-year-old Abigail as she figures out what faith means for her everyday life. Young readers are inspired to read the Bible, talk to God, and apply what they believe to their own lives.

About the Author

Bethany McIlrath loves to get lost in a book and to help others discover their next read in her marketing role at The Good Book Company. When she's not reading stories, she's usually writing them or dreaming about them as she comes up with real-life creative adventures for friends, her husband, and a doorbell-like dog named Indy. Serving in children's ministry is also one of her greatest joys.



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Suggested Interview Questions

- 1. How does Abigail's desire to be a missionary police officer hero reflect the way we try to be extra good in our own strength?
- 2. In what ways do you show through Abigail how a constant striving for perfection not only hurts ourselves but also our relationships with others?
- **3.** What do you want kids and their parents to understand about the perfect record of Jesus?
- **4.** How do you use vivid illustrations throughout the story to help explain intangible concepts like the role of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives?
- 5. What made you choose the account of Paul's conversion as the teaching tool Abigail's teacher and parents used to explain what makes us right with God?
- 6. How can parents explain to their kids that their good works don't make God love them more but that he is pleased when they obey?
- 7. What are some Bible passages parents can use to encourage kids who are tempted to try to earn God's love with their achievements?
- 8. What is the biggest takeaway you hope children will receive from this story?

