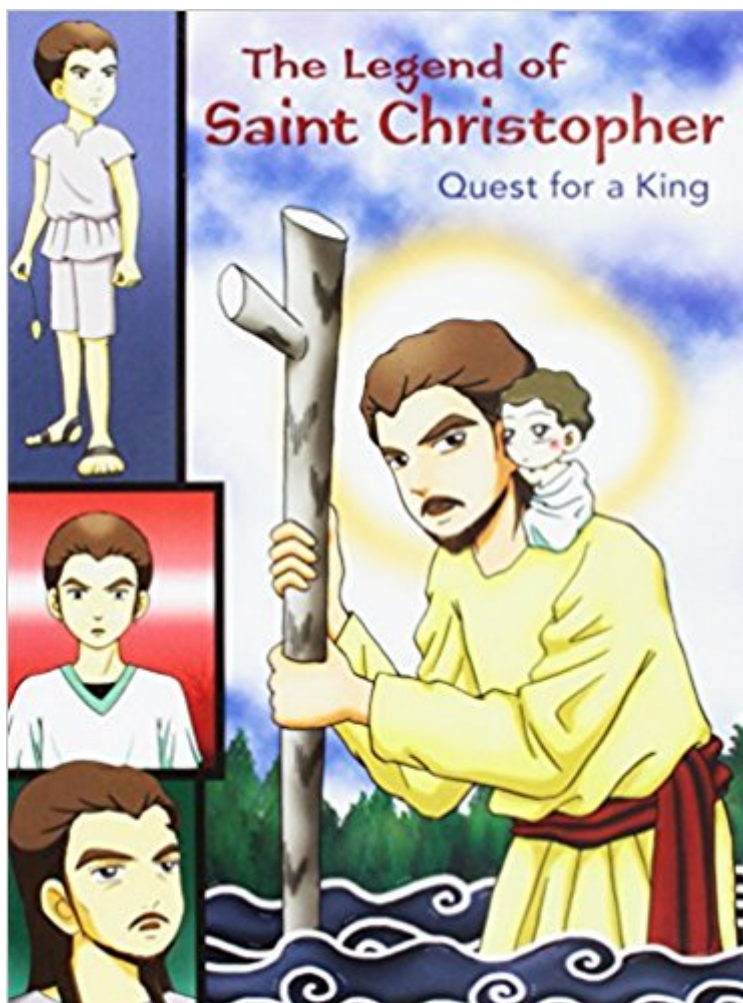


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# The Legend Of St. Christopher: Quest For A King



## Synopsis

This action-packed Shounen-style graphic novel tells the legendary story of St. Christopher for children ages 9 to 12. Known as the patron saint of travelers, St. Christopher had a burning desire to serve only the greatest king. A giant among his peers, he left his home to begin his quest. His journeys led him down many wrong paths to false leaders. Yet once he found what he was searching for he became a model of true Christian strength for us all.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I purchased this book for my grand kids because we had been talking about St. Christopher. They devoured it, from my 12 year old down to my 7 year old any are in the process of reading it over again. Personally, I don't understand some of the calligraphy used in the pictures, but the message of Christopher's search for the most powerful King in the world is spelled out very well. I think that the graphic books hold the kids attention and help the younger ones figure out the words with clues from the pictures. I have purchased another copy to share with our religious education program.

This is the first book from Pauline that I can honestly say I was disappointed in. From the opening page I was apprehensive and that sense of unease only grew as I read the book. My son was really looking forward to reading this together after I finished previewing it. But I have yet to decide if he

will read it. Now I need to be honest and state I am not a graphic novel expert. Every few years I read a few, some I love, some I like and occasionally there is one that I have issues with. This is one. Now to be honest this style of art is not my favorite to begin with. But when you combine that with historical inaccuracies and also what I consider suspect story elements it was hard to keep giving the book more chances. My first major problem is on page 2, Saint Christopher's mother goes to pray at a statue of Mary because she has been married a number of years and has not had a child. I love that element of the story, but the statue has a modern Rosary hanging from Mary's arms. This statue and the Rosary are seen in a few different frames. The Rosary in this form would not be seen for almost 1000 years to the date from this date. The next element of the book that really caused concern was a section where the Devil is attacking a husband and a wife. The wife prays and raises a cross to defend them. And then she screams at and intimidates her husband. Not fitting with the story or events. This book was originally published by Pauline in Korea; the artwork is very consistent with a specific style that may be more fitting in a different culture. Manga as a whole is an import into North America and maybe something with this volume was lost in the cultural translation. For the most part it is the retelling of a great saint's life. The overall story is pretty good. I am just on the fence about recommending this book. I am interested in this series, and loved the other book I read, but this one I am uncertain about.

Pauline Media provided me with a copy of *The Legend of Saint Christopher and Saint Clare of Assisi* in exchange for an honest review. Graphic novels are a hot classroom commodity right now, and for good reason. Vivid illustrations combined with high impact text and dialogue create a page-turner that is perfect for matching reluctant readers with non-fiction text. Pauline Media recognized this need and has a whole new line of graphic novels about Saints, including St. Christopher, St. Clare, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Philip Neri, and more. I've had these in my classroom for about six weeks now, and they have been a huge hit. So popular in fact, these books haven't even made it on the shelf in our Faith Corner yet- they literally are passed from one student to the next as they finish. It is a perfect book to tuck in their desks and read a little at a time- the style of a graphic novel makes it easy to immerse themselves back into the story quickly. I was impressed by the depth that is covered about the lives of these Saints. Besides just being a biography, these books are exposing my students to virtues, decision making, religious life, martyrdom, a good role models. Even though they each have an obvious male or female lead character, that isn't stopping boys and girls from both reading them. Of their own accord, I think just as many of the boys in my room have read about St. Clare as St. Christopher. The style, action, and pacing is attractive and

keeps them reading. These books have been a great addition for my classroom, and I will definitely be adding more to our collection. I think that they would best fit 3rd-6th graders, but could also be a great help for older students when reading is not a strength. Now, I just have to decide what story to order next. Mother Teresa of Kolkata? St. Teresa of Avila? I think I'll poll my students :).

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