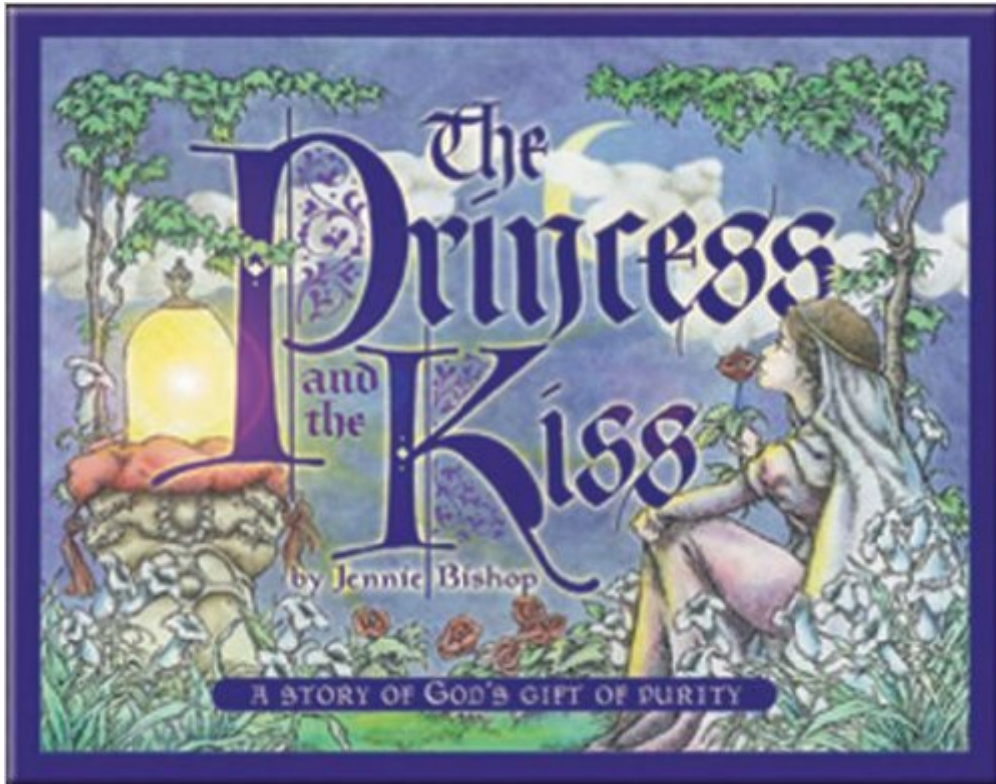


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# The Princess And The Kiss: A Story Of God's Gift Of Purity



## Synopsis

A loving king and queen present their daughter with a gift from God - her first kiss - to keep or to give away. The wise girl waits for the man who is worthy of her precious gift. Where is he and how will she ever find him? The surprising answer in this marvelous parable will touch the heart of parent and child alike. The Princess and the Kiss beautifully portrays the ageless message that "love... comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5 NIV)

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## Customer Reviews

This book was recommended to me by a couple of lady friends whom I deeply love and respect so I was very sad to see how far short it fell of expectations. The story, intended for girls age 4-8, is typical of children's fairy tale direct toward girls. It begins with the birth of the beautiful baby princess to the good King and Queen. In their love they gave her a special gift from God, her first kiss. When the princess comes of age, the King and Queen tell her about this special gift that she can give to any man she chooses. They warn her to be careful who she chooses and to save it for the man she marries. After she turns down several unsuitable :-> suitors, caricatures of men of poor character, she is visited by a humble farm boy who has nothing to give but his own special kiss which he has saved for her. I will say that the story contains a nice idea of a man and woman saving their special "gifts" for one another. While the purpose of the story is a good one, it falls short of encouraging

girls to respect and cherish their purity and paints a mildly insulting picture of girls altogether. The first mistake was the use of "Kiss" as a metaphor for purity. A kiss is not metaphorical enough, in this context, and can easily be taken literally. Even if you explain that the book is talking about purity, it can impress upon a little girl a legalistic, puritanical fear that if she kisses a boy she has lost her purity. Secondly, the suitors are poor and overly simplified representations of real men the reader may encounter one day. We do a disservice to our children when we teach them that bad men look bad all the time and good men look good. Good husbands are sometimes (often!) strong, romantic, and rich and bad husbands often appear humble.

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