



## 29 Teens In the Bible

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The following are the 29 young people from the Bible and their stories as told in *Teen People of the Bible*. (New Hope, 2007)

1) Cain –

**Story:** Cain's open rebellion against God resulted in his tragic choice to kill his brother.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 3:1 through 4:5

2) Abel –

**Story:** Abel lived a short, but meaningful life. His name means "whisper", but his testimony for God spoke volumes.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 3:1 through 4:5

3) Isaac –

**Story:** Isaac was born for a special purpose and had the faith to give up his life for God.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 22

4) Rebekah –

**Story:** Rebekah displayed extraordinary faith on an ordinary day and embarked on a radical journey of faith.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 24

5) Esau –

**Story:** He bartered away his future for momentary pleasure. His life was an unending series of regrets and misfires.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 25:20-34

6) Jacob –

**Story:** Jacob exploited his friends and his family for his own gain, but a radical encounter with God set him on course.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 25-28

7) Leah –

**Story:** She couldn't live up to anyone's expectations and battled depression and insecurity.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 29

8) Rachel –

**Story:** She was the favored sister, the girl that everyone wanted to have. She struggled with pride her entire life.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 29-30

9) Joseph –

**Story:** Joseph was betrayed, resisted sexual temptation, and was falsely accused and yet trusted God enough to see God's will prevail.

**Where in the Bible:** Genesis 37-39

10) Miriam –

**Story:** Her quick thinking not only saved her brother's life—it saved an entire nation.

**Where in the Bible:** Exodus 2:1-10

11) Moses –

**Story:** Moses left all the perks of his royal life to identify with God's people.

**Where in the Bible:** Acts 7:20-25; Hebrews 11:23-27

12) Rahab –

**Story:** Rahab left behind a checkered past and embraced the grace of a loving God. She became part of Israel's history.

**Where in the Bible:** Joshua 2

13) Samson –

**Story:** Samson wasted his natural talents, good parents, and golden opportunities and pursued a life of pleasure and pain.

**Where in the Bible:** Judges 13-16

14) Samuel –

**Story:** Samuel's birth was a miracle. As a young man, he listened to God's voice and became an agent of change in a decadent culture.

**Where in the Bible:** 1 Samuel 3

15) David –

**Story:** David was an obscure and overlooked young man who sought God as a teen and never looked back.

**Where in the Bible:** 1 Samuel 16

16) Michal –

**Story:** Michal pinned all her hopes on one man's love and became disappointed and bitter toward God.

Where in the Bible: 1 Samuel 18:28-30

17) Jonathan –

Story: He gave up the throne for his best friend and willingly spent the rest of his life in the shadows of David.

Where in the Bible: 1 Samuel 18:1–4; 23:16–18

18) Solomon –

Story: He began life with such promise, but allowed lust and greed to eat at his soul.

Where in the Bible: 1 Kings 1 and 2:13–25

19) Naaman's Servant –

Story: Her compassion for her slave master helped him find healing and hope.

Where in the Bible: 2 Kings 5:1–14

20) Joash –

Story: He coasted off of the faith of his godly aunt and uncle, but when they passed from the scene, he abandoned God.

Where in the Bible: 2 Chronicles 24

21) Josiah –

Story: Even though he was raised in a non-believing home by parents and grandparents who rebelled against God, Josiah chose to pursue God.

Where in the Bible: 2 Kings 22:1 through 23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:3–7

22) Jeremiah –

Story: At the age of 17, he was called by God to be a prophet in Israel.

Where in the Bible: Jeremiah 1

23) Daniel –

**Story:** He was ripped from his home as a teen and forced to live in a culture that celebrated sensuality, greed, and indulgence. Still Daniel stood tall for God.

Where in the Bible: Daniel 1

24, 25, 26) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego –

**Story:** Like Daniel, they too were ripped from their homeland and forced to live in a culture. And like Daniel, they refused to abandon their faith.

Where in the Bible: Daniel 3

26) Esther –

**Story:** Her grace won the heart of the king and her courage saved her people.

Where in the Bible: Esther

27) Mary –

**Story:** Mary willingly became a teenage mother and raised the Son of God.

Where in the Bible: Luke 1

28) Salome –

**Story:** Instead of living her own life, she allowed others to live through her.

Where in the Bible: Matthew 14:1-12

29) Lunch Boy –

**Story:** He was the only one who thought Jesus could do the unthinkable—and he gave everything he had.

Where in the Bible: John 6:1-14