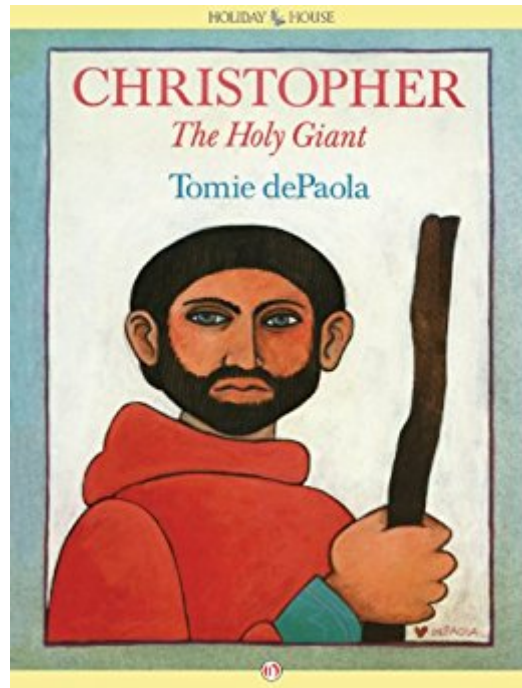




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# Christopher, The Holy Giant



## Synopsis

A stunning picture-book interpretation of the legend of St. Christopher. Because of his stature, Reprobus the giant sets off to serve the most powerful ruler in the world. At one point during his travels, the giant uses his impressive strength to carry travelers across a fast-flowing river. One stormy night, he risks his life to help a small child across. With each step, the river rises higher, the wind blows harder, and his passenger grows heavier. Finally safe on the other side, the child reveals that he is Jesus, and renames Reprobus "Christopher," or "Bearer-of-Christ." Stunning illustrations accompany the dramatic text in this picture book portrayal of the legend of Christopher. This is a fixed-format ebook, which preserves the design and layout of the original print book.

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## Customer Reviews

I learned about Tomie de Paola from watching Barney, of all things, and this was the first book of his we bought. The drawings are bright and well done, and match the text perfectly. This is a good book for introducing religious concepts (devil, Christ Child) to little kids without overtly proselytizing. Also, if your child happens to be named Christopher (as mine is), it is fun for the child to learn what his

name means. I would recommend this book and plan to buy more by this author.

This book tells a story that happened a long time ago about a giant, named Reprobus, who wished to serve the greatest king. He set off on a journey to find this king. First, he came to a great city and thinking that the king of this city was the greatest, he served him. Every time this king heard the devil's name, he made the sign of the cross because he feared him. Reprobus then decided to serve the devil. After finding the devil, he traveled with him and they came upon a cross, and the devil shook with fear. Learning that the devil was afraid of Christ, who is even more powerful, Reprobus decided to serve Christ. Wandering through the desert Reprobus met an old hermit, who taught him about Christ. The hermit told Reprobus to go to a mighty river on the other side of the desert and help all who wished to cross and so he did. He carried many people across the river, and one stormy night a small child appeared and asked to be carried across the river. As they crossed the river, the waters became higher and the child became heavier. Reaching the other side of the river, Reprobus sat the child down and told him he felt as if he had been carrying the whole world on his shoulders. The child then revealed that he was Jesus and told Reprobus that from that day on he would be known as Christopher, Bearer-of-Christ. This is a great book about St. Christopher for young children.

Many years ago in the 70s I would read this story to my children. They liked it so well I began to tell it to the children in my carpool to keep them quiet so as not to be distracted while driving. Now years later I put out a request for prayer for our daughter Annette who has stage 4 cancer. One of the replies I got was from a young girl who used to be in my carpool. Here is what she said, "January 03, 2014 Dear CeCe: When I think of people of faith in my life that have left an indelible impression on me you are one of them. I often wonder if you were ever sick and tired of telling me the story of Saint Christopher. You would tell me the story every time I asked for it. I always think about the story of Saint Christopher when the world is heavy on my shoulders and I endure. Thank you for the blessing of that story. In His name, Gina." One of our best teaching tools as parents is the telling of stories. I highly recommend Christopher: The Holy Giant!! In His name, Gina

Such a wonderful book from a fantastic author. I love the story of St. Christopher and now my kids do too!

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