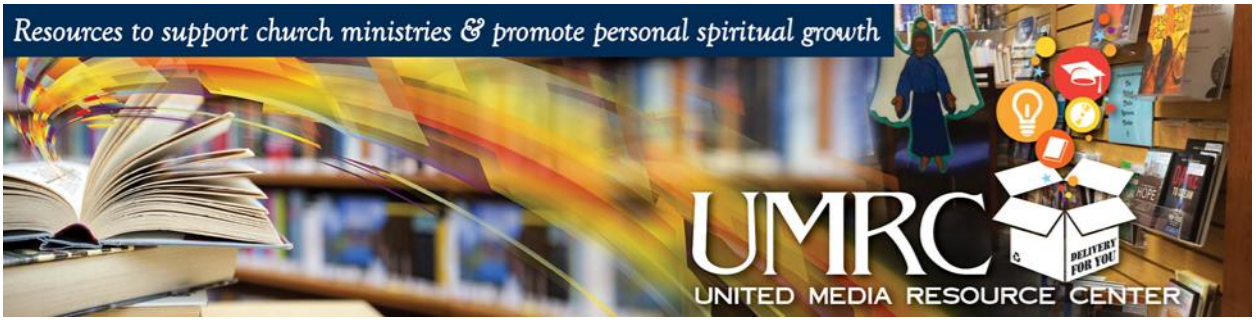


Books for Children – selected titles

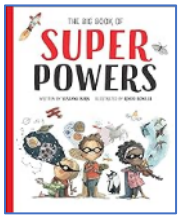
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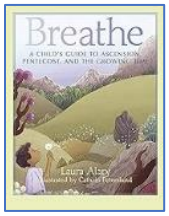
AMAZING FACES (811048) Author: Hopkins, Lee Bennett. A collection of poems focusing on universal emotions as expressed by poets from diverse backgrounds. Illustrated with beautiful full-color illustrations. Age: elementary age. 32 Pages.



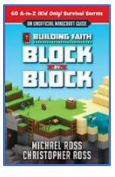
BE THE CHANGE, MAKE IT HAPPEN: BIG AND SMALL WAYS KIDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE (818092) Author: Russell, Bernadette. This colorful book shares ideas for simple, inexpensive ways to make the world a better place. Sunday school or youth classes can use these ideas to explore how the decisions they make can impact the world and how they can encourage positive change in themselves and others. See also: 'Do Nice, Be Kind, Spread Happy: Acts of Kindness for Kids' (#818091). Illustrated by David Broadbent. Age: elementary – middle school. 81 Pages.



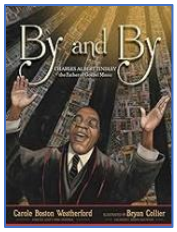
BIG BOOK OF SUPERPOWERS (820162) Author: Isern, Susanna. Superheroes have superpowers, abilities like strength or invisibility or flight. But did you know that ordinary kids have superpowers too? From dancing to reading to persistence and optimism, all of us have a superpower that makes us special and unique, a special ability that enables us to make a difference in the world. What's your superpower? With eighteen half-page stories of kids with everyday superpowers, this picture book will inspire kids to look inside and find what makes them extraordinary! Includes: storytelling, optimism, courage, music, humor, attention, curiosity, patience, reading, agility, memory, organization, cooking, adaptability, perseverance, math, dance, and creativity. Includes full-color illustrations by Rocio Bonilla. Age: elementary. 38 Pages.



BREATHE: A CHILD'S GUIDE TO ASCENSION, PENTECOST, AND THE GROWING TIME (821066) Author: Alary, Laura. This full-color book for children invites us to explore the comings and goings of Jesus and the Spirit through retellings of the biblical stories of Ascension, Pentecost, and when Ananias helped Saul. Moving beyond long ago and far away events, it guides young and old to wonder about and watch for the presence and work of the Spirit here and now, in practices of prayer and mindfulness, through acts of justice, generosity, and kindness, and even in each other. Illustrated by Cathrin Peterslund. Age: elementary. 31 Pages.

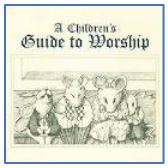


BUILDING FAITH BLOCK BY BLOCK: AN UNOFFICIAL MINECRAFT GUIDE (817125) Author: Ross, Michael and Christopher. Designed for Minecraft fans, this book includes 60 devotions; each one includes a gameplay secret for Minecraft success, a Bible verse, a question for reflection or discussion, and a short devotional reading. Includes an index of topics and Bible verses. Can be used by parents and teachers as a contemporary way to discuss spiritual topics. Age: upper elementary – middle school. 253 Pages.

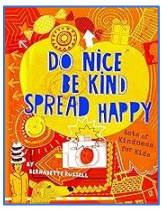


BY AND BY: CHARLES ALBERT TINDLEY, THE FATHER OF GOSPEL MUSIC (821013) Author: Weatherford, Carole Boston. Designed for children ages 4 - 8, this full-color picture book is a biography about gospel composer and preacher Charles Albert Tindley, best known for the gospel hymn "We'll Understand It Better By and By." At a time when most African Americans were still enslaved, Charles Tindley was born free. His childhood was far from easy, with backbreaking hours in the fields, and no opportunity to go to school. But the spirituals he heard as he worked made him long to know how to read the Gospel for himself. Late at night, he taught himself to read from scraps of newspapers. From those small scraps, young Charles raised himself to become a

founding father of American gospel music whose hymn was the basis for the Civil Rights anthem “We Shall Overcome.” Told in lilting verse with snippets of spirituals and Tindley’s own hymns woven throughout, author Carole Boston Weatherford’s lyrical words and Bryan Collier’s luminous illustrations celebrate a man whose music and conviction has inspired countless lives. Includes bibliography. Age: preschool – upper elementary. 41 Pages.



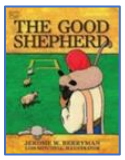
CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO WORSHIP (804260) Author: Boling, Ruth; Muzzy, Lauren; and Vance, Laurie. This picture book is designed to help children understand the various parts of the worship service so that it will become more meaningful for them. Developed for children from age three through third grade. Age: preschool – lower elementary. 19 Pages.



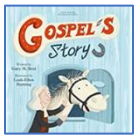
DO NICE, BE KIND, SPREAD HAPPY: ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR KIDS (818091) Author: Russell, Bernadette. This colorful book shares ideas for simple, inexpensive ways to spread kindness to those in your family, neighborhood, school, and community. Sunday school or youth classes can use these ideas to spread kindness to church staff, other church classes, nursing homes, neighborhood helpers, etc. See also: 'Be the Change, Make It Happen: Big and Small Ways Kids Can Make a Difference' (#818092). Illustrated by David Broadbent. Age: elementary – middle school. 91 Pages.



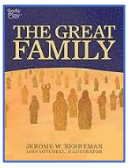
GOLDEN RULE (809072) Author: Cooper, Ilene. In this beautifully illustrated children's picture book, a grandfather introduces the Golden Rule to his grandson and explains that different religions share variations of this simple rule. His grandson thinks of ways he can apply the rule in his own life and they both mention how wonderful it would be if everyone in the world followed the Golden Rule. Illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska. Age: all ages. 33 Pages.



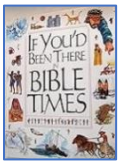
GOOD SHEPHERD: GODLY PLAY (815142) Author: Berryman, Jerome W. In this full-color picture book, children are encouraged to ponder where they are in Jesus' parable of The Good Shepherd. Based on text in Jerome Berryman's 'The Complete guide to Godly Play,' with original art by Lois Mitchell, this book recreates for readers the classroom experience of hearing this great story, yet stands on its own as a book for children in any setting. Age: elementary. 38 Pages.



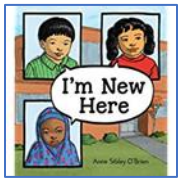
GOSPEL'S STORY (817180) Author: Best, Gary. Through the eyes of his horse, Gospel, this full-color picture book for children tells the story of John Wesley's adventures through England as he overcomes challenges to preach and help the poor. Age: preschool – upper elementary. 34 Pages.



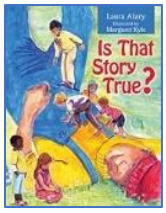
GREAT FAMILY: GODLY PLAY (815141) Author: Berryman, Jerome W. In this full-color picture book, children are encouraged to ponder where they are in the story of Abraham and Sarah, invited by God to become The Great Family. Based on text in Jerome Berryman's 'The Complete guide to Godly Play,' with original art by Lois Mitchell, this book recreates for readers the classroom experience of hearing this great story, yet stands on its own as a book for children in any setting. Age: elementary. 37 Pages.



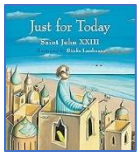
IF YOU'D BEEN THERE IN BIBLE TIMES (807202) Author: Jeffs, Stephanie. This full-color book contains 27 two-page spreads that help children visualize what life was like during significant events in the Old and New Testaments. The center of each spread contains a short retelling of the event. Arranged around the outer edges are facts on clothing, housing, people, animals, weapons, etc. Includes index. Ages 6-9. Age: early elementary. 60 Pages.



I'M NEW HERE (817042) Author: O'Brian, Anne Sibley. In this full-color picture book, three young children (Maria from Guatemala, Jin from Korea, and Fatimah from Somalia), settle into a new school in the United States with support and friendship from new friends. Age: elementary. 30 Pages.



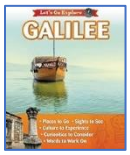
IS THAT STORY TRUE? (817041) Author: Alary, Laura. In this full-color picture book, Maria's mother reads her a variety of bedtime stories (including the Parable of the Lost Sheep) and, when Maria asks if they are true, she explains that some stories can be 'true' even if they didn't actually happen. They tell us something true about our own experiences. Age: preschool – elementary. 29 Pages.



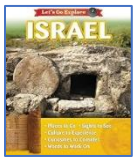
JUST FOR TODAY (816221) Author: Saint John XXIII. This full-color picture book, appropriate for all ages, provides a reminder to make the most of each day. All ages. 27 Pages.



LET'S GO EXPLORE EGYPT (816201) Author: Washburn, Kim. In this full-color picture book, Let's Go Explore Egypt , young readers travel to the holy land of Egypt. Complete with photographs, maps, vocabulary call-outs, fun facts, and more, this is the perfect resource for the young explorer. Read about the Biblical significance and history of Israel as well as current and curious information about foods, clothes, places of interest, and other pertinent facts of interest. Age: elementary. 48 Pages.



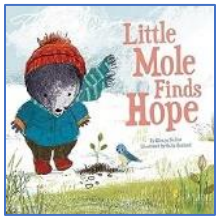
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LET'S GO EXPLORE ISRAEL (816203) Author: Washburn, Kim. In this full-color picture book, Let's Go Explore Israel, young readers travel to the holy land of Israel. Complete with photographs, maps, vocabulary call-outs, fun facts, and more, this is the perfect resource for the young explorer. Read about the Biblical significance and history of Israel as well as current and curious information about foods, clothes, places of interest, and other pertinent facts of interest. Age: elementary. 48 Pages.



LET'S GO EXPLORE JERUSALEM (816204) Author: Washburn, Kim. In this full-color picture book, Let's Go Explore Jerusalem, young readers travel to the holy land of Jerusalem. Complete with photographs, maps, vocabulary call-outs, fun facts, and more, this is the perfect resource for the young explorer. Read about the Biblical significance and history of Israel as well as current and curious information about foods, clothes, places of interest, and other pertinent facts of interest. Age: elementary. 48 Pages.



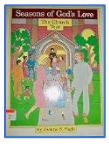
LITTLE MOLE FINDS HOPE (821014) Author: Nellist, Glenys. In this full-color picture book designed for ages 3 – 6, author Glenys Nellist and illustrator Sally Garland tell an endearing story sure to lift the spirits of people emerging from the cold of winter or a challenging season of life and inspire them to look for signs that spring will come again. When Little Mole is feeling sad in his dark, underground home, his mother shows him how to look for hope. He finds that signs of spring are everywhere, from the daffodil bulbs under the soil to the tiny buds on the branches above. Hope can be found--even in the darkest places. Includes discussion questions for children and notes for parents and caregivers. Age: preschool – lower elementary. 28 Pages.



LUIS Y MIA/MIA AND LUIS (818148) Author: Reyna, Monica and Zimmerman, L.J. This paperback book for children is a flip-over book that tells the story of a cross-cultural friendship from each child's perspective. Luis is the child of Mexican immigrants and Mia is a White American child. Their story begins when Mia makes a culturally insensitive remark to Luis. Prayer and thoughtful conversations with family help Luis and Mia move past this rocky start and develop a lasting friendship. Mia's story explores important issues such as what makes someone American, biblical perspectives on immigrants, and how to make amends. Luis's story explores issues such as cultural pride, challenges faced by immigrants, and forgiveness. This book, with both English and Spanish text, will help children ages 6-9 understand the importance of showing love to people who are different, apologizing when you're wrong, forgiving one another, and making everyone feel welcome. Age: elementary. 60 Pages.



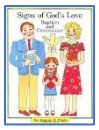
MAYBE GOD IS LIKE THAT TOO (817278) Author: Grant, Jennifer. Every child wonders where God lives or what God is like. In this full-color picture book, a young boy asks his grandma where God is in their city. She invites him to pay attention to where he sees the fruit of the Spirit. Where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are, there too is God. The boy sees God in the kindness of a doorman holding the door for a man using a wheelchair, in the patience of his teacher helping him tie his shoes, and in the love, faithfulness, and gentleness of his grandma. An ordinary day in his city opens this young boy's eyes to God's Spirit at work all around him. Illustrations by Benjamin Schipper. Age: elementary. 29 Pages.



SEASONS OF GOD'S LOVE: THE CHURCH YEAR (826390) Author: Fogle, Jeanne S. This full-color picture book for children explains the special days and seasons in the Christian church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. Age: lower elementary. 32 Pages.



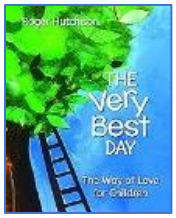
SEEDS OF CHANGE: PLANTING A PATH TO PEACE (811047) Author: Johnson, Jen Cullerton. A biography of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize winner and environmentalist Wangari Maathai, a female scientist who made a stand in the face of opposition to women's rights and started her own Green Belt Movement, an effort to restore Kenya's ecosystem by planting millions of trees. Age: elementary. 39 Pages.



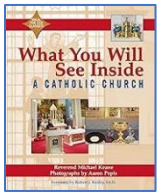
SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE: BAPTISM AND COMMUNION (822044) Author: Fogle, Jeanne S. This full-color picture book for children explains that baptism tells us we belong to God and communion is a sign that tells us that God is with us always. Age: lower elementary. 32 Pages.



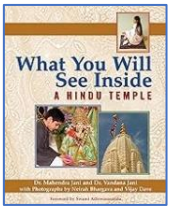
SYMBOLS OF GOD'S LOVE: CODES AND PASSWORDS (822045) Author: Fogle, Jeanne S. This full-color picture book for children explains common Christian symbols: star, dove, cross, lily, butterfly, flame, fish, and more. Age: lower elementary. 32 Pages.



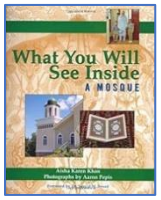
VERY BEST DAY: THE WAY OF LOVE FOR CHILDREN (820027) Author: Hutchison, Roger. This paperback book introduces the practices for a Jesus-centered life for children ages 3-10 and their families. Through accessible language and age-appropriate themes, it specifically addresses children and the importance of rhythm and practice in their lives as Christians. Through a cadence of words and colorful images, children will see how to Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest in daily life as a follower of Jesus. Acquiring such wisdom at an early age will benefit children (and the adults who love them) to learn these practices for a lifetime. Full-color illustrations by the author. Age: preschool – upper elementary. 33 Pages.



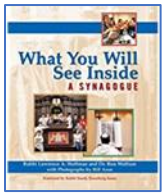
WHAT YOU WILL SEE INSIDE A CATHOLIC CHURCH (807088) Author: Keane, Michael. This book, filled with full-color photographs, is a visual, informative introduction to the traditions of Catholic faith and worship. Designed for use with ages 6 - 10, this book can be used as a resource for all ages. Age: elementary. 31 Pages.



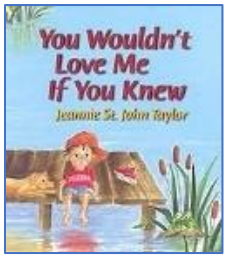
WHAT YOU WILL SEE INSIDE A HINDU TEMPLE (807089) Author: Jani, Mahendra and Vandana. This book, filled with full-color photographs, is a visual, informative introduction to the traditions of Hindu faith and worship. Designed for use with ages 6 - 10, this book can be used as a resource for all ages. Age: elementary. 31 Pages.



WHAT YOU WILL SEE INSIDE A MOSQUE (807090) Author: Khan, Aisha Karen. This book, filled with full-color photographs, is a visual, informative introduction to the traditions of Muslim faith and worship. Designed for use with ages 6 - 10, this book can be used as a resource for all ages. Age: elementary. 31 Pages.



WHAT YOU WILL SEE INSIDE A SYNAGOGUE (807091) Author: Hoffman, Lawrence and Wolfson, Ron. This book, filled with full-color photographs, is a visual, informative introduction to the traditions of Jewish faith and worship. Designed for use with ages 6 - 10, this book can be used as a resource for all ages. Age: elementary. 31 Pages.



YOU WOULDN'T LOVE ME IF YOU KNEW (819019) Author: Taylor, Jeannie St. John. This story of forgiveness tells of a little boy who does something "bad" for which he thinks he cannot be forgiven. He does a number of "good" things, but every time someone thanks him and says that he is "good," he feels "bad." His mother assures him that she can forgive him and that Jesus will as well. We never know what the "bad" thing actually is as he whispers in his mother's ear, which will allow each child to identify with the situation. Ages 5-8. Includes a note to parents on how to talk to children about this topic. Age: elementary. 29 Pages.