

## **Annotated List of Suggested Print Materials for Godly Play Rooms with Links From “Godly Play in Middle and Late Childhood” by Cheryl V. Minor**

This list of print materials is Appendix D in the recently published book, “Godly Play in Middle and Late Childhood.” This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of materials, but is instead a starting point – a place of inspiration for Godly Players looking to deepen their shelves with print materials for children in middle and late childhood.

Below you will find links to where you can purchase these resources. Most are available on Amazon. Some of the older, more classic books can be found in other ways. Please let us know if you need help finding something, or if you have a suggestion for a book that should be added to this list of resources! You can email the author at [cheryl.minor@godlyplayfoundation.org](mailto:cheryl.minor@godlyplayfoundation.org)

### **For your Old Testament Sacred Story shelves.**

Allan, Tony. [\*Pharaohs & Pyramids\*](#). Edited by Abigail Wheatley. Tulsa, Okla.: Usborne Pub Ltd, 2003.

Presents everyday life in ancient Egypt by portraying members of a wealthy family at home and away.

Berryman, Jerome W. [\*The Great Family\*](#). Large type edition. New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2014.

Presents Jerome Berryman’s story “The Great Family” (from The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Volume 2) in picture book format.

Delval, Marie-Helene. [\*Psalms for Young Children\*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2008.

This collection of Psalms, paraphrased for children, uses simple imagery to help children express their feelings using the words of the Psalms.

Gallery, Philip D. [\*Can You Find Bible Heroes?: Introducing Your Child to the Old Testament\*](#). Cincinnati, Ohio: Franciscan Media, 1998.

Children can find objects and people hidden in illustrations depicting Old Testament stories.

Hastings, Selina. [\*Noah’s Ark: And Other Bible Stories\*](#). New York: DK Pub, 1994.

Stories from the books of Genesis and Exodus, together with information about life in Old Testament times.

Ladwig, Tim. [\*Psalm Twenty-Three\*](#), New York, NY: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 1997. The text of the familiar psalm comparing God to a loving shepherd accompanies illustrations which shows the world of love and fear faced by an urban African-American family.

Manushkin, Fran. [\*Miriam's Cup: A Passover Story\*](#). 1st edition. New York: Scholastic Press, 1998. Read on YouTube [here](#).

An illustrated celebration of the role of Miriam in the Exodus story recounts how she persuaded her parents to defy the pharaoh and give birth to her brother Moses and used her miraculous well to help her people survive.

McDermott, Gerald. [\*Creation\*](#). 1st edition. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2003. McDermott uses poetic language and abstract art to invite contemplation on God's creation.

McKellar, Shona, and Masahiro Kasuya. [\*Beginning of the Rainbow\*](#). London England: Evans Bros., 1977.

A re-telling of the story of the Ark and the Flood from Genesis, Chapter 9.

Mead, Joy. [\*The Telling Place\*](#). Scotland, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2002.

A book of reflections on stories of women in the Bible. Joy Mead imagines the women mentioned in the Bible as central to their own stories, rather than appearing briefly on the margins of a narrative which reflects a world perceived and led by men.

Petras, Ross, and Kathryn Petras. [\*Fandex Family Field Guides: Old Testament: Stories from the Bible\*](#). New York: Workman Publishing Company, 2001.

Introduces important figures from the Old Testament. Each entry is illustrated with a selection of images from paintings, sculpture, and illuminations, and includes notes on names and lineage.

Poole, Susie. [\*A Time for Everything\*](#). Reprint edition. B&H Kids, 2017.

An illustrated children's version of Ecclesiastes 3.

Publishing, DK *Discoveries: Tutankhamun: The Life and Death of A Pharaoh*. New York: DK CHILDREN, 1998.

Relates the story of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and what it revealed about the funeral rites of the pharaoh.

Ross, Hammer Lillian, and Kyra Teis. [\*Daughters of Eve: Strong Women of the Bible\*](#). English Language edition. New York: Barefoot Books, 2000.

Inspirational stories Jewish women of the Bible who stood up for their beliefs and emerged triumphant--including Ruth, Abigail, Miriam, Zipporah, and Esther--dramatize their lives and daily struggles.

Sasso, Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg. [\*But God Remembered: Stories of Women from Creation to the Promised Land\*](#). 1st edition. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights, 2008.

A collection of stories that gives voices and names to women from biblical and ancient times whom we seldom remember, Lillith, Serach, Bityah, and the Daughters of Z.

Seeger, Pete. [\*Turn! Turn! Turn!\*](#) Book and CD-ROM edition. New York: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2003.

A picture book of the well-known song by Pete Seeger, based on Ecclesiastes 3.

Swartz, Nancy Sohn. [\*In Our Image: God's First Creatures\*](#). 1st edition. Jewish Lights, 2011.

In this telling of the story of Creation, God asks all of nature to offer gifts to humankind—with the promise that the humans would care for creation in return.

Tord, Bijou Le. [\*Noah's Trees\*](#). Harpercollins Childrens Books, 1999.

Noah nurtures his trees, planning to give them to his sons, but God has another use for them in mind.

Tutu, Desmond, and Nancy Tillman. [\*Let There Be Light\*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Zonderkidz, 2014.

Bishop Tutu portrays the wonder and beauty of the biblical story of God's work during the seven days of creation.

Wilson, Anne. [\*The Lord Is My Shepherd\*](#). Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans Pub Co, 2003.

An illustrated version of Psalm 23.

Young, Ed. [\*Genesis\*](#). First American Edition. New York: Harpercollins Children's Books, 1997.

Provides the story of Creation, from the Book of Genesis.

### **For our New Testament Sacred Story shelves**

Hastings, Selina. [\*The Birth of Jesus: And Other Bible Stories\*](#). Dk Pub, 1997.

Bible stories from the early life and teachings of Jesus, including information about life in New Testament times.

Halperin, Wendy Anderson, ed. [\*Love Is . . .\*](#) Simon & Schuster, 2005.

Love is patient. Love is kind .Love never ends.... (From Corinthians 12). Artist Wendy Anderson Halperin brings the timeless message of love to life in watercolors.

Hastings, Selina. [\*Miracle of Jesus and Other Stories\*](#). London, 1996.

Bible stories about the miracles of Jesus, his Passion and Resurrection, and the deeds of Peter and Paul. All the stories are accompanied by information about life in New Testament times

Hoffman, Mary. [\*Miracles: Wonders Jesus Worked\*](#). New York: Dial, 2001.  
A simple telling of nine miracles performed by Jesus with watercolor illustrations.

Hunt, Angela Elwell. [\*The Tale of Three Trees : A Traditional Folktale\*](#). Abridged edition.  
Colorado Springs, CO: David C Cook, 2001.  
The story of three little trees who dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. Each of their dreams come true in unexpected ways as they all become important parts of the story of Jesus.

Joslin, Mary, and Alison Wisenfeld. [\*Mary, Mother of Jesus\*](#). First edition. Chicago: Loyola Press, 1999.  
The story of Mary is told through the eyes of a wise, old woman sitting under a shady tree, with neighborhood children gathered around. It turns out that the woman is Mary herself, recounting her life with Jesus.

Wildsmith, Brian. [\*Jesus\*](#). First Edition. Grand Rapids, Mich: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2000.  
Wildsmith shares the life of Jesus of Nazareth in a series of illustrations, framed by gold.

### **For your Parable shelves.**

Amery, Heather. [\*The Prodigal Son\*](#). London, England; Tulsa, OK: Usborne Pub Ltd, 1999.  
A re-telling of the Parable of the Prodigal Son with colorful illustrations.

Berryman, Jerome. [\*The Good Shepherd: A Picture Book for Children\*](#). New York, NY: Church Publishing, Inc. 2014.  
This picture book is based on the Parable of the Good Shepherd (*The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, Vol. 3). It uses similar art work to the story found in the Godly Play room.

Carle, Eric. [\*The Tiny Seed\*](#). Natick, MA: Picture Book Studio, 1987. Read on YouTube [here](#).  
A creative spin on the Parable of the Sower.

DePaola, Tomie. [\*The Parables of Jesus\*](#). New York: Holiday House, 1995.  
This collection includes the best-known parables of Jesus: the Prodigal Son, the Mustard Seed, the Lost Sheep, and fourteen others, retold and illustrated by Tomis DePaola.

Hoffman, Mary. [\*Parables: Stories Jesus Told\*](#). New York: Dial, 2000.

A collection of eight parables, presented in accessible language for children and complimented with richly colored illustrations.

Scott, Bernard Brandon. [\*Hear Then the Parable: A Commentary on the Parables of Jesus.\*](#)

Revised ed. edition. Minneapolis Fortress Press: Fortress Press, 1989.

This is a resource book for Godly Play mentors and children in late childhood. It is known as an innovative literary-social reading of all the parables of Jesus.

Tord, Bijou Le. [\*God's Little Seeds: A Book of Parables.\*](#) Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Pub Co, 1998.

Focuses on the parables of the sower and of the mustard seed, demonstrating how God's little seeds can take root and grow in one's heart and life.

### **Reference Texts for the Bible shelf (also known as the Transition shelf)**

Chandler, Fiona, and Susie McCaffrey. [\*Ancient World.\*](#) New York: Scholastic Inc., 2000.

Clear text, illustrations and pictures introduce children to the history of the Ancient world (10,000 BC - 500 AD).

Cross, F. L., and E. A. Livingstone, eds. [\*The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church.\*](#) 3rd Revised edition. Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church is a one-volume reference work on all aspects of the Christian Church.

Hull, Edward. [\*The Wall Chart of World History: From Earliest Times to the Present,\*](#) Facsimile Edition. Revised edition. New York; England: Barnes & Noble, 1999.

Six millennia of world history at a glance, in more than 400 illustrations, creating a 30-foot visual panorama of history.

McAllister, Margaret. [\*Women of the Bible.\*](#) New edition. Oxford: Lion Children's Books, 2013.

A collection of ten bible stories retold from the point of view of the women involved including Noah's wife, Miriam, Ruth, Mary mother of Jesus, Pilate's wife and Mary Magdalene.

Merriam-Webster. [\*Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas,\*](#) New Edition, 2020 Copyright. New Edition, 2020 Copyright. Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2019.

A world atlas for students in grades 5-8. Includes full-color maps, photographs, and easy-to-use charts and graphs.

Nelson, Thomas. [\*Nelson's Student Bible Dictionary: A Complete Guide to Understanding the World of the Bible\*](#). Edited by Ronald F. Youngblood, F. F. Bruce, and R. K. Harrison. Illustrated edition. Nashville, Tenn.: Thomas Nelson, 2005.

Presents close to 2,000 definitions, representing the best in biblical scholarship, accompanied by photographs, illustrations, charts, and maps.

Publishing, D. K. [\*Children's World Atlas\*](#). Revised, Updated edition. New York, N.Y: DK Children, 2011.

Facts, maps, satellite images, and local stories take the reader around the world, from Bolivia's bustling markets to carnival time in Venice.

Robinson, Thomas L. [\*Bible Timeline\*](#). First edition. Full number line. Balwyn, Australia: Thomas Nelson Inc, 1992.

An over-sized book of history during biblical times, beginning with creation through 125 CE. The pages are fold-out, for easy time-line comparison. Includes full-color illustrations.

[\*Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps, and Time Lines\*](#). Special edition. Torrance, Calif: Rose Publishing, 2015.

Includes 216 pages of illustrations, charts, and maps on a variety of Bible topics, with two fold-outs of the genealogy of Jesus, cutaway Tabernacle illustration and Bible Time Line.

### **Bibles and Bible Stories**

DePaola, Tomie. [\*Tomie DePaola's Book of Bible Stories\*](#). Reprint edition. New York: Puffin Books, 2002.

This collection of stories, illustrated by Tomie dePaola, brings some of the most memorable and significant figures in the Old and New Testaments to life: Adam and Eve, Abraham and Moses, Peter, John, and Jesus.

Getty-Sullivan, Mary Ann. [\*God Speaks to Us in Water Stories: Bible Stories\*](#). Collegeville, Minn: Spring Arbor Distributors, 1996.

Presents Bible stories concerning water, including those about Noah and the crossing of the Red Sea.

Maddox, Mike, and Steve Harrison. [\*The Graphic Bible\*](#). 1st edition. Nashville, Tenn.: Broadman & Holman Pub, 1998.

A book of comic-like Bible stories for preteens.

Society, American Bible. [\*Holy Bible: Contemporary English Version\*](#). 1st edition. New York: American Bible Society, 2000.

This is a good translation for children aged 9 and up. We recommend having several on the Bible shelf for the children to use when asking for more detail about a story, etc.

Tutu, Archbishop Desmond. [\*Children of God Storybook Bible\*](#). Illustrated edition. Zondervan, 2010.

Desmond Tutu retells more than fifty Bible stories in *Children of God Storybook Bible*. A Bible for children of all nationalities,

### **For your Advent and Christmas Shelves**

Abrams, Michelle. [\*Memories of the Manger\*](#). Nashville, Tenn.: WorthyKids, 2000.

A retelling of the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem from the point of view of old Mrs. Dove.

Alavedra, Joan. [\*They Followed A Bright Star\*](#). New York: Putnam Juvenile, 1994.

A picture book about the shepherds and kings who were summoned to a Bethlehem stable to witness the birth of Jesus Christ.

Alary, Laura. [\*Look!: A Child's Guide to Advent and Christmas\*](#). Illustrated edition. Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2017.

Alary introduces children to the season of Advent - a special time for waiting and watching—paying attention—to the ways God comes to us. It introduces Advent traditions such as the Jesse tree and the Advent wreath.

Amery, Heather. [\*The Christmas Story\*](#). New Ed edition. London, England: Usborne Publishing, Limited, 1990.

A re-telling of the Christmas Story with colorful illustrations.

Blumen, John. [\*The Friendly Beasts\*](#). Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Pub, 1997.

An old English Christmas carol in which the friendly stable beasts tell of the gifts which they have given to the newborn Child.

Byrd, Robert. [\*Saint Francis and the Christmas Donkey\*](#). 1st edition. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2000.

Saint Francis stumbles upon a sad donkey and tells him about the wonderful history the donkey has in the Christian religion as the animal who carried Mary to Nazareth when she was pregnant with Baby Jesus.

DePaola, Tomie. [\*Mary: The Mother of Jesus\*](#). 1st ed. New York: Holiday House, 1995.

DePaola uses scripture and church tradition to narrate the story of Mary's life alongside original artwork.

Dunbar, Joyce. [\*This Is the Star\*](#). 1st U.S. ed edition. San Diego: Harcourt Childrens Books, 1996. A retelling of the Christmas story with a focus on the star that led the magi to the Christ Child.

Ganeri, Anita. [\*The Story of Christmas\*](#). 1st American ed edition. London ; New York : Boston: DK CHILDREN, 1995.

A retelling of the Christmas story, illustrated with photographs of young children reenacting the parts of Mary, Joseph, the angels, the Wise Men, and the local villagers.

Hawthorne, Lara. [\*Silent Night\*](#). Illustrated edition. Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2018. The beloved hymn, Silent Night, is brought to life with beautiful illustrations.

Jeffers, Susan. [\*Silent Night\*](#). Gift edition. Dutton Juvenile, 2003. A visual interpretation of the beloved Christmas carol.

L'Engle, Madeleine, and A. Richard Turner. [\*The Glorious Impossible\*](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 1990.

L'Engle's narrative of Jesus' annunciation, birth, childhood, ministry, death, and resurrection are accompanied by Giotto's frescoes from the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua. Could also be placed on the Lent/Easter shelves.

Matuszak, Pat, and Rick Osborne. [\*Legend of the Christmas Tree Board Book\*](#), The. Brdbk edition. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zonderkidz, 2002.

This picture book explains how the evergreen tree first became a symbol of Christmas and a way to tell people about God.

Osborne, Rick, and James Griffin. [\*Legend of the Christmas Stocking\*](#). R ed. edition. Zonderkidz, 2004.

This book explores the origins of the Christmas Stocking, inspired by the life of Saint Nicolas,

Robbins, Ruth. [\*Baboushka and the Three Kings\*](#). HMH Books for Young Readers, 1960. The Russian folktale about an old woman's endless search for the Christ child.

Slate, Joseph. [\*Who Is Coming to Our House?\*](#) Board Book ed. edition. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2001.

A modern Christmas classic about how the animals prepare a cozy welcome for the baby Jesus.

The National Gallery. [\*The First Christmas\*](#). London: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2010.



This book tells the classical “Christmas” story beginning with the Annunciation and ending with the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt. The illustrations are paintings from the National Gallery in London.

Weber, Susan. [\*Nativities of the World\*](#). Gibbs Smith, 2013.

Nearly one hundred nativities from all over the world are collected here. Artisans from locales as diverse as the Czech Republic, Guyana, Burkina Faso, and Bangladesh are represented.

Westerlund, Kate. [\*The Message of the Birds\*](#). Reprint edition. mineditionUS, 2013.

A timeless message of how peace can spread from one person to another, ideal for Christmas time, and throughout the year.

Wijngaard, Juan, ed. [\*The Nativity\*](#). 1st Edition. New York: Lothrop Lee & Shepard, 1990.

A retelling of the birth of Christ, with illustrations.

Wojciechowski, Susan. [\*The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey\*](#). Deluxe, Anniversary edition. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Candlewick, 2015.

Toomey is the best woodcarver in the valley. He lives alone and never smiles. One winter’s day, a widow and her young son approach him with a gentle request that leads to a joyful miracle.

### **For your Lent and Easter Shelves**

Alary, Laura. *Make Room: [\*A Child’s Guide to Lent and Easter\*](#)*. Illustrated edition. Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2016. Read on YouTube [here](#).

Alary introduces children to the season Lent (a time to prepare for Easter) and the traditions of Easter.

Amery, Heather, and N Young. [\*The Usborne Easter Story\*](#). London: Usborne, 2006.

A colorful retelling of the story of Easter.

Carlson, Melody. [\*Benjamin’s Box: The Story of the Resurrection Eggs\*](#). Revised edition. Zonderkidz, 2008.

The reader learns about Jesus along with Benjamin as he follows Jesus through Jerusalem to find out who this man really is.

Heyer, Carol. [\*The Easter Story\*](#). Nashville, Tenn: Ideals Childrens Books, 1990.

Artist Carol Heyer illustrates this beautiful retelling of the Easter story.

Maier, Paul L. [\*The Very First Easter\*](#). Illustrated edition. Saint Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing, 2004.

Christopher, a ten-year old boy asks to hear the real story of Easter. His family sits him down and reads him the story of Easter straight from the Gospel of Luke.

Perchyshyn, Natalie. [\*A Kid's Guide to Decorating Ukrainian Easter Eggs\*](#). Edited by Ukrainian Gift Shop and Inc. 1st edition. Ukrainian Gift Shop, 2000.

Contains systematic instruction designed to give the basic skills needed for decorating pysanky.

Steig, William. [\*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble\*](#). Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2004. Read on YouTube [here](#).

This classic children's book is a story of life, death and resurrection. Sylvester the donkey finds a magic pebble that fulfills his wishes until everything goes horribly wrong and he becomes a rock. It takes an act of love and hope to bring him back to life.

Strong, Dina. [\*Hosanna and Alleluia: Stories of Holy Week and Easter\*](#). Living the Good News, n.d. 1997. This book can be difficult to find. Checking resell retailers like [Ebay](#) and [Amazon](#) may be helpful.

A large (11"x17") format book, good for sharing the story of Holy Week and Easter with large groups.

### **For your Pentecost Shelves**

Alary, Laura. [\*Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time\*](#).

Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2021.

This book explores the comings and goings of Jesus and the Spirit through retellings of the biblical stories of Ascension and Pentecost, interwoven with contemporary reflections from the point of view of a child.

Hutto, Rebekah McLeod. [\*The Day When God Made Church: A Child's First Book About Pentecost\*](#). Brewster Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2016.

This is book helps children understand and celebrate the birthday of the Church.

### **For your Saint / Hero Shelves**

Asim, Jabari. [\*Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis\*](#). Illustrated edition.

New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016. Read on YouTube [here](#).

A story about the boyhood of Civil Rights leader John Lewis. John wants to be a preacher when he grows up—But why wait? When John is put in charge of the family farm's flock of chickens, he begins preaching to the chickens!

DePaola, Tomie. *[The Lady of Guadalupe](#)*. New York: Holiday House, 1980. Read on YouTube [here](#).

The story of the patron saint of Mexico, the Lady of Guadalupe, told and illustrated by Tomie . DePaola.

Haskins, Jim, and Kathleen Benson. *[John Lewis in the Lead](#)*. Reprint edition. Lee & Low Books, 2011.

A biography of John Lewis, one of the Big Six civil rights leaders of the 1960s.

Kimmel, Eric A. *[Brother Wolf, Sister Sparrow](#)*. 1st edition. New York: Holiday House, 2003.

From Saint Francis to Saint Brigid, this book is about the relationships between the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky and twelve holy men and women who cared for them.

Milligan, Bryce. *[Brigid's Cloak](#)*. Illustrated edition. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2005.

This story retells an ancient tale about one of Ireland's most beloved saints. On the day she is born Brigid receives a brilliant blue cloak from a mysterious Druid. It leads her to the Christ Child.

Near, Holly. *[The Great Peace March](#)*. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1997.

A song inspired by an actual peace march, this work celebrates peace and the courage to make it real.

Norris, Kathleen. *[The Holy Twins: Benedict and Scholastica](#)*. 37949th edition. New York: Puffin, 2011.

Norris explores how the childhoods and lives of twins Benedict and Scholastica and how their relationship helped Benedict with monastic reform.

Pochocki, Ethel. *[The Blessing of Beasts](#)*. Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2007.

Francesca the skunk and other creatures learn about valuing and caring for all of God's creation, even those who smell.

Scott, Lesbia. *[I Sing a Song of the Saints of God](#)*. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1991.

This presentation of the classic hymn draws children into the world of saints and their life adventures.

Stoeckl, Jay. *[Saint Francis and Brother Duck](#)*. Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2013.

The life of St. Francis comes to life in this graphic novel based on the real-life events of the saint's life, set in the mountains of Italy.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. [\*Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom\*](#). First Edition. New York: Hyperion Book CH, 2006. Read on YouTube [here](#).

A tribute to Harriet Tubman, the woman who earned the name Moses for her heroic role in the Underground Railroad.

### **Resources to place under the Story of the Church**

[\(The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Volume 8, Lesson 14\)](#)

Bunting, Eve. [\*Night of the Gargoyles\*](#). Reprint edition. Place of publication not identified: Clarion Books, 1999.

A story of what happens at night when the gargoyles come to life.

Ciagà, Graziella Leyla. [\*Cathedrals of the World\*](#). Revised edition. Vercelli, Italy: White Star Publishers, 2012.

This book takes the reader on a journey through Christianity by way of its most well-known architectural creations such as St. Mark's Basilica, Westminster Cathedral, Johnson's Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, and Richard Meier's Jubilee Church in Rome.

Field, John. [\*Kingdom Power and Glory: A Historical Guide to Westminster Abbey\*](#). 4th edition. London: Third Millennium Pub Ltd, 2009.

An illustrated historical guide to Westminster Abbey.

Halliday, Sonia, Laura Lushington, and Tim Dowley. [\*The Bible in Stained Glass\*](#). Ridgefield, CT: Bible Society, 1990.

Full-color reproductions, with full descriptions of the windows and their iconography, of some of the most spectacular and historic stained glass windows of Europe.

Macaulay, David. [\*Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction\*](#). Unknown edition. Boston, Mass.: Sandpiper, 1981.

This book takes the reader on a journey back to centuries long ago to visit the fictional people of twelfth-, thirteenth-, and fourteenth-century Europe, whose dreams, like Cathedral, stand the test of time.

[\*Washington National Cathedral Guidebook\*](https://shop.cathedral.org/washington-national-cathedral-guidebook.html), 2016. <https://shop.cathedral.org/washington-national-cathedral-guidebook.html>.

This takes the reader on a tour of the Washington National Cathedral.

### **Prayer and Worship**

(These can be placed in a basket near the liturgical furniture or in a meditation/prayer corner.)

Boling, Ruth L. [\*Come Worship With Me: A Journey through the Church Year\*](#). Illustrated edition. Louisville, Ky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010.

An illustrated children's book about Advent, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter through the eyes of a church mouse.

Cotner, June, ed. [\*Amazing Graces: Prayers and Poems for Children\*](#). New York: Harpercollins Childrens Books, 2001.

A collection of verses by Robert Browning, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Madeleine L'Engle and Nikki Grimes, and other young poets.

Dearborn, Sabrina. [\*A Child's Book of Blessings\*](#). Barefoot Books, 1999.

Blessings for everyday events from dawn until dusk, for special activities and for specific times of the year.

Jelenek, Frank. [\*Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children\*](#). Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2007.

Frank Jelenek shows young children how to do centering prayer.

Kidd, Pennie. [\*Teach Me to Pray\*](#). Illustrated edition. Loyola Press, 1999.

This book uses a story to help young children learn how to pray. In the story, a boy, a girl, their parents, their grandparents, and the nice lady next door all want to pray, but nothing seems to work. On their mission to learn how to pray, they discover the “secret” to talking with God.

MacBeth, Sybil. [\*Praying in Color Kid's Edition\*](#). Kids' ed. edition. Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2009.

This book introduces children to MacBeth's practice of “praying in color.” Using the simple act of doodling, children are led to pray for all sorts of things with just some paper and colored pencils.

Moore, Anna V. Ostenso. [\*Today Is a Baptism Day\*](#). Illustrated edition. New York, New York: Church Publishing, 2018.

An introduction to baptism for children and families of many Christian traditions.

Simpson, Clare. [\*Why Do We Have to Be So Quiet in Church?: And 12 Other Questions Kids Have\*](#). Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2012.

This book explores questions young children naturally have about church: Why do we have to be so quiet in church? Does God hear me when I sing? Why do we say “Amen” at the end of everything?

Thomas, Adam. [\*The Lord's Prayer: Learning the Words Jesus Taught\*](#). CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017.

The Lord's Prayer through words and photography, to help young children learn the words for the first time and their parents to learn them anew.

Walter, Wangerin. [\*Water Come Down\*](#). Minneapolis: Augsburg Books, 1999.

This story introduces children to the meaning of baptism.

Berryman, Jerome W. [\*Silence\*](#). New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2020.

This illustrated book for children captures the mindfulness, measured pace, and pauses that children experience in the Godly Play® circle.

Lemniscates. [\*Silence\*](#). 1st edition. Washington, DC: Magination Press, 2012. Read on YouTube [here](#).

Silence encourages children to stop, listen, and reflect on their experiences and the world around them.

Buscaglia, Leo. [\*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf: A Story of Life for All Ages\*](#). Slack Incorporated, 1982. Read on YouTube [here](#).

This story follows Freddie and his companions as their leaves change with the passing seasons and the coming of winter, finally falling to the ground with winter's snow. It is a resource for all those experiencing grief and loss.

Chard, Sylvia, and Yvonne Kogan. [\*From My Side: Being a Child\*](#). Lewisville, N.C.: Gryphon House, 2009.

This beautiful book, filled with hundreds of color photographs from many different countries, invites us to look through a window into the lives of children everywhere.

Emerson, Ralph Waldo. [\*Father, We Thank You\*](#). First Edition. New York: SeaStar Books, 2000. An illustrated poem celebrating the joys of creation.

Hutchison, Roger. [\*My Favorite Color Is Blue. Sometimes.: A Journey Through Loss with Art and Color\*](#). Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2017.

A picture book to guide the reader through different emotions and reactions related to grieving.

Kunkel, Jeff. [\*What Scares Me and What I Do About It: Stories and Pictures by Sunday School Kids\*](#). Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress Pub, 2003.

In text and pictures, children describe what makes them afraid, and how they deal with their fear.

Kushner, Rabbi Lawrence, and Karen Kushner. [\*What Does God Look Like?\*](#) Woodstock Vt: SkyLight Paths, 2001.

A simple way for young children to explore the ways we "see" God.

Kushner, Rabbi Lawrence and Karen Kushner. [\*Where is God?\*](#) Woodstock, Vt: SkyLight Paths, 2000.

A book about finding God in the everyday things of life.

Main, Judith Lang. [\*A Is for Altar, B Is for Bible\*](#). Chicago, Ill.: Catechesis of Good Shepherd Publications, 2007. Read on YouTube [here](#).

Using the familiar foundation of the ABCs, A Is for Altar, B Is for Bible presents some of the essential elements of our Christian faith.

Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de, and Richard Howard. [\*The Little Prince\*](#). 1st ed. San Diego: Harcourt, 2000.

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

Sasso, Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg. [\*I Am God's Paintbrush\*](#). 1st edition. Woodstock, Vt: SkyLight Paths, 2009.

This invites children of all faiths and backgrounds to encounter God through everyday experience and the imagination.

Scholes, Katharine, and Sierra Club Books. [\*Peace Begins With You\*](#). Reissue edition. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 1994.

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