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Children's Books for Using in Church #3

The Legend of the Sand Dollar: an inspirational story of hope for Easter.

Auer, Chris. Zonderkidz, 2005. E AUE

Eight year old Kerry and her older sister are sent to their aunt's home near the Atlantic Coast where cousin Jack teaches Kerry how the sand dollar tells the story of Easter. Idea: use on Easter to tell the story of Jesus death and resurrection.

The Very Best Daddy Of All.

Bauer, Marion Dane. Simon and Schuster, 2004. E BAU

Pictures and rhyming text show how some fathers, (animal, bird, and human), take care of their children by bringing them food, playing with them and keeping them warm. Excellent for Father's Day. Themes: Caring Parents, Love, Nurture, Fathers and Children.

Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel.

Connor, Leslie. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. E CON

When Miss Bridie emigrates to America in 1856, she has her choice of a chiming clock or a porcelain figurine, yet she chooses something practical – a shovel from the barn. All through her life the shovel proves to be a handy and wise choice for an enterprising woman. Themes: Choices, Practicality, Hard Work.

The Hungry Coat: a tale from Turkey.

Demi. McElderry Books, 2004. E DEM.

After being forced to change to a fancy new coat in order to attend a party, Nasrettin tries to feed his dinner to his coat, reasoning that it was the coat that was the invited guest, not himself. This is a wonderful book, but text might be a bit long for a children's feature, so summarize! Themes: Hospitality; Valuing People Over Possessions.

The Snail and the Whale.

Donaldson, Julia. Dial, 2004. E DON

A tiny snail wants to sail beyond it's rock, and hitches a ride on a big humpback whale. Just as the whale helps the snail explore the bigger world, the snail assists the whale when he gets stuck in the sand. Themes: Kindness; Reciprocity.

The Love-Me Bird.

Dunbar, Joyce. Orchard, 2003. E DUN

The Love-Me Bird calls out "love me, love me!" all day long, but no one seems to be listening. Finally her wise friend the owl suggests a new phrase "love you-ooo." Celebrates the simple truth about love, that it is more blessed to give than receive. Themes: Love, Awareness of others Needs.

Billy Tibbles Moves Out!

Fearnley, Jan. Harper Collins, 2002. E FEA

When his little brother moves into his room, Billy the cat and his family learn about sharing – both the good and challenging aspects. A fun romp with this cat family, with cartoon illustrations. Themes: Sharing, Family relationships.

How Are You Peeling?: Foods with Moods.

Freyman & Elffers. Scholastic, 2003. E FRE

Brief texts and photographs of carvings made from vegetables introduce the world of emotions by presenting leading questions, such as "Are you feeling grumpy?" accompanied by a photo of a cantankerous orange. A great way to begin a conversation with children about how they perceive the world and themselves. Themes: Feelings, Self-Awareness, Humor.

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Does God Hear My Prayer?

Gold, August. Skylight Paths, 2005. J 242 GOL

Using simple, everyday examples, this colorful book features multicultural photographs of children and guides children to a personal relationship with God through prayer. Themes: Connecting to God; Prayer.

So That's What God is Like!

Hardy, Leanne. Kregal Kidzone, 2004. J 231 HAR

A young African boy begins to understand about God's love when his Granny takes him about the village and surrounding area and explains God's love in metaphors. Themes: Attributes of God; God's love.

Little Fox.

Janovitz, Marilyn. North-South Books, 1999. E JAN

Little Fox is an active little fellow who breaks his mother's favorite chair. He and his father work together to repair the chair and once again make it just right for cuddling and reading. Themes: Problem-Solving; Making Things Right; Getting Along in the Family.

Hugs.

Kidd, Pennie. WarnerFaith, 2003. E KID

A young child recalls all the times throughout the day when it's good to get a hug and offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Themes: Love, Family, Care, Ways Children Pray.

Teach Me to Love.

Kidd, Pennie. Loyola, 1999. J 241.4 KID

A simple story about how children are taught to love by offering friendship to others who may appear "unlovely." Themes: Love, Friendship, Growing in Faith.

Teach Me to Pray.

Kidd, Pennie. Loyola, 1999. J 242 KID

Both children and adults learn that prayer is primarily about listening to God, and they can do this when they kneel, with eyes open or closed, when dancing, singing, hugging and more.

Bless This Way.

Kitch, Anne E. Morehouse Publishing. 2003. J 242.82 Kit.

Illustrations show multi-ethnic children at play, picnic, a variety of activities, and free-verse poetry about recognizing God, thanking God or being with God. Includes a scripture from the Psalms on each page. Themes: the Psalms, Attributes of God, Children and Faith.

Three in One: A book about God.

Lepley, Lynne. Abingdon, 2004. J 231.04 LEP

Using the metaphor of a tree and its parts, the mystery and imagery of the Trinity is explained in language that children can understand. Themes: Image of God; Trinity.

Pip and the Edge of Heaven.

Liddle, Elizabeth. Eerdmans, 2002. E LID

Pip, a young boy likes to ask questions about life and heaven and God and listens to the gentle answers his mother gives. He also thinks, reflects and discovers answers to the questions on his own. This book truly honors the perceptions a child has about faith and God. Would be a fine addition to any church library. Themes: Heaven, Faith, God, Questions.

On Morning Wings.

Lindbergh, Reeve. Candlewick, 2002. J 223.20950 LIN

With delicious illustrations that include children of many races, this book retells in simple words Psalm 139, a psalm of God's knowledge and love for each of us. Themes: God's Love, Care and Presence are with each of us.

Hooray for You! A Celebration of "You-ness."

Richmond, Marianne. Waldman House, 2001. E RIC

Featuring playful verse and fun illustrations, this book honors the remarkable uniqueness and individuality bestowed on us all. Themes: Celebration of children; honor or commemorate a group of people; to celebrate people as amazing creations of God's handiwork.

Don't Laugh At Me.

Seskin, and Shamblin. Tricycle Press, 2002. E Ses.

Many children talk about their differences and then ask the reader to please, "Don't laugh at me." A gentle and poignant plea to stop bullying and teasing other people if they are different. Includes a CD. Themes: Celebrating Differences, Respect, Care.

Am I Praying?

Taylor, Jeannie St. John. Kregal, 2003. E TAY

All day long and especially when lost on a school field trip to the zoo, a young boy thinks about different ways to talk to God in prayer. Themes: Understanding Prayer; Being lost; Asking God for help.

The Librarian of Basra.

Winter, Jeanette. Harcourt, 2005. E WIN

The true story of how an Iraqi librarian courageously struggled to save her community's priceless collection of books during a war. Themes: Courage, Risk-taking, Value of Freedom, Books.

September Roses.

Winter, Jeanette. Frances Foster Books, 2004. E WIN

Two rose growers from South Africa land in New York just as the World Trade towers were hit and become stranded in the airport with 2000 flowers in boxes. A United Methodist man offered them lodging and then they all brought the flowers to Manhattan and created a beautiful display in the shape of two towers in honor of those lost. Themes: Loss, Redemption, Sharing, Friendship.