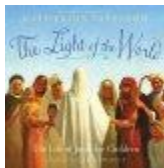


Celebrating Religious Diversity - Christianity

These books have been specially selected for families to share with young children to develop an appreciation of the religious diversity in our community. This booklist was developed in cooperation with Surrey's Neighbouring Faiths Program. To learn more about SNFP and the 9 affiliated faith groups, please visit <http://www.snfp.ca>

The light of the world : the life of Jesus for children **By Katherine Paterson, illustrated by François Roca**

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Newbery Medalist & minister's wife Katherine Paterson retells the life of Jesus in simple, beautiful language for all ages, making the story new again through her trademark generosity and compassion. Iconic images from Jesus's life light the text with the same warmth and directness.

Celebrate Easter : With Colored Eggs, Flowers, And Prayer **By Deborah Heiligman**

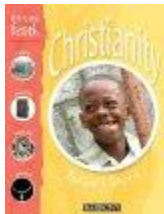
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The joyous celebration of Easter is seen through a global perspective in this National Geographic volume featuring vibrant photographs. Witness the holiest day on the Christian calendar as it is celebrated throughout the world. The first-person narrative leads young readers through the origins and traditions of this springtime festival of rebirth and hope. Reverend George Handzo gives parents and teachers a historical and cultural background in his informative note.

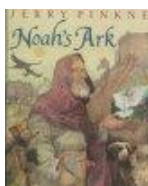
Christianity **By Holly Wallace**

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Find out all about the faith of Christianity through the eyes of Herbert, a young Christian from Uganda. In his own words Herbert talks about his beliefs, his family, his everyday life, the rituals and traditions that are important to him, and about the festivals and special days that are celebrated by Christians around the world.

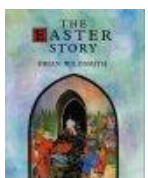
Noah's ark **By Jerry Pinkney**



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For 40 days and 40 nights rain poured from the heavens, enveloping the world. Only Noah had been warned by God of the great flood and only Noah could save life on earth. This powerful story of salvation has fascinated people of all ages for centuries. Now, four-time Caldecott Honor-recipient Jerry Pinkney captures all the courage, drama, and beauty of this ancient parable in rich, glorious paintings. Full of sensitive detail and emotion, his art brings new life and meaning to an important message of peace.

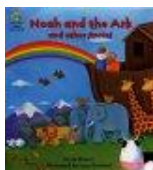
The Easter story **By Brian Wildsmith**



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Esteemed author and illustrator Brian Wildsmith tells The Easter Story from the perspective of a humble donkey that carried Jesus Christ through the stirring week from Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion to the Resurrection. The simple text, animal point of view, and beautiful, gold-toned paintings convey the drama of these historic events in language and image sure to resonate with children.

Noah and the ark and other stories **By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Lucy Barnard**



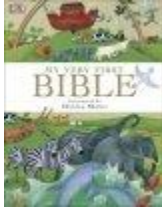
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Noah and the Ark and Other Stories gives young children a first introduction to classic stories from the Christian faith. Four beautifully illustrated tales introduce key beliefs and festivals, while commentaries for parents and teachers explain the content and meaning of each story.

My very first Bible

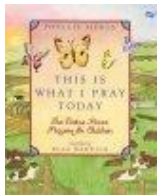
Written by James Harrison, illustrated by Diana Mayo

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Retelling the best-known stories from the Old and New Testaments, *My Very First Bible* begins with the Creation Story and Adam and Eve, and culminates in the story of Christ's resurrection. The clear, expressive text, surrounded by gorgeous full-color illustrations, guides parents through the enjoyable experience of reading wonderful Bible stories aloud to their children for the first time.

This is what I pray today : The divine hours prayers for children **By Phyllis Tickle, illustrated by Elsa Warnick**



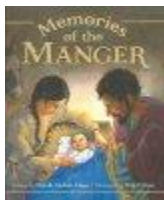
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Celebratory and comforting, simple and sweet, here is an illustrated book of prayers with three original, psalm-based prayers for each day of the week. Children will have a new prayer for morning, rest time and bedtime.

Memories of the manger

By Michelle Medlock Adams, illustrated by Doris Ettliger

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Old Mrs. Dove has a story to tell. And every animal in the barn - donkey, lamb, pig, and hen - hangs on every word as she begins:

*"It happened here, right in this barn,"
The old dove softly said.
"The Son of God was born right here,
Upon this small straw bed."*

And through her story, we experience the confidence of a young girl, the tidings of the angels, the fear of the shepherds, and the cry of the baby Jesus - until we, too, come to understand:

*"That's what Christmas is all about -
God's never-ending love."*

Celebrate Christmas : With Carols, Presents, and Peace
By Deborah Heiligman, consultant, the Reverend Father Nathan Humphrey



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Describes how Christmas is celebrated around the world and explores the history behind the holiday and its traditions, discussing the biblical story, decorating, music, presents, and dinner.

The Lord is my shepherd : the Twenty-third Psalm
Illustrated by Gennady Spirin

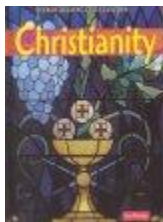


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The Twenty-third Psalm, one of the world's most cherished prayers, is paired with some of the most exquisite illustrations in this inspirational picture book by *New York Times* Best Illustrator Gennady Spirin. This never-before-created format, made from one large, magnificent painting, gives parents and children an opportunity to share the experience, making prayer time even more profound.

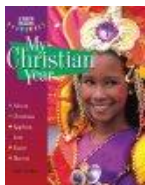
Christianity
By Sue Penney

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Christianity explores typical places of worship for Christians, as well as major sites and places of pilgrimage around the world. There are clear explanations of Christianity's holy books, symbols, teachings and forms of worship, and how these affect moral and social issues. The significance of major festivals and life's rites of passage is also covered, backed up with personal accounts from young people from all over the world.

My Christian Year
By Cath Senker



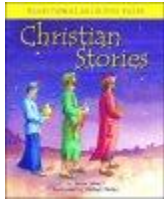
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Following the calendar year, this book explores the ways in which the main festivals that highlight a Christian child's year are celebrated. Look inside nine-year-old Jana's diary to see a child's perspective on what it's like to be involved in each of the festivals.

Christian stories

By by Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Rachael Phillips

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Retells Bible stories relating to the life of Jesus Christ.

What You Will See Inside a Catholic Church **by Reverend Michael Keane**

Visual and informative, *What You Will See Inside a Catholic Church* features full-page pictures and concise descriptions of what is happening, the objects used, the clergy and laypeople who have specific roles, and the spiritual intent of the believers. Ideal for children, parents and clergy who want to demystify the celebrations and ceremonies of the Church throughout the year, as well as encourage understanding and tolerance among different faith traditions.

Miracles: Wonders Jesus Worked **By Mary Hoffman**

Miracles: Wonders Jesus Worked, is written to introduce young readers to stories of the Bible in language they can understand and relate to. Soft, lush watercolors by Jackie Morris beautifully illustrate these simple retellings of nine miracles that Jesus performed during his lifetime. Mary Hoffman, relates each story in accessible language and includes a brief introduction for each miracle, encouraging children to see how their lives and needs are not so different from those of people living 2,000 years ago. This lovely picture book brings new relevance and accessibility to age-old stories of the Christian faith.
