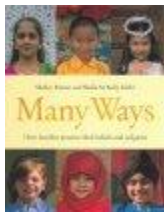


Celebrating Religious Diversity: Multifaith Books

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://snfp.ca>

Many ways : how families practice their beliefs and religions **By Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly**

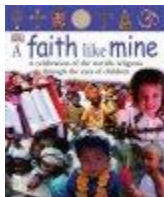
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Striking photographs and candid text celebrate the differences between = and similarities of - families practicing a variety of religious beliefs. This book shows young readers that people from all religious groups are, in many ways, just like them, and that everyone deserves respect and understanding.

A faith like mine : a celebration of the world's religions-- seen through the eyes of children **By Laura Buller**

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A perfect book for children and parents to read together, *A Faith Like Mine* uses revealing photography and detailed personal accounts to give unique insight into the diversity of religious faith as experienced through the lives of children across the world.

Because nothing looks like God
By Lawrence and Karen Kushner, illustrated by Dawn Majewski

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"Where is God?" * "What does God look like?" * "How does God make things happen?" Mixing sparks of curiosity and spiritual imagination, this wondrous book lights children's creativity and shows how God is with us everyday, in every way. It is a vibrant invitation to children and their adults to explore - together - what, where, and how God is in our

lives.

Where does God live?
By Holly Bea, illustrated by Kim Howard

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A lively and inquisitive young girl named Hope has a favorite pastime: asking questions. She asks everyone she knows just about anything. One day her musings lead her to a really big question: Where does God live? She talks to her mom. She questions her animal friends. Finally, it is her wise and gentle grandmother whose lifetime of faith offers Hope, the answer that she and all of us can take into our hearts. It is an answer

whose simplicity does honor to the Creator.

He's got the whole world in his hands
By Kadir Nelson

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What began as a spiritual has developed into one of America's best known songs, sung at churches, schools and campgrounds the country over. And now for the first time it appears as a beautiful picture book. Through sublime landscapes and warm images of a boy and his family, Kadir Nelson has created a dazzling intimate interpretation of the song, one that rejoices in the connectedness of people and nature. His stirring artwork

brings new vitality to the beloved lyrics and their message of faith, celebration, and hope.

The golden rule
By Ilene Cooper, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska

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Everyone knows a version of the Golden Rule. But what does it really mean? And how do you follow it? In this gorgeously illustrated book, a grandfather explains to his grandson that the Golden Rule means you "treat people the way you would like to be treated. It's golden because it's so valuable, and a way of living your life that's so simple, it shines." And though it may be a simple rule, it isn't easy to follow. Fortunately, following the

Golden Rule is something everyone can do, which means that every person-old or young, rich or poor-can be a part of making the world a better place.

A world of prayers

Selected by Jeremy Brooks, illustrated by Elena Gomez

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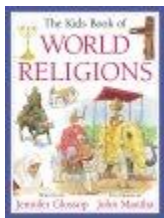


Prayers collected from every corner of the globe. The words may differ from country to country, but the same universal themes of love, forgiveness, and hope run through them all. There are prayers for night and day, graces for mealtimes, and blessing too. Beautiful illustrations help to make this a perfect first prayer book for young children.

The kids book of world religions

Written by Jennifer Glossop, illustrated by John Mantha

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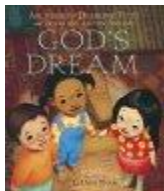


Explains the basic beliefs, customs, and rituals of twelve different world religions, and includes information about tribal and native religions of Africa, North America, and Australia.

God's dream

By Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

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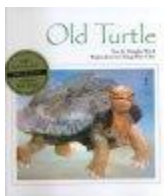


Archbishop Desmond Tutu has a vision of God's dream, which he shares here with the youngest of listeners. It involves people who reach out and hold each other's hands, but sometimes get angry and hurt each other — and say they're sorry and forgive. It's a wish that everyone will see they are brothers and sisters, no matter their way of speaking to God, no matter the size of their nose or the shade of their skin. Aided by vibrant artwork evoking such images as a rainbow and a sharing circle, Tutu offers the essence of his philosophy, a wisdom so clear that even the smallest child can understand.

Old Turtle

By Douglas Wood, watercolors by Cheng-Khee Chee

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When all of creation--trees, stones, ants, the sky, fish—begins arguing over who or what God is, quiet Old Turtle is the only one who has the wisdom and ability to see beyond herself to capture the essence. The debate escalates until Old Turtle finally speaks: "STOP!" She accepts and incorporates the beliefs of all the creatures: "God is indeed deep," she says to the fish in the sea, "and much higher than high," she tells the mountains. "God is gentle and powerful. Above all things and within all things... God IS."

The circle of days

By Reeve Lindbergh, illustrated by Cathie Felstead

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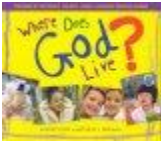


Inspirational and gloriously illustrated, "The Circle of Days" honors the beauty of the natural world. Based on the "Canticle of the Sun" by Saint Francis of Assisi, the book quietly blends Reeve Lindbergh's words with those of Saint Francis to honor the elements, the animals, the heavens, and the very breath of life.

Where does God live?

By August Gold & Matthew J. Perlman

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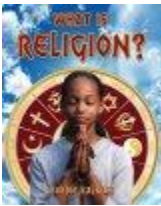


Where does God live? How can we "see" God? Using simple, everyday examples that children can relate to, this colorful book helps young readers develop a direct and personal understanding of God. Playfully guides children down their own path of spiritual discovery...and reminds us all that this world is full of wonder.

What is religion?

By Bobbie Kalman

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This insightful book introduces children to the world's great religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Chinese traditional religion, Native American Indigenous beliefs, and non-religious spirituality.

Faith

By Maya Ajmera

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Children around the world celebrate their different religions through prayer, song, reading holy books, listening to others, chanting, participating in festivals, the clothes they wear, the holy places they visit, and by caring for others.
