

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY WISH LIST

Youngest:

- *The Seed of God* (set of 5, may be bought individually, available from the Center for Children and Theology, cctheo.org (click catalog))
- *The Story of Jonah* (board book), Dorling-Kindersley
- *The Beginner's Bible*, Henley (not my favorite but for some reason young children like it)
- *The Shepherd and the 100 Sheep* by Hudak (lasts into early elementary ages)
- *Tough Boris*, Fox & Brown (not religious really—about a pirate who cries when his parrot dies...Message: grief is OK.)

A bit older, through elementary:

- Tomie DePaola's books of Bible stories or saints:
 - *The Miracles of Jesus*
 - *The Clown of God* (not a saint, a legend about pleasing God),
 - *The Song of Francis*
 - *The Night of Las Posadas*
 - *Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland*
 - *The Lady of Guadalupe*
 - *The Legend of the Bluebonnet*(not a saint, but a legend about a little girl who sacrifices for others)
 - *The Friendly Beasts*
 - *Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi*
 - *Mary: The Mother of Jesus*
- Bijou LeTord's books all show great sensitivity to nature and to the heart of the message. She has books on:
 - The Lord's Prayer (*The River and The Rain*)
 - The parables (*God's Little Seeds*)
 - The nativity (*The Little Hills of Nazareth*)
 - Creation (*The Deep Blue Sea*)
 - Noah's ark (*Noah's Trees*)
- Brian Wildsmith's books:
 - *The Easter Story*
 - *St. Francis*
 - *A Christmas Story*
 - *Joseph*
 - *Jesus*
 - *Exodus*
 - *The Road to Bethlehem*

- *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, Dorling Kindersley (a good book of Bible stories for mid-to-older elementary children; stays close to the Bible without editorializing; interesting sidebars, good maps and background)
- *All about Jesus*, M. Blanc-Rerat (another very nice Bible story book, good for younger elementary children)
- *Bible Atlas*, Dorling Kindersley
- *The Big Book of Bible Animals*, DK
- *Kregel Pictorial Guide to Everyday Life in Bible Times*, Dowley & Perry
- *Living in Bible Times*, Dowley
- *Food at the Time of the Bible*, Vamosh (for family cooking)
- *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*, Judith Gwyn Brown, illus. (illustrates the hymn, identifies the saints mentioned in it)
- *The Other Side*, J. Woodson (not specifically religious: about two girls, black and white, who want to be friends but are divided by a fence)
- *Especially Heroes*, V. Kroll (about a white family who protects a black neighbor, linked to saints and heroes who risk for others)
- *The Next Place*, W. Hanson (not particularly Christian: wondering about a lovely place after death)
- *The Tenth Good Thing about Barney*, Viorst (a classic; a boy's cat dies)
- Everett Anderson's *Good-by, Clifton* (not really religious, but another classic on death)
- *Old Turtle*, D. Wood (nature; many ideas of God, all OK)
- *When I Make Silence and My Shining Light* (may be bought through the Center for Children and Theology, cctheo.org (click catalog)
- *St. George and the Dragon* by Hodges and Hyman

Older elementary, into Middle School:

- *City of Gold* by Dickinson and Foreman (Bible stories retold from interesting angles)
- *Ancient Israelites and their Neighbors* by Broida (good archaeology with some hands-on projects)