

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR THE LITURGICAL YEAR

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READING ABOUT THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Fogle, Jeanne S. *Seasons of God's Love: The Church Year*, Philadelphia: Geneva Press, 1988. ISBN 0-664-25032-7

Nelson, Gertrud Mueller. *To Dance with God: Family Ritual and Community Celebration*. New York: Paulist Press, 1986. ISBN 0-8091-2812-8

READING ABOUT CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

The Horn Book Magazine, published bi-monthly, Boston, MA (800-325-1170) ISSN 0018-5078

L'Engle, Madeleine. *Trailing Clouds of Glory: Spiritual Values in Children's Books*. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1985. ISBN 0-664-32721-4

Paterson, Katherine. *Gates of Excellence: On Reading and Writing Books for Children*. New York: Elsevier/Nelson Books, 1981. ISBN 0-525-66750-4

Paterson, Katherine. *The Spying Heart: More Thoughts on Reading and Writing Books for Children*. New York: E.P. Dutton, 1989. ISBN 0-525-67267-2

Thomas, Virginia Coffin and Betty Davis Miller. *Children's Literature for All God's Children*. Atlanta: John Knox, 1986. ISBN 0-8042-1690-8

Children's Literature Web Guide <http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>

ADVENT THEMES

Wait
Prepare
Patience

Expectation

Hope
Pregnancy
Rejoice

Albert, Richard. *Alejandro's Gift*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 1994. 0-8118-0436-4

(caring for environment also)

Kraus, Robert. Illus. by Jose Aruego. *Leo the Late Bloomer*. New York: Windmill Books, 1971. 0-06-443348-X

L'Engle, Madeleine. *The Twenty-four Days Before Christmas*. Wheaton, Illinois: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1984. 0-87788-843-4

- Shulevitz, Uri. *Dawn*. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1974. 0-374-31707-0
(also good for creation, a "light" theme; excellent for preschoolers)
- Stewart, Sarah. Illus. By David Small. *The Gardener*. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1997. 0-374-32517-0
- Yolen, Jane. *Owl Moon*. New York: Philomel Books. 0-399-21457-7
(story of waiting, hoping & patience)

CHRISTMAS THEMES

Joy

Emmanuel: God with us

A promise kept

- Bunting, Eve. Illus. by David Diaz. *December*. New York: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997. 0-15-201434-9
- Vivas, Julie, illus. *The Nativity*. New York: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1986. 0-15-200535-8
- Paterson, Katherine. *A Midnight Clear: Stories for the Christmas Season*. New York: Lodestar Books, 1995. 0-525-67529-9
(also excellent for Advent/Christmas/Women's Events)
- Paterson, Katherine. *Angels & Other Strangers: Family Christmas Stories*. New York: Harper & Row, 1979. 0-06-440283-5
(used story "Star Lady" for Epiphany event; participants wrote a "gift" on a cut-out star)
- Wangerin, Walter, Jr. Illus. by Tim Ladwig. *Probity Jones and the Fear Not Angel*. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1996. 0-8066-2992-4
(too lengthy for a church setting)
- Wojciechowski, Susan. Illus. by P.J. Lynch. *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 1995. 1-56402-320-6

EPIPHANY THEMES

Feast

Manifestation

Gifts

Journey

Star

all the Nations

- Baylor, Byrd. *I'm In Charge of Celebrations*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1986. 0-684-18579-2
- Fox, Mem. Illus. by Julie Vivas. *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*. New York & California: Kane/Miller Book Publishers, 1985. 0-916291-04-9
- Wensell, Ulises, Ill. *They Followed a Bright Star*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1994. 0-399-22706-7

LENTEN THEMES

Death
Betrayal

Loneliness
Penitence
Confession

Fasting
Longing for Forgiveness

Garay, Luis. *Perdido's Day*. New York: Orchard Book, 1997. 0-531-09522-3

Henkes, Kevin. *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1996.
(*forgiveness*) 0-688-12897-1 TR

Kilborne, Sarah S. Illus. by Steve Johnson with Lou Fancher. *Peach and Blue*. New York:
Alfred A. Knopf, 1994.

Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*. New York: Avon Books, 1977. 0-380-43281-1

Polacco, Patricia. *Thunder Cake*. New York: Philomel Books, 1990. 0-399-22231-6

Silverstein, Shel. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. New York: Harper and Row, 1974. 0-06-025667-2

Viorst, Judith. Illus. by Ray Cruz. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad
Day*. Atheneum, 1972. 0-689-704-28-3
(*good for Ash Wednesday*)

EASTER THEMES

Joy
Resurrection
New Life

Clean slate
New beginning
Alleluia!

Oursler, Fulton, Helen Cassell, ill., *A Child's Story of Easter*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1951.
0-687-02910-1

Kroll, Virginia. Illus. by Nancy Cote. *Fireflies, Peach Pies & Lullabies*. New York: Simon and
Schuster, 1995. 0-689-80291-9
(*death, too*)

Wild, Margaret and Julie Vivas. *Let the Celebrations Begin!* New York: Orchard Books, 1991.
(This book may be available only from the Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC)
0-531-05937-5

PENTECOST THEMES

Wind
Fire

All Nations
Spirit

Fox, Mem, Leslie Staub, Ill. *Whoever You Are*. New York: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997
0-15-200787-3

Sasso, Sandy E., Phoebe Stone, Ill. <i>In God's Name</i> . Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1994	1-879045-26-5
Damvell, Liz. <i>Where the Wind Stops</i> . Smithmark	0831767790
Ets, Marie H. <i>Gilberto and the Wind</i> . Viking Children's Books, 1963	0670340251
Lentz, Alice Boggs. <i>Mountain Magic: A Family's Legacy of Faith</i> . Thomas Nelson, Inc. Nashville, 1998.	0-8499-5841-5
Wood, Douglas. <i>Old Turtle</i> . Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers, 1992.	0-938586-48-3
Zolotow, Charlotte. <i>When the Wind Stops</i> . Harper Collins, 1995.	0-06-443472-9