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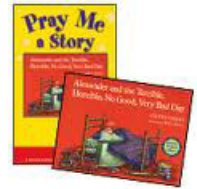
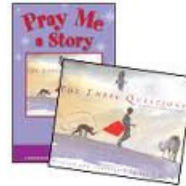


Pray Me A Story Series

The Pray Me a Story series uses popular children's books as a springboard for entering into imaginative prayer. Pray Me a Story is designed for use by catechists, religion teachers, parents, grandparents—anyone who prays with children of any age. Each story is accompanied with a small booklet. After hearing the story, the child is gently guided into the scene to meet Jesus and prayerfully speak to him as one friend speaks to another. Each booklet guides the adult with step-by-step instructions on how to share and discuss the story and then lead the children into prayer.



Series One



A Quiet Place Wood, Douglas, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2002. Text and illustrations describe some of the special places that one can go to be quiet and alone and to imagine, such as a woods, the seashore, a library, or inside oneself.

The Gift of Nothing McDonnell, Patrick, Little, Brown, 2005. Mooch the cat tries to think of a gift to give his friend Earl the dog.

On the Day You were Born Frasier, Debra, Harcourt Brace, 1991. The earth celebrates the birth of a new baby in an environmental story that includes factual information on the natural features of the planet, the sun, moon and stars, animals and people.

You are Special Lucado, Max, Crossway Books, 1997. Punchinello's opinion of himself changes after talking to his creator.

Grandad's Prayers of the Earth Wood, Douglas, Candlewick Press, 1999. Because Grandad has explained how all things in the natural world pray and make a gift to the beauty of life, his grandson is comforted when Grandad dies.

The Three Questions Muth, Jon J., Scholastic Press, 2002. Nikolai asks his animal friends to help him answer three important questions: "When is the best time to do things?" "Who is the most important?" and "What is the right thing to do?"

The Rainbow Fish Pfister, Marcus, North-South Books, 1992. The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the real value of personal beauty and friendship.

Chicken Sunday Polacco, Patricia, Philomel Books, 1992. With the rich folk-art style and lively text for which she has become well-known, Patricia Polacco has created an outstanding family story of trust, love, and acceptance. After her own grandmother dies, a young Russian-American girl is initiated into her neighbor's family.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day Viorst, Judith, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009, c1972. On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

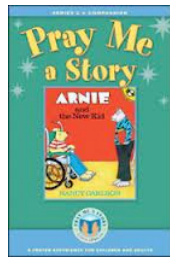
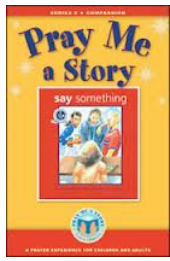
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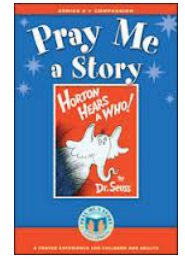
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Series Two



Arnie and the New Kid Carlson, Nancy L., Puffin, 1992, c1990. When an accident requires Arnie to use crutches, he begins to understand the limits and possibilities of his new classmate, who has a wheelchair.

Douglas, the Boy who Knew God McCarthy, Patricia, 2005. This is a story about a boy named Douglas. Douglas was born unable to move his arms and legs, and he lived in a large hospital. The people at the hospital loved Douglas and took care of him. Maria comes to the hospital on Sundays to teach the children about God and prayer. One day Douglas has the chance to teach Maria about prayer.

Say Something Moss, Peggy, Tilbury House, 2004. A child who never says anything when other children are being teased or bullied finds herself in their position one day when jokes are made at her expense and no one speaks up.

Enemy Pie Munson, Derek Chronicle Books, 2000. Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.

The Kissing Hand Penn, Audrey, Tanglewood Press, 2006. When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

Horton Hears a Who Seuss, Dr. Random House, 1968-1982. This is a story about an elephant named Horton. One day he discovers a group of very tiny people who live on a speck of dust in the jungle. Even though other jungle animals tease him and try to trap him, Horton does his best to protect the tiny people from harm.



Other Prayer Resources



70 Prayer Starters for Children and Those who Teach Them Mathson, Patricia, Twenty-Third Publications, 2011. Seventy engaging and creative prayer experiences for children ages 5-10 that invite them to make prayer a part of their daily lives. It helps catechists pray with children in ways that speak to their lives and interests, including: talking to God in their own words, expressing praise to God through artwork, praying with scripture, remembering to pray for the needs of others, and much more.

50 Prayer Services for Middle Schoolers: For Every Season of the Church Year and More Clark, Connie, Twenty-Third Publications, 2012. Here are prayer services for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. They're not for little kids or young adults. Using language, ideas, and formats familiar to 'tweens, these prayers introduce methods like meditation, litanies, intercessions, novenas, and even lectio divina.

Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children Jelenek, Frank X., Paraclete Press, 2007. Uses rhyme and illustrations to teach children how to practice prayer of the heart, contemplative prayer, or centering prayer.

The Purples are Coming! Roque, Ilow, Rock House Press, 2010. Thrilled at the alarm signaling the arrival of spring: "THE PURPLES ARE COMING!", a delightful band of meadowland animal pals sets off on a most unusual journey not only to the little chapel by the pond to see the purples at the very peak of their bloom, but to a wise old ram, Father Fred, to learn important lessons about prayer, apostleship and the love of God. Maybe prayer is not so complicated after all.

Praying in Color: Kids' Edition MacBeth, Sybil, Paraclete Press, 2009. This resource will change the way kids pray and how adults try to teach them to do it. This is prayer that makes sense to kids. One minute a day will do. Any time of the day will work. Drawing with markers or crayons is half the prayer; the other half is carrying the visual memories throughout the day. DVD also available.