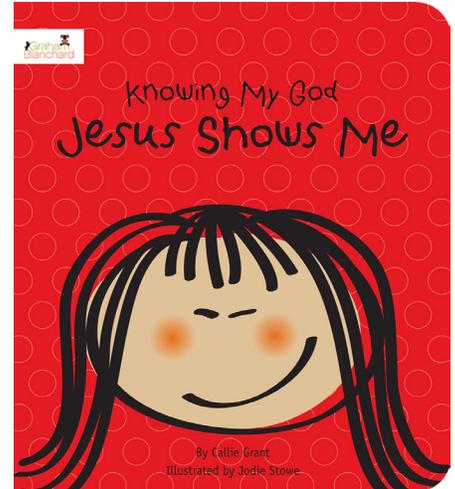


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## Jesus Shows Me

Children demonstrate their understanding of the parent/child relationship at a very young age. They snuggle a favorite stuffed animal or rock their baby dolls, as they emulate the love and nurture they feel from the adults in their lives. This book extends that concept to God's great love for us all. Using the three-level construct of Bible verse, explanatory text, and illustrative photograph, God's love is revealed through examples of young being nurtured in the animal kingdom. Each two-page spread is rich with details of loving and nurturing, which parents can explore as they read and reread the book many times.

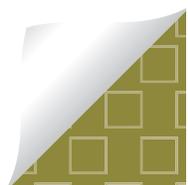


### Building on the Book:

- Explain to your child how you manifest your love for him just as animals care for their young. For example, the penguin father keeps his chick warm, while you provide clothing, soft blankets, and a cozy home.
- Connect the guidance and good example that you provide to your child to the life and words of Jesus. Use the book as a springboard for explaining that parents teach children, just as Jesus teaches us all. Even if you think this is beyond her comprehension, lay the seeds for later understanding.
- Capitalize on the message of play as a manifestation of love. Our ability to feel joy and happiness is one of God's greatest gifts! Help your child rejoice and cherish happy times that you spend together – building on the example of the dolphins frolicking in the sea.



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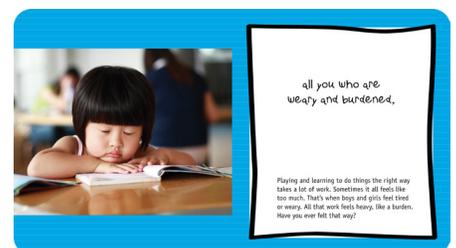
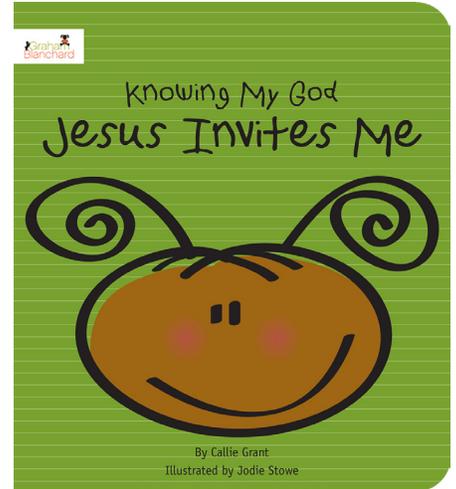
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## Jesus Invites Me

Each book in the Learn collection presents the word of God in three distinct ways – through the actual scripture verse, simple explanatory text, and an illustrative photograph. Since young children are naturally egocentric, this book connects to a child's everyday experiences and examples from the world around her to reveal God's invitation to us all. Children learn by building upon what they know already. Each experience, thought, and idea builds a framework upon which deeper understanding is constructed. Parents can help children by relating the photographs and text to something a child has seen or done in the past, thus helping to develop their thinking and knowledge. Learning is personal!

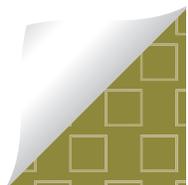
### Building on the Book:

- Select a photograph in the book that resonates with your child or recalls a past experience, for example the boy walking in the woods. Remind your child of her own walking experience and ask what she remembers. Discuss how her experience was the same or different. Were the colors the same? What about the plants and trees? The goal is to connect new information to previous knowledge.
- Delve into a section of explanatory text that appeals to your child. There is learning and discussion that can be based on each selection. Ask and listen, explain and teach.
- Help your child commit all or part of the scripture to memory. It is amazing how much even very young children can remember and repeat. Read the first few words and pause to let your child finish the sentence. She will feel proud of her accomplishment!



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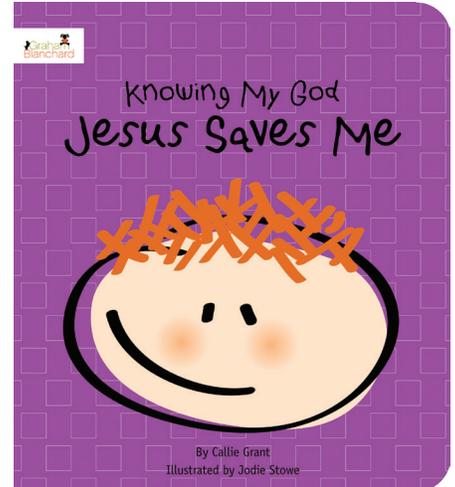
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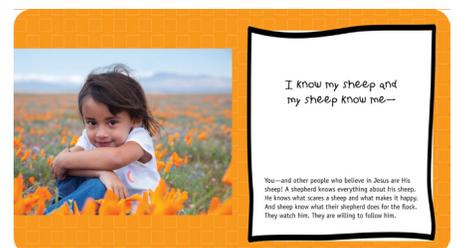
## Jesus Saves Me

The reassuring theme of God as the Good Shepherd reinforces the bond between grown-ups and the children entrusted to them. This Learn book presents the concept through biblical verse, carefully chosen photographs, and rich explanatory text. A child's essential need to be loved and nurtured by the adults in their lives opens the door to understanding how God loves and cares for us. Each three-part spread provides a springboard for discussion and deepening understanding of the many concepts presented.



## Building on the Book:

- Reflect on what it means to be truly "known," not only by the people we love, but also by God. Use the photographs and text to convey that sense of acceptance and validation that is so vital to a child's development. Plant the seeds of understanding of God's power of knowing and loving us for who we are.
- Draw parallels between what is portrayed in the photographs and what is present in your own context. Do you ever see sheep or farm animals? Do the grasslands, snowy landscape, or field of flowers resemble where you live? Children learn best when you can connect their own experience with new knowledge.
- Ask your child how they feel about each two-page spread. Or for very young ones talk about how it makes you feel. The child playing with his father looks happy. The sheep in the snow evokes a sense of loneliness. Help your child become aware of his feelings. Learning to manage your emotions is an important task of early childhood.



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