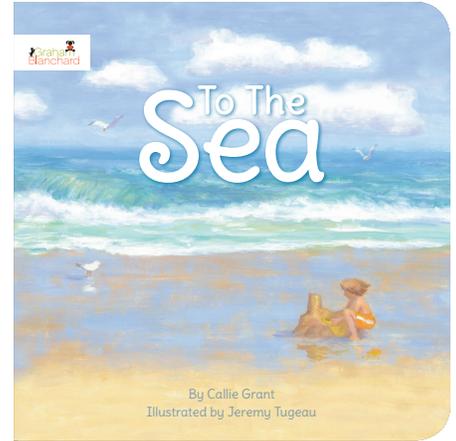


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To The Sea

As you join a young boy on his joyful day discovering the wonders of the seashore, the rhythmic verse and the brilliant blues of the illustrations convey the sights, sounds, and sensations evoked by the sea. This Praise books reveals the glory and power of the immense sea, one of God's greatest creations on Earth. Whether you and your children live near or far from the ocean, you can encourage an appreciation of the natural world around you and learn ways to keenly experience your environment.



Building on the Book:

- God blesses us with our amazing senses, with which we can experience the diversity and abundance of His creation. The boy in this book uses all his senses to experience the seashore. Go for a walk where you live and talk about what you can see, hear, smell, and feel. You can help children develop a sense of gratitude and wonder for the world all around us.
- If your child lives near or has visited the sea, you can review each page and talk about what is familiar and what is different from your own trips there. Does it look warm or cold where the boy is playing? How do the colors of the sky, water, and sand compare to your experiences? Children build upon their prior knowledge, so capitalize on what is already known to them and use it as the foundation for additional learning.
- Even very young children can derive meaning from factual information. Show them maps and images that depict the land and the sea. If you have a globe, you can help them identify areas of the earth's surface that are covered by water. Children will enjoy using "grown-up" resources and begin to understand that there are countless sources of information that can support life-long learning.



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