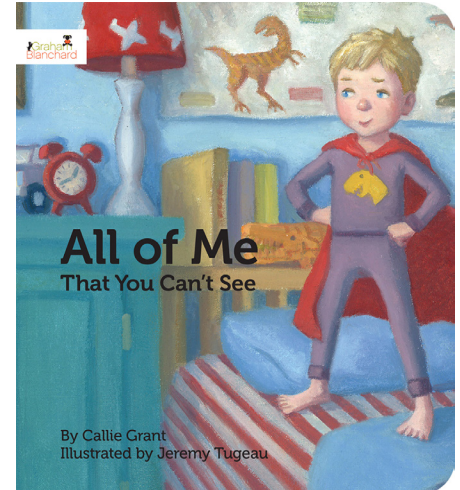


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All of Me That You Can't See

How can we help young children comprehend their inner life, when we struggle so to understand our own souls? Small children are literal in their thinking, so this book begins with what is obvious to the eye when we look in the mirror. However the lyrical text quickly reveals that much more exists inside us all and introduces concepts of heart, mind, strength, and soul. The book invites parents to share simple, comprehensible examples of how our feelings and actions are manifestations of our miraculous inner selves.



Building on the Book:

- Be on the lookout for your child acting from the heart. Name her behavior when you observe her being kind and generous. While giving praise to your child, you also have a chance make a connection to God's grace, which inspires us to kindness and generosity.
- Reinforce the concept of outside and inside. There are dozens of opportunities around the house and in nature – a box filled with puzzle pieces, an egg in the kitchen, a seed pod fallen from a tree.
- Help your child to savor the good feelings that come when he helps you with chores or succeeds at a difficult task. Ultimately children need to be guided by their inner resources, so help them recognize the positive spiritual results of doing what is right.

We would love to hear about your experiences with this book!
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