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## Jesus Helps Me

Wherever you live in this magnificent world, a dazzling variety of birds can be found as yet more proof of the glory of God found in His creation. Grownups and children can enjoy reading this book together cozy inside, and then go outside to look for different birds in their own backyard. Doing so helps deepen understanding, as grownups can look for examples in nature and connect them with themes of this book.

### Building on the Book:

- One of the greatest gifts you can give young children is the gift of time and attention. Slow down, take time to see and explore the world together, and you probably will be more in step with the natural timing of your child. Add extra time to your regular errands and allow for opportunities to stop, observe, and discuss whatever nature puts in your path.
- As often done in the Bible, the natural world can teach important lessons for a life of faith. In this book, the father bird feeds his young and teaches them how survive. Use such examples to connect how you care for and teach your children, just as Jesus cares for and teaches us all.
- The awe-inspiring range of bird life can help teach an appreciation of God's creation. The extravagant variety of flora and fauna inspire awe for Him. Talk about how different bird species are from one another. Point out variations in size, color, habitat, food, feet, and beaks. All these creatures are beautiful and acceptable to God. He created variation in people, too, and we can follow his lead and love others who are different than we are.

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