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# Our Story

## About Flyaway Books



fly away . . .

The phrase conjures up feelings of freedom, imagination, adventure. Of a bird floating on the wind high above. That's why we chose the name Flyaway Books for our new children's book imprint. We want the children and adults who read our books to feel as if they are soaring with that bird, looking down on new lands, seeing the world from a new perspective.

Flyaway Books will be penned by a varied group of authors and illustrators, from beginners to experienced writers and artists. Our titles will be intentionally multicultural in their artwork and characters. They will carry themes of diversity, inclusion, self-esteem, kindness, compassion, and care for our world. Many of them will help children understand today's most pressing social issues. Some will retell familiar religious stories in new ways, while others will carry universal themes appropriate for those from any, or no, religious background.

Many of our books will be appropriate for use in public and private schools, school and public libraries, and bookstores. Others will be aimed at church communities in mainline, emergent, progressive evangelical, and similar traditions.

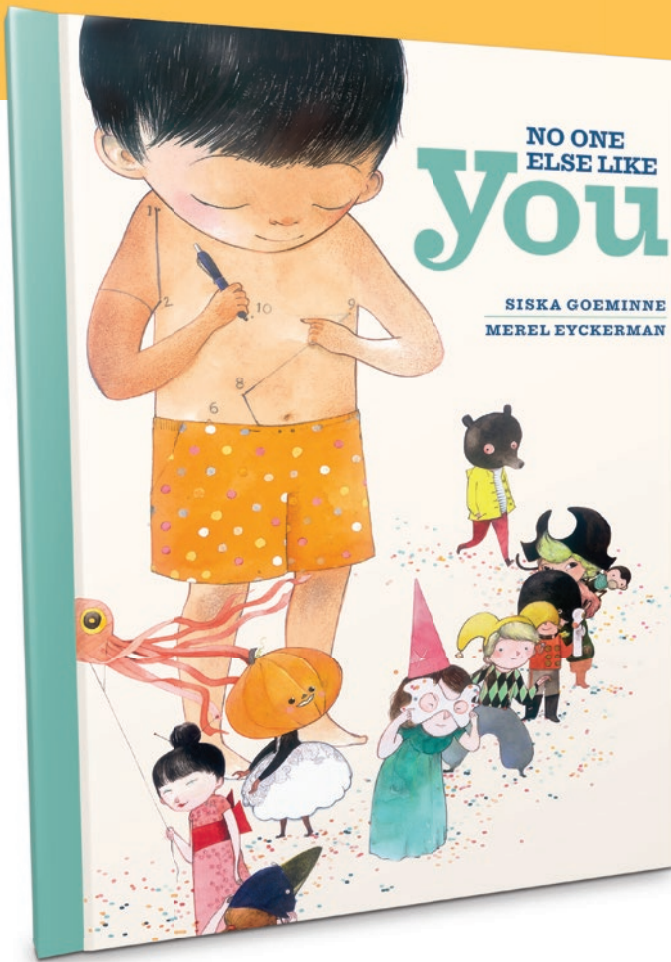
Though Flyaway Books is new, the imprint is supported by the staff and resources of Westminster John Knox Press, a publisher with more than 175 years of history.

In just a few short months our first books, still carrying the WJK imprint, have received positive reviews in *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Foreword Reviews*, and *Publishers Weekly*. Our first book was named a selection of the Junior Library Guild. Future authors include bestselling children's book authors Katherine Paterson, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Kathy Bostrom, noted New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine, the African Methodist Episcopal pastor and activist Michael Waters, and author and illustrator Katie Yamasaki.

Follow us on social media or visit our web site to learn more about our new program.







"No One Else like You written by Siska Goeminne and illustrated by Merel Eyckerman, doesn't follow a character, but approaches diversity from a distance. 'In this world there are more than seven billion people,' it begins, then explores the many things those people do. . . . Everyone is different. Those differences, however, are what ultimately unite us: We're all different, and that's what we all have in common. The illustrations do a nice job of conveying the great diversity of people in the world."

—The New York Times

"A joyous and realistic commemoration of the strengths and weaknesses of the human race . . . children will enjoy exploring the multifaceted illustrated examples within the intricate scenes."

—Kirkus Reviews

## No One Else like You

Siska Goeminne

Illustrated by Merel Eyckerman

September 2017

Hardback • \$16.00

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32 pages • 8.5" x 12"

Ages 4–8

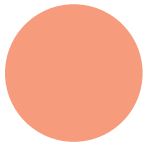
Rights: North America

Market: Children, People & Places

There are so many people in the world. Over seven billion! They come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and colors. Some are happy, and some are grumpy. Some live in tall towers in the city, while others live in cottages in the field. Some like to read, and some like to sing. And yet, even with so many people in this world, there is no one quite like you!

**Siska Goeminne** is a full-time author of numerous books for children and youth. She lives in Leuven, Belgium.

**Merel Eyckerman** is a freelance illustrator whose work has appeared in children's books, magazines, and other educational publications. She lives in Belgium.



It was great, it was marvelous,  
it was magical to have a not-  
so-nice alligator that snapped  
at people with his teeth.

When Simon gets mad, he gets  
REALLY mad. So mad that big, bad,  
angry beasts appear. At first Simon  
loves having the beasts around to help  
scare off anyone who upsets him, but  
over time he realizes that no one wants  
to be around him or the beasts. This  
makes Simon sad, so he decides to  
try to still his mind and practice being  
calm. And the beasts disappear!



Featuring colorful and expressive illustrations, this insightful book helps children learn how to handle their anger. A guide for parents and teachers in the back of the book features strategies for talking to children about their emotions along with various exercises they can use to cope with anger.

**Ian De Haes** is a Belgian artist and painter who illustrates picture books. Learn more at his website <http://iandehaes.com/>.

## Simon and the Big, Bad, Angry Beasts

*A Book about Anger*

Written and Illustrated  
by Ian De Haes

May 2018

Hardback • \$16.00

9780664263553

40 pages • 9.375" x 9.75"

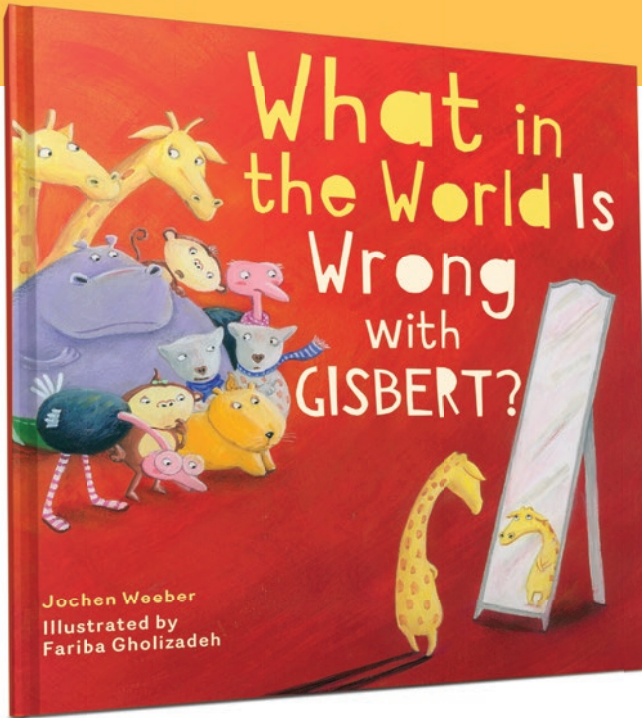
Ages 4–8

Rights: North America

Market: Children, Emotions







"Their words made me feel like I was shrinking," he said. "And the smaller I got, the worse I felt. But it's not bad to be tall or small."

Meet Gisbert, a tall, young giraffe. Gisbert is tall enough to do everything a giraffe might want to do, and his life is good. But one day, something happens. Gisbert's friends start making fun of him, and with each negative comment they say, he begins to shrink! What in the world is wrong with Gisbert?

## What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?

Jochen Weeber

Illustrated by Fariba Gholizadeh

July 2018

Hardback • \$16.00

9781947888029

32 pages • 8.625" x 9.5"

Ages 3–8

Rights: World English

Market: Children, Growing Up

This insightful book helps teach children about the consequences of bullying and the power of friendship. *What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?* features various animal characters and bright, playful illustrations. Ideal for children ages 3–8.

**Jochen Weeber** is an author, poet, and musician in Reutlinger, Germany.

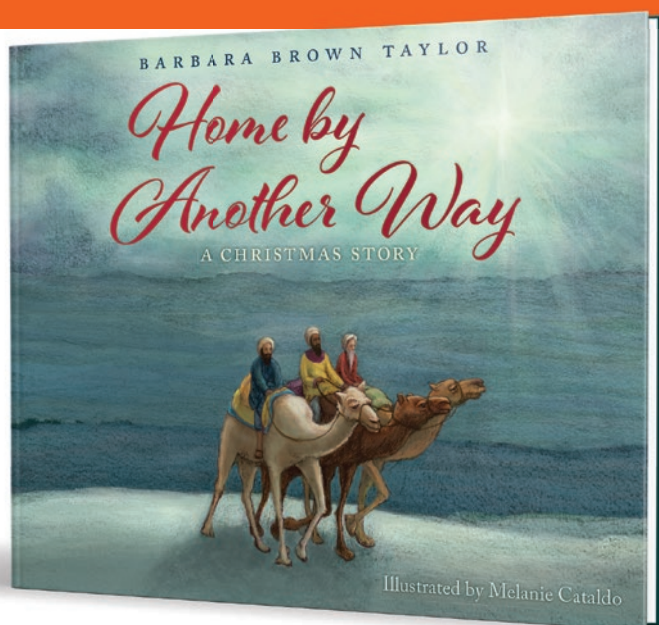
**Fariba Gholizadeh** was born in Iran and studied graphic design in Tehran and in Mainz, Germany.



"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'"

—Matthew 2:1–2

This enchanting Christmas story by beloved author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor follows the three wise men on their world-changing journey to Bethlehem.



In this beautiful retelling of their adventure, Taylor captures the power of one very special star and gives readers a new perspective on the three wise men and their encounters with King Herod, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. *Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story* features breathtaking artwork from illustrator Melanie Cataldo and is perfect for gift-giving.

**Barbara Brown Taylor** is a New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Her last book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark* (2014), was featured on the cover of *TIME* magazine and in 2014 *TIME* listed her as one of the Most Influential People. For more information, visit [www.barbarabrowntaylor.com](http://www.barbarabrowntaylor.com).

**Melanie Cataldo** is a children's book illustrator and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. For more information, visit [www.melcataldo.com](http://www.melcataldo.com).

## Home by Another Way A Christmas Story

Barbara Brown Taylor  
Illustrated by Melanie Cataldo

July 2018

Jacketed Hardback • \$18.00

9781947888005

40 pages • 10.875" x 9"

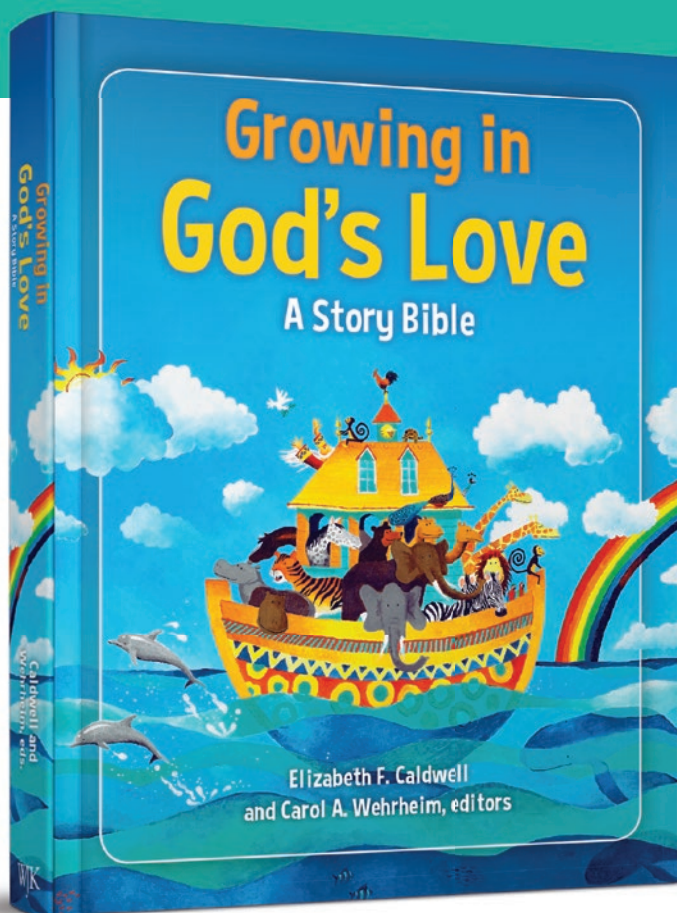
Ages 8–10

Rights: World

Market: Children, Holidays







"In this interactive compilation of 150 stories from the Christian Bible, children are prompted to hear, see, and act through a series of thought-provoking questions. . . . Filled with a rainbow of culturally diverse illustrations from over twenty international artists, this unique collection is sure to entertain, encourage, and enlighten young hearts."

—Foreword Reviews

"This is a good resource for collections as well as an excellent gift book."

—Children's Literature

This engaging resource features 150 popular Bible stories that are organized into 13 themes. Each story is built on the latest in learning theory and helps children begin to understand the Bible and apply its teachings to the world around them. Three reflection questions—Hear, See, Act—are included at the end of each story to help children further ponder the message of the story.

## Growing in God's Love A Story Bible

Elizabeth F. Caldwell and  
Carol A. Wehrheim, editors

January 2018  
Hardback • \$25.00  
9780664262914  
360 pages • 7" x 9"  
Ages 3–8  
Rights: World  
Market: Children

*Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* is ideal for children ages 4–8, and it is perfect for Sunday school classrooms, children's sermons, vacation Bible school, and gift-giving at baptism or other milestones.

**Elizabeth F. Caldwell** is a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt Divinity School. A noted Christian educator and author, Caldwell was an editor for the Common English Bible translation. She was named APCE Educator of the Year in 2004.

**Carol A. Wehrheim** is an award-winning Christian educator and author in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She served as general editor for the Feasting on the Word Curriculum and was on the editorial board for the Common English Bible. She was named APCE Educator of the Year in 2001.

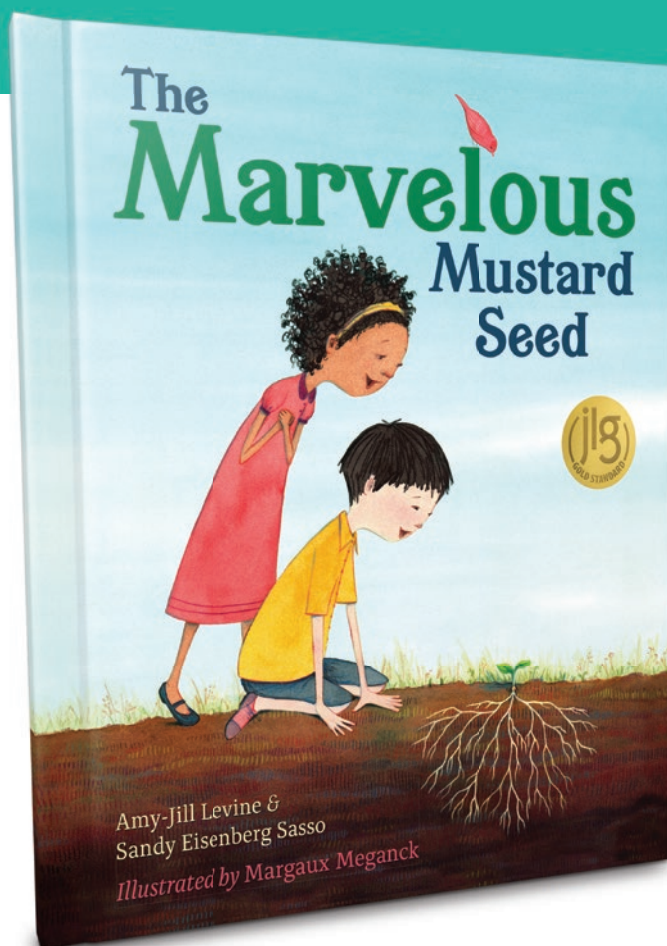




"A child plants a mustard seed in an empty garden. It is an itty-bitty seed. It isn't anything very special—yet."

Discover the surprising potential of one small seed in *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*. Based on Jesus' parable of the Mustard Seed, this inspiring children's book shows young readers that one tiny seed—just like one small child—carries a world of potential. *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* features ethnically diverse characters and it is ideal for children ages 4–8. A special note for parents and teachers is included.

*The Marvelous Mustard Seed* is a 2018 Junior Library Guild selection.



**Amy-Jill Levine** is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, and Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science. She is the co-author of the popular children's book *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons*, and author of numerous acclaimed books, including *Short Stories by Jesus* and *The Misunderstood Jew*.

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**Margaux Meganck** is a freelance artist and children's book illustrator in Portland, Oregon. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

## The Marvelous Mustard Seed

Amy-Jill Levine and  
Sandy Eisenberg Sasso  
Illustrated by Margaux Meganck

May 2018

Hardback • \$16.00

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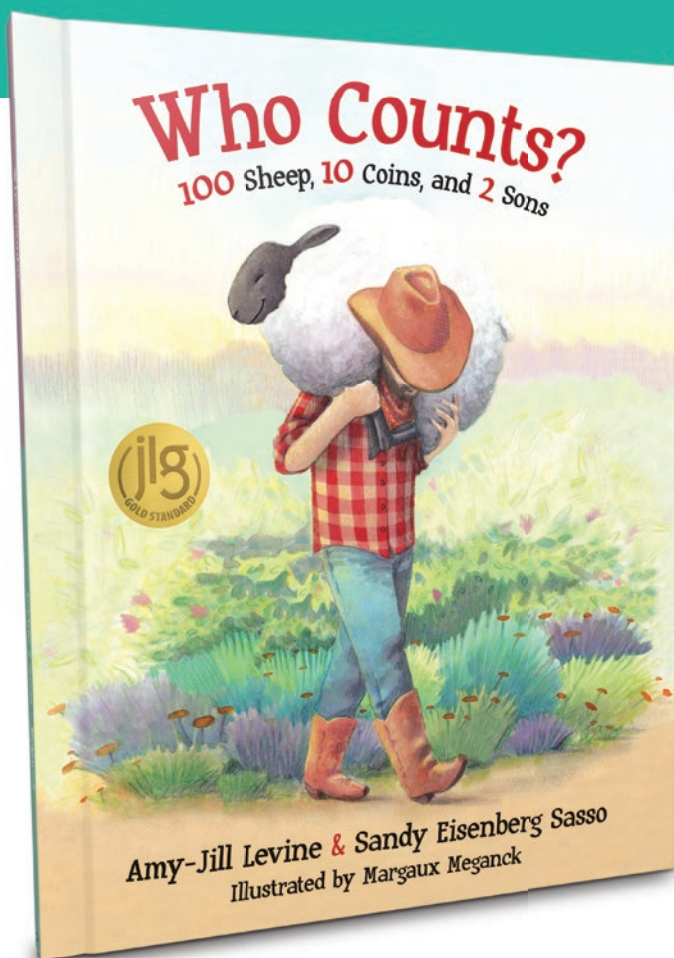
40 pages • 9" x 10.875"

Ages 4–8

Rights: World

Market: Children, Bible Stories





"Levine and Sasso present contemporary retellings of the three biblical parables with numerical themes: the good shepherd, lost coin, and prodigal son. . . . All three stories are true to their biblical roots, but Meganck's handsome paintings of diverse characters and present-day settings may help readers find greater connections to their messages about value, faithfulness, and appreciation."

—Publishers Weekly

"Three well-known parables come together in a remarkable way in *Who Counts?* by biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso."

—Foreword Reviews

"An unusual and creative interpretation of the three parables, offering the satisfying conclusion that each person (or sheep or coin) matters and should be counted."

—Kirkus Reviews

## Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons

Amy-Jill Levine and  
Sandy Eisenberg Sasso  
Illustrated by Margaux Meganck

May 2017

Hardback • \$16.00

9780664262747

40 pages • 9" x 10.875"

Ages 4–8

Rights: World

Market: Children, Bible Stories



As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, *Who Counts?* teaches that every one of us counts and that everyone should feel counted.

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**Amy-Jill Levine** is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, and Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science. She is the co-author of the popular children's book *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons*, and author of numerous acclaimed books, including *Short Stories by Jesus* and *The Misunderstood Jew*.

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*Who Counts?* is now available in Spanish! This popular children's book offers a creative retelling of three popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, *Who Counts?* teaches that every one of us counts in God's eyes and that everyone should feel counted.

The stories are beautifully illustrated with modern-day characters and a diversity of ethnicities so that all children will be able to see themselves in the stories. Ideal for children ages 4–8. Includes a note for parents and teachers.



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## ¿Quién cuenta? 100 ovejas, 10 monedas y 2 hijos

Amy-Jill Levine  
y Sandy Eisenberg Sasso  
Ilustrado por Margaux Meganck

January 2018  
Paper • \$10.00  
9780664264062  
40 pages • 9" x 10.875"  
Ages 4–8  
Rights: World  
Market: Children, Bible Stories





Where are you hiding, God?  
In the dresser between my  
pants and socks? In the  
bathtub under my little rubber  
duck? In the grass next to the  
flowers and the dragonflies?

"Sweetly profound . . . Swirls and  
whorls of dreamy, windswept artwork in  
soothing shades enhance the simple,  
reflective message as the girl realizes  
that, while she may not be able to see  
God underneath her socks, she can  
always feel God's presence wherever  
she may be."

—Foreword Reviews

## Where Are You Hiding, God?

Written and Illustrated  
by Elisabeth Zartl

November 2017  
Hardback • \$12.00  
9780664263522  
24 pages • 7.09" x 7.09"  
Ages 3–6

Rights: North America  
Market: Children, Christianity

A 2017 *Spirituality & Practice* award winner, this colorful picture book tells the story of a little girl trying to find God. She searches in the house, in the bathroom, and in the garden, without any luck. But just as she gives up hope, she finds God.

With beautiful illustrations that offer a treasure trove for exploring, recognizing, and naming, this touching story shows children that God is always with them.

**Elisabeth Zartl** has studied religious education, psychology, philosophy, and graphic design. She is currently a teacher and freelance artist in Vienna, Austria, and has authored and illustrated several children's books. More information can be found on her website: [www.elisabethzartl.com](http://www.elisabethzartl.com).





# learning about God

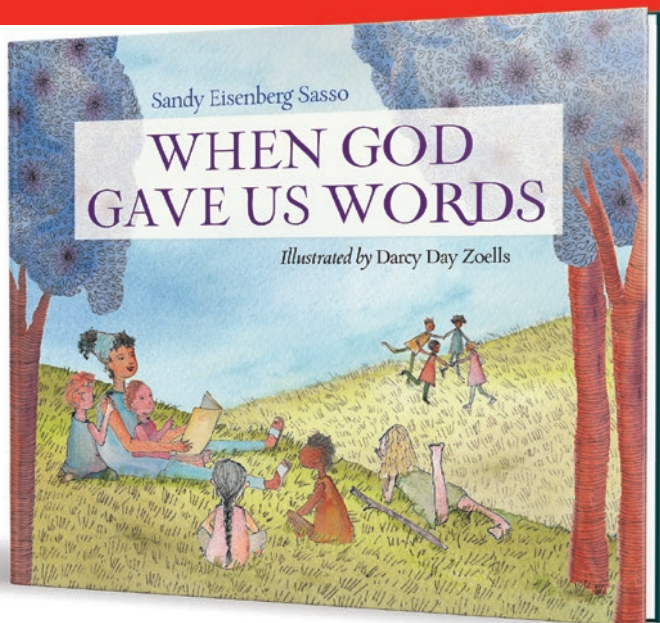
Words.

There are long words and short words, nice words and mean words.

There are silly words, scary words, and hard-to-spell words.

There are so many words in our world! But where did they all come from?

Award-winning children's book author Sandy Eisenberg Sasso tells a creative tale about the origin of words, and the power of language, in *When God Gave Us Words*.



Inside this innovative children's book, God gives the power of words to humankind. At first God and the angels are pleased with how people use words, but over time they start to use words to make curses, lies, and threats. The angels beg God to take back the gift of language, and just as God is about to take it back, new beautiful words begin to fill the air.

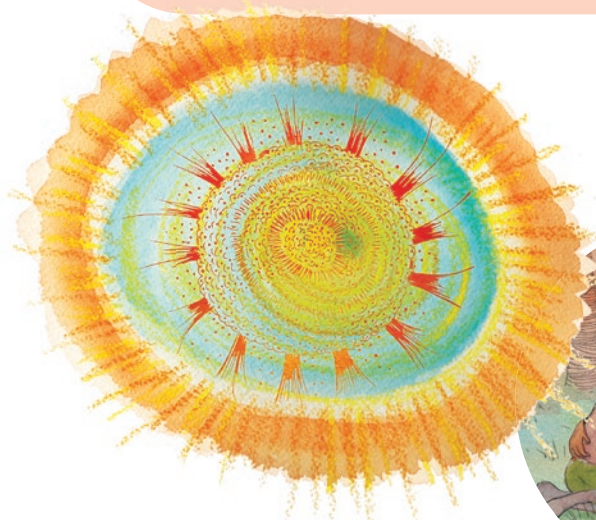
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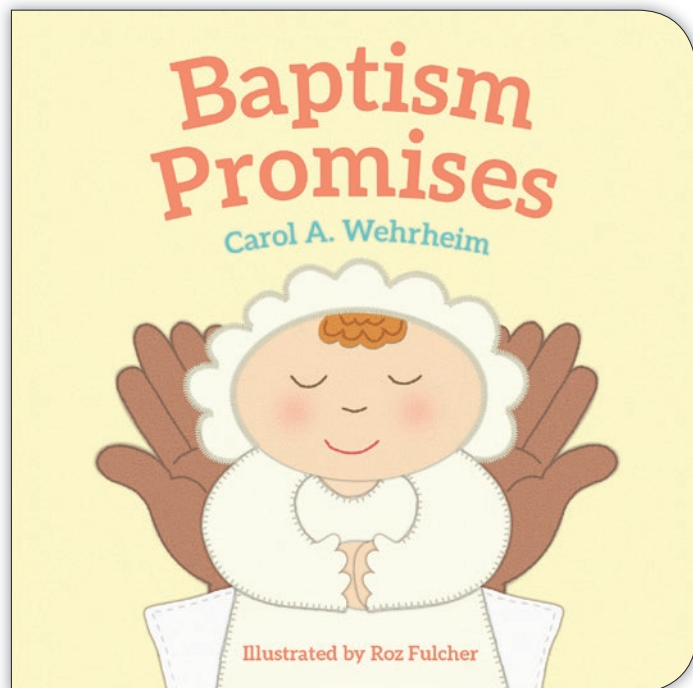
**Darcy Day Zoells** is a graduate of Northwestern University and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. For more information, visit [www.darcydayzoells.com](http://www.darcydayzoells.com).

## When God Gave Us Words

Sandy Eisenberg Sasso  
Illustrated by Darcy Day Zoells

September 2018  
Hardback • \$16.00  
9781947888012  
40 pages • 10.875" x 9.5"  
Ages 4–8  
Rights: World  
Market: Children





On this special day, our family said, "We want you to be baptized. We promise that we will try to live as Jesus taught. We will teach you to live this way too."

*Baptism Promises* helps explain to children the significance of their baptism and the promises their family and church community made to them during the sacrament. Featuring easy-to-follow language, bright, inclusive artwork, and four simple prayers, this inspiring book is perfect for gift-giving and comes in a board-book format so that even the smallest of hands can hold it. A special dedication page is included in the front of the book. Ideal for children ages 2–4.

## Baptism Promises

Carol A. Wehrheim  
Illustrated by Roz Fulcher

September 2018  
Boardbook • \$8.00  
9781947888036  
18 pages • 8" x 8"  
Ages 2–4  
Rights: World  
Market: Children, Baptism

**Carol A. Wehrheim** is author of *The Baptism of Your Child*; *Getting It Together: Spiritual Practices for Faith, Family, and Work*; and *Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families*. She is an award-winning Christian educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and served as co-editor of *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* and general editor for the *Feasting on the Word Curriculum*. She was on the editorial board for the Common English Bible and named APCE Educator of the Year in 2001.

**Roz Fulcher** is an illustrator with over seventeen years of experience in children's book publishing. For more information, visit [www.rozfulcherillustration.com](http://www.rozfulcherillustration.com).





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