

Resources to Use with the Children

Introductory Unit

That's What Friends Are For by

Valeri Gorbachev
(Philomel, 2005)

Theme: friendship

In this fourth book in a series, Goat and Pig experience the meaning of friendship when Goat misunderstands Pig's tears from cutting onions which turns into an opportunity for them to make and enjoy dinner together.

Don't Need Friends by Carolyn Crimi (Dragonfly Books, 2001)

Theme: friendship

A grouchy junkyard dog and a surly rat decide they need each other.

Unit One

Bible Animals (Bible Discovery Collection) by Bruce B. Barton (Tyndale House, 1997)

Theme: creation

Presents fascinating facts about the animals of the Bible.

Designed by God So I Must

Be Special by Bonnie Sose (Character Builders for Kids, 1991)

Theme: uniqueness

A warm colorful book designed to stimulate the imagination and enhance the self-esteem of young children.

From One to One Hundred by Terri Sloat (Puffin Books, 1995)

Theme: creation

Animals and people from all around the world are pictured in this detailed counting book.

God's Quiet Things by Nancy Sweetland (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998)

Theme: creation

A child's consciousness is raised through the quiet marvels found in nature.

I Wonder by Tana Hoban (Harcourt Brace, 1999)

Theme: creation

A thoughtful walk in the park becomes a wonderful look at nature.

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers (HarperCollins Children's Books, 1991)

Theme: creation

A little girl, her father and their dog take a quiet walk, listening to many different sounds along the way.

Noah's Trees by Bijou Le Tord (HarperCollins Children's Books, 2007)

Theme: caring for God's creation

In this new perspective on the Old Testament story, Noah is a gardener who tends to dozens of trees. When God asks Noah to build the ark, he does so obediently, making sure to take pairs of animals and plenty of saplings along.

Rain by Manya Stojic (Chrysalis Children's Books, 2001)

Theme: God's wondrous creation

Follow the animals of the African savanna who eagerly anticipate and experience rain through the senses of smell, sight, sound, touch and taste.

The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer (Alfred A. Knopf, 1991)

Theme: creation

Brian brings a salamander home and thinks of ways he can make his new pet feel comfortable.

Sam Who Never Forgets by Eve Rice (William Morrow and Co., 1987)

Theme: creation

This story tells of a zookeeper's rounds and how he cares for each animal.

Swimmy by Leo Lionni (Alfred A. Knopf, 1991)

Theme: creation

Swimmy, the little black fish and lone survivor in a school of red ones, devises an ingenious scheme for protecting a new school of fish friends.

The Way I Love You by David Bedford (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2004)

Theme: caring for God's creation

A young girl counts the ways she and her dog are best friends.