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BK F01 154 C1	Hamanaka, Sheila ALL THE COLORS OF THE EARTH. 1994. Children come in all the colors of the earth, in every shade of you and me. This book's poetry and beautiful illustrations celebrates the diversity of children.	Children Book
BK F01 114 C1	McBrier, Page BEATRICE'S GOAT. 2001. Beatrice longs to be a schoolgirl. But in her small African village, only children who can afford uniforms and books can go to school. Beatrice knows that with six children to care for, her family is much too poor. This is a true story about how one child, given the right tools, is able to lift her family out of poverty.	Children Book
BK F01 3497 C1	Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg BUTTERFLIES UNDER OUR HATS. 2006. From best-selling children's author Sandy Sasso, an unforgettable story, inspired by a Jewish folktale, of losing and finding hope. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BL F01 3498 C1	Brown, Susan Taylor CAN I PRAY WITH MY EYES OPEN?. 1999. Children often wonder when and where to pray. This lyrical picture book offers an answer. Whether angry and upset, or playing games and counting stars, every child is assured that they can pray when, where, and how they want, and they will always be heard. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK F01 028 C1	Carlstrom, Nancy White DOES GOD KNOW HOW TO TIE SHOES?. 1993. Filled with questions children ask, What Does God wear? Does God get cold and hungry? Does God have any pets? Does God go to sleep? and many more. This well-illustrated book offers help with answers to the tough questions children ask.	Children Book
BK F01 3646 C1	Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE. 1999. After his grandfather died Isaiah was told that Grandpa had gone to heaven. Isaiah wondered exactly where and what heaven was. He became determined to find out, and sought answers from many different people. Isaiah discovered that heaven is often found in the places where you least expect it. (book jacket)	Children Book
BK F01 3488 C1	Vajda, Jaroslav J. GOD OF THE SPARROW. 1983. Follow the characters of this well-known hymn as they ask God how to express their wonder, love, faith, and sorrow to the creator of it all. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK F01 3645 C1	Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg GOD SAID AMEN. 2000. In her warm and inspiring style, Sasso tells us about two mythical kingdoms: The Kingdom of Midnight is overflowing with water, but in desperate need of oil to light its lamps; the Kingdom of the Desert is blessed with oil, but in dire need of water to grow its gardens. Each faces disaster. The Prince of the Midnight Kingdom and the Princess of the Desert Kingdom each ask God for help, but they prove too stubborn and full of pride to ask each other. Finally, after the powerful rulers fail, the children's simple acts of kindness help the people find God's answer to their prayers. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book

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BK F01 3493 C1	DePalma, Mary Newell GRAND OLD TREE. 2005. Mary Newell DePalma creates an emotional tale of life and renewal, of nature's bounty and quiet balance, illustrated with simple images made powerful with vivid colors and moving compositions. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK F01 020 C1	Wood, Douglas GRANDAD'S PRAYERS OF THE EARTH. 1999. "Did you know, boy," Grandad whispered, "that trees pray?" So Grandad tells his grandson as they take their walks together. Finally, the boy asks the hardest question of all, "Are our prayers answered, Grandad?" One day, after his Grandad is gone, and after many, many prayers, the boy is grown. It is then that he finds the answer to his own question.	Children Book
BK F01 3487 C1	Bucchino, John GRATEFUL: A SONG OF GIVING THANKS. 1996. Once in a while, a perfect union of words and music creates a transcendent song that soars from the heart and speaks to every soul. Grateful is such an anthem, inspiring courage, compassion, and hope. A joyous celebration of the beauty of the seasons, the wonders of nature, and the blessings of faith, here is a gift to be treasured by children and adults of all ages. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK F01 3447 C1	Baskwill, Jane IF PEACE IS... 2003. "What is peace? To each one of us, it is something different. Stephanie Carter's jewel-like images harmonize perfectly with Jane Baskill's inspiring text to illuminate the many ways people can help make a more peaceful world." (book jacket)	Children Book
BK F01 3644 C1	Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg IN GOD'S NAME. 1994. Like an ancient myth in its poetic text and vibrant illustrations, this modern fable about the search for God's name celebrates the diversity and, at the same time, the unity of all the people of the world. Each seeker claims he or she alone knows the answer. Finally, they come together and learn what God's name really is, sharing the ultimate harmony of belief in one God by people of all faiths, all backgrounds. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK F01 3448 C1	Parr, Todd IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT. 2001. "It's okay to be a different color. It's okay to dance by yourself. It's okay to wear glasses. It's okay to have a pet worm... It's okay to be different." (book jacket)	Children Book
BK B05 3598 C1	McCaughrean, Geraldine JESSE TREE. 2005. As Mr. Butterfield carves a Jesse Tree in an old dusty church, a curious young boy asks about the various symbols on the tree. Against his better judgment, the old man finds himself retelling the familiar Biblical tales that trace the lineage of Christ, from the Garden of Eden to Jesus' birth. Illustrations. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book

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BK F01 043 C1	Lucado, Max JUST THE WAY YOU ARE. 1994. In its original edition, "The Children of the King", opened a generation of youngsters to God's desire to enjoy a relationship with each of them, no matter what they had to offer Him. Now "Just the Way You Are" has updated this story and it is redesigned with new illustrations for a new generation of 4 to 10-year-old. Its timeless truth, that God loves them and delights in them just the way they are, is one of the most lasting assurances we can give our children. It's a truth no child should have to live without.	Children Book
BK F01 026 C1	Figley, Marty Rhodes MARY AND MARTHA. 1995. This delightfully illustrated story of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Different as night and day, Martha was always busy and Mary was never busy. Jesus came for a visit and taught them a lesson that changed both of their lives	Children Book
BK F01 170 C1	Karon, Jan MISS FANNIE'S HAT. 1998. Each of Miss Fannie's hats reminds her on a special time. She wore her green velour hat in the terrible flood of 1916. Her brown velvet hat feels just like Miss Fannie's grandmother's cow. And her famous pink straw hat with the silk roses is the one Miss Fannie has worn on Easter Sunday for the past thirty-five years. When Miss Fannie's preacher asks her to donate one of her hats to the church auction, choosing which one to part with is no small task. This heartwarming story about the rewards of unselfish love will enchant readers young and old.	Children Book
BK F01 3490 C1	Farjeon, Eleanor MORNING HAS BROKEN. 1996. An illustrated version of the song which celebrates the beauty and elation of the newly breaking morning. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK B05 3432 C1	Boling, Ruth L. MOUSE TAILS. 2005. In these endearing stories, set in the fictional town of Hillsborough and its church, the Church of the Least of These, the characters, church mice all, live, work, and play together, in the process living out theological themes and demonstrating hope in their daily lives and actions. The stories, which take place during the Christmas season, show the community and especially six memorable children in one Sunday school class--learning how to care for one another, welcome outsiders, disagree in love, forgive, and love as Christ loves. They reflect a community living out its faith by choosing to hope. This beautifully illustrated book can be read to or by children. (Book Jacket)	Children Book
BK N03 1914 C1	Bostrom, Kathleen Long PAPA'S GIFT - AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF LOVE AND LOSS. 2002. Papa's Gift is the poignant story of a little girl's love for her grandfather and the long process of finding hope and healing after he dies. This charming story helps children ages 4-8 begin to understand the meaning of loss and of love that never ends.	Children Book

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BK N05 053 C1	Scholes, Katherine PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU. 1989. The concept of Peace can be difficult for children to grasp, but this author succeeds in explaining clearly and simply how and why peace has a place in all of our lives. The book begins at a personal level, looking at why different people's needs and wants don't always fit together easily, and how this can become a source of conflict. It then explores the many ways in which conflicts can be resolved, including the positive ways to avoid a winner/loser outcome.	Children Book
BK F01 156 C1	Laminack, Lester L. SUNSETS OF MISS OLIVIA WIGGINS. 1998. This is a sensitive story of a young boy who goes to visit his great-grandmother in a nursing home. He remembers other visits with her in her home and it is hard for him to understand why she no longer talks to him or even seems to know he's there. But, he comes to feel comfort in just being with her.	Children Book
BK B05 073 C1	MacKall, Dandi Daley UNTIL THE CHRIST CHILD CAME. 2002. Using gallery-quality images and rhyming text to tell the story of Christ's birth, the reader is invited to be with Mary, watching the events unfold from the announcement of the angel until her son, God's Son, walked upon the earth in ministry. This book is designed to help children experience anew the wonder and amazement of the miracle of the atonement that God through His grace brought eternal change to the world through the perfect life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Savior.	Children Book
BK B05 3574 C1	Flinn, Lisa & Younger, Barbara UNWRAPPING THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE. 2005. This engaging and delightful book follows a child's thoughts and actions as the Christmas crèche is unwrapped. Each figure comes to life in this Advent adventure. For children, ages 4-8. (Cokesbury website)	Children Book
BK F01 3358 C1	Wangerin, Walter, Jr. WATER, COME DOWN! THE DAY YOU WERE BAPTIZED. 1999. The sun, the cloud, the wind, the rainfall of God's creation lend their voices to the story of how a child joins the family of God. This book is a great gift for children on the occasion of their baptism.	Children Book
BK F01 3446 C1	Radunsky, Vladimir WHAT DOES PEACE FEEL LIKE?. 2004. "Peace. What does that word really mean? Ask children from around the world, and this is what they say..." (Book jacket)	Children Book
BK N03 1910 C1	Shriver, Maria WHAT'S HEAVEN?. 1999. The idea for this book came out of a discussion the author had with her oldest daughter, Katherine, when her great grandmother Rose died. She was six years old at the time. Most of the questions and answers are from her and from her daughter Christina, who was only five.	Children Book
BK F01 3489 C1	Bea, Holly WHERE DOES GOD LIVE?. 1997. One day Hope asks the question, Where does God live? It is her wise and gentle grandmother whose lifetime of faith offers Hope the answer that she and all of us can take into our hearts. It is an answer whose simplicity and beauty do honor to the Creator. (book jacket)	Children Book

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BK F01 022 C1	Buckley, Ray WING. 2002. The people of the forest are amazed at the beauty and swiftness of She Who Flies Swiftly. She is like a bright jewel among the leafy trees. But one day they find her lying with a broken wing on the forest floor. Suddenly the Creator is there, holding her in his hand. Afterward the others wait for her to fly, but she no longer can. The forest people can not understand - wasn't she healed by the Creator? Finally they leave her and in her sorrow she begins to sing. The song becomes more and more beautiful. Her voice is joined by that of the Creator.	Children Book
BK F01 3611 C1	Lewis, Jacqueline Janette YOU ARE SO WONDERFUL!. 2003. With simple, rhyming text and charming illustrations, this inviting read-together book affirms the uniqueness of each child. Fun to read and hear, featuring illustrations of children of many races and various abilities, this book emphasizes that each person is special and deeply loved by God. (book jacket)	Children Book