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Beyond the Sunset and Razor Wire

This evening the sun went down amid flaming clouds and golden reflections on snow. Who but God could have thought up something so gorgeous? And it's always different! This wisp of cloud here. That silver lining there.

As I stood gazing out of my narrow prison window, I burst out singing "How Great Thou Art." I considered the beauty and praised Him for it. Then I noticed the razor wire.

I was already emotional about the splendor of the sunset. But now the tears flowed in earnest.

I assume everyone enjoys sunsets, at least I've never heard anyone say they didn't. I also like sunrises, but a photographer friend of mine doesn't. She says sunrises come around too early in the day to be beautiful. She echoed what someone else once said: "If God would have wanted humans to enjoy the sunrise, He would have scheduled it later on in the day."

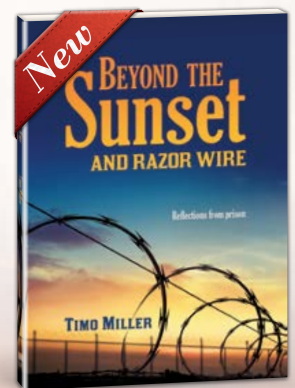
Sunrises and sunsets inspire in me an awe for God. They speak to me of magnificent beauty and freedom. Something beyond human words to describe. Something that can't be contained with concrete, chain-link fencing, or razor wire.

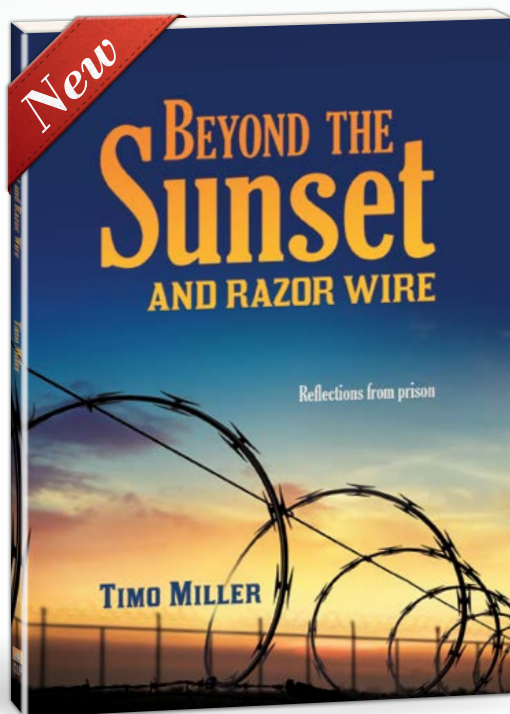
Humans are easy to pen up. But not God. Through nature He teaches us a little bit of Himself. He shows us a faint whisper of who He really is (Job 26:14). And Psalm 19:1 tells us that the heavens proclaim His glory and His works, but only to those who listen. Only to those who are willing to look. Only to those willing to get up in time to observe.

In the last months, I've been asked repeatedly if I've ever seen God. They ask this trying to discredit His existence or His power to transform lives. But even if I've never seen Him with my physical eyes, I have definitely felt Him and seen His marvelous works in my life and others. I have witnessed what happens when He comes into a heart and transforms it.

I look forward to the day when I'll be able to thank God face-to-face for what He has done for me. When I meet Him. Beyond the sunset. Beyond the razor wire.

—Excerpt from *Beyond the Sunset and Razor Wire*
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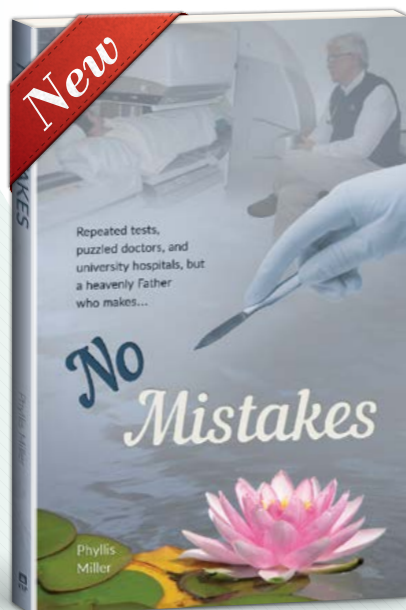


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Timo Miller

Timo Miller was kidnapped in broad daylight on a street in his hometown in Nicaragua, deported to the United States, and imprisoned for nearly eight months. His crime? Being a Good Samaritan in a situation where man's laws opposed God's laws. Separation from family and church was painful, but Timo discovered that God was with him. These meditations from prison encourage us that a person who knows Christ can be free in spirit even when he is surrounded by razor wire.

242360 **\$6.95** 87 pages, 5 x 7, CLP



No Mistakes *Phyllis Miller*

Lurking below Phyllis Miller's apparent good health, odd and sinister symptoms began to invade her daily life and hamper her ability to teach school, enjoy youth mission trips, and pursue her childhood dreams of serving God. Eventually, unexplainable pain in nearly every part of her body sapped her energy, forcing her to give up her dreams one by one. As Phyllis sought help from doctor after doctor, she found herself submitting repeatedly to the reality that God was withholding physical healing even as He polished her character and revealed Himself as her ever-present refuge and strength.

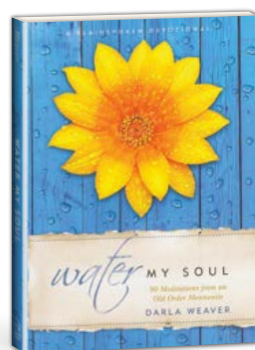
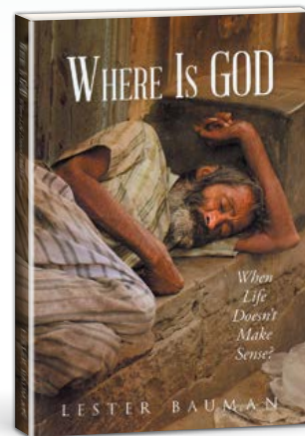
265360 **\$9.95** 221 pages, 5¼ x 8¼, CLP

NEW! Where Is God When Life Doesn't Make Sense?

Lester Bauman

How do I find meaning and purpose in life? Most of us face this question sooner or later, no matter how popular, rich, or successful we might be. But life isn't hopeless or meaningless. You can find answers. Welcome to the Book of Ecclesiastes.

394070 **\$19.95** 90 pages, 6 x 9, CFP



NEW! Water My Soul

Meditations from an Old Order Mennonite

Darla Weaver

Darla Weaver writes out of her own struggles and bares her heart in these ninety devotionals drawn from her home-centered life in western Ohio's hills. Daily Scripture readings, poignant prayers, and journal prompts or ideas for active responses are included with each inspiring devotional.

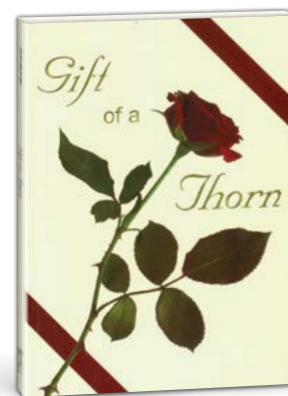
241945 **\$12.95** 200 pages, 5¼ x 8¼, Herald Press

NEW! Gift of a Thorn

Sarah Zimmerman

We enjoy receiving gifts. But what if the gift is painful—physically and/or emotionally? Though our small minds cannot always understand, God's gifts are always for our good. The thorns He gives are gifts with divine purpose.

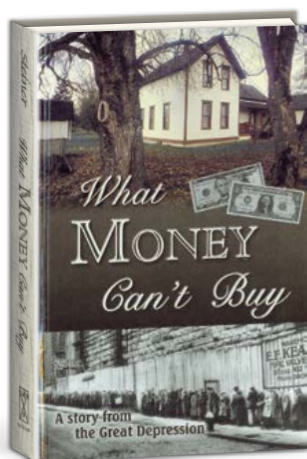
241950 **\$4.75** 93 pages, 5 x 7, R&S



A Teacher for Calvin *Sara Jean Yoder*

Laura had not expected teaching to be easy. But neither had she reckoned on Calvin. What Calvin did, he did with all his might. He worked furiously to complete his schoolwork. He played hard to win at recess. When Calvin belonged to a team, his side usually won. But none of the children filled Laura with exasperation or tried her patience like Calvin. It seemed that she hardly spoke to him except to give orders or to reprimand him. Laura knew Calvin needed a wise and loving teacher, one who could cope with his boundless energy and bring out the best in him. And Laura was not that teacher—or so she thought. Originally published as *Unto the Hills*.

265250 **\$7.95** 169 pages, 5¼ x 8¼, CLP



NEW! What Money Can't Buy

Emily Steiner

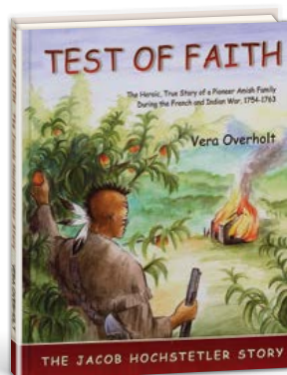
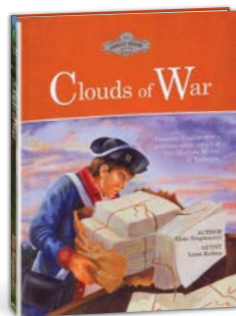
Caught in the Great Depression, the Hess family needs to work and sweat and pray for every mortgage payment on their Ohio farm. Their savings disappear when the bank fails, and prices for farm goods drop ever lower. Disaster sweeps across the entire nation, and no one knows when—or if—things will get better. Fourteen-year-old Annie finds that God is still the eternal source of true riches.

265355 **\$13.95** 368 pages, 5¼ x 8½, R&S

NEW! Clouds of War *Elsie Singmaster*

Clouds of war rolled over the Cloister where the *Martyrs Mirror* was being printed. A knock was heard on the door. It was the soldiers, and they demanded that unbound copies of the *Martyrs Mirror* be handed over for the military to use as gun wadding. Would a book that extols the virtues of nonresistance be conscripted into the military to be used to kill? Second book in *The Great Book Series*.

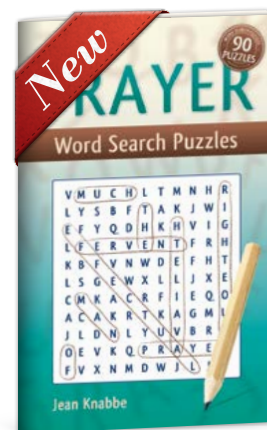
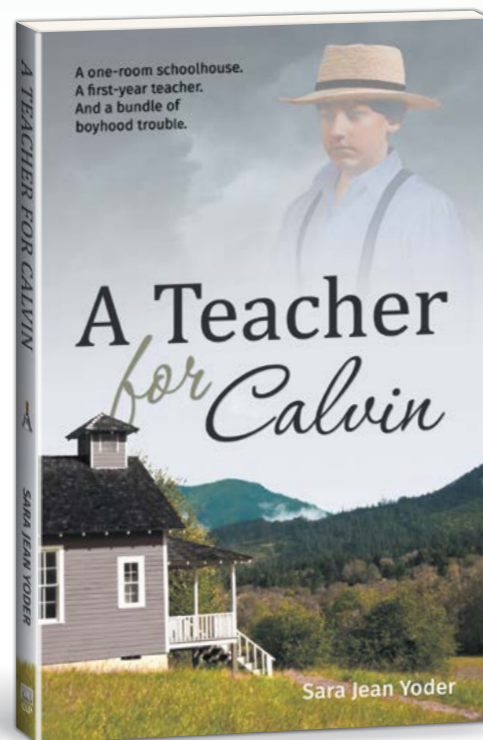
265335 **\$10.95** 53 pages, 7¼ x 10¼, TGS



Test of Faith *Vera Overholt*

It was 1757 and the British and French both wanted to claim the beautiful, untamed land of Pennsylvania. Caught in the middle were peace-loving Amish settlers and Native American tribes. Little did Jacob Hochstetler and his family realize that their quiet life was about to be shattered. Would they retaliate, or would they choose to obey Christ's commands even if it meant giving their lives for His sake?

264970 **\$16.95** 64 pages, 8¼ x 10¼, CHP

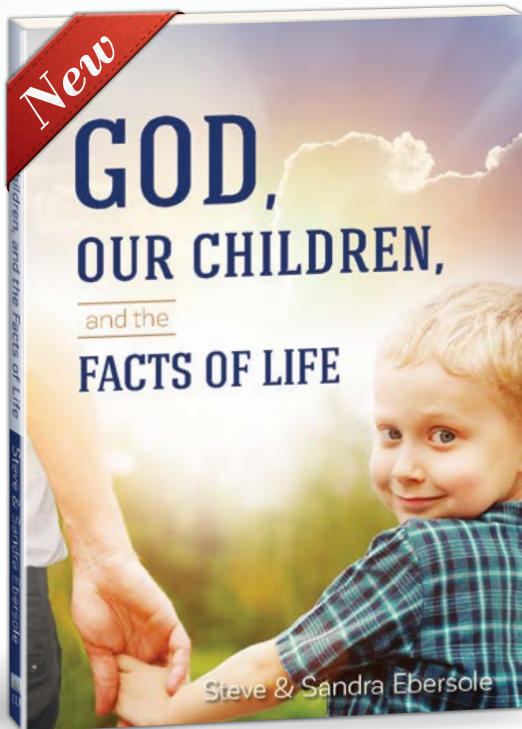


Word Search Puzzles

Children and adults alike enjoy these booklets filled with Scriptural and inspirational puzzles.

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God, Our Children, and the Facts of Life

Steve and Sandra Ebersole

We know we should teach our children about their God-given sexuality, yet the thought of doing so may make us uncomfortable. Discreetly written, this short book offers an encouraging, practical perspective on sensitive issues. As parents of fourteen children, Steve and Sandra Ebersole give guidance for those important conversations with sons and daughters.

242355 **\$6.95** 87 pages, 5 x 7, CLP

Protecting Their Purity

What can be done to prevent sexual abuse? How can we protect innocent children from its emotional, physical, and spiritual consequences? Should we talk about sexual things? When? How? How much? The seventeen authors of *Protecting Their Purity* provide Biblical encouragement and practical answers to one of the most important parenting questions of our day. Intended for adult reading.

241935 **\$12.95** 192 pages, 6 x 9, Carlisle Press



NEW! Ornament of Grace Christine Diller

True character-building stories for teenage girls. The author writes from her own experiences and those of her family, showing important lessons learned at home, in school, at work, and in the church.

241955 **\$9.95** 138 pages, 5¼ x 8, TGS



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Homemaker's Friend Daily Planner

Sue Hooley

This planner becomes a companion that brings peace of mind, as it captures details so they aren't forgotten, and simplifies your busy life. Features:

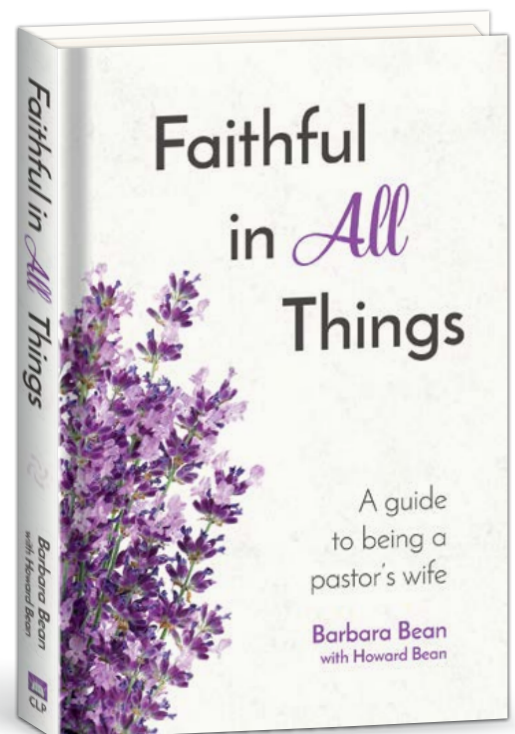
- ~ Yearly & monthly views for long-range planning
- ~ A spread for each week to make day-by-day plans
- ~ Menu planner
- ~ Perforated shopping lists

846094 **\$14.99** 300 pages, 6 x 8½, Vision

Faithful in All Things Barbara Bean

Is your husband called to church leadership? Then you, too, are called to fill a special place of service for the Lord. But what if the calling feels overwhelming, encompassing your life and looming larger than you can manage? With compassion, encouragement, and practical advice, this book addresses the challenges facing wives of ministering men. *Faithful in All Things* is like a friend you can turn to whenever needed. Settle into your reading nook for a blessing from the Lord through an experienced, caring sister. God is faithful, and you can be too.

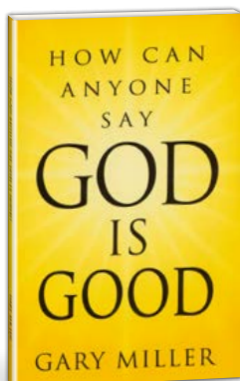
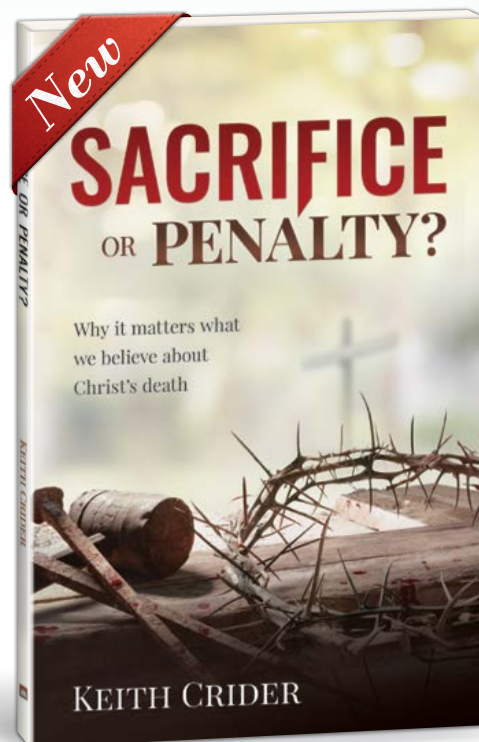
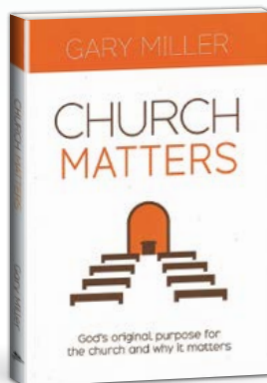
241940 **\$15.95** 320 pages, 6 x 9, CLP



Church Matters *Gary Miller*

Disagreements and church splits can be disillusioning, both to those within our churches and to seekers. How can people with different views and gifts work together to achieve Jesus' vision of church unity? In *Church Matters*, Gary Miller compares the current state of the church with God's original vision as seen in the Book of Acts. His examination of God's purpose for your congregation is a thought-provoking challenge to complacency and to the conflicts and struggles that keep us from reaching others with the Gospel.

252326 **\$13.95** 219 pages, 6 x 9, TGS



How Can Anyone Say God Is Good?

Gary Miller

Nick is fed up with life and aggravated by the simple-minded people who believe in a Supreme Being in spite of all the agony and chaos around them. How can they have the audacity to say their God is good? Written in story form and ending with the author's personal journey, this book is for the agnostic, atheist, or Christian believer struggling in the faith.

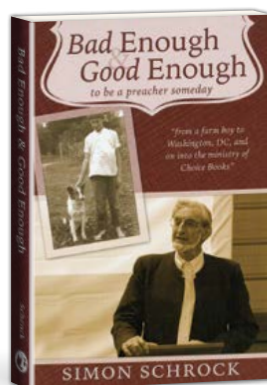
252325 **\$3.95** 96 pages, 4¼ x 7, TGS

Bad Enough and Good Enough

Simon Schrock

Relive joys, sorrows, regrets, and nostalgia with Preacher Simon Schrock as you are drawn into the captivating lines of his journey. Beginning with his Amish childhood on a Maryland farm and continuing through turbulent teen years, traumatic loss, pioneering book rack evangelism and service as a pastor, Simon's memoirs are a unique slice of Anabaptist church history.

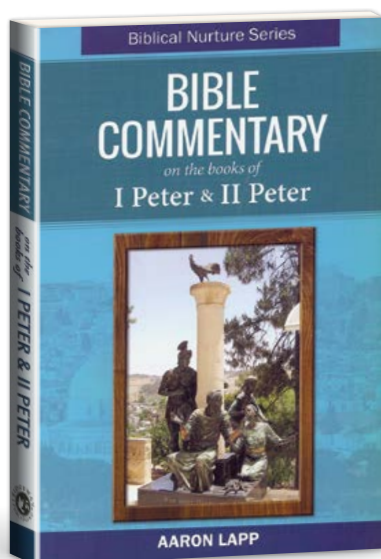
265295 **\$12.95** 448 pages, 5½ x 8½, Ridgeway



Sacrifice or Penalty *Keith Crider*

Does it matter how we describe Christ's sacrifice on the cross? The Bible does give clear teaching on what Jesus did for us on the cross. However, when talking about His death, we may sometimes repeat statements that have implications we have not considered. This in-depth study of the Scriptures exposes some of the false ideas about salvation permeating churches today, and calls us back to a simple New Testament understanding of atonement through Christ's sacrifice.

252327 **\$6.95** 114 pages, 5¼ x 8¼, CLP



NEW! Bible Commentary 1 and 2 Peter

Aaron Lapp

A commentary on the teachings of Peter written from a conservative Anabaptist perspective.

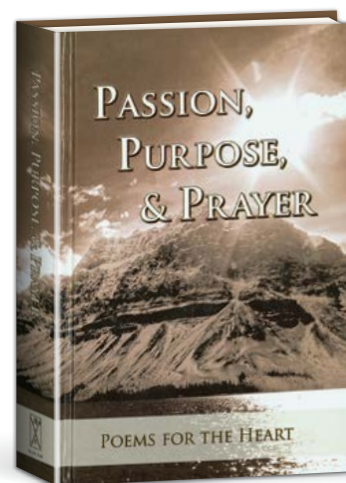
394065 **\$9.95** 326 pages, 5½ x 8½, Ridgeway

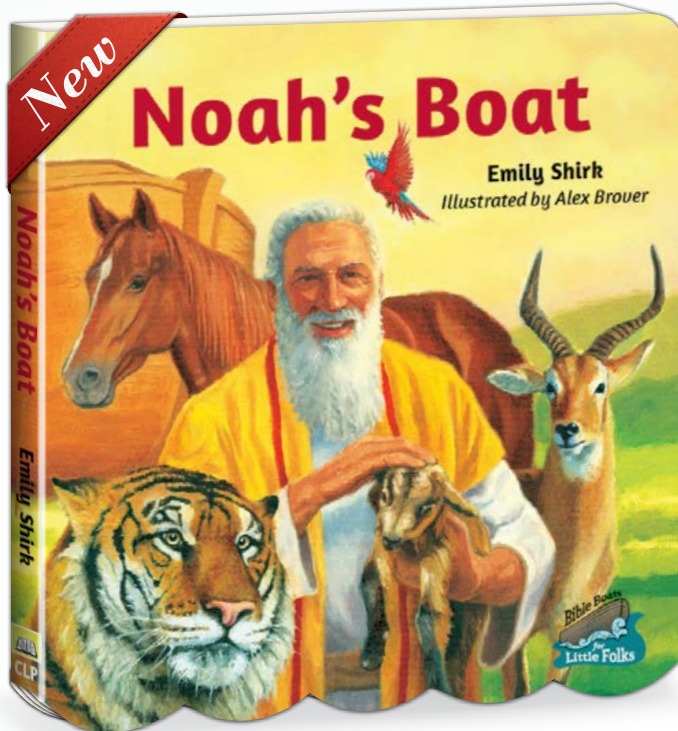
NEW! Passion, Purpose, and Prayer

Compiled by James Mudge

If you've been looking for a superb collection of poetry, this book is for you. Reprinted from a 1909 volume, each poem has been evaluated and selected because of its high quality. Favorite authors include John Greenleaf Whittier, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Amos R. Wells, Frederick William Faber, and Charles Wesley.

265345 **\$15.25** 427 pages, 6¼ x 9¼, R&S





Noah's Boat *Emily Shirk, Illustrated by Alex Brover*

This first in a series of colorful board books involving boats in the Bible focuses on Noah and the ark. Written especially for young children, *Noah's Boat* illustrates both Noah's loving obedience toward God and God's loving care toward His people. The high-quality artwork is fun, and the sturdy construction features a unique wavy shape along the bottom.

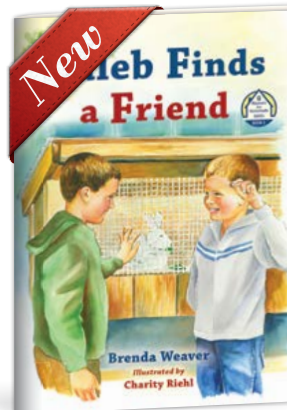
265365 **\$6.95** 18 pages, 5 x 5½, CLP



God's Miracle—an Earthworm *Rebecca Newswanger Illustrated by Caryl Hershberger*

Through delightful rhymes and expressive illustrations, children learn simple yet fascinating facts about one of God's creatures that "creeps through the soil with hairlike feet."

264131 **\$4.95** 32 Pages, 6 x 8¼, CLP

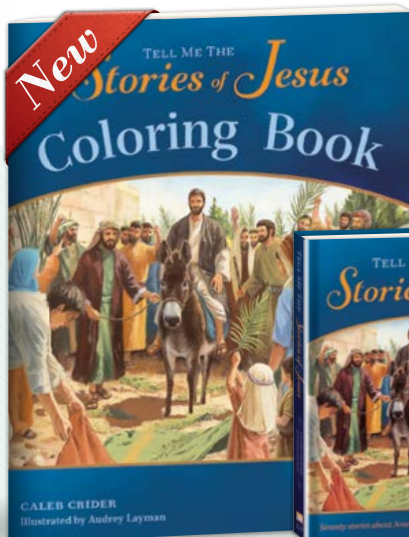


Caleb Finds a Friend *Brenda Weaver*

Illustrated by Charity Riehl

Caleb isn't sure how to talk to a boy who cannot hear, but Daddy and Mama encourage him to use good manners. When Caleb is friendly, he finds something he has been wishing for. Fifth in the *Manners Are Homemade* series.

264859 **\$5.95** 32 pages, 6 x 8¼, CLP



Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

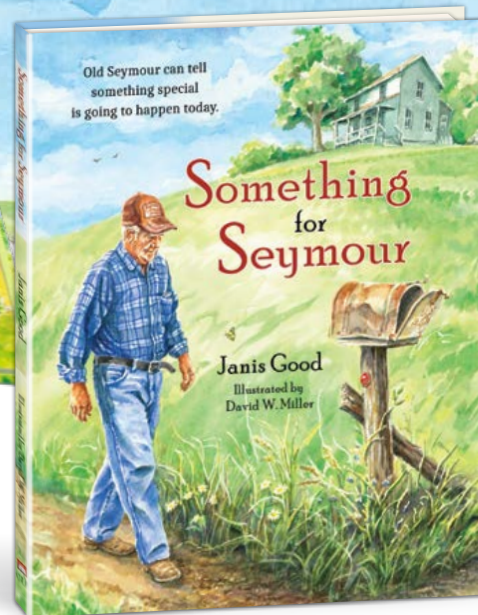
Caleb Crider, Illustrated by Alex Brover

This hardcover Bible storybook is a beautiful way to help children learn to love Jesus. The seventy stories from the life of Jesus—each illustrated with a full-color oil painting—are designed to be read aloud to children. Each story includes three questions that promote interaction about the story. In a time when so many Bible storybooks include fictional details and cartoon-like pictures, *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* has become a trusted family favorite. These simple stories and touching illustrations begin to form in children's minds the outlines of a picture that will be filled in as they grow—the picture of Jesus as a caring, understanding, and trustworthy Friend.

265100 **\$21.95** 156 pages, 8½ x 10, CLP

NEW! Tell Me the Stories of Jesus Coloring Book

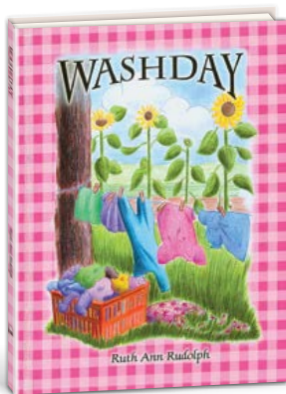
265102 **\$4.95** 35 pictures, 8¼ x 10½, CLP



Something for Seymour *Janis Good*

Old Seymour sits and rocks all day in his old house high on the hill. He knows he is not like most folks. "A-ain't t-too smart," Seymour says. Other people tease old Seymour and call him names. But today . . . something is going to happen. He can feel it all the way down to the bottom of his heart. What happens when a kind family gives a lonely old man a loving, happy surprise?

265310 **\$15.95** 40 pages, 8¼ x 10¼, CLP



NEW! Washday *Ruth Ann Rudolph*

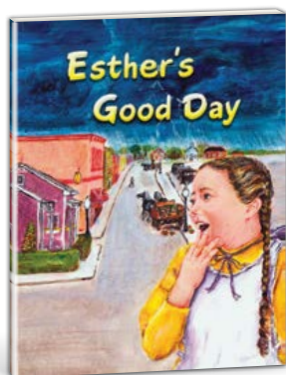
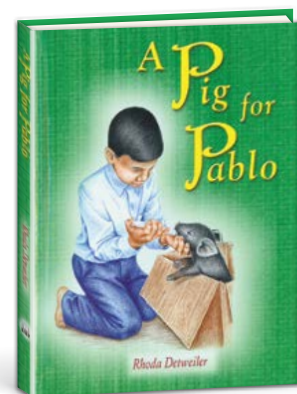
Two young sisters scrub their doll clothes—dresses, sleepers, bibs, and socks—under the summer sun. What could be more fun!

265320 **\$8.50** 55 pages, 7¼ x 9½, EMP

NEW! A Pig for Pablo *Rhoda Detweiler*

Join Pablo in his adventure to save and then buy a little pig. But earning the money is not easy. How can Pablo earn one hundred thousand guaranis to pay for the pig? Set on a Paraguayan farm, this story teaches children the value of perseverance and hard work in raising your own food.

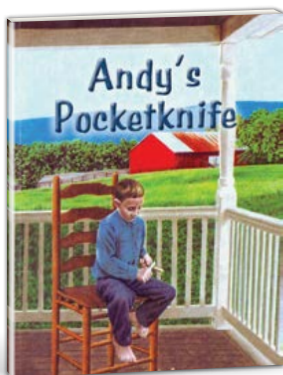
265315 **\$9.75** 108 pages, 6¼ x 8¼, EMP



NEW! Esther's Good Day *Dorcas Mast*

Esther loves to help Papa sell his vegetables at market. A thunderstorm, a gusty wind, and a fluttering newspaper turn one market day into an astonishing surprise.

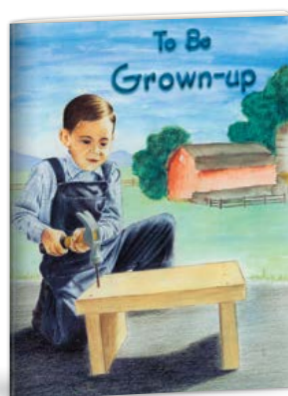
265330 **\$5.25** 64 pages, 6½ x 8½, R&S



NEW! Andy's Pocketknife *Dorcas Mast*

Andy's carried his pocketknife everywhere. One day, he even carried it to church. He had a big surprise waiting for him that Sunday—and a bigger surprise fifty years later.

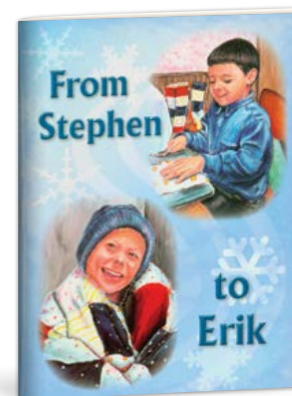
265325 **\$5.25** 64 pages, 6½ x 8½, R&S



NEW! To Be Grown-up *Melanie Showalter*

Sanford discovered that little people just can't do what big people can. But Sanford didn't want to wait; he wanted to be grown-up right now. What would help him grow up fast?

265350 **\$3.50** 48 pages, 6½ x 8½, R&S



NEW! From Stephen to Erik *Mary Joyce Zimmerman*

Stephen has a special comforter—just right to give to someone who needs it. A beautifully illustrated story showing how children can bless others.

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FROM CONTRA to Christ Pablo Yoder

Tomás enjoyed a carefree childhood in the rough mountains of northern Nicaragua. As a boy he went to church with his mother and decided he wanted to follow God.

But growing political unrest erupted into civil war. Despite having a conscience against killing, Tomás was forced to join the Contra rebels and was swept into a maelstrom of fear and battle, hunger and loneliness, and grief for fallen comrades.

When it was over, Tomás was scarred by war and drink. Drifting far from God, he failed to keep the promises he had made during moments of wartime terror. Tomás became an expert chainsaw operator, but he also became enslaved to drink. His addiction nearly destroyed his home and wrecked his life.

Then visitors arrived in Waslala, bringing the Gospel of peace. They learned to know Tomás and liked the excellent work he did when he was sober. Little by little, their words and prayers began to affect Tomás's cold heart. At the foot of the cross, he found forgiveness and true peace. *From Contra to Christ* is Tomás's story.

265370 **\$10.95** 197 Pages, 6 x 9, CLP

