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First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation



First Reconciliation

The [King of the Shattered Glass](#)-by Susan Joy Bellavance

Beautifully illustrated in color for young elementary school readers, King of the Shattered Glass is a gentle parable about asking for forgiveness and receiving God's mercy!

[Today I Made My First Reconciliation](#) by Dianne Ahern

Best friends Maria and Riley accidentally break a window then lie to their parents. Their growing discomfort coincides with encounters with their parish priests and teachers and lessons of forgiveness, love and reconciliation. Includes a "Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation" and memory book section.

[An Examination of Conscience for Little Ones](#) by Kimberly Fries

Examination of Conscience for Little Ones leads children to recognize their sins and prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. After calling upon the Holy Spirit's guidance, children are led through each of the ten commandments in order to recognize if he or she is following God's laws. Then, specific questions related to each commandment are posed at the child's level to ponder and take to prayer. Whether a child is preparing for his First Reconciliation or would benefit from a guided examination for regular confession, this book is a wonderful gift.

[I Forgive You: Love We Can Hear, Ask For, and Give](#) by Nicole Lataif

Written by award-winning author Nicole Lataif, simply structured sentences paired with whimsical illustrations show children ages 4-7 the power of three simple words: I Forgive You. Children are encouraged to forgive as God does. A note For Grown-Ups explains that this resource sparks conversation with children about when to forgive in a healthy way. It stresses God's never-ending patience and love. Ending with a petition to God for help in forgiving others, I Forgive You demonstrates to children the peace that comes with forgiveness. Please add Age range and grade level for this book. Age Range: 4 - 7 years Grade Level: K-2

[The Boy and the Ocean](#) by Max Lucado

Just how wide, how deep, and how big is the love of God really? See for yourself in this heart-warming story about a boy, his parents, and the wonder of creation.

From the vast reaches of the ocean to the towering heights of the mountains, Max Lucado takes us on a journey of discovery and thanksgiving as he shows us how creation expresses the unmatched love of the Creator.

Filled with beautiful illustrations, this charming tale teaches about the God whose love never ends and will remain a favorite among families for years to come.

First Communion

[Weight of the Mass](#) by Josephine Nobisso

When a poor devout widow begs for a scrap of bread from a rich faithless baker, she promises to participate in the king's wedding mass as payment for the baker's generosity. The baker writes "One Mass" on a scrap of paper and places it on his scale to determine how much bread it is worth. To his and the entire town's surprise, nothing in the shop, not even the gigantic wedding cakes made for the king, outweighs the simple piece of paper representing the true worth of a mass. Luminous old-world watercolor paintings grace the interior of the book and gold foil artwork lends an air of solemnity and sacred beauty to the story.

[Jesus Invites Me to Mass](#) by Sabine Du Mesnil

This lovely book presents an endearing way to introduce children to the holy Mass. It's Sunday! Jesus invites you to celebrate the Lord's Supper. He welcomes you to his house, the church. Do you know why we do the Sign of the Cross? The readings, what are they about? And what is the host? This book will teach children the answers to these questions and much more about holy Mass.

[Will you come to mass?](#) by Susan Joy Bellavance

This beautifully illustrated book inspires children and families to love and console Jesus by coming to Holy Mass. Young hearts will follow the little lamb into the arms of Jesus. In a simple but memorable way, "Will You Come to Mass?" conveys the joy and graces that are available to all those who participate in the Holy Eucharist. Based on the invitation to the Great Banquet (see Lk 14:15-24), church bells, like angel voices, invite all the characters, to join in the weekly celebration but one by one they each give some excuse! The sloth is too sleepy, the robin is too busy cleaning, the horse is working, and the monkeys have a game to play. But the little lamb is different. When he hears the bells, he feels a sparkle and says, "I want to go! Just lead me!" When the church door opens, can you find the little lamb? Here is a hint: He is where we all long to be!

[The Gift of the Mass for Little Ones](#) by Kimberly Fries

The Gift of the Mass for Little Ones opens children's eyes to the beauty and mystery of the Mass. Children are guided to recognize how God's love for them is realized each time they participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Images of the Mass and quotes from great Saints bring to life the deep truths of what we may not see, but know in the deep recesses of our hearts.

[Receiving Jesus for Little Ones](#) by Kimberly Fries

Receiving Jesus for Little Ones encourages children to look forward to receiving the Eucharist at every Mass. After calling upon the Holy Spirit's guidance, children are lead to prayerfully

explore why they are happy to receive Jesus. Additional quotes from saints and colorful pictures of the Eucharist allow children to develop a deep desire to receive Jesus. Whether a child is preparing to receive Jesus for the first time at their First Holy Communion or a parent is encouraging their child to be more excited about the Mass, this book is a wonderful gift.

[Man and the Vine](#) by Jane G Meyer

From the time he prepares the soil for planting, a man prays over his vines and the grapes they produce, until he finally tastes the wine that has been made from the juice and transformed into a blessing from Heaven. Includes facts about Holy Communion and the Eucharistic tradition in the Orthodox Christian Church.

[Heavenly Hosts: Eucharistic Miracles for Kids—Second Edition \(Catholic Stories for Kids\)](#) by Kathryn Griffin Swegart, OFS

This best-selling Catholic book for children is a treasury of short stories that make a perfect read-aloud for parents and teachers to share with young readers. Illustrated with delightful pen and ink drawings. All the miracles are part of the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles. It makes an inspiring First Communion gift and good reading all year round. It is a delight for young and old alike. Learn more about inspiring books for Catholic kids at kathrynswegart.com.

Other

[Take It to the Queen: A Tale of Hope](#) by Josephine Nobisso

With exquisite artwork and evocative text, this original fable explores the events of Jesus' life, and demonstrates the role of the Virgin Mary as the benevolent agent of God's people. Reduced to desolation by a king and prince who feel they have been wronged, the residents of a once-favored village must seek help from the queen, a native of their devastated town. Religious subjects are presented clearly in an allegorical style that proves entertaining, and also serves to provide children with examples of virtue and good behavior.

[Where is Jesus Hidden](#) by Maura Roan McKeegan

Where is Jesus Hidden?

Jesus has a face like yours,
With eyes and nose and ears—
But sometimes we can't see Him
Even though He's very near.
Sometimes He is hidden,
Or He's wearing a disguise,
But we can learn to find Him
If our hearts will help our eyes.

In *Where is Jesus Hidden?*, award-winning author Maura Roan McKeegan points to the many places and ways Jesus can be found. With a series of clues from Scripture to guide them, young children will learn that if they search for Jesus, he is never far. Recommended for ages 4 and up.

[I'm A Saint in the Making](#) by Lisa Hendey

God has a special mission for each of us! With engaging prose and delightful illustrations, *I'm a Saint in the Making* reminds children of their unique call from God to live with mission and love. By recounting the highlights of the stories of both well-known and newer saints (including John Paul II, Mary MacKillop, Augustus Tolton, Teresa of Calcutta, Juan Diego and Chiara Badano) in relatable lessons, the book helps readers learn that there is no one single way to live a life of sanctity. *I'm a Saint in the Making* offers simple but impactful suggestions for ways children can offer acts of prayer, service, and love. Resources for parents, teachers, and caregivers at the end of book provide support for adults as they seek to encourage and accompany their young saints in the making.

[Miraculous!: Catholic Mysteries for Kids \(Catholic Stories for Kids\)](#) by Kathryn Griffin Swegert, OFS

Delight in this treasury of stories taken from Catholic history. Learn about John Bosco's angelic guardian dog, the mysterious movement of Mary's Holy House of Nazareth, the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima and more. *Miraculous!* is a companion book to the best-seller *Heavenly Hosts: Eucharistic Miracles for Kids*. It makes the perfect First Communion book. Written for ages eight and up.