



Isaiah Books Catholic Children's Stories

Isaiah Books was created by Madeleine Carroll, a children's author, home-schooling mother and catechist with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, who writes stories that aim to draw children closer to their Good Shepherd. Having also trained and worked as a Montessori teacher, Madeleine strongly believes in the power of beauty in art and language for forming and inspiring young minds.

A number of her books are based around the liturgical seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, with a twist on the traditional stories surrounding these seasons and feasts; and drawing in parables, traditions and legends from the past. Each book also serves the dual purpose of being a form of catechesis depicting Salvation History, as well as a story. Many of the books include relevant Scripture passages from the Old and New Testament, activity pages (which can include colouring-in pages) points for meditation with parents/teachers, or a combination of all of these, and more.

All but one of the books have been written by Madeleine, and they can all be shipped throughout England, Scotland and Wales, as well as internationally. Discounts are offered on bulk orders to shops, parishes and schools.

Lent/Easter/Pentecost Stories

Beholding Beauty: An Easter Miracle is a beautiful softback out for Lent and Easter and is about Jesus, after His Resurrection, healing a blind boy. It is an imaginary story about the sort of things we know Our Lord actually did do, and is based around the people He may well have met and befriended, and the places He visited. At the back of the book there are excerpts from Scripture describing how Jesus healed a man born blind, and also the second miraculous catch of fish.

The Carpenter and the Cross invites children to walk with Christ on His Triduum journey through Calvary, to the glory and joy of the Resurrection; and it includes colouring-in pages, a wordsearch and a crossword at the back of the book to help make the story more interactive. It also includes quotations from the Gospel of St. Luke about the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, to encourage the children to read and ponder the passages in the Bible for themselves.

The Joyful Meeting tells the story of Easter morning through the eyes of Mary. Amidst the beauty of the paschal garden, in the company of the mother of God, we imagine what it must be like to draw close to the resurrected Jesus. Our hope is that this story, illustrated by artist Michelle Pitt and full of realistic detail from the Holy Land, may help adults and children to explore the mystery of the Resurrection together.

Encounter at Emmaus tells the story of two disciples' encounter with a Stranger they meet on the road to Emmaus. Their hearts burn within them as he explains the story of salvation to them. As he breaks the bread, they recognize this Stranger as their dearest Friend, risen from the dead. There are colouring in pages at the back of the book to match the coloured pages from the story.

In **Capturing Hope, Mary Magdalene's Story** we experience Mary Magdalene's heartache, and then her joy in this beautiful retelling of the Easter story.

In **Breeze and Flames**, set after the Easter joy of Our Lord's resurrection, we experience the despondency and confusion of the Apostles, but then, later, their joyous zeal as the Holy Spirit descends upon them at Pentecost, and fills them with his courage and enthusiasm to spread the Gospel.

Advent/Christmas Stories

Ephraim's Gladness is a story of a shepherd who loses and then finds one of his sheep, whilst also discovering the most wonderful Treasure in a stable near his home. This story is a twist on the parable of The Good Shepherd and the Nativity story, and includes the quotations from St. Luke: 2, 8-18 and St. Luke: 15,3-7, to encourage children to read the Bible stories themselves, and become more and more familiar with God's Word.

A Joyful Noise One Silent Night is based on the legend of the little Drummer Boy and his meeting with the Baby Jesus, explaining that every person, no matter how small, can bring something important to God. This book has Advent prophecies included from the Old Testament to be read each week of Advent. **Currently out of stock**

The Donkey's Journey is the story of the journey to Bethlehem from the donkey's point of view, and includes points for meditation to be read and pondered on with children for each week of Advent, as well as colouring-in images at the back of the book. The images for this story are gentle, but compelling.

The Bethlehem Shepherds tells the story of Christmas night through the experience of the shepherds, gently drawing the parallels between the shepherds of Bethlehem and the Good Shepherd Himself. There is also a colouring book to match.

When the Stars Shone Bright invites children to set off on an adventure with three friends as they follow a star, to find a King, in a time long ago when the stars shone bright. An Advent/Christmas story of wonder and encounter with Redemption.

The Bright Star and the Baby is an activity storybook where we follow the adventures of a special star as it discovers its purpose and mission on the first Christmas Eve.

All Year Round Stories

The Creator's Love Story is a mini timeline on Jesus' Life that highlights the story of Redemption through His years on earth, and also depicts God's ceaseless and enduring love for us through the life of His Son, Jesus, Redeemer and Saviour.

Gifts is a story of thanksgiving, narrated by a child which speaks of God's many gifts, the beauty of existence, and the preciousness of life itself in a way that everyone can relate to.

Books by author, Roy Peachey, published by Isaiah Books

A Little Book of British Saints is a book of stories. True stories. Stories about remarkable saints who want to be your friends in heaven. Here you will find a peace-loving Viking and a saint who was captured by pirates. You will meet a horse dealer who was really a priest and a queen who became a nun. You can even read about a young saint who had lots of pets and played games on his computer. Complete with beautiful illustrations and pages to colour in yourself, *A Little Book of British Saints* is a book to treasure and enjoy.

Meg and the Great British History Mystery is a faith-filled family adventure novel. When Meg Barton moves to Barton-le-Clay with her large family and Gog, her large dog, she is plunged into a series of remarkable adventures as the past and the present play leapfrog. What is happening to her? Who will be caught up in her next adventure? And will she ever solve this great British history mystery?

Books by other publications and distributed through Isaiah Books

Produced by Pueri Publications, **Children's First Chants** is a practical, self-teaching book that enables children (7+) to learn a simple repertoire of Gregorian chants for Holy Mass and various well-known prayers. It contains a fully functional battery-operated piano keyboard that is integrated into the book, with simple instructions on how to read and play a selection of 12 Gregorian melodies on color-coded piano keys that match each Gregorian note. (currently waiting to restock from Australia)

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