

Devotion, Week of August 23, 2026

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When we decided to start offering a time with the children on Sunday mornings, I went tearing off to the library to seek help. I recently took all of the children's books in the house to friends and a nonprofit, so I had nothing to start with. I'm also used to dealing with children who are a little older and can deal with a synopsis of the sermon or a more extensive Bible story. However, the librarian came to my rescue. She immediately took me to the "board book" children's section, and we began looking for stories about God and the Bible. We found enough for me to start, and she's going to help me look from now on. The books aren't arranged in any order, so as both of us plowed through the shelves, it was like finding gold when we found an appropriate one.

I will admit, it is exciting to think about talking to a two and a half year old about God, in ways I haven't done in many years. It brought back times when I sat with Catherine reading cloth and board books, making animal sounds, singing simple songs, and talking about God in such simple, beautiful ways. I hope you will enjoy listening during this time on Sundays, and remember how precious these days are as we raise children in the faith. If you have any books to share or would like to come tell a story, let me know!

Jeanne