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CELEBRATING 16 YEARS

2023 Advent Reading Plan



Advent Reading Plan

The days leading up to Christmas are called “Advent.” Advent means the “arrival.” It means the long waiting is almost over. As we wait for Christmas, we’ll go on a journey together. We’ll read a story every day and tell the story of God’s Secret Rescue plan—from the very beginning ... and wait, along with God’s people ... for Christmas.

Dec 1 Psalm 19 and Hebrews 1

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“The Story and The Song” (pg.12-17)

Dec 2 Genesis 1-2

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“The Beginning: A Perfect Home” (pg.18-27)

Dec 3 Genesis 3

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“The Terrible Lie” (pg.28-37)

Dec 4 Genesis 6-9

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“A New Beginning” (pg.38-47)

Dec 5 Genesis 11

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“A Giant Staircase to Heaven” (pg.48-55)

Dec 6 Genesis 12-21

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“Son of Laughter” (pg.56-61)

Dec 7 Genesis 22

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“The Present” (pg.62-69)

Dec 8 Genesis 29-30

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“The Girl No One Wanted” (pg.70-75)

Dec 9 Genesis 37-46

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“The Forgiving Prince” (pg.76-83)

Dec 10 Exodus 3-13

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“God to the Rescue!” (pg.84-91)

Dec 11 Exodus 14-15

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“God Makes a Way” (pg.92-99)

Dec 12 Exodus 16-17, 19-40

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
“Ten Ways to be Perfect” (pg.100-107)

Dec 13 Joshua 3 and 6

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"The Warrior Leader" (pg.108-115)

Dec 14 1 Samuel 16

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"The Teeny Weenie...True King" (pg.116-121)

Dec 15 1 Samuel 17

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant"
(pg.122-129)

Dec 16

Psalm 51, 2 Samuel 7; paraphrase of Psalm 23

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"The Good Shepherd" (pg.130-135)

Dec 17 2 Kings 5

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"A Little Servant Girl and the Proud
General"(pg.136-143)

Dec 18

Isaiah 9, 11, 40, 50,53, 55, 60

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"Operation 'No More Tears!'" (pg.144-151)

Dec 19 Daniel 6

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"Daniel and the Scary Sleepover" (pg.152-159)

Dec 20 Jonah 1-4; Hebrews 1:1-2

Read along in The Jesus Storybook
Bible "God's Messenger" (pg.160-169)

Dec 21

Nehemiah 8-10, Malachi 1, 3 and 4, Ezra 7

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"Get Ready!" (pg.170-175)

Dec 22 Luke 1-2

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"He's Here!" (pg.176-183)

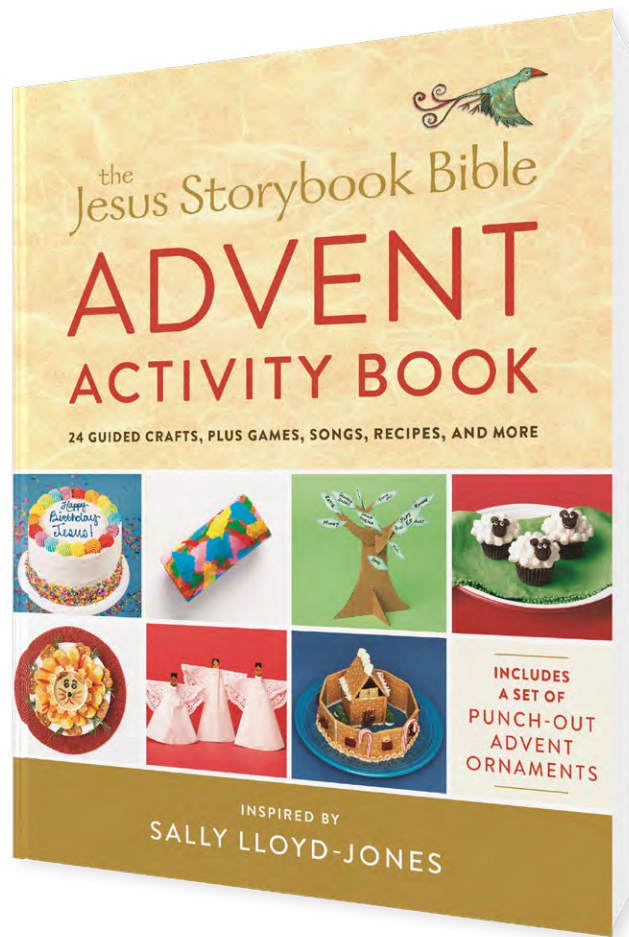
Dec 23 Luke 2

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"The Light of the Whole World" (pg.184-191)

Dec 24 Matthew 2

Read along in The Jesus Storybook Bible
"The King of all Kings" (pg.192-199)

Introducing The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Activity Book



We have loved hearing from so many of you that you read through *The Jesus Storybook Bible* each Advent. We wanted to create a book filled with 24 days of recipes, crafts, songs, and activities to correlate to every day of Advent. *The Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Activity Book* highlights the significance of the Nativity and meaning of God's most precious gift. The supplies needed are commonly found around the house or easy to obtain. And, the book also includes a perforated insert with punch-out Jesse Tree ornaments that correspond with the stories of Advent.

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TOWERING SNACK TIME

MATERIALS

- **Snack crackers** (graham or soda crackers work well)
- **Nut butters** (be conscious of allergies)
- **Marshmallow cream**
- **Jelly**
- **Spreadable cheese**
- **Butter knives or other utensils for spreading**

INSTRUCTIONS

For this construction project, crackers are the building blocks and the spreads are the mortar. Each person takes a pile of crackers and covers them with different spreads. To begin, one person places a cracker with spread in the center of the table. The next person puts another cracker with spread on top of it. Taking turns, stack crackers to make a tower. Build it as high as you can before it begins to totter. It may fall! Afterwards, your tower becomes a tasty snack to share.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Each person can build their own tower and see who can build it the highest.







DECEMBER 7

The Present

GENESIS 22:15-17

The angel of the LORD called out to Abraham from heaven. ... “I am giving you my word that I will bless you ...” announces the LORD. “You have not held back your son, your only son, so I will certainly bless you.”

HEAVENLY MILK CARTON LAMB

Do you know that you are blessed by God? You are! When God blesses you it means that he is pleased with you, looks after you, and does special things for you. God blessed Abraham and Isaac with the gift of a ram, at just the right time. And he promised that he would bless everyone in the whole world by one day sending his son, the Lamb of God. Let's remember that very special time between God, Abraham, and Isaac by making your own special lamb.





Bonus Ornament!

Song of the Stars, also written by Sally Lloyd-Jones, celebrates that very first Christmas. That night, the whole universe was breathless with anticipation and cried out... "It's time! It's time!" Families will love to join all of creation's great chorus of praise to the Newborn King..."

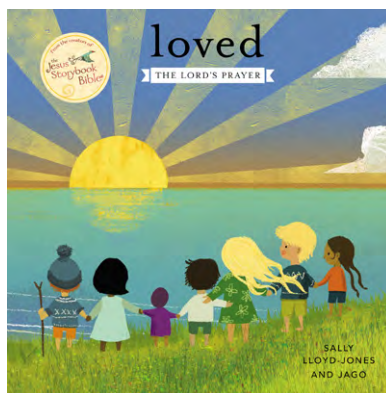
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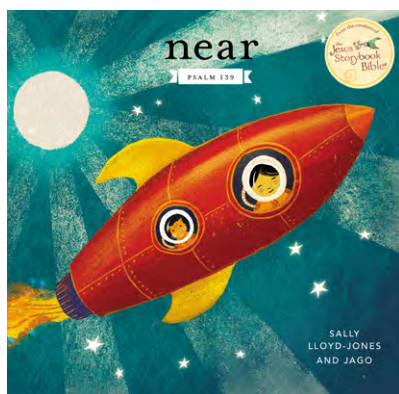
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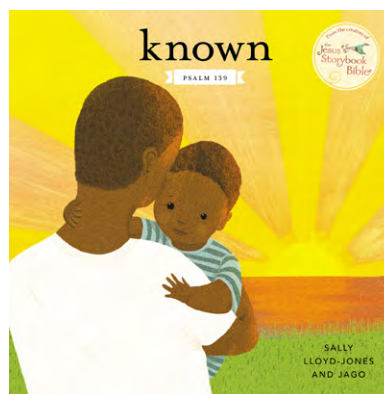
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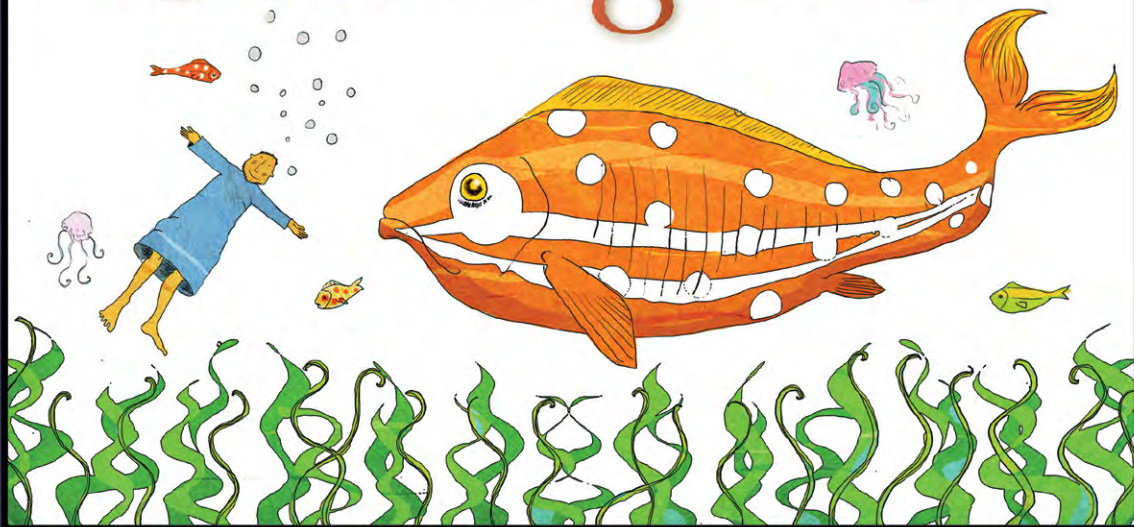
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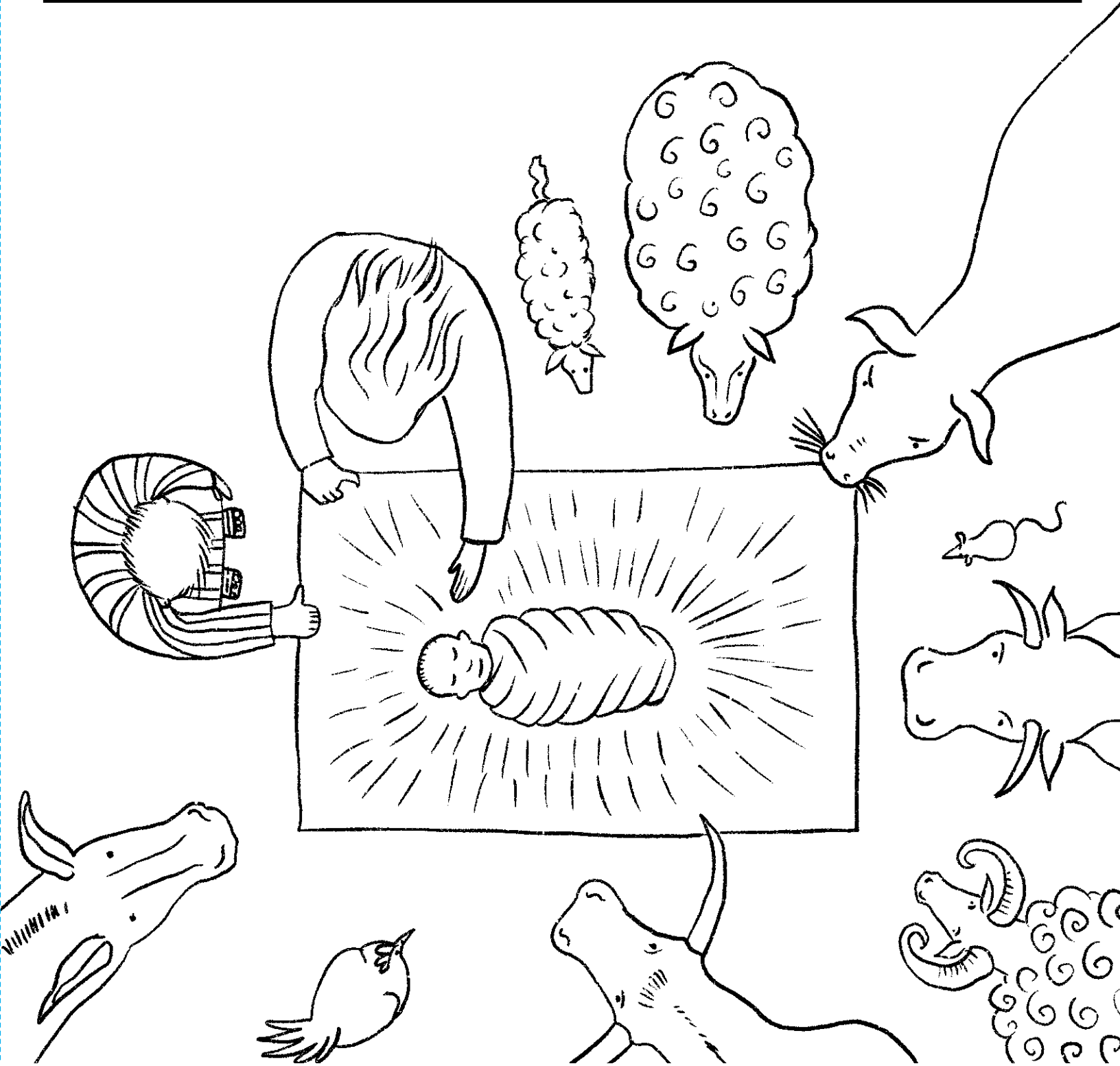
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I bring you good news.
It will bring great joy.
-Luke 2:10-12



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ADVENT SOUNDTRACK

Sally compiled some of her favorite Christmas songs to accompany you on the journey to Christmas with The Jesus Storybook Bible this Advent. She said this about her Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Soundtrack:

“I start with carols from Kings because that is Christmas for me—and move on to some of my favorite contemporary songwriters. (Full disclosure: quite a few of them happen to also be my friends but I’m not biased or anything.) All of the songs are telling the Christmas story. So I thought it might be a wonderful resource to have—an Advent soundtrack—as you read by yourself or together as a family—or as you decorate the tree—or really anytime at all in the day. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. My prayer is that as we journey to Christmas together, these songs help prepare our hearts. As we celebrate the Young Prince who loved us and came to rescue us... Happy Advent! (PS right at the end is a bonus: two songs from my children’s album: BIG SONGS FOR LITTLE ONES.)”

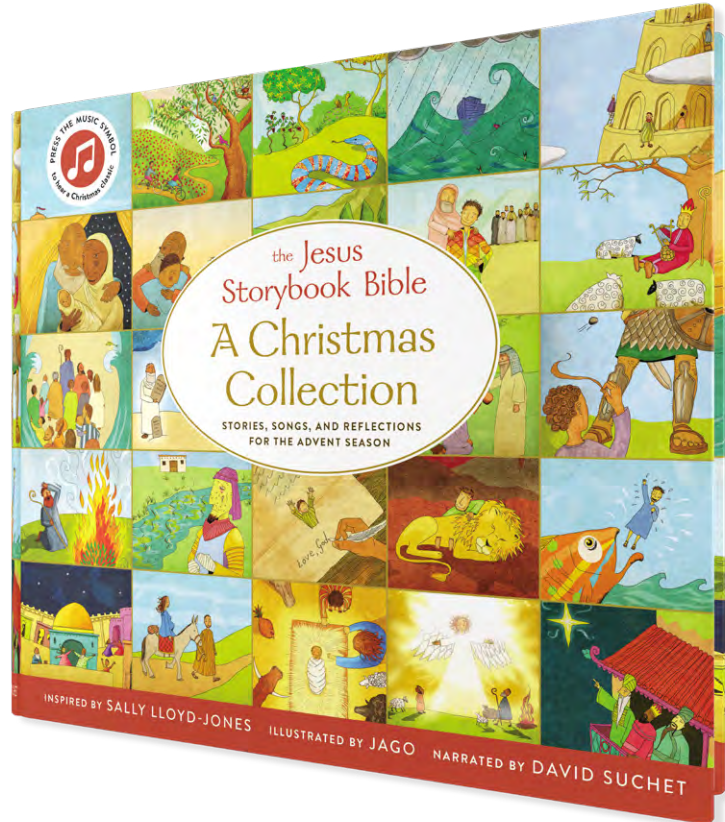


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is a great Advent or Christmas gift for the family. This premium interactive picture book helps children young and old understand and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by showing readers that at the center of every story in Scripture is a baby, the child that everything will depend on.



With an interactive array of creative and heartfelt elements, *The Jesus Storybook Bible: A Christmas Collection*:

- Features a devotional thought and activity for each day of Advent
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- Includes four beloved Christmas hymns: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*; *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*; *We Three Kings*; and *Joy to the World*
- Includes a “map” tracing Jesus’s story through the Old Testament, with suggested Bible readings for each day of Advent
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- Includes a letter and reflection from *New York Times* bestselling author Sally Lloyd-Jones

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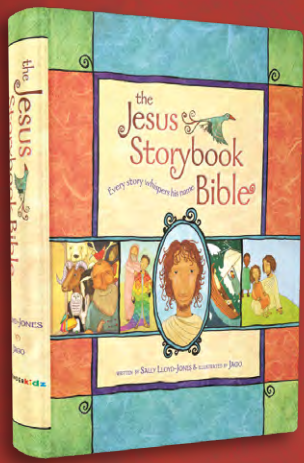
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Inspired by the many beautiful stories of hope and joy and grace which readers have shared in the 16 years since *The Jesus Storybook Bible* was published, the podcast is a platform where Sally invites people from of all walks of life to share about the life-transforming power of God's love in their lives. We hope you will be as encouraged by these stories of hope and joy as we have been. And be reminded that God loves you—with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.

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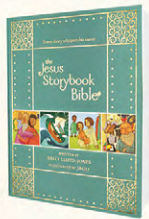
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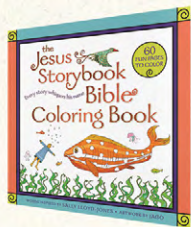
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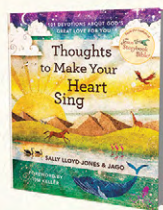
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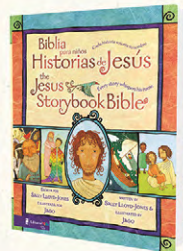
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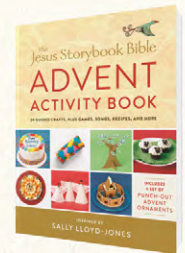
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