

Books

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Grade 2-5 \$7

The books follow Peter Hatcher, his little brother Fudgie, baby sister Tootsie, their neighbor Sheila Tubman, various pets, and minor characters through New York City and on treks to suburbs and camps. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing is the first of these entertaining yarns. Peter, because he's the oldest, must deal with Fudgie's disgusting cuteness, his constant meddling with Peter's stuff, and other grave offenses, one of which is almost too much to bear. All these incidents are presented with the unfailing ear and big-hearted humor of the masterful Judy Blume. (Peter's in fourth grade, so the book is suitable for kids ages 8 and older.)

Judy Blume's Fudge Box Set

Grade 2-5 \$13

Fans young and old will laugh out loud at the irrepressible wit of Peter Hatcher, the hilarious antics of mischievous Fudge, and the unbreakable confidence of know-it-all Sheila Tubman in Judy Blume's five Fudge books, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great, Superfudge, Fudge-a-Mania, and Double Fudge. Now all packaged together for the very first time, this collection of Fudge books will please lifelong fans and entice a whole new generation of Blume readers.

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret

Grade 4-7 \$6

Judy Blume

Margaret shares her secrets and her spirituality in this iconic Judy Blume novel, beloved by millions, that now has a fresh new look.

Margaret Simon, almost twelve, likes long hair, tuna fish, the smell of rain, and things that are pink. She's just moved from New York City to Farbook, New Jersey, and is anxious to fit in with her new friends—Nancy, Gretchen, and Janie. When they form a secret club to talk about private subjects Margaret is happy to belong.

But none of them can believe Margaret doesn't have religion, and that she isn't going to the Y or the Jewish Community Center. What they don't know is Margaret has her own very special relationship with God. She can talk to God about everything—family, friends, even Moose Freed, her secret crush.

Margaret is funny and real, and her thoughts and feelings are oh-so-relatable—you'll feel like she's talking right to you, sharing her secrets with a friend.

The Pain and the Great One

July Blume

grade 3-7 \$6

When an eight-year-old girl and her six-year-old brother take turns describing each other, it's no surprise that "The Pain" and "The Great One" are the nicknames that emerge. As this duo debates whom Mom and Dad love most, their competition becomes increasingly humorous—because when it comes to family affection, there's no such thing as win or lose.

Nobody Knew What To Do

Becky Ray McCain

Grade 1-4 \$12

Straightforward and simple, this story tells how one child found the courage to tell a teacher about Ray, who was being picked on and bullied by other kids in school. Faced with the fact that "nobody knows what to do" while Ray is bullied, the children sympathetic to him feel fear and confusion and can only hope that Ray will "fit in some day." Finally, after Ray misses a day of school and the bullies plot mean acts for his return, our narrator goes to a teacher. The children then invite Ray to play with them, and, with adult help, together they stand up to the bullies.

Say Something

Peggy Moss

Grade Kindergarten-3 \$8

At this school, there are some children who push and tease and bully. Sometimes they hurt other kids by just ignoring them. The girl in this story sees it happening, but she would never do these mean things herself. Then one day something happens that shows her that being a silent bystander isn't enough. Will she take some steps on her own to help another kid? Could it be as simple as sitting on the bus with the girl no one has befriended (and discovering that she has a great sense of humor)?

Stick Up for Yourself!: Every Kid's Guide to Personal Power and Positive Self-Esteem

Gershen Kaufman, Lev Raphael, Pamela Espeland
Grades 3 and Up \$10

A self-help guide to positive thinking, high self-esteem, and responsible personal power. Based on a program originally developed for adults, the book's premise is that all young people can and should be taught the skills necessary to face common issues, such as making choices, liking themselves, and solving problems. Exercises guide readers through learning about their own feelings, dreams, and needs--while stressing that they are responsible for their own behavior and happiness. Written in manual form, *Stick Up For Yourself* is similar in format to the many adult titles of the same genre. Situational anecdotes used to enhance the discussion are age appropriate and relevant to children. Of particular value are the "Getting Personal" sections that encourage writing and keeping a journal, which makes the guide more interactive and meaningful. The highly motivated will use this book independently, but it will be most effective within the classroom, family, or guidance group.

Genius Under Construction

Marilee Hayne
Grade 5-8 \$10

Gabe Carpenter, St. Jude Academy's resident genius, is back for his final year of middle school. Some things have certainly changed from last year: his 'locker-won't-open' days seem to be over, his rolling backpack has been replaced by his grandpa's briefcase, he's now the basketball team's official analyst, and he, along with all of the other eighth graders, are allowed to sit on "The Rock." Other things have stayed exactly the same: Gabe has yet to figure out girls (especially his second best friend and crush, Maya), he's still in that class for gifted students, and his embarrassing bodily functions continue to well, embarrass him.

Mariella Mystery Investigates: The Ghostly Guinea Pig

Kate Pankhurst
Grade 1-4 \$6

She's smart as a whip, super sleuth-y, and able to solve most mysterious mysteries and perplexing problems in no time flat. Mariella Mystery (age nine and a bit) knows that all good detectives write down important information about their investigations. In this top-secret journal she tackles the case of the ghostly guinea pig with important

clues and observations, helpful drawings, and handy tips for new detectives. Early readers will be hooked on this mystery chapter book from page one!

**Mariella Mystery Investigates:
A Cupcake Conundrum**

Grade 1-4 \$6

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The Mouse and the Meadow

Chad Wallace

ages 4-10 \$9

A young mouse quickly comes of age as he sets out to explore his meadow. There he meets many remarkable creatures. Spider has tangled intentions. Firefly really knows how to put on a show. Mother rabbit is kind. Turtle is wise. Others would have him for lunch! Fortunately, help arrives just in time.

Gospel Time Trekkers Series

Pauline Books and Media

Maria Grace Dateno

ages 8-10 \$6 each

The story involves three siblings named Hannah, Caleb, and Noah. One day the three siblings are transported back in time to 30 years after Jesus' birth. The children spend a lot of time with a shepherd boy named Benjamin and his family. They also come to a better understanding of Jesus through a story told to them by Benjamin's grandfather, Eldad. I won't spoil the story for you, but you and your kids will absolutely love it.

Time Trekkers Series: Danger At Sea

Join Hannah, Caleb, and Noah in their adventures as they travel back to Biblical times!

In this third volume of the Gospel Time Trekkers series, children ages 6-9 are taken on a journey that imaginatively retraces Jesus welcoming the child Rebecca into a gathering with his disciples. On this journey, young readers personally encounter Jesus, experiencing what it was like to live in his time and be present for important Scriptural events. Remaining true to Biblical culture and scholarship, this historical fiction book offers a creative presentation of Christian faith and values, making it the perfect addition to your home or school library!

Time Trekkers Series: Braving the Storm

In this second volume of the Gospel Time Trekkers series, children ages 6-9 are taken on a journey that imaginatively retraces Jesus's miracle of the five loaves and two fish and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. On this journey, young readers personally encounter Jesus, experiencing what it was like to live in his time and be present for important Scriptural events.

Time Trekkers Series: Courageous Quest

In this fifth volume of the Gospel Time Trekkers series, children ages 6-8 are taken on a journey that imaginatively retraces Jesus restoring Bartimaeus' sight and calling Zacchaeus down from the tree, revealing that a courageous quest can come in many forms!

Time Trekkers Series: Discovery at Dawn

In this sixth volume of the Gospel Time Trekkers series, children ages 6-8 are taken on a journey that imaginatively retraces the events surrounding Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection, revealing the ultimate meaning of giving up something for others.

Time Trekkers Series: The Mystery of the Missing Jars

In this fourth volume of the Gospel Time Trekkers series, children ages 6-8 are taken on a journey that imaginatively retraces Jesus raising Jairus' daughter, Sarah, from the dead, revealing that "being raised to new life" has more than one meaning!

Dear God You Can't be Serious

Dear God Series

Liquori Press

Patti Armstrong

Ages 7-11 \$8

This is the second book in the Dear God series in which author, Patti Armstrong, addresses questions that young children face when prayers aren't answered in a time of adversity – and more importantly, the timeless question of: "Is He even listening?"

When Luke, a 5th grader, finds out he's going to be homeschooled with his brothers, he can't believe it and questions whether or not God is listening when he prays to go back to school with his friends. Will Luke end up learning that sometimes God answers our prayers in ways we don't expect?

Children's DVDs

<http://www.ignatius.com/IProducts>

First Communion

30 minutes \$15.25

Mischievous boys, who mistakenly believe that a pirate's treasure is hidden somehow in the village church, learn from an orphan girl that the greatest treasure is in the tabernacle. They discover that Jesus is in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for our prayers and looking for us in Holy Communion. Jesus appears to the children, which provides the motivation for the boys to prepare for First Communion.

The Eucharist for Little Children

25 minutes \$13.45

Through this film children will begin to understand the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. They will encounter Jesus in the solemnity of the Mass, the quiet of adoration, and the splendor of a Corpus Christi procession. Children will also experience the Lord through the traditional beauty of the Church, the sacred music and the vibrant spirit of host Jennifer Naimo, who brings her Broadway talent to this ministry to little children.

The Ten Commandments

75 minutes \$13.45

This marvelous animated program introduces the Ten Commandments in stories that children of today can relate to and understand. Its central characters are youngsters dealing with the common situations of a child's modern daily life-at home, in school, or playing with friends. Each Commandment is a separate chapter and is introduced by a cheerful monk-teacher. Ages 2-8.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

90 minutes \$13.45

This well-animated, humorous film tells the story of an eccentric wannabe scientist, Flint Lockwood, with a reputation for creations gone awry, who recently invented a machine that he claims will turn water into food, hoping to solve the world hunger crisis. Flint's new food-converting machine doesn't work as planned, and it ends up getting launched into the sky where clouds form and begin to rain cheeseburgers, setting in motion a global disaster of epic proportions. A fun, imaginative film that's immensely entertaining for all ages.

The Good Samaritan

45 minutes \$13.45

In this touching parable, the Rabbi and the Levite ignore the wounded traveler, but the Samaritan stops to help him. Jesus teaches that we are all neighbors and we should love and serve one another.

The Shine of Rainbows

111 minutes \$20.64

Adopted by Maire O'Donnell to live on a whimsical, idyllic Irish isle filled with new friends, secret caves and a lost baby pup seal stranded on the coast. But when Maire's reluctant husband Alec refuses to accept Tomás as his own son, the boy drifts down a fateful path of adventure and self-discovery, illuminating how rainbows can shine around-and within-us all. Filled with magnificent sweeping Irish landscapes and some mythical creatures, the excellent performances, heartfelt story, and glimpses into Irish culture makes Rainbows really shine. Stars Connie Nielsen, Aidan Quinn and John Bell.

This film is rated PG

In her Footsteps:

The story of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

50 minutes \$17.95

For 350 years, a young Christian Mohawk woman has been interceding for and inspiring natives and non-natives around the world. On October 21, 2012, Kateri Tekakwitha became the first Native North American woman to be recognized as a Saint.

This moving documentary takes us on a journey from northern New York State to Montréal and Kahnawake; from Washington State to New Mexico, as we follow St. Kateri's incredible journey of deep faith, heroic sacrifice and love of Christ.

Featuring many people who have been touched by her -including Philadelphia's Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM, of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe, the only Native American archbishop; Bishop James Wall of Gallup, NM, the diocese with the largest number of Native American Catholics; Sr. Kateri Mitchell, SSA, the Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference, and Jake Finkbonner, the little boy who received the miraculous healing that led to her canonization - the film shows that no one is too simple or too young to follow Christ, and that this woman, whose face was scarred and vision was weak, is still a source of Grace and healing for all.

Bonus features include

- Excerpts from the Mass of Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - 30 mins
- St. Kateri Thanksgiving Mass in Rome - 60 mins

- A Reflection on Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB - 15 mins
- Theatrical Trailer - 1 min

<https://www.catholicvideo.com/>

When the Game Stands Tall

Inspired by the true story, Jim Caviezel (The Passion of the Christ) plays high school football coach Bob Ladouceur during the season that changed everything. As coach of the Spartans Football Team, Bob always tells his players that winning doesn't matter. Yet somehow, with the aid of assistant coach Terry Eidson (Michael Chiklis, TV's "The Shield"), he's led the team to a record-breaking 151 straight victories. When his wife Bev (Laura Dern, Jurassic Park) urges him to refocus on his family, Bob is blinded by the pressure to keep the streak alive. Now, in the midst of a season of crisis and tragedy when the Spartans stand to lose everything, a remarkable young player (Alexander Ludwig, The Hunger Games) helps Bob rediscover that teamwork outshines personal glory When The Game Stands Tall. Rated PG.

Bike Detectives

70 minutes \$11.99

Young Leon is new in town and wants to fit in. He tries to join a local club of self-styled sleuths called the "Mountain Bike Detective Club," but he's got a problem...his bike isn't cool enough for the group and he doesn't have enough money for a better one. That's when a mysterious helmeted figure on a motorcycle approaches Leon with an offer to make some money, and Leon just can't refuse.

With his new wheels and his powerful deductive skills, Leon is now part of the gang as they set off to investigate who is harassing old Mr. Fellingner, the kindly old man down the road. Why has someone poisoned Mr. Fellingner's dog and why did someone try to set his barn ablaze? Does it have anything to do with that mysterious figure on the motorcycle? Does Leon know something he's not telling?

As the kids and their parents try to solve the mystery they learn important biblical values about trusting God, honesty, resisting temptation and forgiveness. Dubbed into English from the original German production.

Especially for viewers ages 7-12

Youth Adventure Series: Rescuer

58 minutes \$7.99

Rachel (14), Matt (10), and Cassie (9) are drawn into a dangerous situation when Rachel's deep passion for nature takes them to the breathtakingly beautiful English Lake District. Rachel, "The Rescuer," is determined to bring to justice the culprits who are stealing the eagles' eggs, but when Cassie becomes trapped on a treacherous cliff, Rachel is faced with a decision that will change her life forever. Her faith is strengthened when she learns to put others' needs above her own.

Sparky Chronicles: The Map

30 minutes \$8.99

When a mysterious villain kidnaps the family pet, three college-age friends quickly form a crack search team. Utilizing the latest in high-tech gadgets and a computer-guided mobile headquarters this "case" finds the three heroes hunting down clues and rubbing elbows with a cast of zany characters. In this episode, the three self-appointed secret agents narrowly miss rescuing Sparky and then find a map that show exactly where the beloved K9 can be found. But the team disregards the map and instead embarks on their search using their own ingenuity. When they come to several forks in the road, they realize that everyone has a different opinion about which direction to take. Viewers discover an amazing parallel between the Bible and the map.

Drive Through History: The temple, Cross and Empty Tomb- Jerusalem to Calvary

\$15.99

With a style all his own, Dave Stotts---host and editor of Drive Thru History---speeds through the ancient world of the Bible, delivering a fast-paced encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith.

Recommended family entertainment by The Dove Foundation. Stotts' Drive Thru History series includes on-location explorations, plus loads of animations and narration that's definitely 'outside the classroom.'

From the events of Holy Week, to the temple's construction, to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, you will experience a visually exciting journey through the land of the Bible, revealing the history and culture behind the stories of Scripture. The video also includes a PDF for each episode containing discussion questions designed for groups and families.

Temple, Cross, and the Empty Tomb includes:

Episode 1: Mount Moriah, Temple Mount, Al Aqsa Mosque, Dome of the Rock, Western Wall, Stoning of St. Stephen

Episode 2: City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam, Pool of Bethesda, Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, and the Garden of Gethsemane

Episode 3: Prophecies, Caiaphas, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Eucharist: God's Way of Embracing Us

2 hours \$15.99

Another in the Drive Thru History Series

Mandie and the Secret Tunnel

140 minutes \$5.99

In 1899, Mandie's life changes when her Cherokee friends help her escape to a mansion that holds the hidden secrets of her past and the key to her future!

"MANDIE and the SECRET TUNNEL," is the first feature-length movie based on the MANDIE books written by Lois Leppard. Set in the early 1900s, this series boasts a delightful cast of characters who, in the tradition of LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE and ANNE OF GREEN GABLES, learn valuable lessons as they conquer hardships and celebrate life's triumphs.

Mandie and the Forgotten Christmas

107 minutes \$7.99

When Mandie Shaw is thrust into Miss Heathwood's School for Girls at Christmastime, she struggles to grasp the boarding school's new rules and the finer points of high society. As Mandie tries to stay out of hot water with Miss Heathwood and discover what the headmistress seems to have against Christmas, she stumbles upon a mystery in the school's forbidden attic. Will Mandie ignore the warning to flee or try to get to the bottom of the strange noises beyond the boarded-up doors? Uncovering the truth may lead to telling a lie, but it might also provide the key that unlocks the memories of a long-forgotten Christmas.

Introducing Kelly Washington in the title role, Mandie and the Forgotten Christmas is the third film adapted from the Lois Gladys Leppard book series, which boasts over 7 million copies in print.

