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Best Of All

BK 200625 EC, P 31 pp.
Lucado, Max © 2003 Crossway Books / Good News Publishers

The arrival of a famous Wemmick turns Wemmicksville upside down and puts Punchinello in the pits. But Eli the woodcarver helps Punchinello see that he doesn't need to be made of the "right" wood to be special: "You are the way you are because I made you that way," says Eli. We sometimes think we have to be like famous or "beautiful" people to be special. God thinks otherwise; He made us just the way we are--on purpose. This tale from Wemmicksville will surprise you as Punchinello himself shocks the town with how special he really is.

Daddy, Am I Beautiful?

BK 201306 P, I 32 pp.
Lazurek, Michelle S. © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

Through charming illustrations and a delightful story, **Daddy, Am I Beautiful?** teaches girls to recognize and value beauty not only in how they look but in acts of kindness, virtue, and love. It symbolizes that God makes us beautiful from the inside out and that God's love is what true beauty is all about.

Designed By God So I Must Be Special

BK 200752 EC, P 18 pp.
Sose', Bonnie © 1988 Character Builders for Kids

Each page of this book describes the wonderful things God has given us: eyes, ears, nose, skin, body, mind, and heart. These things have a purpose: "He designed me with special talents, gifts and abilities you see, which let me know that He has something special in mind for me."

Elizabeth, Who Is Not A Saint

BK 200457 EC, P 32 pp.
Szaj, Kathleen C. © 1997 Paulist Press

Grandmother helps Elizabeth understand that she can best express her strong spirit, not by getting in trouble with inappropriate words and actions, but by doing things that she likes and feeling proud of herself.

Every Body Has Something To Say

BK 201282 P 26 pp.
Ashour, Monica © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

Tummies grumble, mouths yawn. Bodies have a language all their own. This book will teach children a new way of listening. Through everyday examples, children will become aware of how we communicate with our bodies and shows them how to respond appropriately and with love.

Every Body Is A Gift: God Made Us To Love

BK 201281 EC 10 pp.
Ashour, Monica © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

This board book uses simple language and everyday situations to show young children how they can use the gift of their human bodies to receive and give love to those around them. Using examples like blowing bubbles and dancing, it shows them different ways to express love to their families and those they meet.

Every Body Is Smart: God Helps Me Listen And Choose

BK 201280 EC 10 pp.
Ashour, Monica © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

This board book describes the different ways that bodies teach us about ourselves. It introduces to young children ways to understand when they need to respond immediately to what their bodies are telling them, and when they need to be patient. It teaches young children to choose how and when to respond to what their bodies say to them.

Everybody Has A Body: God Made Boys And Girls

BK 201279 EC 10 pp.
Ashour, Monica © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

Boys and girls' bodies are the same in some ways and different in others. This book discusses the similarities and differences between male and female bodies. It does this in a language that young children can understand. This board book introduces children to the way gender contributes to the dignity of the human person.

Everybody Has Something To Give

BK 201283 P 30 pp.
Ashour, Monica © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

Introduce children to the beauty of giving and receiving with this book that affirms the dignity of every person. It teaches children how our bodies help us to give ourselves, receive others, and open our hearts to Jesus.

God Has A Plan For Boys And For Girls

BK 201284 P 26 pp.
Ashour, Monica © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

We all hope for something. We are all afraid of something. We all like something best of all. Still, we are different. Help girls and boys discover who they are with this book that affirms the gift of gender. Teach children about identity, equality, and God's plan for them.

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God Made Wonderful Me!

BK 201119 EC, P 14 pp.
Monchamp, Genny © 2008 Pauline Books And Media

This rhyming board book teaches young children that God made our fingers and nose, our two eyes and toes – and all because He loves us!

Mommy, Am I Strong?

BK 201307 P, I 32 pp.
Lazurek, Michelle S. © 2015 Pauline Books and Media

Mommy Am I Strong? teaches inner strength comes from things like sharing and forgiving, which are sometimes hard to do. It emphasizes that with God's help we all can become strong, inside and out.

Princess Madison And The Royal Darling Pageant

BK 200749.1 P, I 32 pp.
Linamen, Karen Scalf © 2006 Baker Books / Baker Publishing Group

Princess Madison had dirt under her nails, freckles on her nose, and marbles in her pocket. But she still thought she was a princess until her sister told her otherwise. Participating in the Royal Darling Pageant was the perfect opportunity to find out if she really was a princess. As Madison discovers that a princess is a princess by the very fact that she is the daughter of the king, young people will discover that they also are children of the Father by the very fact of the Father's love for them.

Sometimes Smart Is Good / A Veces Es Bueno Ser Listo

BK 200825 EC, P 22 pp.
Luchsinger, Dena Fox © 2007 Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company

Smart people can explain the world around us, strong people can keep us safe, talented people can show us things that are beautiful. It is good to be smart, and strong, and talented. But what about people who do not have these abilities? This English-Spanish bilingual book underscores the values of love, patience, and kindness, teaching young readers that all people – regardless of their abilities – are valuable as children of God. Sometimes smart is good, but love and acceptance are always good.

St. Cecilia's Orchestra

BK 270401 P, I, J, S, YA, A 36 pp.
Hommerding, Alan J. © 2010 World Library Publications (J.S. Paluch Co. Inc.)

Join St. Cecilia on her exciting and colorful journey across the world and beyond to fascinating spaces and places where the music of all God's children resounds. As she gathers together a group of extraordinary musicians for her heavenly orchestra, learn about familiar instruments like the piano, trumpet, and flute. Learn about not-so-familiar instruments like the kora, zokra, and didgeridoo. Discover that each person, like each instrument, has been named and given a job to do.

You Should, You Should!

BK 200173 EC, P 32 pp.
Tilby, Ginny © 2013 Familius LLC

You Should, You Should helps children, parents, counselors, and anyone working with children to address the undo pressure we create when we allow others and ourselves to believe we "should" do something just because someone else is.

Brother Francis Presents: You Are Special! - The Blessings Of God's Unique Love

DV 31598 EC, P 33 min.
© 2017 Herald Entertainment, Inc

Join Brother Francis as he shows children just how unique and special God created every person to be! This episode includes *Everyone's Unique*, a catchy celebratory song that highlights God's love for every individual, the story of the potter and the clay based on Isaiah 64:8 to show that we are all a work in progress, a musical of the biblical story of the lost coin, and St. Paul's teaching that all of us are needed in the Church in order for the One Body in Christ to be complete. (English and Spanish language tracks and subtitles)

From Top Model To Role Model

DV 31499 J, S, YA 76 min.
Darrow, Leah © 2011 Catholic Answers, Inc.

Fashion model Leah Darrow offers her own story of sin and redemption as a case study in how damaging the current culture can be to women. Take a personal look behind the scenes of the high-pressure world of high fashion into which Leah had immersed herself. Laugh and listen as Leah speaks to young people about the importance of maintaining their dignity and their relationship with God. Discover what Leah has learned about modesty, purity, true love, true worth, the role of parents in the lives of teens, outward image, the power of prayer, virginity outside of marriage, and fashion.

Outside Da Box: Stay Tuned! Disc I

DV 30916.1 J, S, YA 70 min.
© 2009 Outside Da Box Production

The short videos in this DVD are meant to foster deeper prayer and reflection in the lives of teens. *Enroute Series* - the story of the Bible in fifteen minutes with Wordle-art meditations. Includes **Designed**: Creation (3 min.); **Broken**: Original Sin (3 min.); **Expectant**: Israel's history, Law and Prophets, John the Baptist (2 min.); **Presence**: Birth and Life of Jesus (3 min.); **Satisfied**: Passion and Easter (2 min.); **Mission**: Resurrection and Great Commission (2 min.); **Restored**: Second Coming and Redemption from Revelation 21:1-7 (2 min.) **Waiting**: a reflection for Advent (2 min.) **Sheep or Goat?**: a dramatic reading of Matthew 24:31-46 (2 min.) **Above All**: extolls the greatness of our God (3 min.) **Who Am I?**: a visual meditation on identity and God's purpose for our life (8 min.) **God Is Love**: a reflection on God's love for us (7 min.) **Once Upon a Tandem**: tells of a traveler on the road of life pedaling alone on a bicycle built for two until he realizes that the empty backseat has something to do with his empty heart (7 min.) **Creation** - a visual reflection on the creation, fall, and what God has done to restore the world to that original state of grace (8 min.) **I Am Jonah** - outlines the life of Jonah so that we can compare and contrast our own lives to that of Jonah (3 min.) **Holy Spirit** - a prayerful visual meditation about the Holy Spirit's presence in the sacraments as well as in daily life (8 min.) **Sermon on the Mount**: a presentation of the Beatitudes in Matthew (2 min.) **Found**: a modern rendition on the Parable of the Lost Coin (5 min.)

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Safety N.E.T. Kids: No Easy Targets

DV 30136.1 EC, P, I 30 min.
Olson, Glenn © 2003 Oblate Media and Communications Corp

This unique and informative video will teach children the importance of knowing when it is okay to say no, about unwanted touches, what to do when they are approached or grabbed by a stranger, and how to react in other potentially dangerous situations.

Webcast DVD: Volume I (2 DVDs)

DV 31293 J, S 81 min.
© 2006 Life Teen, Inc.

Twenty-seven short (about 3 min.) videos share the faith with teens in a quick, no-nonsense style. Disc I includes the following. **Get in the Word**: Bible Basics from the Bible Geek, **Dressed for Success**: Practicing Modesty, **We Are Family**: Finding Function in Dysfunction, **We're Not Worthy!?**: Jesus Sees Worth in All of Us, **Pray a Song**: Worship Is More than Singing, **Notre Dame**: Following Jesus through Mary, **The Mamas and the Papas**: Obeying Your Parents, **Color Blind**: Christian Unity beyond Differences, **Count to Ten**: Taking Control of Your Anger, **Altered States**: Your Changes Can Change Others, **Thank You**: Appreciating Those Who Sacrifice, **The Exorcist**: How Satan Takes Hold of Your Life, **My Secret Confession**: Overcoming Fears of Reconciliation. Disc II includes the following. **Judge Mental**: Changing How We Think of Others, **Same Ol', Same Ol'**: Confessing the Same Sins, **Sexism in the City**: Defining Chauvinism, **Nine Inch Nails**: The Reality of the Crucifixion, **Work of Art**: God's Creation Is Priceless, **Homeruns for Jesus**: Going Deeper with Christ, **Don't Criticize God: Learning to Love Yourself**, **Junk in the Heart**: Christ Brings about Change, **Girls Date Jerks**: Changing Your Dating Reality, **Father Not Mother**: Why the Priesthood Isn't Relative, **Your Heart, Your Mother**: Turn to Mary with Struggles, **Sci-Fi Religion**: The Truth about Scientology, **Dream Guy Wishlist**: What to Look for in a Relationship, **Flailing Arms**: Getting into Rhythms with God (Lectio Divina).

You Are Mine: The Animated Story

DV 31561 EC, P 30 min.
Lucado, Max © 2002 Thomas Nelson, Inc.

When Punchinello tries to prove his worth by getting more boxes and balls than the other Wemmicks, he learns that his maker, Eli, loves him because of who he is and not what he possesses. (Closed Captioned)

You Are Special

DV 31558 P, I, J 25 min.
Lucado, Max © 2003 Thomas Nelson, Inc.

In Wemmicksville, the wooden villagers are awarded with stickers - golden stars for the talented and clever and ugly gray dots for the less talented and clumsy. Punchinello is covered with gray dot stickers, but through a mysterious wood carver he discovers his true worth. (Spanish language track)

Stewardship: Talents And Gifts

KA 04722.1 P, I, J
© 2009 Harcourt Religion Publishers

This poster with activity and lesson plan will introduce children to the importance of discovering and using their talents, gifts, and passions to build God's kingdom in the world.

YOUCAT 280: What Reasons Do Christians Give For Human Dignity?

OR 50600 J, S
© 2013 Ignatius Press

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAmeliaCatholicChurch/posts/441264969303455>

At this post you will find the text for paragraph number 280 of *YOUCAT*, ©2011 by Ignatius Press. It speaks of the value and dignity of every human person based not on what the person can do or who that person has become, but rather on the very fact that "God willed, loved, created, and redeemed" each and every person. (*YOUCAT Study Guide*, BK #269752, also available to assist with questions for reflection or discussion.)

Children's Praise: Made In The Image Of God

OV 50663 EC, P 2 min.
© 2012 YouTube

<http://safeshare.tv/v/kQhH0U9gofA>

We are made in the image of God. This music video celebrates the unique creation that each of us is.

Covet

OV 50624 J, S 5 min.
© 2015 YouTube / Outside Da Box Production

<https://safeshare.tv/x/M0dpE3ieAhw>

Follow three people who struggle with being content with themselves and then come to resolution through the realization of their inherent worth and their many God-given blessings.

Cry Of The Heart

OV 50329 S, YA 19 min.
West, Christopher © 2017 Vimeo

<https://safeshare.tv/x/202264914>

This film by Christopher West is uplifting and hopeful about overcoming fear, taking off our masks, and living from our deepest yearnings for real life and real love.

I Love You

OV 50444 I, J, S, YA, A 3 min.
© 2010 YouTube

<http://safeshare.tv/w/LajljjwpBV>

Cartoon drawings remind viewers that at the times in our lives when we feel most lost, alone, or afraid to face Jesus, he is waiting for us to just look at him and know his love for us.

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Imago Dei: The Image Of God

OV 50687

S, YA, A
© 2015 YouTube

5 min.

<http://safeshare.tv/v/r-rzM5EojY>

All people are created in the Image of God and that changes everything. It changes how we view and interact with others, as well as the issues that we care about as believers. Every life matters because every life is created in the image of God.

My Body Is A Temple

OV 50661

Benson, Brentwood

P, I
© 2013 YouTube

3 min.

<http://safeshare.tv/v/cnq-pn4Otlg>

This lively music video helps children understand that we need to take care of our bodies by healthy eating, exercise, and washing because our body is a temple where "my friend, Jesus, lives."

Never Alone, Forever Accepted

OV 50113

J, S
© 2014 YouTube / Outside Da Box Production

2 min.

Two teens share their feeling of loneliness and rejection, their understanding of God's presence and love, and their transformation into greater self esteem and new understanding of their identity in Christ.

Pope Francis Minute, The: Video 02 - Who Is Worthy Of God's Mercy?

OV 50533

P, I, J, S, YA, A
© 2015 YouTube / Catholic Link

2 min.

<http://safeshare.tv/w/BjktKLOTu>

This is an episode in an animated series about Pope Francis. While the stories in the series are fictional, the words from the Holy Father are inspired by his speeches and writings. This second video deals with the power and necessity of God's mercy in our lives. It reminds us that Jesus sees our worthiness even before we do, and even while we are sinful.

V.I.P.

OV 50662

Benson, Brentwood

P, I
© 2013 YouTube

3 min.

<http://safeshare.tv/v/qOsbvFqh8pM>

This lively music video helps children understand that each of us is a miracle, an original, a child of the King, a very important person who has God living within.

You're Kind Of A Big Deal

OV 50394

Stefanick, Chris

J, S, YA
© 2014 YouTube

2 min.

<http://safeshare.tv/w/wFIBLhIOLy>

Christ Stefanick reminds viewers that, even though we seem to be small in this world, spiritually we are huge in God's eyes, created by love with an amazing body and an awesome soul.

God Gave You Talents As A Gift; Praise God By Using Your Gifts Well

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Poster has picture symbols of various talents and the words "God gave you talents as a gift; praise God by using your gifts well."

