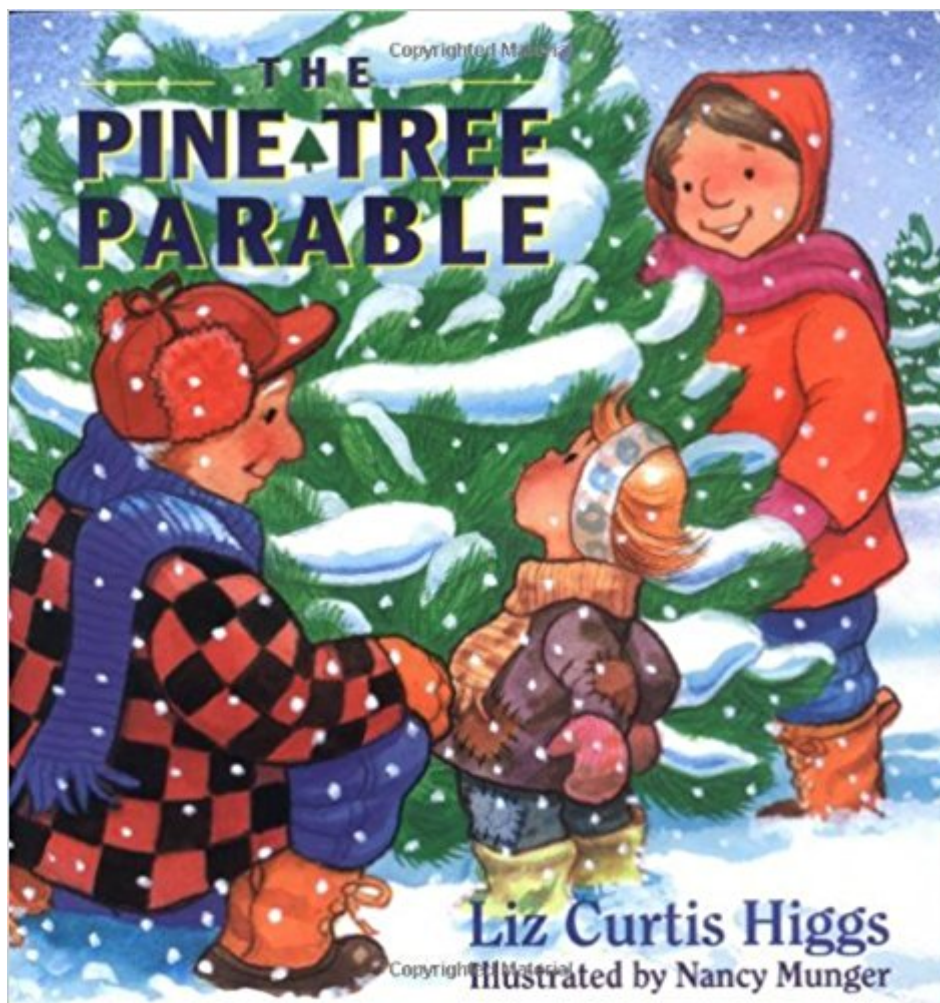


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The Parable Series: The Pine Tree Parable



Synopsis

The Pine Tree Parable tells the heartwarming tale of a farmer and his family who nurture tiny seedlings into fragrant Christmas trees. When the trees are tall enough to offer to their neighbors, the farmer's wife plans to keep the most beautiful pine tree for her family, until one snowy December night when a child teaches her the true meaning of Christmas.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Liz Curtis Higgs is an award-winning speaker as well as the author of twenty-eight books, including *Bad Girls of the Bible* and *Thorn in My Heart*. Her Parable Series for children has been awarded the ECPA Gold Medallion for Excellence.

My daughter loved this book as a child so I am now buying it for younger children that I know! The illustrations are beautiful and the writing is simple enough for a very young child, as well as being in depth enough for an older child. I love that this book gives a scripture for each page. So as the story is being told, a scripture confirms the biblical aspect of what was written. Love it!

I've known this author personally for a number of years, and I've read most of what she's written,

but this is the first time I've purchased one of her children's books...I'm not actually sure why it's taken me this long, because I love everything she's written, but I came across this on , while searching for children's Christmas books. It was one of those "duh, I knew that" moments when I saw her name on the bottom of this, lol...I don't just say this because I know her, but she is a truly wonderful writer, and her books are always excellent (so Liz, if you read this, you can confirm that you didn't pay me to say this, lol) :) This one is no different. The storyline is truly precious, the pictures are adorable (especially the little beagle!), and the message woven through it is something everyone should consider important, both at Christmastime and throughout the year. It's the message of giving to those less fortunate than yourself. I love how she ties the pages of her story to the pages of Scripture, by giving a coordinating verse at the bottoms of the pages. I also really love the illustrations on the two pages where the farmer plants his seedlings when his oldest child is very tiny. Each "snapshot" illustration shows each Christmas though the years, and each year, the tree gets a little bigger and so does the farmer's family. You see the little boy getting bigger each year, and the addition of siblings (really cute illustrations of the babies/toddlers). All the while, the little tree is getting bigger. SO sweet! The most "endearing to the heart" part is the ending, when the woman gives her most favourite tree (that she has kept through the years) to a poor family who cannot afford it. This family pulls up to the farmer's tree farm, and they are looking through all of the "Charlie Brown" trees, because those are the free ones. The little girl asks her parents to get the big, perfect tree with the star on top, completely oblivious to the financial implications of purchasing such a tree. The parents and the farmer's family are embarrassed because they all know that the poor couple cannot afford the good tree. The farmer's wife, in a selfless act of generosity, gifts the little girl with the beloved tree. As the tree is felled, tears spring to the eyes of the farmer's wife, but she feels joy because her gift to the little girl is better than her possession of the Christmas tree. It really made me want to take everything we've bought this year for Christmas and bring it to the families in our area who are without this season. My children wanted to gather up their toys and find the "poor little girl" so they could put their toys under her big new tree! I highly recommend this book, and am glad to have found it. It really helped us to bring the focus back to what's important during the holidays.

This looks like a really simple book, but out of about 25 books I've purchased for my countdown to Christmas collection, this is one of my top favorites. This has a great message about the meaning of Christmas and what it means to give a true "gift." There isn't direct mention of Jesus, but it would be hard for someone to not feel His love after reading this. There are scriptural references. I think this

book will appeal to my children even as they grow older and anticipate that it will be a favorite for years.

great thanks

always a great story around the holidays

My favorite book to gift for Christmas to a family that has young kids. Makes me cry every year.

Great addition to our Christmas collection

Good book. It's a bit too "young" for our 6-year old daughter.

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