

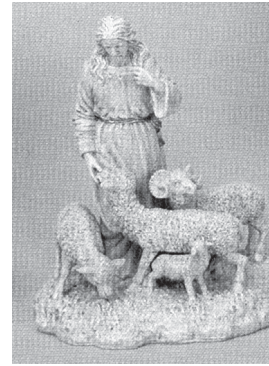
TREASURES for your PRAYER CORNER

Preparing a Place. If you haven't already created a prayer corner or "sacred space" in your home, now is the time to do it. And be sure to let your children participate in the process. They will be much more interested in prayer time if they have had a hand in its preparation. Here are a few suggestions:

Find a small table. Purchase or make colored cloths to match the liturgical seasons: green for Ordinary Time, violet for Advent and Lent, white or gold for Feast Days, blue for Marian feasts, red for martyrs, Good Friday, Pentecost, Triumph of the Cross and Eucharistic Feasts. Cloth napkins work quite nicely.

Collect several statues, icons, or pictures that symbolize the seasons or feasts. Have a Bible, crucifix, candles, holy water, rosaries and flower vases available. Explain everything to your children and let them take turns being responsible for the space. One child might put out fresh flowers for the Blessed Mother during May. Another might wash and iron the cloths from time to time. And yet another will enjoy polishing the candle sticks.

Purchase a Nativity set that you can allow the children to handle. Our youngest child plays endlessly with the kings, the sheep and the angels. Last year I added three authentic leather camels that he loves. We even have more than one Baby Jesus because we can't decide which we like best. He plays with all of them. This is a tremendous way for little ones to absorb the Christmas story.



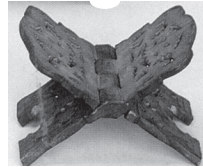
Good Shepherd \$20.00
10" polystone statue with four sheep.



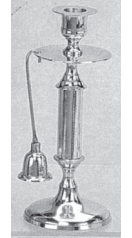
Good Shepherd \$12.95
6" tall, marble dust compound made in Italy, plain white.



Cross Doily 20"
White \$10
Ecru w/gold cross \$6



Carved Bible Stand in two sizes:
Lovely carved design, folds flat.
10" for medium study Bible \$5.50
13" for large family Bible \$8.50



Candle Stick & Snuffer \$12
Make this lovely brass candlestick part of your family prayer corner. 9 1/2". Little ones love the snuffer.



Nativity Runner 14" x 52" \$18.00



Budded Cross Runner white 12" x 36" \$14.00
Budded Cross Runner white w/gold crosses \$16.00



Rose Doily
10" x 14" \$4.00

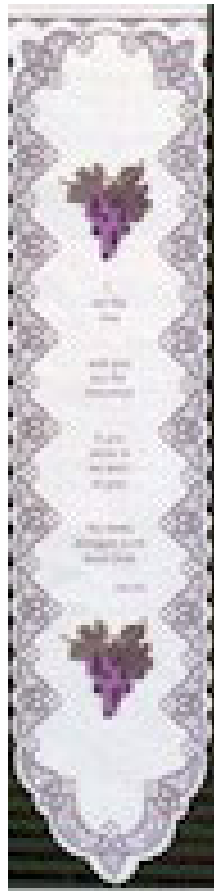


True Vine Doily
14" \$5.50



True Vine Runner w/verse \$11.50
12" x 32" specify ecru or white

Not shown:
True Vine Placemat w/verse \$6.50
12 x 20" specify ecru or white



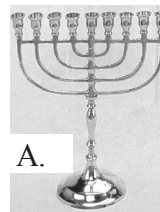
True Vine Wall Hanging \$12
8" x 30" specify white or ecru.
Wooden dowel, metal hanger.
"I am the vine, you are the branches ..."



Nativity Mantle Scarf 19" x 95" \$25.00.
The scanner does not do justice to any of the lace, especially this Nativity scene. You just have to see it to believe it.

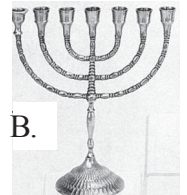


Last Supper Tablecloth, 2 sizes, limited stock
63" x 84" ecru \$29 63" x 118" ecru \$40



A.

A. Menorah \$12.95 11"
8-branched candlestick for celebration of Hanukkah (plus a center branch for holding the lighting candle)



B.

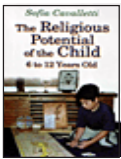
B. Menorah \$10.95 11"
7-branched candlestick of the ancient tabernacle.



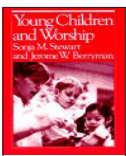
Look At The Child \$5.95 by Aline Wolf, author of *Childsize Masterpieces*. Black and white photos, calligraphic script. Quotes from Maria Montessori that help the reader see the child for who he really is. Beautiful, inspiring, true.



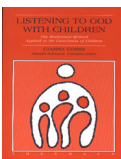
The Religious Potential of the Child 3-6 \$16.00
Religious Potential of the Child 6-12 \$20.00 by Sofia Cavalletti. Both books describe a Montessori approach known as Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Not "how-to," but rather a glimpse inside a specially prepared environment that allows children to develop rich spiritual lives. The 6-12 emphasizes salvation history and living the covenant.



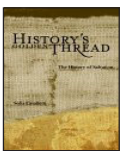
The Good Shepherd and the Child \$16.00 by Cavalletti, Coulter, Gobbi. The subtitle of this book is *A Joyful Journey*, and it is indeed that. A guidebook for parents and teachers in implementing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children from 3-6.



Young Children and Worship \$24.95 by Berryman & Stewart. Berryman was trained by Cavalletti and is an Episcopal priest, very gifted in Montessori religious education. He misses a few doctrinal points, but his work is still worth reading. Includes complete patterns/lesson plans for 40 presentations--a gold mine!



Listening to God With Children \$12.95 by Gianna Gobbi. The focus is on the atrium as the environment for religious formation, rather than on the home, but there is still much useful information regarding sensitive periods, characteristics of good materials and Montessori methodology in general.



History's Golden Thread: Story of Salvation \$16.00 by Sofia Cavalletti. Describes the unique way that Sofia Cavalletti teaches the history of salvation using Montessori techniques. Not a how-to book.



Montessori Play and Learn \$19.95 by Leslie Britton. A practical guide for parents on implementing Montessori techniques and materials in the home. Focus is on children from 2-6. Good over-all, but has some flawed ideas in the philosophy section.



Mini Chalice & Paten \$3.99
 1 1/2" Beautiful brass set perfect for Eucharistic Presence presentation.



How to Use Child-size Masterpieces \$10.95 by Aline D. Wolf. This instruction manual is needed for proper use of the Childsize masterpieces below.

Childsize Masterpieces \$10.95 each Step 1 matches identical paintings, Step 2 pairs companion paintings, Step 3 groups four paintings by one artist, Step 5 offers some of the most famous paintings. Each contains 36 beautiful reproductions and 3 cover cards for pocket folders.

- 1 Easy
- 2 Intermediate
- 3 Advanced
- 4 Artist's Names
- 5 Famous Paintings
- 1-4 Black Images



Discovering Great Artists \$14.95 Hands-on art projects for children in the styles of the Great Masters. Most projects are interesting and educational. Each includes a short bio of the artist. A few modern ones are ugly but the book is worth owning. 5-12



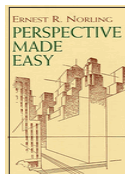
25 Adventures with Art \$16.95 43 color reproductions from the National Gallery of Art. Learn about great masterpieces, make your own art works in drawing, sculpture, collage, flip book, more.



Getting to Know the World's Great Artists \$6.95 ea. Five separate biographies of great artists written especially for young children. Color reproductions of the artists' most famous works. 9+ Choose from:
Bottecelli Rembrandt Renoir
Michelangelo DaVinci

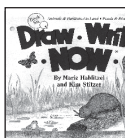


The Story of Painting \$7.95 by Ground & Blundell. An Usborne book. Lots and lots of pictures, simple text. Tells the story of painting from cave dwellers to modern art. Ages 9-12.



How To Draw Animals \$4.95 Usborne. Birds, insects, mammals, various techniques, natural and cartoon.

Perspective Made Easy \$7.95 by Ernest R. Norling. Learn how to place figures and objects, depict interiors, create shade and shadow, and all other elements for a successful perspective drawing. Clear directions, easy to use. Pb. 10+

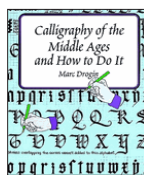


Draw Write Now \$10.95 ea Drawing and handwriting practice for K-3. Books explore different themes and focus on differing techniques. Each book can be used independently and in any order.



- Bk 1 On the Farm
- Bk 2 Columbus, Harvest
- Bk 3 Native Am, Pilgrims
- Bk 4 Polar Regions
- Bk 5 US History, Travel
- Bk 6 Animal Habitats
- Bk 7 Animal Habitats+
- Bk 8 Savannah, Deserts

Draw Write Now Workbooks \$2.49
 32 bound pages picture/story paper.



Calligraphy of the Middle Ages & How to Do It \$7.95 With clear directions and charming style, four alphabets and their historic contexts are introduced. This is done through brief sketches of four historic persons who would have used each alphabet: Julius Caesar, King Arthur, Charlemagne and Robin Hood. Pb. 11+

12" Carved Paintbrush Box \$5.00 This is really an incense box, but we use it to keep track of paintbrushes.

After five years, we still have all the same brushes. A good investment!

