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FOR GROWN-UPS

When children are baptized, they are given a candle accompanied by a prayer that they may always keep alive the flame of faith. *God Is with Me: Always and Everywhere* is intended to introduce children to one of the most important foundations of our faith—the awareness of God’s presence in every moment and circumstance of our daily lives.

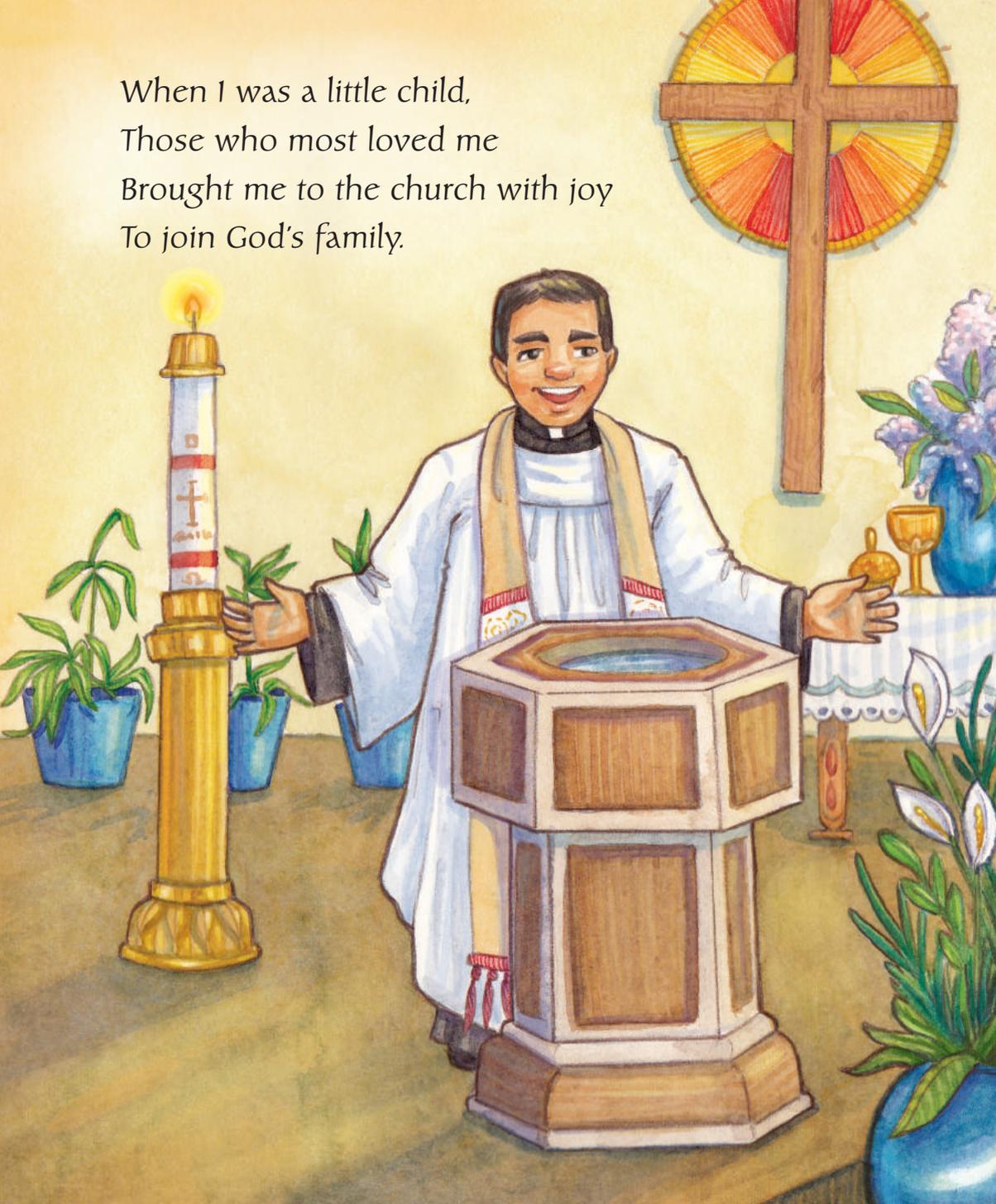
Appealing to children’s delight in creation, *God Is with Me* explains that the wonders of our world are signs of the presence of God. Relatable examples teach children that God is present in the love they experience from family and friends. Memorable verses assure children that they have a guardian angel, a heavenly Mother, and Jesus himself at their side, even in difficult times.

Finally, *God Is with Me* presents the Church as a special place to experience the presence of God, and invites children to take the first steps toward recognizing the Church as a wellspring of God’s graces.

A child who is attuned to God’s presence is more able to develop a vibrant and personal relationship with God. Knowing that God is with me is an essential foundation for the life of faith and good deeds to which we are all called at Baptism.

Parents are entrusted with the awesome responsibility of fostering their children’s spiritual growth. *God Is with Me* is meant to help you transmit the immense love of God to the children in your life, and start them on the path to discovering the loving presence of God for themselves.

When I was a little child,
Those who most loved me
Brought me to the church with joy
To join God's family.



I was baptized and I became
A child of God that day;
Now God is with me always,
Everywhere, in every way.





God is with me all around.
The lovely things I see,
Or hear or touch, or taste or smell
Are gifts God made for me.



God is with me in the morning
As I greet the rising sun,
And prepare to spend my day,
Learning, playing, having fun.