

FOR GIRLS LIKE YOU

MARCH/APRIL 2024

Happy    
EASTER!

Fry
BENNETT
believes in miracles!

THE STORY OF HER
FAMILY'S AMAZING
JOURNEY

It's a
MIRACLE

Nothing is
impossible with
God—your
miraculous stories!

INSIDE: A GALLERY OF
YOUR CREATIVITY
CELEBRATING THE MIRACLE OF EASTER

New from your friends at
for GIRLS LIKE YOU

GOD'S GIRL Story Club

★ An exciting new chapter of *Treasure Hunters: A Daniels Sisters Mystery* mailed to you every month!

★ Your own **REFLECTIONS JOURNAL** daily devotional to help you grow in your faith!

★ Fun **SURPRISES** in every package!

★ A monthly live on Zoom club meeting with *Alena, Kaitlyn, Camryn and Olivia Pitts* (the REAL Daniels Sisters!), special guests, and other God's Girl Story Club members!

★ Plus, weekly reflection videos from Alena!

JOIN US!



Join the Club!

Scan the above or call
1-888-906-9055

DISCOVER YOUR UNIQUE GOD-GIVEN STORY!

Join the club at forgirlslikeyou.com

for **GIRLS LIKE YOU**

Volume 14 Issue 2

A publication of For Girls Like You Ministries

P.O. Box 681322
Franklin, TN 37068
888.906.9055
forgirlslikeyou.com
info@forgirlslikeyou.com

FOUNDER
Wynter Pitts

PUBLISHERS
Jonathan Pitts and Four Girls Like You
in association with Roberta Croteau

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Roberta Croteau
roberta@forgirlslikeyou.com

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS
Alena Pitts Kaitlyn Pitts
Camryn Pitts Olivia Pitts

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
Andrea Kiser Martin

CONTRIBUTORS
Ellie Anderson Lydia Denton
Natalee B Jackie Marushka
Joy Bennett Terra Mattson
Julie Bennett Shani McKenzie
Bethany Denton Annie Pajcic
Lydia Denton

**DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIPS
AND DEVELOPMENT**
Linsey Driskill

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR
Jamie Brooks

MARKETING INTEGRATOR
Juliet King

WEB DESIGNER AND DEVELOPER
Ted Barnett

SUBSCRIPTIONS/CUSTOMER SERVICE
Call toll-free **888.906.9055** or email
subscriptions@forgirlslikeyou.com

FOR GIRLS LIKE YOU BOARD
Donna Carruthers
Courtney DeFeo
Dione Dewitte
Andrea Evans

SPECIAL THANKS TO
Ken Ott, Peta Pitts, Taylor West

Annual subscription rates:
United States \$34.95/one year;
\$59.95/two years; Canada and
International (U.S. funds) \$34.95 +
shipping and handling.

For Girls Like You is
published bimonthly.
ISSN 2163-2308

hello FRIEND



Every Easter morning my family and I go to the Easter service at our church. After, we usually celebrate with a good meal with friends and family! I love this season, and it is always a great joy to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus—the biggest miracle of all!

We all know John 3:16 by heart: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Sometimes we know things so well, we forget how powerful they are! John 3:16 is the greatest miracle of all time. **And because of the miracle of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we have the beautiful choice to choose Him!**

A miracle is something that ONLY God can do—and the first Easter morning was the most amazing one of all!

We know all about God’s other BIG miracles—like in the Bible stories when Jesus fed the 5,000 with just five loaves of bread and two fish, or when He healed the blind man, or when He calmed a raging storm, or raised His friend Lazarus from the grave! And we’ve even experienced the big miracles of watching people we love be healed from sickness, or protected from harm, or rescued from danger. A miracle doesn’t have to be a life-changing thing, although it can be. God hears His children’s prayers and pleas, and He will provide and deliver no matter what! And no matter what, we have hope because we get to be with Jesus forever.

But God also performs SMALL miracles every single day and sometimes we don’t even realize it. A small miracle could be anything: God turns a bad day into a good day, God helps you on a test that you weren’t really prepared for, God giving you a friend when you need one most. A miracle could even be God just simply giving you a joy-filled day!

Thank You, Jesus! Thank You for dying on the cross for our sins. And what a miracle it was that You rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! We thank You for the little reminders that we are given from You all throughout our days and weeks, even when we don’t recognize them.

He Is Risen!

Camryn Pitts
**AND YOUR FRIENDS at
FOR GIRLS LIKE YOU**

Happy EASTER!

GIRLS LIKE YOU

March/April 2024

Sprinkles.....	5
A Girl Like You.....	7
God's Girl.....	8
Go Girl!.....	9
LOL!.....	10
True Girl.....	11



12

I BELIEVE in miracles!

Meet Joy Bennett, a girl like you who has experienced a lot of difficult challenges, including her mom's two battles with cancer. But in big and little ways, she has learned to see God's miracles in every part of her life.



20

IT'S A MIRACLE

Nothing is impossible with God, and here our readers share their miraculous stories!

He is Risen!

A gallery of art, poetry and inspiration from you—celebrating the miracle of Easter!

Courageous Girls.....	30
Faith Service Fun.....	31
Creative HaARTS.....	32
STEMgirls.....	33
Before You Go.....	34

FOLLOW US ON



@forgirlslikeyou

VISIT forgirlslikeyou.com

SPrinkles

SPRINKLE JOY. SPRINKLE FUN. SPRINKLE BEAUTY.



HELLO!

I have three younger brothers and a puppy named River. I LOVE piano and I would love to play at our church and many concerts one day. Some of my hobbies are reading, playing piano, baking, using my Cricut designs machine, doing others' makeup, and hanging out with my friends. I want ALL girls to know that the Lord loves them and treasures them no matter what!

-McKenna



I'M ONE OF HIS SHEEP!

I painted this lamb because Jesus is our Shepherd and we are His lambs! First, I drew it with pencil, then traced it with Sharpie and then painted it!

-Justice, 7



GOOD SPORTS

We would like to share some of our sports experiences with you!

My name is Stella and I only started basketball this year, but I already love it! I play competitive basketball and I won my first game 45-8.

I'm Esther and I've been doing gymnastics for four years now. I've learned a whole bunch of fun tricks that include cartwheels and the splits. I train at Twin City Twisters Gymnastics.

-Stella, 10 and Esther, 7



A SOURCE OF LIGHT

Hello to everyone who gets **For Girls Like You** magazine! I live in Madison, Georgia, where there is a ministry's home office called **Source of Light International**, where we publish booklets that have information on how to get saved, that you are a sinner who needs Jesus, and all about the Bible! Our Bible lessons are also available in Braille. We have many branches around the world that use our Bible lessons. I love to help by picking orders off the shelves (getting orders ready to be shipped). I also have the privilege of labeling packages that are going to those who are blind. My dad is the director of the printing area and does a great job! Please pray for Source of Light as many people are getting older and are moving away, and there hasn't been anyone who has joined the team since we did in 2021. You can learn more about Source of Light here: sourcelight.com. I love living, helping out, and serving God there!

-Emily, 11



TWO WAYS TO READ IT

Life & Death

New
Music, laughter, applause
I see a light
Peace and warmth surround me
Unknown departure
Confusion, fear
I try to be brave
With the final tight embrace
Bidding me farewell

(now read bottom to top)
-Hannah, 11



LET IT SNOW!

I live in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and I created a snow poem.

The snow is bright like the sun
falling from the shiny clouds
The soft white snow
is a ballerina
dancing on the rusty green
grass.

The elegant snow
is a music box
which makes graceful sounds
The graceful snow smells like an evergreen leaf
falling from the tree.

It makes me want to cuddle my sister and
watch Polar Express.

-Harshitha, 12



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! We'd love to showcase your paintings, poems, songs, stories, drawings, photographs, anything! And we'd like to see you! Email your entries and photo to sprinkles@forgirlslikeyou.com!

I AM

NATALEE CYNTHIA

15 years old
Determined. Funny. Friendly.

How was your name chosen? When you hear "Natalee," most think it ends in an *ie*. Well, my mom's middle name is Lee, so she used that spelling to end my name, and Cynthia is my grandma's name.

What are your favorite hobbies? Reading, drawing/art, and hanging out with my friends

What do you want to do or be when you grow up?
An author, a chef, and a teacher—but not all at the same time!

What is something you want all girls to know about God? God saved you from your sins when He took your sin to the cross. He loves you so much.

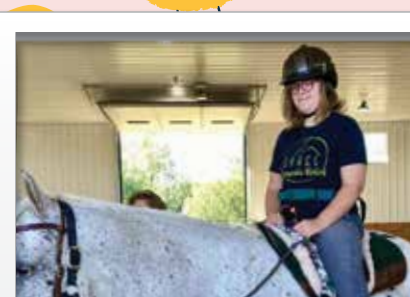
What are three things you are grateful for today?
Essential stuff (like food, water, a home), the best family, and God dying on the cross for my sins. Also, **For Girls Like You!**

What is something that nobody would ever guess about you? I have mild cerebral palsy, specifically triplegic spastic cerebral palsy that affects both of my legs and my right arm/hand. Most people don't know I have it because I walk without help except for a brace in my shoe sometimes and do things like most other kids my age.

What is one of your favorite memories? I'm homeschooled and on the day I was to "graduate" from eighth grade my mom gave me a tortilla-shell diploma.

Where is your happy place? The pool, my room, or Chick-fil-a!

What are some things on your bucket list?
Get baptized.
Visit all 50 states.
Meet someone famous.



Because of my cerebral palsy I go to horse therapy once a week to build and maintain strength. My therapy horse's name is Russell. I love him so much.



FAMILY PHOTO! Sunset photo taken when we visited Dauphin Island, Alabama and saw the Gulf of Mexico! Dad, mom, me and my siblings—Xavier, Ameliya, Zayden and Evalynn!

A GIRL LIKE YOU

What has God been showing or teaching you lately?
That He died on the cross for my sins because He loves me. He could have saved Himself if He wanted to. He also has a plan for my life even if it's not my plan.

FIVE FUN FACTS ABOUT ME!

1. I am on the swim team.
2. I like to stay neat and organized.
3. I love donuts, especially frosted ones or long johns.
4. I am very good at memorizing facts and Scripture.
5. I love the TV show *Full House*!



IT'S A MIRACLE!

God has shown up BIG for our family in ways that I consider to be miracles:

- My mom and little sister hit a deer and ruined our van, but they weren't hurt.
- My sister Ameliya got very sick when she was 4 and was in the hospital a lot. But she had surgery, and everything was fixed!
- My grandpa and great-aunt both have cancer. Grandpa's treatments made his cancer go into remission. My Aunt Annette has to keep doing treatments but she's here and we are thankful.

FAVORITES!

Color: Purple, turquoise, hot pink	Food: Mashed potatoes, ice cream, Oreos, broccoli, pizza
Song: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"	Thing To Wear: Sweatpants, hoodies, t-shirts, crocs
Singer/Band: Casting Crowns	Class in School: History
Book: Nancy Drew or the old Babysitter's Club	Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."

GOD'S girl

DEVOTIONALS & MORE TO GROW YOUR FAITH

WYNTER'S WORDS



LOOK FOR A MIRACLE

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

MARK 10:27

A miracle is an unusual and wonderful event that cannot be explained by normal activity. Science does not create miracles, and neither do magicians. Miracles are performed by God, and the Bible is full of wonderful examples!

Miracles help us to see God's love for us and His power. In the Bible, God amazed people with events that no one else could explain.

For example, in John 11 the sisters sent for Jesus to come and see their brother Lazarus. When the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Many, including Lazarus' sisters, thought he was just another dead man. But when Jesus arrived He went to the tomb and called out his name. Instantly Lazarus came alive again! This showed God's power even over death. That was definitely a miracle.

Matthew 14 describes another miracle. One day 5,000 people gathered to listen and learn from Jesus and His disciples. After being there a long time, the people began to get hungry. All that was available to eat was five loaves of bread and two fish. There is no way that this small amount of

food would feed 5,000 people. But God did it! He turned two fish and five loaves into a feast large enough to feed everyone. The Bible says the food never stopped coming!

Amazing, right?

Do you know that Jesus still performs miracles today?

That unusual and wonderful events have happened or are happening to you or around you? Sometimes we get so used to good things happening around us that we forget to see it as an act or a miracle from God!

Look for a miracle today. Not just for yourself but for a friend, family member, or even a stranger! Wait for God to surprise you with something unusual and great. Something that only He can do!

DEAR God,

Thank You for reminding me that You can do anything.
Help me to not limit You to what I can explain and help me to see
Your unusual and wonderful miracles each and every day!
In Jesus' name—AMEN

From *For Girls Like You! A Devotional for Tweens*
by Wynter Pitts. Courtesy of Harvest House Publishers.

GO Girl!

WITH JACKIE MARUSHKA



GO Girl!

EVERY LITTLE MIRACLE

"I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds."

PSALM 9:1

Miracles are often seen as extraordinary and astonishing events credited to the presence and action of a divine power. To many, these "events" may be surprising and unusual, but to others they're part of everyday life. As a believer I've always looked to Jesus for the impossible. As a believer, I believe all things are possible with Christ.

In Mark 10:27 Jesus says, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God" and Jeremiah 32:27 says, "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

As a child, before I understood about drawing close to Jesus through His word and prayer, I used to think miracles were only found in the Bible. **As I grew in my faith, I learned to view the smallest things as miracles.**

Last spring I got to watch a nest full of robin eggs hatch into new baby robins. Over several weeks, I saw the mother and father birds fly in and out of the nest feeding their very hungry hatchlings. Every day they seemed to grow louder and louder as they sprouted little feathers and later, fluttered their tiny wings as they learned to fly.

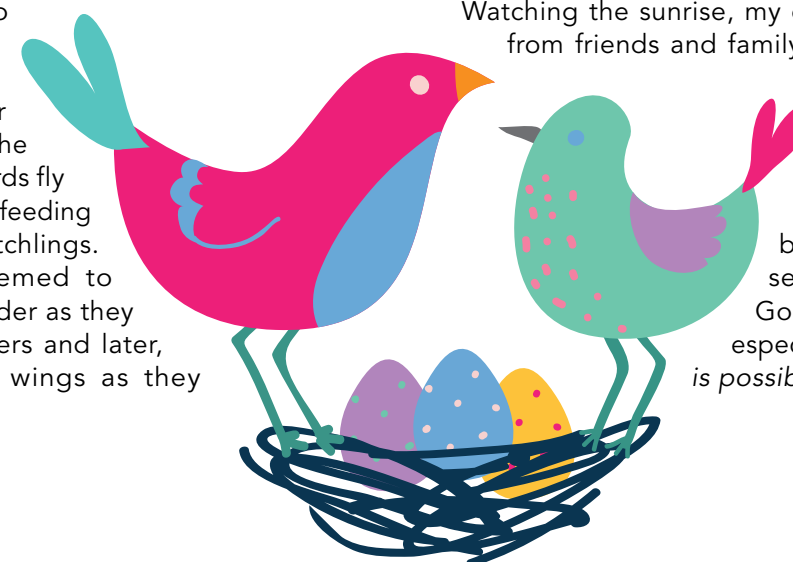
As I think about each of these baby birds, I know in my heart each one was a little miracle. Watching how God provided for them—the straw for nesting, the bugs and seed for nutrition and rainwater for them to drink—was nothing less than a miracle to me.

What do you consider miracles?

James 1:17 says: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Once I read that verse, it all made sense to me. I began to see all good things—big and small—as miracles. I began to look for them and then, every morning, I began to anticipate all the beautiful things God would do and make as the miracles they were to me.

Watching the sunrise, my dogs' tails wagging, smiles from friends and family—all of these are miracles to me. Seeing simple things as miracles has given me what I call an "attitude of gratitude." I used to sleep past sunrise, but now I get up early just to see it and I am reminded of God's love and His promises—especially Mark 9:23: "Everything is possible for one who believes."





JOKES, FUNNIES & MORE!

Here's a
funny
from
Alana!

Why didn't the
jewelry store
want Jesus
to come into
their shop?

They were afraid
He'd break every
chain!

WHY DID THE
HAWK SIT ON
THE CHURCH
STEEPLE?

It was a bird
of *pray*.

What did the nut
say when it was
chasing the
other nut?

I'm a cashew!

Ellie sent us one of her
favorite jokes!

What did
the pig say to the
horse?

"Hey fella,
why the
long face?"

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Amish.
Amish who?

You are not a shoe!

WHAT
do sea
monsters
eat?

Fish and
ships!

If a math teacher
had four apples in one
hand and five apples in
the other hand, what would
they have altogether?

Really big hands!

Where did
Napoleon
keep his
armies?

In his
sleeves!

SEND US YOUR FAVORITE LOLS! What jokes make you laugh? Have a great riddle to stump us? Have you drawn a cartoon you'd like to share? Anything funny at all—we want to hear from you!

TRUE girl

WITH SHANI MCKENZIE



A MILLION LITTLE MIRACLES

There's a song I love by Elevation Worship and Maverick City Music called "A Million Little Miracles." The chorus goes:

I've got miracles on miracles
A million little miracles
Miracles on miracles
Count your miracles

One, two, three, four, I can't even count 'em all!

Whenever I hear this song, I blast it as loud as I can and sing along! It always comes at a time when I need a reminder of the countless miracles God has done. I've personally seen Him heal sickness in loved ones, where the doctor can't explain it and can only call it a miracle. I've watched Him miraculously change hearts and touch relationships. But the fact of the matter is, God started everything off with a miracle.

In the beginning, the Creator spoke life into existence. Genesis 1:27 (NLT) tells us: "So God created *beings in His own image. In the image of the One who created them; male and female He created them.*"

This foundational truth confirms that you are a unique reflection of the divine, carefully crafted in the hands of a loving God. Consider the intricate details of your life: the beating of your heart, the breath in your lungs, the complexities of your DNA. Psalm 139:14 beautifully captures the true essence of this truth.

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body."

knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it."

Your life is not a random occurrence; it is a gift from God, filled with purpose and potential. As you navigate the challenges of growing up, remember that the miracle of life itself holds the promise of a future filled with hope, joy, and the unwavering presence of the Creator.

Your existence is a witness to God's love, wisdom and plan for your future. As you journey forward, let the miracle of life be a source of enduring hope, guiding you through every season and reminding you that your story is an important part of God's big plan.

Take time to appreciate the small wonders—the soft glow of moonlight, the laughter of friends, the beauty of a sunrise. You will soon discover that life's miracle is not a far-off idea but a reality to be celebrated every day with a heart filled with gratitude for the One who designed the miracle.



TrueGirl

Dannah Gresh is the founder of True Girl. She's written more than 20 books for girls and moms. Find out more at mytruegirl.com.



I Believe in Miracles

JOY BENNETT

has been through many difficult challenges in her 12-year-old life. Through those hard times she has seen some amazing miracles, but more importantly, she has learned to recognize and be grateful for the tiny miracles of every day ...

A NOTE from Mom

I remember the day the doctor told me I was having a little girl and the excitement I felt. I had three boys and the thought of raising a girl filled my heart with so much joy. And that's exactly what her name is and means, JOY! I like to say that "I want to be like my daughter when I grow up," because Joy has taught me so much, even as her mom, on how to find God no matter what is going on around you.

Joy Elizabeth means "follower of truth and consecrated to the Lord." She is truly that. Joy is fueled by her love for God's Word and knowing that she is a child of God. Joy has always been mature beyond her 12 years that I noticed even when she could barely talk. She has this open heart that knows, without being told, to apologize quickly, and to seek forgiveness and understanding. In our family times she is so present to hear God and share openly the things she feels and thinks. And I can't think of a time they weren't profound, leaving us all more motivated to love God. With all the beauty and strength she carries, Joy has also learned out of her own battle with anxiety, shame and pain early on in life, that vulnerability and sincerity go a long way in relationships. She works hard to not keep things hidden and even teaches me how to LET GO when God is asking us to, which is something we all need to learn.

She is fun, loyal, honest and ridiculously kind. Really, Joy is the best kind of friend.



Joy Elizabeth

THIS IS ME

Joy Elizabeth, 12
Confident. Kind. Honest.

MY NAME

When my mom was 10 weeks pregnant with me, she had an experience where she felt the Lord told her that she would have a girl and to name her Joy Elizabeth, and that my life would teach others about the joy of the Lord. Seven weeks later she found out I was a girl!

MY FAMILY

My parents have been married for 23 years and I have three older brothers. Beau is 20 and an amazing tattoo artist, Nate is 18 and just committed to Baylor University to play football as a quarterback, and then there is Brooks who is 15. He is the entertainer of the family for sure. We love to be together and laugh a lot. My oldest brothers just moved out of the house, so it is a big change for us all.

MY PETS

I have a golden doodle named Champ who is 3 years old. We got him right when COVID hit and my mom was diagnosed a second time with cancer, so that's how he got his name. My mom would be a CHAMPion a second time and beat cancer.

MY HOBBIES

Dance, basketball, attempting to surf, learning to play piano and guitar, writing and singing

WHEN I GROW UP ...

I want to be a motivational speaker.

I WANT ALL GIRLS TO KNOW THAT

the Lord is faithful and is really good at being the kind of friend we need. But mostly that He feels our hurt and pain alongside of us even when we are unsure. Even when moments can feel confusing.

THREE THINGS I AM GRATEFUL FOR TODAY

My family, my friends who have stuck with me, and getting to travel with my parents while homeschooling.

NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS THAT

I struggle with PTSD and having separation anxiety at times.

A FAVORITE MEMORY

When I was surprised by my grandparents and they took our whole extended family to Disney World.

MY UNIQUE TALENT IS

I am really good at card games!

MY HAPPY PLACE IS

Anywhere with my favorite people and a matcha in hand.

ON MY BUCKET LIST

To travel around the world and speak at events and conferences and bring hope.

GOD HAS BEEN TEACHING ME

To trust Him even in my insecurities, and how to navigate what I feel without hiding in shame.

ONE OF THE COOLEST THINGS EVER WAS ...

Watching my brother fulfill his dream to play at the highest level of college football and honestly seeing God provide for our family when we had nothing, over and over again.



FIVE FUN FACTS ABOUT ME

1. Youngest of four and the only girl
2. I can only go on walks if I'm listening to music
3. I drink a lavender matcha everyday
4. My favorite movie is Parent Trap
5. I write songs, even though no one has heard them

MY FAVORITES

Color: Green

Food: A good steak

Song: "Take it to Jesus" by Kari Jobe and Anna Golden

Thing to Wear: Jeans

Band: Ben Rector

Class in School: Music

Book: Up a Road Slowly by Irene Lily Hunt

Bible Verse: Psalm 91:1

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."



This is MY STORY

When I think of the word miracle, I think about Jesus healing, but it's in the little ways He might do it, the unexpected ways. Like in our hearts, how He might change how we feel about ourselves by bringing us encouragement from a person, or how he repairs friendships and protects us in temptation. The big and the little.

I want to tell you about a huge miracle that happened in my family life and a story that was intertwined with many little ones. Except isn't any miracle a big one? The most significant for me was when my mom had to battle cancer twice and I saw God do extraordinary things to help us along the way. In 2018 me and my family left all I had ever known in Norman, Oklahoma to move to Los Angeles, California when I was 7. Our plan was to live with some friends for two weeks while we waited for our Oklahoma home to sell. But the people who were going to buy it decided not to, so two weeks turned into two months. My parents didn't want to overstay our welcome, so they were going to find a new place for us while we waited to sell the home. And the day we were supposed to move out is when my mom got the heart-wrenching call that she had stage 3 breast cancer and needed to start chemo immediately. It shifted everything for us.

I remember sitting down as a family after hearing the news and just crying on my youngest brother Brooks' lap. I remember praying as a family and my dad telling us that he and my mom felt that although there were lots of unknowns, we were supposed to stay in California and not go back to Oklahoma. And then they asked us what we thought because they always want what they call our "buy in," even if they had to make the decision at the end of the day. I trusted them, even at 7, like there was something in me that knew we were in the right place. But it

was hard because all I wanted to do was go back to what was familiar, and even more so when my mom got sick. I didn't really know how hard that was until years later.

So, in seven months we moved 20 times while my mom did chemotherapy for her cancer, living on peoples' floors, couches and guest rooms. We also had the same suitcases we had been living out of that was just supposed to last us two weeks. We couldn't get any of our stuff in storage. It was a crazy time. We would sometimes pack up the car and wait on God to show us the next place He was providing for us to sleep that night. I watched my parents trust God's provision in ways I had never seen before, and it didn't always make sense to me, but we never went without. And my parents would tell us the most important thing is that we obey His voice. I saw people come around us and support us so much with tiny acts of love that were the miracles we needed day in and day out. I would have to say those were the hardest months of my life but also the most memorable

because it brought us closer as a family. And we appreciated things in life so much more too.

Out of that painful time our family went through I learned so much about God and

His faithfulness to us

when after those 20 moves all over the city, we got the most incredible four-bedroom house for the most unbelievable price that only God could have done. It's expensive to rent in California, and we were running out of money because of all the medical bills and our situation.

Over the next two years I watched my mom struggle a lot. We were struck once again

when her cancer came back with an early stage 4 diagnosis right when COVID started in 2020. She went through lots of pain, more chemo, had to lose her hair again, radiation, and more surgeries. **But even though that felt like it wasn't fair and so hard, we would all say we wouldn't change a thing because it grew us closer to the Lord, each other, and how to trust Him.**

It also taught us to be honest with how we were really feeling.

Now, let me tell you about this woman I call my mom. She is the strongest, most resilient, most



faithful person. The way she loves the Lord and displays it in her daily life has taught me about how miracles aren't just in the big moments but all the daily small things too. Her life is the most inspiring thing I've ever seen from a human being. She is my hero and my inspiration, and I aspire to be like her every day. She's had her bad days too, but she's shown me how some miracles are in the act of forgiveness, in repair, in being honest—honest in our relationships and with ourselves. Those years of cancer were the worst of my life ... and the best because it taught me so many things. The worst because she struggled so much, and I was scared but the best because I saw a miracle! And not just because she is well now, but in how my mom walked thought it like she did. She was a warrior and never let the devil take her light away or lose sight of who she was.

So, as you can see my mom is my miracle because my mom is a miracle. I keep learning that a miracle isn't one big thing

but lots of little things in my hard times. Watching God bring help to me from a counselor as I walk through feeling anxious. I had a specific memory of a night when my mom almost died, which caused me to develop PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). Then over a year later I started having what is called extreme separation anxiety. I was so afraid to be away from my mom because of my fear that she would die. And then as soon as I would think I was better I would be triggered again and feel paralyzed. I saw God use choices of me homeschooling and then meeting with a counselor to help me learn why I was feeling and responding like I was. I call these miracles because they brought healing in my life and heart. God providing what I needed to know myself and get better. **Sometimes we are waiting for what we think is a big miracle and we miss all the ways God is doing the little things around us to help and heal us.** Pay attention to the daily miracles of His love for you. He is always near. My new motto is:

"ALL MIRACLES ARE BIG MIRACLES!"

A Lesson in FRIENDSHIP

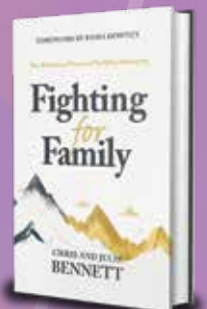
we don't have a of bumps the last couple years building friendships. But the ones that have lasted were the ones built on good communication—which is another way of letting the other person hear your side and then being honest with your feelings. I totally know that being honest that way can be uncomfortable for anyone. But I believe that is how to have a prosperous relationship no matter what happens.

I want to encourage you to step out and be honest. Seek God first in understanding your hurts, your misunderstandings, and what He is trying to do in your own heart. You can't control how others respond—just you! That is the only reason I have the friends I have. I know you have the strength to do it and be the brave one.

FOR MOMS AND DADS FROM JOY'S MOM AND DAD! Dad!

When Joy's dad and I first wrote our book *Fighting for Family*, we reflected so much on how Joy's life has truly taught us that belonging in a family—whether your immediate family, adopted family or chosen group of friends—is first about understanding the miracle that we all belong. We can't be loved more than we already are by Jesus. On our worst day, He still sees us through the cross—and Joy helps keep us all honest on the journey! Our book reminds us that it's not easy, it can be messy, but we all are worthy of belonging and family is always worth fighting for.

—Julie Bennett



It's a MIRACLE!

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, AND HERE'S PROOF!

Girls like you tell their amazing stories of the dramatic and life-changing miracles they've experienced, and their gratitude for the simply beautiful moments of everyday miracles that God has given!



Emilee, 10

A miracle that I have experienced in my life was myself—I was the miracle! My mom was told that she couldn't have children, and then a few months later, she was pregnant! Now I am celebrating my 10th birthday—hooray! Also, one night I prayed and asked God to let my dog sleep with me all night, and she did! I woke up and she was still there. When I think of a miracle, I think of all the amazing things that Jesus did in the Bible. Every night I thank God for not letting me have bad dreams the night before and I pray for good dreams and safety. There have been more times than not that I have had great dreams to laugh at with my mom in the morning!



Valentina, 11

This is me and my best friend Alaia! It was a miracle that I met her because I definitely wouldn't be able to live without her. I always wanted a friend who I would get along with! She brings light and laughter into every room she walks into! I love her so much and we call each other sisters. We are alike in every way.



Randi, 10

A couple of years ago, we moved to Mexico. We had so much fun when we were there, but missed our family and friends, so after a week or two of adventure, we decided to return. We thought we were at the right bus station—the only bus to the airport—but we saw buses coming from another corner, and no buses coming to us! So we went to check, only to realize we were at the wrong one! We didn't know much Spanish so when we tried to ask for help with our suitcases because the bus was about to leave, my mom was just yelling *cartera! cartera!* which is the Spanish word for "purse." But we finally made it on the bus. A couple weeks after, COVID shut down traveling, so we would've been stranded in Mexico for a long time. I think that is a miracle.



Sammy, 11

One miracle I have experienced was when my family moved to the US from Costa Rica, and every time we needed an extension on one of our papers for immigration, at the last minute something would happen, and we would get one! **Some of the everyday miracles I'm learning to recognize are just waking up every morning, being saved, and having everything I need.**



Bailey, 14

In September, my dad was driving me home from homecoming when a car hit us. Our truck rolled over several times, and my dad broke his neck. I had some bumps and bruises. We were taken to hospital. I spent three days there but my dad was in hospital for 40 days! He had surgery and is now trying to recover and working on getting feeling of his legs and hands. My dad is a bison farmer, my hero, and an EMT, firefighter and paramedic for our fire department. **Day by day in his recovery we are seeing small miracles.** We all are praying and have many prayers from family and friends, and even people we have never met. You can follow our progress on the [#yareshstrong](#) Facebook page.



Livie, 8

In January, my stepmom had a baby. When she was born, she had a birth defect, so when she tried to breathe it was very hard. She also didn't cry. That's when the doctor decided she needed surgery. The surgery went well so she can come home soon. **We are so grateful that God helped our baby sister go through her surgery well!**



Hannah, 11

Here is my miracle:
"There's a little girl named Hannah that needs a family." Those were the words my mom heard two years before I was born. After my mom heard those words, my parents started the adoption process. The agency paired them up with me, and my parents saw me for the first time five years later. **It's a miracle that God had a plan for me two years before I was born in China!**



Emily, 9

My dad and brother and I were in a car accident when I was 4. I was so scared. Someone rammed into the side of us. My dad knew what he was doing and purposely left me and my brother in the car so we would not get hurt. I was so scared, I was begging to get out. One side of our car was damaged, and the other side was OK. Luckily no one was seriously hurt. My dad just jammed his thumb. Our mom came and picked us up, and to this day my dad is using the same car. Looking at it now, **God did a miracle that no one was seriously hurt.**



Olivia, 12

When I hear about miracles, I think about God's great mercy and answer to prayer. Once, I was doing a church assignment but (since I am partially blind) I couldn't read the letters because they were too small. I **prayed** and asked God to heal my eyes for just a second. Then I could see it! It was only for a moment, but it was enough. **God heard my prayer, and He will hear yours, too.** He listens with open ears.



Claudia, 13

Caroline, 11

Charlotte, 7

"Our Miracle Sister"

In the fall of 2018, our mom found out she was going to have a fourth baby. Later, she got a call that the baby had Trisomy 18 which is a third copy of the 18th chromosome. We soon learned she also had a hole in her heart, spina bifida and a whole bunch of other diagnoses. No one believed she'd live to be born.

When our parents told us, we were very scared, but we wouldn't let fear stop us! We gave her a name right away. Sarah Catherine was loved from the start as we prayed for miracles. An incredibly skilled and caring heart surgeon was willing to perform early heart surgery to give our baby sister a chance to live. She was born on June 6th and they performed surgery the next morning related to her spina bifida. Then, just six days later, she had open heart surgery.

Sarah Catherine is growing and learning in many ways and helping us grow in our faith as we watch her defy statistics. Her favorite things include swimming, boating, dancing, beach trips and playing with her family. She was even a flower girl with us in our cousin's wedding.

This June, we'll celebrate her 5th birthday! We are currently helping her learn to communicate on an eye-gaze device. She is pure joy and an example of His unconditional love. **She is our miracle sister, and we know Jesus is in the miracle business!**



Cora, 10

Miracles are happening every day.

For example, the sun rising and setting each day is a miracle and a blessing. Throughout my life I've thought about it as God painting with watercolors using the sky as His canvas. Nowadays God may not be splitting seas, but He is still changing lives and creating wonders.



Bella, 11

I was in midair heading for the bikes and concrete floor below. I was shocked, terrified, and confused all at the same moment. I had just been walking up our garage stairs when I tripped. Next thing I knew, I was lying on our bikes—I had just fallen over FIVE FEET! My mom quickly got me inside. **That was when we realized that I didn't have a scratch nor a bruise. It was a miracle!** (And I'm the girl who once broke her arm by simply going down a slide!)



Carley, 10

I was born in 2013 with a heart murmur (a different than normal sound the doctors heard). We didn't know more until I was 8, when we found out I had a hole in my heart. Shortly after I turned 9, I had heart surgery to fix it. It was scary at first, but all I knew to do was trust that this was just another part in God's amazing plan. Before surgery my family and I had been praying that God would use what I was going through to help other people come to know Him. That was answered when a nurse asked if I would like to have music playing to help me calm down as I went in for my surgery. I chose my favorite song "My Jesus" by Anne Wilson. As I woke up after surgery, I found one of the nurses humming the music. **That was a miracle in my life because God brought me through it and now I'm living perfectly fine with my family in Oregon.** My story shows how God can turn anything hard or scary into something good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.



Sasha, 10



I call them my miracle fish. Jesus not only protected my little sister, my grandmother and me from a fire in my house, but He also protected my two betta fish!

My little sister and I were playing in our living room when we started to smell something burning. My sister and grandmother and I started to smell around the house to see where the smell was coming from, and it was coming from the laundry room. When my grandmother opened the door to the dryer, we saw flames and an explosion. My little sister was crying. She was scared and I was scared. I looked up at the flames and I saw Jesus with His arms around my little sister, my grandmother and me—holding us and taking care of us. At that time, I remembered what I could do. He gave me the strength. I ran to the living room, took my grandmother's cell phone, and called 911. They told me they were on their way. The smoke was getting heavier, so my grandmother took us outside. My mother was arriving to the house, so we got in her car just as the firemen arrived. I was scared but we were all safe now. My mother began to pray with us while we waited. We were told that we could not return to our home. I thought about my fish when the firemen told us everything that was plastic had melted. I remembered Cotton and Josefina were in their plastic fish tank.

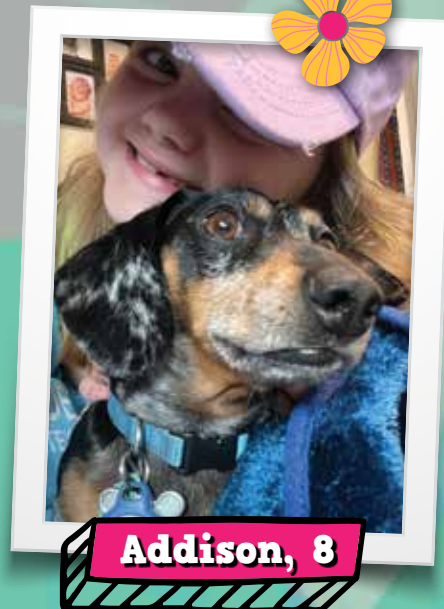
Then I saw a firefighter walk out with our plastic fish tank and our fish were alive! It was a miracle.

We lost everything in our house, but Jesus took care of us and our fish. I thank God that nobody was hurt. We will always remember that there was another in the fire with us, and that was Jesus.

I have been struggling with knee pains because I'm growing so fast. Recently I joined a new basketball team and met a man who can help my knees. He gave me a workout to do at home. After a few months of doing this workout, my knee pain is almost gone. This weekend I played basketball games with no knee pain! **I thank God that He brought this man into my life to help me.**



Reu, 11



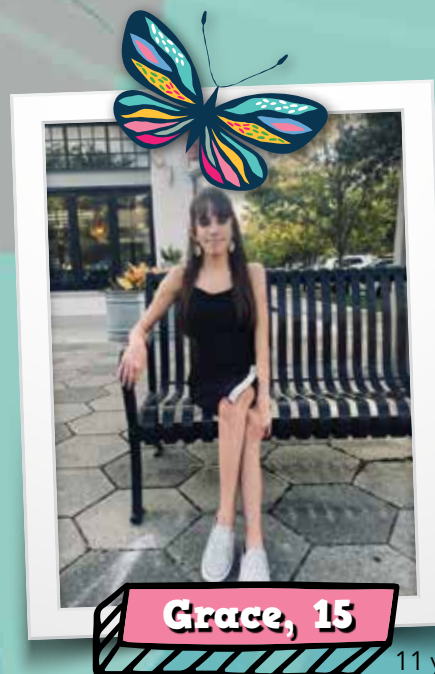
Addison, 8

Last year our dog Max got really sick. His back was hurting a lot, and he couldn't move. We took him to the vet, and he was so sad. My sister and I prayed a lot, and guess what? **A miracle happened! Max is all better now, running around and being awesome.** We call him Miracle Max, and it's super cool!



Kendall, 15

One Saturday morning I was helping with parking at an archery tournament with a homeschool organization. I would help cars turn in and find a parking spot! The road was very busy that day, and multiple accidents had happened on that road. About 15 minutes after my shift started, I was getting ready to direct a car in when that car smacked against another and that car flew six feet off the ground, did a spin and then slammed against the street! I couldn't believe my eyes! And that it happened so close to me! I ran as fast as I could screaming "Call 911!!" Many ambulances and police came to the scene. Then, incredibly, the father and son in the crash stepped out of the car perfectly fine! It was amazing! I couldn't believe something that bad had happened and they weren't even hurt! **God is so good! And He can do amazing things!**



Grace, 15

My life has been quite challenging and complicated. I was born with low muscle disorder and scoliosis. My muscles were so weak and small, the doctors told my parents that I would never be able to walk, talk or live. The day I was born, I was transported to the NICU. I was released six weeks later with a feeding tube in my belly and heart monitors that would alert my parents if I stopped breathing at night. I started physical and occupational therapy right away. As time passed my parents started to notice there was something seriously wrong. I was diagnosed with a severe form of scoliosis. With God's help, I have been blessed with the best doctors in the world who helped and took care of me every step of the way. As a little kid, I had 15 torso casts and five torso braces.

When I turned 6, I had my first spinal surgery for growing rods. When the rods reached their full length, I had to have surgery to put new rods in. Unfortunately, the curve in my spine got even stronger as I got older, and I started having severe hip pain. The doctor said it was time to have another surgery. In March of 2020, I had my first spinal fusion with adult rods. I was 11 years old. The surgery made a drastic change in my body, but my hip pain was still a big problem so the following summer I had my second and final spinal fusion.

I have had a total of five surgeries between the ages 6 and 12. Scoliosis has not only affected me physically, but it also has had a huge emotional impact. I sometimes felt like an outsider or that I didn't fit in. I have always felt like I was different compared to other girls including my own friends. I would get insecure by how tiny and thin I am due to my muscle disorder. I was often bullied and teased, and it made me have low self-esteem for many years.

Music and poetry have been such a huge part of my life and I have always had a huge passion for both. I love to sing, play the guitar and ukulele. **God has saved my life in SO MANY WAYS.** Without God in my life, I would have been incredibly lost and confused. He has given me the power to heal from my health battles and to overcome my personal struggles.

I thank God every day that I am a living, breathing, walking MIRACLE. I am so grateful that I don't have to wear casts or braces anymore. And I don't have any more pain or suffering. I definitely proved those doctors wrong!

If I could tell other girls like me out there who are struggling physically or emotionally, I would tell them to stay strong and know that God gives us challenges in life for a reason and we must try to overcome them as long as we trust in Him. **It may be tough, but remember your story is not over yet and God has beautiful plans for your future.** I know God has wonderful plans for me and I can't wait to start chasing my dreams. I hope my story can inspire you to never give up and always stick to the Lord. Because, with God, all things are possible!



Jala

I may not be a "girl like you" in age anymore, but I would love to share my story with girls like you to let you know that God is always writing our story.

In July, 2023, I was involved in an ATV accident. I had a DAI brain injury and a stroke. My parents were told I would never make it, and if I were to wake, I would never walk or talk again. I was in a coma for six weeks—but I am confident God allowed this to happen to me so that I could see His goodness. My life has completely changed. I am now learning to walk and even started modeling again. I have a Facebook page called "Jala's Journey."

I am a walking miracle and I know God is not finished with me yet!



HE IS RISEN!

a Gallery of Easter SPRINKLES

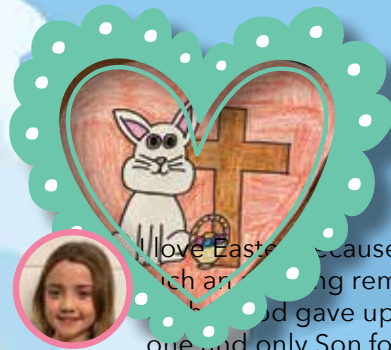
EASTER IS THE GREATEST MIRACLE OF ALL TIME.

Our Savior was hung on a cross to die, even though He had never sinned. He came to save the world, but when He was put to death and placed in a grave, everyone thought there was no hope. They didn't see what God was doing; they didn't know a miracle was about to happen. Jesus was in the tomb for three days, and then He arose, fully alive and breathing!

If Jesus hadn't died on that cross and risen from His grave, we would have no hope. But, because of Jesus and what He did for us, we do!

I love to share the hope and joy of Easter through my writing. And here are more SPRINKLES of words and art from you as we celebrate the miracle of Easter, and the hope Jesus gave us.

—Ellie Anderson



I love Easter because it is such an amazing reminder of the love God gave up His one and only Son for us.
Cora, 10



I like space and Easter is fun to celebrate!
Brielle, 13



Brooke, 11



Grace, 12



"He is not here, He has risen."
MATTHEW 28:6
Gianna, 8



Adeline, 9

The Sound of Easter
Easter, Oh Easter I love the sound of you,
The celebration of Christ's resurrection,
And the fun Easter egg hunt too,
Easter, oh Easter I love the sound of you,
The flowers that grow, so everyone knows
The dead is gone the new has come,
I love the sound of you.



Randi, 10

The True Meaning of Easter
It's not the baby bunnies, or the little lambs and sheep,
And it's not the chirping of the birds, or the chicks that peep, peep, peep!
It's not the brightly colored eggs - you watch us hunt for them and play,
No, none of these things are why we celebrate this holiday.
It's not the Easter bunny who hops around in overalls,
And it's not our Easter baskets all filled up with chocolate balls.
It's not the flowers in a vase, cut off with a knife,
Because the true meaning of Easter is that Jesus is alive!



Ellia, 10



He is Risen!
Jordan, 9



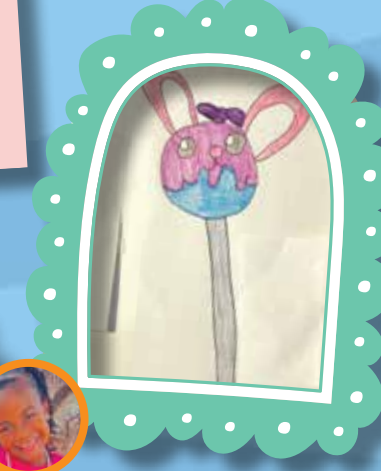
Evy, 10



Adelaide, 10

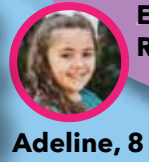


Anna, 9

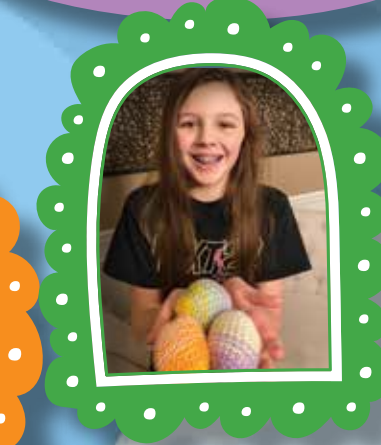


Easter Cake Pop
Mikayla, 6

An ACROSStic Poem
Each year we celebrate Jesus's Resurrection.
A time to gather with friends and family.
Saved us from our sins.
The Easter bunny comes, and we hunt for eggs.
Easter is a special time of year.
Remembering we are loved by God.



Adeline, 8



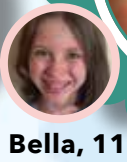
of brightly colored yarn! I hope to make more and hide them around our house.
Reu, 11



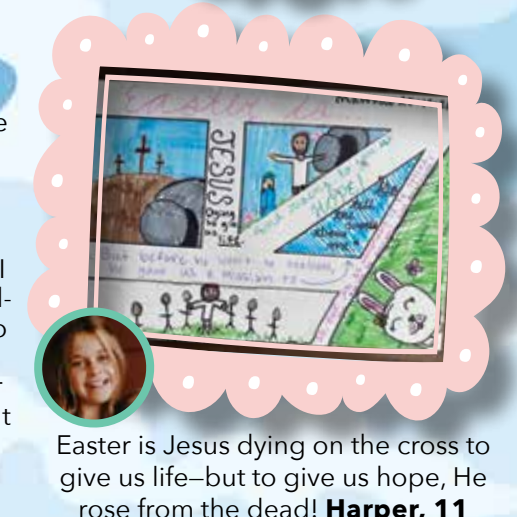
I love celebrating Easter and I love to bake. I made these bunny cupcakes with chocolate chips for the eyes and pink jellybeans for the nose, and melted white chocolate for the ears, and added lots of SPRINKLES!
Valerie, 10



This is my Easter drawing of Jesus. Happy Easter! Jesus loves you!
Reese, 13



Bella, 11



Easter is Jesus dying on the cross to give us life—but to give us hope, He rose from the dead!
Harper, 11



COURAGEOUS girls

WITH TERRA MATTSON

DEAR
TERRA,

Sometimes it's hard to trust
God has a good plan for my
life, especially when hard
things happen. Sometimes I
wonder if God really cares?

FEELING DOWN,
HALEY, 10

AWESOME GOD

Haley, you
are not
alone. The
disciples,
a name
for Jesus'
followers,
felt the
same way.
Sometimes life

The plan they imagined. All they knew was that all their
hopes were gone. I can imagine them whispering with
deep fear, *Now what?*

Have you ever felt this way? Your hopes are sky high
one minute and the next, major disappointment? It feels
like a nightmare come true. At some point, every single
Courageous Girl comes face-to-face with such a reality
in her own life—when life doesn't go as planned. Can you
imagine what the disciples were saying, doing and feeling
that Saturday? Their hearts were so heavy with uncertainty.
Sometimes we feel the same way. Parents disappoint
us. We don't make the team. We get sick just before our
favorite event. We have to move to a new school.

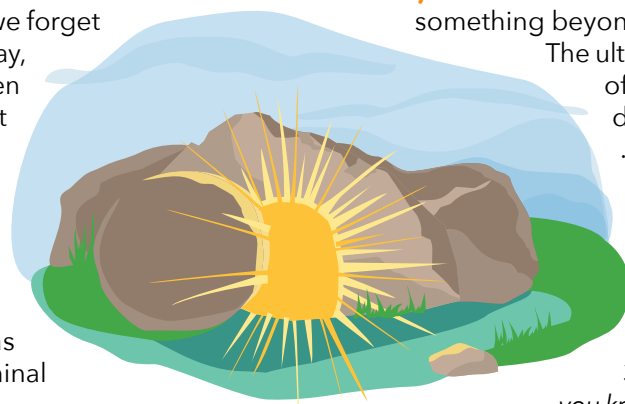
The followers of Jesus knew disappointment in a major
way. But then ... *drum roll, please!* **Easter morning came
and they found a tomb empty! Jesus lives.** God was up to
something beyond what they could understand.

The ultimate miracle is the resurrection
of Jesus, which reminds us every
day that God is up to something
... really good.

So, the next time you are
discouraged, remember that
God is writing a grand story
in your life despite what you
see, feel or imagine. Ephesians
3:20 says: "*God can do anything,
you know—far more than you could ever
imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!*"

Your story isn't finished. Wait and see. Our God is a God
of the impossible!

With hope, **Terra**



gets hard, but a Courageous Girl is learning to trust
that God is good and has a plan even when life looks
upside down.

During harder times, I try to remember the empty tomb.

Easter is a time we celebrate the death *and* resurrection
(a word for when Jesus rose from the dead after
dying on the cross). Sometimes we forget
that there was a day between Friday,
when Jesus died, and Sunday, when
Jesus rose again. Imagine what it
would have been like to follow
Jesus for three whole years as
one of His faithful followers,
deeply believing that He was
going to save the Jewish people
from all their pain and suffering.
And then, on Friday, Jesus was
sentenced and killed with a criminal
punishment—death on a cross.

Then Saturday comes—the *longest* day between when
Jesus died and when Jesus rose again. The disciples
didn't know what to make of it all. This was NOT the plan.

faith SERVICE. FUN.

WITH AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

OUR CREED: "As an American Heritage Girl, I promise to be Compassionate, Helpful,
Honest, Loyal, Perseverant, Pure, Resourceful, Respectful, Responsible and Reverent."

EASTER SERVICE ... FAITH AND FUN!

"Be sure to fear the LORD and serve HIM faithfully with all your heart;
consider what great things He has done for you."

1 SAMUEL 12:24

Faith.

Easter is a time when we celebrate the greatest miracle of all—Jesus. When we say,
"Jesus is our Savior," we recognize that His sacrifice on the cross paid for our sins and His
resurrection miracle gave us power over sin and death with the hope of eternal life! This
year, as you see the hope of new life spring up through everyday miracles like newborn baby bunnies and
seeds sprouting from the ground, remember that God is the One powerful enough to do all these things!

Service.

Caring for
Creation Badge

Easter brings in the Spring—
and is a beautiful picture of the world
coming back to life after a long
winter—just as Jesus did on the first
Easter morning! Celebrate new life
through service by caring for God's
creation in your community!

Stroll through the trails of a local park,
beach, or woods while picking up litter.
This is an excellent way to care for the
environment and set an example for
others. Remember your gloves, a mask,
hand sanitizer, etc., to ensure appropriate
health and safety. Who knows, you may
inspire others to join your cause!

By doing this act of service, you could be
on your way to completing an AHG Service
Star. Service Stars are a visual reminder of
demonstrating Christ's love as a humble
servant motivated by an outward focus to
follow Christ's example.

Fun.

Here's a fun way to put your
faith and service into action!



MEET

SAMANTHA
—a Tenderheart
in Troop OH1436

Samantha and her Troop
recently learned more
about service—and
helping animals—when
they spent a day at
Park View Rescue, an
animal rescue in their
hometown. The Troop
provided activity,
grooming, feeding
and cage cleaning
service tasks. Their
hard work helped
many animals have
a chance at a better
future—and in turn,
they all made some new furry
and feathered friends!



Nature and
Wildlife Badge



courageous
girls ROOTED IN GRACE

Terra Mattson is a counselor, author and founder of **Courageous Girls**. To learn how to be a Courageous Girl and
start your own group, ask your mom or caregiver to go to mycourageousgirls.com or have her read Terra's book,
Courageous: Being Daughters Rooted in Grace.



AMERICAN
HERITAGE GIRLS
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

Looking for a community of faith, service, lots of fun—of girls just like you? With your parents' help,
go to americanheritagegirls.org/find-a-troop/ to get connected. We think you'll love who you find!

EASTER CROSS BLOCK

Easter is about the greatest miracle of all time—the life, death and resurrection of Jesus! But each day is a miracle, too. From the minute you wake up until the time you collapse onto your pillow, life is a gift from God. Creating this Easter Cross Block will remind you that every day you are surrounded by miracles, and through the gift of Jesus you can live an abundant life. As you make this beautiful Easter Block, be reminded of all that Jesus has done for you!

SUPPLIES

Wood Block (or Square Canvas), Gold Paint, White Paint (or any other colors you'd like to use!), Spackle or Caulk, Colorful Pieces for Cross (Ideas: broken pottery, aquarium rocks, pebbles, beads, buttons, marbles, shells, broken jewelry ... get creative!)



1. Paint a wood block or 4 x 4 square canvas with gold paint.



2. Using spackle or caulk, make a cross shape with a plastic knife.



3. Press beads, buttons, aquarium rocks, or broken pottery into the spackle.



4. Optional: Paint white around your cross. Another idea is to start with a white background and paint gold around your cross.



Write your favorite verse on the back and wrap them up for your family and friends!



STEMgirls

SCIENCE FUN WITH THE DENTON DUO

Lydia and Bethany

THE MIRACLE OF WATER

Have you ever wondered why scientists get so excited to find water on other planets? It's because water is a gift that God gave to us here on Earth and it is essential for our survival.

Water has many special properties including the ability to absorb heat. This is very helpful in keeping our planet a temperature that is suitable for life. It also helps our body, which is filled with a lot of water, keep a constant temperature, even when we go out in the cold or the heat.

LET'S TRY IT

This experiment shows how good water is at absorbing heat. Scientists figured this out a long time ago—and Victorian magicians amazed crowds by boiling water in a paper bag! But it's not magic—it's science!

MIRACULOUS FIREPROOF BALLOON

Add ¼ cup of water to a balloon, then fill the rest with air and tie. Now, with a parent's supervision, light a candle. Notice where the water is filling the bottom of the balloon and hold that part over the candle.



You might see soot forming, but the miracle balloon won't pop! Instead of letting the balloon heat up and melt, the water is absorbing all the heat from the flame. If you hold the flame to the side of the balloon (the part without the water), prepare for a big splash! Without the water to absorb the heat from the flame, the balloon quickly melts and pops!

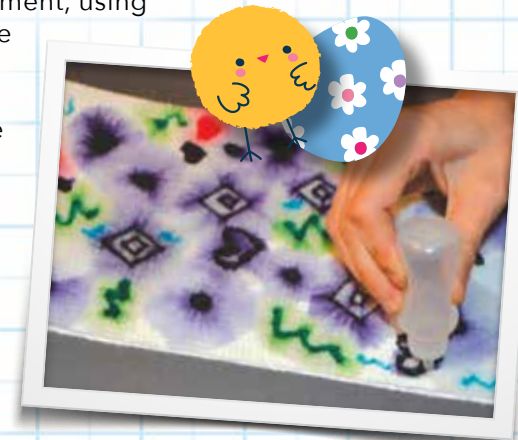
This reminds us of when people say they are "filled with the Holy Spirit." Sometimes we like to imagine that God's Holy Spirit has filled us up, like the water

in the balloon. When things come at us like trials and hardship, the Holy Spirit can absorb the heat and keep us from breaking apart.

MIRACLE OF HIDDEN COLORS

For this experiment, using black washable markers, color a paper towel in patterns like hearts, dots and polka dots. Then, in the center of your black marks, drip a few drops of water.

What do you notice? With our markers, the black didn't stay black! Black marker is actually made by mixing several other colors. (Each marker maker has their own special recipe.) Ours had hidden purple and pink! We were curious and wanted to see if other colors had hidden colors in them too ... you can try this too!



This experiment also shows how great water is at spreading through the paper towel. This is called capillary action, and it is how plants can get water from their roots all the way up to their leaves! Paper towels are made from plants—that is why they are so good at absorbing the water.

This experiment shows another special property of water—its ability to dissolve many things. In our body, it can dissolve the vitamins and minerals from the food we eat and bring them to where they are needed. It can even dissolve rocks and minerals and use them to grow stalactites and stalagmites in caves! Water is so amazing and it's extra amazing that God created it!



Visit thouartexalted.com... ThouArtExalted, founded by Annie Pajcic, combines art and God's Word online and in every issue of For Girls Like You!

BEFORE YOU
GO

HE IS THE ONE
you praise; He
is your God,
who performed
for you awesome
wonders you
saw with your
own eyes.

DEUTERONOMY 10:21

I believe
that
**MIRACLES
HAPPEN
EVERY
DAY.** Every
person is a
miracle. Every
moment is a
miracle. If only
we can open
our eyes, we'll
see God's love
everywhere.

BO SANCHEZ

You are **THE GOD
WHO WORKS
WONDERS;**
You have made known
Your might among the peoples.

PSALM 77:14

What is
IMPOSSIBLE
with man is
POSSIBLE
with God.

LUKE 18:27

I know for
certain that **GOD
DOES NOT MAKE
MISTAKES,** but
**HE DOES MAKE
MIRACLES.** I am
one. You are too!

NICK VUJICIC

HE PERFORMS
WONDERS
that cannot be
fathomed, miracles
that cannot be
counted.

JOB 5:8-9

Where
there is
**GREAT
LOVE,**
there are
always
miracles.

WILLA CATHER

**THERE ARE
ONLY TWO
WAYS** to live
your life. One
is as though
nothing is
a miracle.
The other is
as though
**EVERYTHING
is a MIRACLE.**

ALBERT EINSTEIN

No word
from God
will ever fail.

LUKE 1:37

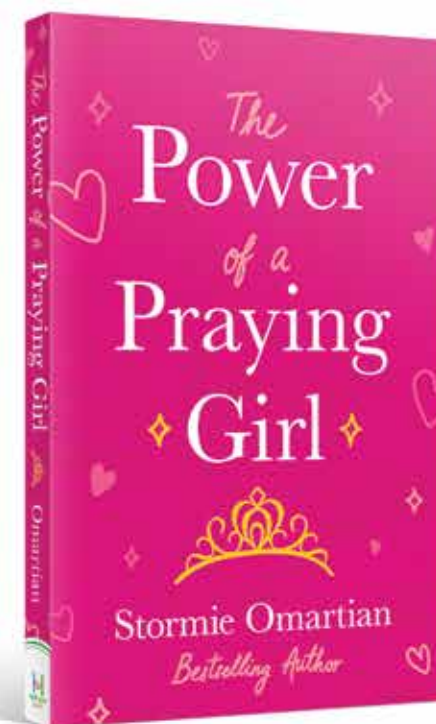
Now I've
got beauty
for ashes,
Joy for
mourning
And I've got
praise for
heaviness,
**Love is a
miracle.**

(from "Love is a
Miracle" by Maverick
City Music)

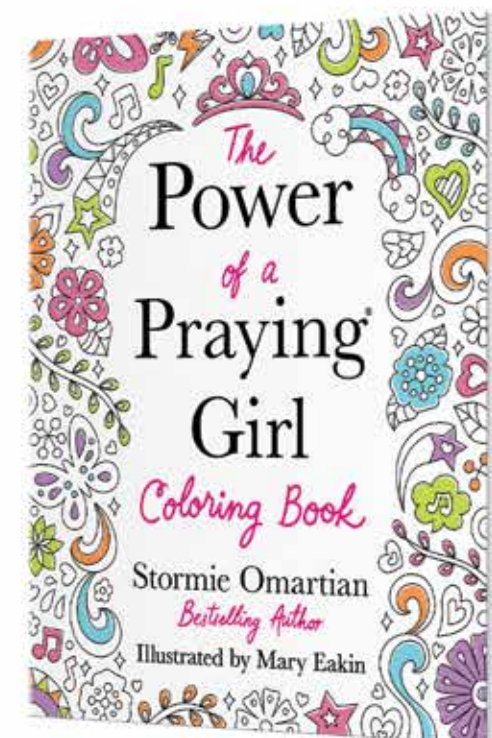
What Is on Your Heart?

You Can Talk to God About It!

Discover how talking to God can change your life and the lives
of your friends and family too! These books will show you how.



NOW AVAILABLE
wherever books are sold.



NOW AVAILABLE
wherever books are sold.

Download FREE coloring pages at

bit.ly/POPGirlColor





To subscribe to our magazine
or join God's Girl Story Club,
go to forgirlslikeyou.com
or scan the QR code.

You are wanted, needed, and invited into a future *full of connection.*

The Bennetts put their philosophy of *"We don't quit on family"* into action, demonstrating how to combat isolation, build healthy relationships, and fight for (not with!) the ones you love, right where you are.



Hey Mom and Dad!

You've met Joy Bennett
—now meet her parents!

fightingforfamily.org

