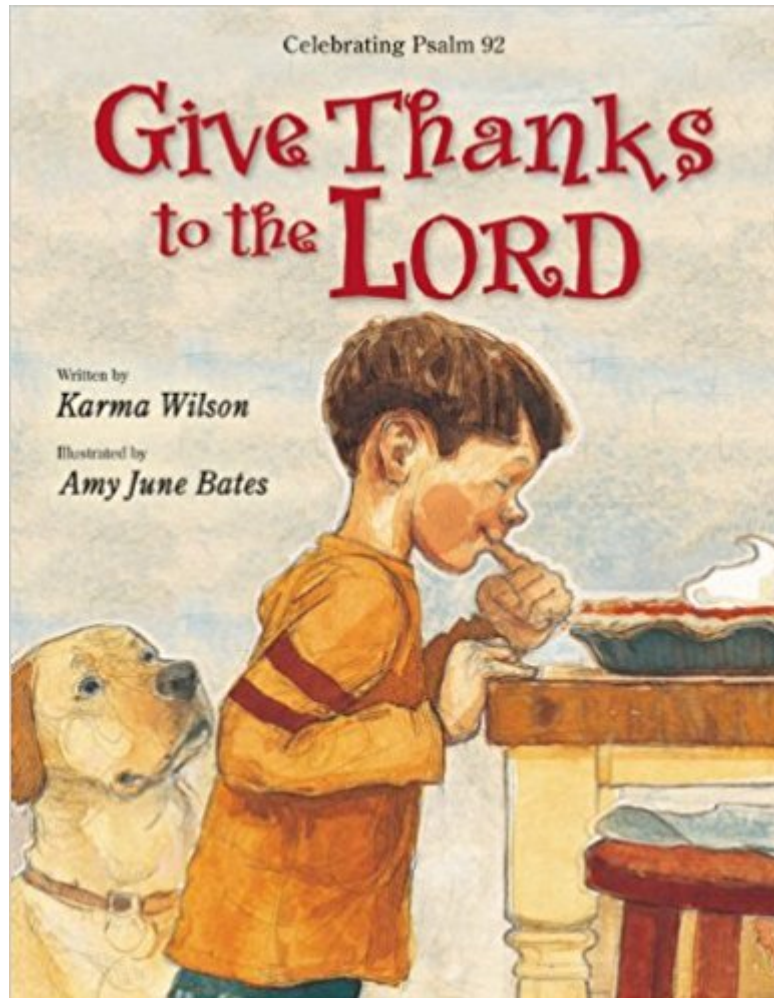




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Give Thanks To The Lord



Synopsis

"The table makes a lovely sight. The food is good, it tastes just right. I savor every, single bite. I feel so full of love tonight." Celebrate the season in this heartwarming story that references Psalm 92 in tender rhyme from award-winning author Karma Wilson. Told from the point of view of one young member of an extended family, Give Thanks to the Lord celebrates joy of all kinds, from the arrival of distant relatives to a cozy house already filled with merriment, to apple cider and the delicious smells of roasting turkey and baking pie. And just when your mouth is watering, sit down and join a thankful child in prayer, praising God for "food and fun and family, all the wonderful things I see."

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Customer Reviews

'[Illustrator Amy June] Bates's wispy lined pencil-and-watercolor illustrations exude a warmth that is sure to be especially welcome on chilly autumn days, and a joyful spirit appreciated any time of year.' -- PW Religion Bookline from Publishers Week (PW Religion Bookline from Publishers Week)'Exuberant watercolor illustrations in glowing, autumnal hues are the most striking feature of this Christian interpretation of the Thanksgiving holiday. In her double-page spread illustrations, Bates creates a winning personality for the narrator of the story, an unnamed little boy with a big smile. He greets his arriving relatives, plays outside in the leaves with his cousins and enjoys a

traditional turkey dinner with pumpkin pie. The boy is followed everywhere by his friendly golden retriever, whose coloring blends in with the fall palette, and Bates adds comical touches such as a close-up view of the child during the dinner with black olives stuck on each finger....The religious aspect of the text includes a prayer before dinner and a repeated refrain, based on a phrase from a Psalm, expressing thanks to God. Adults who prefer a Christian focus for a Thanksgiving story will find this volume useful.' -- Kirkus Reviews (Kirkus Reviews)Noted picture-book scribe Wilson again teams with Bates---the pair also created *I Will Rejoice: Celebrating Psalm 118*---for a follow-up project that spotlights a biblical psalm. This time around, Wilson ties in references to the titular refrain from Psalm 92 with an account of a family's Thanksgiving Day celebration. In rhyming text, a child recounts all the sounds, sights and smells of the November holiday, citing the joys of family, food and fun. Playing in piles of leaves, warming up with apple cider and settling on the couch post-feast with a full belly are among the experiences for which the child expresses thanks to God. Bates's wispy lined pencil-and-watercolor illustrations exude a warmth that is sure to be especially welcome on chilly autumn days, and a joyful spirit appreciated any time of year. Ages 4-8. -- Publishers Weekly (Publishers Weekly)'In rhyming stanzas, this cheerful picture book, told from a young boy's perspective, celebrates family, faith, and the idea that there's much to be thankful for. From the family members and friends who visit to playing in fall leaves to enjoying pumpkin pie, a boy relates and appreciates every aspect of his Thanksgiving Day experience. At last it's time for goodbyes, a good-night kiss, and prayers: 'It is good, so good to give thanks to the LORD.' The verse is sweet and earnest, describing lively moments as well as serene ones, such as saying mealtime grace, and the expressive watercolor-and-pencil artwork is done in a warm, bright palette. Psalm 92 inspires the book, and the familiar words are referenced at the beginning and end, and also used as a refrain. An affectionate portrayal of a child's appreciation of life.' -- Booklist (Booklist) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Karma Wilson's first poem was published at the tender age of six. The poem was ironically titled, "I Don't Wanna Write a Poem!" Growing up, she had no desire to write. But Providence had different plans, and now Karma writes poems for a living when she's not busy being a wife and raising three kids. Karma is the bestselling author of *Bear Snores On* and *Bear Wants More*, as well as *If I Were a Mouse*, *Give Thanks to the Lord*, and *I Will Rejoice*. Amy June Bates has illustrated dozens of children's books, including *Pumpkin Cat* and the *Beryl E. Bean* series. She lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with her husband and their son, Evan.

This story frames Psalm 92 around a family's Thanksgiving celebration as seen through the eyes of a little boy. The illustrations are attractive watercolors that contribute to the homey, welcoming feel of the Thanksgiving celebration. You see him thankful for times shared with family and for all of the wonderful food. The text is done in a rhyming fashion. An example: The day is lovely, cool, and bright. Our house is filled with noisy cheer. A perfect day for giving thanks as we all gather here. It is good to give thanks to the Lord! This is a nice enough book, but it's not a must-have. We had previously read the author's book *I Will Rejoice* which is charming, oh-so-enjoyable, and read very frequently in our household, especially to my three girls, ages 6, 4, and 2. This book, however, is not read nearly as often. It just doesn't have the same rhythm and flow as you read it. It's a nice enough book for a Christian look at Thanksgiving for the preschooler, just not quite as great as I expected.

At first I was a little disappointed that this book doesn't have the same rhythm as the Bear stories, which I like so much. However I guess that meter is appropriately unique to that series. This is the first book of Wilson's Psalms series that I have purchased, but the others continue to be on my wish list. First page: It is good to give thanks to the Lord! Friends and family here at last. Hugs and kisses all around. Everybody says "Hello!" Laughter makes a merry sound. From the middle of the book: The house fills up with tempting smells--turkey, stuffing, yummy pies! And just when we can't wait much more, "It's ready!" Mama cries. . . . The table makes a lovely sight. / The food is good, it tastes just right. / I savor every single bite. / I feel so full of love tonight. Last verse: I'm so tired I have to yawn / as we all say our sad goodbyes. / I climb in bed, whisper prayers, / get a good-night kiss and shut my eyes. // And it's good, so good to give thanks to the Lord. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord!" is the refrain repeated often in the text, and the picture of the boy with black olives stuck on all his fingers (mentioned in the editorial reviews) is a favorite of mine too. This book is a welcome addition to our Thanksgiving collection - not an easy holiday to find meaningful selections for.

I love this book so much it's amazing and I love Thanksgiving alot. :)

I bought this for a Parents' Night Out read-aloud for preschool kids around Thanksgiving. It was perfect and they loved it.

Wonderful wonderful book! I ordered for the Thanksgiving holiday and was thoroughly thrilled with it !! I received it in perfect condition and earlier than scheduled date !! Thanks!

Another wonderful book by this author. I purchase a lot of her work because she seems to be able to get the message across to children. The art work is so beautiful. My grandchildren love her books.

A wonderful message. A must have book!

We love this book; bought it to have in our collection for reading with the kids during fall/Thanksgiving time of year. It is fun reading, with good respect to family gathering, sharing love, food, cherished times with our families/loved ones. Our son, now 7, puts it on the top for reading just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday; we usually read it several times during the fall season.

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