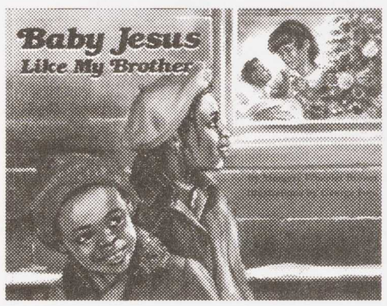
## Elijah's Angel
A Story for Chanukah and Christmas
*Michael J. Rosen; Aminah Brenda, Lynn Robinson, illustrators*

This story of faith, community and love transcends the barriers of race, age, economic class, religion and ethnic heritage. Elijah is a most appropriately named woodcarver and was Elijah Pierce, renowned woodcarver from Columbus, OH. This is a Christmas favorite in the Nedeau-Owen home and we feel certain it will be in yours too! $10. ELIJAH

## Baby Jesus Like My Brother
*Margery Wheeler Brown*
*George Ford, illustrator*

To age 8. Tony learns the true meaning of Christmas through a series of object lessons taught by his sister Keisha. Realistic dialogue and warm, touching illustrations bring this family to life. Let Tony show your children what gift giving at Christmas is meant to be. $8. BABYJ




## La gran fiesta
*Francisco X. Mora*

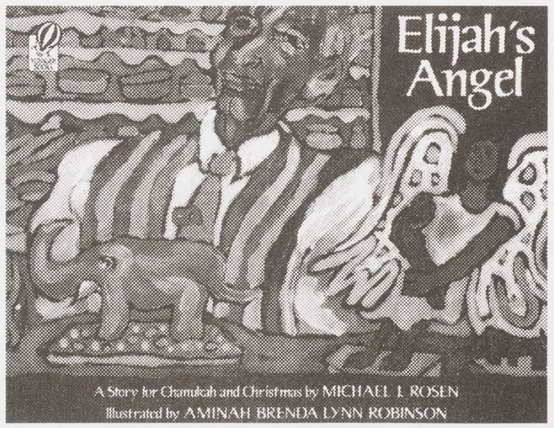
(Ages 3-8.) Crow convinces the Little Birds to decorate his tree for Christmas. They bring guavas, mangos, dulce, flores and other treats. It is only when the tree collapses from the abundance that the Little Birds become aware of Crow's greediness. Includes some Spanish words and a glossary. 32 pp. $15 (cloth). LGF

## Gifts That Make a Difference
How to Buy Hundreds of Great Gifts Sold Through Nonprofits
*Ellen Berry*

Protect an acre of rainforest. Adopt a whale. Purchase jewelry and clothing from low-income people in Latin America. Buy a toy that promotes environmental conservation. This book offers ideas for creative gift-giving that support a variety of causes. Included are listings of 165 groups, such as Greenpeace, Pueblo to People, Church World Service, Whale Adoption Project, New England Wildflower Association, the Art Institute of Chicago and much more.
249 pp. $8. GTMAD

## Privileged Conversations
Dramatic Stories for Christmas
*Richard P. Olson*

These dramatic monologues help groups tell the Christmas stories in a fresh and compelling way. Audiences get to listen in as Mary and Elizabeth share their joy of pregnancy and God's work in their lives. In another drama, we overhear angels as they remember their roles in the Christmas stories, bringing good news to shepherds...warning of Herod's wrath. Use these dramas for Sunday morning services, special Christmas events, small group storytelling and individual devotionals. Beginning thoughts, discussion questions, prayers and scripture references complement each drama. 96 pp. $11. PRIV




## Before and After Christmas
Activities and Ideas for Advent and Epiphany
*Debbie Trafton O'Neal, illustrated by David LaRochelle*

Sing a favorite carol. Make some spiced tea. Gather around for the retelling of a Christmas legend. This book offers a treasury of ideas for celebrating Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Included are ideas for crafts, service projects, family worship and daily Bible readings. This book is ideal for families as well as church school teachers.
64 pp. $10. BAAC



## Once Upon a Pony
A Mountain Christmas
*Nancy Ward Balderose*

(Ages 4-8.) Hannah and Jess must take a load of coal to the church on Christmas Eve. Along the way, their meager supply dwindles as they give coal to warm the home of a needy family and that of a sick man. By the time they reach the church, they have a small but very special donation to the church's holiday gathering.
32 pp. $9. OUAP

## The Nativity
*Julie Vivas, illustrator*

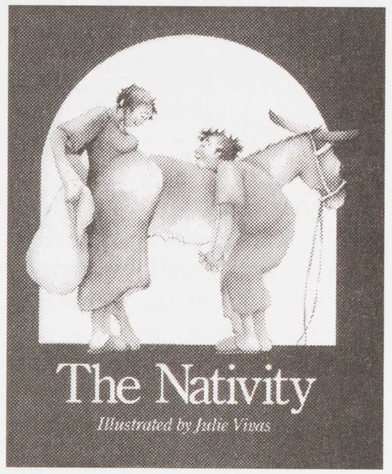
(Ages 3-8) This wonderful book retells the traditional Christmas story with whimsical watercolor illustrations, reminding us of the humbleness of the people and the wonder of life.
36 pp. $6. **NATIV**

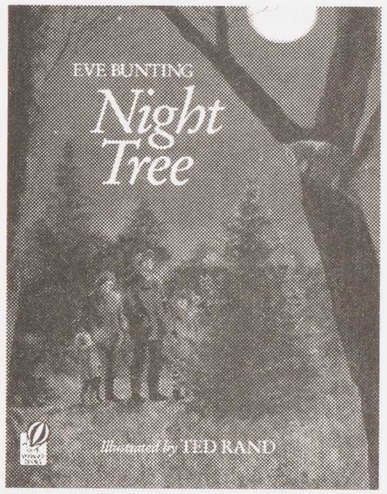
## Night Tree
Eve Bunting, illustrated by Ted Rand

(Ages 4-8.) On the night before Christmas, a family makes their annual pilgrimage to the woods where they decorate a tree with popcorn chains, fruit and balls of sunflower seeds for the animals. 32 pp. $5. NIGHT

## Joy to the World
*Phyllis Von Wezeman*
*Jude Dennis Fournier*

Drawing on the traditions of twelve nations around the world, the celebrations and activities in this book help parents and teachers lead children to understand that the Christ of Christmas came for all.
165 pp. $12. JOY




## The Shoemaker's Dream
*Mildred Schell, illustrated by Masahiro Kasuya*

(Ages 3-8.) Martin the shoemaker has a dream in which Jesus tells him he will visit the next day. Martin is then visited by five different people in need, but it isn't until late in the evening that he realizes how Jesus has come to him. 24 pp. $10 (cloth). SHOE

## *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* VIDEO

Explore creative ways to de-commercialize Christmas with this provocative video. Vivid photography, music and interviews help us rethink how we observe this holy day. It is an ideal way to introduce people to the idea of celebrating more simply and meaningfully.
VHS, 17 min. $18 postpaid. MLCV-A

## Christmas Angels
*Lois Brokering*

Children will enjoy coloring and cutting out these angels, attaching them together to make a garland, reading the scriptures on the back, learning about and praying for them.

In this complete set of 28 angels, you will see a boy and girl from Tangier, Greece, Mexico, Israel, China, Japan, Germany, India, Swedish Lappland, Norway, Czech Republic, Cameroon and Poland. Order a single-use set or multiple-use masters to make copies for friends, folks at church, etc.

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