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Out to Get You? Not This Jesus!

New Children's Picture Book Explains Real Jesus, Challenges Current Cultural Views

PHILADELPHIA—“Does Jesus give tummy aches when you're bad?” “Does he get mad at you when you're naughty?” “Does he laugh at you when you fall down?”

Award-winning children's author Mary Ann Diorio, who holds a doctorate of philosophy, draws on her experience as a mother, grandmother and teacher to tackle these tough questions in a heartwarming way in her new children's book, “Who is Jesus?”

Helping parents, grandparents and caregivers answer many questions kids ask, “Who Is Jesus?” is a delightful and uplifting read that helps children come to know Jesus as love personified and as someone who cares about them and loves them with a perfect love.

“Children ask tough questions that can be particularly challenging to answer,” Diorio says. “Questions like, ‘Does Jesus love me when I mess up?’ and ‘Did God make me sick?’ The goal of this book is to help answer these questions from the truth of Scripture, presented in an engaging and relatable way that young toddlers can understand.”

Illustrated by award-winning illustrator Kim Sponaugle, “Who is Jesus?” challenges common cultural views that present God as a distant, harsh ruler who is looking for opportunities to punish and depict Jesus as merely a good man or prophet.

“Jesus said ‘Let the little children come to Me,’” Diorio continued. “Sadly, it’s all too easy for children to become afraid of God. ‘Who is Jesus?’ invites children to come to Jesus, and helps them understand that He is the Son of God, the Savior of the World, the essence of all that is good, holy and true and the One whose arms are always open to them.”

“Who is Jesus?” is a 48-page picture book, available in [hardcover](#) for \$19.95, [softcover](#) for \$14.95, and Kindle for \$9.95 through Amazon or at www.maryanndiorio.com/bookstore.

Mary Ann Diorio earned her doctorate of philosophy in French from the University of Kansas and her Master of Fine Arts in Writing Popular Fiction with a concentration in Writing for Children from Seton Hill University. She is a diplomate of the Institute of Children's Literature

and has taught writing at Rowan University and Regent University. Her stories for children have appeared in numerous magazines. "Who is Jesus?" is her most recent work.

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