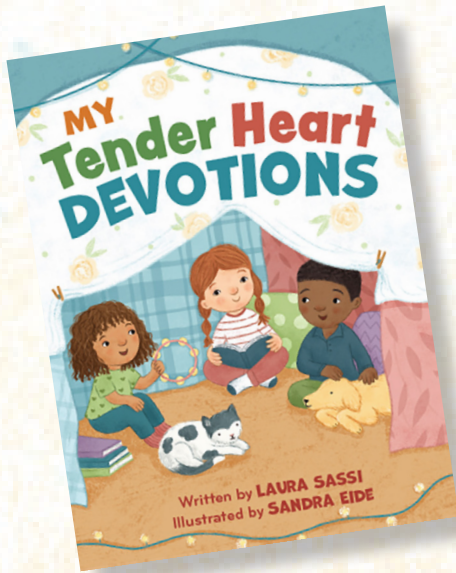


A NOTE FROM AUTHOR LAURA SASSI



Thank you for choosing **MY TENDER HEART DEVOTIONS** as a resource for your family, church, or school. I wrote this book for children and their caregivers as a first introduction to connecting with God through studying and pondering His Word.

In it you will find fifty-two devotions which can be used to engage tender hearts in a variety of ways including:

- ◉ **At home** — as the spark for a weekly family devotion, part of a cozy bedtime routine, or as a resource for teachable faith-building moments (includes a handy topical index)
- ◉ **At church** — as the spark for a children’s sermon or as the warm-up to a Sunday school lesson
- ◉ **At school** — as a ready-to-go resource for weekly chapel time or as a pick-and-choose resource for classroom circle time

Even though **MY TENDER HEART DEVOTIONS** is already bursting with opportunities for rich engagement, Paraclete Press and I thought it would be helpful and fun to offer even more opportunities to plant seeds of faith in tender hearts. With that in mind, we have created **BONUS** materials to help make connecting with God an integral part of your days.

These are:

- ◉ **The My Tender Heart Devotions 52-week bookmark (with boxes to check off)**
- ◉ **“This week I learned” sheet**
- ◉ **My Tender Heart Devotions Book supplemental memory verse cards**
- ◉ **My Tender Heart Devotions craft pages**
- ◉ **My Tender Heart Devotions matching game cards**

Blessings to you and your children as you plant seeds of faith for a lifetime of connecting to God.

Laura Sassi

DEVO-IN-A-YEAR BOOKMARK

Introduce your little ones to regularly connecting with God through Bible reading and devotions using this handy bookmark which doubles as a check list. Check off one devotional each week as a visual record of your progress. Have fun growing and learning together.

MY
Tender Heart
DEVOTIONS

- 1. Honey Cubs
- 2. Bike Armor
- 3. Family Rules
- 4. Fawn Faith
- 5. Toy Sailboat
- 6. Rocket Ship
- 7. Thirsty Puppy
- 8. Bunny Ears
- 9. Clock Trust
- 10. Lunch Plan
- 11. Precious Coin
- 12. Joyful Noises
- 13. My Rock
- 14. Spring Nest
- 15. One Tiny Seed
- 16. Baby Food
- 17. All Clean
- 18. The Wind
- 19. Sunset Hug
- 20. Shiny Race Car
- 21. Foggy Path
- 22. Running the Race
- 23. Sweet Blessings
- 24. Nature Walk
- 25. My Basket
- 26. Salt
- 27. Climbing Tree

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- 28. Fruit Salad
- 29. My Lantern
- 30. Thunderclap
- 31. Rainbow Promise
- 32. Magnifying Glass
- 33. Precious Kitten
- 34. Shining Love
- 35. Quiet Hands
- 36. Book Nook
- 37. Carrot Strength
- 38. Counting Hairs
- 39. Hungry Squirrel
- 40. Petting Farm
- 41. My Sweater
- 42. Snail Plan
- 43. Fluffy Stuff
- 44. Building Blocks
- 45. Chalk Hearts
- 46. The Cross
- 47. Apple Picking
- 48. Batter Splatter
- 49. Hamster Hands
- 50. Snow Castle
- 51. Balloon Joy
- 52. Heart Door

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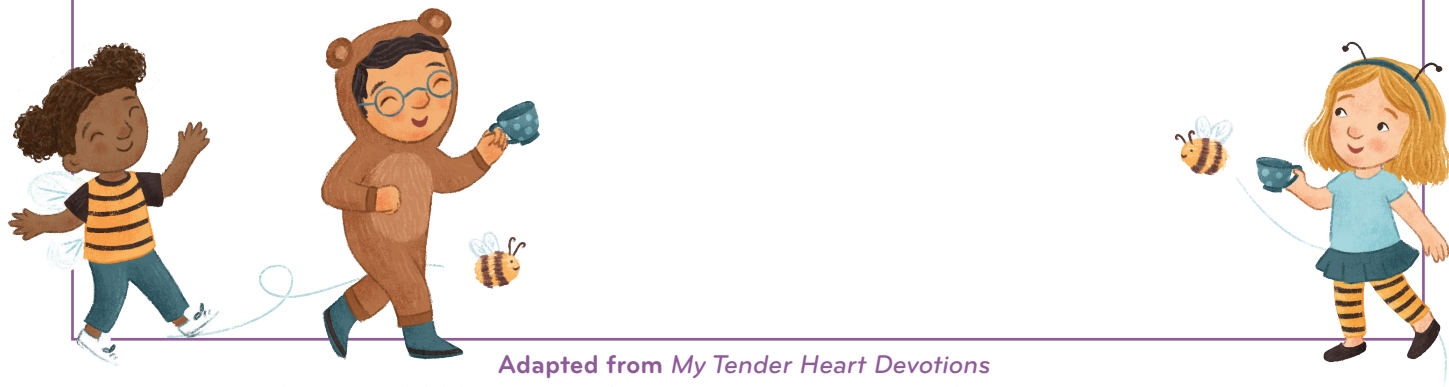
TODAY I LEARNED . . .

THIS WEEK, I READ... _____

FROM MY
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DEVOTIONS

I LEARNED THAT ... _____

Draw and color a picture of something you learned.



BUNNY EARS

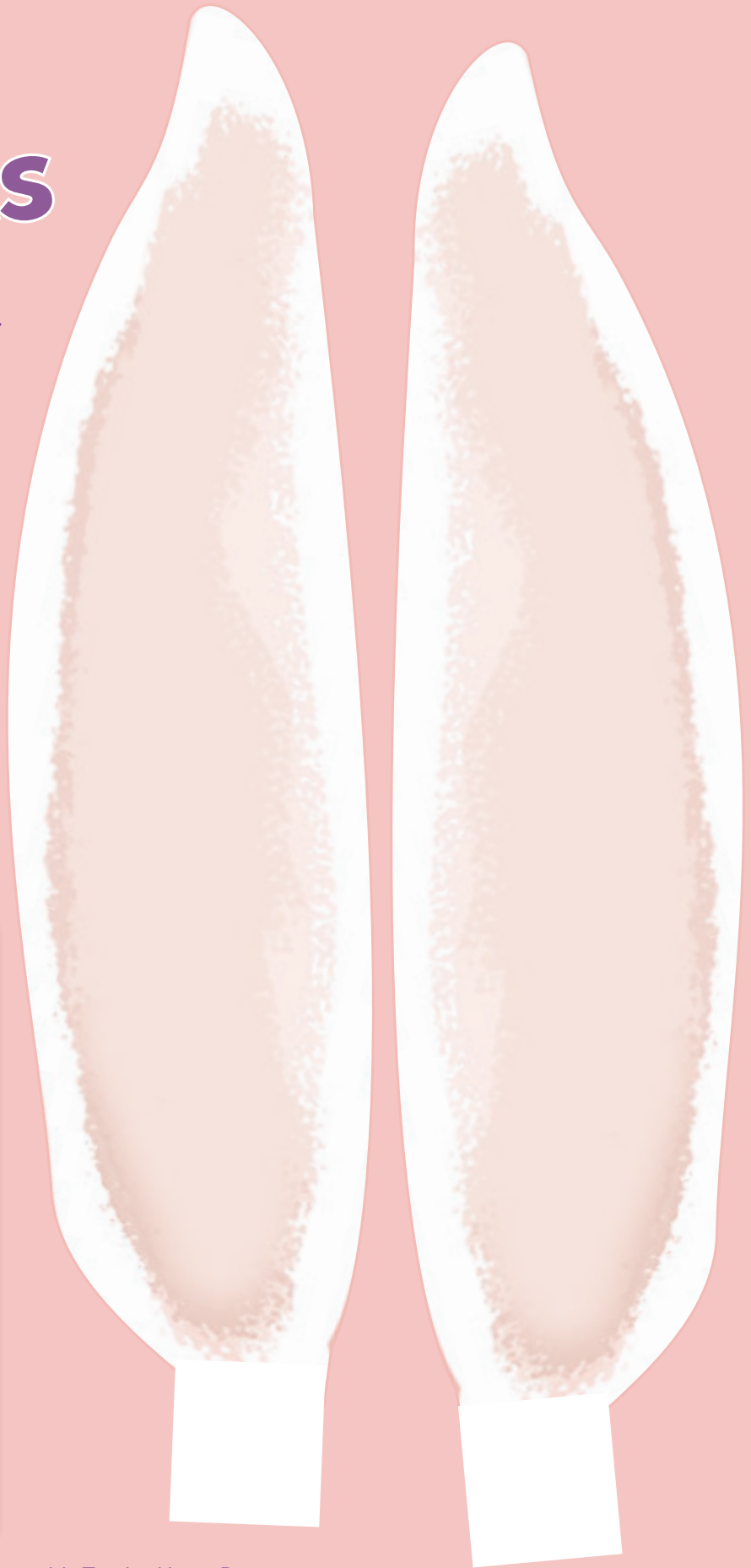
Instructions:

Cut Out and color the bunny ears, then attach them to a loop of paper so you can wear them while you do the activity.



HEART MOMENT:

Read "Bunny Ears" (page 20). Then put on your bunny ears. Get very quiet. Like a bunny, listen carefully. What kinds of sounds do you hear? Can you name at least five different sounds? Thank God for giving you ears to listen and learn about Him at home and at church.



LOAVES AND FISHES LIST

HEART MOMENT: In “Lunch Plan” (page 24), we read about a little boy who shared lunch with Jesus. Jesus blessed the boy’s loaves and fishes then miraculously used his small gift to feed 5,000 people! Make a “loaves and fishes” list of small things you can do for others this week to share God’s love. Then, thank Jesus for using even our smallest offerings to serve others in big ways.



Draw and color a picture of your favorite stuffy.



HEART MOMENT:

Read "Fluffy Stuffy" (page 90).

Then, find a special spot to snuggle with your stuffy. Tell it all the reasons you love it so much. Then, thank God for loving you for all those reasons and more!



MATCHING GAME

Make a matching card game. Print out the words and the pictures and cut them into cards. Mix them up and then match the pictures to their words.

Buzz, buzz, buzz.
We are busy, busy bees.
Buzz, buzz, buzz.
Sipping nectar as we please.

Go to page 6 to read the rest.



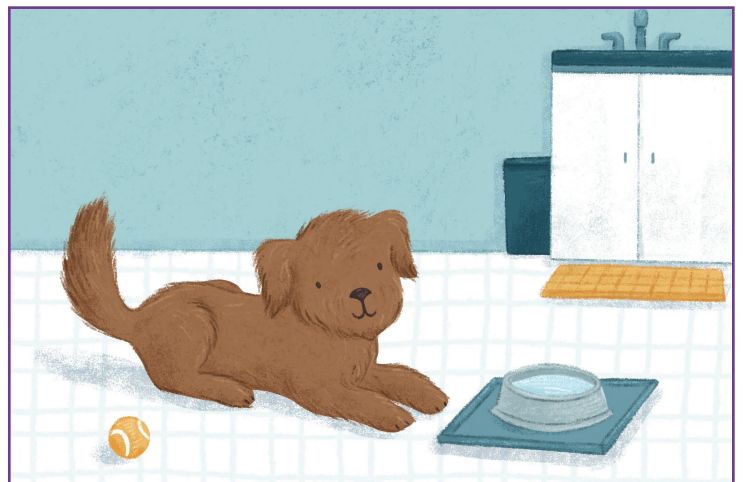
I'm all zipped up. My shoes are tied.
My water bottle's by my side.
My helmet's strapped beneath my chin.
Brring, brring. This ride can now begin!

Go to page 8 to read the rest.



My puppy has a water bowl.
I keep it on a tray.
It sits there in the kitchen
while we run and romp and play.

Go to page 18 to read the rest.



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**I like to cut my sandwich
into chunky little squares,
served with crunchy carrot sticks
or juicy cut-up pears.**

Go to page 24 to read the rest.



**Clapping, tapping, plucking strings,
jingling our tambourines.
Blowing horns and striking gongs,
singing loud our joyful songs.**

Go to page 28 to read the rest.



**In a nest of leaves and thatch,
it's time for springtime chicks to hatch.
I hear and watch them tap-tap-tap
until, at last, their shells go CRACK!**

Go to page 32 to read the rest.



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Muddy fingers, muddy toes.

Muddy sneakers, muddy clothes.

Time to wash them double-quick.

Soap and water do the trick.

Go to page 38 to read the rest.



I found a shiny race car lying on the ground.

No one saw me find it. No one was around.

Then I saw a notice pinned up to a tree.

“LOST: A shiny race car. If found return to me!”

Go to page 45 to read the rest.



We're standing at the starting line with sneakers laced up tight.

The whistle blows. It's time to go!

We run with all our might.

Go to page 48 to read the rest.



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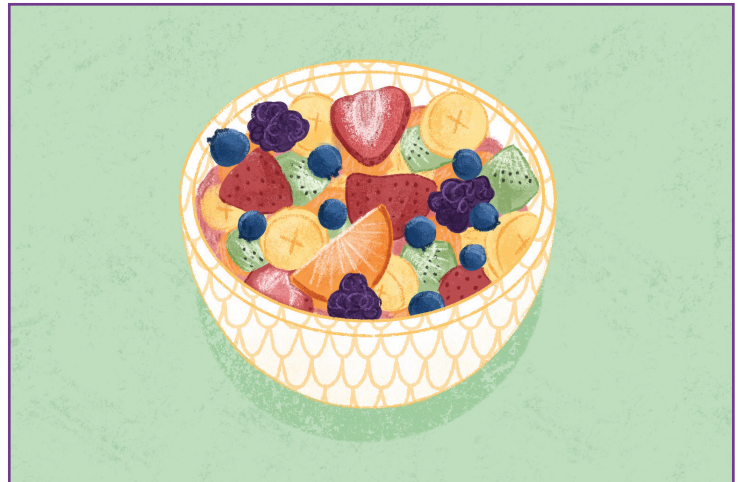
**Shake, shake—
a little bit of salt,
sprinkled with great care,
turns ordinary French fries
into frites extraordinaires!**

Go to page 57 to read the rest.



**Yellow, orange,
green and blue,
with a dash of red tones, too.
Cut in chunks both big and small,
fruit salad is a treat for all!**

Go to page 60 to read the rest.



**I have a little lantern
with holes punched out of tin.
It's like a beacon on our porch
glowing from within.**

Go to page 62 to read the rest.

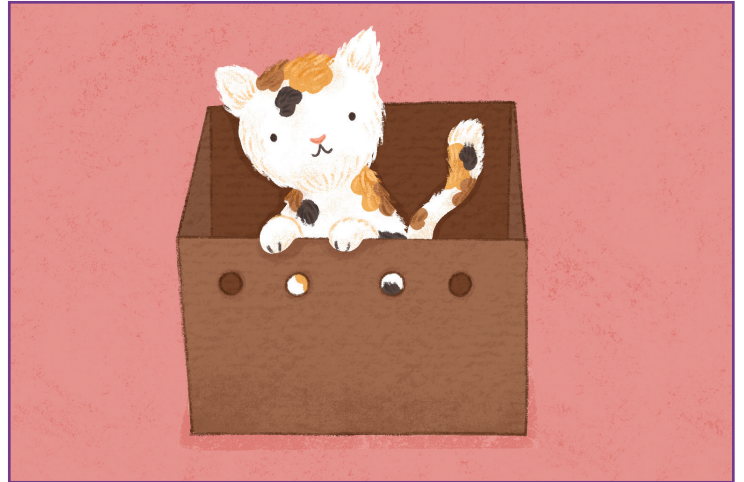


MATCHING GAME

Make a matching card game. Print out the words and the pictures and cut them into cards. Mix them up and then match the pictures to their words.

**Hello, precious kitten,
so fluffy and brand new.
We heard you need a family
and so we welcome you!**

Go to page 70 to read the rest.



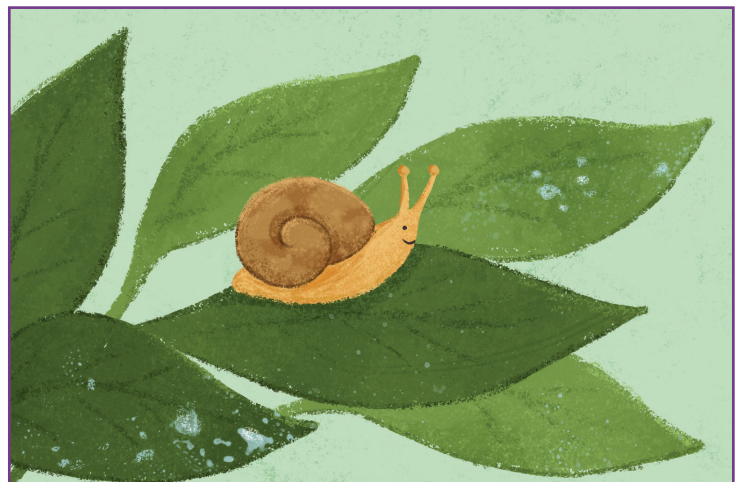
**Little squirrel, I see you there,
grabbing acorns everywhere.
You store them neatly underground,
nice and hidden, safe and sound.**

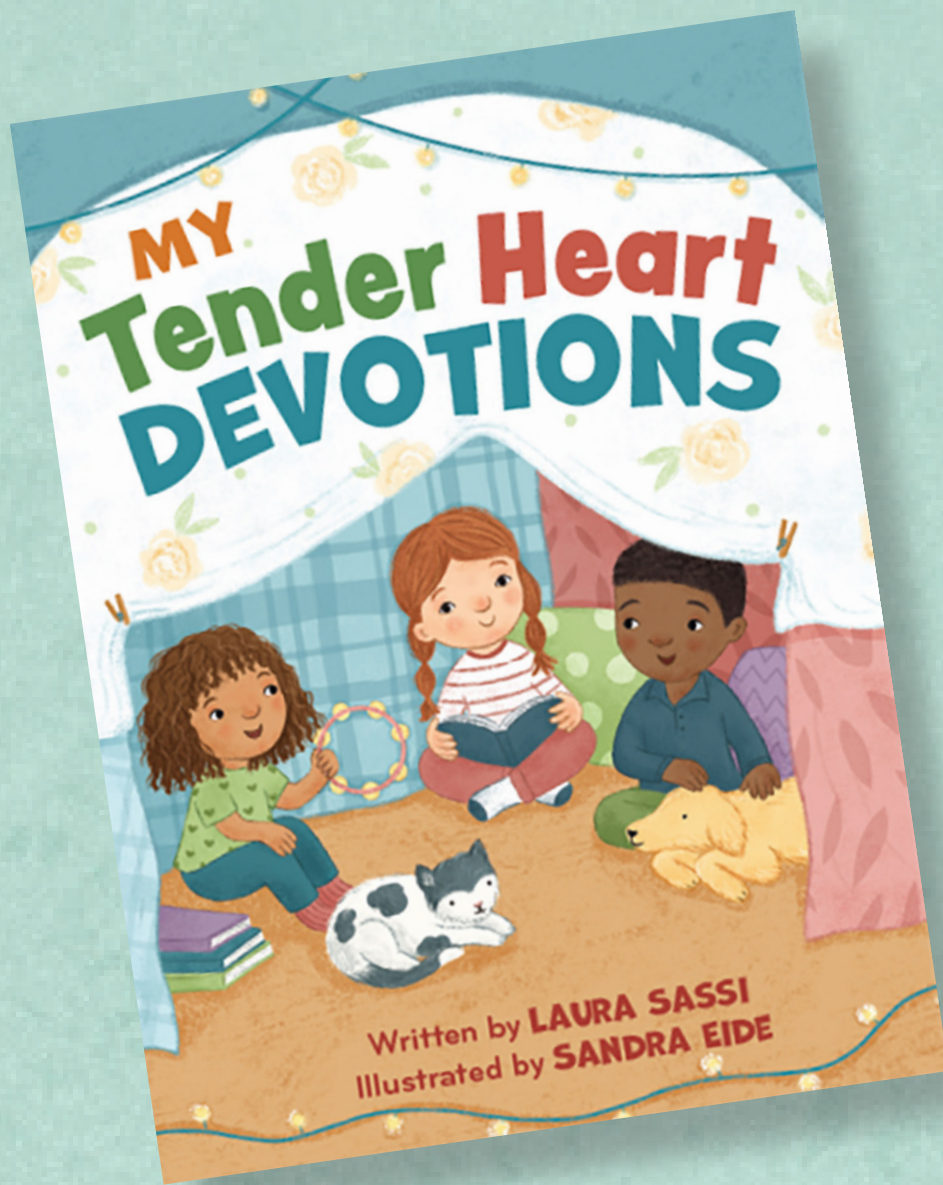
Go to page 82 to read the rest.



**Little snail, you're on the go.
But, you are very, very slow.
Patient, steadfast—that's your plan.
Can you do it? Yes, you can!**

Go to page 88 to read the rest.





MY TENDER HEART DEVOTIONS

MEMORY VERSE CARDS

Print double sided so the words are on one side and the corresponding images are on the other.

Cut them out and use them as a colorful memory aid.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

PSALM 119:103

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

PSALM 66:1

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

JOSHUA 1:9

Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

EPHESIANS 4:26



The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never
walk in darkness but will have the
light of life.

JOHN 8:12

You received Christ Jesus as Lord.
So keep on living your lives in
him. Have your roots in him. Build
yourselves up in him.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIRV

Listen! I am standing at the door,
knocking; if you hear my voice and
open the door, I will come in.

REVELATION 3:20

