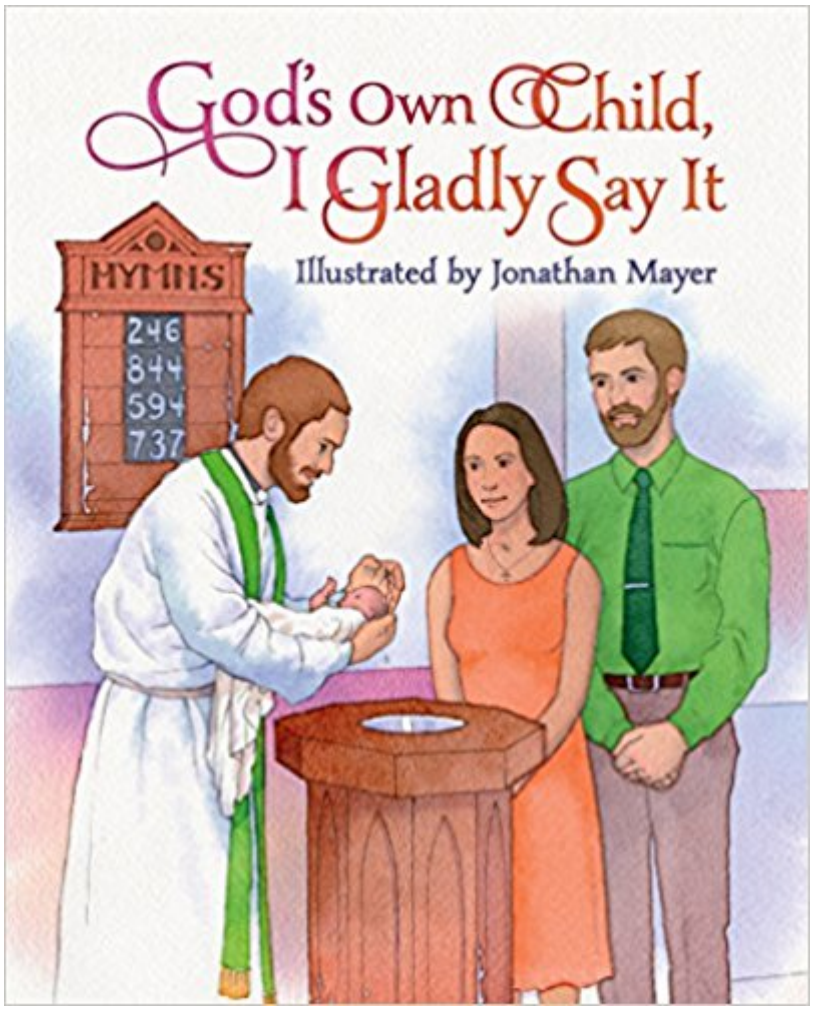
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Synopsis

"I am baptized into Christ!" While singing this beloved hymn, follow along as a baby boy is born of water and the Spirit and grows in his baptismal grace until he receives the crown of life. Children and adults alike will delight in these colorful scenes of Christians living the truths of their faith. Includes a special presentation page, making this a beautiful gift and keepsake for God's own child, young or old. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than anyThat brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity! Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release meIn a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood! Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me! Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine. There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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Customer Reviews

At church and home and away, for a growing child and for a loving parent or grandparent, this book shows how Baptism means being God's own child. --Pastor Robert E. Voelker, Translator of the HymnThoroughly Lutheran and churchly, parents will note that pastors look like pastors and churches look like churches. Voelker's now-well-known translation of Neumeister's German hymn is memorable. Illustrator Jonathan Mayer's art is edifying and insightful. I'll never forget the victorious risen Christ with His nail-pierced foot on the serpent's head or the Lamb of God on His cherubim throne with flowing water surrounded by the whole company of heaven in robes made white. An ideal baptismal or baptismal birthday gift, this illustrated edition of one of my favorite hymns is both faithful and beautiful. --Pastor Paul Cain, Lutheran Book Review

This is a lovely illustration of the hymn title of the book. Jonathan Meyer clearly illustrates each stanza. Thanks be to God for a wonderful teaching tool to share the comfort of Christ crucified with our children as the whole company of heaven sings in worship.

I teach in a Lutheran school, and this is one of the students' favorite hymns. The sing it with gusto in chapel, and I hear them humming it throughout the day. In fact, it is a favorite hymn of many in our congregation, of all ages. We have sung it on Sundays when we have a baptism, and we recently sang it, by request, at a funeral. It is also one on my favorite hymns, so when I heard the book was coming out, I was eagerly looking forward to it. It certainly did not disappoint! The wonderful words of the hymn are all there as the text of the book, woven through the story of one baby brought into the Kingdom of heaven through his baptism, living his life from childhood to adulthood as a child of God, and finally entering into his eternal glory at the end, secure in his baptismal faith. The theology is not too "heavy." I think a young child would find this both comforting and joyful. Because that's what it is. Jonathan Mayer did an absolutely marvelous job with the illustrations. They perfectly fit the story of the hymn, conveying both the comfort and the joy. This is a book that children of all ages will come back to over and over again. I hope to see more books illustrated by Mayer.

Simple, yet profound!This is a fantastic tool in teaching the truth of the Bible, in a memorable way, to children! In clear, simple words, and in simple, ordinary images, the comfort of Baptism shines forth is great clarity! I thank God that this author brought the simple truth of the Word of God to children in the nursery!If you are a "Bible-believing Christian," and if you want to train your child in the truth of God's Word, then THIS is the book to buy! 1 Peter 3 says, "Baptism now saves you." Acts 2 says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your

sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•What a wonderful idea, book, teaching, and presentation! I highly recommend purchasing this book!

I got this for my one year old son as a birthday gift. I am so impressed! The illustrations are rich, beautiful, detailed and child-friendly. They lovingly point to the truth of God's Word about baptism and the precious treasure it is for His children. The picture story shows the benefits of baptism from a little boy's baptism to his death, clearly pointing to Christ and His saving work the whole way. This is a wonderful book for any child being baptized. My church actually ordered several to give as gifts. If you love this hymn and the truth it speaks, you will LOVE this book!

We love this book! I have goosebumps when I read it and tears in my eyes. What a treasure this book is for young and old alike! It brings the beautiful words of this hymn even more meaning. It helps us remember what a treasure our baptism is all through our lives. We ordered 10 just to give away to others who are struggling with their faith and as baptismal gifts. Thank you Kloria Publishing and Jonathan Mayer!

This book takes a beloved (recently translated and rediscovered) hymn. This is a gem of the Church as it leads the reader (parent and child) in confessing the true comfort of Christ offered in water and the Word. We give this book as a gift at the time of Baptism in our congregation.

Beautiful illustrations to go along with a beautiful baptismal hymn. I'm looking forward to reading/singing this with our daughters after they receive it for Christmas. Likewise, I plan on purchasing another copy for our godson's baptismal birthday. I hope to see more illustrated versions of hymns like this soon!

A wonderful hymn, and beautifully illustrated journey through the Christian life. This is a must have in any Christian home, Lutheran or otherwise!

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