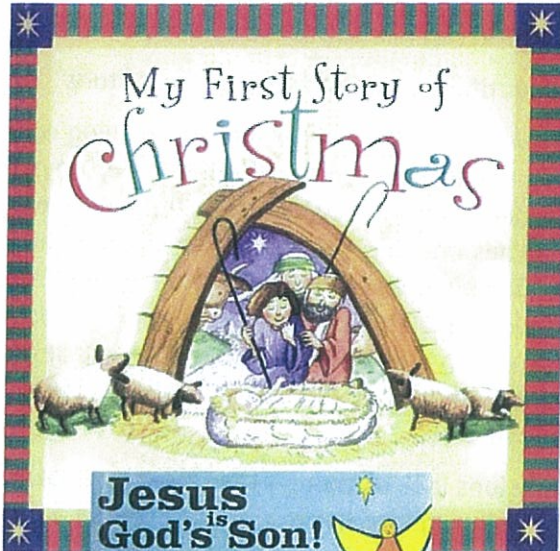


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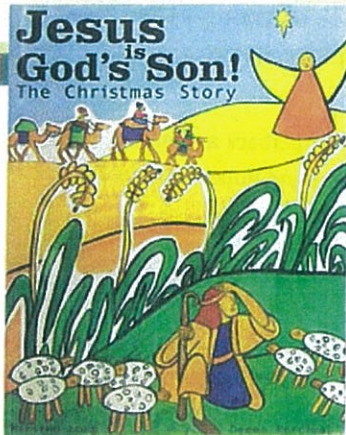
BECT member reviews books to read to pre school children



"My First Story of Christmas" by Tim Dowley, published by Candle Books.

This book is a very simple story of the first Christmas perfect for playgroup age children. It covers the whole story from Mary being told by the angel that she was to give birth, Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem, right through to the visits from the shepherds and the wise men. It ends by telling the children why we give presents at Christmas - "just as God sent Jesus as the best gift of all."

This book is beautifully illustrated, and at the cost of \$2.95 is a bargain. Unfortunately the book is small in size so may not be suitable if you have a large group of children, but a great book if you are looking for a present for your playgroupers. It can be bought from Koorong Bookstore in Blackburn - ph. (03) 92627444.



Another excellent book for this time of the year is "Jesus Is God's Son" by Kirsten Long and Deema Percival a companion book for the Easter book "Jesus Is Alive", well written story aimed at playgroup age children and bright clear illustrations, it also comes with a Christmas activity book.

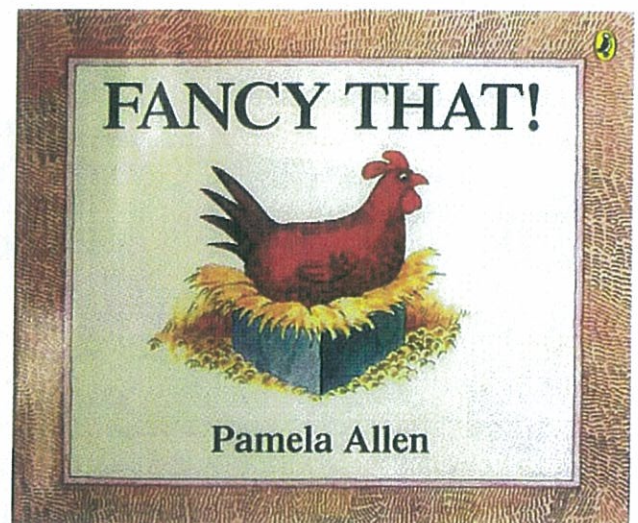
Check out the website www.jesuisalive.com.au or find it at Koorong at the cost of \$9.95 for the storybook or \$2.95 for the activity book.

"Fancy That" by Pamela Allen, published by Puffin Books.

This book is the story of a little red hen sitting on six brown eggs and the six fluffy yellow chicks that hatch out at the end.

A good book to read in Spring time when you and the children may be looking at the new growth and new birth around you after the winter months.

Pamela Allen's books are always well written and illustrated and this one is suitable to read to children aged 2 to 5. **WARNING** - you may need to practise speaking in hen and rooster before reading this book to the children.



This is a paperback book available at Collins, Borders, Angus and Robertson at the cost of \$14.95 or check out your local library for a copy.