

New Children's Book GOD's Plants Introduces Young Readers to Faith Through Nature and Story

Author Carol Allen Gipson Blends Biblical Teaching, Gardening, and Family Love in a Gentle Faith Centered Story for Children



Akron, Ohio Feb 17, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Some children learn about faith in a classroom. Others learn by asking questions at the dinner table or while walking through a garden. [GOD's Plants](#), a new children's book by Carol Allen Gipson, begins in exactly that kind of place.

The story opens on a quiet summer afternoon. Three children arrive at their great grandparents' home to spend the day. What they expect is playtime and lunch. What they find instead is something that stays with them long after the visit ends.

While exploring the yard, the children notice small signs placed near flowers, herbs, and vegetables. The signs are simple. They list plant names and Bible verses. Curious questions follow. What is the Bible. Who is God. Why do these plants matter.

Rather than offering formal lessons, Nana answers the way many grandparents do, slowly and thoughtfully, meeting each child where they are. The Bible is described as God's special book of stories. God is introduced as the Creator who made the world and everything living in it. Faith is not presented as something distant or complicated. It becomes part of the afternoon, woven into conversation, curiosity, and shared discovery.

As the children move through the garden, they learn that mint, herbs, palms, onions, beans, and other familiar plants appear in Scripture. The connection between the natural world and the Bible becomes clear in a way young readers can understand. Faith feels tangible. It is something you can see, touch, and even smell.

One of the most meaningful moments in the book comes unexpectedly. A child is hurt by the sharp thorns of a plant. The Crown of Thorns becomes the doorway to a gentle explanation of who Jesus is and why His story matters. The moment is handled with care, focusing on love, sacrifice, forgiveness, and compassion rather than fear.

Throughout the book, Grandpa and Nana serve as guides rather than teachers. Their home is a place where questions are welcomed. Curiosity is encouraged. Learning happens naturally. This tone makes the story especially suited for shared reading between children and adults.

Author Carol Allen Gipson brings personal experience to the heart of the book. Raised in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, she grew up learning music, gardening, crafts, and practical skills from family members who valued creativity and curiosity. Her professional life included leadership roles in management, marketing, and community relations. After retiring in 2016, she continued learning, eventually becoming a Certified Gardener.

As part of that work, Gipson researched sixty six plants found in the Bible and created biblical plant signs for educational presentations. With encouragement from her husband, those signs became the inspiration for [GOD's Plants](#). The book reflects her belief that faith can be introduced gently, without pressure, and in ways children already understand.

The story is written for children, but its message reaches beyond them. It speaks to parents, grandparents, and caregivers who want to introduce faith thoughtfully. It also appeals to churches,

Christian schools, and families looking for meaningful stories that feel sincere rather than instructional.

[GOD's Plants](#) encourages children to ask questions, notice the world around them, and understand that faith can be part of everyday life. It suggests that gardens can teach lessons, that stories can grow from simple moments, and that love is the foundation of belief.

The book is available now and is intended to be read slowly, shared often, and remembered long after the final page.

About the Author

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