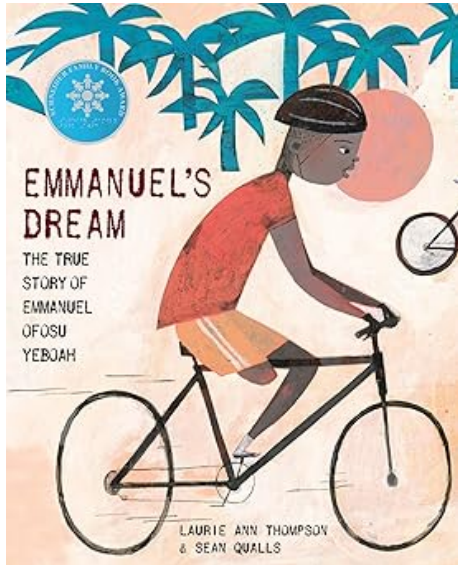


# Children's Books for Feeding God's Sheep

*Books that explore living with disability*

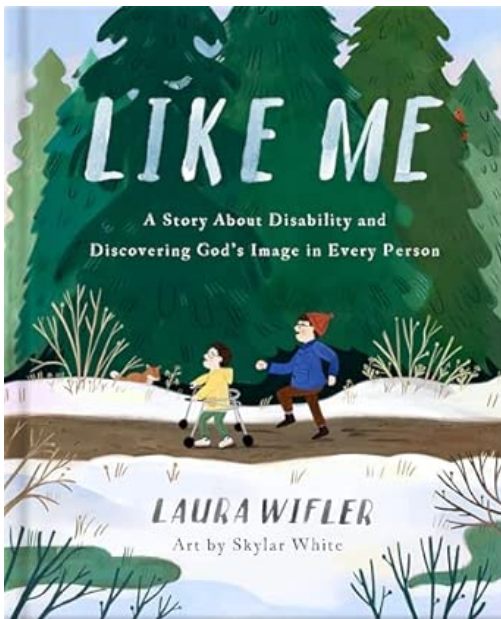


## **For Preschool & Elementary**

*Emmanuel's Dream* by Laurie Anne Thompson

Born in Ghana, West Africa, with one deformed leg, he was dismissed by most people, but not by his mother, who taught him to reach for his dreams. As a boy, Emmanuel hopped to school more than two miles each way, learned to play soccer, left home at age thirteen to provide for his family, and, eventually, became a cyclist. He rode an astonishing four hundred miles across Ghana in 2001, spreading his powerful message: disability is not inability. Today, Emmanuel continues to work on behalf of the disabled.

*Recommended for Ages 4-8*



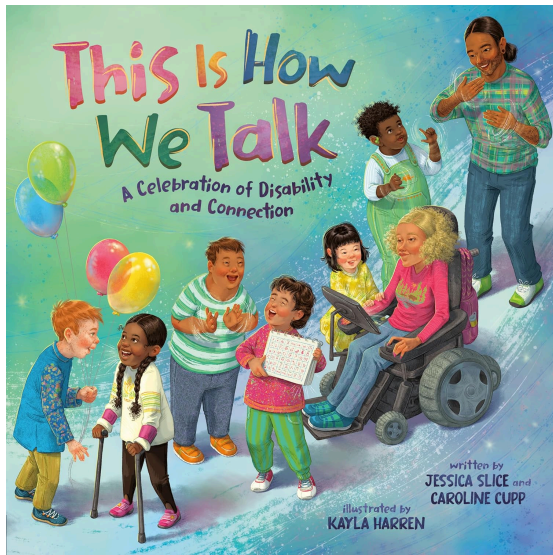
## **For Preschool & Elementary**

*Like Me* by Laura Wifler

"Through a sibling's eyes, young readers will tag along on a day of a child with a disability. As the two siblings play with friends, go to therapy, and spend time with family, relatable comparisons will help children understand a different type of family life, building empathy for children with disabilities along the way."

This is a great story to introduce children who may not have close experience living with someone with a disability of the impact on family life. Laura Wifler has written other books and is passionate about equipping parents to have conversations with kids about disabilities.

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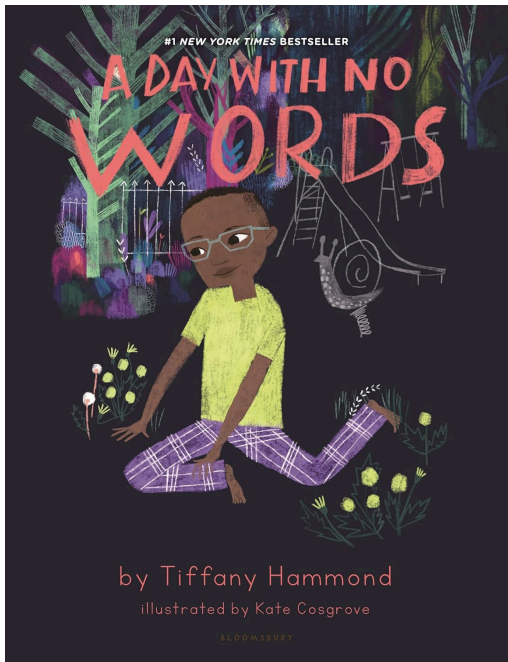


### **For Elementary**

*This is how we talk* by Jessica Slice & Caroline Cupp

*“We sign, write, clap! We tap, stim, scream! So many ways to talk and joke, play and learn and dream. This joyful read-aloud, with an empowering refrain, from disability rights activists Jessica Slice and Caroline Cupp, demystifies and respects how disabled people and their families use different forms of communication to connect and show love.”*

*Recommended for Ages 5-8*



### **For Elementary**

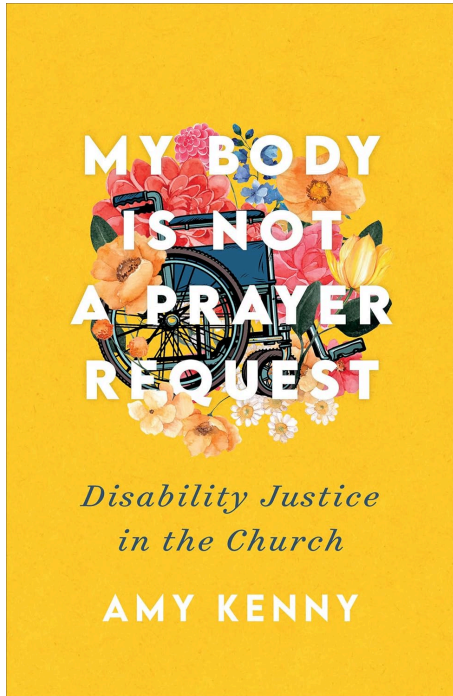
*A Day With No Words* by Tiffany Hammond

*“Aidan doesn't talk with words. He uses a tablet, tapping buttons with pictures to show what he means.*

*Not everyone understands their family's unique way of communicating, though. Some think that because Aidan doesn't say words, he doesn't know words. But verbal speech isn't the only way we can connect with others. We can use tablets and letter boards, facial expressions, hand gestures, and written words.”*

*Exploring how communication is possible in a variety of ways. And how just because someone isn't verbal does not mean they aren't able to understand and communicate.*

*Recommended for Ages 5-10*



**For Adults**

*My Body is not a prayer request* by Amy Kenny

“Written by a disabled Christian, this book shows that the church is missing out on the prophetic witness and blessing of disability. Kenny reflects on her experiences inside the church to expose unintentional ableism and cast a new vision for Christian communities to engage disability justice.”

I haven't read Kenny's book, but have heard nothing but great things about it. The truth is christians have gotten this wrong so much. It's been detrimental and unhelpful. If you are wanting to reflect on your own blind spots or learn to better address ableism in our community I would recommend reading this book.

*Recommended for Adults*