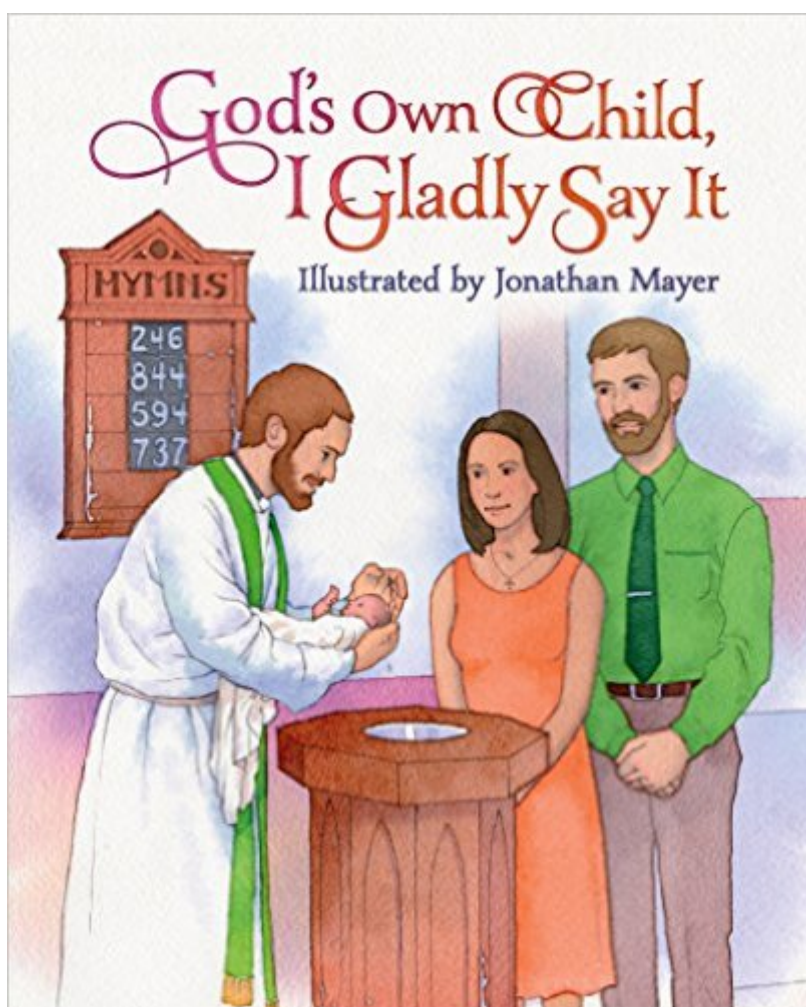


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# God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



## 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.

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## Customer Reviews

Neumeister's beloved baptism hymn sings the confidence that Holy Baptism gives to the Christian in the face of threats from sin, Satan, and death. The illustrations in this book tell the story of that confidence, faith, and comfort throughout the life of the baptized. Here a little baby boy is baptized, is taught to treasure Jesus over his toys, grows to receive a sprinkling sip of Jesus' blood in Holy Communion, learns to defeat Satan's accusations in young adulthood with the forgiveness of sins in Christ. Having married and become a father himself, he returns to the font to bring his own child to be God's own child. He receives comfort at the death of his mother by her baptism, symbolized by the white pall covering her casket. He points his own children, then grandchildren to the future hope of the resurrection for those who sleep in Christ. And when his last hour comes, with his family at his side, his pastor called to speak forgiveness and pray with them in this hour, he falls asleep and joins the saints around the throne of the Lamb. This book is a treasure, a marvelous tool to show how the benefits of Baptism extend to all of life. Great for children of all ages, for all who have been baptized

into Christ!

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.

We ordered this book immediately when we saw it on Facebook. We have always loved this hymn. I read it to our three grandchildren last week ages 6,5, and 2. I sang a verse out loud and then we read the book. We talked about the illustrations and how God was with the man his whole life, from his baptism as a small child, in the weekly gift of Christ's body and blood in communion, in the death of his dear wife, and then as he approached his own death. They were engaged the entire time we read. There is so much richness here! I am very excited to share this my Sunday School class ages 3-7 years old. I am certain that they will have many things to talk about in regards to faith in Christ. I will be ordering more copies for all my grandchildren! I look forward to more books by this illustrator.

Thank you for publishing this book. It is read often in our family and was given as a gift to our god children. The words of a dearly cherished hymn are beautifully illustrated in this book. This is a treasure and a must have for all families as a reminder of the gifts of God in Holy Baptism. Please continue to put out books like this as a perfect combination of traditional hymnody and meaningful illustrations to give life to the words. Thank you! We will be ordering more copies!

I teach in a Lutheran school, and this is one of the students' favorite hymns. They 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 of 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.

Grateful for resources such as this to use as we raise up our children in the faith. This beautiful book teaches the entirety of the Christian Faith, and will be one we reach for many times in the years to come.

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!

I had the privilege of being introduced to this book at a conference I went to this summer, where I was able to meet the illustrator. While the hymn was already well-beloved, the gentle and thoughtful illustrations brought new meaning to the profound message. As an adult who only recently came to cherish the blessing of my infant baptism, this book perfectly shows how baptism is truly a life-long comfort. As a mother of three recently baptized children, I find it to be an excellent tool for catechizing them! I so fell in love with this book that I purchased not only a copy for myself, but extra copies for my church library, and to give as a gift. Highly recommended.

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