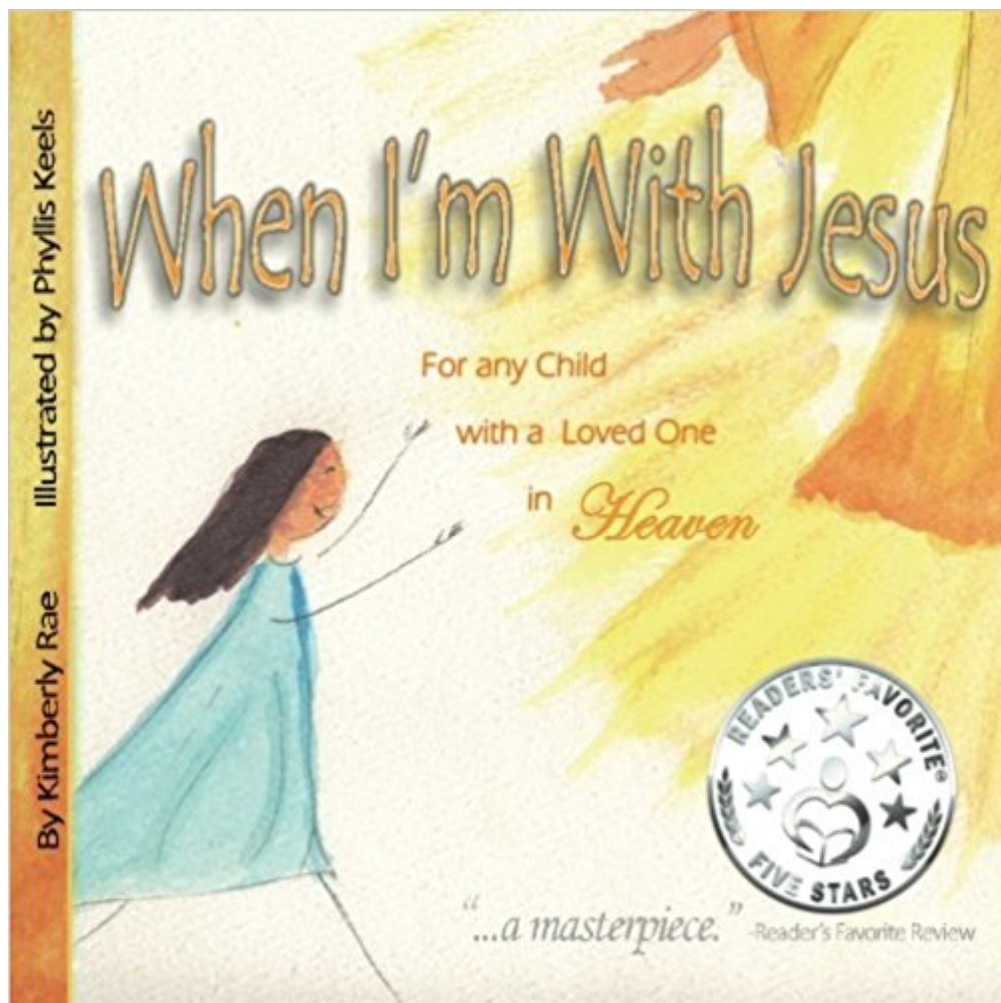




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# When I'm With Jesus: For Any Child With A Loved One In Heaven



## Synopsis

Children wonder about Heaven, especially when someone they love goes there. They have questions they are often afraid to ask to grieving adults, and need reassurance that their feelings are normal. When I'm With Jesus is created to minister to young children and older children, with large text for young readers or as a read-to book, and smaller text for older readers. Beautifully illustrated, When I'm With Jesus is a book that helps children see a loved one's transition to Heaven as a joyful thing. It comforts children with a tangible reminder that they have not been forgotten and are still loved.

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## Customer Reviews

Kimberly Rae and Phyllis Keels have created a masterpiece, which not only answers questions for children young and old, but reaches out in a profound way even to an adult. The adult who reads this book aloud to a grieving child will be deeply moved, even to the point of tears as they also realize that their loved one has gone on to a better place and will never stop loving them. The addition of the Gospel message is the perfect ending for this book and gives even greater strength to the concepts that are depicted in the colorful pages. Truthful, encouraging and full of life.-Reader's FavoriteChildren who are anticipating the loss or have lost a loved one have many feelings and questions. There are few resources that sensitively address these issues from a Christian perspective. Kimberly Rae and Phyllis Keels have created such a resource. I would recommend this book for any child experiencing this kind of loss. -Kim C. Lance, Ed.S Licensed

Marriage and Family Therapist When I Am with Jesus made me cry- -with joy and with thanks.Â Biblical truths are so lovingly, tenderly, wisely shared.Â Already I've called others to read this.Â It's a little book that speaks in a big way.Â It's for people big and little of every culture and every generation. Â I'm already planning my next letter; I'll write for permission to translate this book into the language of the children who surround me! -S.H. Development worker, author, teacher, literature production facilitator It is simple, but so profound in dealing with the loss of a loved one and especially as it comes from the heart of the loved one who may already be in Heaven or knows they will be there some day. Â I loved the illustrations. Â They were so perfect to go with the words of comfort and hope....this book is such a blessing, and I will highly recommend it to anyone because we all are touched by death and many times must share what this means to a child on their level.Â B. F. Great-Grandmother, with Granddaughter in Heaven It was (obviously) written and illustrated from the heart by two who have walked through the valley of the Shadow. Knowing the different responses to grief, I admire anyone who seeks to guide others, in this case the youngest of our Faith, on this very difficult journey. The words are direct but not without great sensitivity. The illustrations were childlike without being childish...It is not afraid to point out the dark and sad places....But it never fails to shine the light of our ultimate hope in Christ's...unending Love.- Rod Kerr, M.Div., Educational Â Minister, Pastoral Counselor

This book is very special to me, and God sent just the right illustrator for it. When I'm With Jesus has beautiful watercolor paintings that communicate truth and emotion in just the right way for both children and adults. I'd like to introduce the illustrator, Phyllis Keels to you: Because Phyllis has loved ones already in heaven (including her father and her daughter), she wants others to know what a lovely place Jesus has prepared for those who love Him. So when Kimberly Rae asked her to illustrate When I'm with Jesus, Phyllis jumped at the chance. In fact, the first time she read Kimberly's draft manuscript, Phyllis immediately began to see the images she knew she was to draw for each page. Phyllis hoped to display, in simple watercolor paintings, the hope that she feels each day in her own heart - our loved ones are not only okay, they are now perfect and perfectly happy because they are with the Lord Jesus. Find out more at [PhyllisKeels.com](http://PhyllisKeels.com).

As a house parent to a sweet six-year old at French Camp Academy in MS, whose mother died when he was five, I'd bought this book to have to read to him when I sensed the time was right. Sadly, the time was right yesterday when both his mother's mother and her husband died tragically. There's a place in the front that says "Dear \_\_\_\_\_" so you can write the child's name, and

it has a personal message from the person who has died. When his other grandfather read that to him, his face broke into such a smile. (This was after we'd read the book to him.) This little boy, who is often withdrawn and sullen in his grief appeared genuinely comforted as I read this book to him and he pictured his mother with Jesus, full of life and joy, and love for him. In that context, I told him that his grandmother's husband who he knew was very sick, was hurting so badly, he asked Jesus if he could come be with Him, and that Jesus said yes. And that then his Grandmother was so sad that her husband was gone, and she also missed his mother so much, that she asked Jesus if she could come too. And Jesus said yes to her too. I was then able to turn to the page in the book where it talks about how one day she will welcome the loved one to heaven with a great big hug, and told him how that's what his mom did as soon as she saw his grandmother and her husband. He smiled at that. I'm sure there will be many questions as he gets older, but for now, I can't say enough about how very thankful I was to have this book for this little boy. I told him he could read it again and again and ask others to read it to him. As they left for the funeral, he tucked it in his jacket. And I ordered another copy. It's just one of those books I think I need to always have on hand, ready for when I need it.

I purchased this e-book to read to my son who recently had a classmate pass away in a tragic accident. Although this book is written more from the voice of a parent who has passed away to their child, it still was a very comforting book for my child. The illustrations were simple but perfect for this book. I love that there are passages from the Bible within the story. The book also explains what the Bible says heaven will be like and what heaven will not be like. No more pain, sadness, death, bad things.... I also love that the author included in the book that only God knows how long each one of us will live and we can not hurry that process to get to heaven to see loved ones sooner. Great job, I will recommend this book to my friends.

I need more stars for this book! It is excellent! The only thing that would make it better would be to have another one pictured specifically with a father - this story is about a mother going to heaven - but it can still be used with a child who has lost their father. It would just be nice to be able to be able to personalize the story more to cover both situations. But it says everything I would want my child to know if I knew I was going to be leaving them behind for a while. Very hopeful and encouraging for a child.

A great resource to have for anyone who has children who have lost someone close to them. It's

easy to read and is easy for children to understand. I'm glad I bought it for my nephew who just lost his Grandmother. It is written for people of faith, but it could help any child really. It's very well done.

This is not just a book for children, but a book for anyone who ever has lost a loved one who is now in heaven. My husband died after a long illness. Although our adult children understand on a cognitive level how much rejoicing there is that their daddy is free of his earthly body, their hearts still ache for him. This book reminds us of the truths of heaven and the loved ones that go there before us. It was so healing just to read it aloud to myself!

I am 60 years old and I have lost my mom to Alzheimer's. I know she will soon go to be the Lord. It's hard to let go.....again. I purchased this book to help my grandkids deal with losing their "Nanny" but it actually helped me. I will reread and reread this book whenever I need to be comforted.

Tender, truth filled and made me cry thinking about my dad who died over 30 years ago! I love the honest approach and the mention of feelings, even when a child might start to feel happy again and how that is good. Very excited to see how this book will minister to children in one of their darkest times.

This book touched my heart on several levels. As a teacher of Parenting and Child Development, it is helpful that the story is written with simpler language, as well as for older juvenile or adult readers, when trying to explain death and the concept of heaven, which is hard for a child to grasp. As a Christian, I was pleased that biblical passages are used to support what was written. When I made the initial purchase, it was intended for our church library. But as a grandparent, I will be purchasing several more copies to share with the families of each of my adult five children as well as a niece. I believe this small book will strengthen their ability to talk about death with our grandchildren....and also may help them to understand the comfort of God's presence in heaven.

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