

Hi, I'm Emma.

I like to eat chocolate. One day I wanted to eat some chocolate chips. I wanted them so much I decided to sneak some. I carefully moved the bowl so that no one would ever know I was there. Those chocolate chips were yummy!

But while I was stealing those chocolate chips, a little voice in my head was telling me, "Stop. Don't do that." But I wanted the chocolate chips more than I wanted to do what is right. So I did not listen to that voice in my head.

This is a delightful little story that teaches children about the importance of obeying God by listening to your conscience.

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If my kids could be five years old again, I would definitely read this book to them. One of the best things about a biblically rooted children's book is that it helps parents as much as kids. I have no doubt that will happen with this book. And while you're at it, tell your teenagers they can sit all the way across the room, but they do have to listen the first time through.

John Piper, Chancellor and Professor of Biblical Exegesis, Bethlehem College & Seminary; Founder and Teacher, Desiring God

Wow! This is a great book! Andy has done a wonderful job of bringing the concept of conscience down to a level that is understandable to children. And he doesn't just explain conscience as a concept, but explains how we can use this God-given tool to grow in godliness. What an invaluable resource for parents and teachers!

Connie Dever, Writer of *Praise Factory Curriculum*, Wife of Mark Dever, Senior Pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington D.C.

Few aspects of parenting are more important—or more commonly overlooked—than informing and fostering our children's conscience. This book helps parents with that crucial task, and for that reason I highly recommend it.

Tim Challies, Blogger, *challies.com*; Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church, Toronto

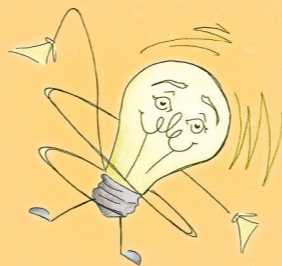
Good, gospel-saturated children's books are hard to find. And even more rare is a book like this for kids that points them to the cross while teaching on the topic of the conscience. My children love this book!

Dave and Gloria Furman, Senior Pastor, Redeemer Church of Dubai and author of *Kiss the Wave* and *Being There*; and his wife, Gloria, author of *Missional Motherhood* and *Alive in Him*

Just what a parent needs to explain conscience to their kids.

Julian Hardyman, Senior Pastor, Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge, UK

Can you find Emma's conscience in the story?



That little voice in her head is with her on every page! Every time her conscience changes color, it has a meaning.

That little voice in your head

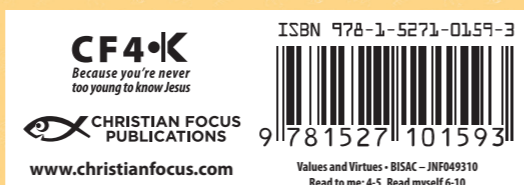
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Dedication

To my sweet daughter Emma.



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A note from the illustrator

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This book is given with love to:

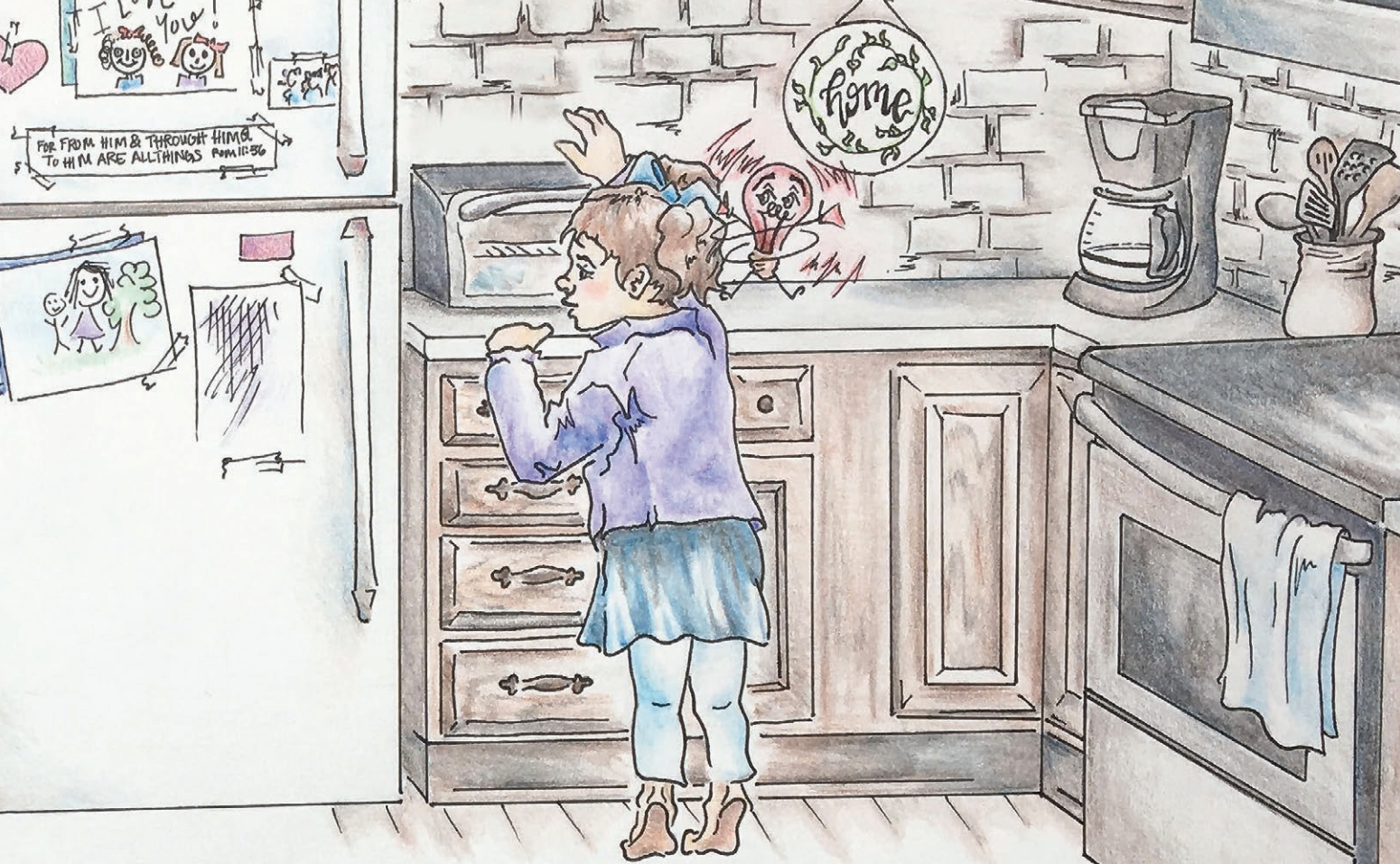
from:



Hi, I'm Emma.

I like to eat chocolate.

This is my Mommy. She likes to eat chocolate, too. Dark chocolate. So she keeps a bowl of chocolate chips in the kitchen for special snacks.



One day after lunch, I asked,

"Mommy, may I please have some chocolate chips?"

"No," replied Mommy. "Not now, sweet Emma."

I was not happy. I wanted to eat some chocolate chips. I wanted them so much I decided to sneak some. I waited for Mommy to leave the kitchen. This was my chance. I hurried to the bowl of chocolate chips and scooped a handful out. Then I carefully moved the bowl so that no one would ever know I was there. Those chocolate chips were yummy!