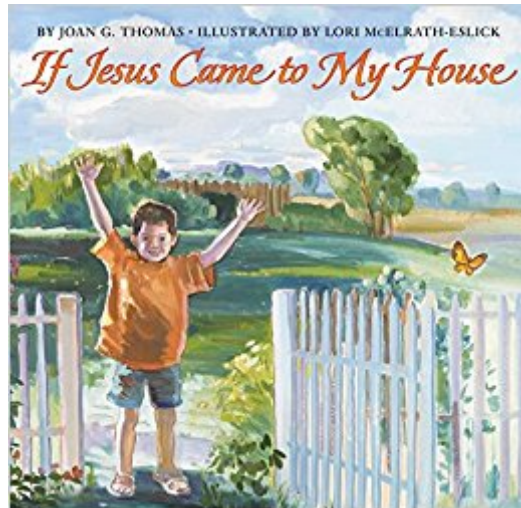




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# If Jesus Came To My House (reillustrated) (Harperblessings)



## Synopsis

If Jesus came to your house, would he be your age and height? How would you treat him? Would you give him your nicest toys and let him have the longest turn on your rocking horse? In this simple, touching story, a young boy realizes that he can treat others according to the lessons he would learn if Jesus really did come to his house.

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## Customer Reviews

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•First published in 1951 and newly illustrated, Thomas's rhyming reflection on the place Jesus has in a young boy's life still provides inspiration and comfort to today's readers. The nameless narrator imagines greeting Jesus, a child "about the age that I am/about the height of me," at his front door. He describes how he would make Jesus feel at home, giving him a "comfy seat," making him tea, and sharing his toys. The lad realizes that Jesus will never come to visit, but comforts himself with the prospect of going to church to pray, sing, and worship. He takes to heart the timeless mandate from the Gospel of Matthew to do for the least of Jesus's brothers what you would do for him. Painted in glowing jewel tones, McElrath-Eslick's luminous portraits mirror the old-fashioned charm of the text. She depicts Jesus as an appealing barefoot boy dressed in shorts and a T-shirt and in the latter half of the book portrays the young

narrator offering a cup of tea to a friend, giving his toys to less fortunate children, and taking a bouquet to an elderly woman. The idyllic landscapes further emphasize the gentle message of the lilting text. Pair this fine addition to religion collections with August Gold's *Where Does God Live?* (Sky Light Paths, 2001). --Linda L. Walkins, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, MA  
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If Jesus came to your house, would he be your age and height? How would you treat him? Would you give him your nicest toys and let him have the longest turn on your rocking horse? In this simple, touching story, a young boy realizes that even though this could never really happen, he can treat others according to the lessons he would take away from Jesus if he really did come to his house. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I had this little book when I was a child and it was one of my all time favorites. I don't know what happened to mine but when the opportunity to purchase a replacement became available, I grabbed it. The timing was perfect as I was moving to a new home just 2 weeks after this little book came back into my life. It made me think of how I want Jesus to be welcome in my new home. Very delighted with this purchase. It arrived very quickly, was well packaged, and I'm a very happy customer.

This is a book that I was sure would no longer be published but, of course, I decided to look for it in just in case. I had the book 60+ years ago and wanted one for my granddaughter 20 years ago. I got one then through my church. Now with twin granddaughters and their 4 year old brother, I have one for each of them. The book is wonderful as it is but it can also be as interactive as someone wants to make it. The fact that it's still available says enough about what a great book it is.

Delightful children's book. I received my first copy in 1953 as a gift from Canterbury Cathedral. I have bought multiple copies as gifts for my grandkids and others. I have used as a devotional for children and adult groups. It has so many layers that each time you read it, you get something new out of it. By the way, I still have that now fragile first copy!

I know a lady who is an excellent hostess. She often invites people of all walks of life to her home. She is caring and considerate to everyone. I was not surprised to learn that, as a child, her favorite

book was "If Jesus Came to My House." It is a lovely story with charming illustrations. I'm so glad it has been reprinted.

One of my favorite books, I read it to the kids in catechist class every year, regardless of their ages. Meaningful and relevant - it makes the point. I wish the drawings would be updated, but I do think the book stands the test of time as is. I highly recommend it.

I spent what I consider to be too much money on a classic copy of "If Jesus Came to My House" with the original illustrations by Joan Gale Thomas. I'm so glad that I did! What look to me like pen and ink illustrations are simple, sweet, and touching, just like the story. This little book is so poignant and unpretentious. I almost cried a little when my daughter and I read it together. I have not read the re-illustrated version, which I'm sure is fine, but children do not need lavish and elaborate pictures to hold their attention. My daughter (age 4) loves this book, and so do I. It became a favorite after one reading.

I was so thankful to find it is still available, even if it is in paperback! It's one of my very favorite children's books that I read to my boys when they were young, and it's still one of their favorites as well. A catchy rhyme that holds children's attentions and encourages them to trust the Lord and be aware of His presence with them. It's an absolutely delightful book!

This is a wonderful old book that expresses in simple ideas how little people can live out Matthew 25:40 every day.

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