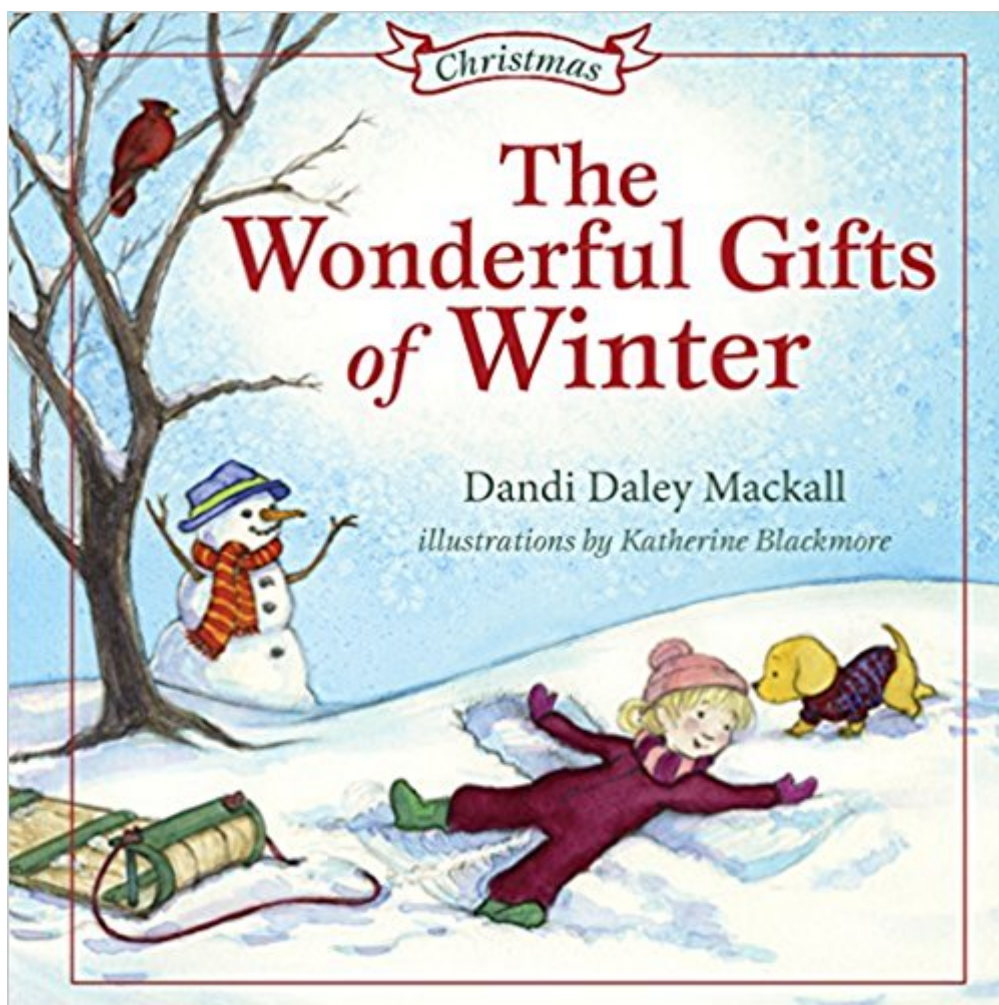


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# Wonderful Gifts Of Winter (Seasons Series)



## Synopsis

Freshly fallen snowflakes, sledding, snow angels, and of course Christmas all take their rightful place in *The Wonderful Gifts of Winter*, the second book of a seasonal four-book series by Dandi Daley Mackall. Playful rhymes leap off illustrated pages by Katherine Blackmore and give thanks to God for the gifts created in winter, especially the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The infectious rhyming prose, paired with scriptural passages, give gratitude and glory to God as early learners discover the Wonderful Gifts of Winter.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Dandi Daley Mackall always wanted to be a writer, even before she could hold a pencil. Her parents were great storytellers, so bringing characters to life seemed as natural as riding horses bareback, which she also grew up doing. She won her first writing contest as a 10-year-old tomboy. Today, she has over 400 children's books published and has won numerous awards for her writing. Katherine Blackmore was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. With a BFA in Illustration from the Cleveland Institute of Art, Katherine has been a professional artist for 20 years. She moved to Florida in 1995 to learn traditional animation at The Walt Disney Feature Animation Studio. Today, she resides in Edgewood, Florida, with her husband, Eric, and their 3 cats.

Good transaction, sweet book.

Excellent !

Title: The Wonderful Gifts of Winter Author: Dandi Daley Mackall Illustrator: Katherine Blackmore Publisher: B&H Publishing Group ISBN: 978-1-4336-8239-1  
Making angels in the snow, Soaking up the shimmery glow, Snowflakes made by God, I know. Thank You, God, for winter. Dandi Daley Mackall writes in her children's book, "The Wonderful Gifts of Winter." First in the Season series, this square hardbound of thirty-two unnumbered pages targets children four to eight years old. Having no scary scenes, it is a book about winter with Bible verses promoting thanking God. Illustrator Blackmore's expressive and detailed designs fill both sides of the opened glossy pages, leaving a light background on the right side for wording and room for a verse from the Holman Christian Standard Bible at the bottom. Focusing on the season of winter, three of the four lines on each right side of the page rhyme, all ending with the same statement: "Thank You, God, for winter." The first scene shows three children inside reading as they look out the window, noticing the chill of the cold glass. Another illustration depicts five children with three pets bundled up, playing and having fun in the snow. Even as their toes get cold, they thank God for winter. Whether pulling a sled, sitting on a snow-covered bench, having a snow ball fight, ice skating, or making snow angels, each scene depicts children thanking their Savior. Other artworks show the children warm and cozy, playing indoors and decorating a Christmas tree. They also help neighbors by shoveling snowy walkways and go to church to worship Christ's birth. The end of the story includes sitting by a fireplace, watching the birds outside, celebrating the new year, and anticipating springtime. Including Bible verses written out from Genesis, Job, Psalms, Mark, John, and James, the book reiterates how important God's Word is and being aware of the Scriptures. Completing the book with a section for parents, verses can be read out loud about Noah being cooped up in the ark and anticipating a new world. Also added are five thinking questions about winter to discuss as well as directions on how to create a snow mobile. This calming yet educational book teaches preschool-aged and older children about winter and the fun things to do while also concentrating on being thankful to God and learning Bible verses. Thanks to LifeWay for furnishing this complimentary book in exchange for a review of the reader's honest opinion.

The Wonderful Gifts of Winter is such a sweet one. It has beautiful illustrations, the text is rhymed so it's perfect for kids 4-8. This is actually the target audience of the book. This is the second book in the series, Seasons Series, and its release date is October 1st, 2014. The book deals with what is specific to winter: snow and playing in it, snowballs fights, sleighing, skating, snow angel making, decorating for Christmas and celebrating Christmas, the opportunities kids too have to help those around them, snuggling inside in the warmth of the fire, celebrating New Year's Day. It basically focuses on important elements of winter - blessings from above, as they are referred to- and presents them to kids as something to be grateful for. It's something I really like - showing normal winter activities as blessings from above. Love it! The Bible verses carefully picked and illustrative for the activities focused on are such a nice touch. I loved that too! What I was kind of expecting, though, (and happened) was that after New Year's Day winter is pretty much done with and we are left waiting for Spring. This is how the book ends, with the promise of spring time. I was hoping there was more than this. Waiting for Spring from early January, right after New Year's Day, seems like a really long time, even for an adult. As far as the illustrations go, they are so cute. Katherine Blackmore did such a great job! I was immediately drawn to them. They resemble children's book illustrations I grew up with. The children's faces repeat on each page, plus or minus some new ones. Maybe it's something obvious and what should have been done, but I found this cute and so smart, to not make new faces for every activity. The illustrations look as if they are painted, and there is so close attention to details. It's easily "read" even if the kids can't read the text themselves. Also, there is a Parent Connection at the end of the book, which is a great opportunity given to parents to talk more with their children about what they've just read. A fragment from Genesis, some discussion questions, and a craft activity can be found in this Parent Connection part of the book. I found it so clever that young readers are not left with just that, a story, but they are led further. And from what I know about working with kids, the discussion will spread well over the questions suggested here. A sweet read, indeed. This would make a lovely stocking gift, I am sure. If the words "cute" "pretty" "lovely" "sweet" appear in this review is because there are no better words to describe it.

I LOVE Christmas books! What a wonderful way to snuggle in with our little ones and enjoy some cuddle time together. This book makes for a great start to being grateful during this winter season. Not only is the story precious and fun, but our children are introduced to scripture. The illustrations are bright and fun. Even though it may be cold out this book is an invitation to a loving warmth of our God who gives us each and every season to enjoy. "God created everything-Summer, autumn, winter, spring. See what winter blessings bring...Thank You, God, for winter." I'm a winter loving girl,

so this is perfect for me to share with my grandchildren. It invites children to experience winter. To see all the wonders of winter as treasures from God. This is one for all ages to love. In the back of the book there are a few ideas that you can share with your children. Like making a snow mobile. This is one that is certainly fun! I encourage you to check out, "The Super Gifts of Spring", and more to come by Dandi Daley Mackall. This children's book is a gift from B&H Publishing Group for sharing my review with you.

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