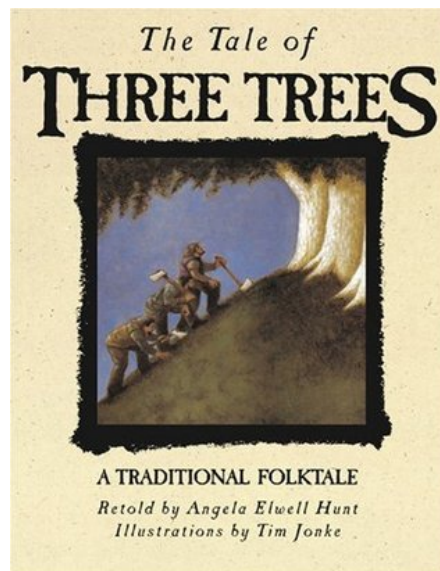




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Featuring the wonderful illustrations of Tim Jonke, this best-selling children's book tells the Easter story from a new and unusual point of view. Children will be deeply touched as they understand, perhaps for the first time, the significance of Christ's life and his atoning sacrifice on the cross.

The Tale of Three Trees Details

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Shanna Gonzalez says

This is a folktale about three trees who grow together on a hillside. Each voices a dream: one wants to become a treasure chest, one wishes to be a strong sailing ship, and the last wishes "to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me they will raise their eyes to heaven and think of God." When three woodcutters climb their hill, the first two trees believe they are about to fulfill their dreams, while the third is dismayed. But all three dreams will have a surprising fulfillment: The first tree becomes a manger for animals, which one day receives Jesus, "the greatest treasure of the world." The second becomes a dirty fishing vessel, which carries Jesus as he hushes the wind and waves with his voice. The third becomes the Cross upon which Jesus is crucified -- so "every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God."

This lovely tale illustrates the truth that although God's decisions regarding the lives of His creations may seem inscrutable, He is always working for good purposes (Romans 8:28). In having the trees as protagonists, the story also expresses that the creation, although marked by humanity's fallenness (Romans 8:19-21), yet expresses His design and purpose to glorify Himself (Revelation 4:11; Luke 19:40).

While the book does not present the full story of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection to restore humanity to God (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Peter 3:18), it is an excellent complement to the story. This would make a good addition both to your Christmas and Easter reading basket.

Maggie says

This is a sweet Christmas story that I read with my partner and his mom on Christmas eve.

Ashely Clark says

I had totally forgotten about this book & came across it at Lifeway tonight while I was looking for a baby dedication gift. It is such a sweet book and I cried reading it. Sometimes we may not be where we think we should but God has a greater plan for us Just like he did for the three trees. Now, I have to go buy a copy for every child I know!

Cindy says

I love this book ! It's one of my all time favorites to read at Christmas time but I can't get through it without crying... ever!

Relyn says

One of my friends loaned this to me. She read it to her five-year-old son, and he understood the story long before they got to the end. Of course, I had to read it. How precious.

Tracy says

God has a plan!! I came across this at a free book table during a children's event and picked it up for my girls. I had no idea what it was about, but it was one of the only age appropriate books I could find. So theres that... We read it the next day and I really enjoyed it. I wasn't expecting the Christian theme at all, but I loved the message, and how each tree fulfilled its dream in a way that helped Jesus. It brought up some good talking points with my girlies, both about how the trees got what they wanted in ways that were not expected, and about different aspects of the story of Jesus Christ. Good find :-)

Brian Yahn says

Holy balls is there a good message in this clever, twist-filled fable. Although it's rife with religious overtones, it isn't preachy.

Must read!

Rachel says

I loved this book; it is one of my new favorites! I loved it, because it filled my heart with hope. In the end the three trees get more than they wanted. When we wish or dream sometimes the outcome of that wish or dream is better than we imagined. Another reason I loved it is, because it reminds me of how precious Jesus Christ's life was. I will certainly read this book again, especially around Christmas time or Easter.

Reeds says

You could read this anytime, but it'd have special significance around Easter, Christmas, or a boat trip.

Brenda says

I had never heard this folktale story. It's a beautiful story and well illustrated and I LOVED it. I felt joy after reading it.

Summer says

A great story of three trees and their wishes and how the reality of what they became was much more than they ever could've thought possible. An old folktale with beautiful illustrations.

Gabriellyn says

One of my absolute favorite stories when I was little. Love this book!

Francis says

Read this as a buddy activity with Gr. 1 and Gr. 7 students. Both groups of kids really enjoyed it. Powerful message.

Haley S says

One of my favorite children's books!

Kathleen says

This is one of those children's books that many adults love, but kids don't like. It's not very well written, and reads like a cheesy Christian e-mail forward. The trees have thoughts and feelings, even when they are cut down and sawed into boards. That's really weird when you think about it.
