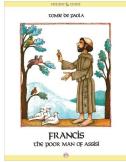
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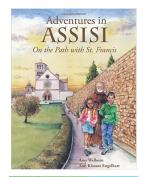
The Song of Francis by Tomie dePaola

Tomie dePaola captures the beauty and simplicity of St. Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures*. The joyful tone highlights the Catholic sense of gratitude, wonder and awe



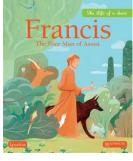
<u>Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi</u> by Tomie dePaola

Tomie dePaola gives a glimpse into the life of Francis of Assisi. After witnessing his father disrespect a beggar, Francis comes to forsake his worldly possessions and travel from village to village helping the poor. De Paola's episodic telling of events in the life of Francis are accessible to young readers, and the humble tales are told with



<u>Adventures in Assisi: In the Path with St. Francis</u> by Amy Welborn, Illustrated by Ann Kissane Engelhart

Children will learn about both St. Francis and Assisi through the story of two young cousins who visit their uncle, a Franciscan friar, in the town of Assisi. The tale highlights the qualities that marked St. Francis: humility, gentleness, kindness,



Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi by Juliette Levivie

This book shows Francis becoming a brother and friend to all-lepers, the poor, and animals too. The story begins with the saint's birth and joyful youth. After military service, imprisonment, and illness, Francis has a dramatic encounter with God. He then gives up everything - even the clothes on his back - in order to follow Jesus in poverty and humility. Among the episodes in the life of Francis are the taming of the



<u>The Adventures of Jamie and Bella—Vol. 1: An Extraordinary Friend</u> by Olivier Bonnewijn, Illustrated by Amandine Wanert

Lost! Jamie's vacation with his family begins with a catastrophe. He is separated from his parents in a foreign train station, with night approaching. Suddenly there appears a mysterious boy dressed in torn clothing with wounds. In helping this boy, and in letting this boy help him, Jamie discovers much more than what he was looking for, learning some beautiful lessons about the importance of kindness, courage, and