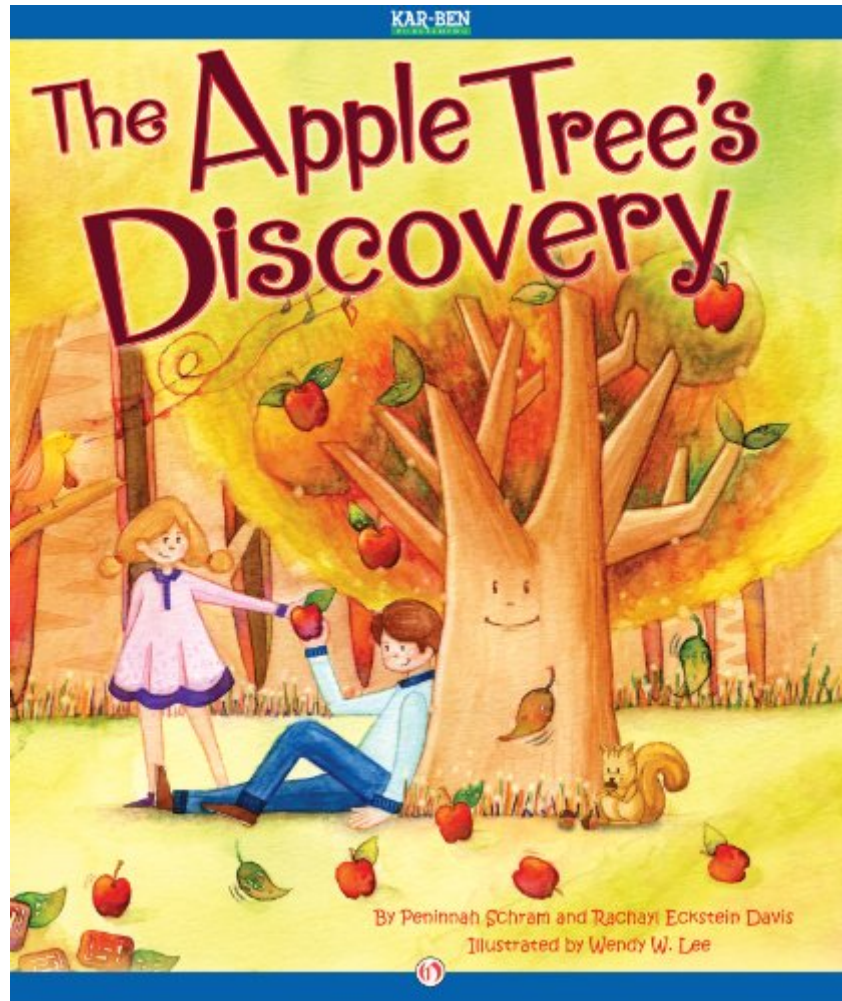




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The Apple Tree's Discovery



Synopsis

A little apple tree in a forest of oaks begs God for stars like those glimmering on the branches of the great oak trees beside her. As the seasons pass, she learns to appreciate her own gifts and realizes that it's possible to find a star in each of us. This is a fixed-format ebook, which preserves the design and layout of the original print book.

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Customer Reviews

A little squirrel sat nibbling an acorn at the base of a tall oak tree as a lone apple tree glanced over at him. There were huge oaks standing tall over that one little apple tree, the only one in the forest. It was autumn and its bright red apples fell to the ground and its leaves were caught in the wind. Soon snowflakes began to fall to the forest floor and "covered the branches of the little apple tree." One starry night the little apple tree looked up and saw that "the stars in the sky appeared to be hanging on the branches of the oak tree." It was an amazing sight to see the little stars contrasting against the deep blue sky and the little apple tree grew envious. The little tree began to talk to God, asking if he too could have some stars. "I want more than anything in the world to have stars. Then I would feel truly special." God told him to be patient, but as the seasons passed he grew even more

anxious to have the stars just like the mighty oak trees. The little apples tree's blossoms were beautiful, the birds could sing in his branches, and he could provide shade, but would he ever be able to have stars? This is a beautiful story about how even little apple trees should be happy with God's gifts. Like many little children, the little apple tree was always looking around him and coveting what other gifts others were given, rather than focusing on the ones God gifted him with. This is a charming tale of discovering and appreciating the gifts that God has given us. In the little apple tree's case, the hidden gift that he had that was as awe inspiring and special as the stars in the branches of the mighty oak trees. The whimsical artwork captures the essence of the lesson perfectly. The little surprise twist at the end, along with a practical activity, will show little ones that they too are very special in God's eyes. This book courtesy of the publisher.

I first heard Peninnah Schram tell this story at an educators' conference many years ago. Fortunately, it was printed on a greeting card which I purchased so that I could learn to tell the story to my young (PK) students. I actually told the story to a class of 10-13 year olds last fall and they loved it. What a pleasant surprise to find it in a book with lovely illustrations. While there is a lot to be said for the element of surprise when the storyteller cuts the apple to reveal the star inside, I am happy that more children will become acquainted with the story and its very important lesson now that it is available in book form. Thank you, Peninnah!

"The Apple Tree's Discovery" is about a small apple tree that wants to be like some of the other trees in the oak forest. One of the things it really wants is stars because it has noticed how the other trees usually have stars dangle on the edges of their branches at night. When the tree asks for stars from God he tries to let it know what other gifts it has, like providing shade and growing apples. The tree soon discovers that it has had stars all along, just not like it thought it did. The book is designed for ages 5-9 and grades K-3. I recommend it for all children's reading programs in this age group. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received a free copy of this book from Kar-Ben Publishing. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

The story is beautiful, and beautifully told. The illustrations are so perfect. Our 5-year-old granddaughter and I went straight to the fridge to cut open an apple to see the hidden star. She loved it! And it's a perfect way to glorify Creator God in the eyes and heart of His precious young children.

Not a bad book, it is actually very cute. The AR test for it however is VERY difficult. Wouldn't recommend it if you are using it for AR testing.

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