



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Pray for Amey

*We watch Amey the neighbor's one-year-old several times a week. We do not charge her parents. We often say that we should pay them for the joy of having her. They call us her grandma and grandpa because we are with her more than her own grandparents.*

*She is the best child ever. Rarely cries. Goes to bed with no fuss. She smiles and laughs all the time. She loves to play with our cat's toys more than her own toys. There is an orange stress ball that she rolls around the kitchen floor. She has a toy piano that she plays and dances to. We saw her take her first steps. You have heard of therapy dogs. Well, there should be therapy children just for other adults.*

*I love to watch her think and make decisions. She knows not to get in the cat's water bowl. When her ball goes near it, she stops. She looks up at the bowl and then at me. She reaches her hand to it and looks back at me. I shake my head no. She pulls her hand back and stares at it. Then she goes on playing. I would love to know what goes on in her little brain.*

*Her parents are the furthest from being Christians. However, they have given us three children's Christian books to read to her. They allow us to sing "Jesus Loves Me" to her. We do tell her nursery rhymes. She loves "This Little Piggy". When we get to the part "Wee, Wee all the way home" she laughs and laughs.*

*I looked up "This Little Piggy" and found out that it was about pigs going to the market to be slaughtered.<sup>1</sup> "Ring Around the Rosie" was about the 1665 Great Plague of London. The final verse — "Ashes! Ashes! We all fall down" is rather self-explanatory."<sup>2</sup> "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" is the recounting of the homicidal nature of Bloody Mary who executed hundreds of Protestants.<sup>3</sup> "Three Blind Mice" is a group of three Protestant bishops who were burned at the stake for trying to overthrow Blood Mary.<sup>4</sup> I think we will stick with the Christian books.*

*When I hold her and kiss her little head, I cry and pray for her future. I pray for her protection and direction in life. I pray that she might become born again. I pray that she might be a shining light in this dark world. I pray also for her parents, that they too might become saved.*

*Pray for all the children because this world is a lot worse than when we grow up.*

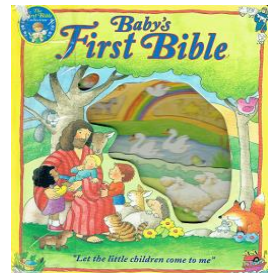
*We just found out that Amey is going to have a brother or sister. We will soon have two to enjoy!*



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*"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 19:14*

*"Jesus loves the little children.  
All the children of the world."*



<sup>1</sup> [ecr.co.za/shows/vic-naidoo/you-wont-believe-real-meaning-behind-some-your-favourite-nursery-rhymes/](http://ecr.co.za/shows/vic-naidoo/you-wont-believe-real-meaning-behind-some-your-favourite-nursery-rhymes/)

<sup>2 3 4</sup> [mentalfloss.com/article/55035/dark-origins-11-classic-nursery-rhymes#\\_p8r4jx4ne](http://mentalfloss.com/article/55035/dark-origins-11-classic-nursery-rhymes#_p8r4jx4ne)

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