



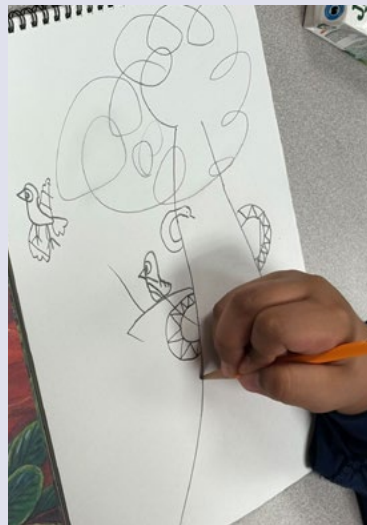
# Serving Children Through Literacy

Across the country, Christ Child chapters bring literacy to life. Christ Child members partner with educators in classrooms, preschools, and childcare centers to provide tutoring, reading, and one-on-one attention that builds confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

Literacy in Christ Child chapters goes beyond reading and tutoring. Each year, chapters distribute more than 100,000 books to children who may not have books of their own, while also opening doors to enrichment through art, music, field trips, and hands-on learning experiences. Many chapters also provide scholarships or financial assistance, helping students access educational opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach.

Chapters design their literacy programs in response to local needs. In Annapolis, a simple request from an elementary school principal inspired a creative approach. The Christ Child Society of Annapolis paired copies of *The Great Kapok Tree* with individual sketchbooks for third-grade students in 24 schools. Art teachers read the story in small sections, giving students time to draw and reflect as they listened. The result was improved classroom behavior, engagement, and a genuine love of reading.

*As one teacher shared, “Our kids were beyond thrilled to receive their own materials to keep. We can’t thank the Christ Child Society enough.”*



The Christ Child Society of Tucson took a different approach to building excitement around books. Five Tucson schools now feature Christ Child-supported book vending machines, where children earn tokens to select a book they keep. Students take great pride in owning their books. The impact reaches beyond the classroom. When children bring these books home, some parents are learning to read alongside them, strengthening literacy for the entire family.

Christ Child programs support not only children, but the families who care for them. Through education, mentorship, and community support, Christ Child Society literacy programs strengthen learning at home, build confidence, connection, and open new pathways for the future.

