

Awaking Wonder

The Basket of Flowers

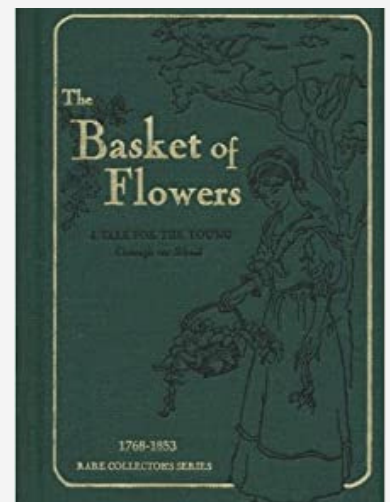


INTEGRITY:

While we learn about the theme of integrity in literature, study "Our Family Way 21" in Our 24 Family Ways. Way 21 states, "We do what we know is right, regardless of what others do or say." Pray for help in living life with integrity.

READ:

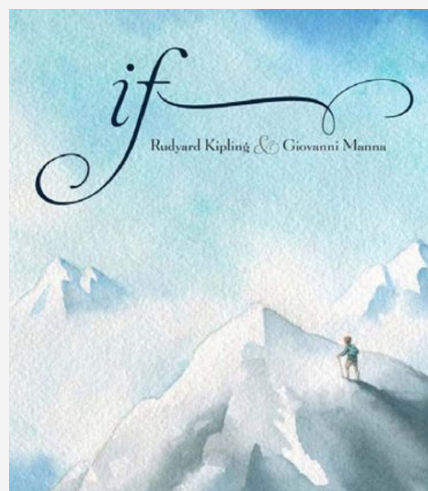
Born in 1768 in Bavaria, Germany, Christoph von Schmid became a priest, educator, and writer. He wrote Basket of Flowers in 1823. As you read this book aloud with your children, discuss Mary's circumstances and her reactions to them throughout the story. Where does she turn for help? How would you react in this situation? Look for ways Mary demonstrates integrity.



RESEARCH:

When you finish reading the book with your child, research magpies. Where do they live around the world? What can you find out about the nests they build? What do your resources say about their intelligence? If they live in your area, try to observe magpies in nature.

MEMORIZE:



Alongside The Basket of Flowers, read and memorize the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling. This poem challenges the reader to make wise choices and live with integrity. While memorizing the poem, discuss different situations your child is currently facing and how he or she can make wise choices. Share examples of challenges you have been faced with, too.