Let's Grow Sunflowers!

The Sunflower Parable shares the story of Logan, a young gardener who hopes to grow sunflowers that reach all the way to heaven by summer's end. Side by side with his father, the wise farmer, Logan discovers the value of planting seeds, not only in the ground, but also in the hearts of his friends and neighbors.

My Personal Review:
The Sunflower Parable, written by Liz Curtis Higgs and illustrated by Nancy Munger, tells the story of Logan, who lives on a farm. He wants to grow the tallest plants in the garden, taller than his brother's corn and taller than his sister's hollyhocks. He chooses sunflowers, hoping they will grow all the way to heaven. When the plants start to die in the fall, Logan is very disappointed. But he learns a lesson about the joys of growing things and about God's gift - seeds. Logan's sunflower seeds will provide seeds to feed the birds, seeds to feed people, and seeds to grow more plants next year.

The bright, colorful illustrations blend perfectly with the lively, colorful story line. Bible verses scattered throughout the text tie a simple gardening story to the truth and beauty of God's plan for caring for all his creatures, both animals and humans.

What I like: I liked the whole book. The story was written well, the illustrations are wonderful, and the Bible verses help youngsters (and adults, too!) relate the story to our own lives.

What I dislike: Nothing.
Overall Rating: Excellent.

Age Appeal: 3 - 7.
Christine M. Irvin - Christian Children's Book Review

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