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- “This chapter introduces and examines a model that is unfamiliar to many. The contemplative approach intentionally creates an environment that enables children to move at a slow pace, in relative quiet, so that they can reflect on a story from Scripture that helps them know who God is” (Carlson et al. 109).

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- “No son is left with his father for Gilgamesh takes them all” (*Gilgamesh* 13).

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