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Six-Year-Old Dayton Author to Debut Her First Book at When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair

Grace Oladele introduces *Bible Journeys with Grace and Kazeem*, highlighting faith, imagination, and family support

DAYTON, Ohio (July 14, 2026) — At just six years old, Dayton author, Grace Oladele, will debut her first children's book, *Bible Journeys with Grace and Kazeem*, during the When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Dayton Metro Library's West Branch.

The book follows two young characters as they explore Bible stories through curiosity, conversation, and everyday childhood experiences. Grace's storytelling reflects a growing movement of youth authors using creative expression to connect faith, literacy, and identity.

Grace's parents played a significant role in supporting her writing journey, encouraging her ideas, helping shape the story, and guiding the publishing process — an example of how family engagement can nurture early authorship.

Grace attended the first two When I See Me™ book fairs as an avid reader and returns this year as a featured author. Reading well above grade level, she enjoys ballet, swimming, theatre, drawing, dressing up in colorful fashions, and sharing books with other children through virtual story times. Her big personality has already drawn national attention — Grace and her family won \$10,000 on *America's Funniest Home Videos* after she playfully mimicked her aunt directing a children's choir singing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."



Families attending the fair will have an opportunity to meet Grace, hear about her writing process, and participate in a debut book signing.

"I love reading books and wanted to write fun books for kids," said Grace Oladele.

Miracle Oladele, Grace's mother, said, "Grace has always enjoyed bedtime stories, and telling stories. We are amazed to see her imagination turn into a book for children."

"When children see someone their age publish a book, it expands what they believe is possible," said Valerie J. Lewis Coleman, founder of When I See Me™. "Grace is our youngest child author. We are honored to have her join us."

Now in its third year, the When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair connects families with diverse authors and books that center identity, confidence, and belonging. The event brings together children's authors, educators, mental health professionals, and community partners for a literacy-focused experience designed to expand representation in children's literature.

Event: When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair

Date/Time: Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Location: Dayton Metro Library – West Branch, 300 Abbey Avenue, Dayton, OH 45417

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