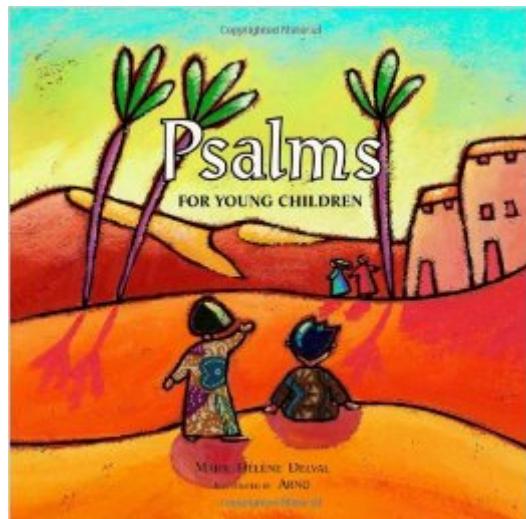


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Psalms For Young Children



Synopsis

The Psalms describe a whole range of emotions, from joy and wonder to sadness and regret. This collection of Psalms, paraphrased for young readers, uses simple yet powerful imagery to help children express their feelings

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Simple, direct phrasing of the Psalms so that young children can relate. Psalms are the main thing that I read out loud during Bible time to son at his age so he has enjoyed having some for his own. Every two pages features several sentences from a specific Psalms. On the opposing page is the illustration for that particular paraphrased chapter. The book doesn't rewrite, just paraphrase so some of the sentences don't exactly flow or talk about the same thing but they do reflect the Psalm they are paraphrasing. The art work is ok, quality but not exactly my style. Rather fanciful and not always a reflection of the Psalm. Son enjoyed. Seems to be Biblically correct.

When I saw Psalms for Young Children, I new it was going to be a favorite for my 4 and 7 year old! We love this book for several reasons. This book has helped my children to express feelings of sadness, fear, love, and joy. When they are reading, I see a sense of peace and comfort come over them. The Psalms are paraphrased in a very child-friendly way, with a large easy to read font (great for early readers). Each page has a full -page colorful painting, which will inspire your child to also

want to make a picture for God. This book has inspired us so much, that we now wake-up each morning and write our own psalms for God! Praise God for this book, it has been a true blessing. Check out my blog for more reviews on products we love!

Good children's literature is hard to find, and Christian children's literature is even harder to find. This book is a gem that can be used with toddlers or preschoolers. It is paraphrases of snippets of the psalms. Ex: Paraphrase of verse 1-10 not 1-55. Although these snippets are short the psalms are actually rather short themselves -at least compared to other books in the Bible. In this sense I think they offer a similar experience to children as actually reading the psalms while increasing the readability and understand-ability for children. I'm a big advocate of this. Each psalm is paired with a beautiful and interesting illustration that helps to explain it and gives children a way to explore it visually. I really like this. It goes through several psalms across the book. I'm not sure if it goes through every single one, but it does have psalms that span the entire book. Meaning it isn't just Psalm 1 - Psalm 23 or just the "big" ones - Psalm 23, Psalm 139 etc.. It also captures the essence of the psalms, which could be a plus or minus depending on your view. This is actually why I love this book. Reading the psalms you get a picture of David's view and relationship with God which has dark moments and mountain top moments. These are ever fluctuating. David confesses his love for God, his victories, his fear, and his sadness to God. Sometimes it doesn't even seem like he is the same guy - so confident in God's promise and so afraid of death. I think this is normal. The actual psalms if read like a story, read strangely - very moody. This book reads the same way. I hope that on bad days or good days kids in our new children's program can go to this book and find something that speaks to them.

This is a book which I believe should be on the shelf of every young Christian child. Why? Because Delval manages to capture, in very few words, the passion, the love, the tenderness, the power, the wonder, the forgiveness, the grace of our God. At the same time, she speaks from the experience, the mind, and the heart of a child, still new in this world, still learning to live and move and have his or her being in it. The value of this book, then, is that it joins the child's feelings and God's presence in beautiful phrases that are short, easily read, and go straight to the heart. The illustrations are not mere accompaniment, but serve to amplify both the child's questions, hurts, and fears with the awesomeness of the God who cares.

We borrowed this book from the library and my kids loved it. They, ages 8, 6, and 4, took turns

reading the Psalms. We finished the book much to the dismay of especially my oldest, he cried! So, I bought it for them for Christmas. The book came promptly and in great condition. I'm sure we'll enjoy for generations.

I try to do a devotional with my children (2 and 4) every morning. We open our time together by reading from the Psalms. I love how this book gets to the root of each psalm in a language my kids can understand. And the visuals are absolutely stunning! The most amazing part of using this book has been seeing the transformation in my daughter's prayers (4). She went from praying "God thank you for the sun, the moon, the butterfly, my peanut butter sandwich etc" to praying "God thank you for protecting me when I am scared at night." She prayed that prayer after reading a psalm about God's protection over us. The Psalms teach adults how to pray and can do the same for children. Highly recommend!

I love the idea of this book, but wasn't that impressed. It's nice, but you should be aware that all of the psalms are not included. Had I not written in it, I probably would have returned it. Nothing is wrong with the book, but I don't find it is one of my go-to's and I (sadly) wouldn't recommend it to others.

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