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Five-Minute Devotions For Children: Celebrating God's World As A Family



Synopsis

This delightful devotional is perfect for bedtime, dinnertime, or anytime. Each short devotion includes a story about an animal illustrating its dominant trait as created by God. That trait is then related to a child. Questions at the end are fun for the young child to answer, such as picking out something in the picture, asking what the animal is doing, and asking what God wants us to do. Each devotional concludes with a short bible verse.

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Customer Reviews

Pamela Kennedy loves writing for children and has authored more than thirty books of stories, prayers, and devotions. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, playing with her grandchildren, and exploring the beaches of Puget Sound. Pam and her husband currently live in Seattle, Washington.

We have the other two versions of this book (OT and NT) and have been pretty happy with them, so I ordered this one. However, I would definitely recommend the other two over this one. This one has devotionals based on "animal traits" which feels like kind of a stretch sometimes. I appreciate the creative idea, but it doesn't totally work in some cases. For example, we just read the gecko one where it talks about how geckos shed their tails as a safety measure, and goes on to talk about how we can be safe in the Lord. It ends with, "God wants all of his creation to be safe." I'm no theologian, but I don't actually think this is true. I think of the famous Narnia quote from C.S. Lewis, about how Aslan isn't "safe" but He's "good." Anyway, our son (almost 5 years old) loves these devotional

books, so I still think the other two are a good pick. I would like to see the author do more with them, and make them a little meatier. We started with the OT one when my son was still 3, and by now I think he could handle it if they had more spiritual meat to them, and if the book helped him apply the material to his life. We're working on that!

This devotional has been a wonderful addition to our bedtime routine. My daughters love the colorful illustrations and enjoy hearing about the different animals. My 4 year old has taken to the one particular devotion about ants and requests that one frequently. I feel like the devotion does take longer than 5 minutes but that is mostly due to the kids asking questions. My only con to this mostly pro purchase is the fact there are only a months worth of devotions in this book. I wish it had more like a years worth. The lessons are on point and relevant, it's quick so my 2 and 4 year olds will sit for it and they are beautifully illustrated. Great buy!

I have used this for 5 years as a gift from our church for children graduating from our program and heading to kindergarten in the fall. I have researched and looked at many devotional options for children and this one is undoubtedly the best out there and well worth the money! This book could be used for any occasion!!!

I gave this book as a gift to a new mom who has twins. She (the mom) really liked it. I gave it a cursory view and it seemed an excellent book to read to very young children. If I hadn't liked it, I would not have given it as a gift.

We love this devotion book. I have three boys aged 4, 6 and 8. I like that I can read it to them and it spans the age gap. The questions at the end are tiered- easy ones for my youngest and a deeper thinking one at the end I have my oldest answer. My only complaint is that there are only 21 devotions! So if you use it for a morning or evening devotional book it won't even last a month! Pretty expensive to have to purchase a new devo book more than every month.

Not a great devotional! My 5 yr old was sooooo bored with it!The first one deals more with the kids learning the name of tadpoles (promise! I was shocked!) vs. anything centered around learning about God or His word!! I wanted a devotional for my 5 yr old (I even sit down right with him) and help him learn more about God's promises....this does NOT do anything near that!Very disappointed!

I have a 6,5 and 3 year old, and I do not like this devotional. It is far too simplistic and lacks depth that even a preschooler can understand. It is light on deep truths about God and his amazing grace and tends more towards unrelated scripture to talk about things like friends or being scared. My kids are animal crazed so they enjoy the stories and the illustrations but when I compare it to something like spending 5 minutes reading the Big Picture Bible it doesn't stack up.

My daughter and I both enjoy the short animal stories in this book. I do wish, however, that they were a bit longer, as five minutes (as in the title) may be pushing it, as to how long it takes to read and discuss the questions for each one. Usually we find that we want to read 2-3 of them at a time, which uses up all of them pretty quickly. Also, I will say that the "Why do you think God does _____?" questions for each story are a bit over the head of a 4 1/2 year-old. So, I do not think it's the PERFECT book for young kids (under age 6 or so), but it's nice to have.

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