

A GOOD LOOK AT KIDS' BOOKS

	PUT ON YOUR KID HAT
	<p>Pictures Appropriate for age and content</p> <p>Language Conveys what kids/adults will understand as written (not reading between the lines).</p> <p>Poetry Rhymes are easy to read. Rhymes are not made at the expense of what child can understand or the truth to be conveyed.</p> <p>Believers "Child of God", "People of God", "Church", "Friends with God" used in a way that children understand/how to become a Christian. Is repent and believe mentioned/explained?</p>
	WHAT'S THE POINT?
	<p>Sum Up What is the author's message to the kids?</p> <p>Size Up Is this message good and true, as will be understood by the kids?</p> <p>Take Away What truth do the kids take away? Or, are asked to respond to?</p>
	PRESENTS TRUTH
	<p>Soundness Does the author present sound doctrine, as kids will understand the text?</p> <p>Shape Up If not completely sound as written, how much adaptation will the parent reading the book need to make to make it sound?</p> <p>Confusion If the child reads the book by themselves, will they be confused or misled by what is written? Could this book be used by a parent to discuss w/ & teach the child discernment?</p>
	PERSONAL APPLICATION
	<p>Audience Who is the book written for: a believer or a non/not-yet believer?</p> <p>Promises Does the text hold out God's promises, without explaining that these are for Christians?</p> <p>Response Is any response encouraged? What is it? Do the kids know how to do this?</p>
	PROCESS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN
	<p>How to If the text presents the Savior, does it also, somewhere, tell how to become a Christian?</p> <p>Problem Does the author skirt around the problem of sin/ the need to repent or is it just "trust"?</p> <p>Assurance Does the author give assurance of salvation, just because a child prays a prayer?</p> <p>Next Steps Does the author speak of a change of life, becoming a part of a church body, speaking to someone else about decision, life of discipleship?</p>
	PARENTAL KNOWLEDGE PRESUMED
	<p>Equipped Does good use of this book require a parent to "know better" and change wording as they read?</p> <p>Believer Does the author assume the parent is a believer?</p> <p>Equipping Does the book help equip parents with language for further conversation on this topic?</p> <p>Notes Are there any extra notes for parents/teachers at back for further help on becoming a Christian or talking to children on this topic? If promises of God given as comfort to children, do the notes contain an explanation that they are for those who are believers and who have repented and trusted in Jesus as their Savior?</p>
	POSSIBILITIES
	<p>OTC Over-the-Counter book, useful for all, with no explanation.</p> <p>Prescription Helpful book, but something needs adding or the reader needs to know already. Best given personally with a caveat. Good for some, in the right setting.</p> <p>Controlled Closely Controlled/Banned book. Needs to be used with much understanding and suggested with great care. Or, contains so many issues that it's best not used at all.</p>