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Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

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Having just commented on my daughter's Bibles I thought I'd take a moment to make a recommendation. I would recommend that everyone who has children under 12 years old get them a *Hermie & Friends Bible* published by Tommy Nelson (the children's division of Thomas Nelson Publishers). The translation is the International Children's Bible (ICB) and let me say that it is fantastic! It's not so dumbed down that it no longer resembles a Bible translation and it isn't so technical that it will confuse children, it's just the right level for kids 6-11 to understand. Now my daughter is only 5 (soon to be 6) but she's exceptional!

I also recommend this Bible for its many features such as the "Wormie's Wise Words" verse memory system. Throughout the Bible there are a number of verses highlighted in green lettering and a corresponding check list in the beginning of the Bible to keep track of which verses you have memorized.

Then there's the "Seeds to Grow On" introductions to each book of the Bible. Like any study Bible, this one has introductions, but unlike most Bibles these intros aren't as concerned with authorship and dates so much as they are with relating the message of the book in terms that children can understand.

There's a number of prayers scattered throughout this Bible with a number (24 I think) of full page color prayers. These have wonderful pictures and even more wonderful prayers that will teach your children how to communicate with God personally.

To add to all of this there are activity pages, articles on discovering God, and even footnotes, plus a dictionary defining key terms in the back! All in all this is the best Bible my daughter owns (and she own's about 5).

Here's a sampling of verses from this fabulous translation:

The Lord is my shepherd.  
I have everything I need.  
He gives me rest in green pastures.  
    He leads me to calm water.  
He gives me new strength.  
For the good of his name,  
    he leads me on paths that are right.  
Even if I walk  
    through a very dark valley,  
I will not be afraid  
    because you are with me.

~Psalm 23:1-4

Be sure that no one leads you away with false ideas and words that mean nothing. Those ideas come from men. They are the worthless ideas of this world. They are not from Christ. All of God lives in Christ fully (even when Christ was on earth). And in him you have a full and true life. He is ruler over all rulers and powers.

~Colossians 2:8-10

Go out and get one today!