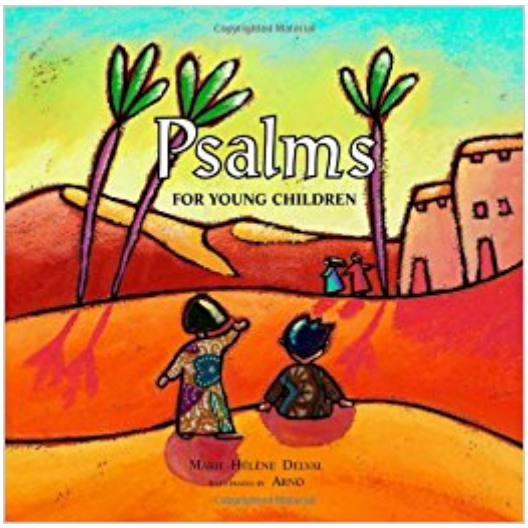
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Synopsis

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

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Kindergarten-Grade 3Ã¢â ¬â •Each psalm expresses feelings familiar to children: fear and uncertainty, comfort and contentment, amazement and gratitude. The sacred songs, paraphrased in simple, child-friendly language, celebrate the beautiful world, which is protected by God's all-encompassing love, and provide a sense of reassurance. Psalm 23 reads, "God is my shepherd./He leads me in the right/direction. And even if I have to/walk in a dark place,/I am not scared./I know nothing will hurt me/if I walk with God!" Organized in numerical order, the selections are printed in a large, readable font. The book ends on a joyous note with Psalm 150, "Hallelujah!" On each spread, the verse faces a full-page illustration. The magical paintings feature exotic settings, bold outlines, and rich hues. They are filled with images of children and the natural world. The final psalm is accompanied by a picture of three children dancing and playing musical instruments under a golden sky, which adeptly mirrors the celebratory tone of the collection.Ã¢â ¬â •Linda L. Walkins, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, MA Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS Ã Â Association of Theological Booksellers,Ã Â Theologos Award for Best Children's BookÃ Â (2008)CBA Retailers & Resources"It's worth the price of admission to this enchanting book for young children to have access to the gorgeous illustrations inÃ Â Psalms for Young Children.Ã Â They're quite unusual and original, fitting beautifully with the paraphrased Psalms written so that even the very young can understand them."

I think I've purchased around a dozen copies of this book over the years. I love to give it to the special young friends (4- to 7-year-olds) in my life. The illustrations are beautiful with engaging colors and they feature children of various skin tones. The texts are paraphrases of psalms selected from the biblical psalter. The book does not provide a line-by-line "kids version" of the originals, but puts into 5 or 6 lines the emotional and spiritual imprint of the psalm. One of the things I especially appreciate about Delval's work here is that she explores the wide emotional landscape of the psalms at a kid-appropriate level. Sometimes kids' only experience of religion is "Be happy!" (and obedient!), but Psalms for Young Children includes sentiments of fear, regret, hope, waiting, trust, rest, and rejoicing.This would be a good tool for helping a child think about their emotions in relation to their spirituality. I highly recommend it!

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.

I gave this to my toddler for Christmas and it is a beautiful book. The pictures are lovely and both my son and I love studying them. They are so imaginative. And the Psalms have been captured and translated in simple but powerful words that anyone can understand and relate to. I love the gamut of emotions: anger, joy, sadness and fear. They are feelings every human, even the smallest, shares.

I love this book and cannot wait to share it with my grandchildren. They are dealing with the death of a sibling and I bought this book to bring them comfort. Delval did not shy away from the psalms that express David's sadness, fear and isolation. Even though the wording is understandable for young children, David's voice prevails and time and time again, we are brought back to the fact that no matter what, we have a God who loves us and watches over us all the days of our lives. That is what I want my grandchildren to remember on their best and worst days. The illustrations are a collection of amazing pieces of art. I could see them all framed on a wall. Beautiful!

Beautifully illustrated. Written in a way that young children can understand, while staying true to King David's words.

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.

Got this for my children last Easter and the really enjoy reading the psalms. It's beautifully illustrated and just perfect for young children.

Don’t pay attention to the age recommendation... this book is GREAT for anyone needing to explore the Psalms creatively in worship or small groups.... illustrations are wonderful!

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