

Book Report: Keeping Your Kids on God's Side

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Introduction: While doing some research and study on apologetics I stumbled across the author, Natasha Crain who blogs, sends out an email newsletter, and has written books concerning family, children, and how to engage them on apologetic topics.

Book: Keeping Your Kids on God's Side, by Natasha Crain (\$14.99), Harvest House Publishers (2016). Paperback, 269 pages.

Premise: The author contends that even children of believers are not being trained with critical thinking skills and, as a result are not prepared for the onslaught of skepticism they will encounter in the world. This book is designed to prepare parents for 40 relevant faith conversations with their children as they are growing up.

Chapter Divisions (and topics)

Part 1: Conversations About God (8 Chapters) – Evidence for God's existence, suffering, Canaanite genocide, hell, need for worship, faith and reason, etc.

Part 2: Conversations About Truth and Worldviews (8 Chapters) – Objective / subject truth, experience, common sense, why so many denominations, intelligence, etc.

Part 3: Conversations about Jesus – (8 Chapters) – He existed, God claim, why die, historical facts, are miracles possible, etc.

Part 4: Conversations About the Bible – (8 Chapters) – How books were selected, left out books, authors trustworthy, errors and contradictions, slavery, rape, human sacrifice, etc.

Part 5: Conversations About Science – (8 Chapters) – Creation, young earth, earth dating, old earth, evolution, intelligent design, etc.

Book ends with "10 Tips for Having Deeper Faith Conversations with Your Kids" and 13 pages of notes

In my opinion, this book is a good resource for parents. Although written in an informal style, it is NOT written in the form of a conversation to have with your kids. It is intending to educate the parent so they can intelligently speak to their children. The information provided is available in other apologetics books, however it is boiled down and to the point so parents don't have to wade through as much information. It will likely send parents on deeper study, but will be a good eye-opener as to what they need to prepare for and what their children will be facing in the world.

I like this book a lot and have given away many copies. More of her writing, books, and blog about raising kids, teaching critical thinking skills, and apologetics can be found at:

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