

BOOKS TO GROW

A New Monthly Feature of the Grow Ministry- for all ages

Each month the Grow Ministry will review different books for various age groups. the recommendations, we hope, will help you to become aware of great books for the entire Riverton family to Grow in relationship together!

KIDS CORNER

WHAT DO KIDS SAY ABOUT IT?

Muse says:

"The parts about the universe and planets were interesting. I liked hearing about God and how I know He is real."

Mackenzie says:

"The book is for younger kids but I like that it helped me understand how I can know God is really there."

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF YOUR FRIEND ASKED YOU "HOW DO YOU KNOW GOD EXISTS?"

Mackenzie: If you went back in time, all the planets would get closer and closer until they weren't there. And then they would have to come from somewhere and not just out of nothing. Muse: Everything was black and then the planets were made and someone always has to make something.



How Do We Know GOD IS REALLY THERE?

by Melissa Cain Travis & Illustrations by Christopher Voss

Review by Sara Cross-Swartzell

If you would like to present your kids with an age appropriate, logical, science based answer to the question: How do we know God is really there? then this is a book for you.

The author uses concepts and visuals that kids are likely to understand (playing video in reverse) and common sense/logic (something cannot be created out of nothing) that parents will appreciate.

My skeptical and very inquisitive 8 year old often asks questions about God, how we can believe He created the world, etc. and this book (as well

as the author's other book, How Do We Know God Created Life?) helps to answer his questions.

He can understand and process the information in the book and then most importantly he can verbalize an answer to the question, how do we know God is there.

Though my 5th grader thinks the book is a little young for her, she always materializes when I'm reading the book to her brother. She easily gets the information and it makes sense to her.



This book was reviewed by Mackenzie and Muse Cross-Swartzell. Mackenzie is 10 yrs old and in the 5th grade. Muse is 8 yrs old and in the 2nd grade. They live in New Hampshire with their parents, Dog-Coda & Cat-Cupcake.

**WATCH NEXT
MONTH FOR OUR
TRIVIA CONTEST
AND A CHANCE TO
WIN A BOOK!**



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Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus **A Devout Muslim's Journey to Christ** by Nabeel Qureshi

Review by Trish Anderson

The Muslim Call To Prayer

Allah-hu-akbar!
ashado an-la illaha ilaAllah!

Ashado an-na Mauhammad-ur-Rasool
Allah!

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Allah is Great! I bear witness that there
is no god but Allah!

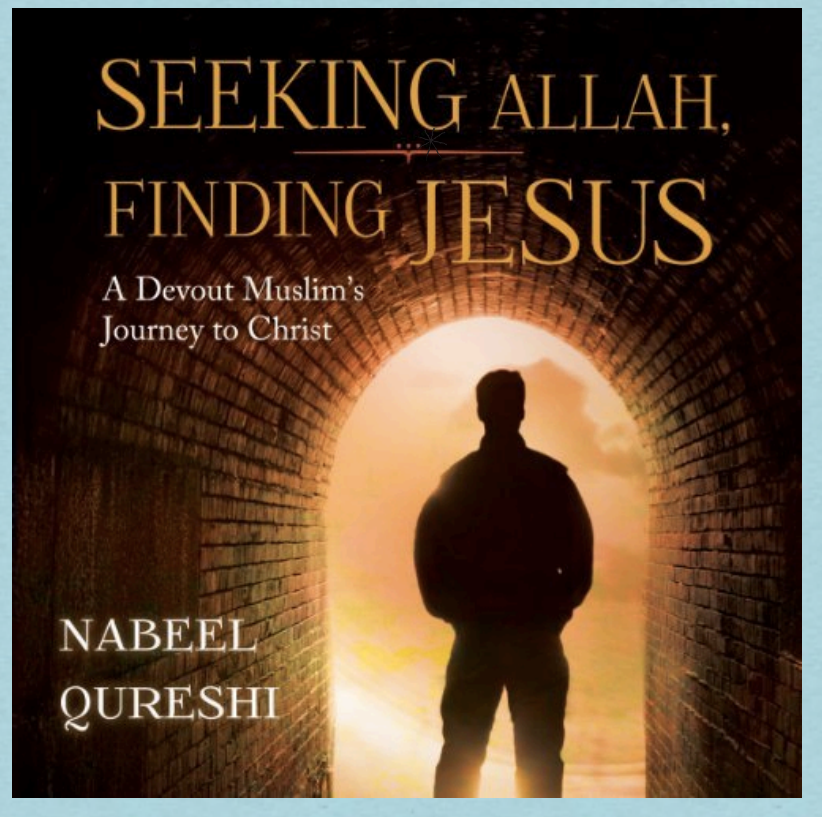
I bear witness that Muhammad is the
messenger of Allah!

In the introduction to his heartwarming, thought provoking, informative, and at times heart wrenching autobiographical book, Nabeel Qureshi invites readers to look over his shoulder. There we will "be privy to the offensiveness of Christianity to the Muslim eyes, begin struggling with the historical facts of the gospel, and feel the ground that shook beneath me as I slowly learned the hidden truths about Islam."

As I was reading his book, I did feel like I was drawn into his very loving, Muslim family. I felt the weight he felt as he considered the conflicting truths of

Islam and Christianity, knowing what his choice would mean to his parents whom he loved deeply. My eyes were opened to see how Muslims view Christians and again to the struggles of American Muslims growing up part of our culture and yet so alien to it. I saw the Holy Spirit at work as He brought along a friend who would challenge Nabeel and show him gospel truths.

I was thankful for the courage God gave Nabeel to face difficult truths in the face of heart rending decisions. Would I ever be that courageous for God? If ever there is a time to understand the Muslim culture, the religion of Islam, and gain a better understanding of the truths of Christianity, isn't it now? Say yes to Nabeel's invitation; look over his shoulder in the pages of this book. you will be glad you did.



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