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Jesus, The Gentle Parent: Gentle Christian Parenting (Little Hearts Handbooks)



Synopsis

In this examination of mainstream Christian parenting practices and the doctrinal beliefs behind them, best-selling author, L.R.Knost, debunks common cultural and theological beliefs about spanking, original sin, sin nature, submission, authority, obedience, breaking a child's will, and more, along with providing grace-filled, gentle solutions to behavior issues.

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Customer Reviews

As a minister and Christian counselor, I could not be more impressed with L.R. Knost's new book. She is well researched in Scripture and looks at it in its original context, allowing it to inform her perspective (instead of taking her perspective and seeking proof-texted Scripture to support it like many Christian authors have dangerously done over the years). If you want to learn to be a parent after God's own heart, this book will lead and guide you and you will find yourself drawing near to Jesus time after time in the way you seek to love, grow and teach your little ones. It is a practical, informative read, written in her typical easy-to-read style where you can look at a chapter or two over a cup of coffee or while you are out running errands. It will be my go-to book!

In Jesus, the Gentle Parent, Knost beautifully illustrates the heart of the Father. She gently points readers' eyes directly to where Christian eyes should be fixed, the Cross - the Cross, where we all received the gift of an undeserving grace and an unconditional love which our children should not be deprived of. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, yet self-proclaimed experts like Williams maintain

that the smallest of us must continue to pay the penalty for theirs."Grace is the point. The whole point. Everything leading up to the Cross pointed to the Cross, everything was settled on the Cross, and on the cross,in the outstretched arms of Jesus is where grace was born. (L.R. Knost)This book, however, is not just a book which discusses Christian theology, but is a practical guide for parenting children from infancy to adolescence. Newborns, toddlers, preschoolers, middle childhood, and teens and beyond are all addressed by the author as she explains how to parent our little ones responsively, consciously, and with a compassionate heart in each age and stage.The Discussion Questions and Points to Ponder near the end of the book are invaluable as they implore us to look inside ourselves to see what our true beliefs are and where we acquired our beliefs, and more importantly to seek God for wisdom in our parenting choices. She doesn't expect you to take her word blindly but to seek counsel from the Creator.Jesus, the Gentle Parent is a breath of fresh air for Christian parents. It is a paradigm-changing resource that I recommend to every parent who wants to show their children the heart of our God. Lay down your rods and pick up your child in loving arms as you gently point them to the Cross. One of the chapters is titled "Grace has a Face." I love that, because it's true. Jesus is the face of Grace, but to little children, the face of grace is you.

Hands down, the best book L.R.Knost has ever written, and that's saying a lot because I love her other books. As I read, I kept telling my husband, "This is groundbreaking. This is an IMPORTANT book. This changes everything." • Not only is Jesus, the Gentle Parent extremely well written and engaging, as L.R.'s books always are, but it is life-changing. I cannot thank her enough for writing this important book. I know how much courage it took.

If I could go back into time and give myself only one book to guide me through my first parenting years that were such a mess- I would choose this book. How I wish I had this book when I was first starting a family.I've been touched very deeply in my heart by the guidance and wisdom in this book.I wish every single parent on the planet could receive a copy and read it.

I don't even really know where to start, I more than loved this book, I'm incredibly grateful for it. I got to really learn about the heart of my savior. A heart and love I never fully understood. This book was so well written and was incredibly educational about the bible, and full of wisdom and heart. You can tell L.R Knost poured her heart and soul into this project and it will change a lot of lives.

Wow, just wow. I loved reading this book and I'm currently re-reading as I need to soak in the goodness of this woman's writing and also the amazing fruit from her life. Jesus, the gentle parent is freeing, real and full of biblical truth its a MUST for any Christian parent. We have 3 children and my first was unfortunately a baby wise/ save our sleep baby. After about a year and half we ditched the baby training for respect and actually treating our toddler like a human, realizing she was and will always be imperfectly perfect and that's okay! We base our whole parenting journey at the foot of the cross and on what Jesus would do. And this book equips you further, gives practical advice and much encouragement plus heaps of scriptures. I love the in depth study of the rod scriptures - something that often comes up in biblical parenting. All in all this book is a must read for parents who desire to parent gently and respectfully.

I am pleased and honored to give this book my highest possible endorsement. I was honored to have been asked to write the foreword to this fantastic book. It is a book which I know will bless you. It has keen insights from Scripture and has the gentle mothering spirit that Linda is so gifted to possess. Follow Linda as she guides us by the hand as only a gentle mother of six can do. You will love this book. Please get it. Makes a wonderful gift especially for the first time mother and father. Samuel Martin Author of Thy Rod and Thy Staff, They Comfort Me: Christians and the Spanking Controversy Available free here - [...]

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