

# Book Review: The Ten Commandments for Children

by Ronald L. Cammenga

*The Ten Commandments for Children* is a devotional book for children ages 6-10. The book is well-designed for family devotions, with each lesson including a Scripture passage of about ten verses, a 2-page explanation, several thought questions, and a Psalm suggestion for singing.

The illustrations are enjoyable and the lessons are well-written at a child's level. Ronald L. Cammenga takes the time to thoroughly introduce the topic of the Ten Commandments, introducing children to words like *decalogue* as he explores the purpose of the Ten Commandments. Once the lessons start explaining the actual commandments, he is not afraid to strongly apply the principles. For example, he states that watching shows or movies with swearing in them is breaking the third commandment.

I would recommend the book, especially for a devotional time. My children, who are 5, 7, and 8, complained that it was boring, so I added a few questions as I was reading the meditation. They seemed to enjoy it more when it was a substitute for family worship, rather than a substitute for Bible story time.