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Book Reviews



Boyd, J. P. (2017). *Imaginative prayer: A yearlong guide for your child's spiritual formation*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books. 299 pp. \$15.17. ISBN 9780830846252

Jared Patrick Boyd is a pastor (Vineyard USA), spiritual director and founder of the Order of Sustainable Faith, a missionary monastic order for the twenty-first century. His vision for Imaginative Prayer arises from some childhood experiences and the manner in which imagination was encouraged.

Though the book is intended as a tool for parents to use with their children, I learned of *Imaginative Prayer* during our Children's Pastor recent message. At the conclusion of his message, he asked us to close our eyes while he read one of the entries. As I listened I saw this as a superb way to quiet my spirit and let His Spirit speak to me via this simple channel. There is a section entitled "How to use this book" that precedes the readings. There are six sections designed to be used over the course of a week culminating with a review. The topics are: God's Love, Loving Others, Forgiveness, Jesus is the King, The Good News of God and The Mission of God.

I think this is a superb work for families with children as the ordering of the chapters are sequentially suited for spiritual growth. Adults with a dulled imagination and restless spirit will benefit too. Schools offering education or children's ministry will find this to be of value.

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