

ParentLife Product Picks

Animal Planet®: The Most Extreme Bugs by Catherine Nichols (Jossey-Bass, 2007)



Top 10 countdowns are the name of the game in this fabulously creepy book about bugs. Written in a similar format to the cable network Animal Planet's documentary show *The Most Extreme*, the book lists 10 bugs in 12 categories, such as the top 10 strange-looking bugs and the top 10 bugs that bite. Complete with up-close photographs from the nature world, this book is sure to please any bug lover at your house. For ages 8 to 12. List price is \$15.95, but get it at a discount at www.amazon.com.

Tibbar's Everyday Felt Adventures (SimplyFun®)



This classic felt activity stores neatly in a clear plastic grab-and-go case. Your child may mix and match any of the 88 full-color felt pieces to one of three story scenes to imagine all kinds of fun adventures. Use it to spark memories and conversation about a day at the park or a birthday party or to help your child visualize an upcoming trip to the ocean or the zoo. Possibilities are endless, and no batteries are required! For ages 3 and up; retails for \$38. Visit www.simplyfun.com/tibbar.

JellyTelly

Keep your child interested in learning about the Bible every day of the week with JellyTelly, an interactive Internet experience designed to help a new generation of children understand what they believe and how to live it. Creator Phil Vischer hopes children ages 5 to 11 will enjoy watching about 20 minutes of mini shows each day, less than the amount of time they already spend watching TV or playing video games. It is totally free, totally Christian, and totally accessible around the clock. There are also games to play and a cool link for parents. Take a look at www.jellytelly.com.



Little Windows® Photo Jewelry and Stickers

Do not let those awesome photos you take of your kids over the holidays languish on your memory stick or computer hard drive for the rest of the year. Turn your photos into jewelry and stickers at www.little-windows.com. Order bracelets, necklaces, iPod® or cell phone stickers, or a host of other fun items on the site. Or purchase a kit to make your own creations at home. Either way, friends and strangers alike will comment on the modern way you have found to show off your little beauties. Prices vary according to product.



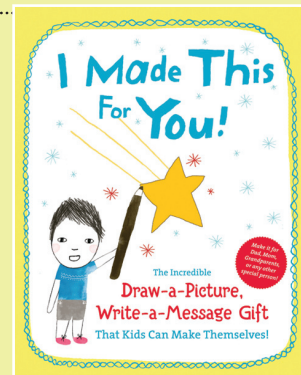
The Stacker (Dandelion® Earth-Friendly Goods)

It is cool to be green, and many companies are rapidly getting on the earth-friendly bandwagon. Dandelion Earth-Friendly Goods provides all kinds of environmentally conscious products such as toys, diaper bags, rattles, teethers, and eating utensils. For products including The Stacker, a gentle version of the classic baby toy designed to develop fine motor and sensory skills, visit www.dandelionforbaby.com. The Stacker retails for \$34.99.



I Made This for You! (Chronicle Books, 2009)

Take the "me" out of Christmas with this art project kids can make to share with someone they love. Each page of this fill-in book is actually a paper canvas children can personalize with drawings and personal messages. At the top of each sheet is a guiding statement, such as *I made this rainbow (or spaceship, or ice cream sundae, or tree house, etc.) for you!* In the blank box, kids then draw their interpretation of the suggested topic. When the book is complete, it folds out into an easel so each drawing can be displayed on a parent or grandparent's desk or kitchen counter. Take a look at www.chroniclebooks.com.



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