

## Purim Gift Giving Tips: Kid's Corner Edition

As is our tradition, we mainly exchange gifts during the observance of Purim. Many children these days have everything they want at their fingertips. Here is a quick guide to help those Sisters with children, nieces, and or nephews that they don't quite know what to buy.

My mother taught me that gifts for children should fit into four categories. Something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. Sounds simple enough, right? Yes, it is! It is your decision which category you would like to give or possibly even all of them.

Things to ask yourself when gifting to a child are... What will this gift say to the child? What behaviors am I encouraging? What impact will this have on their life, currently or in the future? Is this fun? Does this stimulate the mind? As a repented woman in this circumstance, we should think of

*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.  
1 Corinthians 15:33 KJV*

In feeding the spirits of our precious young ones, we must consider what is being poured into them. For our young girls, we should attempt to always encourage their righteous role as one day, Lord willing, they will be wives and mothers. The same for our young men, as they will be leaders of the nation. Be mindful to give appropriate toys and games based on gender and reflection of self. Should we give a blonde haired blue eyed doll to one our young brown skinned, wooly haired Princesses? No! Take the time to search for a doll that represents what she sees in the mirror. Do we have to give our young Prophets a basketball or football? If they are interested in that, sure, but what about a toy that allows them to create something they can play with. A D.I.Y. volcano or hovercraft, sets on how to code for those that enjoy video games, the possibilities are endless.

Don't be afraid to be proactive. Utilize the sales that go on during the months prior to our holy days. If you come across an awesome deal, grab it. Just hold on to the gifts until it is time to exchange. And if you just can't seem to figure it out, don't forget the old faithful and sure winner when it comes to gifting... the gift card. At the end of the day, you can't go wrong with one of those!

*Happy Purim & Happy Shopping!  
Peace & Blessings, MHNCB  
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