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At a Glance...

The Gospel for Moving Targets: Helping Active Children Grow in Grace

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Short Description A large-format activity book that is a resource for parents and teachers to bring meaningful biblical and

gospel-centered teaching to children.

**Longer Description** These hands-on devotional lessons are designed for children who struggle to sit still, keep quiet, pay attention, follow directions, and control their emotions.

These lessons are also designed to help parents and teachers who love such children aim the gospel at the hearts of moving targets.

**Author** Nancy Snyder lives with her husband Chuck in the City of York, Pennsylvania. Nancy works at Logos

Academy, an urban classical school that was founded to bring hope to families of York. After getting a degree in special education, Nancy developed many of the activities in The Gospel for Moving Targets while homeschooling their four sons and later formalized the material while teaching at Logos. Nancy and Chuck interpret conferences and translate seminary courses for Deaf pastors. The Snyders have four sons, three daughters-inlaw, and three grandsons.

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#### Reading Audience

- · Parents
- Teachers
- Small-group leaders
- · Preachers, ministers, Bible teachers

#### **Features and Benefits**

- · Curriculum for teaching the gospel to highly active children who struggle with self-control
- 67 Lessons in 3 sections: Feelings, Transformation, Attention
- · Includes step-by-step, "how-to" lesson preparation plans
- · Creative use of hands-on learning techniques
- · May be used for family devotions, school, Sunday school, VBS, or camp
- · Includes links to downloadable resource images from Shepherd Press website
- · Large-format, lay-flat, easy-to-use book



### **Endorsements at a Glance**

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-Sinclair Ferguson

"This book should prove useful to parents, grandparents, and anyone else working with small children."-Jerry Bridges

"...written with compassion, clarity, and solid biblical teaching. Anyone who has children, teaches children, or is around children must read this book."

-Rose Marie Miller

"The Gospel for Moving Targets provides simple, easy-to-implement lessons for teaching social skills and character traits, and ties them into biblical concepts in surprisingly concrete ways."

-Angela Watson

## **Endorsements in Full**

"Among Nancy Snyder's many qualities is that she knows what the word rambunctious means! She has seen it in action in nurturing her own children. If you are a parent chances are you have also seen it-and wondered how to handle it. If so, The Gospel for Moving Targets is just what you need. In fact this is a book for all families. It is full of mature biblical wisdom and a real understanding of how Christian character is formed. If you are looking for a mother who understands the gospel and how it works, has a whole-souled commitment to Christ, loves the Lord's people with a passion, oozes intelligent and sanctified common sense, and has a proven track record of Christian service, Nancy Snyder is your woman. Plus anyone who buys The Gospel for Moving Targets to help them love their children will find its teaching transforming them first of all. And that, of course, is exactly how God means family life to be."

-Sinclair Ferguson, Distinguished **Professor of Systematic Theology** at Westminster Theological Seminary, Ligonier teaching fellow. Author of more than two dozen books, including The Whole Christ, The Holy Spirit, In Christ Alone

"The Bible is meant to be applied to one's daily life. But how to communicate this to small children is a challenge. Nancy Snyder has given us a creative way to do this involving the children in the learning process. This book should prove useful to parents, grandparents, and anyone else working with small children."

-Jerry Bridges, author of The Pursuit of Holiness and many other books

"The Gospel for Moving Targets provides simple, easy-to-implement lessons for teaching social skills and character traits, and ties them into biblical concepts in surprisingly concrete ways."

-Angela Watson, Educational **Consultant and Author of** Unshakeable: 20 Ways to Enjoy Teaching Every Day ... No Matter

"Through the years of parenting four sons, Nancy has learned that the only hope for her children is to aim the gospel at their heart. She understands that the bent of their hearts is to be centered on self, so with prayer and dependence on the Spirit, using hands-on crafts and very practical illustrations, she guides their hearts to understand that God's way is the only way. The three sections are written with compassion, clarity, and solid Biblical teaching. Anyone who has children, teaches children, or is around children must read this book."

-Rose Marie Miller, author, From Fear to Freedom, Nothing Is Impossible With God.

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