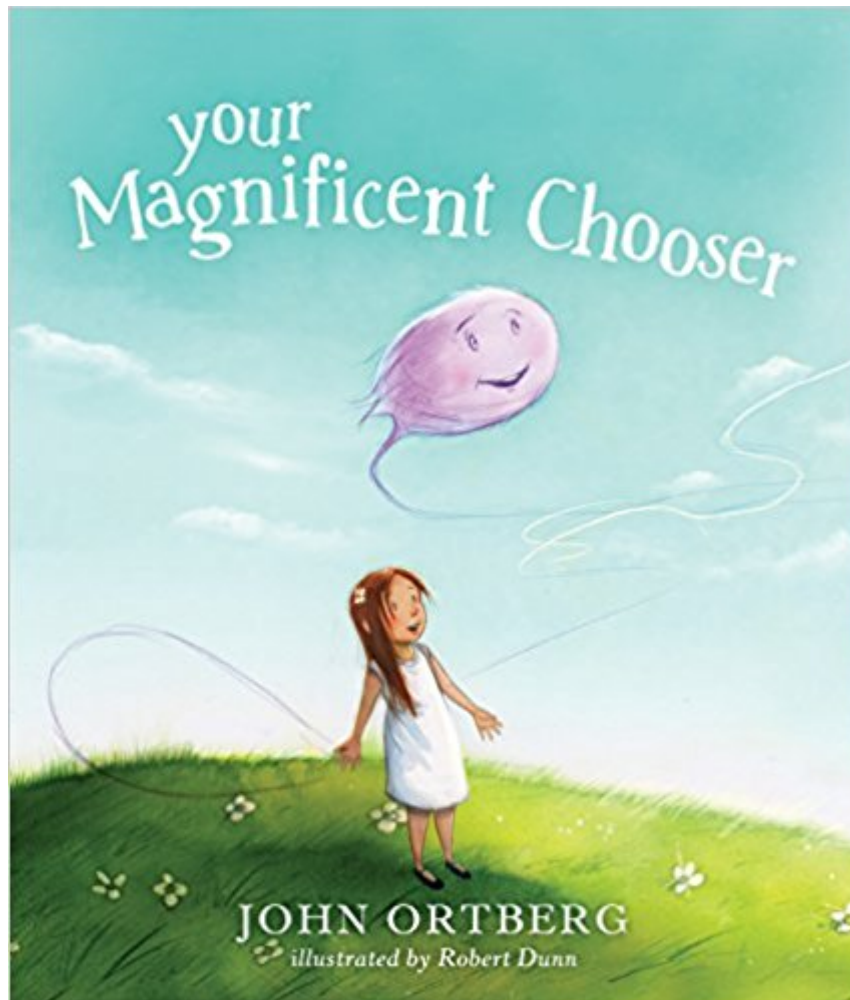




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Your Magnificent Chooser: Teaching Kids To Make Godly Choices



Synopsis

We all have choices to make every day, even the youngest children. The choices we make play a large part in forming who we grow to be as adults. For kids, those choices can include whether to be obedient or disobedient, to share or be selfish, to have a good attitude or not, and more. John Ortberg addresses the ability to choose in a whimsical way by inviting children to use their "magnificent chooser" that God gave them to make right choices daily. Parents will love reading this book to their kids, and kids will enjoy the content while learning lessons that will stay with them throughout their lives.

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

John Ortberg is the senior pastor at Menlo Church, an author, and a speaker. John's teaching centers around our everyday life with God and how God cares more about who we are becoming than what we do. He has written books on spiritual formation including, *The Life You've Always Wanted*, *Faith and Doubt*, *Who is This Man?*, and *Soul Keeping*. Born and raised in Rockford, Illinois, John graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in psychology. He holds a master of divinity and doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Fuller Seminary. Prior to joining Menlo Church, John served as teaching pastor at Chicago's Willow Creek Community Church. John is a member of the board of trustees at Fuller Seminary and the board for the Dallas Willard Center

for Spiritual Formation, and he has served on the board of Christianity Today International. He can be followed on Twitter @johnortberg and on Facebook. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

My daughter loves to be read to. It's one of her favorite things to do. That's why I was delighted to come across this book. Your Magnificent Chooser is a beautiful book with delightful illustrations and rhyming text (it reminds me of Dr. Seuss). I loved this book for a number of reasons: It teaches an important lesson in a fun way. A lot of it (okay, almost all of it) is over my two-year-old's comprehension level, but I know it won't be long before she's reciting phrases such as Will you wake with a smile Or start with a frown? Your Chooser can choose If you're up or you're down or God's Chooser works better Than yours or mind could His Chooser is perfect And loving and good. The illustrations are adorable and my daughter loves them. She could not get enough of them. She loves the little balloon-like choosers attached to each child. She studies each one of the pictures carefully and even imitates the children in the book. I almost can't read her the page of the little boy standing on his head without her saying, I do that, and jumping off the couch to try out this fun upside-down position. And the illustration of the little girl hugging her mom just might be the best one in the whole book. Because almost every time I read her this page, she reaches over and gives me a big hug. And how can you beat that? (As part of Tyndale's blogger review program, I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

I love John Ortberg's books, so I bought this one for our youngest granddaughter. She loves it! It's a lovely book for every child (and adults too!)

I absolutely love this book! It has started some great conversations about how we can choose how we react to things. I think it's a good reminder for adults as well. I love that it talks about God. It has one questionable page for my young children that says you're not a loser.

Perfect condition!

This was a great book to wrap up my growth mindset lessons with my students on the last day of school!

Fantastic book for kids of any age!

I'm a fan of John Ortberg. I've listened to his sermons on the Menlo Park Church podcast and read several of his books. He is called, with affection, Dallas-for-Dummies for his ability to translate the writings of his late mentor Dallas Willard into the language of the people. *Your Magnificent Chooser* is a short children's book designed to help kids understand how to make good choices. This is not a children's story but a poem designed to teach kids. He explores the things we choose, what bad choices look like, and how God wants us to choose for ourselves. Illustrations by Robert Dunn personify (or creaturefy?) our Choosers as a furry balloon following us everywhere and into every situation. We learn, "a Chooser is a thing/ That is not just for you,/ Because everyone else/ Has their own Chooser too" (17). Ortberg helps children use their Choosers to love others, use Chooser often and use it to make good choices (just like Jesus would). Three of my kids are at an age where they appreciate this book (ages 6, 7.5, and nine). We've had several discussions since I first read it, on our Choosers and the importance of choosing wisely. They enjoyed it and got them talking. That strikes me as a good book. I've tried to instill in my own kids the importance of good choices. I let them choose things (and sometimes suffer the consequences of poor choices) because I want them to learn to choose and choose wisely. Ultimately, I want them to choose Jesus. We talk often about what good choices are and the options available to them. Ortberg's book provides a means to deepen and extend the conversation, towards the mundane and the sacred. This book didn't grab me the way some of our picture books do, but the kids really liked it. As a parent concerned that our kids learn to make good choices, a book like this provides language to help kids think about, visualize and understand what good choices are. Therefore, I give this book four stars. Note: I received this book from Tyndale Books in exchange for my honest review.

"*Your Magnificent Chooser*" written by John Ortberg and illustrated by Robert Dunn, published by Tyndale House Publishers, is a children's book geared toward ages 3-6 years old. This book, written in a simple rhyme style similar to Dr. Seuss, teaches children about their "choosers", the part of them that helps them make choices in life, for good or bad. These choices range from what to wear to school that day to whether or not to be nice to friends. It teaches them that even bad choices can be made right through making different and better choices. On each page there are fun pictures to go along with the story; the chooser is depicted as a fuzzy balloon with a whimsical face that is cute and caught the attention of my toddler. I like that this book detailed making choices in a way that a preschooler could understand. I also like that it talked about how, when the child doesn't know which way they should choose, they can pray and talk to God, who has a better chooser than any

person could have. My only dislike about this book is that because it is written toward such a wide age range, with such a wide range in understanding, this book seemed a little dumbed down to me. Overall, I would recommend this book to parents of preschoolers, especially to be used as an aid in teaching them to make good choices. This book was provided to me at no cost from Tyndale Publishing House in return for my honest review.

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