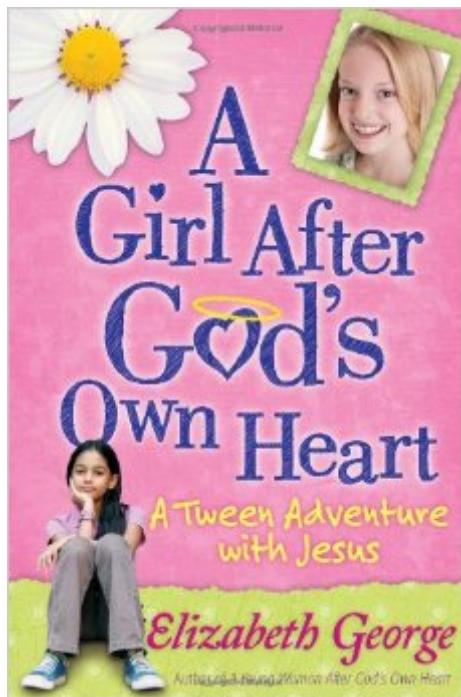


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# A Girl After God's Own Heart: A Tween Adventure With Jesus



## Synopsis

Bestselling author Elizabeth George follows her popular teen books (more than 400,000 copies sold), including A Young Womanâ™s Guide to Making Right Choices, by reaching out to tweens, ages 8 to 12, in A Girl After Godâ™s Own Heart. Upbeat and positive, Elizabeth provides biblical truths and suggestions so tweens can thrive. She reaches out to girls where theyâ™re at and addresses daily issues that concern them, includingâ• building real friendshipsâ• talking with parentsâ• putting Jesus firstâ• handling schoolwork and activitiesâ• deciding how to dress. Girls are busy developing new skills and increasing their knowledge as they grow into young women. A Girl After Godâ™s Own Heart shows them how to establish healthy guidelines that honor God, promote their well-being, and help them get the most from this wonderful time in their lives. Perfect for Sunday school, preteen groups, and individuals.

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## Customer Reviews

Like another reviewer, I object to the power of suggestion in this book. My daughter at age ten is not dealing with many of the scenarios presented just yet and I don't really like the "power of suggestion". Nor do I really appreciate the scenarios presented, as the first one she read made her anxious about school. Then I took the book and skimmed thru the other scenarios. The next one makes a tidy pottery barn type room the equivalent of Godliness. "Go thru magazines and ...start a

notebook for creating a dream room". The next one makes the dream room's cost real ...because Emma's mom has now started a job!!! (Collective gasp) and Emma misses their constant companionship (where is the word resilience here? My mom was my mom, not my best friend. )I did like the chapter on Family. And the example given there. There are also overall some good Scriptural references here but overall the book is in generally somewhat of a lecturing style, and has a relatively high "you should, you ought, you must" message.Overall I cannot recommend it without saying preview it first, consider the girl you are buying it for and how she is best motivated (negative examples and guilt inducing discussions don't work well for my daughter).. And consider buying something else,not this. Now to look for something better.

"A Girl After God's Own Heart" is a tween girl's workbook about how to define herself more clearly through her relationship with God, and Jesus. It is a fun workbook with exercises that will help in a search for growth, in wisdom, maturity, love, grace, and joy. "A Girl After God's Heart" has fun activities, meditations, and exercises, plus prayers and special moments to treasure the gift of life from God. "A Girl After God's Own Heart" is the perfect core book for a tween girls' Christian group curriculum. It offers bits of scripture, quotations and ideas for how to integrate love for Jesus and God into daily life activities and concerns, even problems. Having this book will help a young girl learn that spending time examining what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus is very valuable. It will also provide help in learning to distinguish between true caring friendship and the reverse. "A Girl After God's Own Heart" can be a useful step on the way to growing maturity for an adolescent, Christian girl.

I bought this book for my nine year old daughter to help encourage her with daily devotional time. I read through the book first as this was my first time giving my daughter a "study guide" and I wanted to make sure the information was "my daughter" appropriate. While the book is well written, easy to read, interesting, etc. I did have a few concerns with some of the situations presented. The author does a great job of bringing the reader back to what God says about a subject. She uses a fictional character "Emma" to talk about what is going on "her" life and then what she should/does do etc. My only problem was that some of the situations weren't appropriate for my daughter. One of them was about honoring parents and it mentioned that "Emma's" friends had called their parents things like lame, old fashioned, etc. Silly as it sounds, I didn't want to put those ideas in my daughters head. The chapter clearly pointed readers towards honoring their parents, but I just didn't like the example given. Another one was hanging out with the "cool kids". My daughter has yet to make a big

distinction between cool kids and non cool kids. The book gave a situation where the character had to make a choice to either go with the cool kids or hang out with her regular friends. I just didn't like that either. Also, the word "tween" is often used. I cannot stand this tween identity that the media is giving kids and was disappointed to see it used here. A good book overall, just some minor irritations that I whited out and wrote over.

I decided to do this Bible Study with my daughters and have been very impressed. Ms. George connects with tweens through her writing and discusses everyday situations via mini devotions in a matter-of-fact way that engages young readers. Her questions are based on Scripture and are thought-provoking. My daughters have learned much from this study and have grown in their faith as a result. I would suggest that moms sit down with their daughters and do this study together, if possible. It would also be a neat study for a grandmother to do with her granddaughter, or even as a group Bible study with several girls. I would highly recommend this book as a great resource and one that tweens will find themselves referring to time and time again. Reviewed by Penny Zeller, Author of "77 ways Your Family Can Make a Difference."

I think we would put this between "I don't like it," and "It's OK"...3 stars is just a tad too much. My daughter is ten and we are just finishing up this book. We have been pretty disappointed. The book clearly focuses too much on girls issues with the world around them rather than discussion points or heart attitudes that all humans face. The book spends CONSIDERABLE time focusing on school, problems at school, fear of rejection, sibling fighting and jealousy, and appearance and fear of improper appearance. The book clearly assumes that all girls are in school and although the school chapter throws in "homeschool," at the last moment, it is very clear that Elizabeth George (whose adult books I loved as a new Christian) does NOT intend to endorse, encourage or bother with those who have alternative lifestyles such as homeschool. She makes comments like, "I loved School. That's where all my friends were." or, "School is where the action is. I wanted to be there." etc. In my opinion, girls struggle with the same things we all struggle with: Sin. Pride, selfishness, fear, etc. And that is outside of our circumstances, lifestyle or culture. This book tried so hard to meet a specific need in a specific culture and cross section of American Middle Class to upper middle class, basic Christian society (probably with an involved mother and two Christian married parents), and girls who ATTEND school, go to a big church with children's Sunday School or children's church, and who love shopping...So, if you meet those criteria...maybe this book will hit the mark a little closer than for us. There were 3 chapters in the book that my daughter really enjoyed and

resonated with. The rest missed the mark.

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