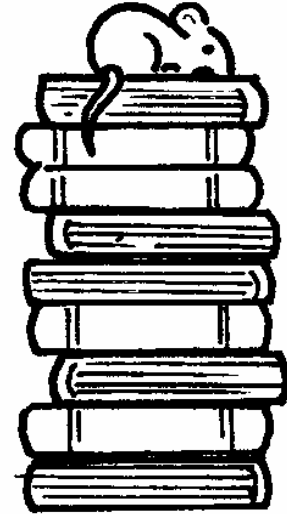


My Baptism Book**By Sophie Piper; Lion, £7.99**

This colourful little book is for two to five year olds. Its bright colour illustrations, textual simplicity and styling will appeal to them. It includes simple prayers (of the sort that are useful to commit to memory and to say at bedtime), along with very simply expressed statements of Christian belief that are appropriate to the age range. The book stresses God's eternal love and care for them.

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- What are the moral issues surrounding genetic engineering?
- Is it ethical to create babies for infertile couples?
- Can it ever be right to help someone else to die?
- Is the death penalty justified?
- How can we care for the environment?
- What about animal rights?
- What are the challenges of globalisation?

These are some of the central issues addressed in this book. The author introduces the issues and the questions surrounding them and offers his own perspective. Andrew Goddard is an Anglican priest teaching Ethics at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

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