

book of the month

Fool Moon Rising – Kristi and T. Lively Fluharty



C. S. Lewis said, “A children’s story which is only enjoyed by children is a bad children’s story.” If Lewis is right about the litmus test for a good children’s story, then *Fool Moon Rising* is a really good book for kids! The authors personify the moon to tell a parable of the foolishness and danger of pride. The moon is blinded by thoughts of his own greatness and strength. He is impressed with his ability to move Earth’s oceans, change shapes throughout the year, and provide light in darkness. Finally, he is humbled to repent of his boasting when he gets a glimpse of the glory of the sun’s light.

Time and again I have been struck by the many admirable qualities of this book. The message, rhyme schemes, and illustrations are excellent! The point of the story is unmistakable and yet subtly woven into the narrative. Emily and I have grown in our appreciation for God’s creation and have

gained invaluable teaching opportunities with our kids from reading this book during family worship. We have used it to teach our kids about pride, foolishness, God’s glory, godly sorrow in repentance and much more. This book will certainly be a blessing to your family!

- Omri Miles

RELEVANT BIBLICAL PASSAGES

Consider reading, memorizing, and discussing some of the following verses with your children as you read this book.

1. GOD’S GLORY

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” – Psalm 19:1

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” – Romans 11:36

“For the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 4:6

2. PRIDE

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.” – Proverbs 11:2

“Before destruction a man’s heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.” – Proverbs 18:12

3. REPENTANCE

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” – Proverbs 28:13

“God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.” – Psalm 7:11-12

4. FOOLISHNESS

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” – Proverbs 1:7

“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.” – Proverbs 22:15