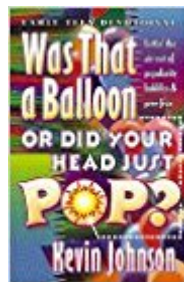




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# Was That A Balloon Or Did Your Head Just Pop?: Lettin' The Air Out Of Popularity Bubbles & Peer Fear (Early Teen Devotionals)



## Synopsis

Get Real Conquer the Three-headed Monster of Middle School: Peer Pressure, Crowd Control, and False Friends. Hear God's Call to Become a Friend Worth Having. Learn to Spot Others Who Will Become the Kind of Friends You Deserve and Need. Anxiously-awaited and highly-anticipated, the newest early teen devotional from Kevin Johnson bursts the bubbles of popularity and will give you the low-down on becoming a friend worth having. Ideal for use in your youth group, bible studies, or individual devotions, this is a collection of forty-five short readings which will help you confront the powerful force of wanting to fit in, be popular, and rule school. Quick-witted and filled with jokes, each reading includes a catchy opening, a Bible passage to think about, a leading question to answer, and a life-changing explanation and application of Scripture. Chapters include: Pass the Oxygen, Please - Helps you get out of the stuffy cave of loneliness. Rip Your Buns Off - Consoling words when the world seems to beat you up. He's a Human Hockey Puck - A challenge to use your unique, God-given gifts. Doing the 'Tudes - A look at the Beatitudes and the message they have for us today. The tools which Was That a Balloon or Did Your Head Just Pop? provides help you build the courage and understanding to follow the commands of God rather than caving to the demands of those around you. By getting past the putdowns and finding real popularity with God you'll learn to grow into a terrific friend and know what to look for in your own buds.

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## Customer Reviews

Kevin Johnson has a passion for ministering to youth, currently serving as Vice President for

Training and Resources at Family Hope Services, a ministry to at-risk youth and their families headquartered in Plymouth, Minnesota. He also has the gift of writing and with total sales of well over 175,000 copies Kevin is undoubtedly the premier author for early teens today. His training includes an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and a B.A. in English and Print Journalism from the University of Wisconsin--River Falls. In his studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, he found out exactly what kids should know about themselves and about Jesus. This combination gives Kevin a powerful mix of knowledge and passion, mind and heart. In his newest book, *Was That a Balloon or Did Your Head Just Pop?*, he presents forty-five short readings that help early teens learn how to escape the prison of peer fear so that they can grab hold of God and good friends. "They get a life-grounding lesson without knowing it!" Kevin is fond of saying about his books. He has honed each of his popular books to hit specific targets--growing up, eschatology, cults, missions. So what seems to be an "easy and fun read" to teens is actually *Theology and Life 101*! Kevin has a unique gift of crafting hard hitting topics into books kids not only like but love!! In addition to his service as senior editor for adult nonfiction at Bethany House Publishers in Minneapolis for four years, he has pastored a group of more than 400 sixth through ninth graders at Embrook Church in metro Milwaukee. Kevin and his wife, Lyn, live in Minnesota with their three children, Nathaniel, Karin, and Elise.

This is a great book for a quick morning devotion for 8th graders. We finished another book by the same author and he really caught their interest. So I ordered another devotional book by the same author.

This book opened my eyes 2 understand wut Christianity wuz all about, JESUS who will help ya trough anything and everything (expecially school).

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