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FAITH & MUSIC

My wife had our sixth child, a beautiful girl, on New Year's Eve. The delivery went smoothly, and I felt no pain during the entire process. My wife and baby seemed like they made it through relatively unscathed, too.

A lot of kids means a lot of birthdays. A lot of birthdays means a lot of presents to buy. Sometimes it's hard to find something worth giving. I'm tired of loud toys or ones with small, sharp pieces that get imbedded in my foot when I step on them. There are practical gifts such as clothes, but finding something fun or unique can be a challenge.

Recently, I discovered something that I think most young children would enjoy. There is a Web site, www.kidmusic.com, that makes Christian CDs that incorporate the child's name in the songs. They are familiar church tunes such as "Jesus Loves Me" and "This Little Light of Mine" that are performed in an upbeat, light, pop style. The site includes a long list of phonetically spelled names that have been set to music.

When you order, tell the company the correct spelling of the name and it will be stamped on the CD. The company also offers lullabies, original songs and Christmas music. You can place orders by calling (843) 901-9944.

I think its a fun idea for kids. For mine, it may be a welcome relief to hear their names in a song and know that this time they're not in trouble.

Send me your music

I'm asking all Wichita-area Christian music artists to send me a copy of a CD they recorded in the past year. You can be a solo artist or part of a band or vocal group in any genre. I'll take submissions until Friday and announce the winner on March 5.

In addition to your CD, I'd like to have a short description of the album (number of songs, style, etc.), a short biography of the artist or group, and a daytime phone number for readers who might like to purchase a copy.



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