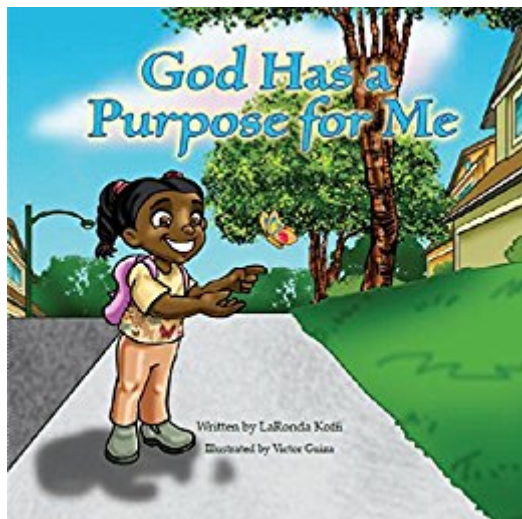


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# God Has A Purpose For Me



## Synopsis

Little Aya hears a sermon at church about fulfilling God's purpose in her life and decides to immediately begin doing things she thinks will make God happy. Exhausted from her efforts, Aya turns to the people closest to her and learns what fulfilling God's purpose in one's life really means.

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## Customer Reviews

The main character, Aya, hears a sermon at church titled, "How to Fulfill God's Purpose in Your Life." The sermon is aimed at adults, so even though Aya listens carefully to the words, but she's confused as to what it means to fulfill God's purpose. She tries to figure it out by herself, but she can't. So, she asks her nana, "I don't understand what the pastor means when he says 'fulfilling God's purpose.' Nana, do you know what he means?" Nana answers, "I like to think that fulfilling God's purpose is to make God happy." Aya thinks she now knows what to do. She does things around the house that make her happy, thinking if she's happy, God will be happy, too. By the end of the day she is very tired. She explains to her Daddy she has been playing all day doing things to

make God happy, but she's tired and doesn't think she can do that every day. Her Daddy tells her, "Fulfilling God's purpose in your life is this: In everything that you do, glorify God." He goes on to explain, "That means you do good things and think about the love, kindness, and mercy of Jesus Christ. It also means that you want to do well in all things, because God does everything in excellence, and we want to be like Him as much as possible." Aya asks, "So, in everything I do? Even very small things like walking down the street or playing rope?" "Yes, Honey. In everything you do, especially the small things, because the small things add up to big things," replies Daddy. Aya is greatly relieved and now understands how to "fulfill God's purpose" for her life. From that point on, she does the very best she can in school, shares her Popsicles with her friends, and joins the youth choir at church. "I know what God's purpose is in my life, and I will always live to glorify Him," she says. The illustrations are nicely done, somewhat resembling cartoon images, but are nonetheless appropriate for this book. However, a few of them have rather dark backgrounds, giving the pages a somber feel. What I Like: I like the topic of fulfilling God's purpose in a children's book. You're never too young to learn what this means. What I Dislike: I think Aya's dad's explanation of fulfilling God's purpose should have been a bit more kid-friendly, with smaller, easier-to-understand words. Her dad uses some pretty big words that Aya doesn't seem to have any trouble understanding, but I think most kids would wonder what "mercy" and "excellence" mean. Overall Rating: Good. 4 stars.

"God Has a Purpose for Me" by LaRonda Koffi is a heartwarming and inspirational story of a young girl's quest to find God's purpose for her life. When Aya hears the pastor of her church talk about fulfilling God's purpose in your life, she's not quite sure what he is talking about and her attempts to make God happy leave her exhausted. With the help of her family, Aya is able to discover what fulfilling God's purpose in one's life is really about. "God Has a Purpose for Me" is an excellent way to help children grow in their faith and knowledge of God in an entertaining and easily understood manner. Your young reader will instantly connect with Aya's confusion over how to fulfill God's purpose in her life; and just as your child would seek the advice of adults close to her, Aya asks her parents and grandmother to help her understand what the pastor meant by his sermon. I could also see this book encouraging more questions about God and spirituality from a young reader. The illustrations provided by Victor Guiza are absolutely beautiful. They remind me of Kevin S. Collier's work. The bright colors and the attention to every last detail bring this wonderful children's story to life. A story your child will enjoy reading time and again, "God Has a Purpose for Me" is sure to touch your child's heart and help lead him on the right path.

"God Has a Purpose for Me" is a heartwarming story with a strong message for children ages four through seven. LaRonda Koffi's creative imagination and Victor Guiza's beautifully colorful illustrations draw the young reader through the pages of the enchanting story. Victor's pictures reflect a joy and excitement that endeared the characters to me as a reader. During the worship service in her church Aya became captivated by the thought of fulfilling God's purpose for her. As she ponders what this means she tries to put into action her understanding of fulfilling God's purpose, by making Him happy. She dresses in her Mom's Sunday worship clothes thinking this might make God happy. She found a drum and bells. She sang and danced to make a joyful noise in her attempt to make God happy. She soon became exhausted from her efforts. Later in the evening she found the best way to make God happy from her father. She discovered God's purpose for her life. This is an excellent read aloud story book for younger children and a challenging and exciting primer for the early reader. "God Has a Purpose for Me" is a delightful book which encourages family relationships and spiritual development in the young child.

I was immediately impressed with this children's book by author, LaRonda Koffi. The cover art has the most adorable little girl on it and draws you into the book before you open to the first page. This is the story of little Aya. One day in church she heard the pastor speak of fulfilling God's purpose in our lives. This concerned little Aya, for she very much wanted to please the Lord. She tries in her own way to do things that she feels would be fulfilling her purpose, but after a heart-to-heart talk with dad she finally understands. I really liked this book. The illustrations are some of the best that I have seen in a long time. Bright, colorful, reaching out to you and bringing the emotions and happenings to life. The story is perfect in learning a concept about the Lord. All in all, I am very proud to highly recommend this book for your child. A real winner. Great job.

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