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## starting: ETHICS SKILLS

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**1.1 Book Reports**

Reading is an important part of getting a good education and many books have been written to help you learn. In school a book report is often required after a book has been read to determine whether you have learned something important. This writing format helps you read a book, think about the book, and prepare a carefully thought-out report. Reading a book and writing a book report can also help you become a little wiser, be able to tell right from wrong, and even come to enjoy the art of writing.

**BOOKS ARE FUN TO READ!**

Special, healthy, Messiah-honoring books make you feel good about what you read. Books can be read just for fun and excitement. Books can also be read to learn something. All kinds of books can be assigned to be read as educational books when your teacher wants you to write book reports. A book report is a paper that you write telling about a book you read.

This workbook will help you learn how to write book reports about many kinds of good, healthy, Messiah-honoring books! There are three reasons why you need to learn how to write book reports.

1. You can share with others about a book you read and maybe even encourage them to choose it or warn them not to read it. For example, you can send a copy of your book report in a letter to a friend.
2. You will learn the basic skills of report writing.
3. In grade school or college, a book report is often required as a replacement for a quiz or test. The teacher uses the report to determine what you have learned from your assigned reading.

To write a book report, you must first select and read a book! Then, you must collect information from the book while you are reading it(or afterwards). Finally, you must analyze and organize this information so that it can be easily read and clearly understood.

When you write a book report, all of the information that you read, collect, and analyze is first written into sentences. Later the sentences are arranged into paragraphs. There is a standard format in which book reports are written. You will learn this format gradually as you advance from unit to unit through this curriculum.

For each book report, you will write on a worksheet the information you collect from the book that you read. An editing chart will help you to decide what changes and corrections you may need to make before writing your final book report and before turning that report into your teacher. On the worksheet, you can make these changes and corrections before writing your final book report. This step will help to keep your final book report neat and clean. Once you are happy with your worksheet, you write your final book report using the information from that worksheet. Each final book report form also has a border you may color.

**1.2 Book Choices**

For a born-again believer, choosing a book is more than just picking and buying one book off the shelf at a bookstore, or just borrowing one from the library. Selecting a book