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# Abigail and the Christmas Contest

Cousins + snow + a big shiny trophy = Christmas chaos!

It's going to be the best Christmas ever. Abigail's cousin is visiting, plus there's snow, presents, and a new puppy to play with. Best of all, Abigail has a plan for an amazing Christmas contest, which she aims to win!

But when the cousins come together, it isn't long before jealousy threatens to steal Abigail's joy.

Join the Christmas chaos as 9-year-old Abigail learns that the joy that Jesus brings is the kind of joy that can never be taken away, and see the good news of the Nativity story come alive in her life!

This fun, exciting novel is the fourth in the Abigail series. It can also be read as a standalone book.

## About the Author



Bethany McIlrath loves to get lost in a book and to help others discover their next read in her marketing role at The Good Book Company. When she's not reading stories, she's usually writing them or dreaming about them as she comes up with real-life creative adventures for friends, her husband, and a doorbell-like dog named Indy. Serving in children's ministry is also one of her greatest joys.

## Endorsements

“Bethany has created a delightful series that helps young readers connect their faith with their everyday life. Abigail’s adventures are fun and relatable, delivering valuable lessons for all kids and making this series a great one to add to your bookshelf.”

**Laura Wifler**

Cofounder, Risen Motherhood

“This latest Abigail adventure is a treat and a treasure! Bethany is a master at helping young children think about their emotions and how they relate to others through the lens of God’s kindness. Your kids will find *Abigail and the Christmas Contest* relatable, easy-to-read, full of wisdom, and best of all—centered on the grace of God.”

**Chris Ammen**

Founder, Kaleidoscope Kids’ Bibles;  
Author, *Raising Disciples at Home*

# Suggested Interview Questions

1. What do you hope young readers will learn about handling emotions like jealousy or disappointment from Abigail’s experiences?
2. How can children learn to identify jealousy, when it often presents itself as other emotions, like anger or disappointment?
3. How can understanding Jesus’ greatest gift help children (and adults!) navigate the tendency to compare?
4. What inspired you to write about the theme of jealousy in this particular Abigail story?
5. What made you choose a cousin relationship as the context for telling a story about comparison?
6. What are some practical steps parents can take this Christmas to prepare their children’s hearts for joy rather than jealousy?
7. What can parents do to help children place their value in Jesus, rather than what they get or how they are perceived?
8. How can we encourage children to be sensitive to others who might be struggling with jealousy and reacting as a result?

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