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What's your favorite 2006 Columbus Parent feature? Please choose from these six editor's picks. (Link to articles below)  
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## Gifts for a girl, gifts for a boy, gifts the family will enjoy

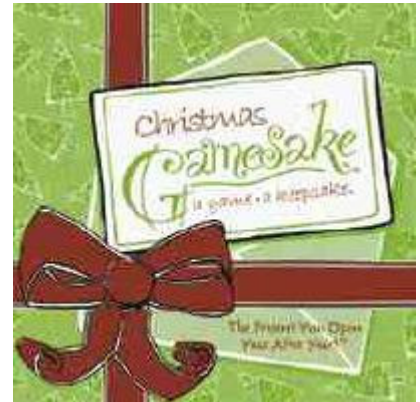
Compiled by Donna Willis

The children have made their lists. Santa has checked them twice for affordability and availability. Now, it's time to find out which new children's products have Columbus Parent's seal of holiday approval! These gifts ideas will help your children make family connections, learn about the values of sharing and cooperation, explore the environment and more.

### Christmas Gamesake

Friends and family create a board game by filling out favorite memories from the year (or years past) on enclosed gift cards. After reminiscing, families race around the world to be the first to the North Pole. Creates a treasure trove of memories.

All ages. \$29.95. Available online at [www.gamesake.com](http://www.gamesake.com).



### Ladybug Land

Discover ladybug metamorphosis. Send in included certificate and receive ladybug larvae by mail. The see-through, domed habitat allows a bug's-eye view as the small larvae eat and drink from special gels, form cocoons and emerge as adult ladybugs. Only one of Insect Lore's interactive products. Ages 4 and up. \$16.95. Available online at [www.insectlore.com](http://www.insectlore.com).

### L-BowÆ Mittens

L-Bow Mittens' Easy Dry Insert System is the answer to washing a child's sweaty, smelly mittens without turning the inside lining into a balled-up mess. Mittens extend past the child's wrist, to the elbow, to keep snow and ice out while keeping little fingers and wrists warm and dry. \$18.99-\$27.99.

Available online at [www.lbow.com](http://www.lbow.com).

### The Amazing Message Plant

A plant that allows children to receive a special message from a loved one while discovering the wonders of nature. Plant germinates in seven to 10 days and is almost maintenance-free.

Ages 3 and up. \$9.95. Available online at [www.message-plant.com](http://www.message-plant.com).



### 'The Bible Game'

Crave Entertainment's fun and inspirational video game for one to four players is based on well-loved stories

When accidents happen: Medical Q & A

Find a path: Creating a life map

Quest for Success: Whirlwind agendas may be damaging your family-focused home

Clean kids: Encouraging good personal hygiene

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from the Old Testament. Combines fast action and trivia challenges with a familiar game-show format. For PlayStation 2 and Xbox. All ages. \$19.95. Available online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### VeggieTales® Gift Books

These new books feature the well-known VeggieTales gang plus a CD single. Each book in the series is based on a VeggieTales classic tune, such as "Oh, Where is My Hairbrush?" or "I Can Be Your Friend," and teaches valuable lessons as children read and sing along. Ages 6 and younger.

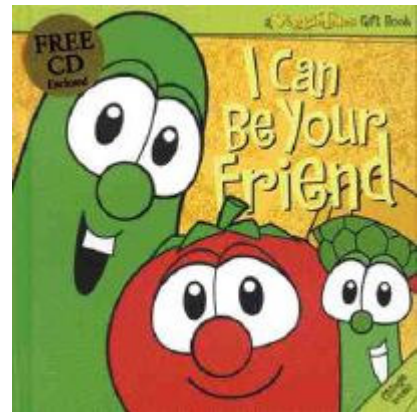
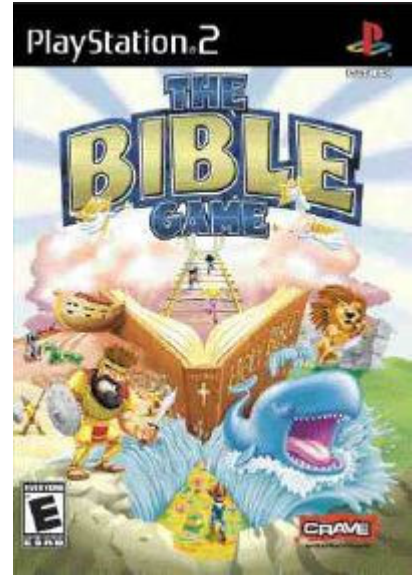
\$8.95. Available at your favorite bookstore or online at [www.bigidea.com](http://www.bigidea.com).

### 'Dora the Explorer Dance Fiesta!'

With 10 upbeat tracks, this enhanced CD is packed with timeless, fun and danceable songs that children and parents already know and love. Features songs in both English and Spanish. Ages 2-7. \$12.99. Available where CDs are sold or online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### Apples to Apples Junior 9+ Second Edition

Complete with 576 cards, Apples to Apples encourages the whole family to delight in clever comparisons while building vocabulary and thinking skills. One of three new games from Out of the Box Publishing. Ages 9 and up. \$24.99. Available at specialty stores and online at [www.otb-games.com](http://www.otb-games.com).





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