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# One Hand, Two Hands



## Synopsis

A delightful way to show little ones how their hands are a blessing from God that they can use to help others. Written in rhyming text and illustrated with the charming art of Gaby Hansen, this simple message of God's blessing of hands not only entertains . . . as it teaches what wonderful things our hands can do from scratching, latching, and petting a pup to washing dishes with mommy and putting toys in a box . . . but it also conveys the important message: We can use God's gift of hands to show our love for Him by helping others. The book ends tenderly with a prayer of thanks to God for hands and asks Him to use them again: "One hand, two hands, Five fingers, ten. God, thanks, for my hands. Please, use them again."

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

With more than 130 million products in print, Max Lucado is America's bestselling inspirational author. He serves the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Denalyn, and their mischievous mutt, Andy.

Great book for kids on how important it is to help others. Well written, and the illustrations are just wonderful!

One Hand, Two Hands by Max Lucado is about all the wonderful things our hands can do. With cute illustrations and rhyming text this is a great read aloud book for small children ages 2+. From making messes to helping others, digging in the dirt to petting a puppy our hands can do many things. Rating: 4.5 Stars Source: Won in a giveaway

Max Lucado is one talented guy. He can make an adult reread sentences about God's love because of their depth yet he can bring God's love down to the simplest terms for a child. One Hand, Two Hands is the third children's book by Max Lucado that I have read. Once again I was impressed. By use of rhyme and gentle illustrations, the entire book explains the importance of using our hands to bless others. Around our house, we talk a lot about being Jesus' hands to other people. This book echos this exact point in so many ways. The book divides the activities of our hands: - practical things (i.e. scratching a pup, button a shirt) - physical things (i.e. bending, squeezing) - feeling (i.e. cold, wet) - caring (i.e. wipe a tear) - helping (i.e. picking up) Then at the end of the book, there is a list of activities for helping hands, kind hands, and loving hands. These two pages would be great to start conversations about ways you can use your hands to bless others. Explain that we are to be Jesus' hands to other people in the things we do. Although this book could be used in several places throughout the 3 and 4 Year ABC Jesus Loves Me Preschool Curriculum, I have specifically added the book to the lessons on "goodness" and for the Bible verse "Do to others what you would have them to you." Thank you to Tommy Nelson for giving me the opportunity to review this book.

One Hand, Two Hands by Max Lucado is the story of a young girl who explores all the different things one can do with hands. The young girl is joined by her animal friends who mimic what she does as well as provide her with ways to use her hands. From writing a letter to grandma to picking up socks to clapping, so many things can be done with these wonderful hands that each person has been equipped with. One Hand, Two Hands will be enjoyed by any child who loves stories and animals. The illustrations by Gaby Hansen are well done, colorful and fun looking. The story teaches a good moral about using our hands to help others as well as acknowledges just how miraculous hands really are. Towards the end of the book, the narration also points the reader towards God and concludes with a request for God to use these hands again. I would recommend this for ages 8 and under. Even toddlers who cannot read will enjoy the illustrations. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from [...] as part of their Blogger Review Program. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of

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The lesson of Max Lucado's new book, *One Hand, Two Hands*, is contained in the subtitle: Oh, the ways we can help with our hands! Little hands are for lots of things: "For scratching, latching, and petting a pup...Combing and brushing and holding a cup." But the most important things our hands are for are helping and showing love. Though the lesson is great, there are a few spots where the reading doesn't flow well. It seems that the author had to stretch for a rhyme. After reading the book to my children several times over a couple of evenings, I asked them how they liked it. My six-year-old answered: "I like the pictures more than the read." That's exactly what I was thinking. The greatest value in *One Hand, Two Hands* is in the illustrations. Gaby Hanson's pictures are colorful, detailed, and fun. My children have enjoyed looking at them over and over again. We have lots of children's books, and this one is as well illustrated as any. So between the illustrations and the good lesson, this is definitely a book that I would recommend. Three stars for the text; five stars for the illustrations. I received a complimentary review copy of this book from Thomas Nelson.

This sweet little book was written by Max Lucado. It starts out fun, describing different things you can do with your hands, things our hands are useful for, and ends describing different ways to help others with our hands. I thought the message of it was very sweet. It is a good conversation starter and helps children think about ways they can help others. The illustrations in this book are so sweet and adorable. The rhythmic writing makes it an enjoyable read. My children, ages 7 and 4 at the time of receiving this, were a little old for it. It is a perfectly sweet and fun read for the littler ones, though. We will definitely keep this one on the shelf for their younger siblings. Thomas Nelson publishing has provided me with a complimentary copy of this book through BookSneeze.™

"One Hand, Two Hands" tells us all the many helpful things we can do with our hands. Using a smile-breeding rhyming pattern and wonderful illustrations from Gaby Hansen children learn of all of the silly things that they can do with their hands, but more importantly why they should be thankful and how to use their hands to pray! While "One Hand, Two Hands" is not really a story but a series of anecdotes written at a 3rd or 4th grade level with each page describing a series of activities by a little girl and some of her animal friends (a dog, a rabbit, a bird, a bear, a cat, and a frog). Final Verdict - It is hard not to recommend such a joyful book that reenforces our need to pray! 5 Stars

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