

Holy lesson in 'Huggables'

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NEW YORK -- Huggable Jesus is just one of the "the dolls that love you back," offered by a couple of biblical doll makers in Boston, who hawk plush dolls "that pack fun and faith into one lovable, kid-sized package."

There is also Huggable Moses, who cradles in his arms two pillows like tablets and recites all Ten Commandments at the push of a button on the front of his brown robe, which is tied up with twine.

Cliff Rockwood said he and his wife started their "Holy Huggables" business to fill a need of their own daughter.

"I wanted her to have a doll that delivers a message of love and moral grounds," he said. "It's better than giving a toy gun."

The six-inch dolls are flying off the shelves, he said.

Huggable Esther, resplendent in purple and wearing a crown, shares wisdom from the book of the Bible bearing her name: "God had a plan for my life just like He has one for yours."

Jesus concurs in words from the Gospel of John: "I'm the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

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