



In the Web

www.kidspiritmagazine.com

KidSpirit Magazine promises to be a wonderful new publication in an area where creative work is sorely lacking: nurturing the spirit in late elementary and middle school. The magazine came to our attention in late January through an early glimpse at its premiere issue. We offer the KidSpirit Web site this month as a place for *Connections* readers at pre-high school levels to visit for a sense of the look and feel of what we think will be a great periodical.

Written in large part by 11- to 15-year-olds, *KidSpirit Magazine* takes a nonsectarian approach to religions and their quests to deal with life's deep questions. More importantly, it makes it both interesting and cool for young people to grapple with such questions. The magazine's writers explore thoughts on meaning, relationship, and action that are infrequently addressed, at least formally, in their age groups.

The self-avowed goal of *KidSpirit Magazine* is to foster dialogue and understanding, in a spirit of openness, among young people of diverse backgrounds and traditions. The premier issue, some of which can be seen on the Web site, includes articles on tai chi chuan ("The Slow Martial Art"), on how our perceptions of nature have changed over the ages, and on whether food can be spiritual. One invited article, on spiritual traditions, is by Matthew Fox, whose earliest books—*Original Blessing*, *A Spirituality Named Compassion*, etc.—were best-sellers in the 1970s and 80s.

Most of the first issue's articles cannot be read on line, of course, but what is on the site gives a sense of the richness of *KidSpirit Magazine*. We hope the publication has tremendous success, and invite *Connections* readers from elementary and middle schools to take a look.