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Ruling on kids toys

Question:

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What is the ruling on kids' toys like horses, teddy bears and others? If these toys are in a room, will prayer be accepted? We have heard that if any pictures of living creatures are in a house then angels of rehmat do not visit that house. Is it same for the above mentioned toys as well?

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Answer:

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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Firstly it is Makrooh to pray in a place where there are pictures, toys of humans or animals in ones surroundings. So it is best to hide the toys in a covered box or in a drawer.

Secondly, there are different Ahadith regarding pictures and toys in Bukhari and Abu Dawood and scholars have different views on the matter. Some are on the opinion of it being Haram and some are on the opinion of it being permissible <u>only for young girls</u> who have not yet reached the age of puberty. However, the precocious and view is to stay away from any kind of toys that are of inanimate objects such as: Teddy bears, stuffed toys, robots, and cartoon characters as per the ahadith of the Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam.

Aisha (R.A.) narrates that, "The Prophet (S.A.) did not leave anything in his possession which had pictures on it except that he broke it."

(Bukhari Hadith No.5952; Abu Dawood Hadith No.4151)

And Allah is the All-Knowing.

Wassalam U Alaikum,