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# THE GREATEST JOURNEY

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GOD'S GREAT  
GIFT  
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"JESUS SAID ... 'THE FATHER HAS SENT ME. SO NOW I AM SENDING YOU.'" - JOHN 20:21



**THIS BOOK BELONGS TO**

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## AN IMPORTANT CHOICE

Hi! We're Jacob and Jordan. Even though we're still kids like you, we've traveled all over the world as missionaries. A missionary is someone who gets to tell other people about God. Through all our adventures and missions, we've been on some great journeys, and we want to share them with you.

We've been to some pretty exciting places. We've seen hot jungles and cold mountains. We've traveled to islands, big cities, and small villages. It's great! But the greatest journey starts by discovering God's great gift. You will need to keep reading to find out about God's great gift. Let's find out more!

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### About this booklet

*This booklet is filled with many true stories from a book called the Bible. The Bible tells us about God, His great love, and how you can become God's friend. The Bible will help you on your mission in life; it is God's message to you, us, and everyone.*

*In each booklet you will find four stories from the Bible. There are Bible verses to learn, questions to answer, and activities to do along the way. You may do some of the activities with your leader or at home on your own.*

*Read on!*

# THE GREAT CREATOR 1



Is there someone who knows you really well? Maybe it's your mom or dad—or even a close friend. But there's someone who knows you even better than that. He's the One who made you. Have you ever thought about who made you?

I made a model airplane once. I knew about all of the parts because I made it. Later I gave it to Jordan to take care of. She took great care of that plane, but she didn't know it as well as I did, because I'm the one who made it.

Well, God is the One who made you, and He knows you best of all. He knows everything about you. God has always existed—long before anything else existed. He has no beginning and no end. We can learn a lot about God and His great power by looking at what He has made. He made the whole universe, from the tiniest speck of dust to the biggest ocean to the largest planet and star in the sky. He made the mountains, the seas, the forests, rivers, and all of the people.

The Bible tells us His wonderful story and how we are an important part of that story. Let's read about it in Genesis 1:1–2:2.

## DAY 1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. Darkness was over the surface of the ocean. At that time, the ocean covered the earth. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day." He called the darkness "night."

—Genesis 1:1–5

## DAY 3

God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear." And that's exactly what happened. God called the dry ground "land." He called the waters that were gathered together "oceans." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it. Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds." And that's exactly what happened. ... God saw that it was good.

— Genesis 1:9–12

## DAY 2

God said, "Let there be a huge space between the waters. Let it separate water from water." And that's exactly what happened. ... God called the huge space "sky."

—Genesis 1:6–8

## DAY 4

God said, "Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky. Let them separate the day from the night. Let them serve as signs to mark off the seasons and the days and the years. Let them serve as lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth." And that's exactly what happened. ... God saw that it was good.

—Genesis 1:14–15, 18

SAMPLE

## DAY 5

God said, "Let the waters be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky." ... And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. He said, "Have little ones and increase your numbers. Fill the water in the oceans. Let there be more and more birds on the earth."

—Genesis 1:20–22

## DAY 7

God had finished the work he had been doing. So on the seventh day he rested from all of his work.  
—Genesis 2:2

God spoke, and the world was created. How amazing!  
Only God has the power to do that!

## DAY 6

God said, "Let the land produce all kinds of living creatures." ... And that's exactly what happened. God made all kinds of wild animals. ... And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our likeness." ... So God created man in his own likeness. ... He created them as male and female. God blessed them. He said to them, "Have children and increase your numbers. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the waters and the birds of the air. Rule over every living creature that moves on the ground." ... God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.

—Genesis 1:24–28, 31

SAMPLE



People are unique. Out of all the creatures God made, humans are the only ones made like Him—in **His image**. We are loved by Him. God made us like Him to have a special friendship with Him forever. Our part of the friendship is to honor and love God. The story of creation helps us understand that God is creative and made everything on purpose.

### DRAWING

Draw something from Day 3 in the first box and something from Day 6 in the second box.

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### COLLECT

Find something beautiful from nature, like a beautiful leaf or flower. Now, with paper and pencil, draw or make a rubbing of the object so an impression is left on the paper. You may cut around the edge carefully with scissors. You will collect different items for stories 2, 3, and 4. Remember that the same God who created you also created the marvelous world we live in.

### AMAZING ANIMALS

Think of as many different animals or plants as you can. Are there mountains or seas near where you live? Are there forests or deserts?

God made all these things you can think of, and even more! Look at some of these interesting creatures from around the world. In the empty box, draw the most interesting animal you have ever seen.

Toucan

Kangaroo

Elephant

Angel fish

Turtle



### PSALM 139:2-6

We are special to God. The Bible tells us that God sees into our hearts and knows everything about us. You can read about it in Psalm 139:2-6:

You know when I sit down and when I get up.  
You know what I'm thinking even though you are far away.  
You know when I go out to work and when I come back home.  
You know exactly how I live.  
Lord, even before I speak a word,  
you know all about it.  
You are all around me. You are behind me and in front of me.  
You hold me in your power.  
I'm amazed at how well you know me.  
It's more than I can understand.

### QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- God is always with you and will always love you. True or false?
- What does God know about you?  
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- How does reading the psalm make you feel about yourself? About God?  
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That's how much God loves you. You were planned by God; you were not a mistake. He knows you and loves you. You are very valuable to Him.

### MEMORY VERSE

**So God created man in his own likeness.** —Genesis 1:27

Find a mirror or something shiny and look at yourself as you say the verse. Do it until you remember the verse.

## REMEMBER

- God created this amazing world.
- God made us to know Him and follow Him.
- God loves us, and we are precious to Him.



### TALK TO GOD

**DEAR GOD,**  
Thank You for loving me and sending Jesus to save me. Thank You that Jesus showed us what You are like. Help us remember that He is Your special gift to us. In Jesus' Name, amen.