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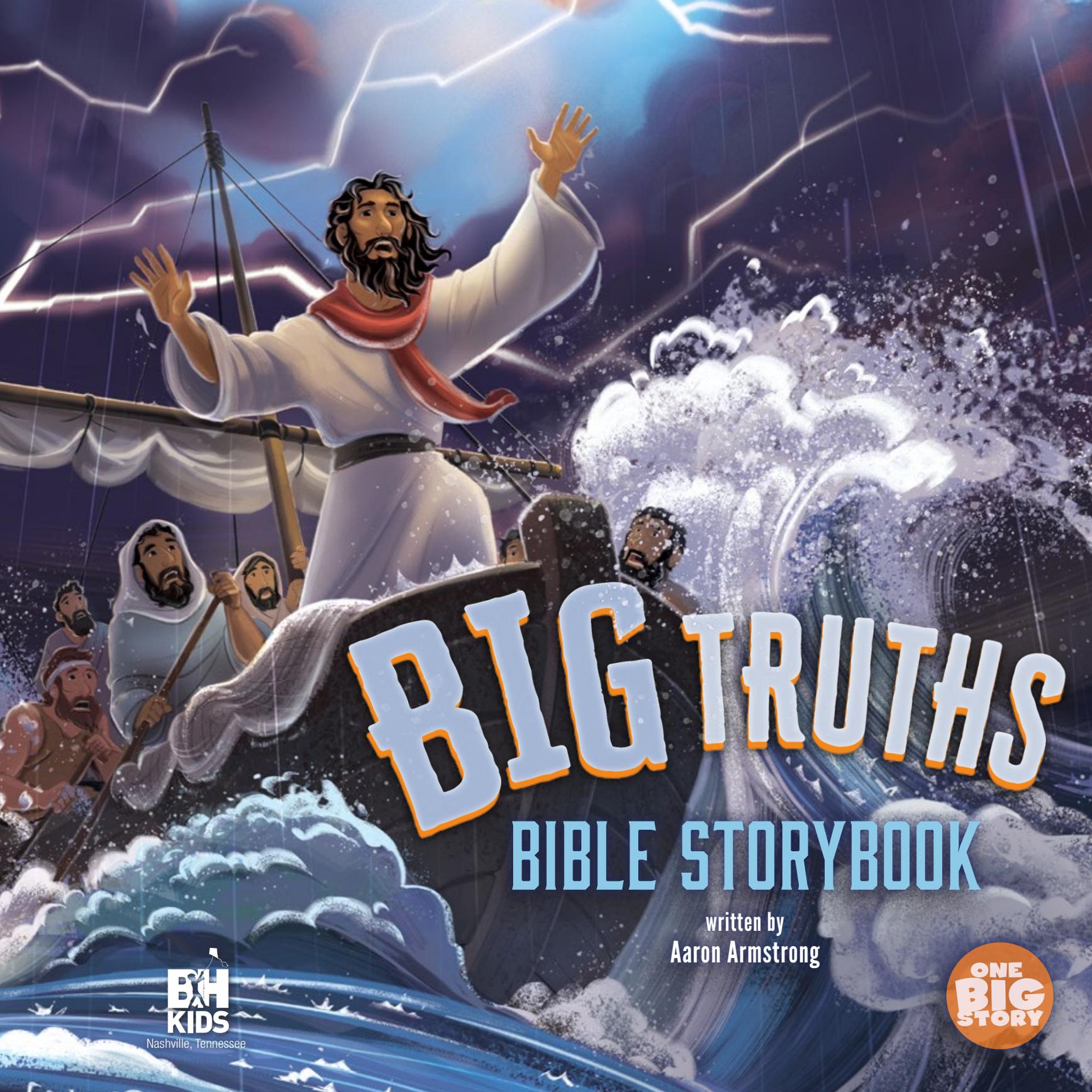
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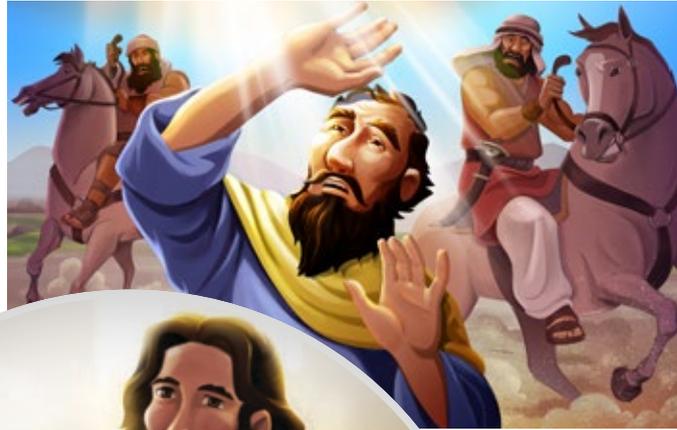
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MANY BIG TRUTHS, ONE BIG GOD.

Think about some of your favorite people, like your best friend, a coach, a teacher, or maybe even your parents! Why are they your favorite? Is it what they teach you, the advice they give, or how they challenge you? While those things matter, I bet you love them not so much because of what they do and say but more because of who they are and how much they love you.

That's one of the big reasons we want to read the Bible. The Bible has so much to teach us about, well, *everything*. The Bible tells us the truth about the God who has always existed and what He is like. (**He is holy, loving, and good.**) It tells about how God made everything that exists—including us—and what He wants for His world and the people living in it. (**God made everything for His glory and our good.**) It teaches us why we see so much beauty and goodness, and also so much pain and sadness, in the world. (**God made the world good, but sin ruined everything.**)

The Bible teaches us all this and thousands more truths! But it doesn't tell us these things so we can just learn the facts. Behind all these big biblical truths stands the God who wants us to know Him as a person—to know what He is like, what He cares about, and how much He loves us. That's why God gave us the Bible as a story: one big story of His loving plan to save the world from sin by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, rise from the dead, and rule forever.

That's why this book exists too. We want to introduce you to the big truths of the Bible through the big story of the Bible so you can get to know our big God better. When you know what God is like, and when you understand how He has shown His love for you, it changes, well, *everything*.

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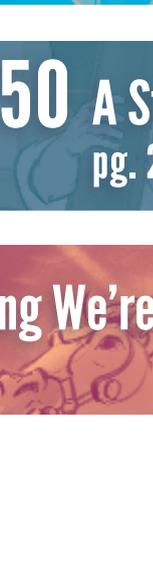
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GOD CREATED EVERYTHING

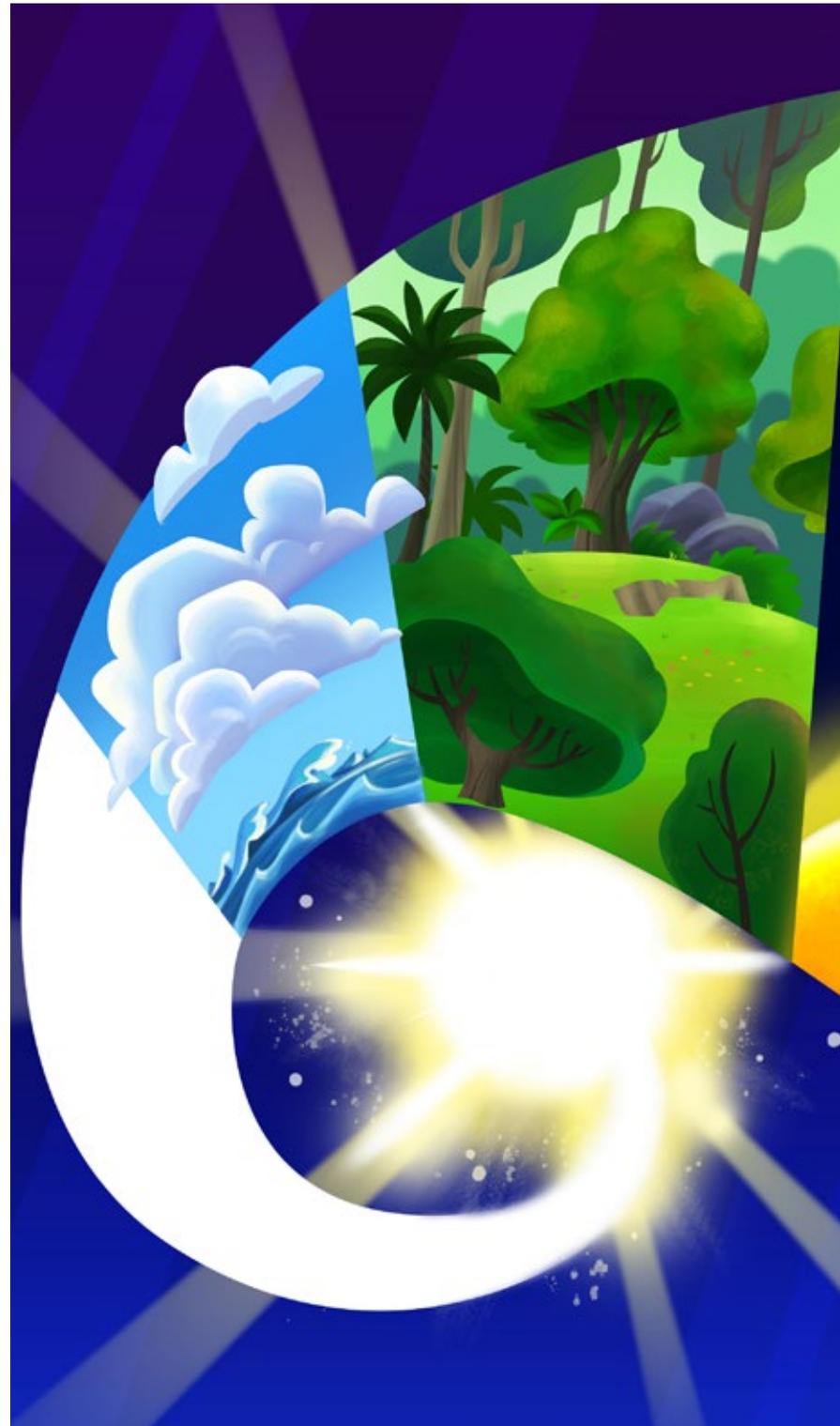
GENESIS 1:1-25

What's your favorite thing in the whole world? Maybe it's a book with an amazing story and beautiful illustrations. Maybe it's a toy you hold close at night. Maybe it's a pet you take care of and play with. Or maybe it's a special place, like a park or swimming pool.

Here's a better question: Why do we have favorite things? What makes them so great? Is it just that the thing itself makes us happy? Or do we sometimes love it so much because someone made it or gave it to us?

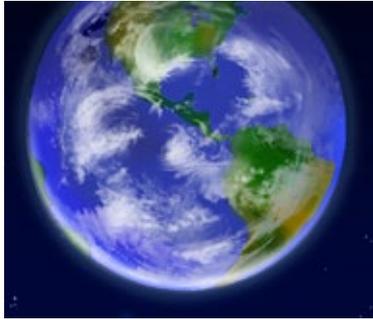
In case you weren't sure, there is Someone who made everything: God! But He isn't a person in the same way we are. He wasn't born. He doesn't grow or change. God doesn't even have a body, but He has always been here. God is alive, powerful, and amazing.

Once, long ago, when all that existed was God, He created the heavens and the earth. God took nothing, and He made everything from it.





Do you know how He did it? He spoke. For six days, God said, “Let there be . . .” and whatever He said, happened.

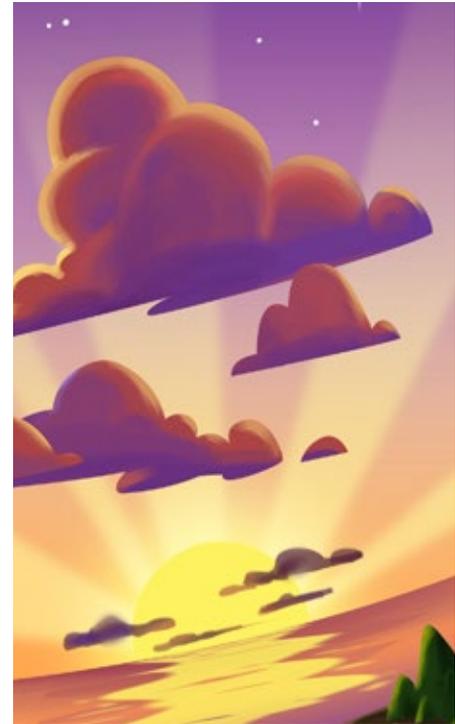


On the first day, light and darkness split, and day and night divided into time. On the second and third days, the sky and the earth separated, the sea and the land appeared, and plants sprang to life. On the fourth day, God created the sun and the moon. (He made the stars too!) On the fifth day, He made every creature that lives in the water and every bird that flies in the sky. On the sixth day, God made every kind of animal that lives on the earth—and even the ones that live in it too.



But why did God make all these amazing things? It wasn't as if He needed them. God doesn't need any of it—because He doesn't need anything! But God did have a reason, an important reason: He created everything for His glory. God made everything to show His amazingness—His creativity, power, love, and goodness.

If we were talking about someone else—*anyone* else—that would sound kind of self-centered. But not with God. He is the most amazing person that exists! He is the only One who should show off His awesomeness without hesitating. Because when He does, God is doing good. And He is doing so for our good so we can know Him, our good Creator.



God made everything to show His amazingness.

BIG TRUTH

God created everything for His glory and our good.

This means that everything exists to show us how amazing God is (His glory) and so we can enjoy Him (for our good). This is why food tastes good, why nature is filled with color, and why music exists. Creation helps us see what God is like and enjoy Him. The Bible says God's Son, Jesus, doesn't just show God's glory. Jesus is the glory of God. He perfectly shows the world what God is like, and through His death and resurrection, Jesus offers the greatest good imaginable: life with God forever.

BIG QUESTIONS

- **What is your favorite thing in the world? What do you love most about it?**
- **What does your favorite thing tell you about God?**
- **How does your favorite thing help you enjoy God?**

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GOD'S FAVORITE CREATION

GENESIS 1:26–2:25

What do you think is the most amazing thing God made? Maybe you're thinking of something big and powerful, like a waterfall or a mountain range. Or maybe something small but whimsical comes to mind, like a snowflake or dandelion fluff. As great as these are, the Bible says God made something even more amazing—something more incredible than anything else in all the world. But what was it?

For six days, God made everything in creation—day and night, land and sea, plants and animals. And every time God made something, He said it was good. He loved it all. But God wasn't done. He still wanted to make one more thing, something that would be different from everything else. This creature would be made in God's image, care for the rest of God's creation, and live with Him as family.





God would make human beings—people like you and me.

When God made the first people, He didn't create them the way He did everything else. He didn't speak them into existence (although He could have done that). Instead, God formed the first man, Adam, from the dirt and breathed into him so that Adam came to life! But when God looked at Adam, He knew something was not good. It wasn't Adam himself that was the problem; God had made him exactly how He wanted.

The problem was that Adam was *alone*.

Adam needed someone else like him. He needed an equal to be his helper and his partner in everything. So God put Adam into a deep sleep and then made the first woman, Eve, from his side. When Adam awoke and saw her, do you know what he did?

He sang for joy!



Eve was wonderful; she was similar to Adam, but also different. Then God looked at these two, the man and woman, and He was glad. Together, they could show the world what God was like by enjoying the world and caring for it. Together, they could show each other what God was like by working, talking, learning, laughing, and cherishing one another. Together, the humans weren't just good, they were *very good*.



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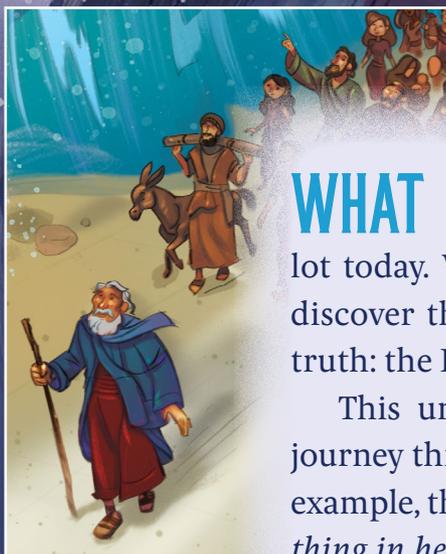
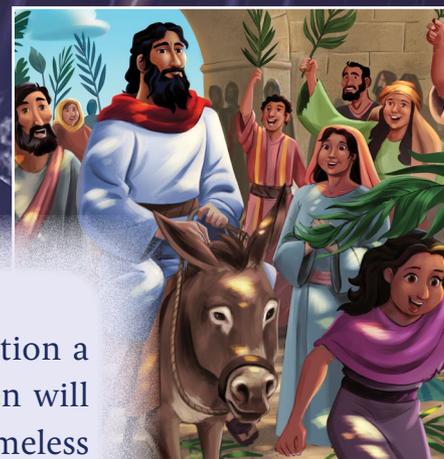
God created everything for His glory and our good.

To be made for God's glory means that we can show the world what God is like through our attitudes, actions, and relationships. This is still true today, even though sin has broken our relationship with God and we often reject Him. The Bible says Jesus is the image of God who perfectly shows us what God is like. When we put our faith in Jesus, He repairs our relationship with God! Jesus helps us love God and show His character to others.

BIG QUESTIONS

- How does it make you feel to know you are different from the rest of God's creation?
- Name someone who shows you what God is like. How does this person reflect God to you?
- What is one thing you can do today to show someone what God is like?

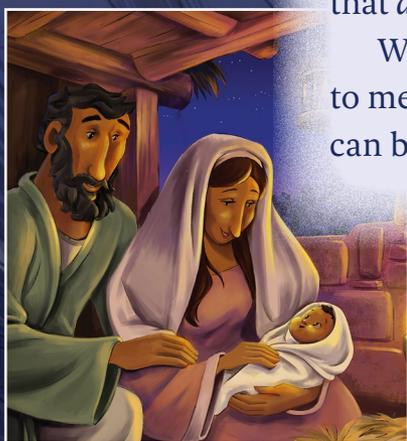
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This unique storybook takes readers on a chronological journey through Scripture to explore big truths about God. For example, the story of Joseph shows that *God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth*. And Jesus healing the sick reveals that *as the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human*.

With dynamic artwork, discussion questions, and Big Verses to memorize, kids will see that we worship a God whose words can be trusted and whose big truths will last forever.



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