

**Let the little children
come to me, and do
not hinder them . . .**

spoken by Jesus

THE LAMB

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How to get the best from this book

Fitting it together

The Bible's most important message is understandable at a very young age. In some ways, it's like a puzzle. If the pieces are fitted together properly, piece by piece, it makes sense.

To learn any new concept, the most effective way is to build from the foundation up—to move from the known to the unknown. In mathematics, you don't start children in school by teaching them: $w(z) = w_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{z}{z_0} \right)^2 \right]^2$. Rather, you begin with: 1 apple + 1 apple = 2 apples and move from the simple to the complex. If you skip fundamentals, even simple arithmetic will be confusing.

It's the same with the Bible. Careful attention needs to be given to laying solid foundations for every new concept taught. Don't rush. Strive for clarity of understanding and everything else will fall in place.

Planning your time

This book is designed for ten sittings. I suggest that you cover one chapter per sitting, and teach three chapters a week. Any less could reduce the importance of the material in the child's mind and break up the continuity of the message.

No advance preparation is required—a review of prior material is built in at the beginning of each lesson and questions are included at the end. Total time per chapter for reading and quizzing is ten to fifteen minutes.

Keeping it simple

To keep the narrative simple, the central teachings found in the Old Testament are clustered around two people, Adam and Eve. It was felt that to introduce many individuals could unnecessarily complicate the message for little children.

Using the CD

The accompanying CD follows the book word for word, narrated by John Cross and Heather Holdsworth. After each chapter is a song that reinforces the lesson. The quiz should be used once the song is completed. The answers to the questions are found on pages 176 to 180.

Handling questions

Children like quizzes. Though some will be happy to simply answer the questions at the end of each chapter, others may ask more. The endnote section gives background information to help in such cases. The progression used in this book links very naturally to *The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus*, *By This Name* or *All that the Prophets have Spoken*, books which cover the Bible in greater detail.

If a child consistently answers the questions correctly, there may be a temptation to skip them. However, they are an important review, and when answered correctly, simply mean the child has understood the content.

The message

This book presents the Bible's core message without watering it down or avoiding issues. Even subjects such as sin and death are taught in an honest, head-on manner. At the same time, the child is not left hanging. Even the lesson dealing with death ends with hope.

The Bible is quite direct about what it has to say, so every effort has been made to avoid vagueness. Where the Bible demands a choice, that choice is clearly stated. In keeping with this, political correctness at the expense of the message has been avoided. Traditional use of the word *man* for collective humanity, has been used as a simple step to clarity.

To our friends at Carrubbers

The
Lamb

– chapter one –

God Made It All

The Bible is a very important letter¹ from God and is written directly to each one of us. That's right. The Bible says that God sent a very special message just to you.

Although the letter was written many years ago, what it has to say is just as important today as when it was first written.

Every boy and girl needs to know what the Bible says to them.

All Scripture is God-breathed. 2 Timothy 3:16

*You must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.
For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:20,21*



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The first pages in the Bible tell us that God was never born and he will never die.² His life had no beginning and it will never end. God has always been and will always be.

The Bible says that, in the beginning, there was only God. There were no plants, animals or people. There was no earth, moon or sun. There were no other gods. Nothing!

Only God was alive in the beginning.



Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth ...from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2

I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. Isaiah 45:5

Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. Isaiah 43:10



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The Bible says that God made all the things we can see and all the things we cannot see.

One of the first things God did was to make angels. We cannot see angels, just like we cannot see God. Both angels and God are what we call *spirits*. They're like people,³ but they don't have bodies of muscle and bone.

The angels were made to be God's special messengers. They were to do what God asked.

All the angels watched and sang as God made the world.

God is spirit. John 4:24

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve? Hebrews 1:14

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Psalm 103:20



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The Bible tells us that when God made the world, he did it in a very special way. When we make things, we need pencils, paper and scissors. Sometimes we make things using wood, nails and glue. At other times, we use a needle and thread.

But the Bible says that when God made the world, he didn't use any tools at all. God just spoke—and there it was!



The universe was formed at God's command. Hebrews 11:3

*By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth
... Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke,
and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. Psalm 33:6,8,9*



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God said, "Let there be light!" And do you know what? Just like that, light appeared in the darkness.

The Bible says that God made everything we see simply by speaking words out of his mouth. God has so much power—he can do anything!



And God said, "Let there be light." Genesis 1:3
No one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Jeremiah 10:6
Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm.
Nothing is too hard for you. Jeremiah 32:17



– chapter one –

The Bible tells us that God made the sun, moon and stars. He placed them in the sky exactly where he wanted them. God could do that because he is everywhere.

We should be happy to know that God is everywhere. This means he can be with you, and at the same time he can be with your family and friends no matter how far away they go or where they live.

That is just how big and great God is.



God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. Genesis 1:16
“Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the Lord.
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 23:24



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The Bible says that God made the world in six days. Only God could do that.

He made the food we eat, the air we breathe and the water we drink. He made the rivers, oceans and mountains. God made all the trees and flowers.



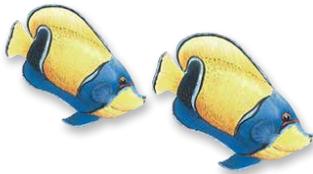
*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them. Exodus 20:11*



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God made the fish that swim in the sea.
He made minnows and whales, crabs and seahorses.

God created the great creatures of the sea and every living
and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds
... And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21



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God made the birds that fly in the sky.
Whether big or small, he made them all.



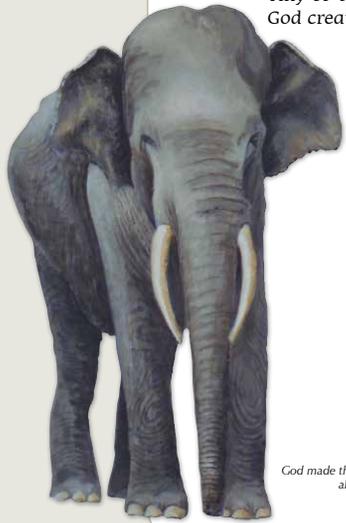
*God created ... every winged bird according to its kind.
And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21*



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God made the animals that slither and crawl,
walk and hop.

Tiny or tall, fast or slow, the Bible tells us that
God created them all.



God made the wild animals... the livestock... and all the creatures that move
along the ground according to their kinds. Genesis 1:25



– chapter one –

Last of all, God made people, both man and woman. Their names were Adam and Eve. God loved them and cared for them. He made a perfect garden full of all sorts of trees, flowers and tame animals—just for them—so that they could enjoy all that he had made.

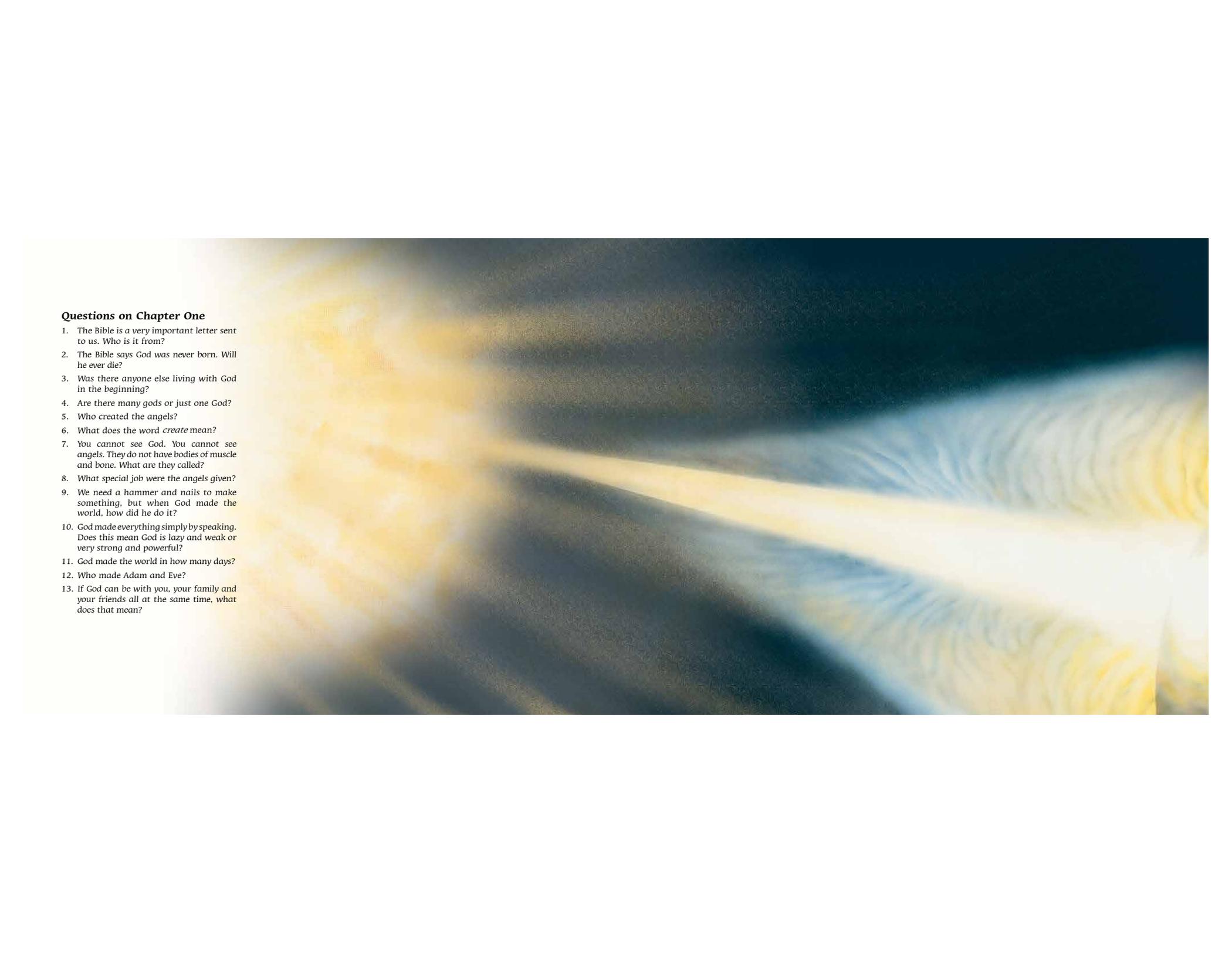
God would come and visit Adam and Eve. They would walk together in the garden. They were very close friends. Can you imagine that? Walking and talking with the Creator.

What do you think they talked about?

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

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Questions on Chapter One

1. The Bible is a very important letter sent to us. Who is it from?
2. The Bible says God was never born. Will he ever die?
3. Was there anyone else living with God in the beginning?
4. Are there many gods or just one God?
5. Who created the angels?
6. What does the word *create* mean?
7. You cannot see God. You cannot see angels. They do not have bodies of muscle and bone. What are they called?
8. What special job were the angels given?
9. We need a hammer and nails to make something, but when God made the world, how did he do it?
10. God made everything simply by speaking. Does this mean God is lazy and weak or very strong and powerful?
11. God made the world in how many days?
12. Who made Adam and Eve?
13. If God can be with you, your family and your friends all at the same time, what does that mean?

– chapter two –

What God is Like

When we look at the wonderful world God made, we can see that God is very powerful and knows how to do everything. Only such a God could make the amazing world we live in.

The Bible says that God is everywhere at the same time.

God knows and understands all things—God even knows the thoughts we think.



*Great is our Lord... his understanding has no limit. Psalm 147:5
He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom
and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. Jeremiah 51:15
"Am I only a God nearby," declares the Lord, "and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that
I cannot see him?" declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the Lord. Jeremiah 23:23,24*



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Because God made everything, he owns everything.

When you draw a picture, it belongs to you. Whether you make something out of wood, paper or cloth—you own it because you made it. It's the same way with God. Because God made everything, it all belongs to him. This is why God is also called Lord. It means that he is the King or Owner of all that he has made.

God created it, so he owns it.



*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people. Psalm 100:3
The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15*



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The Bible tells us that God is good and very kind.

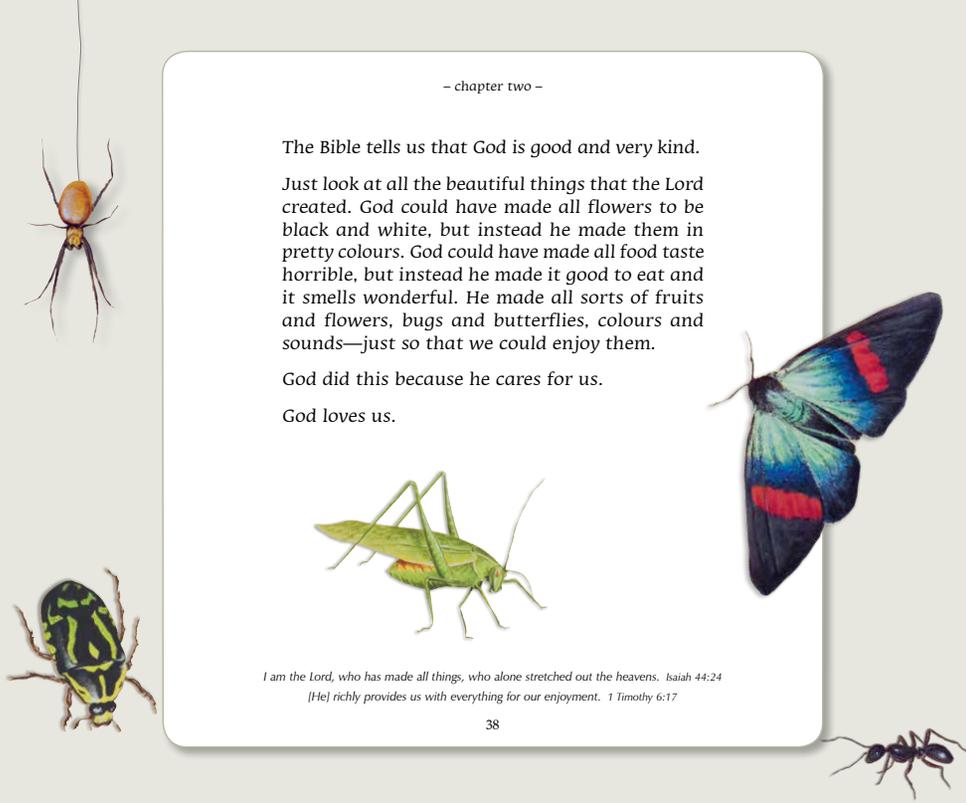
Just look at all the beautiful things that the Lord created. God could have made all flowers to be black and white, but instead he made them in pretty colours. God could have made all food taste horrible, but instead he made it good to eat and it smells wonderful. He made all sorts of fruits and flowers, bugs and butterflies, colours and sounds—just so that we could enjoy them.

God did this because he cares for us.

God loves us.

*I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens. Isaiah 44:24
[He] richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17*

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The Bible also tells us that the Lord likes things done in a right way.

Wouldn't it be confusing if one day the sun set in the middle of the morning and didn't rise again for three days? Think how long you'd have to stay in bed! That's why God made rules. He made a rule for the sun—it was to rise in the morning and go down in the evening. It was to do that every day without changing.

God made rules or laws so that everything would fit together and the world would work in the right way.

*The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down. Psalm 104:19
The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon.
It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth. Psalm 74:16-17*



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God made rules for people too, so that we could live happy lives.

Sometimes we don't like rules, but just stop and think for a moment what the world would be like without them. If there were no traffic lights, no stop signs and no speed limits, you wouldn't know when it was safe to cross the street. Everyone would be confused and upset. Without rules or laws, life would be difficult and dangerous.

God made rules because he knows what is best for us. He knows that when things are done in a right way, we are happy.

God cares for us.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17 NASB



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Everything God made was perfect.⁴ When we say something is perfect, we mean that there is nothing wrong with it. It is good in every way. God created a perfect world because that's the way he is. He is perfect.

God never does anything wrong.



*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. Psalm 145:3 NASB*



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God's home is perfect. It's called Heaven. The Bible tells us that Heaven is very beautiful. It's like a huge park with trees and a river. Right in the middle of this park is a wonderful, clean, safe city where nothing is broken or ever wears out. This city is so amazing, even the streets are paved with gold.

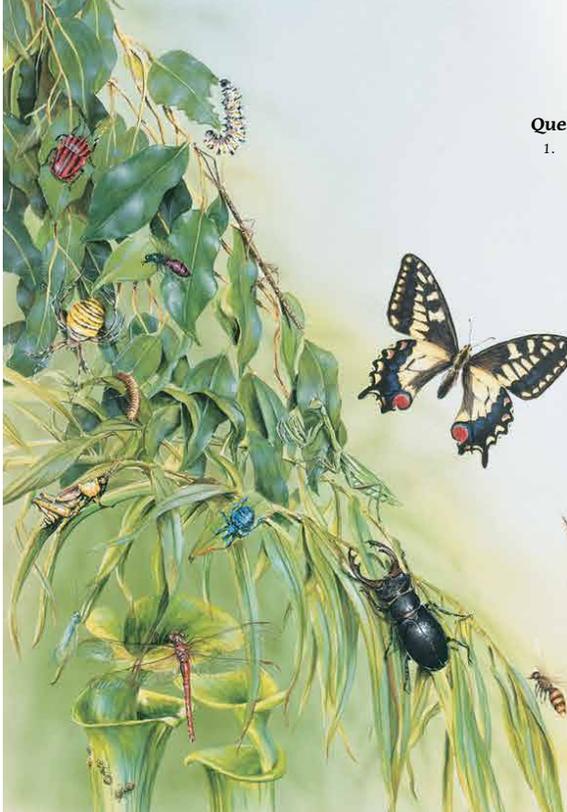
In Heaven, there is no sickness, sadness or death. There are no weeds, thorns or thistles. No bad or unkind people live there. Everyone is always very, very happy. Heaven is full of beautiful music. The animals are tame and friendly. You never have to sleep in Heaven. There's no darkness or night—it is always day.

Heaven is a perfect place, where perfect people and perfect angels live with a perfect God. It is so wonderful, it's hard to describe.

Imagine being able to take a peek into Heaven. What do you think it would be like to live there?

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Revelation 21:4
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared. 1 Corinthians 2:9*





Questions on Chapter Two

1. When you look around the world and see all that was made, you can see that God is very powerful. How much does God know?
2. Who does the world belong to?
3. Why does the world belong to God?
4. God could have made the world very ugly, but he made it beautiful. Why did God make such a beautiful world?
5. God made rules so that the world would work in the right way. What sort of place would the world be without any rules?
6. What do we call something that has nothing wrong with it and is good in every way?
7. Why was God only able to create a perfect world?
8. God lives in a perfect home. What is it called?
9. Name three things the Bible tells us about Heaven?

