The Work of His Hands for Kids

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Psalm 150:1



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Note to Parents and Caregivers:

Our God is an awesome God. He created our planet and our universe. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead and will come to take us to heaven with Him in eternity. That kind of love is even bigger than the universe shown in these gorgeous photographs.

From a child's perspective, most things look so much bigger than they are. But it doesn't matter how old or how big you are; when we look at these photographs from outer space, we all realize how small we are in comparison to the vastness of God's creation. As you read this book with a child, you are both in the same boat, small and in awe. Take this opportunity to spend some time with your child. Hold your child on your lap as you look at these beautiful photographs of God's awesome work of creation together. Sit together on the couch as you read the words to your child. Explore space together before bedtime.

We have purposely put in two kinds of reading options for you: the simpler sentences for the younger child or emerging reader and the more complex Bible verses for older children. Eventually, your child will be able to read all the words in this book independently, but until then, enjoy exploring God's creation together and learning of God's salvation story for both of you.

The Editors

Foreword:

As long as I can remember back into childhood, I have been fascinated with the wonders of nature. Later in life, I was drawn to the Designer of those wonders. We can all relate to being inspired, in some way and at some age, by the world around us and the elements that creation offers. The grandeur of a mountain, the splendor of a sunset, the beauty of a flower, and such as these bring fascination and draw us in curiosity. Many of us can look back into our childhood and see how such a curiosity developed into an interest that grew into a passion that turned into a calling. By grace, God has revealed to us that the source of all that nature offers, and our fascination with it, is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the eternal Word who created all things. May you be drawn closer to the Lord by this small glimpse into the "work of His hands," the wonders of His creation, His gracious providential care, and most of all, His work of salvation.

Jeff Williams



God made the world.





In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

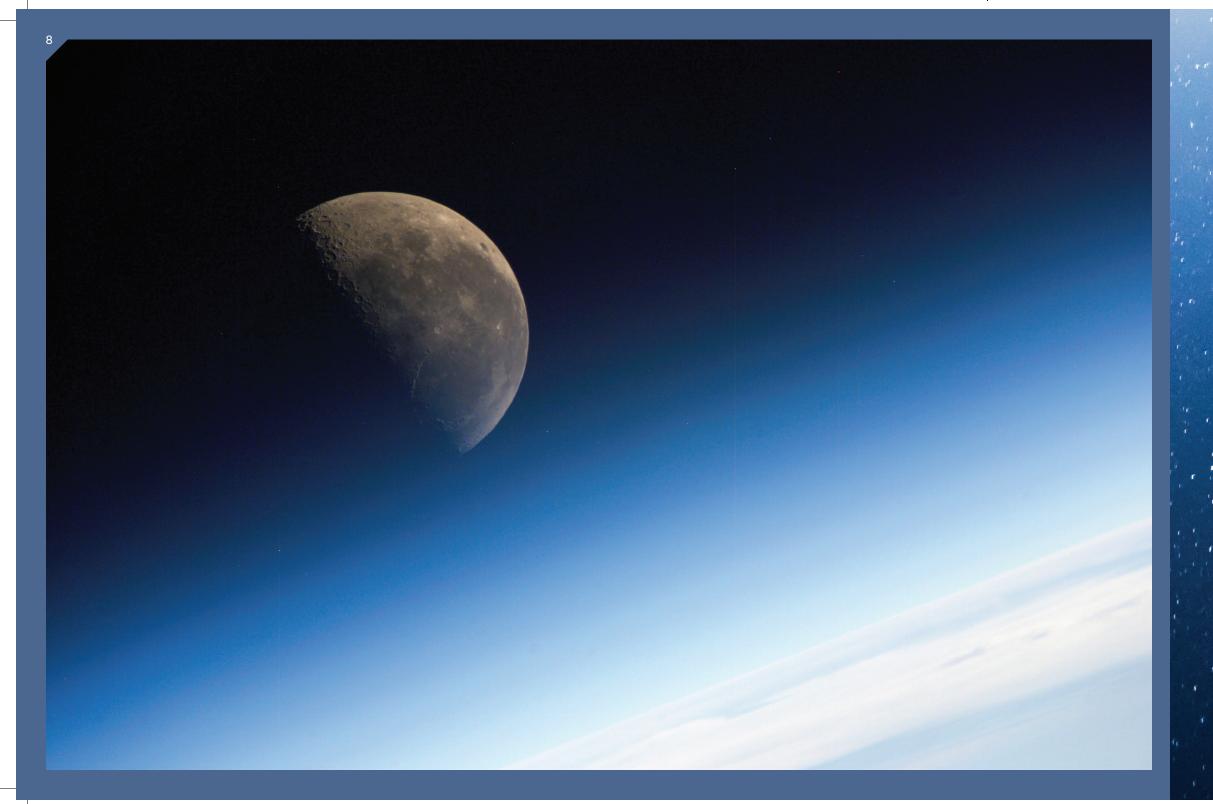
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:2

God said, "Let there be light."

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:3





God hung the stars in the sky.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years."

Genesis 1:14