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*To my beloved uncle David:
From the beginning, you have been a special part of my life,
and you always will be. Love to you and dear Paige,
—K. B.*

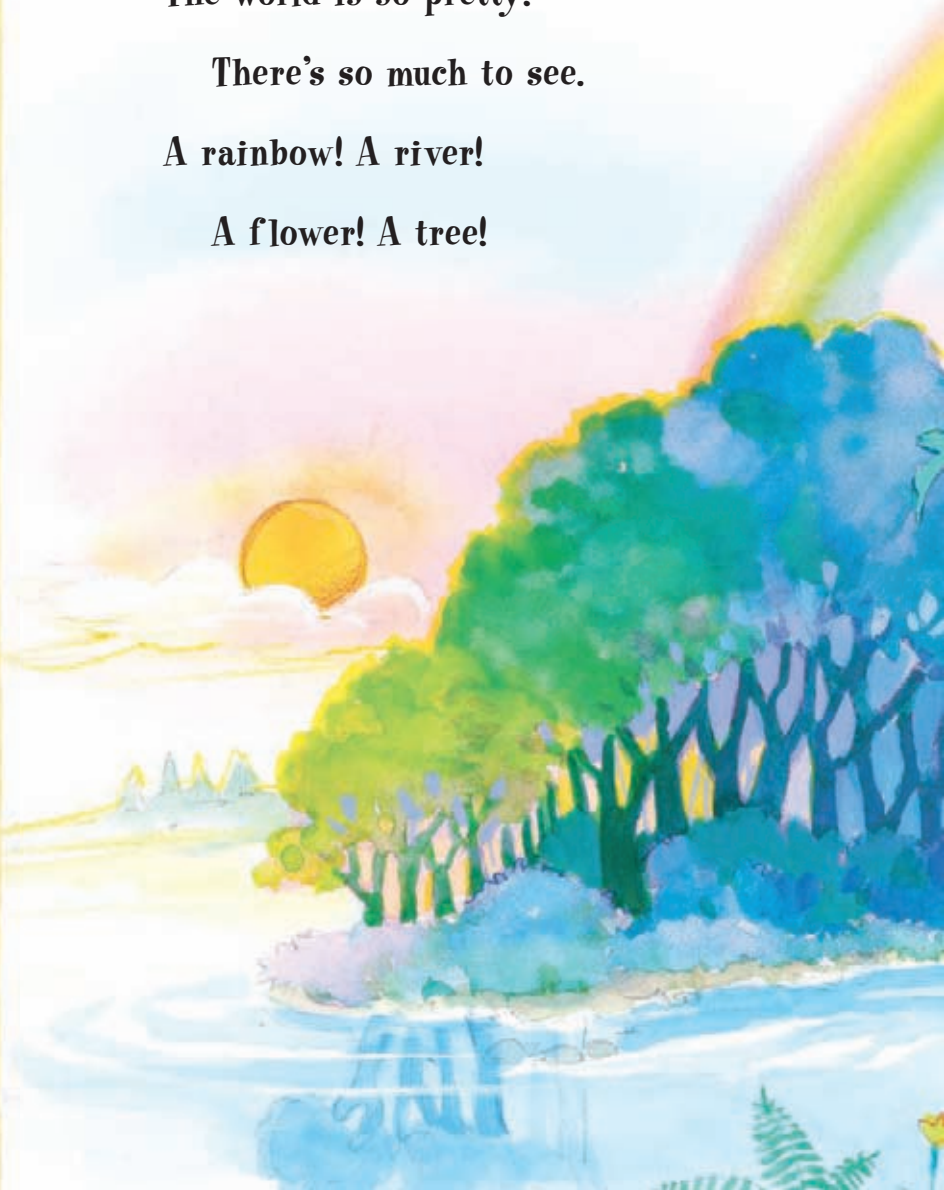
*To Emelia, our newest Little Blessing.
Love always,
—E. K.*

The world is so pretty!

There's so much to see.

A rainbow! A river!

A flower! A tree!







So who made the world?

God, I *think* it was you.

Did you have a helper?

If so, tell me who!





What was the first thing
you made, and the last?
Did you snap your fingers
to make it go fast?

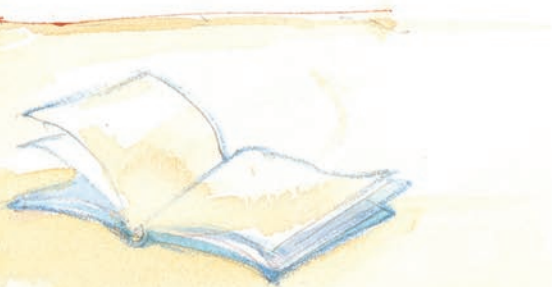


*You've asked some great questions—
you sound very smart!*

Now open your Bible.

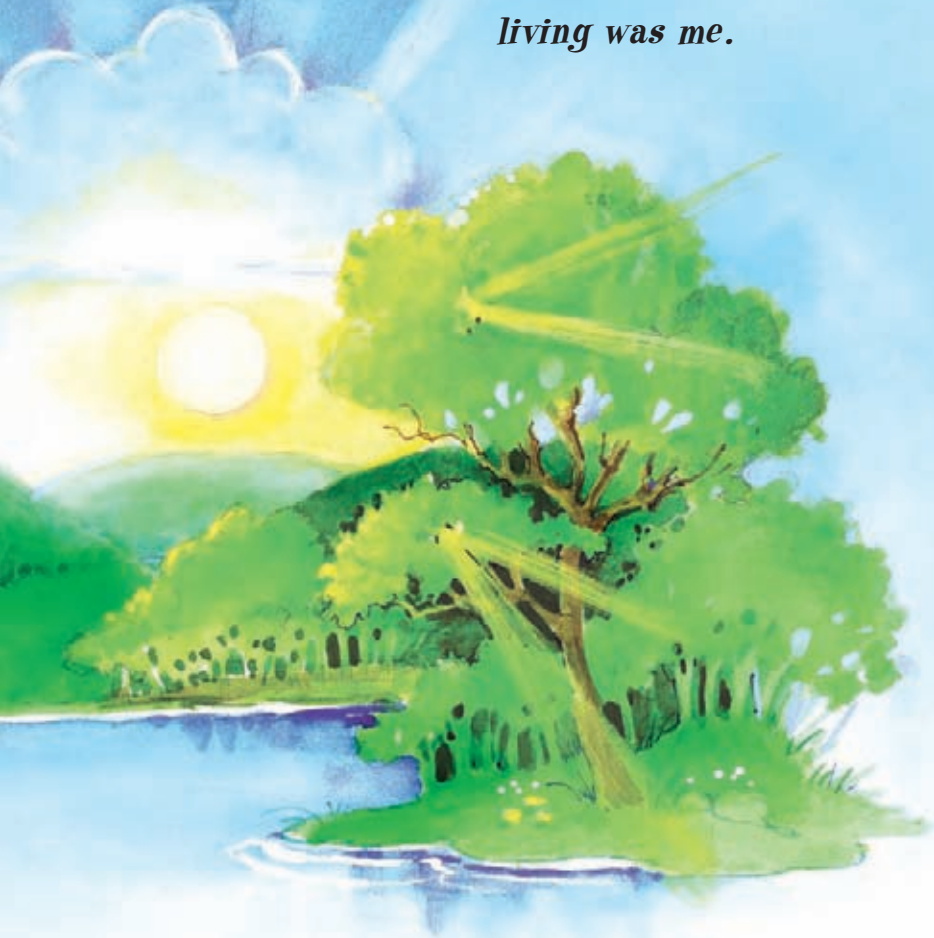
*See there, at the start,
are some of the answers
to questions you seek.*

*And now, turn the page—
it is God's turn to speak!*





*It's hard to believe
that there ever could be
a time when the only one
living was me.*





*Yet in the beginning,
way back at the start,
the Spirit and Jesus
were there, taking part.*








I looked all around;

it was empty and dark.

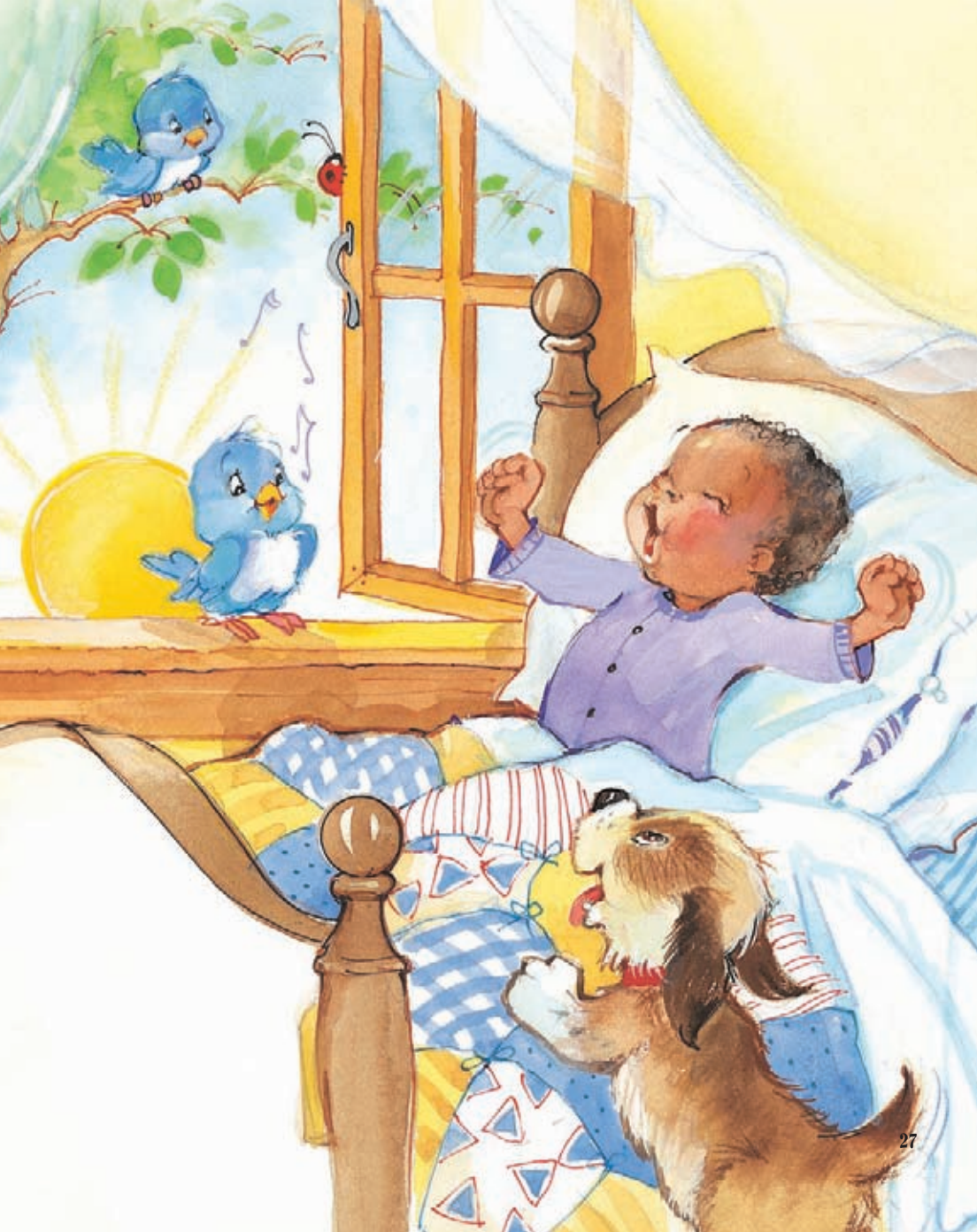
I had an idea—

just a glimmer, a spark.



*I took a deep breath
and said, "Let there be light!"
That's how it first started:
with day and with night.*





Bible References



Here are some Bible verses to talk about as you read this book again with your child. You may want to open your Bible as you read the verses. This will help your little one understand that God's answers in this poem come from his Word, the Bible.

It's hard to believe that there ever could be
a time when the only one living was me.

God made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his own understanding he stretched out the heavens. Jeremiah 10:12

When he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command. Psalm 33:9

Yet in the beginning, way back at the start,
the Spirit and Jesus were there, taking part.

The Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:2

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. John 1:1-3

I looked all around; it was empty and dark.
I had an idea—just a glimmer, a spark.

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.
Genesis 1:2

I took a deep breath and said, “Let there be light!”
That’s how it first started: with day and with night.

God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.” Genesis 1:3-5

The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. Psalm 33:6

On I continued with sky and the seas,
land filled with grasses and flowers and trees.

God called the space “sky.” And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day. Genesis 1:8

God called the dry ground “land” and the waters “seas.” And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit.” Genesis 1:10-11

Then came the seasons, the sun and the moon.
Fish and then birds, with their chirp-chirping tune.

God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. Genesis 1:14

God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. Genesis 1:16

God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind."
Genesis 1:20

Next, I made creatures of all different types,
from polka-dot pandas to zebras with stripes!

God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals."
Genesis 1:24

The days rolled along, and then lickety-split—
I'm finished! I thought, but before I could quit . . .
Something was missing; I could not be through
until I created the people—like you!

God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." Genesis 1:26

**People are special! How so? Here's the key:
people are made in the image of me!**

God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

The Lord . . . makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:18

**You can think thoughts. You can dream; you can feel.
You can believe that I'm truly for real!**

You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. Mark 12:30

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1

Blessed are those who believe without seeing me. John 20:29

**How many days did it take me? Just six!
I did not need magic or use any tricks.**

In six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. Exodus 20:11

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. Hebrews 11:3

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