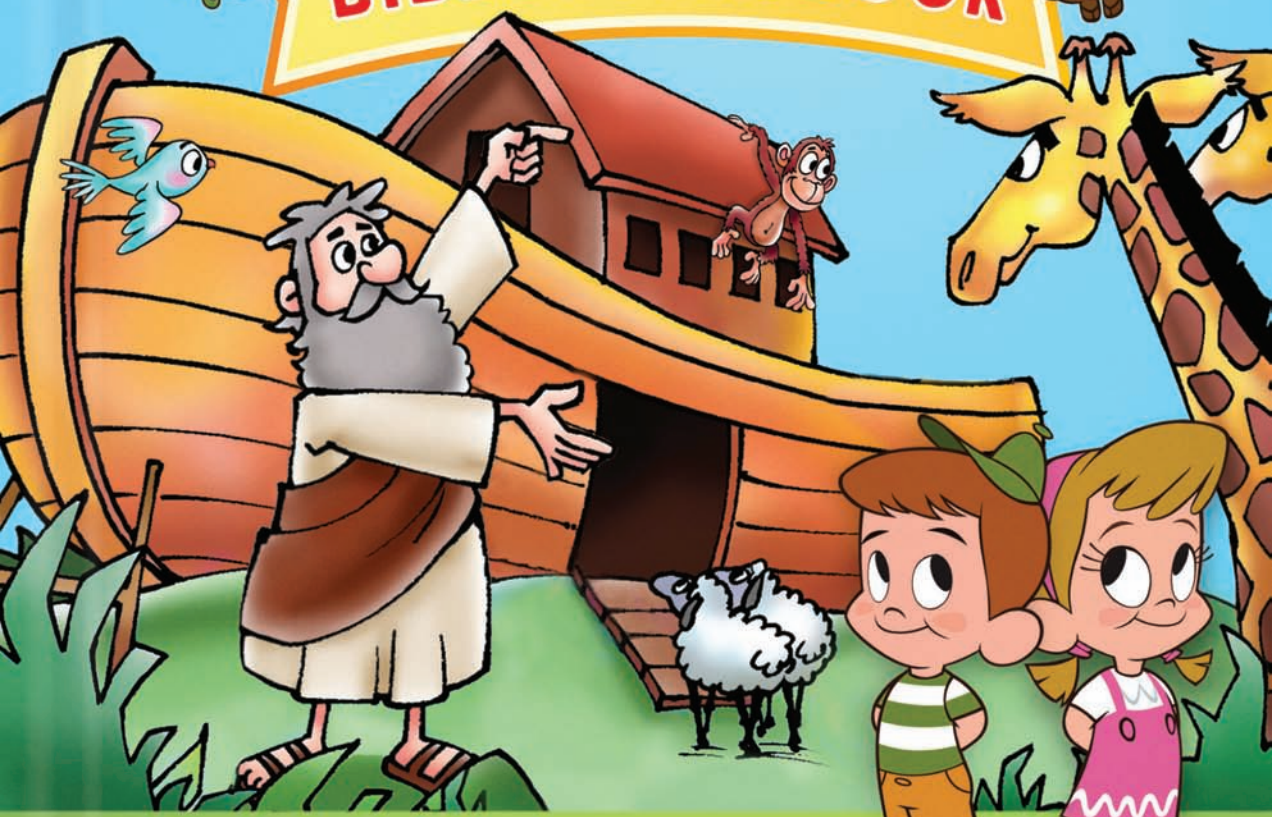




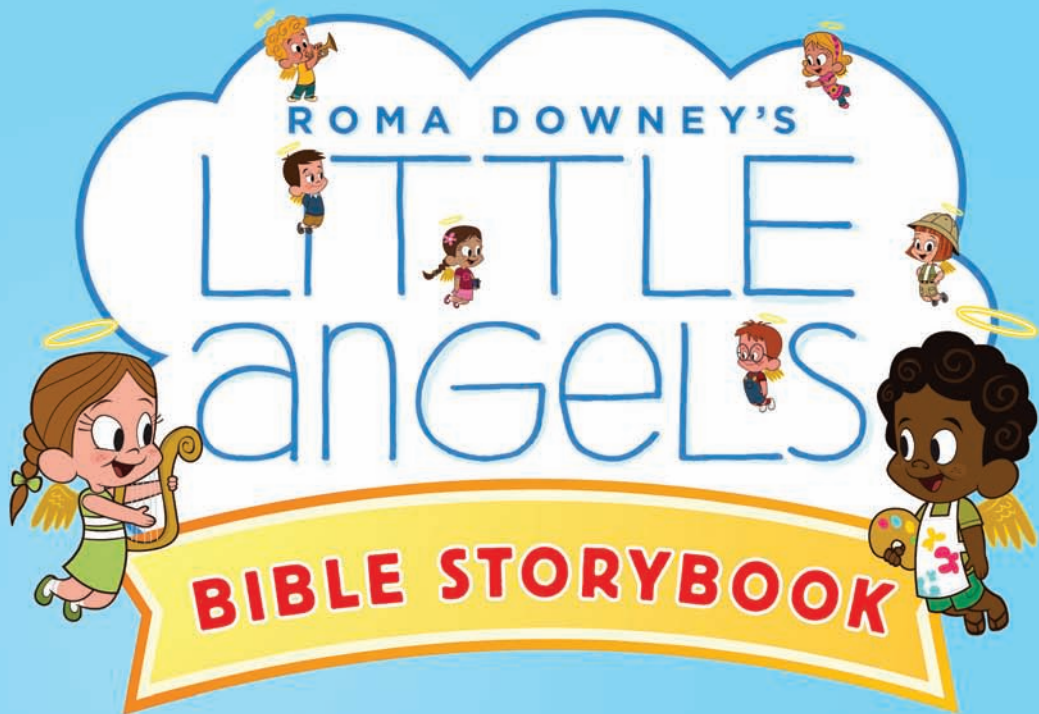
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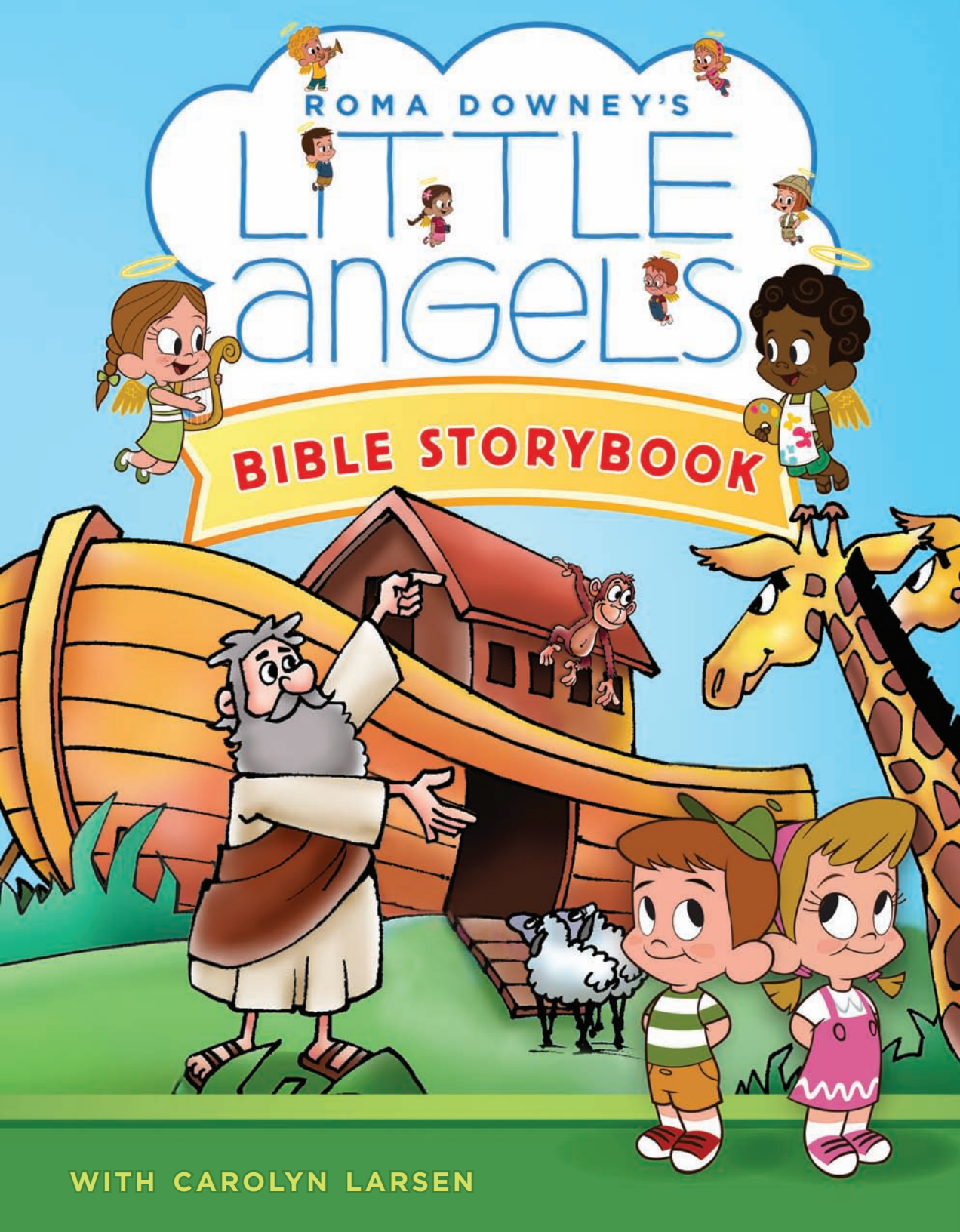


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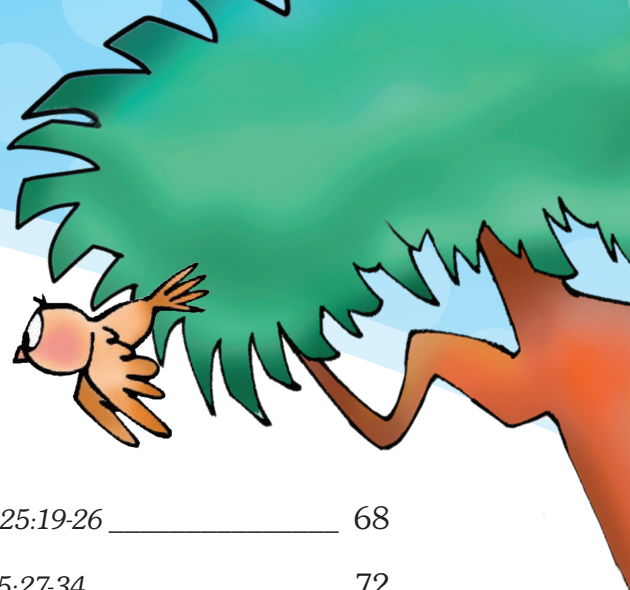
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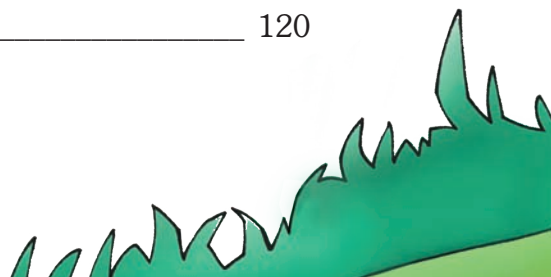
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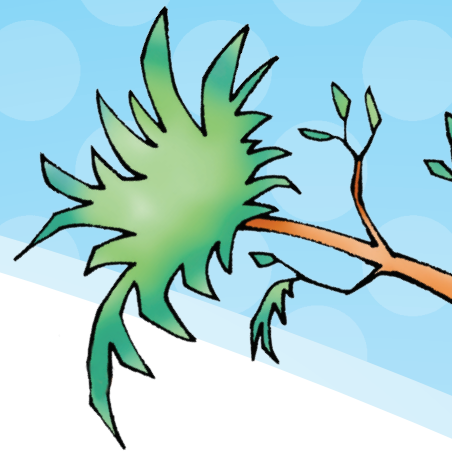


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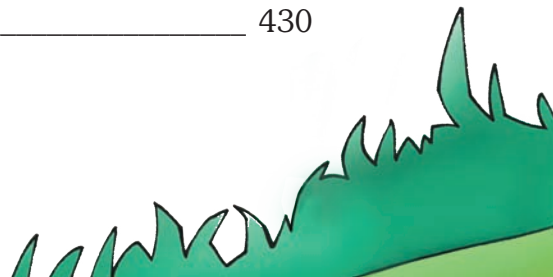


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Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Teachers,

I am so glad you have chosen to share this *Little Angels Bible Storybook* with your children! The Little Angels project is near and dear to my heart, and I am so eager to share it with you.

*God in heaven, my Savior dear,
Watch over my children and draw thou near.
Send your little angels to be at their side
To light and to guard, to love and to guide.*

This sweet nighttime prayer from my own childhood was one of the inspirations for the little angels brand. As you may know, I played an angel on television for almost 10 years, bringing a message of God's love to millions of people around the world. And now I want to bring the same message to your kids.

In Little Angels, four-year-old twins Alex and Zoe have eight little angels looking out for them. The angels live on a mural on the nursery's ceiling and come to life when the kids need them most. They act as teachers, protectors, and friends—to instruct and guide. Each angel has a distinct personality, and I know your kids will just love every one of them!



This Bible storybook will provide your children with wonderful retellings of 100 best-loved Bible stories. In addition to the Bible stories, children will learn practical skills such as their ABCs, colors, and numbers. It will also teach them core family values, such as the importance of being kind and sharing, of being truthful and honest, and of showing gratitude and love.

Alex and Zoe face the same challenges all kids do, and our Little Angels are always there to help them along the way. And because the angels are messengers from God, our Little Angels are there to remind Alex and Zoe that they are never alone, for God is always watching over them and loving them.

May God bless you always, and I pray that you will enjoy reading these Bible stories with your little ones.

Love,
Roma



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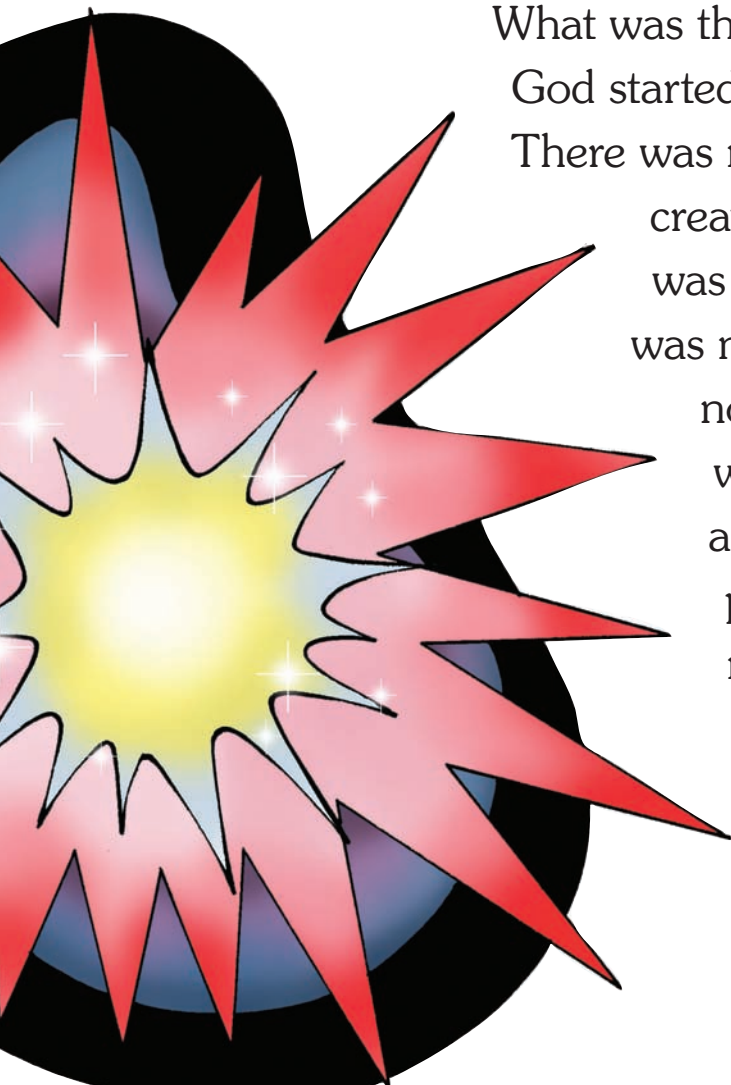


God Makes Wonderful Things

GENESIS 1:1–2:3

What was the world like before God started making things? There was nothing! Before God created things there was no earth. There was no sky. There were no oceans. There were no plants, no animals, and no people. There was nothing.

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and creation began!





On Day One of creation, God made light and dark. He called them day and night. God liked what he made.

The next day, Day Two, God made the sky. He liked what he made. On Day Three, God made the land and the seas. He made all the plants that grow on the land. God liked everything he made.

God made the sun and moon and stars



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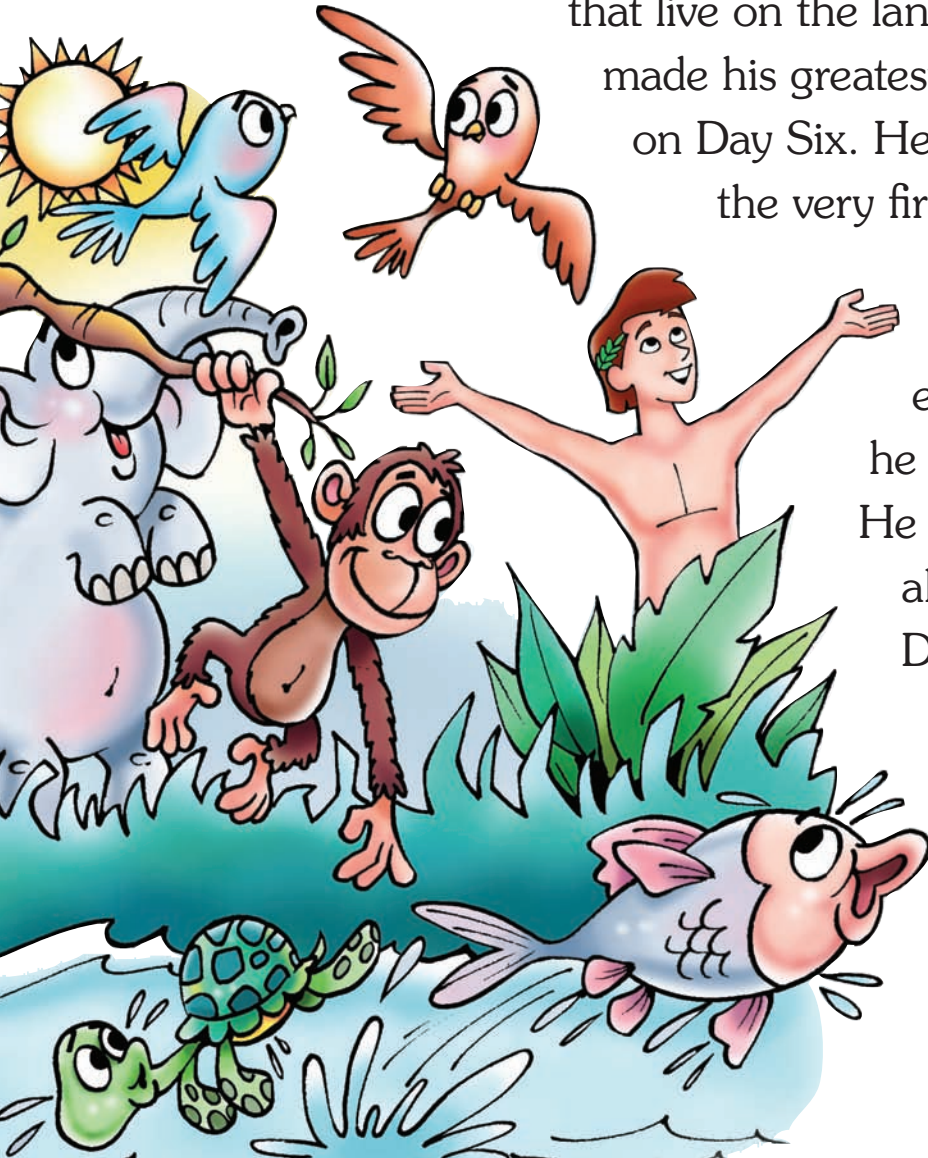
God made all the colors! He used blue for the sky; green for grass; orange, pink, and blue for sunsets; and red, purple, and yellow for flowers. Sometimes God mixes colors to make new ones. Blue and yellow go together to make green. Red and yellow mixed together make orange. God made colors, colors everywhere!



on Day Four. He liked what he made then, too. On Day Five, God filled the seas with all kinds of fish. He made birds to fly through the sky. God liked all he made.

Day Six was the day he made all the animals that live on the land. He also made his greatest creation on Day Six. He made the very first people!

God liked everything he made. He liked it all! So, on Day Seven, God rested.





I can Draw a picture, but choose strange colors for things. Use your imagination. How about pink grass and a green sky? What are your favorite colors?

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Dear God,
Thank you for all the wonderful things you made! You thought of exciting and funny and pretty and really special things to make. Thank you most of all for making me! *Amen*

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*The heavens are yours,
and the earth is yours;
everything in the world is
yours—you created it all.*

PSALM 89:11



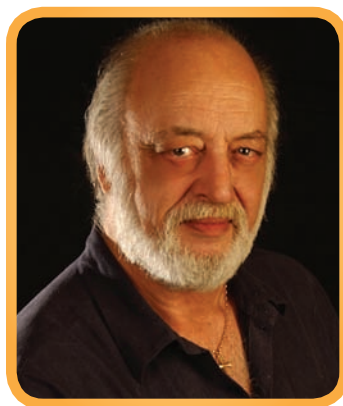


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