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How to Use This Book



“Did God really make me special, Grandma?”

Yes, he did! You are special because there is no one else like you in the whole world. You are special because God loves you very much!”

Wouldn't you love to have a conversation like that with your grandchild? You can! And this book can prompt many other precious talks with the little ones in your life.

As grandmothers, we can have a positive influence on the spiritual development of our grandchildren. Have you ever heard of Grandmother Lois? In 2 Timothy 1:5, the apostle Paul writes to Timothy, his young understudy, who was the pastor to the church in Ephesus, “I remember your genuine faith, for you

share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.”

So according to this verse, Grandmother Lois became a follower of Christ, and she shared her faith with her daughter Eunice and her grandson Timothy. And God felt this was worth mentioning in the Holy Scriptures? Yes.

As we raise our children in the Lord, we teach them and train them and pray that they will share our faith and stay strong as they become adults. But our job is not finished when our children grow up. When grandchildren arrive, we have another opportunity to teach and train little ones in the Lord, just as Grandmother Lois did.

The purpose of this book is to offer Bible verses, mini-lessons, prayers, songs, and familiar Bible passages for grandmothers to share with their grandchildren. As you hold your little ones in your lap, you can help them understand more about who God is and how much he loves them. The interactive text allows you and your grandchildren to recite and memorize short Bible verses, pray prayers together, and sing songs. You may choose to read one selection at a time or read several pages if you have an attentive listener.

But what if Grandma's lap is too far away? In today's culture, many grandmothers are separated geographically from their grandchildren. The answer is found in modern technology, which allows loved ones to stay close. Grandmothers can use this book to connect with their grandchildren over the telephone or by video chatting online. A grandmother in the United States can share this book with her granddaughter in Russia. A grandmother in Maine can share this book with her grandson in California. Since many grandparents are already connecting with their grandchildren in this way, this book can help to make that time more precious.

Telephone Time: Choose a specific time to talk each week. If you and your grandchild each have a copy of the book, you can look at the same page at the same time. You can read several of the selections as time allows. Agree to memorize the Bible verse or verses that you read together, and confirm the next phone date before saying good-bye. Then begin the next telephone time by reciting the verse or verses you memorized.

Online Video Chat (Skype): The added benefit of an online video chat is that it allows face-to-face communication with your grandchild. You can read the book to your grandchild while showing him or her the pictures on the screen. If your grandchild has a book as well, you can take turns selecting the pages to be read. Choose a specific time to video chat each week, and make your time together fun and meaningful.

There are many creative and useful ways to use this book. But the best reason for using this book is to pass down your faith to future generations, as we read in Psalm 78:4: “We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.”

May God bless you as you teach the little ones in your life to follow him.

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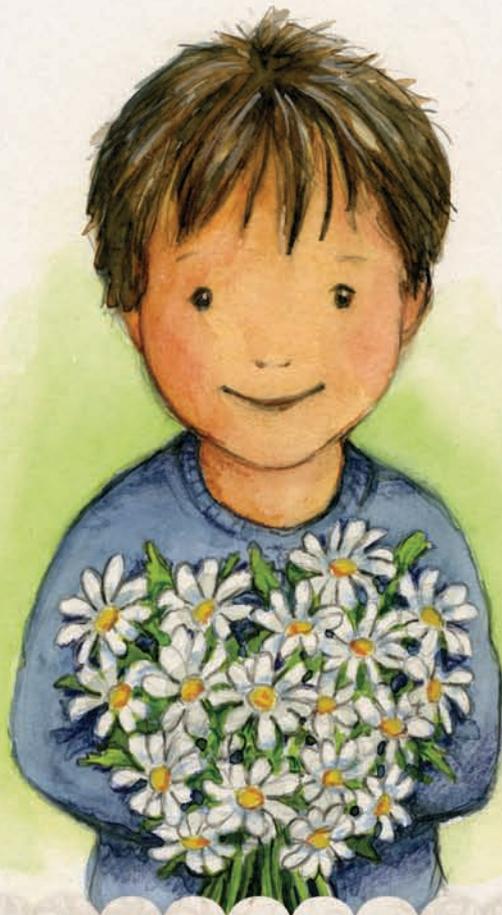


God Made It All

The Bible Says:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1



God is great! He said the words
that made the flowers and the birds.
He made the moon to shine at night.
He made the sun to give us light.

He made the stars up in the sky.
He made the mountains, big and high.
He made the land. He made the sea.
He made it all for you and me.

Sing with Me:

Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Lord, you made the birds that fly,
and you made the big, blue sky.
Rivers, flowers, grass, and trees,
butterflies and honeybees.
Thank you, God, for all I see.
Thank you, God, for making me.