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# Note to Parents

For Ellie, Cassie, and Maddie . . . and all God's children

The gospel is often called “the Good News,” and that’s because it’s the best news ever! God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to pay for our sin by dying for us. Then Jesus rose from the dead, proving that if we believe and accept what Christ has done for us, we can be made right with God and have eternal life. Wow!

The Good News is profound yet simple. Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike” (Matthew 11:25). This book conveys God’s amazing grace and plan of salvation in simple terms children (and grown-ups) will understand and remember.

**As you read through each part of this story, encourage your child to shout out each focus word:**

**Wow! Uh-oh. Yes! Ahh. Wow.**

**Wow:** God, the Creator, loves us (see John 3:16; John 1:1-5).

**Uh-oh:** We have all sinned, and the result is a broken world and separation from God (see Romans 3:23).

**Yes:** Jesus died for us and rose from the dead. Through him, we are offered forgiveness and a new beginning . . . if we say yes (see Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:9).

**Ahh:** Saying yes to Jesus gives us eternal life and peace (see Acts 3:19-20).

**Wow:** As we grow in faith, we’ll want to tell others the Good News (see Matthew 28:18-19).

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Back in the beginning, the world was still dark.

No light and no lightning—not even a spark!

No schools and no houses, no playground or park.





Then, **wow!** All God did was say, "Let there be light!"  
He called the light "day," and the dark he called "night."  
The world God created was perfect and right.

Look up in the sky, because here comes the sun!

At night count the stars, if you can, one by one.

Then gaze at the moon and say, "Wow, God! Well done."



Just look at the wonders that God had in store,

Like birds, fish, and tigers, and horses and more!

**Wow!** Creatures with two legs, and creatures with four!

And then God made people—a woman, a man.

For Adam and Eve were both part of God's plan.

They lived in God's Garden. That's where life began.

**Wow!**



Now Adam and Eve had the world at their feet!  
The Garden of Eden held every treat  
And only one tree from which no one could eat.

Along came the Snake, who was bad as could be.  
"Did God say, 'Don't eat'? You should listen to me.  
"That fruit is the best!" And Eve chose to agree.



## For Further Study

Parents, if you want to dig deeper into the gospel with your child (or on your own), here are some Scripture passages that address the ideas in each part. Of course, you can find many more related verses throughout the Bible, but these may give you a place to start.



Genesis 1-2

Psalm 19:1-6

Psalm 24:1-2

Psalm 33:6-9

John 1:1-5



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Psalm 25:11

Psalm 41:4

Psalm 51:1-14

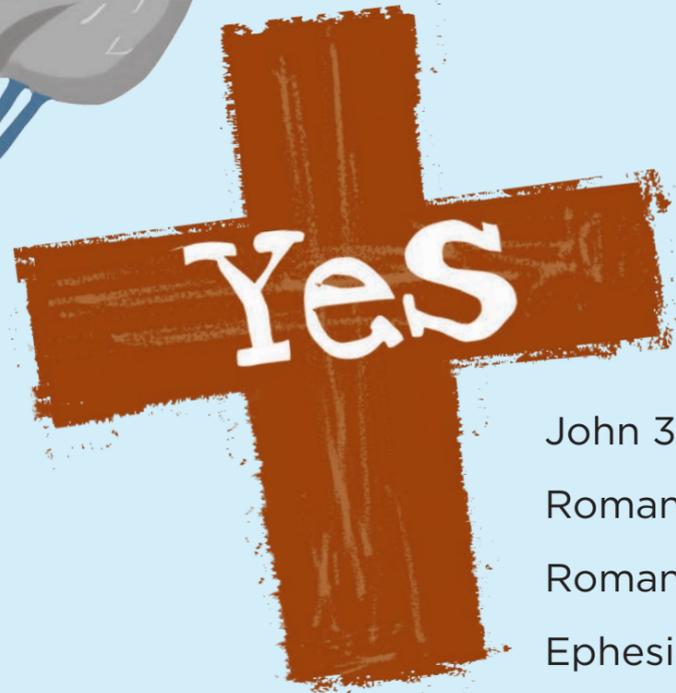
Romans 3:12

Romans 3:23-26

Romans 5:19-21



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John 3:16

Romans 5:6-9

Romans 6:8

Ephesians 2:8-9

1 Thessalonians 5:9

1 John 5:11-12



Psalm 16:5-11

John 14:27

1 Peter 5:7

1 John 5:13-15

Revelation 7:17

Revelation 21:4





Matthew 28:18-20

Galatians 5:22-23

Colossians 2:7

Colossians 3:16-17

1 John 4:7

