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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:1-4

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

I wrote this book to help you pass on the truth about heaven to your children. Popular culture teaches that heaven is a place far up in the sky where people with wings like angels’ float among the clouds singing hymns and playing music on golden harps.

The Bible describes heaven very differently. Sure, Jesus did ascend into the clouds when he left to be with his Father in heaven, but he promised he would come back again and live with us here on a re-created earth. One day the trumpet will sound and Jesus will return. He’ll put an end to all sin, sickness, and sorrow and live among his children on a new earth—a new garden of Eden—where everything will be made new. Imagine what it will be like to enjoy mountains and valleys, the sky and the seas, and explore them all with Jesus. Heaven was meant to be a new paradise on earth.

I hope that this book will help to replace any fear of death with hope for heaven, love for Jesus, and a longing for his return. Imagine if someone told you that you’ve been granted eternal life and you never have to die. Instead, one day you’ll wake up to a new reality in a world where everyone is kind to one another, no one ever gets sick, and nothing ever goes wrong. This is exactly what Jesus promises everyone who believes in him. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26).

May God bless you and your family through these pages.

By God’s grace,
Marty Machowski

As Leo gulped down the last bite of his breakfast, he heard a knock at the back door.

“They’re here!” he shouted.

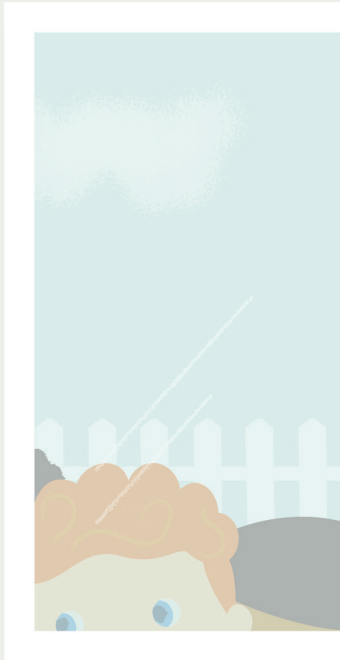
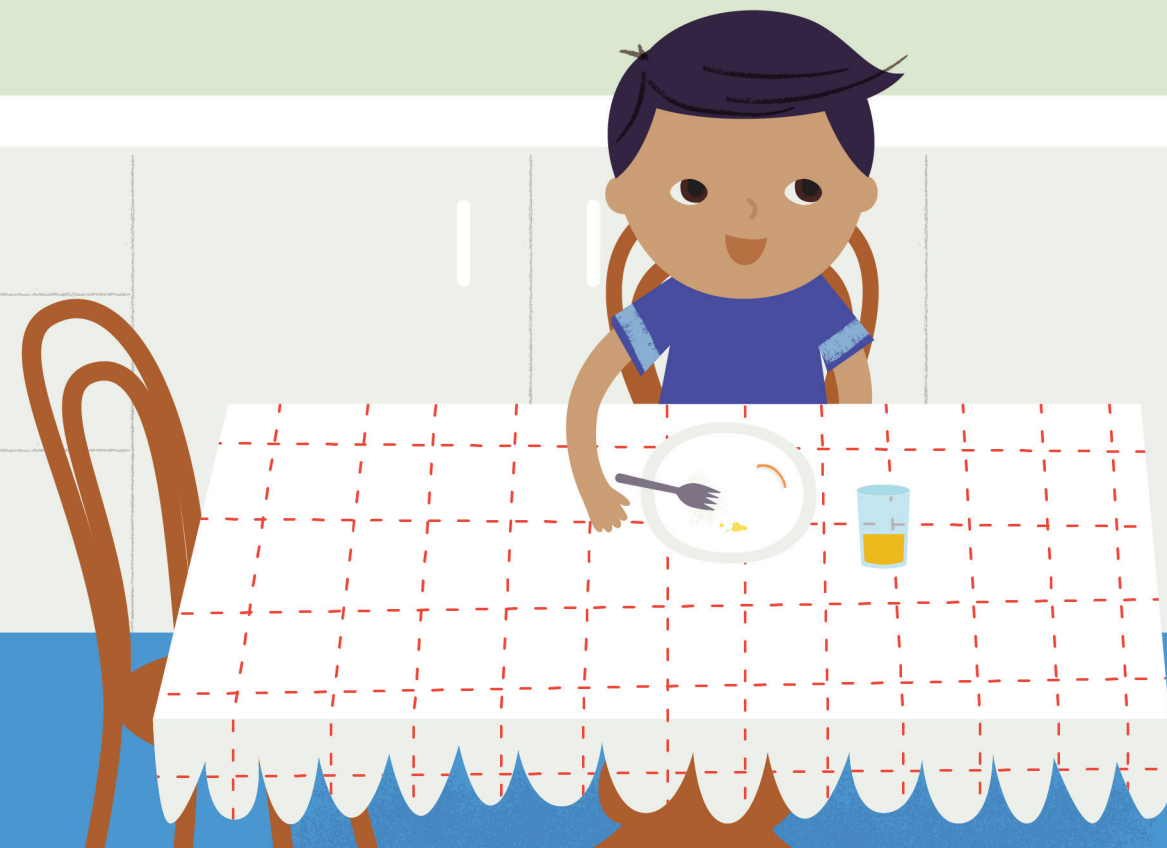
It was the best day of the year—
the first day of summer vacation!

“Can I go out and play?”
Leo asked.



“Yes, but don’t forget to say hi to Grandma,” his mom replied.
“She is out back in the flower garden.”

“Ok, Mom!” Leo shouted as he burst through the back door to join his friends.



“Summer break is the best!”

Leo said as he high-fived Tiana,
David, Roxy, Emma, and Jaden.
The sun shone bright and warm, and the
swallows dipped and dove through the air.
They were glad it was summer too!

“No more homework,”
David cheered.

“No getting up early,”
Jaden added.

“We get to play all day!”
Roxy said.

**To the
castle!**

Leo shouted, leading his
friends over the rope bridge.

The bridge led to a huge playhouse.
Leo’s Grandpa Joe finished building the
castle three years ago, just before he
went to heaven. The castle had a tower,
a ladder, a slide, and a fire pole.



Leo's grandmother greeted the children.
"Good morning," she said and waved.

Leo slid down the fire pole and gave her a big hug.



"Sure is a beautiful day," Grandma said.
"A good time to plant flowers. Grandpa always
loved the orange ones best. They reminded
him of a warm summer sunrise."



"Do you miss Grandpa?"
Leo asked.

"I sure do.
We planted the flowers together
every year until he got sick.
Now he's with Jesus in heaven,
just where he always wanted to be."



"Does he have wings like an angel?"
Roxy asked as she slid down the slide with her hands in the air.