

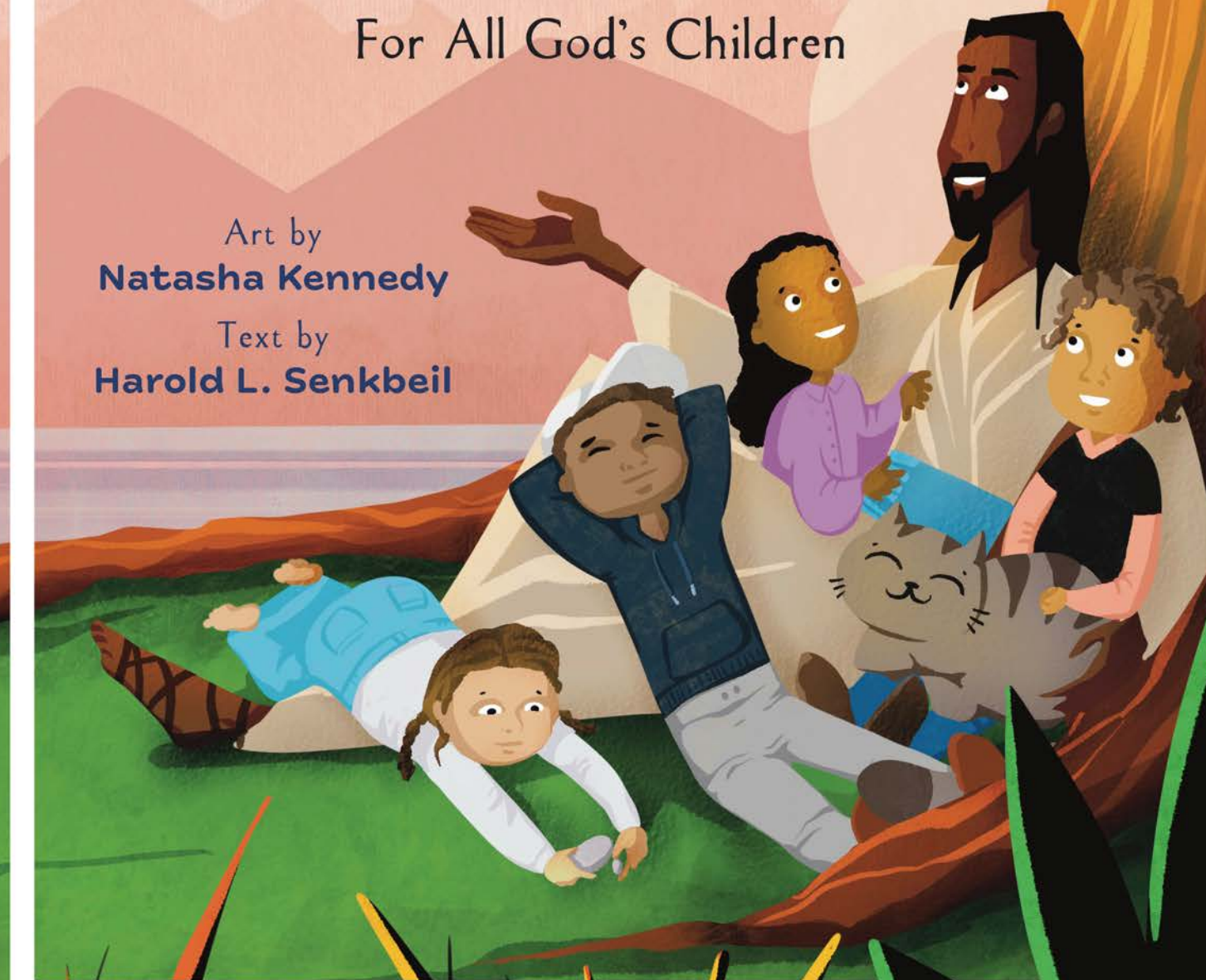


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## ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD

You sent your only Son to seek and to save the lost, saying through him, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belong the kingdom of God.” It is not your will that even one of these little ones should perish. Bless and govern the children of your church by your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
AMEN.



## What is FatCat?

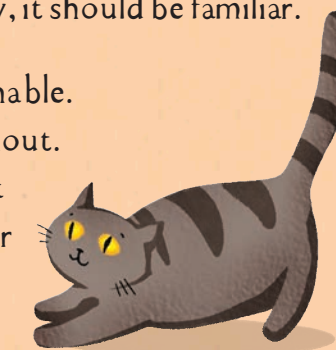
How can anyone, no matter how young or old, grasp the message of the Bible? The church’s answer has always been the catechism.

Maybe “catechism” sounds like a scary word. But it shouldn’t! The catechism teaches us what the Bible teaches us: our faith. The church’s catechism is the central texts of faith—the Apostles’ Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord’s Prayer.



The catechism is “fat.” It’s bursting at the seams with meaning, challenge, and comfort. It’s concise, but it’s also deep. Most importantly, it should be familiar.

FatCat is our way of making the catechism approachable. And so this book has an actual fat cat hidden throughout. Search for him with your child as you enjoy this book together, and hide the words of the catechism in your heart.



“The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.”

Psalm 119:130





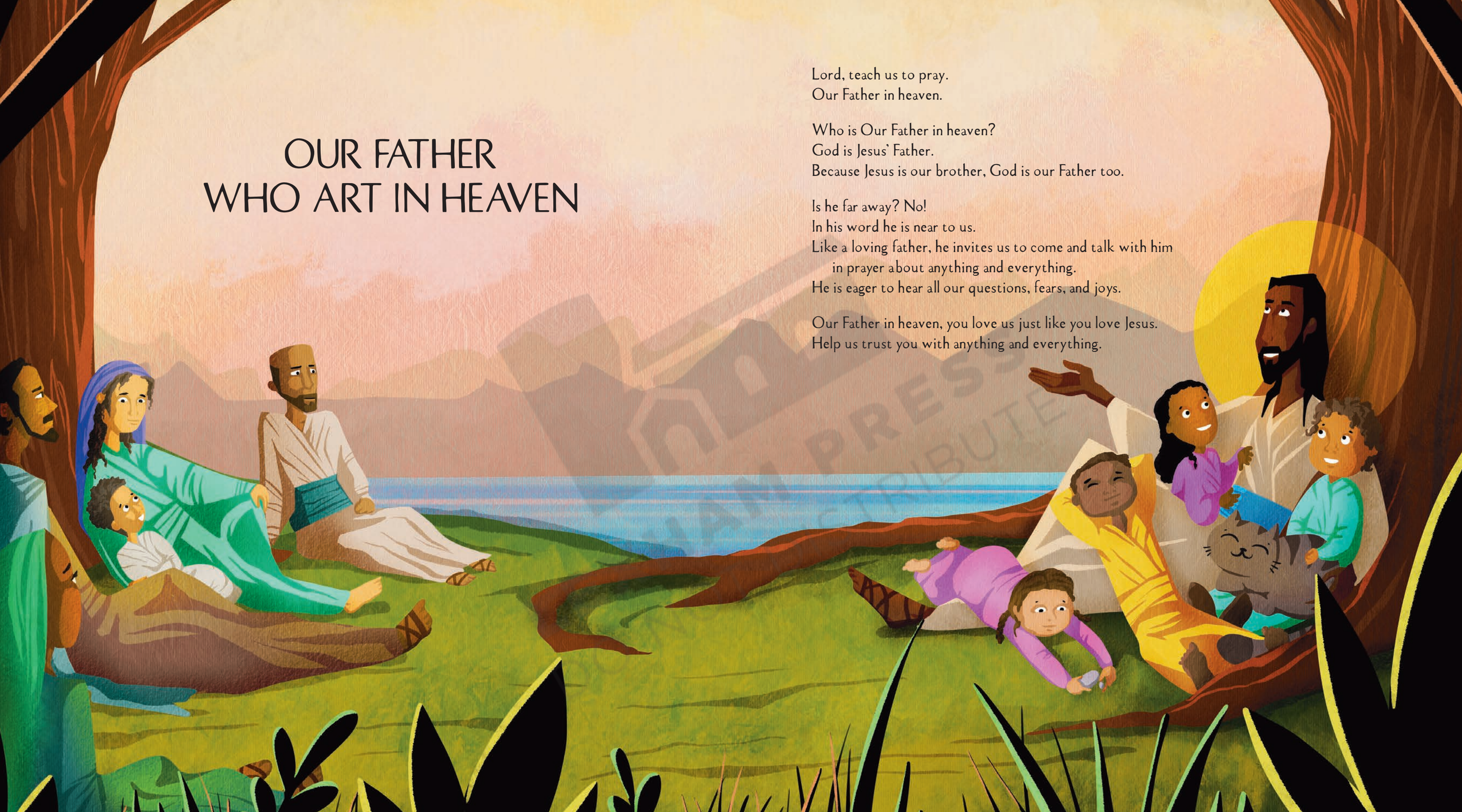
# OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

Lord, teach us to pray.  
Our Father in heaven.

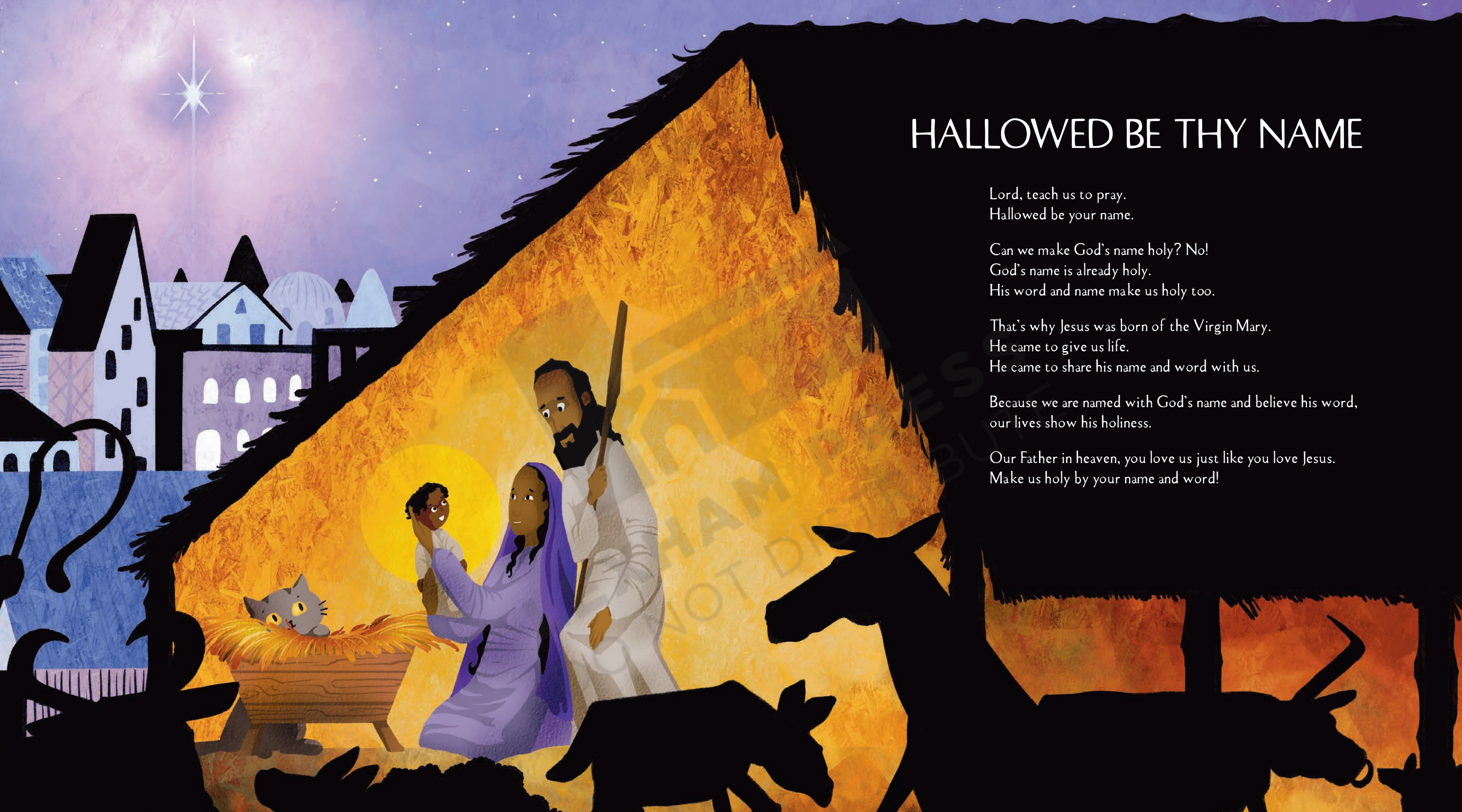
Who is Our Father in heaven?  
God is Jesus' Father.  
Because Jesus is our brother, God is our Father too.

Is he far away? No!  
In his word he is near to us.  
Like a loving father, he invites us to come and talk with him  
in prayer about anything and everything.  
He is eager to hear all our questions, fears, and joys.

Our Father in heaven, you love us just like you love Jesus.  
Help us trust you with anything and everything.







# HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Lord, teach us to pray.  
Hallowed be your name.

Can we make God's name holy? No!  
God's name is already holy.  
His word and name make us holy too.

That's why Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary.  
He came to give us life.  
He came to share his name and word with us.

Because we are named with God's name and believe his word,  
our lives show his holiness.

Our Father in heaven, you love us just like you love Jesus.  
Make us holy by your name and word!



# THY KINGDOM COME

Lord, teach us to pray.  
Your kingdom come.

Can we make God's kingdom come? No!  
His kingdom comes all by itself.

Where is God's kingdom?  
Wherever Jesus is, there he rules as King.  
He brings us life and forgiveness, peace and salvation.  
That's why we pray for God's kingdom to come.

When we pray for God's kingdom to come,  
he sends his Holy Spirit to us,  
so we believe God's holy word and live godly lives.

Our Father in heaven, you love us just like  
you love Jesus.  
Give us your Spirit so we can  
believe and obey your holy word!





## To Parents

It's daunting to illustrate the Lord's Prayer. The art needs to invite children into this prayer of Jesus and his awesome words. At the same time the art must be faithful to the words our God has spoken to us. To avoid slipping into speculation, God's word was set as the center and boundary of this book's art. As the psalmist says, "In your light we see light" (Psalm 36:9).

Our hope is that these images might spark your biblical imagination as you pray the words of the Lord's Prayer. At points, listening to the church's saints—for example, Martin Luther in his Small Catechism—stirred up our own biblical imaginations. No doubt, you too will be encouraged and challenged by what the church's great cloud of witnesses has said about the Lord's Prayer!

As an aid to your lifelong exploration of the Lord's Prayer, here are some of the passages that shaped and limited this book's art and words.

### Our Father who art in heaven

|                  |               |               |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Matthew 18:1-10  | Psalm 124:8   |               |
| Matthew 19:13-15 | Mark 10:13-16 | Luke 18:15-17 |

### hallowed be thy name

|            |               |                |
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| Luke 2:1-7 | Jeremiah 14:9 | Zechariah 14:9 |
| Psalm 29:2 |               |                |

### thy kingdom come

|               |            |                 |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| John 20:19-23 | Isaiah 9:6 | Psalm 145:10-13 |
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### thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

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| Matthew 26:36-46 | Mark 13:32-42 | Luke 22:40-46  |
| Luke 19:10       | Ezekiel 18:23 | Psalm 51:10-15 |

### give us this day our daily bread

|                  |              |              |
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| Matthew 14:13-21 | Mark 6:32-44 | Luke 9:10-17 |
| John 6:1-13      | Psalm 145:16 |              |

### and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

|               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Luke 23:32-39 | Matthew 26:28 | Ephesians 4:32 |
| Psalm 86:5    |               |                |

### and lead us not into temptation

|                |              |              |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Matthew 4:1-11 | Mark 1:12-13 | Luke 4:1-13  |
| Psalm 34:7     | Psalm 91:11  | Psalm 119:50 |

### but deliver us from evil

|                 |              |              |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Matthew 8:23-27 | Mark 4:36-41 | Luke 8:22-25 |
| Romans 8:31-39  | Psalm 34:7   | Psalm 91:11  |

### For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever

|               |             |                 |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| John 11:25-26 | Isaiah 40:8 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 |
| Titus 1:2     | Psalm 36:9  | Psalm 46:1      |
| Psalm 48:14   | Psalm 50:15 |                 |

### Amen

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| Psalm 50:15 | 2 Corinthians 1:20 |
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