

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

# God knows me



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The first four years of a child's life are a wonderful time. Children are discovering so much about themselves and about their world. It is a delight—and often lots of fun—to watch the changes taking place. Helping a child learn about God during these formative years is both a great privilege and a unique challenge.

Books for Little Ones is a series of simple books written specifically for 1-4 year olds. Along with beautiful photos, each book provides age-appropriate teaching about God and us, in a way that encourages your child to take the first steps of faith—first steps on what will be, God willing, a lifetime journey of growing in the knowledge and love of God.

Extensive tips and ideas are also provided for parents. For more information, see [www.teachinglittleones.com/bfo](http://www.teachinglittleones.com/bfo).

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In this book children will learn that God loves us and knows all about us. He knows where we are and what we do. He knows what we look like and how we feel. Thank you God that you know all about me and love me.

In the **Books for Little Ones** series:

**The Bible**

**God hears**

**God is great**

**God knows me**

**God loves**

**God loves me**

**God made**

**God made me**

**Jesus**

**Please God**

**Sorry God**

**Thank you God**

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## Notes for parents or other adult readers

Sitting down to read a book with a young child is a special privilege, and helping them take early steps in getting to know their world, themselves and God is even more special. However this book is not just intended to be read, but to be a springboard for helping children learn throughout the day (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 145:3-7). Here are a few tips to help you adapt your reading and help their learning go beyond these pages:

**For really little ones:** To help children understand the concept of 'knowing', say things about them that you know (e.g. "I know you like bananas") and then you can talk about family and friends. As children reach milestones and learn new words and new things about themselves, remind them "God knows..." (e.g. "God knows you can jump now."). Talk in specifics about the things that God knows about them. (See the website for ideas for each page.)

**For bigger ones:** Help them draw conclusions from the text: What does God know about me? Help them to think of both highs and lows in a day as well as their feelings. If God knows me and everything I do (including my grumpy times), isn't it great that he still loves me and I can pray to him! You can also talk of the comfort of God knowing us when we're sad and remind them we can talk to God about it. (See the website for ideas for each page.)

**Other Bible passages to look at:** Psalm 139:1-4; Psalm 33:13-15; Matthew 6:8.

**Making books for/with your child:** Photograph your child at various times and places (or older children can draw). Put the pictures in a book with captions (e.g. 'God knows I like...', 'God knows that I can...').

**Pray:** The fact that God knows what we do and say (and think and feel) can lead to talking about and praying "thank you God", "sorry God" and "please help me God" at the end of a day (or during the day).

*For more details of these and other tips see [www.teachinglittleones.com/bflo](http://www.teachinglittleones.com/bflo)*

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God knows me and he loves me.

God knows my name and what I look like.



God knows me because God made me.

