# **BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES**

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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/bflo.

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In this book children will learn that God made lots and lots of things. He made trees and flowers, the sun and the moon. God made birds and fish, and every sort of animal. God made my friends, my family and me. Thank you God.

In the Books for Little Ones series:		
The Bible God hears	God loves God loves me	Jesus Please God
God is great	God made	Sorry God
God knows me	God made me	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: Each time you read, try pointing to something in the photo of fruit and vegetables and say, for example, "God made apples". When outside, point to specific things and say that God made them, so God is integral to the world around them. Begin with specifics and move to generalizations ("this tree"..."every tree"). Use the book to teach new words: "That's a penguin. God made penguins." "That's a green apple."

For bigger ones: Give them the challenge of thinking of something else that God made as each page is read (e.g. something else that flies/is in the sea, etc). Help them learn more about different things God has made, and encourage a sense of thankfulness for God's amazing creation. (See the website for ideas for each page.)

Other Bible passages to look at: Genesis 1; Psalm 50:10-12; Psalm 104:19-24; Psalm 139:13.

Making books for/with your child: Photograph things and/or people God has made (or older children can draw them). Put the pictures in a book with captions (e.g. 'God made...', 'Thank you God for making...'). Or drawings could be pasted on coloured cardboard (as a frame) and hung up to act as a reminder to be thankful to God.

**Pray:** After reading the book, or at other times, pray short, simple prayers thanking God for what he's made (for a really young child, it might be as short as "Thank you God for making flowers. Amen").

For more details of these and other tips see www.teachinglittleones.com/bflo

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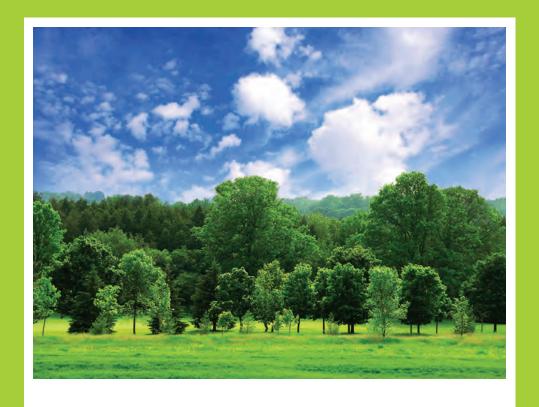
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God made these trees. God made every tree.

# God made flowers.



# God made fruit and vegetables.

