

BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES

God is great



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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.

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In this book children will learn that God is different from us. He is great and he can do great things that I can't do. He made me. He made my family and my friends. He made everything. God's love is also great because he sent Jesus.

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 and 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: Little ones think concretely, so how can we teach such an abstract idea as God's greatness? We start with them and their world, and through comparison we see how great God is. So rather than just saying "God is great", we are helping them see "God is great because he...". And so God's greatness is explained by saying what God has done. You can also talk enthusiastically about God's greatness (e.g. when you are outside noticing together different wonders in God's creation).

For bigger ones: We don't just learn of God's greatness from creation (i.e. what God has made), but from God's Word where we read of God's great love and great acts of salvation. So this book reflects that progression, which can be developed as children learn more of the Bible and you reflect together on God's attributes and character.

Other Bible passages to look at: 2 Samuel 7:22; Psalm 8:9; Psalm 89:11,13; 1 John 4:9.

Making books for/with your child: Photograph (or draw) things that God has created, perhaps with your child in the picture too. Put the pictures in a mini album with a title like, "God is great because he...". As you look at each page, your child could finish the sentence "God is great because he..." (e.g. made apples, made tall trees, etc)."

Pray: When you pray with your child, it's good to model praise and thanks to God for how great he is. Many Psalms have wonderful verses of praise to God (e.g. Psalm 145).

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

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God is so great.

I need to sleep.
God is so great he never sleeps.



I can make sand castles. God is so great
he made sand and he made me!

