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"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:6–7

The inspiration behind these acrostic books comes from John Calvin, the Genevan Reformer. In 1542, Calvin simplified his Catechism for the Genevan Church (1537) so that children could better understand and memorize the essential truths of the Christian Faith. It was entitled *The French ABCs*.

These acrostic books are not strictly catechetical (questions and answers), but they are written in that same tradition of instruction. As such, they are a means of planting the good seed of God's Word into the hearts of children, so that they might grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. We hope the new element of an acrostic poem set to rhyme may help the truths about God (theology), Jesus (Christology), salvation (soteriology), and Scripture (Biblical theology) to stick a little bit better. The books may be read in one sitting (either by parent/teacher or child) or they may be used for family devotions, taking one letter per day for families to meditate on, with some accompanying Bible verses.

We are praying that this series will be used by the Spirit to allow children and parents to grow in the knowledge of God and thus to love and trust him more. Enjoy!

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See back of book for more information about how to use this book with children. Use the QR code to hear Timothy Brindle read aloud *The Acrostic of God* in rap style. To purchase *The Acrostic of God* music album, visit www.timothybrindleministries.com.

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Dedication

For our children

Benjamin, Zachary, and Hannah

and

Natalia, Micaiah, Madelina, Evangeline, Justus, Asaph,

Timmy, and Sophia

"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth."

Ecclesiastes 12:1a

In memory of

Leila and Johanna

Sisters in Christ beholding the face of God

"They will see his face."

Revelation 22:4a

PROLOGUE

Let's read the Acrostic of *God together*
To help you to make him *your awesome treasure*.
We'll read it, rap it, or *sing it—it's fun!*
Till Jesus comes back and his *kingdom has come*.

An acrostic poem uses the *alphabet*
To teach you about God, so you will *not forget*.
God does this in Scripture, like Psalm *One Nineteen*;
In Lamentations, he has a *fun rhyme scheme*.
So, from now on, we'll use the *first letter*
To help you remember and *learn better*.
He's the Alpha and Omega, from *A to Z*;
His beauty and his glory we were *made to see*.

Each page will have a name, *attribute*, or a *title*
Of God the Almighty that is *rooted in the Bible*.
He says, "In all your ways, *acknowledge me*";
Kids, you're not too young to learn *theology!*
What is theology? It's the *study of God*,
When we see who he is, we'll *love and applaud*.
Not just to know about him *more in our brains*,
But to know him as the God of *glory who reigns*.

So . . .

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ALMIGHTY

ALMIGHTY refers to our God as *Creator*;
Look up at the stars—stand in awe of your *Maker*!
He's the Sustainer of the whole *universe*;
He even came to this earth, 'cause he knew *you were cursed*.

Revelation 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
"who is and who was and who is to come, **the Almighty**."



BLESSED

BLESSED is God, he's *overflowing in his gladness*;
But sin ruins us, so we're *groaning in our sadness*.
He knows that our sin will only *kill us and destroy*;
So he sent his Son to bless us and *fill us with his joy!*

1 Timothy 6:15 He who is **the blessed and only Sovereign**, the King of kings and Lord of lords.



COMPASSIONATE

COMPASSIONATE—God helps us in our *suffering*;
He comforts and forgives—he's such a *humble king*.
When he came down on Sinai, he wanted us to *know this*;
It's the first thing he said about who he is to *Moses*.

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a **compassionate** and gracious God, slow to anger and overflowing in covenant love and faithfulness." (AT)

