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for Preschoolers 2

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Note to Parents

Like all parents, your goal is to do everything you can to produce healthy, happy children—who will become healthy, happy adults. And *The One Year Devotions for Preschoolers 2* can help.

Each day features a Bible promise or truth, a short devotional based on an age-appropriate theme, and a whimsical rhyme capturing the day's truth with lighthearted charm. The heartwarming illustrations by well-known and loved illustrator Elena Kucharik, who created the Care Bears, are tailor made to engage even the youngest child—and delight you, as a parent, too!

The One Year Devotions for Preschoolers 2 is a lively adventure—a walk through the Bible, Genesis through Revelation—where your children can discover for themselves who God is, his many rich promises, and how those promises relate to us today.





About the Illustrator

Elena Kucharik, well-known Care Bears artist, has created the Little Blessings characters that appear in the line of Little Blessings products for young children and their families.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Elena received a bachelor of fine arts degree in commercial art at Kent State University. After graduation she worked as a greeting card artist and art director at American Greetings Corporation in Cleveland.

For most of her career, Elena has been a freelance illustrator. She was the lead artist and developer of Care Bears, as well as a designer and illustrator for major corporations and publishers. Most recently Elena has been focusing her talents on illustrations for children's books.

Elena and her husband live in Madison, Connecticut. They have two grown daughters and three adorable grandchildren.

About the Writer

Carla Barnhill has been in Christian publishing for thirteen years. She is the former editor of *Christian Parenting Today* magazine and also served as associate editor of *Campus Life* magazine. Carla is now a freelance editor and writer, working with publishers such as Zondervan, WaterBrook, Baker, Tyndale, and HarperOne. She has been a featured columnist in *Today's Christian Woman* magazine. She is a guest blogger on Christianity Today's Gifted for Leadership Web site and is the cofounder of the Mommy Revolution (themommyrevolution.com). She is also the author of *The Myth of the Perfect Mother*.

Carla has spoken to thousands of mothers at MOPS conventions, women's retreats, and churches around the country. She is a sought-after source of new ideas about motherhood, parenting, and the spiritual formation of children.

Carla lives in Minnesota with her wonderful husband, her dopey dog, and the three best kids ever created.



January



JANUARY 1

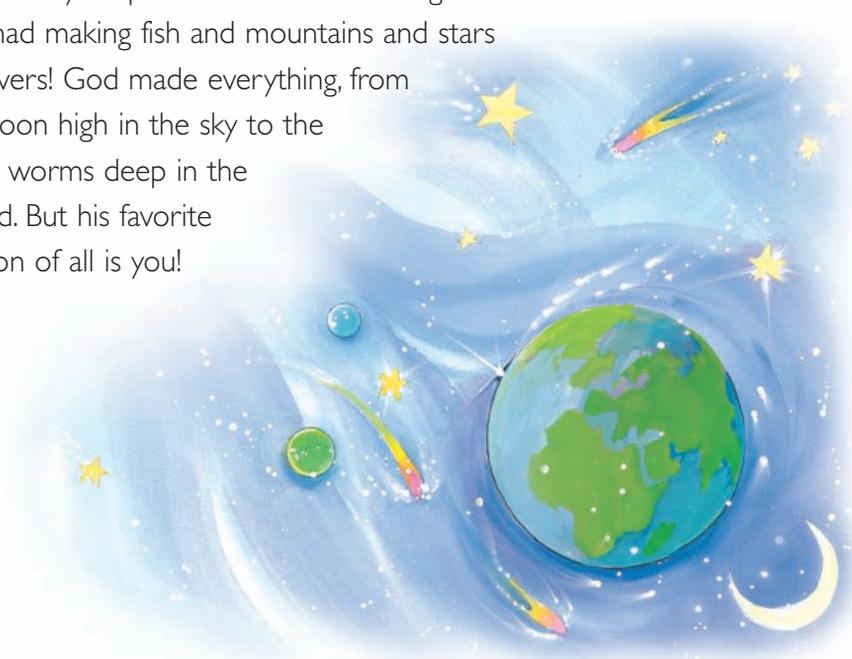


God's Favorite Creation

God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1, NIV

Do you like to play with clay or build with blocks? Isn't it fun to create funny shapes and tall towers? Imagine how much fun God had making fish and mountains and stars and rivers! God made everything, from the moon high in the sky to the wiggly worms deep in the ground. But his favorite creation of all is you!



**God made everything I can see.
And best of all, he made me!**

JANUARY 2



Look-Alikes

God created human beings in his own image.

Genesis 1:27, NLT

God made lots of different kinds of people! We come in all shapes and sizes and colors. Even in your own family, nobody looks exactly the same. But no matter how different we look, we are all part of God's family. Of all the things God made when he created the world, people are the most special.



**God made everyone, both you and me.
We are all part of his family.**

JANUARY 3



Wild Things

God made all sorts of wild animals.

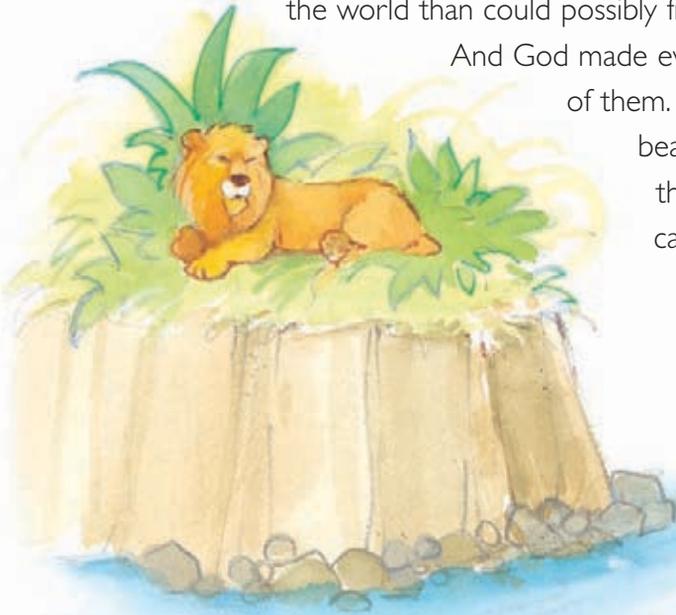
Genesis 1:25, TLB



The next time you go for a walk in the woods or take a trip to the zoo, see how many different kinds of animals you can find. There are deer and dragonflies, lions and leopards, seals and snakes—and that's just the beginning! There are more animals in the world than could possibly fit in one place.

And God made every single one of them. If he can make

bears and bugs,
there's nothing he
can't do.



**God made all of the birds that soar;
God made all of the lions that roar!**