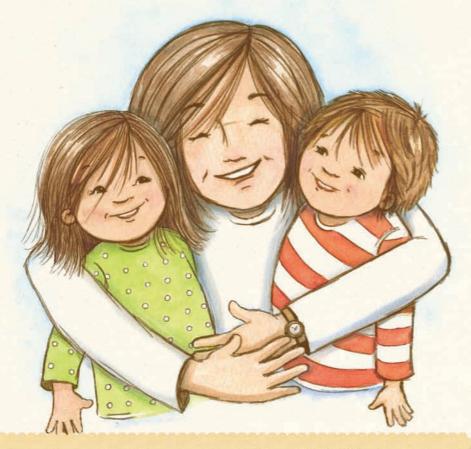


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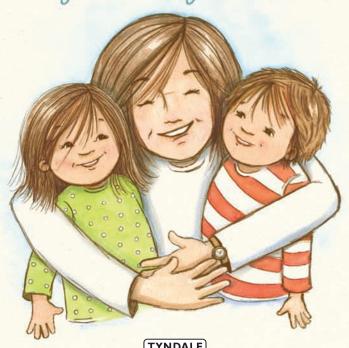


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## How to Use This Book



"Mama, I've got questions for you!"

How many times has your child rattled off a lengthy list of questions? Young minds are inquisitive and like to explore. Some of the questions children ask are simple, some are humorous, and others are difficult. When children are asking about faith-related issues, their questions can be especially challenging. Wouldn't you welcome an opportunity to offer good answers to your child's most important questions? This book will provide the tools you need to do that!

#### YOUR TOOLS

- The short rhyming devotionals in this book give you age-appropriate topics and biblical facts to help you have faith-based conversations with your child.
- · The Scripture verses bring young hearts to the Bible, showing that God speaks through his Word. As your child becomes more familiar with the Bible verses, you can









leave out key words for him or her to fill in as you read the verses together.

- · Each devotional includes a prayer that encourages little ones to talk with God.
- The entries end with a mama-and-child activity to do at your leisure. These activities help solidify the concepts taught in the devotionals and give kids a fun, practical, creative way to apply their faith.

#### WHEN TO USE THIS BOOK

The best time to use this book is whenever it fits into your daily routine. Choose a time of day when you are not rushed so you can devote yourself to reading, talking, and praying with your little one.

Whether you use the book with one child at a time or with several eager listeners, our prayer is that this book will foster many important and meaningful discussions. May God give you strength and joy as you encourage your son or daughter to follow him.

Keep [God's] words in your hearts and minds....

Jeach them to your children. Jalk about them when you are at home.

Jalk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you get up.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NTrV

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# Can You Tell Me about God?

Mama, T've got questions for you.

Who is God, and what does he do?

How did God make the great big sky?

How did he put the stars so high?

Did God make whales and zebras, too?

Does God take care of me and you?

Is God close by me while I play?

I want to know these things today.









## God Is Your Creator



### Our Bible Verse

The skies were made by  $\operatorname{GoD}$ 's command; he breathed the word and the stars popped out.

Psalm 33:6, The Message









### Our Devotion

God said the words, "Let there be light." That's how he made the day and night. With his words, God made the sky, the trees and bees and geese that fly.

He spoke to make the land and sea.

He told the stars where they should be.

He made the grass and animals, too.

When God made people, his work was through.

### Our Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making our great big world. Thank you for pretty flowers and puffy clouds. Thank you for making me, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### Fun Idea for Mama and Me

Look through a window or go outside. How many things can you name that God made?



