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GOSPEL



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BIBLE**

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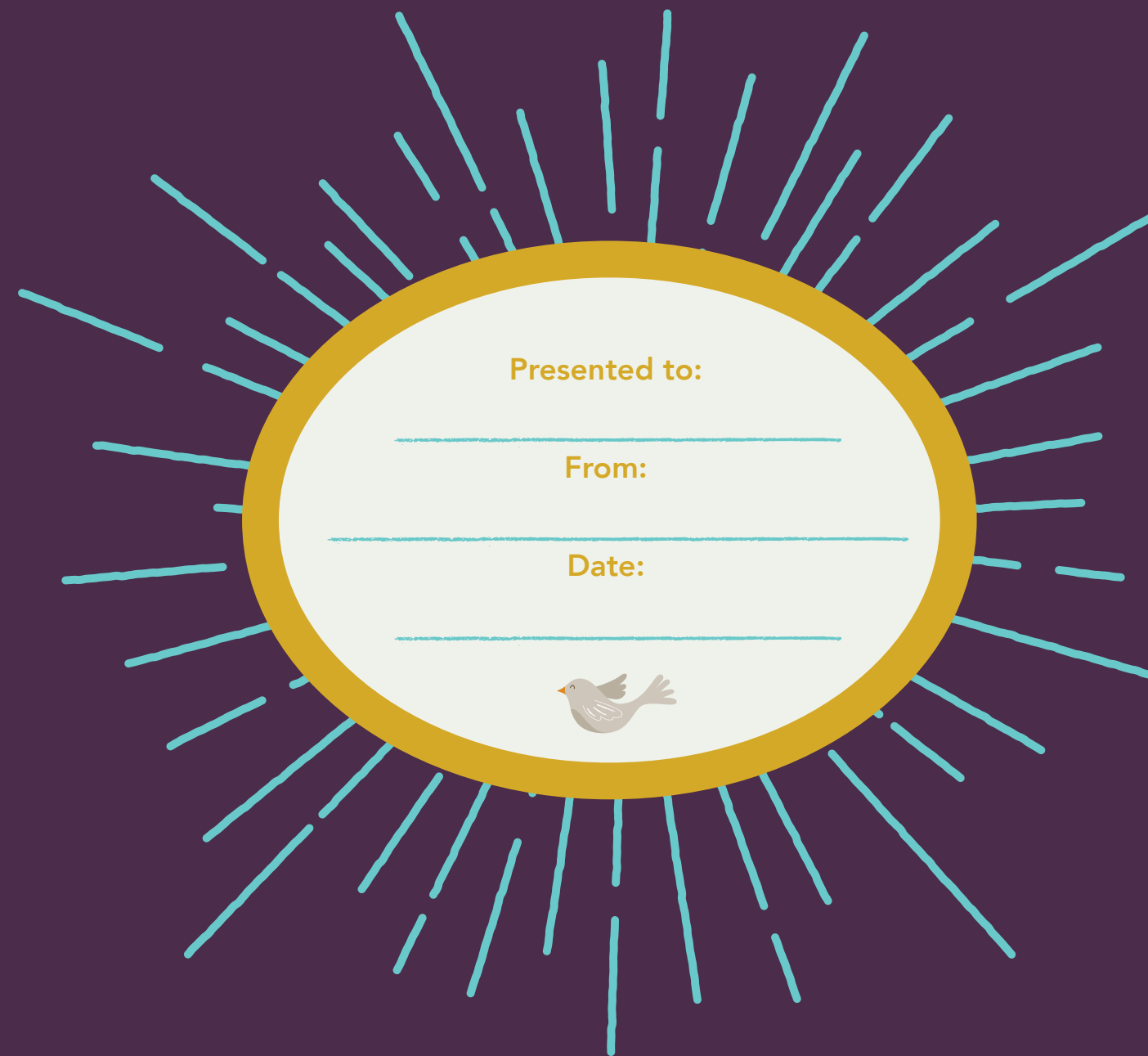
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Introduction

Kids know the value of a promise. A parent's commitment to go out for ice cream inspires hope. Disappointment reigns when the shop closes early. Broken promises can bring tears. Unlike human parents, our good and all-powerful God always keeps his word (Numbers 23:19). And the way he fulfills his promises is better than anyone could have imagined!

The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible traces God's perfect promises through the stories of the Old and New Testament. In every story, one key truth to remember is highlighted in bold letters. Each story also ends with a question you can use to further reinforce this truth with your child. Colorful illustrations add fun teaching elements of counting, opposites, patterns, and object recognition. Read a chapter at a time with your child. Let your early-reader read to you. If you have older kids, look up and read the Bible passages listed after each story title. Since there are 52 stories, you also may consider teaching one per week as part of a yearlong Bible curriculum. I pray even our youngest kids will come to know that God's promises are especially for them and that all of his promises are "Yes" and "Amen" in Jesus.



OLD
TESTAMENT

PROMISES MADE

STORY 1
God Makes
Everything

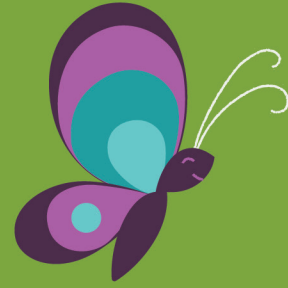
Genesis 1:1—2:3

Once there was no sky, no trees, and no animals.
The world was empty like a blank piece of paper.

Then
**God made
everything.**

God didn't use crayons or stickers like we do when we make things. God used only words. He said, "Let there be sky and water, land and plants, sun and moon."

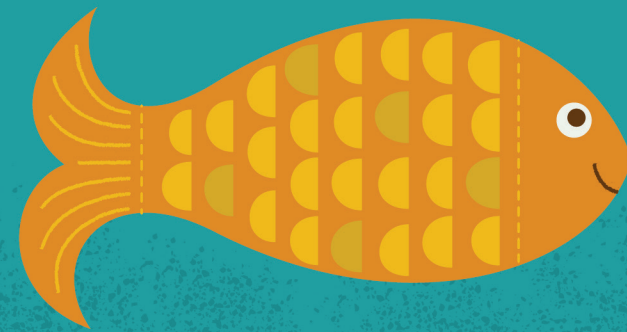




God made trees and hills for climbing. He made lakes and oceans for swimming. He made nuts and raspberries and apples and everything good to eat.

Then God made all of the animals. Birds to fly in the clouds. Fish to swim in the water. Goats to climb on the mountains. Monkeys to swing in the trees.

God looked at what he had made and he said,



"This is good."

God wasn't done. He saved his most special creation for last.
Do you know what was missing? Us.
There were no mommies and daddies. No sisters and brothers.
No friends.



1
man

His name was Adam.

1
woman

Her name was Eve.

Do you know how
many people God
started with?
Just 2.

God made Adam and Eve
to be like him.

**What is your favorite
thing God has made?**

God made everything.
He was happy with the world
he made. He wants you to
enjoy it too.

STORY 2

Adam and Eve Disobey

Genesis 2:4—3:24

God gave Adam and Eve a big garden filled with trees that had delicious fruit. God showed Adam and Eve that he loved them very much. He gave them one rule to obey so they could show God they loved him too.

“You can eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden except **THIS** one,” said God.

“If you eat fruit from **THIS** tree, you will die.”

Now God has an enemy. His name is Satan.
Satan came into the garden looking like a tricky snake.
He lied to Adam and Eve.



**"God's rules
are silly,"**
Satan said.

"You won't die if you eat this fruit. You will
be wise and happy like God."



Adam and Eve forgot
that God loved them.
Eve listened to Satan.

The fruit looked yummy, so she
ate some. She gave it to Adam
who ate some too.

Oh no!

Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Before, they were glad to see God and talk with him, but now they were afraid of God.

It was sad.

God said,
"Life will be hard, and
one day you will die."

Because they
disobeyed, they could
not live with God in
the garden anymore.



But God still loved Adam and Eve. He made a promise they would live with him again. God said, "I will send you a Savior. He will fight against my enemy Satan. The Savior will bring you back to me."

**Can you think
of a time you
disobeyed?**

We all disobey God,
but Jesus still loves us.
Jesus is the Savior
God promised. Jesus
fights against all evil
and sin.



When we disobey,
Jesus brings us back
to God.

