

Who Is God?

Theology for babies

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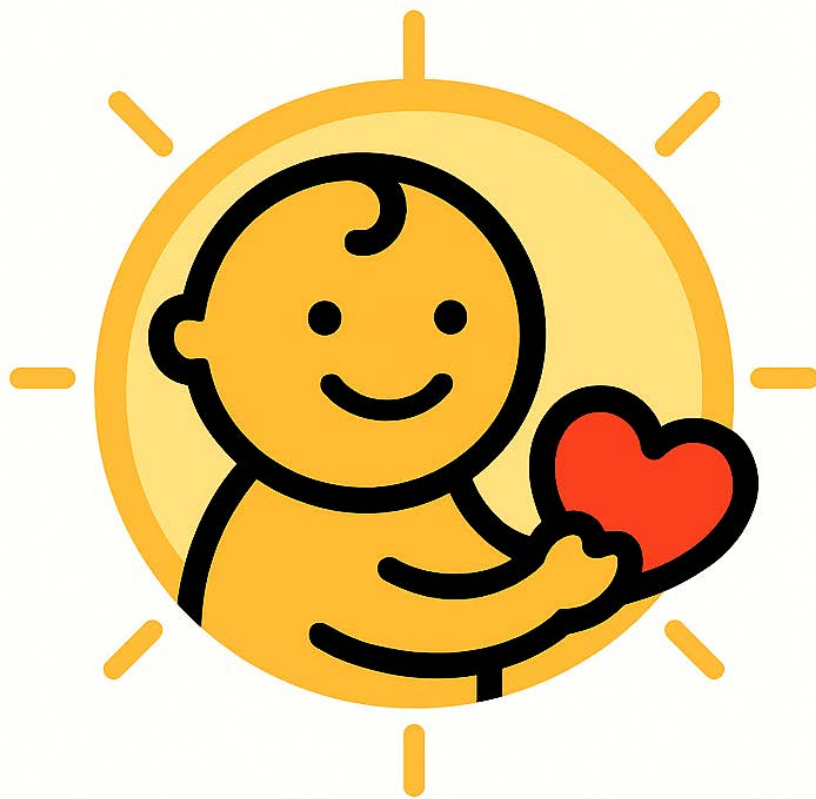




At the core of the universe
is a Community of Love, the Godhead.

It has always been God's desire from the beginning
to include us in His divine life through the work of the Son.

The Good News is what God has done in Christ, for us and
in our place, and through this our *inclusion*
and communion with God.



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This little book is about the biggest truth: **God is love.**

Christians believe that God is **one God in three Persons**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is called the **Trinity**. It means that God is not lonely. God has always been a loving relationship of three Persons, sharing life together forever.

Why does this matter for your child? Because **we are made in God's image**. We were created for love, for relationship, and for life with God. From the very beginning, God wanted us to share in His love.

This book uses **simple words and bright pictures** to introduce these truths in a way that even the youngest children can enjoy. The goal is not to explain everything, but to plant seeds of wonder and joy about who God is and who we are.

As you read, you might say the words slowly, point to the pictures, and repeat the ideas often. Babies learn through rhythm and repetition. Over time, these truths will become familiar and comforting.

Remember: **God loves you and your child more than you can imagine.**

He is with you, always.

God is Love: One God in Three Persons

Section 1: God is One

1. There is one God
2. God is love
3. God is forever
4. God made everything
5. God is with us

Section 2: God is Three

6. God is Father
7. God is Son
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9. All three are One God in triunity
10. God is a community of love

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12. God made you in His image
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17. God loves us
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19. We live in God's family
20. God is always with us

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21. We love each other
22. We love all that God has made
23. God works in and through us
24. God is making everything new



SECTION 1: God is One

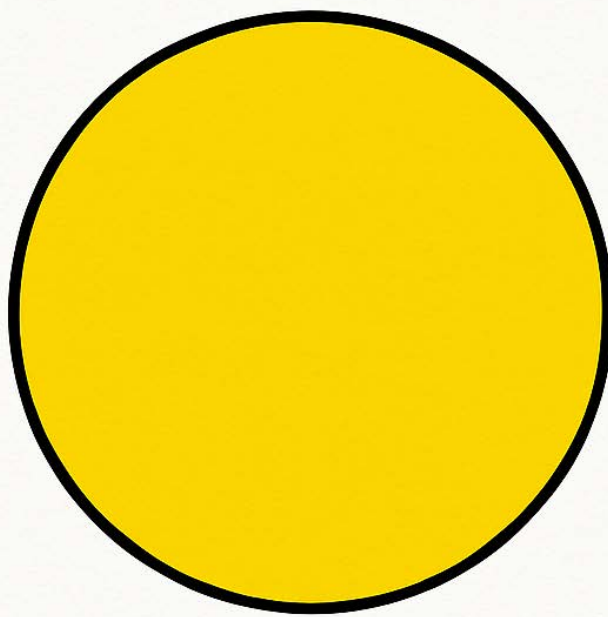
GOD IS ONE

From the very beginning, the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. (John 1:2-4)*

Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ... Because of his love, God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children—this was his pleasure and purpose. (Ephesians 1:4)

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There is one God.



The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

There is only one true God who loves us.

God is love.

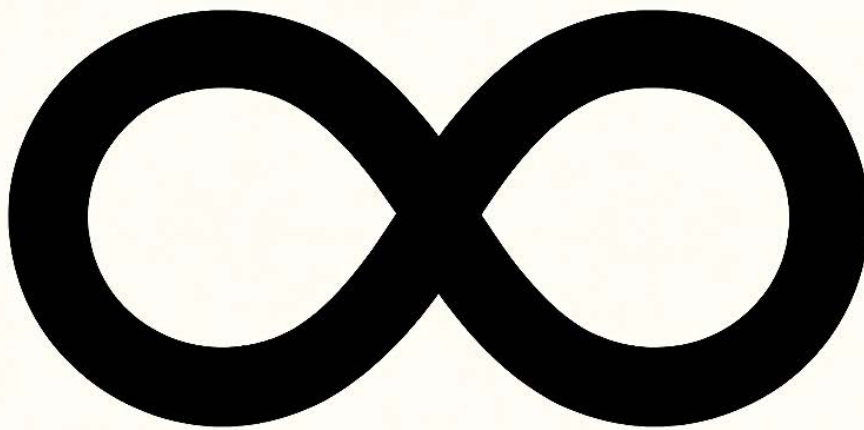


God is love.

1 John 4:8 (ICB)

God loves everyone, all the time.

God is forever.



From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Psalm 90:2 (NIV)

God has always been here and always will be.

God made everything.



***In the beginning, God created
the heavens and the earth.***

Genesis 1:1 (ICB)

God made the whole world and everything in it.

God is with us.



God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (ICB)

God is always close to us, no matter where we are.

SECTION 2: God is Three



Father, Son, and Spirit live in full unity of mind and purpose, and their communion has wonderfully overflowed into our humanity in the Incarnation. Through God the Son and the Spirit, we are brought into the loving embrace of the Father.*

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There is one God and Father of all.

Ephesians 4:6 (ICB)

God is our loving Father who cares for everyone.



This is my Son, whom I love.

Matthew 3:17 (ICB)

Jesus is God's Son, and He shows us
how much God loves us.

God is Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit will teach you all things.

John 14:26 (ICB)

God's Spirit helps us learn and grow close to Him.

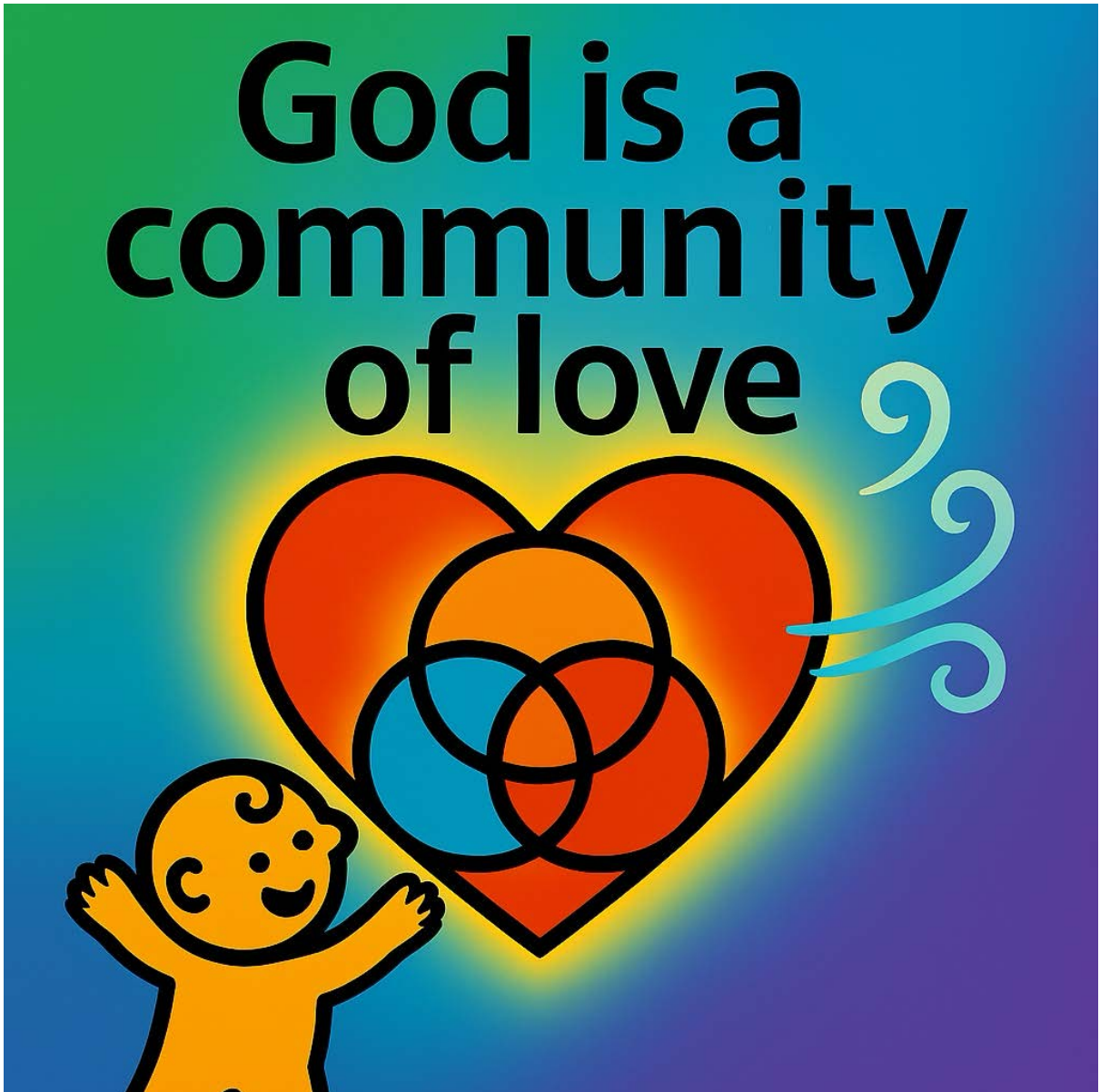


***Baptize them in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.***

Matthew 28:19 (ICB)

*God is three Persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—
but still one God.*

God is a community of love

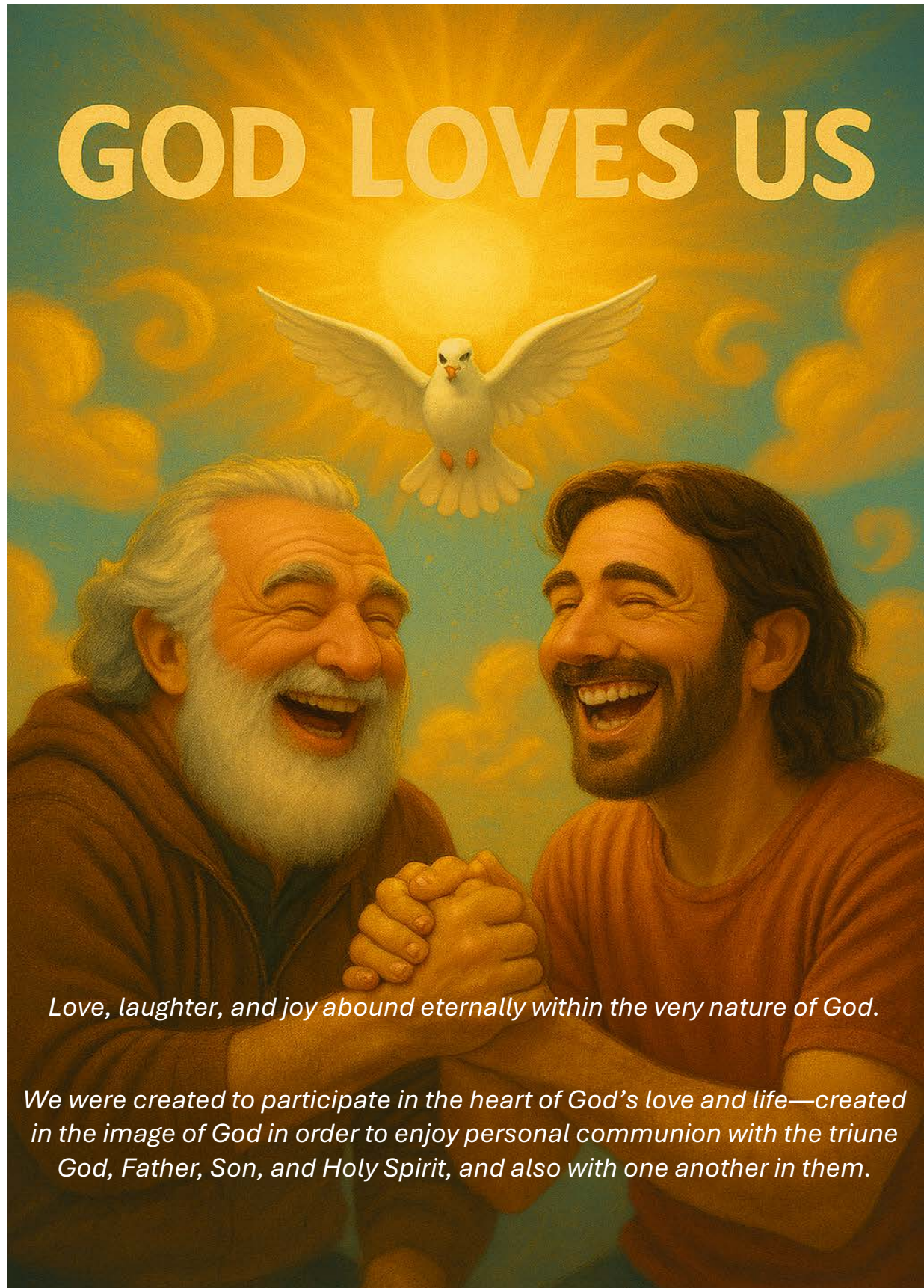


God is love, and all who live in love live in God.

1 John 4:16 (ICB)

God's love is shared between Father, Son, and Spirit
—and with us too!

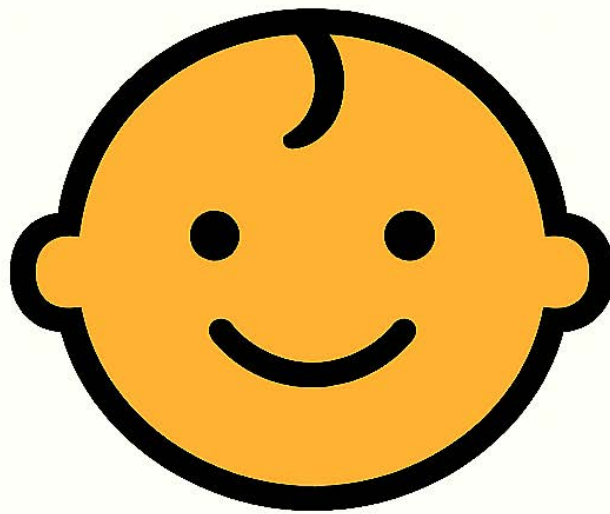
SECTION 3: God Loves Us



Love, laughter, and joy abound eternally within the very nature of God.

We were created to participate in the heart of God's love and life—created in the image of God in order to enjoy personal communion with the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and also with one another in them.

God made you.



You made me. You created me.

Psalm 119:73 (ICB)

God made you with care and love.

God made you in His image.



God created human beings in his own image.

Genesis 1:27 (ICB)

You are special because you are like God in many ways.

You are made for love.

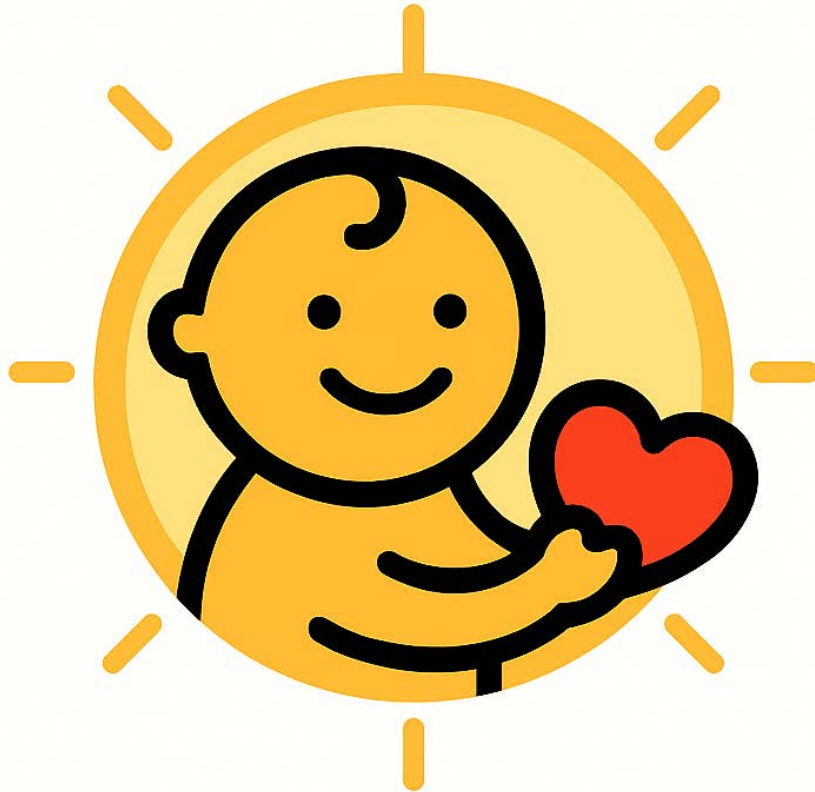


Love one another.

John 13:34 (ICB)

God made you to love others and be loved.

You are made for life with God.



I came to give life—life in all its fullness.

John 10:10 (ICB)

God wants you to live a full and happy life with Him.

God came to us Jesus.



***A child is born to us! ... called, Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

Isaiah 9:6 (GNT)

God came to us in Jesus, born in Bethlehem.

Jesus is God with us.



***They will call him Emmanuel,
which means "God with us."***

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

God became human, one of us, because he loves you!

Jesus shows us God's love.



***This is how we know what real love is:
Jesus gave his life for us.***

1 John 3:16 (ICB)

Jesus shows us how much God loves us
by giving everything for us.

SECTION 4: We Live in God's Love



The Spirit helps us know God.



The Spirit will lead you into all truth.

John 16:13 (ICB)

God's Spirit helps us understand who God is.

God loves us.



We love because God first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (ICB)

God loved us before we even knew Him.

We love God back.



Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Matthew 22:37 (ICB)

We show love to God by trusting and following Him.

We live in God's family.



***By the faithfulness of Jesus...
all of you are God's children.***

Galatians 3:22,26 (ISV)

We are all a part of God's big family.

God is always with us.



I am with you always.

Matthew 28:20 (ICB)

God never leaves us—He is with us every day.

SECTION 5: This is God's World

This is God's world



*God is with us always, holding us firmly in His loving embrace.
And as he lives with us and in us, he is restoring relationships
between people, with all of creation, and with Himself.*

We love each other.



Love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (ICB)

We care for each other
with kindness and love.

We love all that ★ God has made. ★



***God saw everything he had made,
and it was very good.***

Genesis 1:31 (ICB)

Everything God made is good,
and we take care of it.

God works in and through you.



It is God who works in you to will and to act.

Philippians 2:13 (ICB)

God helps us do good things
and share His love with others.

God is making everything new.



I am making everything new!

Revelation 21:5 (ICB)

One day, God will renew the whole world
and make it wonderful.

WHERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE...

There are many places you can go to learn more about God's great love for you. His purpose in creating you has been the same since *before the foundation of the world* (Eph. 1:4): that you may participate in the loving communion that Jesus has with the Father through the Spirit, through our inclusion with Jesus, both truly God and truly human, who *became flesh* for our sake (John 1:14) so that we can participate in His divine life.

Here are a few suggestions.

- Scripture Union Scotland <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/>
- Eden Book Store (online) <https://www.eden.co.uk/childrens/>
- The Chosen (TV series) <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>
- The Bible Project <https://bibleproject.com/>



Additionally, as this illustrated children's book was inspired by trinitarian theologians and authors such as JB Torrance, TF Torrance, DW Hewitt, CB Kruger, and others... it is also worth pointing to an accessible source to learn more about what it means to have a properly *trinitarian understanding* of who God is, and by extension, who we are. For this, I encourage you to visit *The Surprising God* blog, which explores the content and application of Trinitarian theology: https://bit.ly/trinitarian_theology.



Additional notes:

The *Word* is a person, Jesus, who was also known by the name Emmanuel, meaning “God with us.” In the Gospel of John, we read: “*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father... No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father’s side, has made Him known*” (John 1:14,18). Everything that John wrote about Jesus, he wrote “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

Regarding God being called Father, it is essential that we remember He is not like our own human fathers, the term does not imply an extension or amplification of what we know of fatherhood. Rather, it is He who is the only and true loving Father, the semblance of which so many fathers on Earth fail to resemble—in the same way that although we are created in God’s image, we have fallen away and are now following our own ways, no longer living as the people we were created to be. True Fatherhood is found in God alone, not in the miserable experiences we know here on Earth. But God is now restoring us, in Christ, to be the people we were always meant to be—by adoption and inclusion into His family.



At the heart of everything is Love—a divine Community that welcomes us in. This gentle, beautifully illustrated booklet introduces little ones to the mystery of God’s life, the joy of Jesus’ gift, and the wonder of being included in His story.

With soft words and warm images, this booklet is a first step into the Good News that we belong, we are loved, and we are never alone.

