

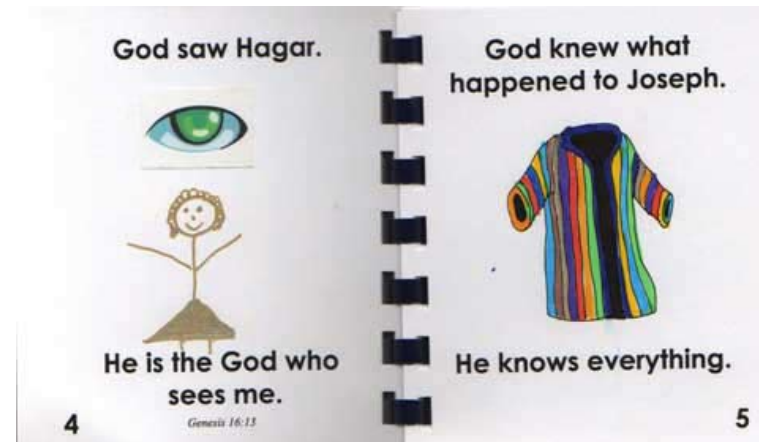
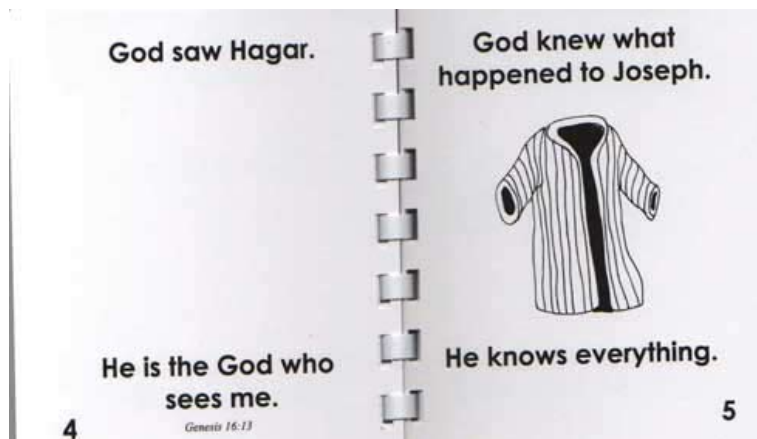
The God We Praise

Sample Days--Day 4 and Day 5



Front cover of book, shown undecorated and decorated.

Picture of sticker bag.



Day 4: Children color page 4 of book and place the eye sticker in book.

Day 5: children color page 5 of book.

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Day 4: The God Who...Sees

The Bible tells us that God not only made us and offers us His holiness, but that He also sees and watches over us.

From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
Psalm 33:13-15

God sees what is happening to us, not just sometimes, but *all* the time. He is watching over us even when struggles come that we don't understand. Today we are going to read about a maidservant named Hagar who discovered that God was the God who sees.

The Bible tells us that Hagar ran away because her mistress had mistreated her. She fled to the desert and sat down near a stream.

While she sat there, God spoke with her and told her to go back to her mistress. He promised to take care of her and to make her descendants too numerous to count.

After God finished speaking, Hagar,

Gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."
Genesis 16:13

God saw all that happened to Hagar. He saw her mistress mistreat her, and He saw her while she sat in the desert. He even saw her future and knew what would one day happen to her.

God is the God who sees us. His eyes are everywhere, keeping watch over everyone.

The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.
Proverbs 15:3

Think About: God knows all about everything that is happening to you right now. He knows all about your struggles. They have not surprised Him.

Today, praise God by choosing to believe Him that He sees you and knows what is best for you.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you that you see me. Thank you that you know all about my struggles and my circumstances. Forgive me for worrying or thinking you didn't know. Amen.

Book ☒: Today, you have an **eye sticker** to put in your book to remind you that God sees everything. You may want to draw a picture of yourself under the eye to remind you that God sees you.

Activity Suggestions:

- Look at the incredible way God designed the human eye. The God who created light and vision can certainly see everything (Psalm 94:9).
- Play the "I spy" game. In this game, one person picks one object in the room that he can see and others try to guess what object that person sees. The person who "sees the object" can be asked yes/no questions by those who are guessing. For example the guessers can ask: Is the object green? Is the object large?, etc.

Day 5: The God Who...Knows and Is in Charge

We often joke about someone knowing everything or being a “know-it-all”, but the truth is that even if you were to spend your whole life doing nothing but studying, you would still only know a tiny fraction of the information there is to know.

God, on the other hand, knows and controls *everything*. In the Bible we read that not even a sparrow, a very common bird, falls to the ground without God’s knowledge.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.

Matthew 10:29

God knows about everything that happens to us. Nothing catches Him by surprise. He even knows the number of hairs on our heads.

And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:30, 31

The Bible also shows us that God knows and is in charge through the life of a man named Joseph. As a boy, Joseph was cruelly sold by his brothers and taken as a slave down to Egypt where he was falsely accused and put in prison. It seemed that Joseph had been the victim of several evil schemes.

But God had known about what was happening and had been in charge the whole time. He knew that there would be a famine in the land years later, and this apparent tragedy was all part of His plan to provide food for His people.

Joseph recognized that God had been in charge of his life and told his brothers:

And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:5-7

Joseph could forgive his brothers because he realized that the God who knows was the one who had truly been in charge all along.

So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.

Genesis 45:8a

Think About: Sometimes things we don’t like happen to us. People are mean to us. Things don’t go our way.

But since God knows all about what’s happening in our lives, if we are His children, we don’t need to be afraid or worry. We, like Joseph, can rejoice, knowing that our God knows and is in charge.

But he knows the way that I take. Job 23:10

Today, let the knowledge that God knows and is in charge give you joy and peace no matter what happens.

Prayer: Lord, thank you that you see what is happening in my life right now. Thank you that you have everything in your hands. Help me to rejoice and trust you. Amen.

Book: Before Joseph was sold as a slave and taken to Egypt, his father had given him a robe of many colors. As you color Joseph's robe today, remember that God knew about all that had happened to Joseph. He is the God who knows.

Activity Suggestions:

- Try to count the hairs on your head. It's not easy, is it? Yet God knows the number of hairs on every single person's head! Wow!
- Read portions about what happened to Joseph from Genesis 37; 39-47.

- Look at the stars at night and try to count them. Talk about how God knows the number of stars and we don't (Psalm 147:4).

- Get a bird feeder. As you watch the birds eat, remember that not one sparrow falls without God's knowledge.