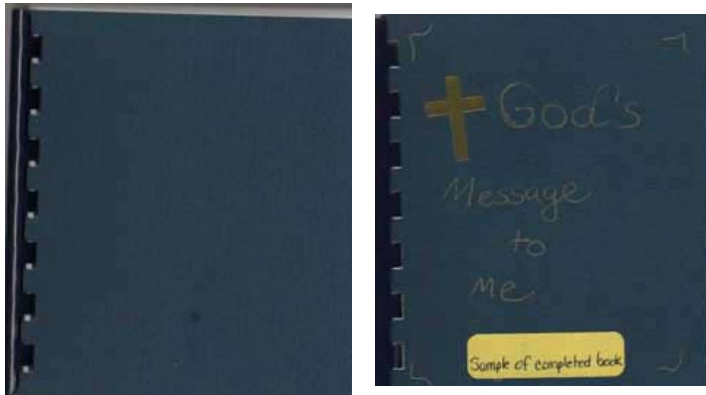


# Jesus--The Promised One

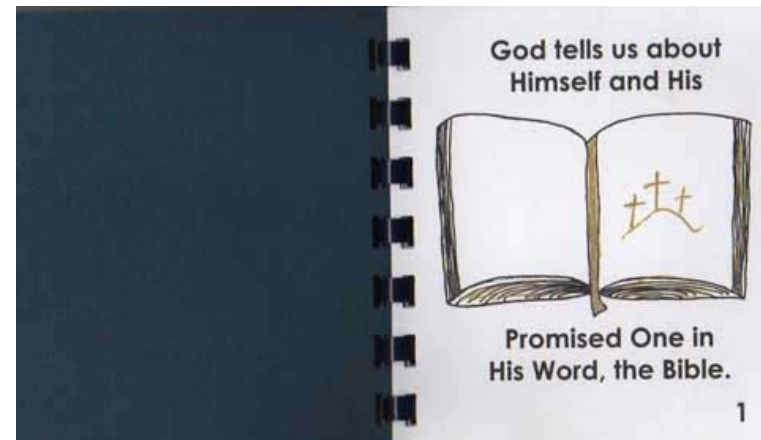
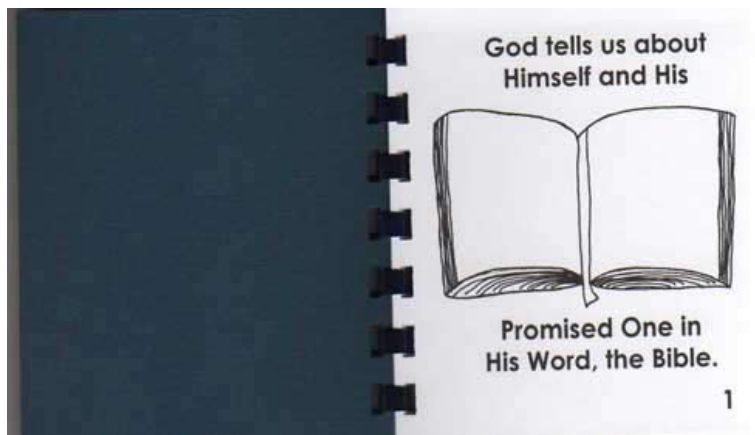
## Sample Day 1



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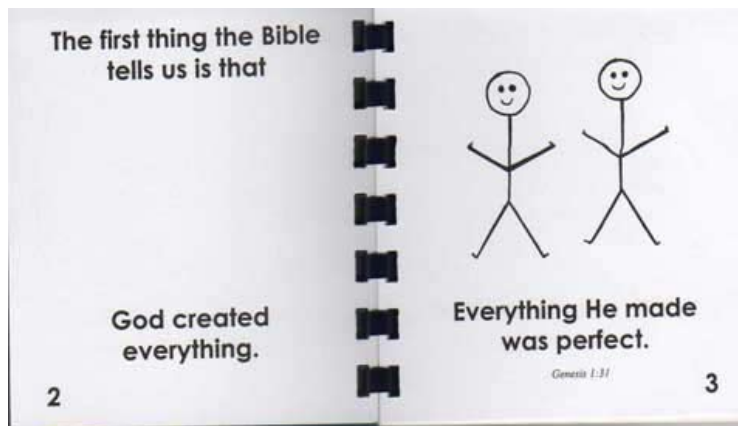
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Children color page 1 of book.

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## Sample Day 2



Children color/place a sticker in page 2 of book.

## December 1: Preparing for Jesus' birth through the Bible



It's Christmas time—time to get ready for a special celebration. We have twenty-four days to prepare our hearts to rejoice in one of the most incredible events of all history—Jesus' birth.

To prepare, we're going to embark on a treasure hunt! We're going to search through the Bible for truths that uncover the incredible importance of Jesus' birth. We want to discover God's complete message to us so we'll understand what a precious treasure God gave us when He sent Jesus.

The Bible will be our guide for discovering God's truths—His message to us. The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is eternal, which means the message it contains is just as important for us today as it was when it was written several thousand years ago.

*Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.*

*Psalm 119:89*

*As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.*

*2 Samuel 22:31*

Let's ask God to open our hearts so we will be able to understand the truths in His Word. Let's ask Him to show us His message so that by Christmas we will be ready to worship Jesus.

*The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

*Psalm 119:130*

**Think About:** What a great privilege it is to have God's Word! When we read the Bible, we are reading a message straight from God Almighty. Make God's Word your

delight this month. Let God unfold His word to you so you can understand His great love and treasure--Jesus.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for your Word. Please help me understand your message and love this Christmas. Amen.

**Book:** Today you will start making your own book to help you remember all the truths you discover as you journey through God's Word.

Open your book. Find the number "1" on the first page. You will always know what page to complete each day because the page number will be the same as the day of the month. (Example: December 4, complete page 4, etc.)

Every day you will complete a page of your book. If there is a sticker that day, you will see this symbol ☒ at the top of the devotional page. If you see this symbol, open the envelope that has the same number as the day of the month.

You've been given a special pen to use with your book. Parents, be sure to keep the pen with your devotional so it will be available when needed.

Are you ready to begin? Let's start by choosing a title for your book and writing it on the cover with your pen. There is a gold cross in your envelope to help you decorate the cover. (A few title ideas are "God's Message to Me" or "Jesus—the Promised One.") Don't forget to write the author's name—your name—on the front page.

Now it's time to complete page one of your book. Color in the Bible and think about God's precious Word. Inside the Bible, you can write one of your favorite Bible verses or draw a picture of an event in the Bible.

## December 2: God is the Creator



God's message to us in the Bible starts long before Jesus' birth. In fact, it starts in the very beginning! Let's read the very first thing God tells us in His Word.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day,' and the darkness he called 'night.' And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

*Genesis 1:1-5*

God tells us He created the heavens and the earth. God must be very powerful. He must be much greater than us. God didn't need anything in order to create the heavens and earth. He just spoke a word and there was light! We can't do that, can we? We can't make something out of nothing. Go ahead and try, but you won't succeed! Everything we make is made from something that is already here. But God made everything out of nothing.

God tells us in the Bible that He made everything in six days. Although six days may seem like a short period of time to us, God is not like us! God is so powerful He just speaks the word and whatever He says is done. When He tells us He created the earth in six days, we can believe Him and marvel at His greatness<sup>1</sup>.

**Think About:** As you go about your day, look around at all God made. Think about God's power and might.

**Prayer:** Thank you, Lord, that you are the Creator. Thank you for everything you have made. Help me to remember how great and mighty you are. Amen.

**Book:** Stick your animal stickers on page two of your book to remind you that God is the Creator.

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<sup>i</sup> We can believe what God tells us in Genesis. What we read in Genesis is literal history—God’s word is true, from the very beginning. By creating the earth in six days, God gave us our work week (Exodus 20:11). The word day in Genesis doesn’t mean a longer period of time, or we would have one outstanding week! Besides, anytime the word day in Hebrew appears with the word evening or morning or a number, it always means a literal day. It appears with evening, morning, and a number all over Genesis 1.