

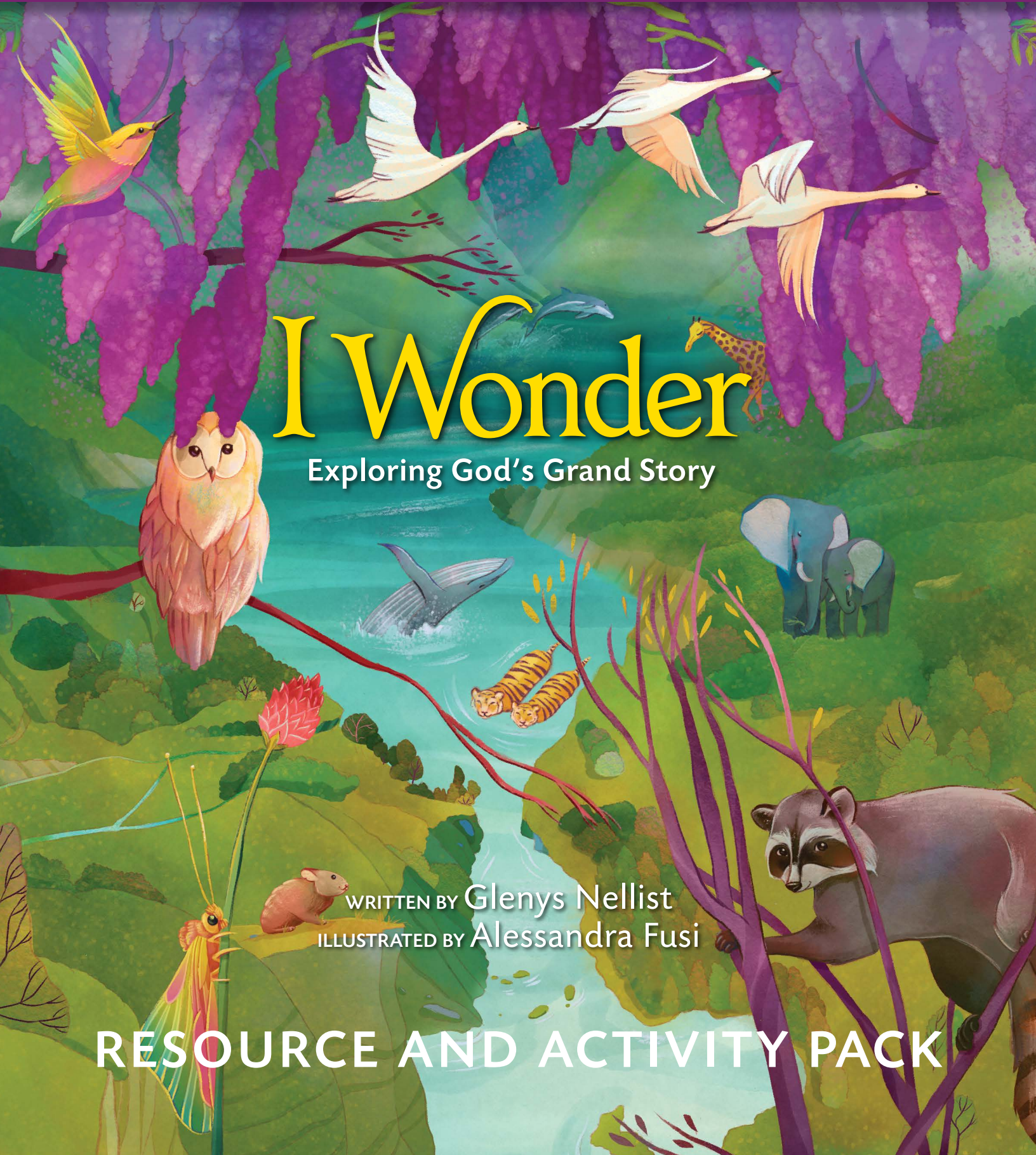
AN ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

# I Wonder

Exploring God's Grand Story

WRITTEN BY Glenys Nellist  
ILLUSTRATED BY Alessandra Fusi

RESOURCE AND ACTIVITY PACK



# I Wonder: Exploring God's Grand Story Resource and Activity Pack

## INTRODUCTION

The resources and activities contained in this pack are designed to be used by parents or children's ministry leaders.

They are based on using the Storybook Bible:

I Wonder: Exploring God's Grand Story by Glenys Nellist.

## INCLUDED IN THIS RESOURCE PACK:

- Signed printable bookplates.
  - Bookmarks.
- I Wonder Conversation Cards.
- Bible Character Templates.
  - Creation Lesson Plan.
- Activities for Younger Children.
- Activities for Older Children.

## WHAT YOU NEED:

- I Wonder: Exploring God's Grand Story by Glenys Nellist
  - White Cardstock
  - White Paper
    - Scissors
    - Glue
  - Hole Punch
  - Ribbon

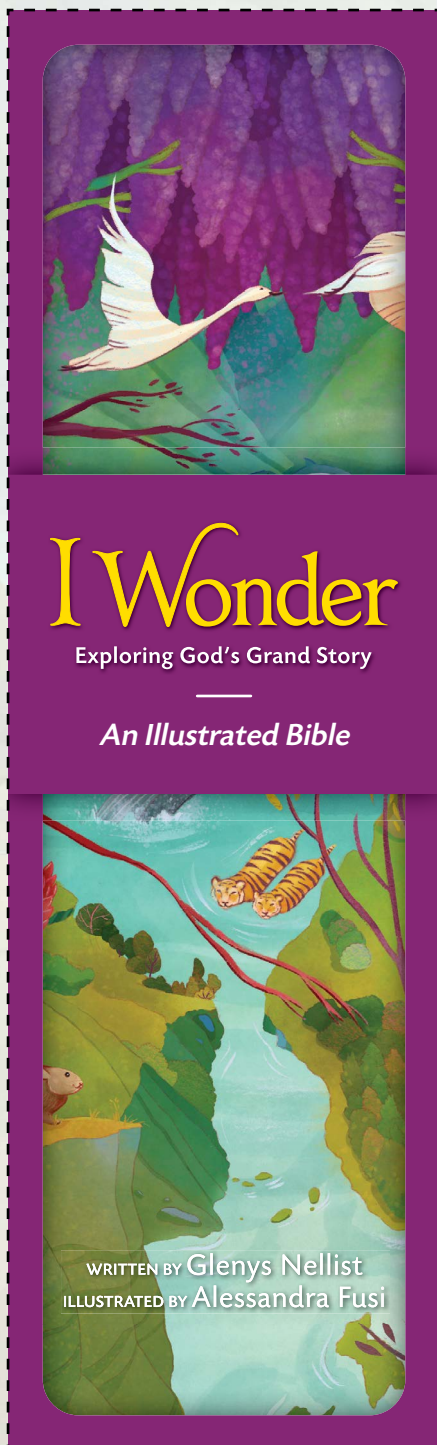
# Bookplate

Print on paper, cut out and glue inside the Presentation page.



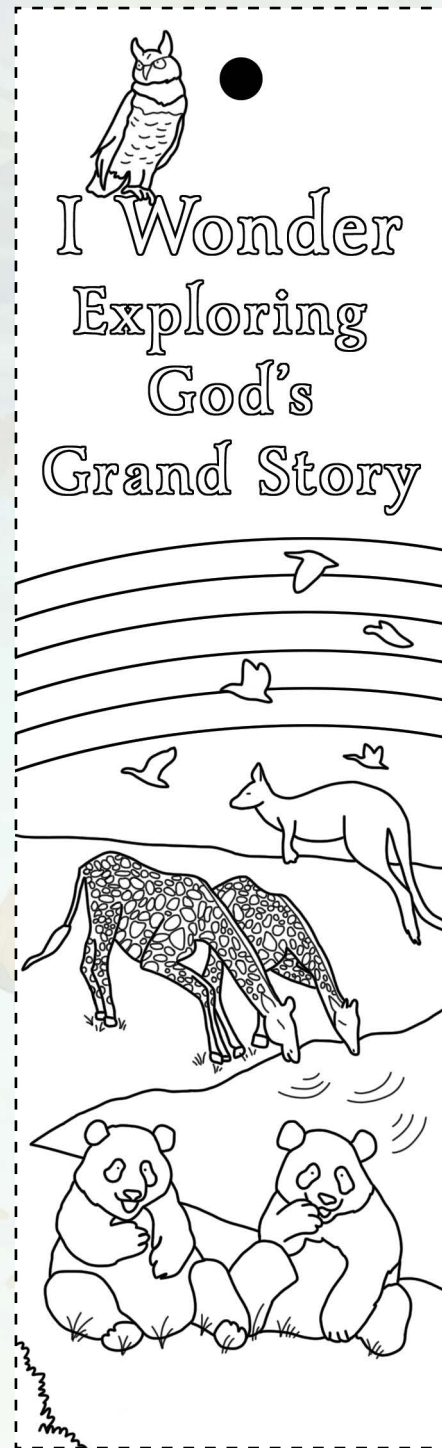
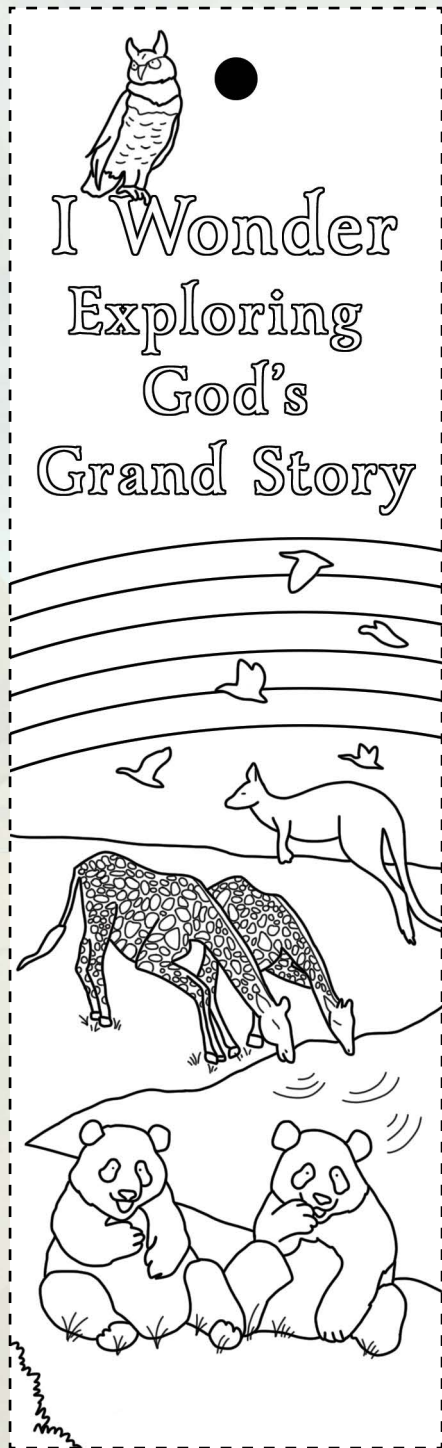
# Bookmarks

Print on cardstock and cut out or make your own using the template on the next page.



# Make Your Own Bookmark

Print on cardstock. Color, cut out, punch a hole where indicated and tie a ribbon through.



# Bible Characters

Cut out, laminate and attach these Bible characters to popsicle sticks to use in story retellings or for use in children's Worship Centers.



# Bible Characters

Cut out, laminate and attach these Bible characters to popsicle sticks to use in story retellings or for use in children's Worship Centers.



# Bible Characters

Cut out, laminate and attach these Bible characters to popsicle sticks to use in story retellings or for use in children's Worship Centers.



**ANGEL  
GABRIEL**



**ELIZABETH**



**MARY,  
JOSEPH, &  
BABY JESUS**



**JOHN THE  
BAPTIST**



**JESUS**



**JESUS' DISCIPLES**



# Bible Characters

Cut out, laminate and attach these Bible characters to popsicle sticks to use in story retellings or for use in children's Worship Centers.



# I Wonder Conversation Cards

Print the 40 I Wonder Conversation Cards on cardstock. Cut them out and place them in your own box OR make and decorate the one on p.14. Use the cards to encourage conversations during mealtimes, on car rides or at family time.



I Wonder...

When you have come close to God...



I Wonder...

If God has a favorite color, what that might be...



I Wonder...

How God can see everyone in the whole world...



I Wonder...

How God feels when something bad happens...



I Wonder...

If God has a favorite animal...



I Wonder...

What you did this week to make God smile...



I Wonder...

Who God is...



I Wonder...

If God ever sleeps...

# I Wonder Conversation Cards



I Wonder...

If God ever feels afraid...



I Wonder...

What makes God happy...



I Wonder...

If you have to pray aloud  
for God to hear you...



I Wonder...

If God can see in  
the dark...



I Wonder...

What makes God sad...



I Wonder...

Why God made  
the world...



I Wonder...

How God might  
communicate with me if I  
can't hear God's voice...



I Wonder...

How big God's hands are...

# I Wonder Conversation Cards



I Wonder...

If there are any places  
where I wouldn't find God...



I Wonder...

What God looks like...



I Wonder...

What God's voice  
sounds like...



I Wonder...

What it would have been  
like to hear Jesus teaching...



I Wonder...

If God ever feels angry...



I Wonder...

What makes God smile...



I Wonder...

If God cries...



I Wonder...

If God can understand all  
the languages in the world...

# I Wonder Conversation Cards



I Wonder...

How you know that God loves you...



I Wonder...

Where/how you see God at work in you...



I Wonder...

How you see God working in others...



I Wonder...

How you see God's love in others...



I Wonder...

How you share God's love with others...



I Wonder...

How it feels to know God listens when you speak to God...



I Wonder...

How God feels when you pray...



I Wonder...

Who reminds you of God...

# I Wonder Conversation Cards



I Wonder...

How it feels to know that  
God knows your name...



I Wonder...

Who you will share God's  
love with this week...



I Wonder...

How you experienced  
God this week...



I Wonder...

What part of God's  
creation you would like  
to know more about...



I Wonder...

If there is anywhere in  
the world that needs  
our prayers today...



I Wonder...

Who showed you  
God's love this week...



I Wonder...

When God felt far  
away this week...

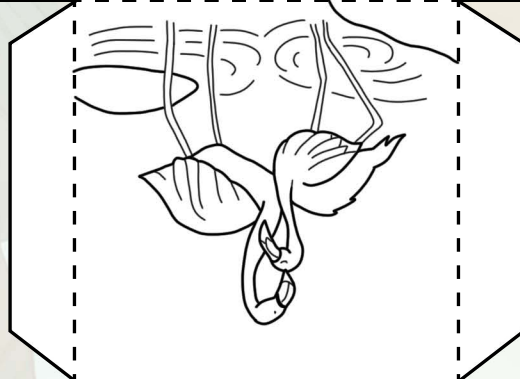
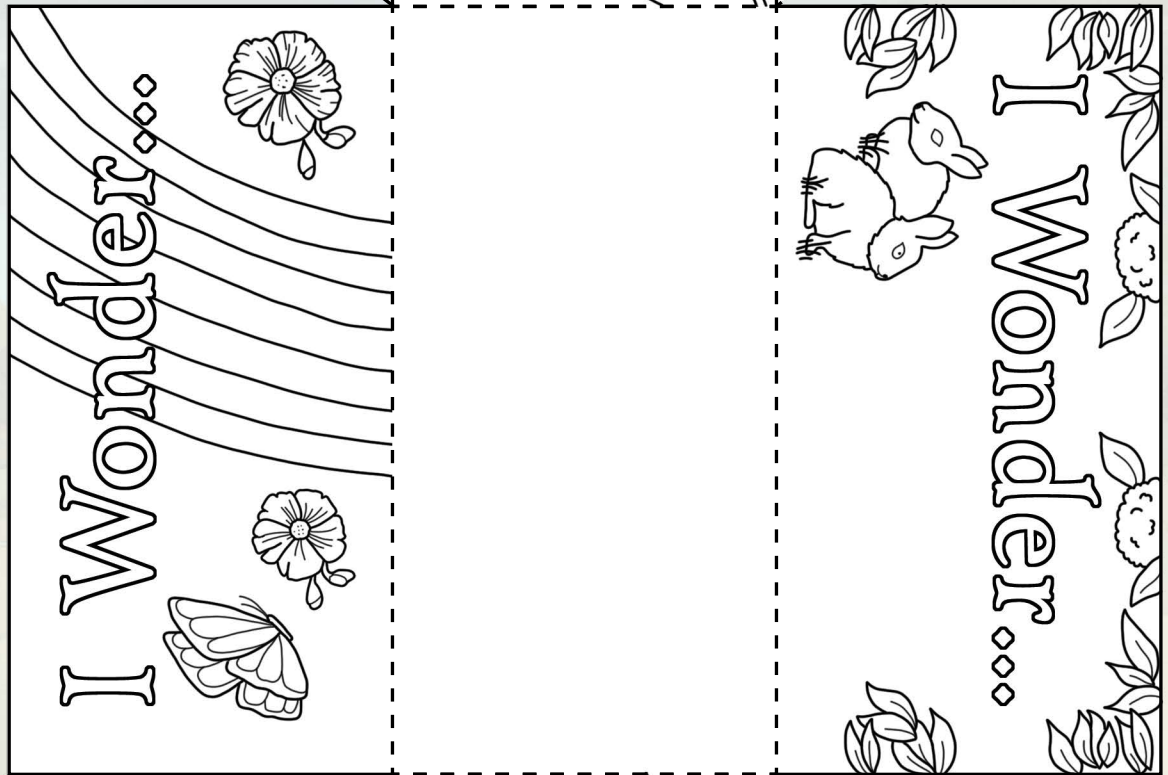
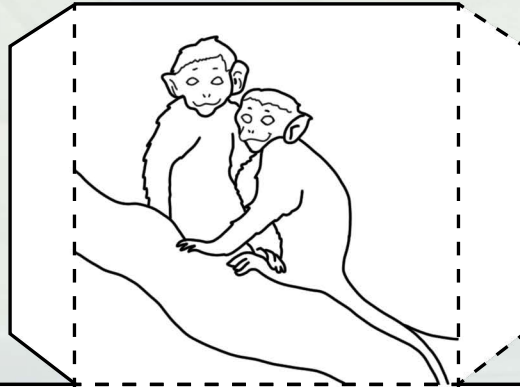


I Wonder...

What reminds you of  
God's presence and love...

# I Wonder Conversation Card Box

- Print on cardstock.
- Color and decorate the box.
- Cut out.
- Fold along the dotted lines.
- Glue tabs inside to make the box.



# Exploring the Creation Story

The following lesson can be used with any age and any number of children. It is based on a simple three-step Montessori style, whereby the teacher reads the story, there is a time of reflection and wonder, and then children are invited to participate in an activity or station of their choosing. The idea is that children are not directed but are free to be creators themselves as they choose their own response to the story. This simple lesson template could be used for any of the 30 Bible stories.

---

## PREPARATION:

You will need to organize several different stations around the room. Some ideas might be:

- A reading area consisting of different Bibles, bookmarked with the Creation story, or picture books relating to Genesis 1. You could also include visuals of the Creation story in this area.
- A sensory station, consisting of sand in plastic trays or on baking trays. Simple tools for pouring, scooping, or shaping are optional.
- An art station with paints, crayons, and markers.
- Playdough table.
- A listening station with headphones, where children can listen to sounds of the ocean, nature sounds, or music such as Vivaldi's four seasons.
- 'Make Your Own Creation Scene' station with glue, scissors and the Creation background and animal sheets that are included after this lesson.
- A Prayer Station, with battery operated tealights and a prayer box. Provide paper so that children can write or draw their own prayers.



1. Gather the children in a circle, or seat them in front of you. Ask them to close their eyes as you read p.10 of the I Wonder Bible and the first line of p. 12. Then ask them to open their eyes.
2. Continue reading the rest of the story, making sure that the children can see the pictures.
3. When the story is finished, say something like: *Now, let's have some wondering, quiet time. I'm going to ask some questions, but you don't have to answer them aloud. You can just think about them.*
4. Read the I Wonder questions slowly, giving the children time to ponder. If they respond verbally, that's fine, but silence is good too!
5. Say: *Let's thank God for this wonderful world.* Invite one of the children to pray, say your own simple prayer, or say a corporate prayer, inviting those children who are comfortable to name one thing God created. You begin by saying: *Thank you, God, for the amazing world you created. We thank you for \_\_\_\_\_* (let the children name what they are thankful for.)
6. Let the children choose which station they would like to go to in response to the story.

# Make Your Own Creation Scene

Print the pictures on adhesive or regular paper. Cut them out.  
Glue them onto the next pages to make your own Creation scene.



Written by Glensy Nellist  
Illustrated by Alessandra Fusci  
copyright ©2021 Zonderkidz





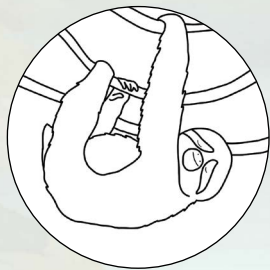
# Activities for Younger Children

## ANIMAL SEEK & FIND!

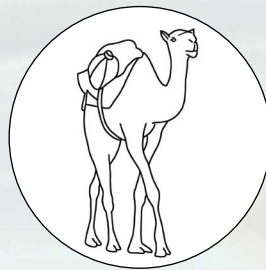
There are lots of animals in this Bible! Can you name the ones below? They are all hiding in the pages. Use the story titles to help you find them, then color them in. Draw a circle round your favorites. Check the answer key to see if you're right.

### Hiding in the Old Testament:

**CREATION**



**MIRIAM**



**ELIJAH**



**DANIEL**



**NEHEMIAH**



### Hiding in the New Testament:

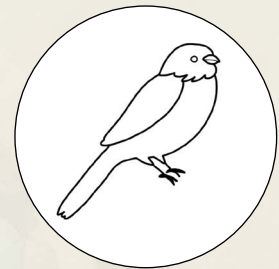
**THE BIRTH OF JESUS**



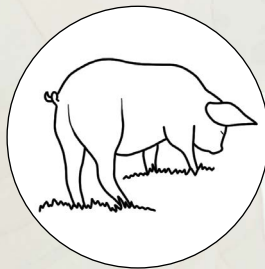
**JOHN THE BAPTIST**



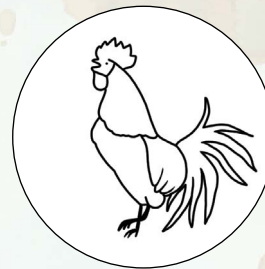
**WHAT JESUS SAID**



**THE SON WHO  
CAME HOME**



**THE LADY IN  
THE CROWD**






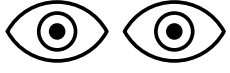

**BONUS QUESTION: CAN YOU FIND THE ANIMAL HIDING ON P. 115?**

# THE SON WHO CAME HOME

Fill in the missing words from this story Jesus told. Then color the pictures in.



One day a  \_\_\_\_\_ left his  \_\_\_\_\_. He took all his 


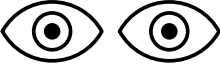
with him. His  \_\_\_\_\_ was  \_\_\_\_\_. He stood on the 




\_\_\_\_\_, put his hand over his  \_\_\_\_\_ and watched his 

go. The  \_\_\_\_\_ went to a  \_\_\_\_\_ far away and spent all his



 \_\_\_\_\_. He had no  \_\_\_\_\_. He had to eat the 




food. All the time the  \_\_\_\_\_ was gone, his  \_\_\_\_\_ still stood on the

 \_\_\_\_\_ with his hand over his  \_\_\_\_\_ looking for his

 \_\_\_\_\_. The  \_\_\_\_\_ was gone for a long  \_\_\_\_\_. One

day the  \_\_\_\_\_ came  \_\_\_\_\_. His  \_\_\_\_\_ ran down

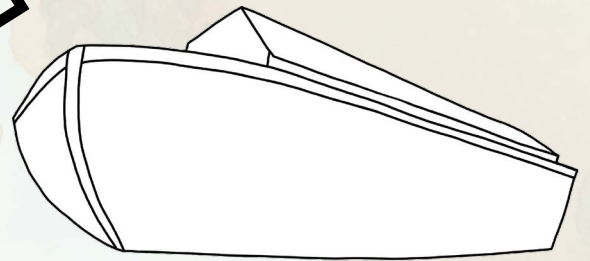
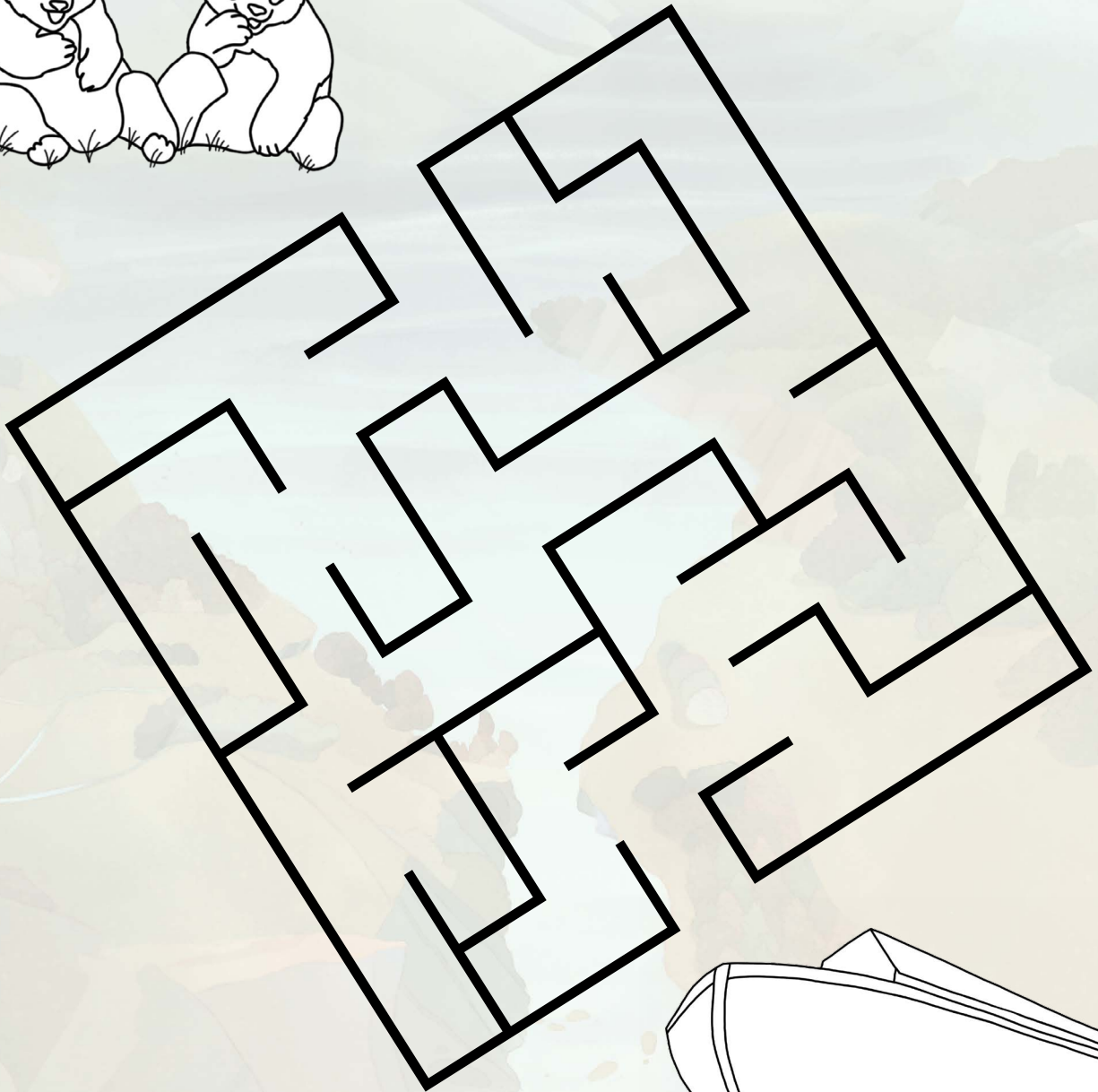
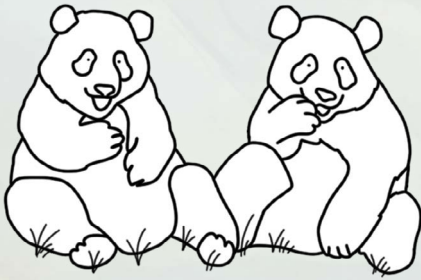
the  \_\_\_\_\_ and gave him a big  \_\_\_\_\_. He was so

 \_\_\_\_\_ that his  \_\_\_\_\_ was  \_\_\_\_\_.

NOW LOOK AT THE PICTURES OF THIS STORY ON P 144-149. WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE? WHY?

## NOAH'S ARK MAZE

Oh, no! The pandas can't find their way to the ark!  
Can you help them? Don't forget to color the pictures in.



# Activities for Older Children

## BIBLE CHARACTER CROSSWORD



### Across

2. I hid in a cave. (p 80)
4. I'm married to Abraham (p 28)
6. My name used to be Saul. (p186) \_
8. I helped the Israelite spies in Jericho. (p 58)
12. I built the ark. (p 22)
13. I was the first person to see Jesus alive after he'd died. (p 182)
16. I was a tax collector before following Jesus. (p124)
17. I'm Moses' sister (p 52)
18. I'm the king with the quivering quill. (p 99)

### Down

1. I'm the first woman. (p 16)
3. I baptized Jesus (p 114)
5. I stayed with my mother-in-law. (p 66)
6. I walked on water like Jesus! (p 171)
7. I'm Mary's cousin (p 110)
9. I'm one of Jesus' disciples. (p 165)
10. I'm the mother of Jesus. (p 113)
11. I'm the angel who flew down to Nazareth. (p 108)
12. I rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. (p 104)
14. I cheated my brother. (p34)
15. I started the first Christian meeting place in my home. (p 189)





## BIBLE CHARACTERS WORDSEARCH



JOHN THE BAPTIST

NOAH

ELIZABETH

DARIUS

PETER

ELIJAH

MATTHEW

EVE

ANDREW

JACOB

RUTH

NEHEMIAH

PAUL

MARY

MARY MAGDALENE

SARAH

GABRIEL

RAHAB

LYDIA

MIRIAM



# BIBLE LANDS SCRAMBLE

Did you know that most of the places named in the Bible are still there today? Unscramble the following 15 places named in the Bible. (Only use the page numbers if you really need to!) Then take all the letters in bold and unscramble them to find one of the most famous places in the Bible.

- TPEYG (P48) -----
- HZNRTAAE (P 108) -----
- VRRIE LEIN (P 53) -----
- BMAO (P 64) -----
- NGAERD FO **SEEHTGAMN** (P 178) -----
- NNAAAC (P 58) -----
- NNVHEIE (P 88) -----
- PCEM**UAARN** (P 150) -----
- LLVYEA FO **HLEA** (P 73) -----
- LBTHEEMEH (P 112) -----
- TREEERM**NADINA** ESA (P 90) -----
- OHJCEIR (P 59) -----
- IREVR ANDORJ (P115) -----
- DRE **EAS** (P 52) -----
- KALE ELLEAIG (P 122) -----

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS PLACES IN THE BIBLE IS: -----



**CHALLENGE: CAN YOU NUMBER THE PLACES 1-15 IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER?  
CHECK THE ANSWER KEY TO SEE IF YOU'RE RIGHT!**

# Answer Key

## ANIMAL SEEK & FIND!

### Hiding in the Old Testament:

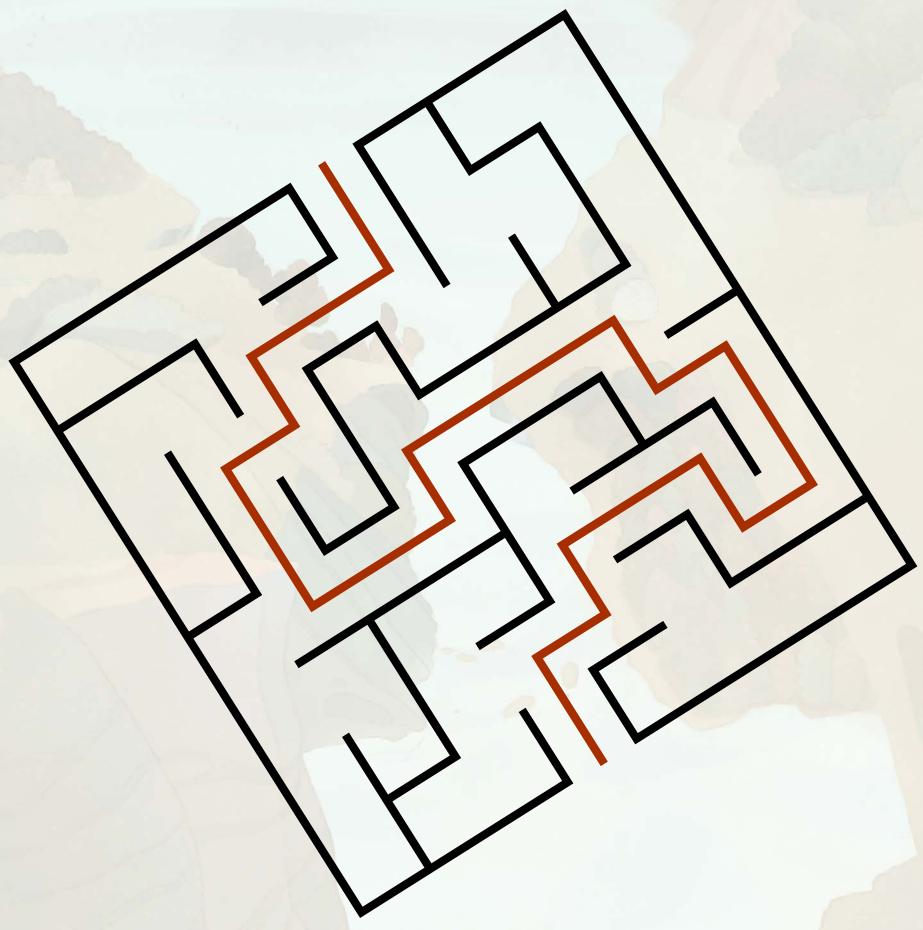
- Sloth
- Camel
- Bat
- Lion Cub
- Fox

### Hiding in the New Testament:

- Donkey
- Dove
- Bird
- Pig
- Rooster

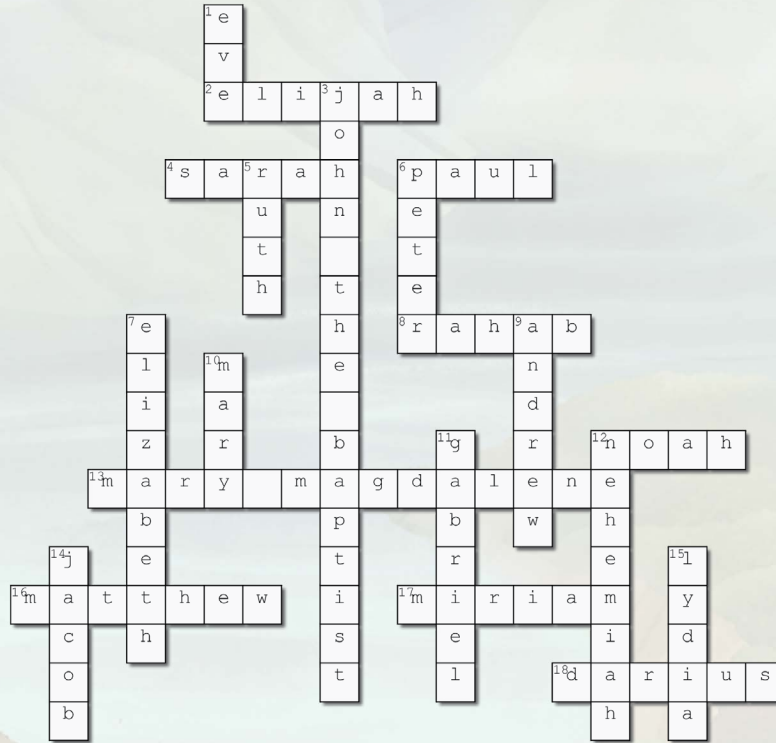
Bonus Question: The animal hiding on p. 115 is a *locust* or grasshopper!

### MAZE

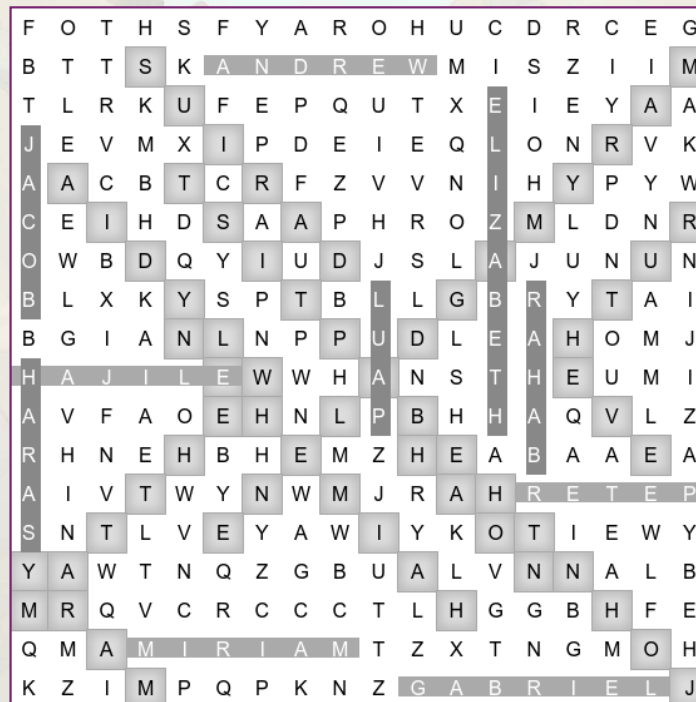


# Answer Key

## CROSSWORD



## WORDSEARCH



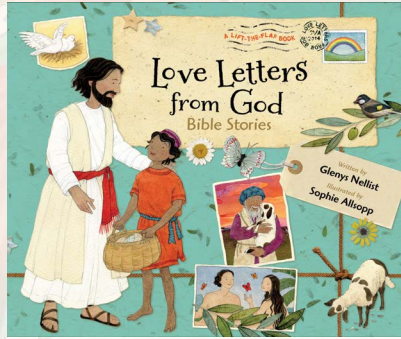
# Answer Key

## BIBLE LANDS SCRAMBLE

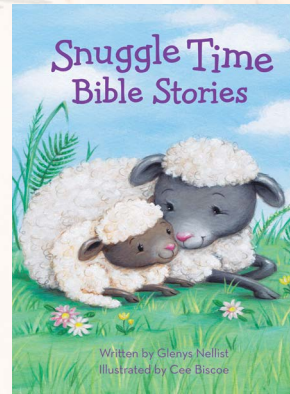
		Alphabetical order:
TPEYG (P48)	EGYPT	4
HZNR TAAE (P 108)	NAZARETH	10
VRRIE LEIN (P 53)	RIVER NILE	14
BMAO (P 64)	MOAB	9
NGAERD FO SEEEHTGAMN (P 178)	GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE	5
NNAAC (P 58)	CANAAN	2
NNVHEIE (P 88)	NINEVEH	11
PCEMUAARN (P 150)	CAPERNAUM	3
LLVYEA FO HLEA (P 73)	VALLEY OF ELAH	15
LBTHEEMEH (P 112)	BETHLEHEM	1
TREEERMNADINA ESA (P 90)	MEDITERRANEAN SEA	8
OHJCEIR (P 59)	JERICHO	6
IREVR ANDORJ (P115)	RIVER JORDAN	13
DRE EAS (P 52)	RED SEA	12
KALE ELLEAIG (P 122)	LAKE GALILEE	7

One of the most famous places in the Bible is: JERUSALEM

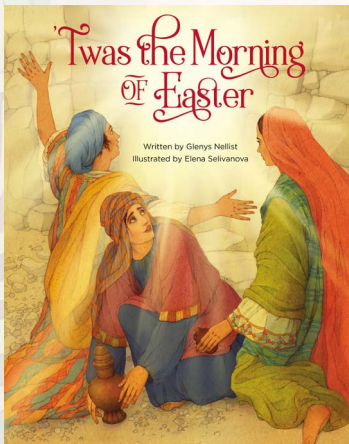
# Explore the Bible with Glenys Nellist



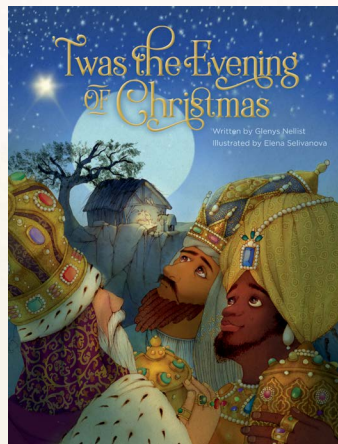
**Love Letters  
from God**  
\$16.99



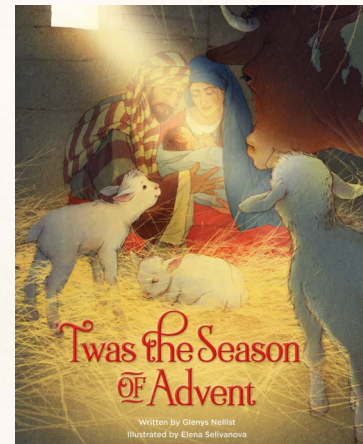
**Snuggle Time  
Bible Stories**  
\$9.99



**'Twas the  
Morning of Easter**  
\$17.99



**'Twas the Evening  
of Christmas**  
\$17.99



**'Twas the  
Season of Advent**  
\$19.99



Glenys Nellist was born and raised in a little village in northern England. Her writing reflects a deep passion for bringing the Bible to life for young children. She lives in Dearborn, Michigan, with her husband, David. Find Glenys online: [glenysnellist.com](http://glenysnellist.com)