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How to get the best from this book

Fitting it together

The Bible's most important message is understandable at a very young age. In some ways, it's like a puzzle. If the pieces are fitted together properly, piece by piece, it makes sense.

To learn any new concept, the most effective way is to build from the foundation up—to move from the known to the unknown. In mathematics, you don't start children in school by teaching them: $w(z) = w_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{z}{\pi w_0} \right)^{2n} \right]^{\frac{1}{2n}}$. Rather, you begin with: 1 apple + 1 apple = 2 apples, and move from the simple to the complex. If you skip fundamentals, even simple arithmetic will be confusing.

It's the same with the Bible. Careful attention needs to be given to laying solid foundations for every new concept taught. Don't rush. Strive for clarity of understanding and everything else will fall in place.

Planning your time

This book is designed for ten sittings. I suggest that you cover one chapter per sitting, and teach three chapters a week. Any less could reduce the importance of the material in the child's mind and break up the continuity of the message.

No advance preparation is required—a review of prior material is built in at the beginning of each lesson and questions are included at the end. Total time per chapter for reading and quizzing is ten to fifteen minutes.

Keeping it simple

To keep the narrative simple, the central teachings found in the Old Testament are clustered around two people, Adam and Eve. It was felt that to introduce many individuals could unnecessarily complicate the message for little children.

Using the CD

The accompanying CD follows the book word for word, narrated by John Cross and Heather Holdsworth. After each chapter is a song that reinforces the lesson. The quiz should be used once the song is completed. The answers to the questions are found on pages 176 to 180.

Handling questions

Children like quizzes. Though some will be happy to simply answer the questions at the end of each chapter, others may ask more. The endnote section gives background information to help in such cases. The progression used in this book links very naturally to 'THE STRANGER ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS,' a book which covers the Bible in greater detail.

If a child consistently answers the questions correctly, there may be a temptation to skip them. However, they are an important review, and when answered correctly, simply mean the child has understood the content.

The message

This book presents the Bible's core message without watering it down or avoiding issues. Even subjects such as sin and death are taught in an honest, head-on manner. At the same time, the child is not left hanging. Even the lesson dealing with death ends with hope.

The Bible is quite direct about what it has to say, so every effort has been made to avoid vagueness. Where the Bible demands a choice, that choice is clearly stated. In keeping with this, political correctness at the expense of the message has been avoided. Traditional use of the word 'man,' for collective humanity, has been used as a simple step to clarity.

God Made It All

The Bible is a very important letter¹ from God and is written directly to each one of us. That's right. The Bible says that God sent a very special message just to you.

Although the letter was written many years ago, what it has to say is just as important today as when it was first written.

Every boy and girl needs to know what the Bible says to them.

All Scripture is God-breathed... 2 Timothy 3:16

*... you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.
For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God... 2 Peter 1:20,21*



Chapter 1 Questions and Answers

1. The Bible is a very important letter sent to us. Who is it from? **God**
2. The Bible says God was never born. Will he ever die? **No**
3. Was there anyone else living with God in the beginning? **No**
4. Who created the angels? **God**
5. What does the word *create* mean? **To make something**
6. You cannot see God. You cannot see angels. They do not have bodies of muscle and bone. What are they called? **Spirits**
7. What special job were the angels given? **God's messengers**
8. We need a hammer and nails to make something, but when God made the world, how did he do it? **He just spoke.**
9. God made everything simply by speaking. What does this tell us about God? **He is very, very powerful.**
10. God made the world in how many days? **Six**
11. Who made Adam and Eve? **God**
12. If God can be with you, your family, and your friends all at the same time, what does that mean? **God is everywhere at the same time.**

Chapter 2 Questions and Answers

1. When you look around the world and see all that was made, you can see that God is very powerful. How much does God know? **Everything**
2. To whom does the world belong? **God**
3. Why does the world belong to God? **He made it.**
4. God could have made the world very ugly, but he made it beautiful. Why did God make such a beautiful world? **He loves us. He wanted us to enjoy it.**
5. God made rules so that the world would work in the right way. What sort of place would the world be without any rules? **Unhappy, confused, upset, unsafe**

6. What do we call something that has nothing wrong with it and is good in every way? **Perfect**
7. Why was God only able to create a perfect world? **He is perfect.**
8. God lives in a perfect home. What is it called? **Heaven**
9. Name three things the Bible tells us about Heaven? **See page 46.**

Chapter 3 Questions and Answers

1. What was the name of God's most important angel? **Lucifer**
2. Did God give Lucifer a special job? **Yes**
3. Was Lucifer happy with the job God gave him? **No**
4. What did Lucifer want? **He wanted to be God.**
5. The Bible uses a special word to describe Lucifer's choice to disobey God. What is that word? **Sin**
6. Why did Lucifer want to be God? **He thought he was smarter than God, that he knew better than God.**
7. What are bad thoughts and doing wrong things called? **Sin**
8. When someone does something bad and gets away with it, is it right? **No**
9. Why isn't it right for someone to get away with doing bad things? **It's not fair. All wrong should be punished.**
10. Is God fair all the time or just some of the time? **All the time**
11. Because God is perfect, he could not have the bad angels living in his perfect home. What did he do with them? **He threw them out of Heaven.**
12. God changed Lucifer's name to Satan. What does the name *Satan* mean? **Enemy**
13. What is the name of the home that God made for Satan and the bad angels? **The Lake of Fire**
14. Is Satan's new home a happy place to live? **No**
15. Many angels still obeyed God. Where do these good angels live? **Heaven**

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A timeless message, written for children, enjoyed by all.

Many years ago on a very important day, a remarkable story was told about a Lamb. The story took the listeners on a journey through the Bible, from Creation to the Cross. It explained the central message of scripture and revealed the true significance of the Lamb. Now here in this book the story is retold—an unforgettable message that everyone should hear.

John R. Cross and Ian Mastin come from opposite ends of the globe. John is a writer from Canada; Ian, an artist from Australia. They, along with many volunteers, have used their gifts to explain the message of the Bible, clearly and simply. Both John and Ian are married with grown children.

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