

CREATIVE GOD
COLORFUL US

To my kids and the next generation:

*God made you and it was good. He sings
over you with gladness.*

Remember the Lord all the days of your life.

*Keep His words you read in the Bible in your
heart and do good to all.*

*I am praying for you to be a generation that
shines brightly in our world!*



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INTRODUCTION

I WROTE YOU A LETTER!

Hello!

My name is Trillia. I have children who are about your age. They read the book you are holding, and they liked it. So, I thought I'd share it with you too! Thank you for choosing to read *Creative God, Colorful Us*. I am so excited about all the things we will discover.

Growing up, I had many questions about the world and all the people that filled the earth. I wondered who made us. I wondered why people didn't always get along. I used to wish that there would be peace on the earth but couldn't figure out why it didn't happen. Then I started reading the Bible, and so much started to make sense to me.

The Bible is God’s Word. It is used for helping people see right from wrong. Most of all, the Bible is where God chose to teach us about Himself (2 Timothy 3:16–17).¹ It is the most important book on the earth. We will be guided by the Bible to learn what God has told us about Himself and people.

In this book, we will answer questions like the ones I had as a kid and the same ones you might have now. I don’t want to spoil it by sharing the answers yet. But if you look at the page labeled **CONTENTS**, you can see all that we will explore together—ideas like: the image of God, the fall, the Good News, and more. Don’t worry if you don’t know what any of those ideas are now. You will as you keep reading.

If you run into a word you don’t know, look at the **HELPFUL WORDS TO KNOW** in the back of the book. That’s where you will find definitions of the **RED** words throughout the book.

At the end of each chapter, there are a few questions to help you think about what you’ve read. Those questions are labeled **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** Feel free to write out your answers and share them with a friend or guardian. You can make it fun and answer the questions in a

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special journal. There are other fun features throughout the book, including thought bubbles, **THE BIG IDEA** summaries of the chapter, and short activities.

When you are finished reading the book, let your parent or guardian know that I wrote them a short letter, too. It's also in the back of the book. Oh, and one more thing: this book is short! There are only seven chapters. My kids were happy to know that. 😊

I am praying that you will enjoy *Creative God, Colorful Us!*

Tillia



CHAPTER 1

GOD MADE YOU (AND HE MADE YOUR FRIENDS TOO!)

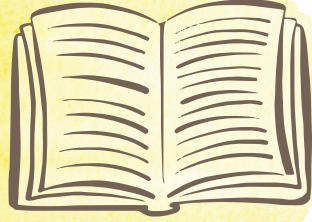
My daughter is fascinated with outer space. She loves to try to find constellations like the Big Dipper and gets excited when there's a full moon. The universe is massive and **DIVERSE**. That means it's huge and filled with many different objects. There are stars and moons and planets and black holes and a bunch of other stuff I can't even imagine!

When you look up at the sky, what do you think about?

**WHEN YOU LOOK UP AT THE SKY,
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT?**

Looking up at the sky reminds me of Psalm 8:3–4:

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them? (NIV)



At the beginning of time, God created the heavens. He set it all in place. He thought of the idea of Mars—the planet that's also called the red planet. God created the moon that shines bright in the night. God created stars that appear to twinkle. God created the sun that warms the earth throughout the year. God did all of this.

Have you ever created something from scratch? It's hard to create from nothing (only God can do that!). Whether it's drawing a picture or writing a story, creating is a lot of work. Because God is powerful and full of knowledge, I don't think it was hard for God to create the world, but it was a lot of work.