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An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. (3 years)

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Living by God's Laws

This little book will tell me about God and His holy laws. It will tell me how to live by them and win my share of heaven.

I will read my book. I will ask God to help me. Then I will try my best to live by God's laws.



Light

“Look at the sky!” called Peter.

“It is rose-red! Pink! Cream! Blue! Oh, look, look!”

“You like to watch the light come in the morning and so do I,” said Father.

“Nobody in this world can make a sky full of morning colors.

“Only God can make such a beautiful thing.

“God gave us the light.

“A long long time ago, there was no light—no light at all. It was night—deep, dark, black night.

“Then God said: ‘Let there be light!’ and light was shining everywhere.

“Light is beautiful. All the colors of the world are in it.

“Light is good. It helps us in so many ways that we cannot live without it.

“Light comes to us every morning. It helps us all day. Even at night a little bit stays.

“God made laws for the light.

“The light does what God wishes it to do. It shines. It shows us beautiful colors.”

God made the light.

God made laws for the light.

The light obeys God’s laws.



Sun, Moon, and Stars

"Oh, see how thin the moon is to-night!" cried Bobby. "On my birthday it was big and round. Why is it so thin now?"

"The moon is always changing," said Jack. "You can never tell how it is going to look."

"Oh yes, you can!" said Father. "The moon is thin now. Next week it will be round. And the next, it will be thin again. And the week after that, it will be a new moon."

"Long long ago, God made the moon and He gave it a law. That is why we can always tell what the moon will do.

"God made the sun and the stars. The stars are really great suns. Many of them are larger than ours. They look small because they are so far away.

"God made laws for the sun and the stars.

"One star stays in the north always. We call it the North Star. It helps people to find their way at night.

"The sun and the stars do just what God wishes them to do. They give light."

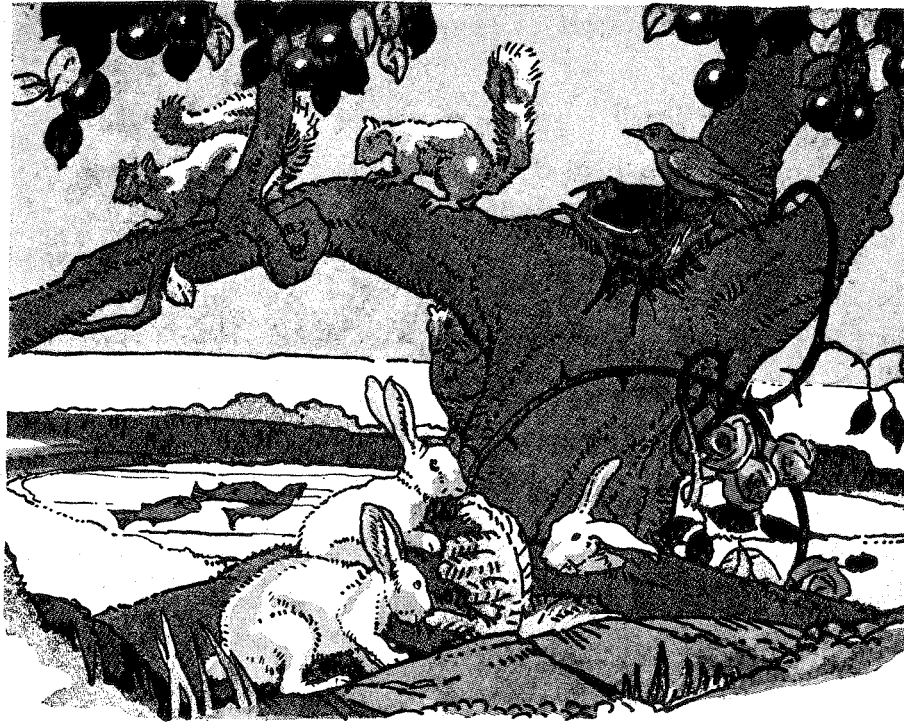
God made the sun.

God made the moon.

God made the stars.

He gave them laws.

They keep God's laws.



Living Things

We plant an apple seed. It grows into an apple tree.

We put rose seeds in the earth. Up comes a rose bush.

We plant tiny seeds in a garden. Soon we have good things for dinner.

Trees, flowers, grass—all the plants—grow just as God wishes.

They obey the laws that God put into them.

When a robin makes a nest, it does what God wishes a bird to do.

When it sits on a bush singing, it is doing what God wishes it to do. It is obeying God's law.

God made the birds and He gave them laws. They obey His laws.

Watch the fish swimming in the sunny water. They are doing God's will.

Watch the animals playing in the grass. They are keeping God's laws.

God made the plants.

God made the birds.

God made the fishes.

God made the animals.

He gave them laws.

They obey God's laws.



People

“Did God make all the people?” asked Bobby.

“Yes,” said Father, “God made all the people. Black people, red people, yellow people, white people—God made us all.

“He is Our Father in Heaven. We are His children. He made us because He loves us. He has given us laws that are wise and good. His laws help us to win heaven.

“God made our world and all that is in it—sun, moon, stars, earth, air, water, plants, animals. His laws help all these things to do what they should do.

“When our world was ready for us to live in, God made Adam and Eve. Adam was the first man. Eve was the first woman.

“After that, God made all the people who have ever lived, even down to you and me.

“His laws help us to do what we should do. They help us to be happy in this world, and to be happy in heaven, too.”

God made laws for us.

God’s laws help us to win heaven.

Who made you?
God made me.

Did God make all things?
Yes, God made all things.