

The Bible for Children



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The Bible for Children As Explained in a Dialogue Between a Master and a Student

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Long ago at near the beginning of creation I started this. It may have been the most enjoyable writing experience I'll ever have, including soft afternoons, choirs of angels, and the delights of the flesh. I was interrupted in its work and I'd like to think it remains under construction, but I present what's been completed and by way of a sample of its contents offer the opening of the colloquy. I was once asked what qualifications I had to write the part of the master. In truth, I have none.

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Chapter One The Introduction

Student: Who is God?

Master: God is the creator or maker of all things. There is nothing that was not made by God. The universe was made by God. The earth was made by God. The sky was made by God. The water was made by God.

All the plants and birds and animals were made by God. You were made by God. I was made by God. Everybody and everything was made by God and God was pleased with everything He made. The Bible says, "God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1: 31)

Student: What is The Bible?

Master: I shall speak of The Bible presently. First, find out more about God.

Student: How do I do that?

Master: By asking questions and thinking.

Student: Which is more important, Master, asking questions or thinking?

Master: Both asking questions and thinking are necessary. Neither could exist without the other, just as the yes cannot exist without the no. Do you understand?

Student: No, Master, I do not understand.

Master: It is not important that you do. It is only important that you ask and think.

Student: I am doing my best and I am thinking, but I cannot think of a proper question to ask.

Master: Then you are asking for help. That too is a great question. Ask what is God.

Student: Master, what is God?

Master: God is love. God is goodness and kindness. God's love is the reason for everything. God felt good to be alive and He wished to share that good feeling. The need to share is the thing we call

love. Because of God's great love, God created everything.

Student: How do we know God is alive?

Master: This is a good question. Can you see God? No. Can you touch God? No. Then how can we know God is alive? We can only know God is alive by feeling Him in our heart. When you feel God is alive in your heart, you trust God is alive and has always been alive. That trust is called faith and we say we have faith God is alive. Everything we believe about God is believed because we have faith.

Student: In what else do we have faith?

Master: Your question tells me you are ready to hear of The Bible, for we also have faith in The Bible. We call it The Holy Bible. It is called holy because it is sacred. Sacred means it is special to God.

Student: What does The Holy Bible say?

Master: The Holy bible tells the story of God and humankind. It says that humankind is special to God and that God wants to help humankind.