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SEEING GOD IN THE WORLD HE MADE



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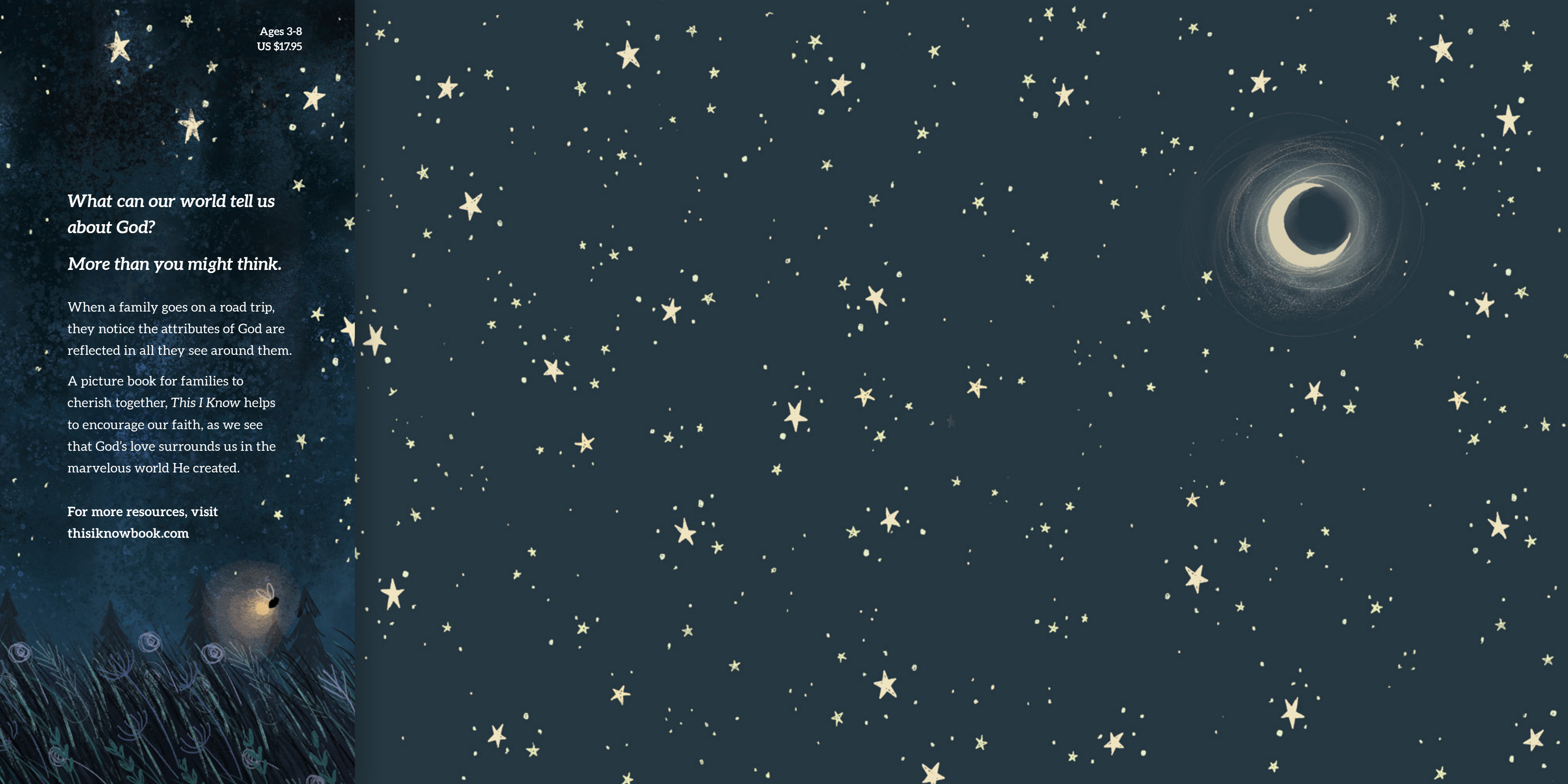
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“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky.  
Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—  
his eternal power and divine nature.”

Romans 1:20 (NLT)



IT'S TIME TO GET UP! Oh, the big day is here!

Are we ready to go? I've been waiting all year!

It's our day of adventure, our day of exploring,

Of running and hiking and swimming and soaring!

When I went to sleep, it was rainy and cold.  
But the sun has come out, and the sky is like gold!

I jump out of bed, there is so much to do.  
With every new day, God makes everything **NEW**.

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the sunrise tells me so.

WAKE UP, LITTLE GIRL! You're so precious to me.  
My sweet baby sister, how cute could you be?  
I'd prayed and I'd asked God to give me a sister,  
And you're so much more than I ever could wish for!

God loves His children, each daughter and son.  
And He gives us new life, just like you, little one!  
Today, I will show you the wonders outside,  
How all of God's marvelous world is **ALIVE!**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For our baby tells me so.

Mom is packing the van like a cozy cocoon!

And you know what that means? **WE ARE LEAVING, AND SOON!**

Like butterflies bursting to try out their wings,

We're ready to go and do all kinds of things!

It's such a big world full of so much to see,  
I wish we could fly like the birds in the trees!

So what do you think we'll discover? Oh boy!  
I love days like these that are full of God's **JOY.**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the butterflies tell me so.



WE'RE HERE AT THE BEACH! And my toes love the sand!

We splash in the waves as they crash onto land.


The seagulls are squawking, the air's full of smells,

I'm spying for dolphins and hunting for shells.

Just look at that water! So deep and so wide,  
And brimming with life that is swimming inside!

My Dad says it makes him feel small like a child.  
God's world is so big and so wondrous and WILD.


Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the ocean tells me so.



**WE'RE BACK ON THE ROAD**, over slow rolling hills,  
But our sweet little dog doesn't want to sit still!  
With a wag of her tail, she is ready to run  
In a wide open field, in the warmth of the sun.

Wherever I go, she is right by my side,  
On bright happy mornings, or nights when I've cried.  
She makes us all laugh, she is always so playful,  
But what I love most is how God made her **FAITHFUL**.


Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For our puppy tells me so.

A dark, stormy night scene in a forest. A red and white van with a license plate 'J316' is driving on a winding road. The van is carrying a load of logs on its roof rack. Two children are visible in the back seat, looking out the window. The road is wet and reflects the light from the van's headlights. In the foreground, a log lies on the ground with the text '2 Timothy 1:7' written on it. The sky is dark with several bright lightning bolts striking down. The trees are dark green and silhouetted against the stormy sky. The overall mood is dramatic and intense.

A flash in the sky? Oh, please say it's not true.  
It can't rain today. The sky has to stay blue!  
But thunder rolls in with a rumble and **BOOM!**  
If it doesn't stop raining, our day will be doomed!

But that's when Mom smiles, and reminds us to say,  
"It's all in God's hands, so we wait and we pray."  
A lightning bolt **CRACKS!** and my poor brothers cower.  
Though storms can be scary, we trust in God's **POWER.**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Even thunder tells me so.



Oh, can you believe it? The clouds have blown by,  
And a rainbow is stretching across the blue sky!  
When we don't expect it, **GOD LOVES TO SURPRISE!**  
And sometimes the storms are His grace in disguise.

Our day isn't over! It's just getting started!  
The road ahead is completely uncharted.  
So what will we find up the steep mountain slope?  
Whatever's ahead, we are all filled with **HOPE!**


Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the rainbow tells me so.

We hop from the van, and start hiking a trail  
Over brooks and on boulders, up hills and down vales.  
And there at the top, as we round the last bend ...  
"JUST LOOK AT THAT VIEW!" Like the world has no end!

God's world is so big, could He ever know *me*?  
But He knows every sparrow, and every last bee.  
And there in the rocks, He knows each flower blossom,  
So fragile and frail, on a mountain so **AWESOME**.

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the mountains tell me so.






Then just a bit further, right up at the peak,  
I feel something gentle and cold on my cheek!  
Floating down from the sky, landing right on my tongue,  
**LOOK!** Each tiny flake is like no other one!

The snow gently falling is quiet and bright,  
A magical wonderland sparkling in white.  
God blankets the world in a loving embrace  
With fresh fallen snow, like amazing new **GRACE**.


Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the snowflakes tell me so.



Back down the mountain, arrived at our camp,  
Dad sets up the tent, and we all grab our lamps.  
"MOM, DO YOU MIND IF WE GO ON A HIKE?"  
And we're off to explore by the warm evening light.

Surrounded by piles of red, orange, and brown,  
We kick them and crunch them and toss them around.  
Though leaves are now falling, and done with their duty,  
Each season of life is still filled with God's BEAUTY.


Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the fall leaves tell me so.



As the sun slowly sinks, a red glow in the sky,  
A new light appears. It's as small as a fly!  
A TWINKLE! A BLINK! As I reach out to snatch him,  
He flits all about, till I finally catch him!

He crawls on my finger, so patient and slow,  
And flashes his tail, like he's saying "hello!"  
A bug that lights up? Oh, it just makes me ponder...  
Is there no end to God's marvelous WONDER?

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the fireflies tell me so.



Beneath a clear sky in a wide open field,  
We sit in the grass, and we keep our eyes peeled,  
And patiently wait until ... "LOOK! SHOOTING STAR!"  
A streak through the sky! It's so near but so far.

The light of the stars, through the shadows of space,  
Traveled millions of miles to brighten my face.  
God is here and He's there and He's always wherever,  
He's now and He's then and He will be FOREVER.

*Psalm 19:1*

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the universe tells me so.



Snuggled tight in our tent, with a smile on my face,  
My whole family is here, it's my happiest place.  
The crickets are chirping, all others have ceased.  
As their melody lulls me, I rest in God's PEACE.

OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY this has been!  
We've had so much fun, I don't want it to end!  
It's so full of memories we'll always keep.  
But now it is late, so it's time for some sleep.

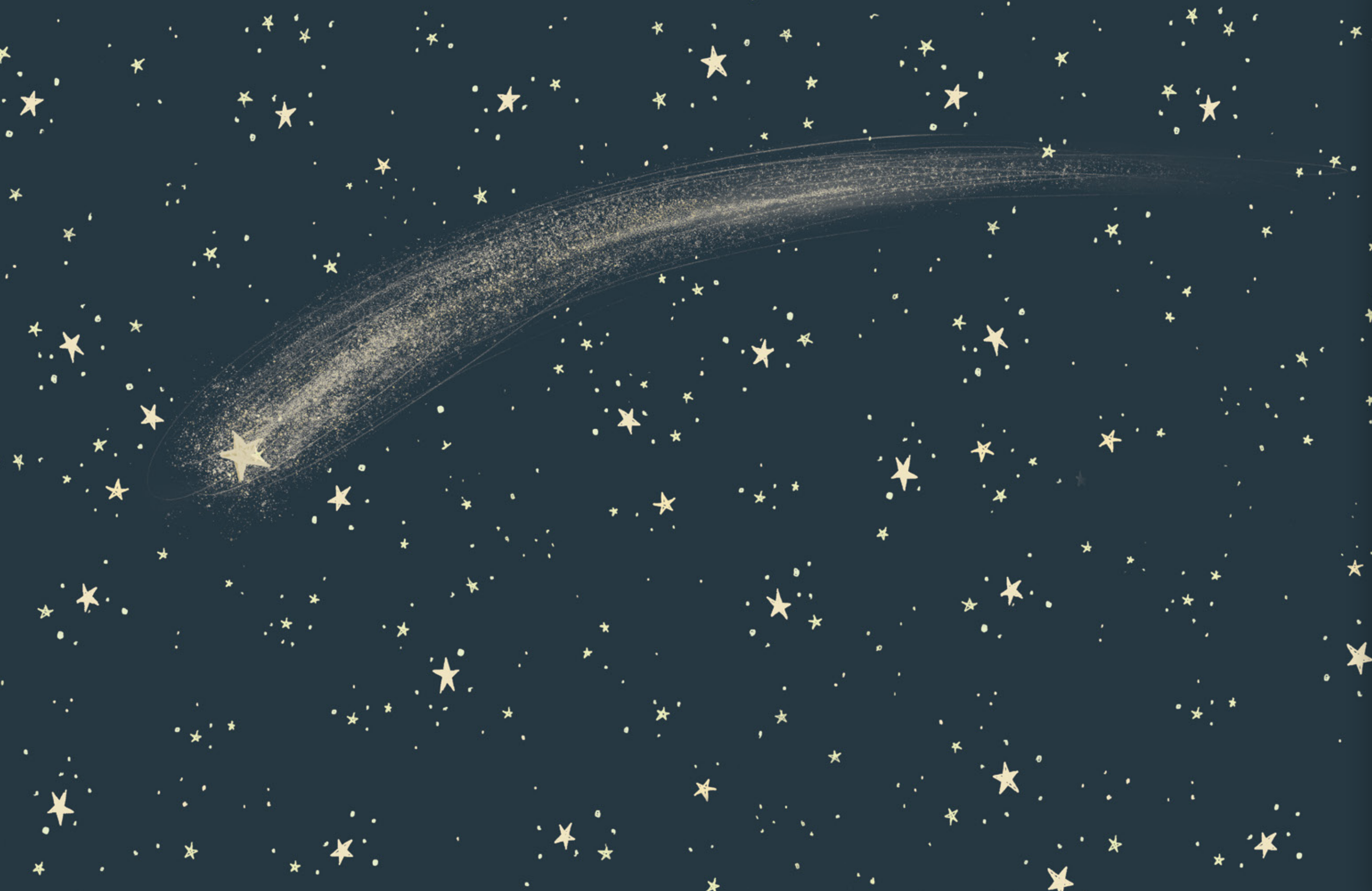
Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the crickets tell me so.



Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong.  
We are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me...  
Yes, Jesus loves me...  
Yes, Jesus loves me...  
The Bible tells me so.





**Clay Anderson** is husband to Karen, and father to four: Avery, Garrett, Asher, and Quinn.

“Since becoming a dad, I’ve sung *Jesus Loves*

*Me* to my kids thousands of times. And one of those nights, a few years ago, I started thinking about how the Bible tells us of God’s love ... and so does everything He made. And this book was born.”

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“After the birth of my daughters, I began illustrating artwork for their bedroom and started selling them to others. I finally decided to pursue my dream of illustrating children’s books. It’s been an amazing journey and I’ve been fortunate to work with many great clients! The most important thing I have learned along the way is that it’s never too late to follow your dream!”

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Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the whole world tells me so.

**Have you noticed the fingerprints of God in the world around us?**  
The creation tells us about its Creator. His beauty in the trees.  
His power in the thunder. His faithfulness in a puppy dog.  
His eternity in the night sky.

Join a family on an unforgettable road trip. Witness the wonder  
of God's world. And know just how much Jesus loves us.



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