

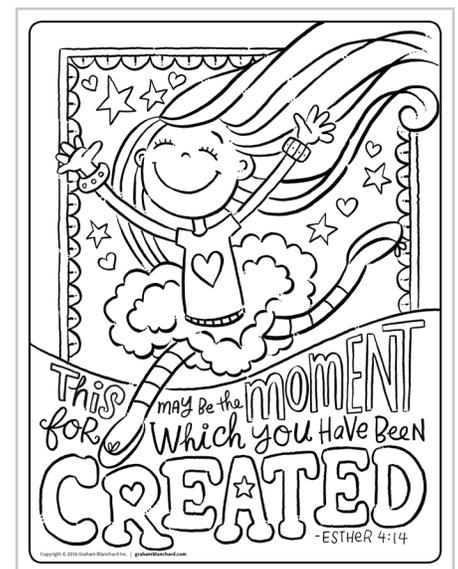
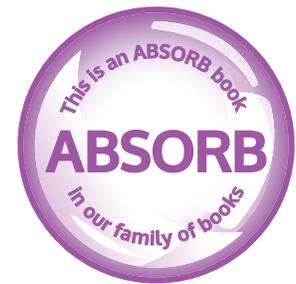
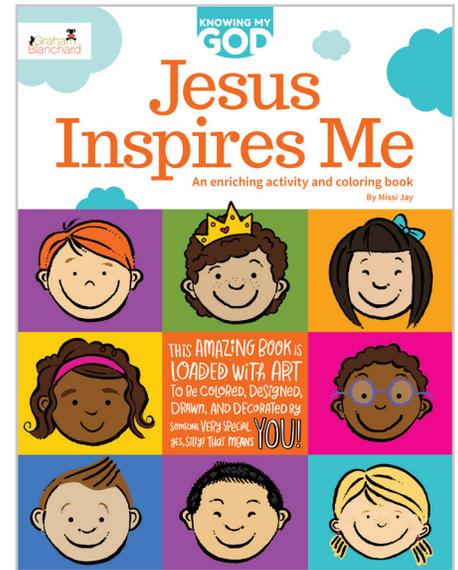
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Jesus Inspires Me

With the exquisitely breezy style of artist Missi Jay, *Jesus Inspires Me* creatively engages children, while planting spiritual seeds that strengthen their faith and love for Jesus. As a parent, you can connect and extend the essential Bible basics in the book to your child's everyday life.

Building on the Book:

- In the opening pages, you'll see some words that are foundational to faith in God: "Learn. Absorb. Praise." Ask your child what she thinks these words mean. Ask him how your family can do these things in daily life. What are some ways to learn more about God? How can we remember and absorb all God is teaching us? How and when can we praise God?
- The Knowing My God series book covers feature different characters, who are introduced for the first time in *Jesus Inspires Me* as Soul Mates, friends for life™. The Soul Mates are named after key figures in Bible history: Silas (Acts 16), Miriam (Exodus 15), Seth (Genesis 4), and Priscilla (Acts 18). Use a youth version of the Bible to look up these chapters together and discuss the figures' roles and qualities. Look up other places in the Bible where their names appear. How did you decide on your child's name? Sharing that story will reinforce your child's heritage and sense of place and belonging in your family.
- An overarching theme for the book is *inspiration*. The opening pages give a definition and ask children what inspires them personally. Ask your child how his gifts, talents, and inspirations can encourage others. Does your child love to cook? Maybe you two deliver some cookies to a neighbor. Does your child love to sing? Write a song together for someone she loves. Think of tangible ways for your child to share his or her gifts for the greater good of others (1 Thessalonians 5:11).



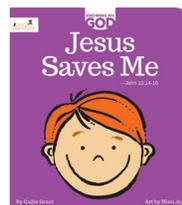
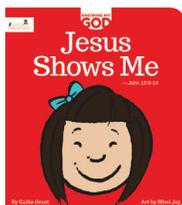
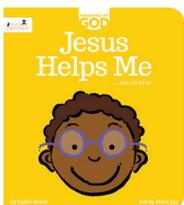
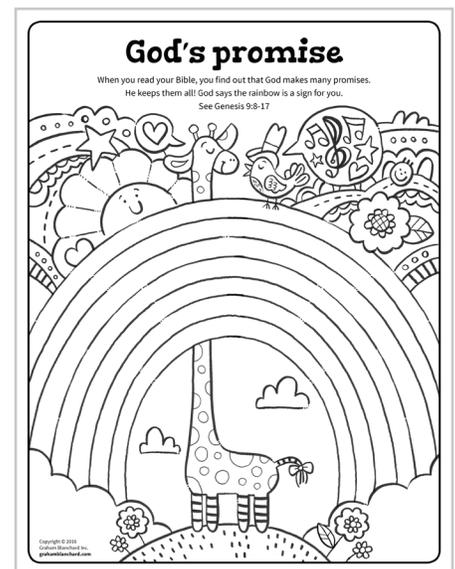
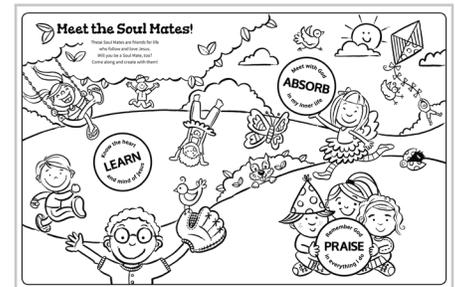
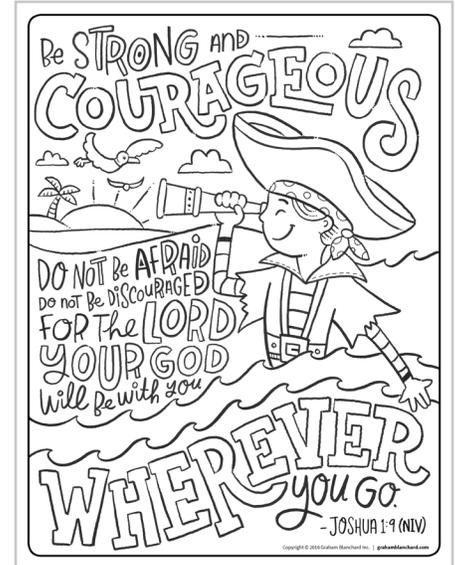
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GROWNUP'S TIPS

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- As you move through the activities, you'll see a plethora of plants and critters. Talk with your child about the majesty and variety of God's creation. He designs creatures, flowers, and even children to be unique! God loves displaying creativity (Psalm 139:14).
- God instructs believers to hide his Word in their heart so they will not sin against him (Psalm 119:11). There is power in memorizing scripture as a family, and your child is capable of remembering much more than you can imagine! Hang your child's creations from the book on your refrigerator or somewhere you'll see it often. Memorize the verses together and discuss their meaning. If you do this with every passage featured, you and your child will have over a dozen verses tucked away in your hearts forever.
- The Soul Mates each have unique traits, like patience, and a variety of favorite things like soccer, strawberries, and bugs. As your child fills out his or her own profile at the end of the book, talk together about your favorite things and activities. Point out or discuss each other's finer personal qualities.

We would love to hear about your experiences with this book!
Please send ideas and comments to hello@grahamblanchard.com.



Don't forget to pick up these sturdy companion books from the *Knowing My God* series packed with essential Bible basics and beautiful real-world photographs.