

CASTING of the FLOWERS



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THIS STORY WAS INSPIRED BY PASTOR ADRIAN AND JOYCE ROGERS

On their 45th wedding anniversary, Pastor Adrian and Mrs. Joyce Rogers took a special trip to Switzerland, Mrs. Rogers' favorite place to visit. It was on this trip that Pastor Rogers came up with the "casting of the flowers."

They rode a little red cog railroad to the top of Mt. Rigi, which was covered in wildflowers. (In this story we made the wildflowers yellow because that is Mrs. Rogers' favorite.) Pastor Rogers picked a big bouquet of wildflowers for her, and she picked a big bouquet for him. Starting with the letter "A,"



he named a character quality he loved about Mrs. Rogers for every letter of the alphabet, and then tossed the flower into the wind over the mountainside.

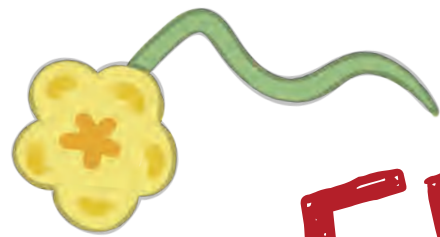
She then did the same for him.

They returned to Switzerland to do this two more times before Pastor Rogers passed away in 2005.

As a testament to the love they had for one another in their Christ-centered marriage, we want to honor their story which has inspired this book to teach children about the names and characteristics of God through the "casting of the flowers."

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LITTLE ADRIAN hopped off the red mountain train with his mother and looked out over the beautiful mountainside covered in yellow wildflowers. He was so excited that he started to run up the mountain, and his mother quickly followed him!

When they reached the top and looked out over all the mountains and the big blue sky, Adrian felt very small. He wondered how big God must be to create not only this mountain, but the whole world?

He asked his mom, “If God created you and me and this whole world, but we can’t see God, how do we know He is there?”

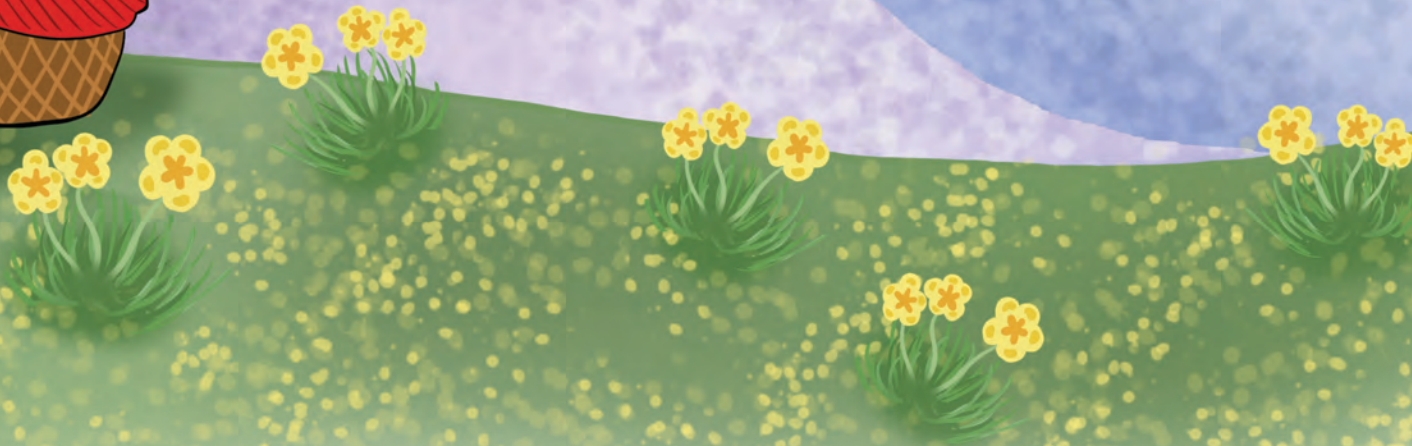
Adrian’s mother looked out over the mountains, and she smiled as a hair blew across her face.





“Well,” she said, “just like the wind blows across your face and makes the wildflowers dance, you can’t see God, but you can feel His presence and you can see Him in His creation.”

Adrian thought about this, and as the wind blew across his face, too, it was like a quiet reminder the Lord was right there with him, and he knew what his mother was saying must be true.





He asked his mother, “How can we know what God is like?”

She answered him and said, “You can know what God is like by the words He gives us in the Bible. He has many great names and characteristics, enough to outnumber all the wildflowers on this mountainside!”

She thought for a moment and asked little Adrian, “Would you like to play a game to learn more about who God is?”

“Yes!” He said. “Okay,” mother explained, “we will pick a wildflower for each letter of the alphabet, and for each letter, throw the flower into the air and name a characteristic of God.”

“That sounds like fun!” said Adrian, “and we can call it the *Casting of the Flowers*.” “Great idea!” said mother.

“I’ll start!” Adrian said, jumping up and down happily!
He picked the first two wildflowers, threw them into the
air and said,

A IS FOR ALPHA.

*God was here in the beginning,
before the sky and Earth had form.
He was here first before all people
and before you were born.*

B IS FOR BOUNDLESS.

*God has no out of bounds
or place He cannot be.
He can be everywhere at once,
including here with me.*

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Devotional
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“Casting of the Flowers,” that was inspired by the story of
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Please read the storybook first, before beginning the devotional coloring book.
This material is meant to further break down the names and characteristics of God,
in a fun way that kids can understand. Complete one devotional and coloring sheet at
a time, using the word search as a beginning or ending activity. This resource can be
used as curriculum for the church or school, or just for family fun in the home!

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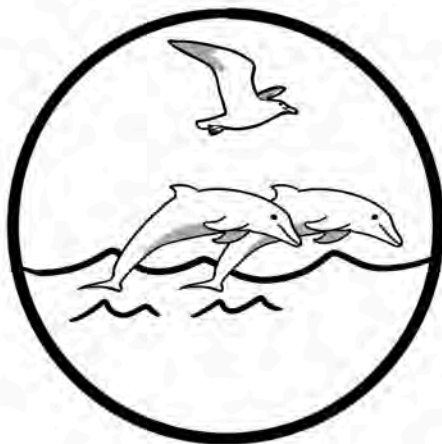
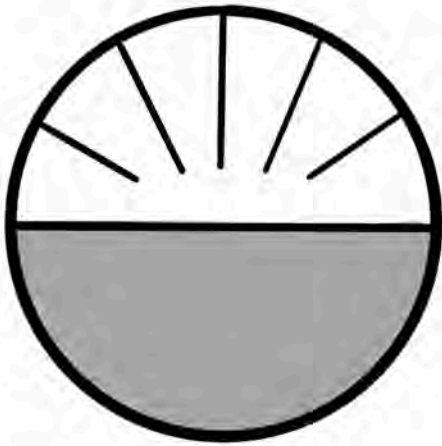
“In the beginning God
created the heavens and the earth.”

GENESIS 1:1

Devotional: God was here first! He was here when there was nothing but darkness—before anything or anyone was created on this Earth. He always was here and always will be here. That’s hard to imagine, right? Some things we can’t understand, and this is definitely one of those things to ask God about one day in Heaven. Think about a world that was dark, without sunshine or trees or people. God brought it to life! The Bible tells us in Genesis 1 that God took great delight in His creation and called all that He made, “good,” with His most special part of creation being us... men, women, boys, and girls. You are special, and God has you on this Earth for a reason!

Activity Suggestion: Take a ball or hula hoop and toss it in the air to one another. Wherever your hand lands when you catch it, try to find the place on the ball or hula hoop where it starts and where it ends. Can you find it? No, because just like God, a circle has no beginning or end.

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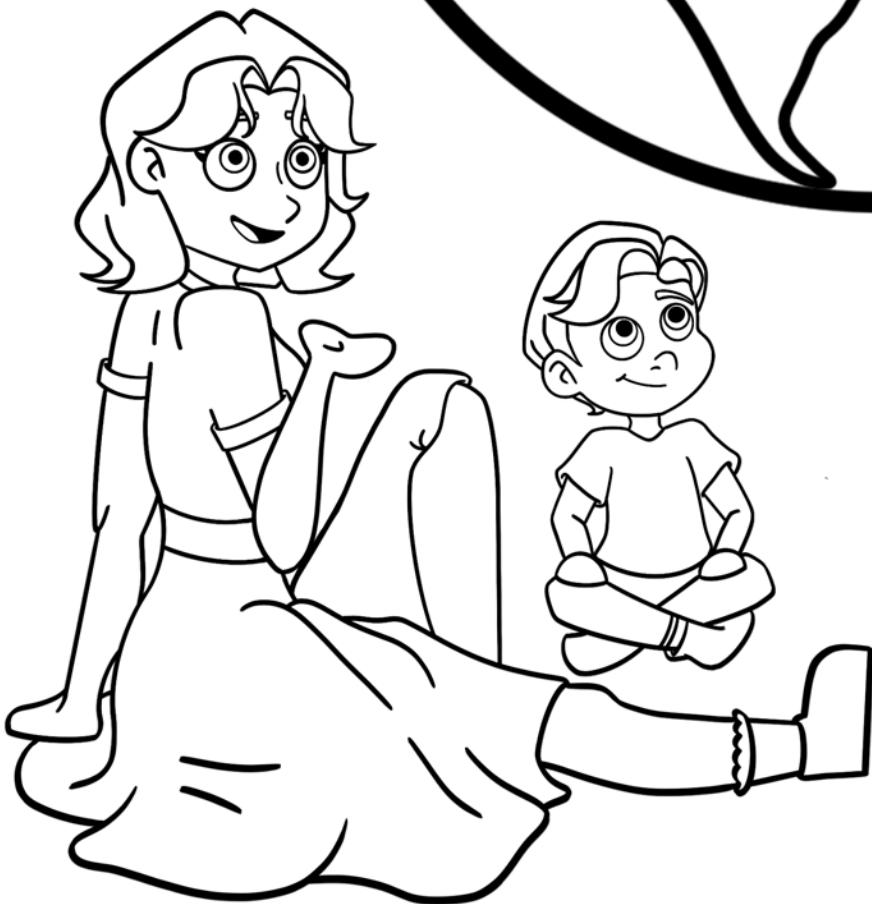
***God has no out-of-bounds place He cannot be.
He can be everywhere at once, including here with me.***

“The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.”

PSALM 33:13

Devotional: When you play tag with your friends or sports with your team, there are always rules. You have to stay within a certain space to play and not go out of bounds, right? Or when you travel to visit your grandparents or go on vacation with your family, you can only visit one place at a time. This is why thinking about God being boundless is so hard to understand! He can be EVERYWHERE at the same time. God has no out-of-bounds place; He has no limitations. If I traveled around the world to China and you stayed here, He would still be able to hear my prayers and your prayers at the SAME time! He holds the WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS and can meet every need, because God is boundless.

Activity Suggestion: Learn the motions and sing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” together. If you have a globe, spin and land your finger on a spot, and say, “No matter where I go in the world, God is there!”



C IS FOR CREATOR.

God is the great artist who makes every shape and color in the world. He forms the mountains, paints the sunsets, and makes every boy and girl.

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth.”

COLOSSIANS 1:16A

Devotional: God made EVERYTHING! When you look around, you can see that God loves design and loves color. He made people in all different colors, shapes and sizes; He made trees, flowers and animals in all different colors, shapes and sizes. He is the FIRST original creator. All of the colors, materials and designs you see were originally designed by God first. Through the years, people have learned how to use those colors, materials and shapes to make other things, such the car you drive, the house you live in or the clothes you wear. God really is the GREAT God and the FIRST AND BEST Creator!

Activity Suggestion: Walk outside or look out the window. Point out as many different colors as you can in creation. Then move on to different shapes and sizes. Optional: Have a color and shape scavenger hunt outdoors. Start with the basic colors and shapes on a piece of paper and check them off as you find them, noting that this creation is God’s.

