

1. God's World

Our wonderful planet did not come into being by accident. God made the world from nothing. When we make a cake we use ingredients like flour and sugar. When we make a picture, we use paper and paints or crayons. But God created the world from nothing.

God is a Spirit. He has always existed. He is from everlasting to everlasting, with no beginning or end. We can never fully understand this. Our minds are too little to grasp the wonder of the all-powerful God. But we can believe what we learn of him in the Bible and worship him.

The Bible tells us that it is 'by faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made

out of things that are visible.'
(Hebrews 11:3). By believing God, we know that the world was made at God's command; all made from nothing.



God the
Father, God the
Son and God the Holy
Spirit are the three persons in
our one God. God the Son who was
born in this world and given the name Jesus is sometimes known as the
WORD. John, in his Gospel, tells us that 'all things were made through
him and without him was not anything made that was made.' (John 1:3).
All creation belongs to God the Son. (Hebrews 1:2). God the Holy Spirit
was also involved in the creation. God the Father, God the Son and God
the Holy Spirit, is the creator of all things.





Creation Sings

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2).





2. Let there be Light



Genesis 1: 1-9

On the first day, God created Light. He said, 'Let there be light' and light appeared immediately. God was pleased with the light that he had made. God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light DAY and the darkness NIGHT.

Exodus 10:21-29

Light is a wonderful gift to us from God. When God's people, the Israelites, were in slavery in Egypt, Moses, God's prophet tried again and again to persuade Pharaoh the ruler to let them go. Time after time Pharaoh refused and each time God sent a punishment to the land of Egypt. The ninth punishment that God sent was the plague of darkness.

There was pitch darkness over all the land of Egypt for three days. The Egyptian people had to stay at home. They could not even see the person beside them, it was so dark. How frightening that must have been. But all the people of Israel had light as usual.

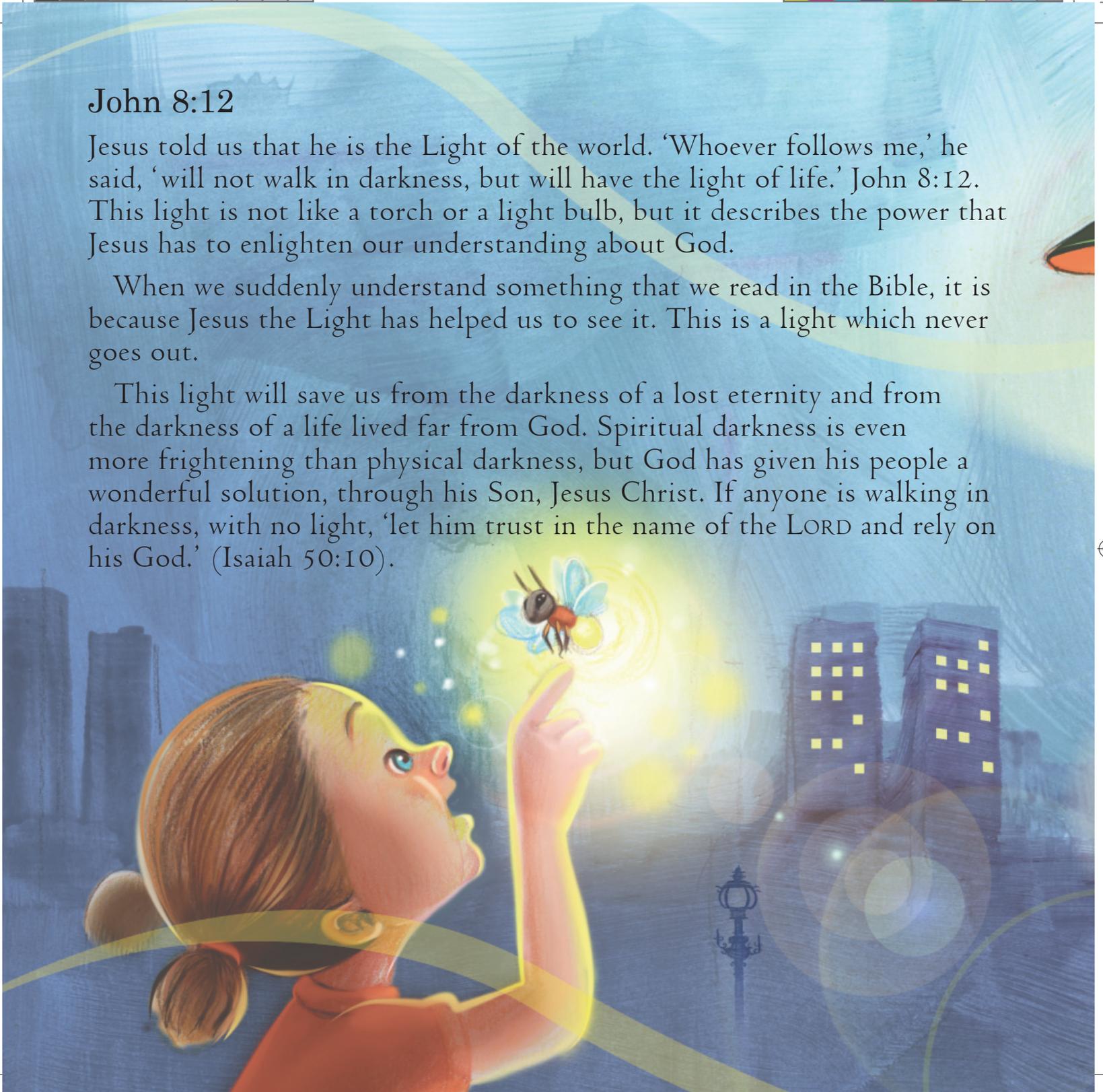
God who made the light in the beginning gave his people light and left their enemies in darkness.

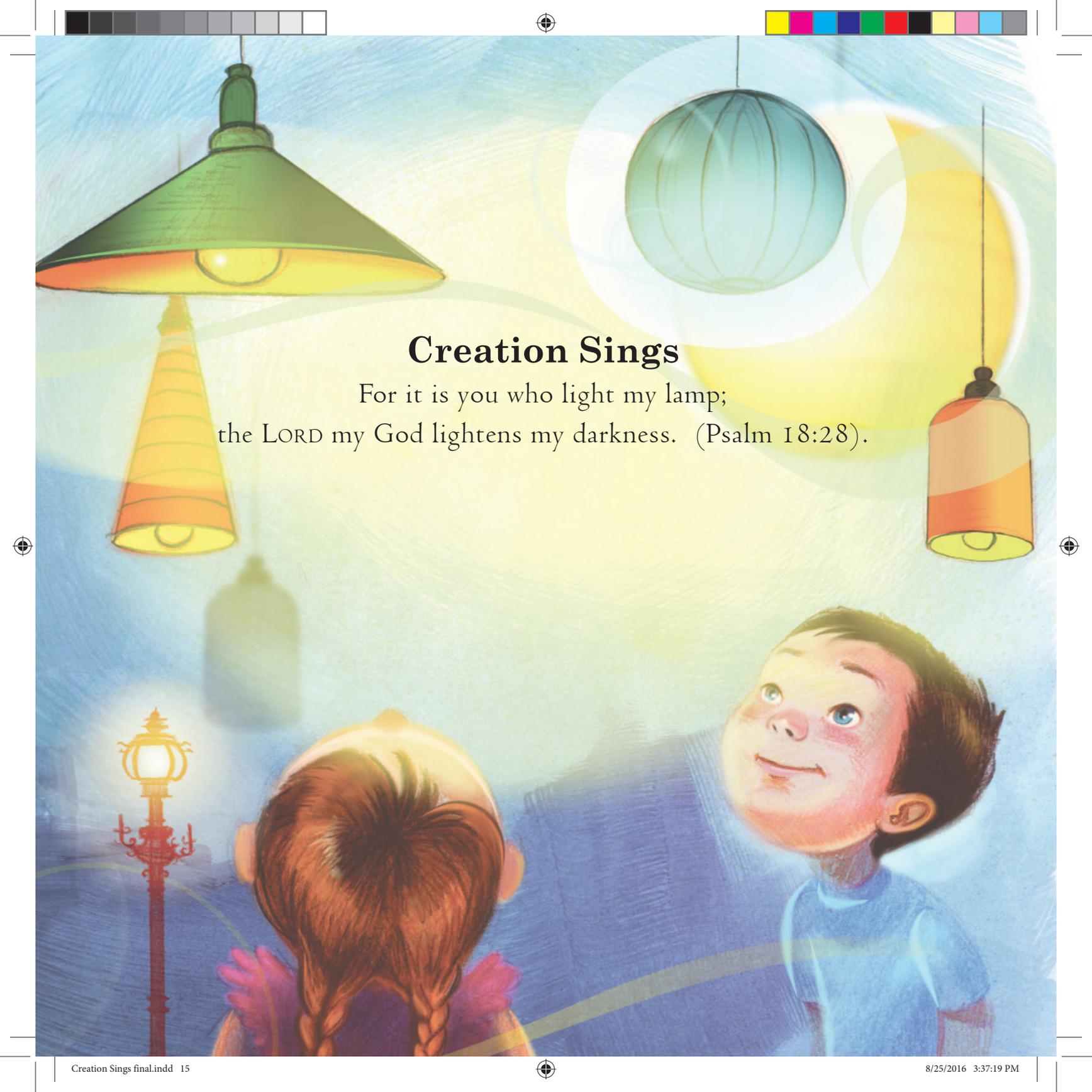
John 8:12

Jesus told us that he is the Light of the world. 'Whoever follows me,' he said, 'will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12. This light is not like a torch or a light bulb, but it describes the power that Jesus has to enlighten our understanding about God.

When we suddenly understand something that we read in the Bible, it is because Jesus the Light has helped us to see it. This is a light which never goes out.

This light will save us from the darkness of a lost eternity and from the darkness of a life lived far from God. Spiritual darkness is even more frightening than physical darkness, but God has given his people a wonderful solution, through his Son, Jesus Christ. If anyone is walking in darkness, with no light, 'let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.' (Isaiah 50:10).





Creation Sings

For it is you who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness. (Psalm 18:28).