# Genesis to Revelation

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#### Engaging with Faith for life

*Faith for life* is a collection of interactive, tailored products that help people engage with the Bible in ways that are appropriate and meaningful to them.

The books can be used independently or with another person. Whether your relationship is as family member, friend, pastoral carer, staff member, or volunteer—your company and the shared experience of being together is invaluable. When together, take your time as you go through the devotions. Leave pauses to allow for responses and for silence. It might also be helpful to repeat a phrase or thought.

When engaging with the resources it's important to think about the environment around you. Consider the background noise, temperature, lighting and location so that the surroundings are comfortable.

The activities in the resources may prompt a variety of feelings or emotions. Connecting to the Bible can trigger memories of significant events or people from the past. It's important to take the opportunity to talk about or reflect on these spiritual experiences.

The person you are with may need your sympathy, your listening ear and the assurance that you have heard and understood them. If the person you are with does not want to participate in the activity, leave it until another time.

We are motivated by the belief that people living with dementia may not only have a history of faith, but a vibrant faith today and a living hope for the future. This means that by the grace of God they are continuing to grow and be shaped as Christians, regardless of the changes dementia brings.

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Sample extract (© HammondCare) Full text for sale at: Hammondcare.com.au/Shop Genesis to Revelation is part of the Faith for life suite of Biblical resources and provides an overview of the whole Bible using carefully selected Scripture excerpts paired with evocative images, thoughts to reflect upon and suggestions for prayer.

For each page you can choose from one or all of these devotional activities, or add your own:



#### Read aloud from the Bible



Take time to reflect on a question or a thought.



Pray on your own or with someone

## 'It was very good'



God's story began with creation. When he spoke the world into existence, he described the perfect place for humans to call home.

### From Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ... and God said,

'Let there be light ... Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water ...

Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear ... Let the land produce vegetation ...

Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night ...

Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth ... Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds ...

Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness ... '

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

🕦 Prayer

Creator God, the world around us declares your glory. We marvel at the work of your hands. Thank you. Amen.

## 'What is this you have done?'



The temptation to try what God had forbidden proved too much for Adam and Eve. Their sin created a crack in their perfect relationship with God.

### From Genesis 3

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it ... Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

### 😡 To ponder

When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God (and then tried to conceal it) everything changed. Take a moment to think about the consequence of their choice.