

# He's got the whole world in His hands



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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.

**For more information on engaging with the Faith for life resources at [www.hammond.com.au/shop/faith-for-life](http://www.hammond.com.au/shop/faith-for-life)**

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*He's got the whole world in His hands*  
provides interactive devotional experiences  
relating to current events for those who are  
interested in following news and events.

Each theme covers two double page spreads  
and includes relevant images with a range  
of activities from which to choose. Or, you  
might like to add your own.



Read aloud from the Bible



Sing together or listen to the familiar hymn



Pray on your own or with someone.

# Creation



This devotion could relate to news about the environment, animals, gardening and agriculture. It could also be used for stories about the weather.



God's world is magnificent! The richness and beauty of creation points back to the Creator, who loved us and put us in this world to care for it. It shows us his power and his great care for us.

## Psalm 19:1-6

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.



## Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; oh, help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.



## Prayer

Thank you God, for the beauty of your creation.

Thank you for the cycle of seasons that sustain all you have made.

Thank you that the heavens declare your praises and the earth is filled with your glory.

Thank you for the many good gifts around us.

Help us to see your love and provision everywhere we look.

Amen.