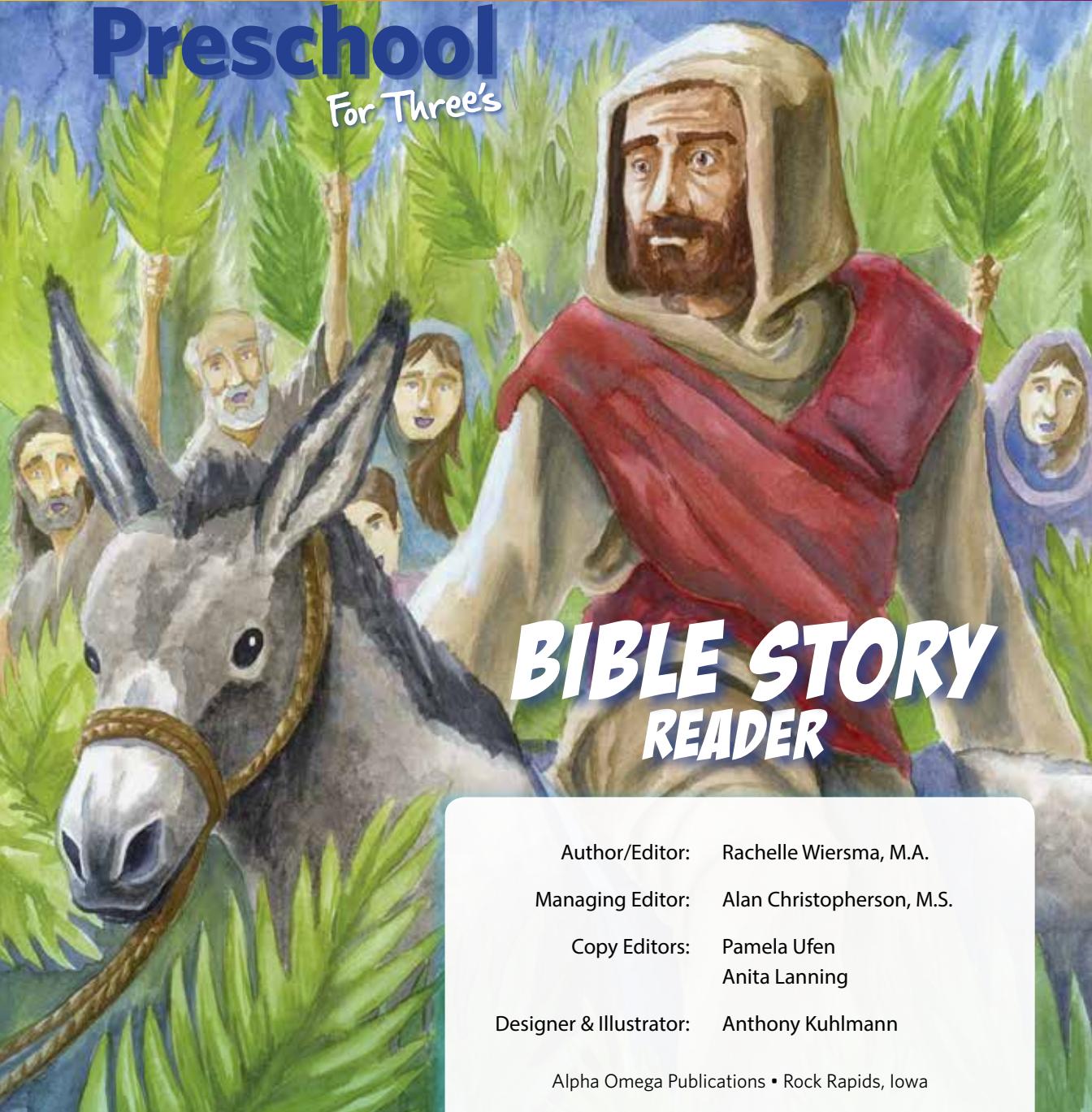


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PREFACE

The Bible Story Reader is composed of 40 Bible stories. The selections include 20 Old Testament and 20 New Testament selections. Each selection includes a simple retelling of the Bible story suitable for a three-year-old. However, if you have older children, they may enjoy the reading as well. A work of art depicts each selection. These rich illustrations bring the story to life for the young student. Included with the story and picture are a number of thought questions to help you further engage the student in the story. At times these questions can extend the lessons learned into the student's life. Each Bible story concludes with a simple prayer. The student workbook includes at least one activity for each Bible story.

A new Bible story is also presented each week. You may want to read and discuss the Bible story each day you have class. Students at this age enjoy having stories read and reread to them. Eventually the student may want to look at the picture and tell you the story.

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Creation

Long before you were born or your parents or grandparents were born, God created the world and everything in it. God spoke and there was grass. God spoke again and there were birds flying in the air. God created all the trees, mountains, and animals in the world. God also created two special people. He named the man Adam. He named the woman Eve. He created a beautiful world for them. God also made this world for you to enjoy.

Thought Questions:

Look at the picture of how an artist viewed God's creation. What types of plants do you see? What are some of the animals in the picture? If you were to draw a picture of God's creation, what animals would you include? One of the jobs God gave Adam was to name the animals. Adam looked at each animal and gave it a name. He saw an animal with a long neck and called it a giraffe. He saw a friendly animal that wagged its tail and called it a dog. God gave Adam his name. What name did your parents give you? Your name is very special.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for making the world. Thank You for making animals like dogs, cats, and dolphins. Thank You for making people to live in Your world. Amen.



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Sin

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. They could eat from every tree in the garden except one. Satan told them that the fruit from that tree was the best. Adam and Eve wanted to taste the fruit. When they took a bite, they sinned against God. Adam and Eve could no longer live in the garden. They would have to work hard to find food. Weeds would grow that needed to be pulled. They were sad they had not listened to God.

Thought Questions:

Do you remember the picture of the garden from the first Bible story you read? What beautiful things did you see in that picture? Look at the picture of this Bible story. Adam and Eve are the people in the picture. Notice how sad they look. Why do you think they are sad? The angel is sending them from the perfect Garden of Eden. They will not be able to return. Instead, they will have to work hard to make things grow. Do you ever do things that are wrong? When we sin, we pray to God that He will forgive us. We also pray that He will help keep us from doing those bad things again.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I am sorry when I sin and do things that are wrong. Thank You for forgiving me of those sins. Help me not to do things that are wrong and hurt others. Amen.



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Noah

A long time ago God told Noah He was going to send a flood. The flood would cover all the trees, hills, and mountains. Noah needed to build a big boat. The boat was called an ark. Noah was to put two of every kind of animal in the ark. He and his family would live in the ark and take care of the animals. Noah, his family, and the animals would be kept safe during the flood. After the flood, God sent a rainbow. The rainbow reminded Noah and his family that God would never again send a flood that would cover the entire earth.

Thought Questions:

Point to the large ark in the middle of the picture. Name some of the animals you see walking into the ark. You can see that there are two of the animals. There are two horses at the front of the picture. Do you see the dark clouds in the picture? Soon it will begin to rain. All the animals need to get into the ark so Noah can take care of them. Is there an animal you would like to care for? What would you need to do to take care of that animal? Why did God send a rainbow?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for saving Noah, his family, and the animals from the flood. Thank You for sending the rainbow. Thank You for taking care of my family and me. Amen.



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Tower of Babel

One day some people started building a tower that would reach high into the sky. They thought if they built this tower they would be powerful like God. God saw what they were doing. He was unhappy with their plans. God confused the languages of the people building the tower. This meant that the builders no longer understood each other. Soon work on the tower stopped. The people learned that they were not more powerful than God.

Thought Questions:

Do you see the big tower in the picture? Do you see how it goes into the clouds? Notice the people building the tower. See how small they look? Have you ever seen a really tall building? Many cities have tall buildings. Building a tall building is not wrong. What is wrong is thinking that you can be as powerful as God. God created the mighty mountains. God also created the smallest flowers. God has created things that no person can.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for being a powerful God who loves me. Thank You for the many things You have made. Thank You for creating big things like tall trees and little things like ladybugs. Amen.