

Set 1
Book 1

God is...



Find the **DOVE**
hidden in this book



FOCUS alphabet sounds,
ck

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How do we know about God? We can see the wonderful world that God has made and we can read about God in the Bible. That's why it's so exciting to learn to read! You're learning that those squiggles on the page we call letters make sounds, and that you can blend those sounds together to read words. The Bible is a big book with a great many words. It's actually a collection of books written by different people over many years. The remarkable thing is that these books all tell part of the same story – the story of how much God loves us.

Let's see what the Bible says about God.

You read the **big print** and I'll read the small print.



God is.



The man in this Bible story is called Moses. God spoke to him from a burning bush. Moses wanted to know God's name and God simply said, **"I AM WHO I AM."** (Exodus 3:13-14)

God is big. I am not.



Have you ever looked up at the sky at night-time and felt rather small? There are songs in the Bible called Psalms which tell us a lot about God. Psalm 8 says, **“When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers – the moon and the stars you set in place – what are people that you should think about them, mere mortals that you should care for them?”** (Psalm 8:3-4)

PHONIC FOCUS Alphabet letter-sounds, ck and adjacent consonants

Phonics already taught: 26 alphabet letter-sounds; ck;

word structures: vc, cvc, vcc, cvcc – where c is consonant and v is vowel

Blend the sounds to read the words.

vc	a m	u p
cvc	c a n	w i l l
cvc (ck)	r o c k	
vcc	e n d	
cvcc	h e l p	r e s t

w i l l If you see a consonant twice, say the sound once.

Learn the tricky part to read the word.

I

NOTE: The rule is, if the short vowel sound /a/, /e/, /i/, /o/ or /u/ doesn't work, try the long vowel sound. So, when the letter I is on its own, instead of saying the sound /i/ (as in 'is') we say the sound /ie/ (as in 'pie').

The 'tricky' part of the word is underlined.

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READ THE REFLECTION TO YOUR CHILD



How can we know more about God? Jesus came into the world to show us what God is like. We will be reading some stories about Jesus and stories that Jesus told. He showed us how much God loves us. God is love! (1 John 4:16)

AND ASK THE QUESTIONS

- Who did God speak to from a burning bush?
(Moses.)
- God told Moses his name. What was it?
(I AM WHO I AM.)
- Which sentence that you read about God did you like best?
Why?
(Child's own thoughts.)

Letter-sounds* to practise

a e i o u

b c d g G h l m

n p r s t w

ck ll

*For simplicity we are using the collective term "letter-sounds" to cover single letter-sounds, digraphs, trigraphs and alternative spellings.