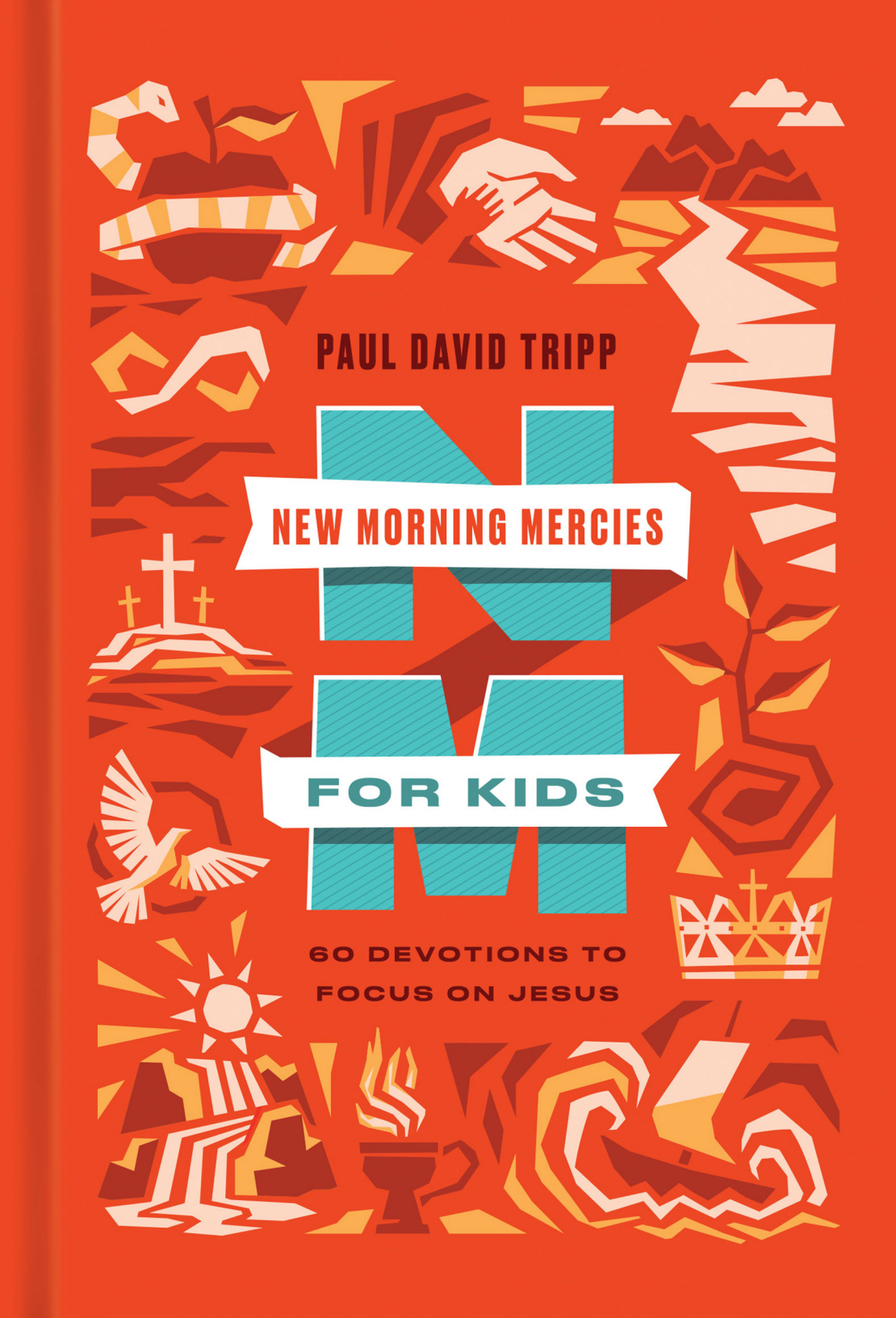


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*To my children and grandchildren.
Life would not be the same without you.*

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NOTE TO THE READER

Right now you are in one of the most exciting times of your life. It's wonderful to be young because each day is filled with learning and discovery. I don't mean the learning and discovery you do in school. I mean the learning and discovery you do as you go about your daily life. As you see, wonder about, touch, listen to, and experience different things every day, you are constantly learning about all kinds of things:

- life
- your body
- relationships
- food
- work
- animals
- right and wrong
- true and false
- good and bad
- who you are
- who God is
- what's healthy and what's not
- and more

I don't know if you have thought about this, but your eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands, and brain are all God-given learning tools. God wants you to grow in learning and understanding the world around you, so he built you with the tools to do so.

But there is something you may not know: God also designed you to be a *theologian*. I know—that’s a big word. I just mean that everyone has a desire to understand who they are, who God is, and what life is all about.

It’s often the theologian in you that makes you ask so many questions, hoping each one has an answer you can understand. Every day, in the middle of all your regular activities, you are doing something that you may not be aware you are doing. You are building your own particular way of thinking about life and your own belief system.

What you believe will shape what you think is important. It’ll mold what you think is right and wrong, who you think you are, what you think about God, and how aware you are of your need for him. And what you come to think and believe will then shape your choices, decisions, words, and actions throughout the rest of your life.

Right now you are on a very exciting and important journey, a lifelong road of learning and discovery, but on either side of the road are dangers. That is why I am so thankful that you have *New Morning Mercies for Kids*. The truths in this book provide you with guardrails, like those you see on the highway. They’ll help keep you from falling into the danger of believing what is not true and thinking what is not right.

The truths in *New Morning Mercies for Kids* come from the truths in God’s book, the Bible. God knew that we would want to understand ourselves and our world, and we can’t do that without understanding who he is. So he gave us the Bible that we might know him and understand what is true and right.

New Morning Mercies for Kids introduces you to twenty topics from God’s word that are important to know and understand. You’ll explore a new topic every week for twenty weeks. Each week contains three days of reading and various activities to help you learn and have fun along the way.

One of the topics you'll read about is sin. At nine years old, I realized something that would forever change my life. I realized that the biggest danger in my life was not someone or something outside of me but something that lived inside of me. That dangerous thing is what the Bible calls sin. Sin is any thought, desire, word, or action that does not submit to God's glory or obey his law. This means that sin causes you to place yourself on the throne of your life in God's rightful place. The Bible also tells us that sin is destructive and leads to death: "For the wages of sin is death . . ." (Rom. 6:23).

But the verse doesn't end there. The Bible doesn't just give us the bad news of sin; it also gives us the best news ever! What is that news? "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). The best news ever, the good news of the gospel, is the forgiveness of sin, acceptance with God, and the power to defeat sin. This is found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the greatest gift that has ever been given. Jesus came to earth to do what we could never do. He lived the righteous life that we could never live, died to pay the penalty for our sins, and rose again to defeat sin and death.

As you read this book, if you realize for the first time the same thing that I did at nine years old—that you are a sinner and that the wages of your sin is death, talk with an adult who has confessed his or her sins and has been forgiven and accepted by God. If you have not yet made a decision to follow Jesus, talk with someone who has about what it means to place your life in the hands of Jesus. All you have to do is humbly confess your sins and confidently trust God's forgiving and delivering grace. Then you are free to live in a way that honors and pleases God. The gospel is just that simple. Sin is the problem, and Jesus is the answer. If you have not yet become a follower of Jesus, why don't you make the decision to follow him and place your life in his hands as you read this book?

I am no longer nine years old. In fact, I am writing this note to you at nearly seventy-five years old. I am certainly no longer a kid.

You would probably even call me an old man! But no matter how old you are, there is one final thing I want you to remember: We never stop learning, and we never stop needing the new morning mercies of God. I still need the new morning mercies of God—every single morning—as much as I did the very first day I trusted in God at nine years old.

New Morning Mercies for Kids will help you learn, know, and understand God and his word better, but it is also a book to help you remember. It will help you remember God. It will help you remember sin. It will help you remember Jesus. It will help you remember heaven. It will help you remember that you need mercy every morning. And even as you grow up and grow old, God's mercies will never grow old. They will never run out. They will never dry up. They will never ever fail because they really are new every morning!

So enjoy this exciting time of life. Enjoy daily discovery and learning. Enjoy asking lots of good questions. Most of all, enjoy getting to know God, who made everything you want to understand. Enjoy growing in your understanding of what he says is right, true, important, and valuable. And enjoy getting to know, trust, love, and serve the one who made everything.

Knowing, trusting, loving, and serving God is the most important thing in life!

Paul David Tripp

JUNE 23, 2025

NOTE TO PARENTS

There is no job on earth more important than being a parent. To be called by God to be the primary influence in the forming of a human soul is about as significant as life gets.

The central task of parenting is not ensuring that your child gets a good education and a good job, develops talented athletic and artistic skills, and ends up marrying well. No, your primary calling is to bring up your child “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). This means that you are the one God has chosen to introduce your child to him, his truth, and what it looks like to live in a way that pleases him. To help you do this, God has given you his word and his church. His word is your greatest resource because it’s there that God reveals himself, his truth, and his redeeming grace to your child. His church offers you training and practical resources of truth and grace to help you along the way so that you can be God’s tool in the life of your child.

New Morning Mercies for Kids is one of those practical resources. It helps you introduce your child to the truths of Scripture, to the God those truths point to, and to his rescuing and forgiving grace. This devotional highlights twenty core truths of the Christian faith, such as God’s glory, God’s sovereignty, sin, Christ’s righteousness, grace, the Holy Spirit, and prayer. Each week of the devotional focuses on one core truth, and each week contains three devotions from *New Morning Mercies* that have been adapted for kids. If you want to follow along with your child, a list of the entries from *New Morning Mercies* that correspond with the devotions in this book can be found in the appendix.

Although *New Morning Mercies for Kids* can be read alone by your child, here are some ideas to engage alongside him or her each day:

1. Use the verses on the weekly introduction pages as Scripture memory verses. Write them out and post them on a bedroom mirror or the refrigerator and practice memorizing and reciting them aloud together.
2. Read the daily Scripture passage with your child. You could utilize this section in two different ways. You could simply read the passage on the same day that you complete the daily devotion that it falls under, creating a rhythm of being in God's word with your child three days per week. Or you could extend each day's content into two days, creating the opportunity to have devotional time with your child six days per week. To do so, complete Day 1's devotion on the first day, but then go back and study the Scripture passage in depth with your child the following day. Then move on to Days 2 and 3, alternating between completing the daily devotions and studying the passages in depth together.
3. Answer the daily reflection questions with your child, leading with transparency, admitting the places where you are weak and unable, and confessing sin and how you fall short—not only before God but also in your parenting.
4. Spend time praying together, using each day's prayer prompt as a starting point.
5. Use the final section of each day as a conversation starter or to simply have fun with your child. The "Ready, Set, Action!" and "Grab Bag" sections can be returned to multiple times in a week for reinforcement and fun. The "Did You Know?" section is meant to engage your child with an interesting fact and could lead to additional reading of Scripture together.

Make this time with your child a priority. Get creative with these devotions and fight the temptation to just check a box and rush on with the rest of your regularly scheduled day. You know your child best, so look for unique opportunities to address what God has shown you about his or her heart, using these elements as prompts.

My prayer is that God will use this simple gospel tool in your life and the life of your child to help him or her grow up knowing, trusting, loving, and serving him with understanding and joy. However, I do not make the assumption that every child reader of this book has already made a profession of faith or has a personal relationship with the Lord, and the devotions intentionally reflect that. In fact, in the initial “Note to the Reader,” I explain the gospel and encourage kids to talk with an adult about sin and salvation. I would encourage you to read that note yourself and, when the opportunity presents itself, to invite your child to confess his or her sin and trust in Jesus for the first time.

May God bless you on the journey of truth and faith that you are about to take with your child.

Paul David Tripp

JUNE 23, 2025



WEEK 1

GOD'S GLORY

The Christian life, the church, and our faith are not about us; they're about God—his plan, his kingdom, and his glory.



So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

DAY 1

Here's a struggle we've all experienced: Sometimes we wish life was all about us so we could do whatever we want whenever we want. But life is not about us. It's about God—his plan, his kingdom, and his glory.

This is why the Bible starts with these important words: “In the beginning, God . . .” (Gen. 1:1). Before we even existed, everything that was created was made by God and for God. This truth should change how you think about everything in life, including how you think about who you are and what your purpose is.

God created everything to point to his glory. What is glory? God's glory is itself too glorious for humans to fully define and understand. Glory is not so much a thing as it is a description of a thing. Glory is not a part of God; it is all that God is. Every aspect of who God is and every part of what God does is glorious. But that's not even enough of a description of God's glory! Not only is he glorious in every way, but his glory is glorious!

In his glory, God made the universe to work according to his plans and purposes. That includes us. We were not made to live apart from him, doing whatever we want. We were created to live for him. As 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” Even the most regular, ordinary moments of our lives—like eating and drinking—should be about showing how great God is.

God knew that in our sin we would never live this way. So he sent his Son, Jesus, to live this way for us, to die in our place, and to rise again, defeating sin and death. Through Jesus, you can be forgiven for chasing your own glory and can receive the power to live for his glory. Reach out for this hope today by reaching out to Jesus!

READ

Psalm 96:1-9

REFLECT

How can I glorify God even in the small,
everyday moments of my life?

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for creating the entire
universe, including me! Help me live for
your glory, not my own, in all things.



READY, SET, ACTION!

A great, simple way to glorify God in all things is to thank him for his many blessings. You can thank him for rest when you wake up, for the food he provides when you sit down for meals, for the good things you experienced throughout the day when you go to bed, and more. There are so many ways to thank and glorify God in prayer every day!

DAY 2

Imagine that your parents announce that they are taking you to Walt Disney World next year. Exciting! Finally the big day arrives. You and your family hop in the car and begin the long trip to Florida. Eventually you see a sign that says, “Walt Disney World: 120 miles.” Then your parents park the car by the sign, and you have your vacation there.

That would be crazy, right? The sign is not Disney World. The sign was created to *point* you to Disney World. The sign can’t give you what only Disney World can deliver.

It’s the same with all the wonderful sights, sounds, colors, textures, tastes, smells, and experiences in the world. These physical glories were not designed to satisfy your heart. They cannot give you life. Nothing in the created world can ever be your savior.

Instead, creation was designed to be one big sign pointing to the truly glorious one—God! Only God can give you life. Only he can save you.

Where will you look for life? To the signs of creation? Or to the one whom the signs point to? Your heart will be satisfied only in him.

READ

Psalm 19:1–6

REFLECT

What things in creation point like signs to God's glory?
Why can't anything on earth truly satisfy me?

PRAY

Dear God, thank you for your creation. It's beautiful and filled with many wonders and delights, but I know that nothing in this world can ever completely fulfill me. Help me look to you alone for my true satisfaction.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible often uses a writing style called personification when it describes creation. Personification occurs when a nonhuman thing, such as a tree or a rock, is described with human abilities, such as speaking, singing, or dancing. When someone says, “My phone is dying,” that’s personification because phones don’t really die like people do; they run out of battery. Psalm 19:1 uses personification when it says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” The heavens and skies don’t actually speak, but they communicate God’s glory by how they appear. Glorious things in creation point to what’s most glorious: God himself!

DAY 3

Life is all about glory. Grace—God’s unearned favor toward his children—is all about glory. Sin is all about glory. Our spiritual lives are all about glory. Heaven and hell are all about glory. Obedience and disobedience are all about glory. Love and hatred are all about glory. All our words and actions are directed by glory.

How can all these things be about the same thing—glory? It’s because glory is woven into our hearts. God designed us this way so that we could take in all the glories of creation and ultimately see that these glories point us to *his* glory. So we are always living for some kind of glory. We are either working for our own glory, pursuing a created glory, or living for God’s glory.

No matter what kind of glory you’re living for, it will affect your actions and desires. Glory causes you to want some things and despise others. Glory makes you proud or humble. Glory motivates you to steal or give. Glory makes your heart glad or causes it to be jealous. Glory makes you thankful for a Savior or causes you to forget he exists.

Jesus came to save us from our fascination with glories that can’t satisfy our hearts. He came to free us from pursuing our own glory and the momentary glories of the created world. He willingly died for glory thieves like us. Why? So we would find our joy and satisfaction in God.

READ

Psalm 145:1–7

REFLECT

What kind of glory am I pursuing in life:
mine, the world's, or God's?

PRAY

Dear God, my heart often longs for glory apart from yours. Please forgive me. Thank you for sending Jesus to free me from this self-centeredness and point me to the glory and praise you deserve.



GRAB BAG

Complete the word search puzzle on the next page by finding words that represent tiny, earthly glories. Remember that all these things should point us to God!

GOD'S GLORY

Words appear across, down, and diagonally.

No words appear backward.

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