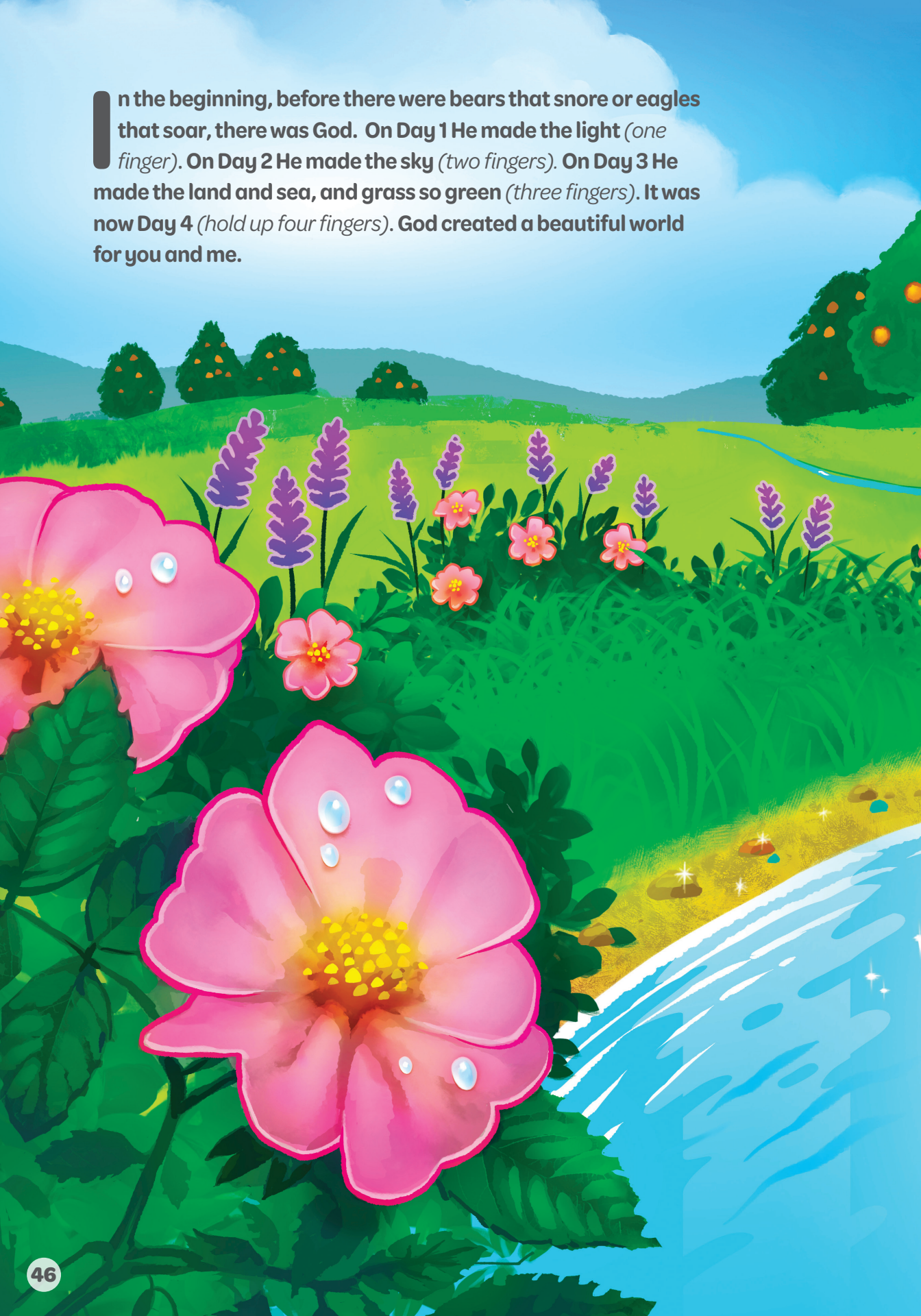
BIG IDEA: God made the sun, moon, and stars.

Week 6: Creation Day 4

God Made the *Sun, Moon,* and *Stars*



This lesson is based on Genesis 1:14 – 19 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 44-51, 90.



In the beginning, before there were bears that snore or eagles that soar, there was God. On Day 1 He made the light *(one finger)*. **On Day 2 He made the sky** *(two fingers)*. **On Day 3 He made the land and sea, and grass so green** *(three fingers)*. **It was now Day 4** *(hold up four fingers)*. **God created a beautiful world for you and me.**



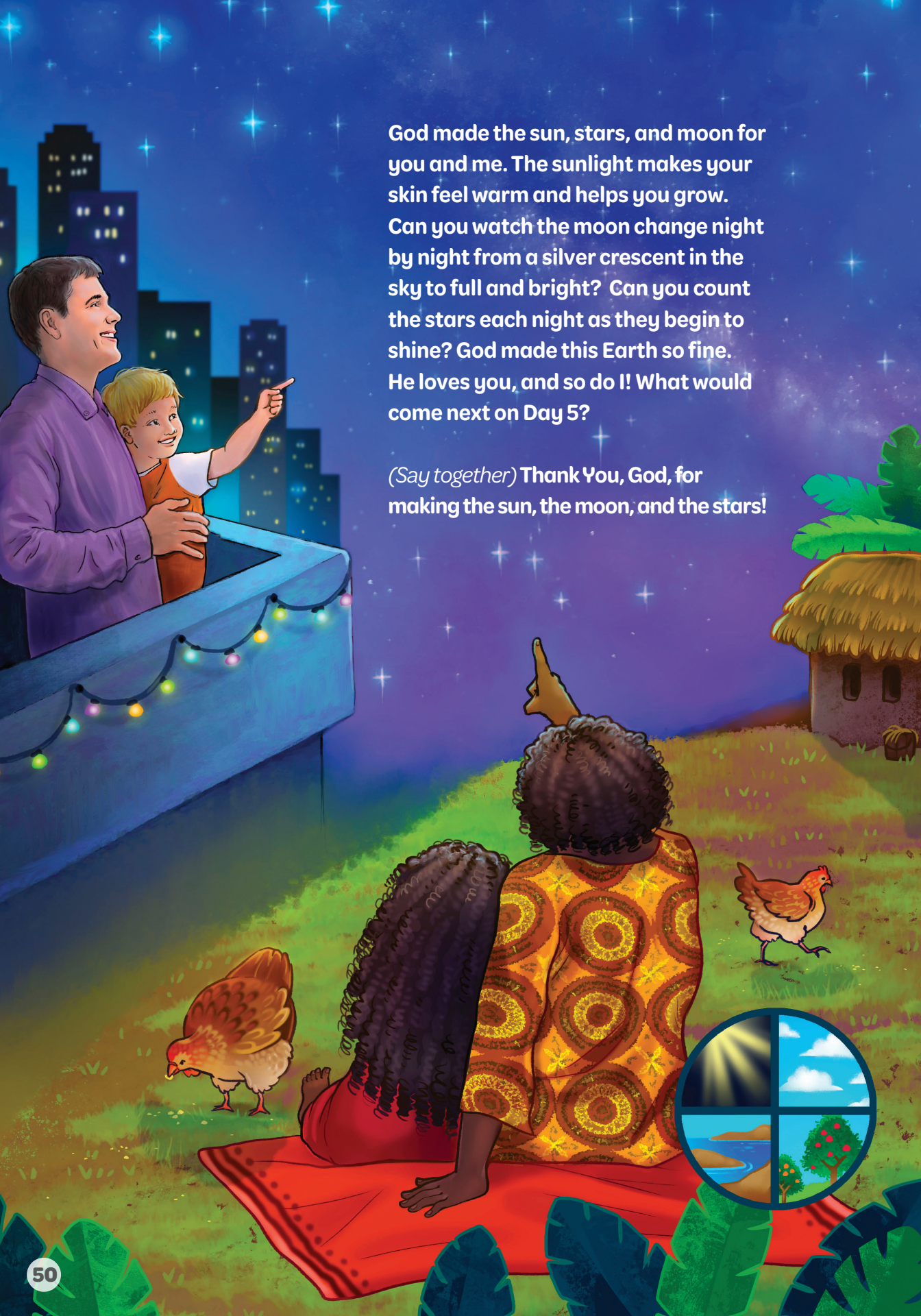
The new day shone as a gentle breeze blew through the trees. The smell of roses and sweet oranges filled the air. God had been creating a world He wanted to share. The river tumbled *(roll hands in tumbling motion)* **into the sparkling sea, and the tall grasses danced on the shore. The time had come for God to show what was to be done on Day 4** *(four fingers).*



God's strong, kind voice echoed across the hills. As He spoke, the Earth became warm and filled with shining light from the sun. The day was warm and bright as the sky filled up with colors and light.

Bright dots sparkled in the night sky as God set millions *(expansive motion of arms)* **of stars to twinkle way up high. He hung the big round moon to shine, reflecting the sun at night. God placed these lights in the heavens to give light to the Earth and to separate day from night. God saw** *(hand above eyes; look about)* **all that He had made, and it was good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the fourth day.**





God made the sun, stars, and moon for you and me. The sunlight makes your skin feel warm and helps you grow. Can you watch the moon change night by night from a silver crescent in the sky to full and bright? Can you count the stars each night as they begin to shine? God made this Earth so fine. He loves you, and so do I! What would come next on Day 5?

(Say together) **Thank You, God, for making the sun, the moon, and the stars!**

play throughout the day



Create

On Day 4 of your child's Creation Book, cut out light-blue cardstock to fill half the page, and black or navy cardstock to fill the other half. Use yellow paper to cut out a sun and use strips of yellow and orange paper for the beams. Use sparkly star stickers to fill the night sky and cut out a crescent shape for the moon. Write underneath, "*On Day 4 God created the sun, moon, and stars.*"

Explore

On a sunny day, take your child outside for a few minutes to feel the heat of the sun on the grass, dirt, or pavement, then go inside to feel the cool of the shade. Talk to your child about putting sunscreen on and wearing a hat and sunglasses to help get the right amount of sun but not too much. Thank God for the sun, which helps keep us warm.

Learn

Collect some books from your local library about the sun, moon, and stars. Learn about the stars in the sky and show your child which planet Earth is in the line-up of planets. Research some pictures of stars up close. Cut out the different phases of the moon and glue them together in a line to show what the moon does during the month. What an amazing God to create such a huge universe!

Watch

Plant some flower seeds (like daisies) in a pot and place it on a sunny window. As they grow and bloom, thank God for making the sun to help things grow.

Pray

Go outside and hold your child while you watch the sunset. Talk about the beautiful colors God paints in the sky. When twilight comes, look for the first stars to shine and see how many you can count. As the sky grows darker, look for the milky band of stars called the Milky Way. Talk about how God made the stars and knows each one by name. Share how God knows your child's name too, and even knows how many hairs are on your head.

Extension weekly memory verse: "Then God made two great lights . . . He made the stars also" (Genesis 1:16).

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

For You, Parents

Have you ever looked up at the night sky and been overwhelmed at the sheer enormity of the universe? There are approximately 4,500 stars we can see at night just with our eyes. In the Milky Way Galaxy alone, astronomers estimate that there are 100 thousand million stars! Using the Hubble Telescope, they estimate there to be about 1×10^{24}—that is, 1 septillion American (or 1 septiljoen European)—stars in the known universe!

The Bible mentions stars in various places. In Psalm 147:4, 5, it says, "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite."

Revelation 12 describes fallen angels as "stars." We read about the dragon, Satan, and his tail, which "drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth" (Revelation 12:4). After "war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:7-9).

Having an understanding of this is vital for us as parents, because there is an unseen battle (also called the great controversy) raging here on earth; and right now it's the fiercest it's ever been. This very real battle is taking place over you and your children, and God calls for your allegiance to Him as He helps you parent your little one. He will fight the battle for you as you abide in Him, as He has done time and time again for His people throughout Earth's history. "In all ages, angels have been near to Christ's faithful followers. The vast confederacy of evil is arrayed against all who would overcome; but Christ would have us look to the things which are not seen, to the armies of heaven encamped about all who love God, to deliver them" (Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 240). God has given you this promise (and so many others), to claim and pray over your home and family:

"I have set the Lord always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved"
(Psalm 16:8).