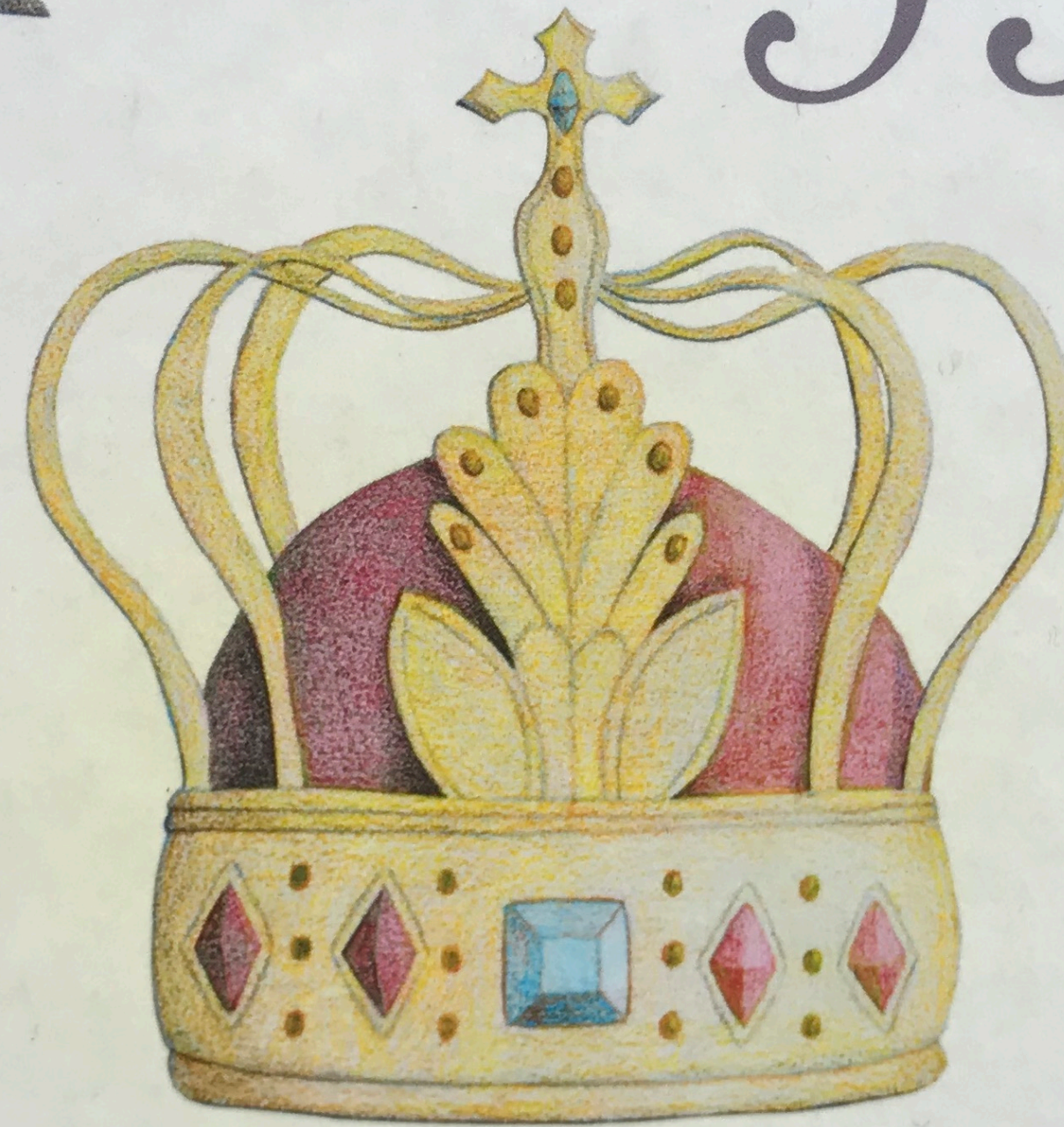


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Ancient Truths Ever New

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1. God Always Was and Always Will Be

Oak trees sprout from acorns and toads begin as tadpoles, but God never had a beginning. When you look at photos of yourself that were taken years ago, you can see how much you've grown and changed. But there was never a time when God was smaller or younger. God is the same today as he was yesterday, and God will be the same tomorrow.

The day ends when the clock strikes twelve. The race ends at the finish line. But God will never end. God has always lived, and he will always live. That means that God is *eternal*. No matter how far you think back into the distant past, God has always lived. No matter how far you think ahead into the distant future, God will always be there.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
REVELATION 1:8

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
PSALM 90:2

3. God Created Everything out of Nothing at All

Every created thing started the same way, with a design. A design is an idea of how to make something—a chair, a flower, or a book. You can build your design out of something. You can roll clay into a snake or fold paper into an airplane. But when God created the world, he did something no one else can do: he created everything out of nothing at all. He didn't build the universe with clay, wood, or stone, for he hadn't made them yet. He didn't start with air or water, because they had to be created too.

Did you know that you are a part of God's grand design? Before God placed a single star in the sky, he thought of you. He planned the color of your hair, how tall you would be, and the exact place where you would live. Color your thumb with a marker, press it onto paper, and notice how the lines swirl. Your fingerprint is unique to you! No one else in the whole world has your exact fingerprint. God designed it especially for you.

The universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
HEBREWS 11:3b

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”
REVELATION 4:11

Genesis 1:1



Acts 4:24

Colossians 1:16



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Romans 4:17



Psalms



Acts 17:24-28

Isaiah 46:9-10

Psalms 103:19



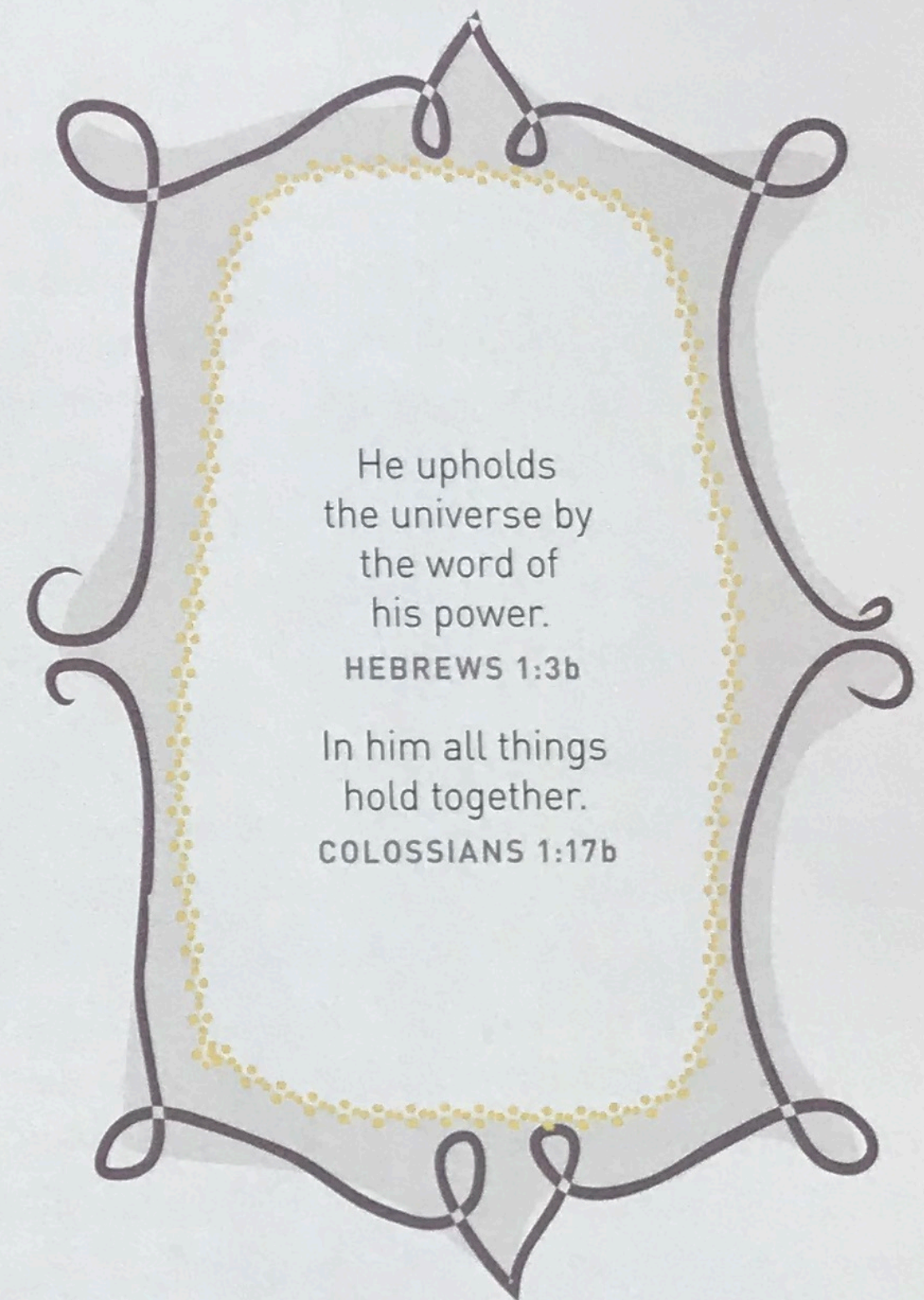
Psalms 99:3

Job 37:5-6

5. God Is in Control

From the grain of sand tossed by the ocean waves, to the stars in the far reaches of the universe, God, like the conductor of an orchestra, is at work directing each part of his creation. Nothing moves without his command, and nothing happens outside his control. He commands every rain shower and snowfall; he tells the flower buds to bloom and the ocean waves to roll. No one, not even the angels in heaven, can stop God's work in our world.

Every minute of every day, God holds the universe together by the word of his power. God is keeping his creation steady so that everything works according to his plan. Rocks are still hard like God planned them to be, and the water still drops and drips like it was designed. While dogs come in different colors, shapes, and sizes, they have always been dogs, just as God created them. Because God is in control, and rules over all, they will never turn into cats, just like cats can't become giraffes.



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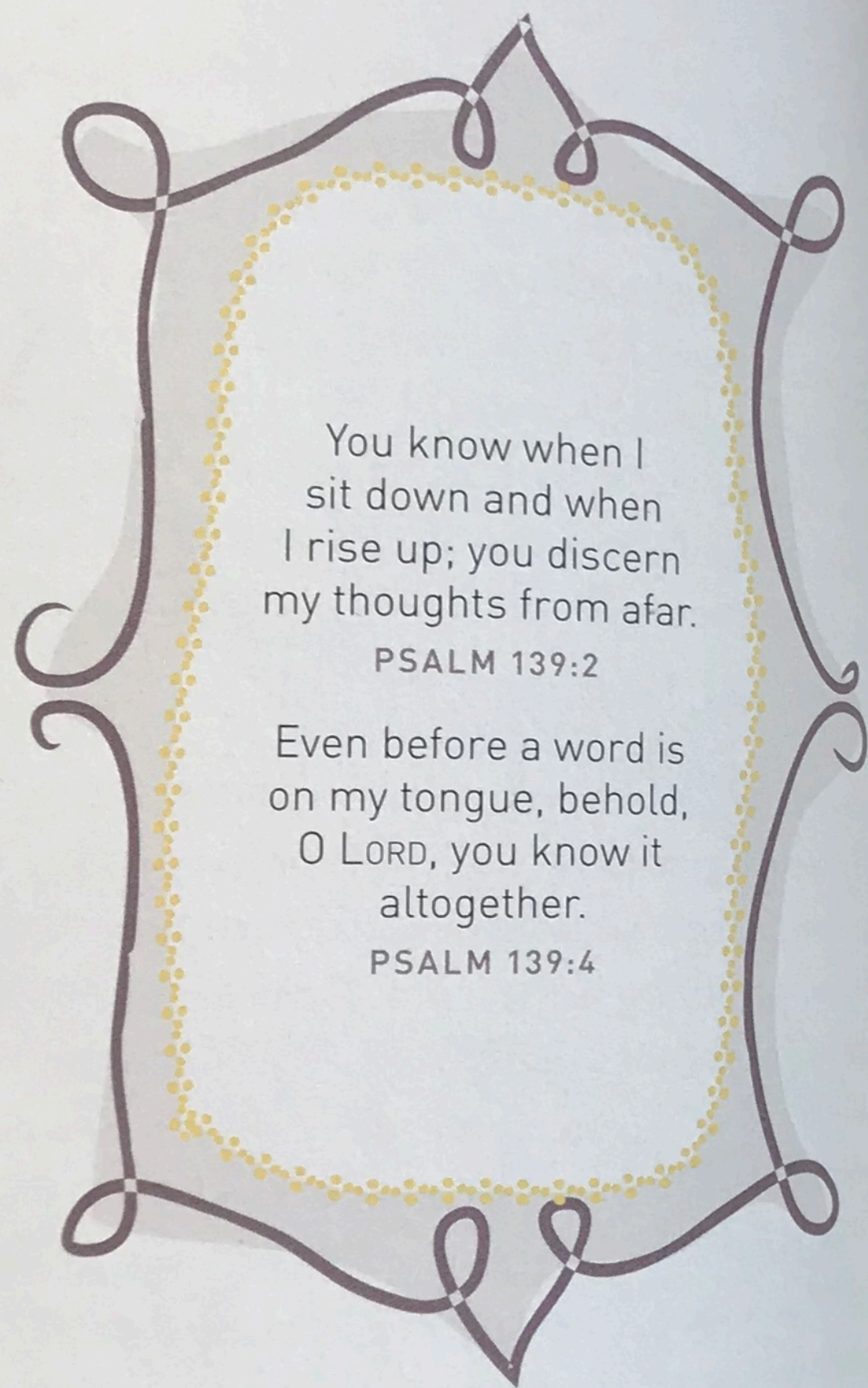
In him all things
hold together.

COLOSSIANS 1:17b

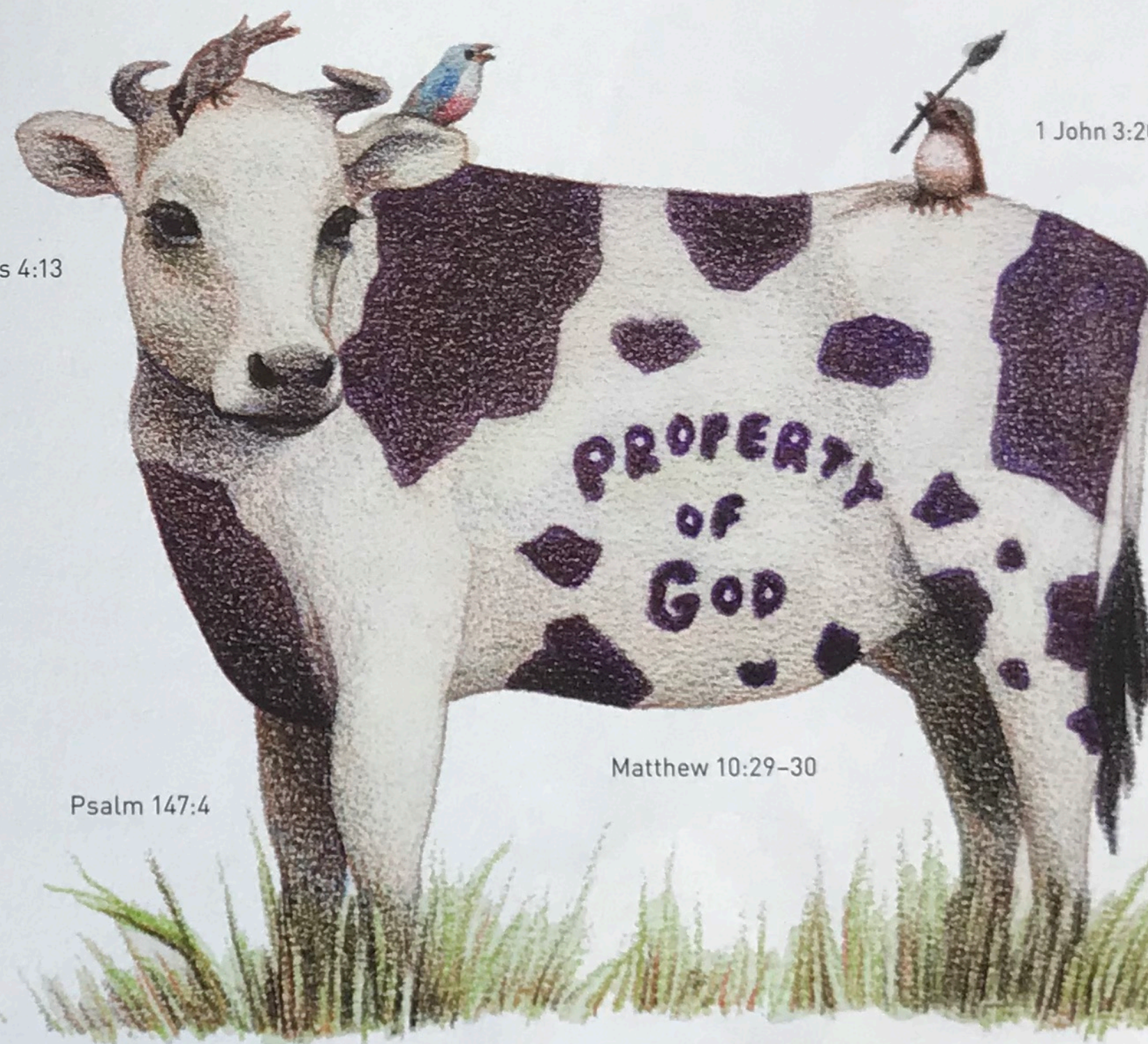
6. God Knows All Things

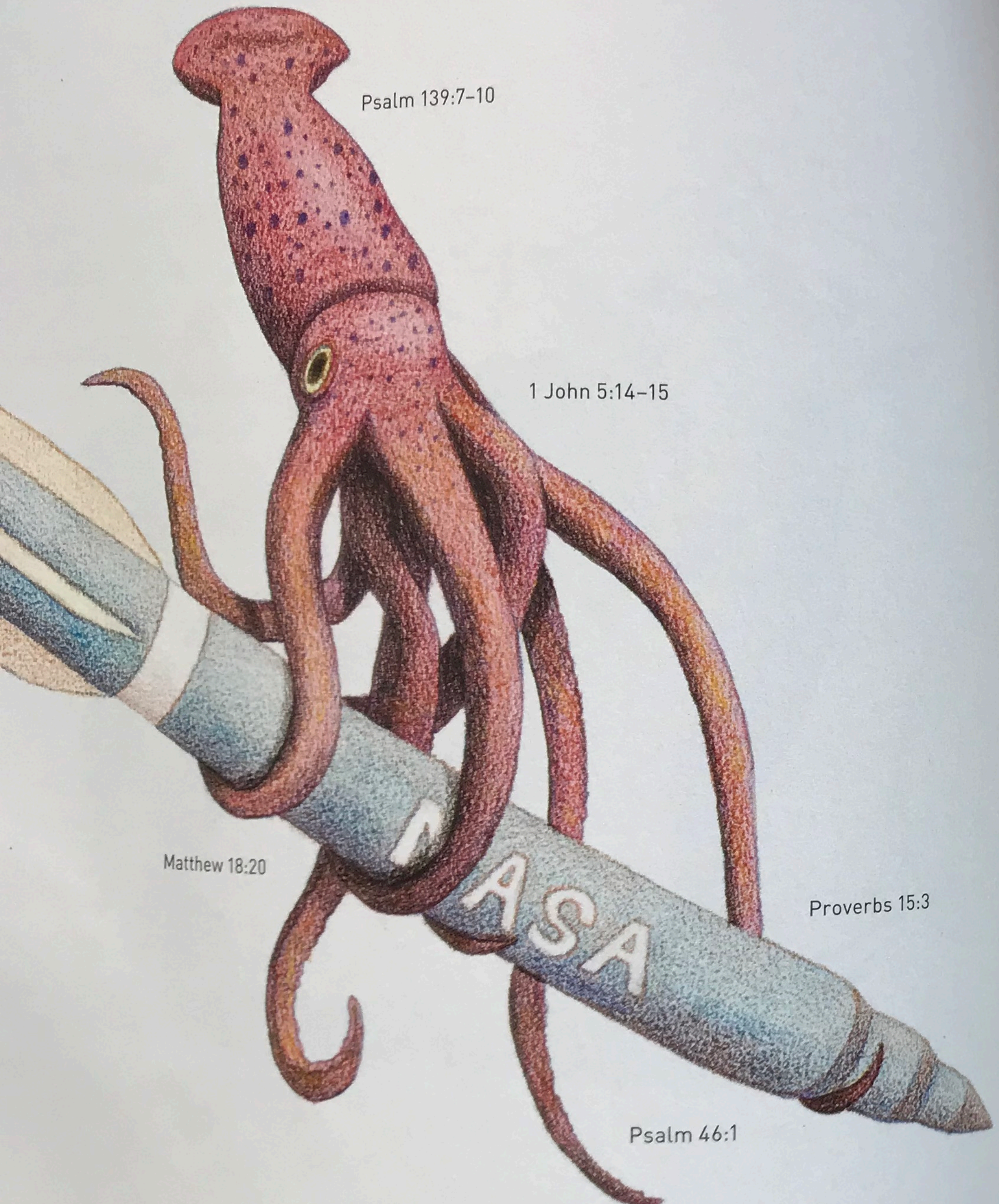
There are more stars than anyone can count, but God knows them each by name. A million sparrows flit and fly, but not one can fall outside God's control. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and sets the limits for the ocean tide. He knows your name, planned where you would live, and could tell you any morning the number of hairs on your head. He knows the exact number of days you will live and how each one of them will go.

God knows everything about everything and everything about everybody. Nothing ever surprises him and he always knows what to do. God knows what will happen tomorrow—what time you will wake up and what you will eat for breakfast. He has already planned how to use everything in your life for good—even those things we don't want to happen. How can God know all these things? Because he is God—God with a capital "G"!



Hebrews 4:13





Psalm 139:7-10

1 John 5:14-15

Matthew 18:20

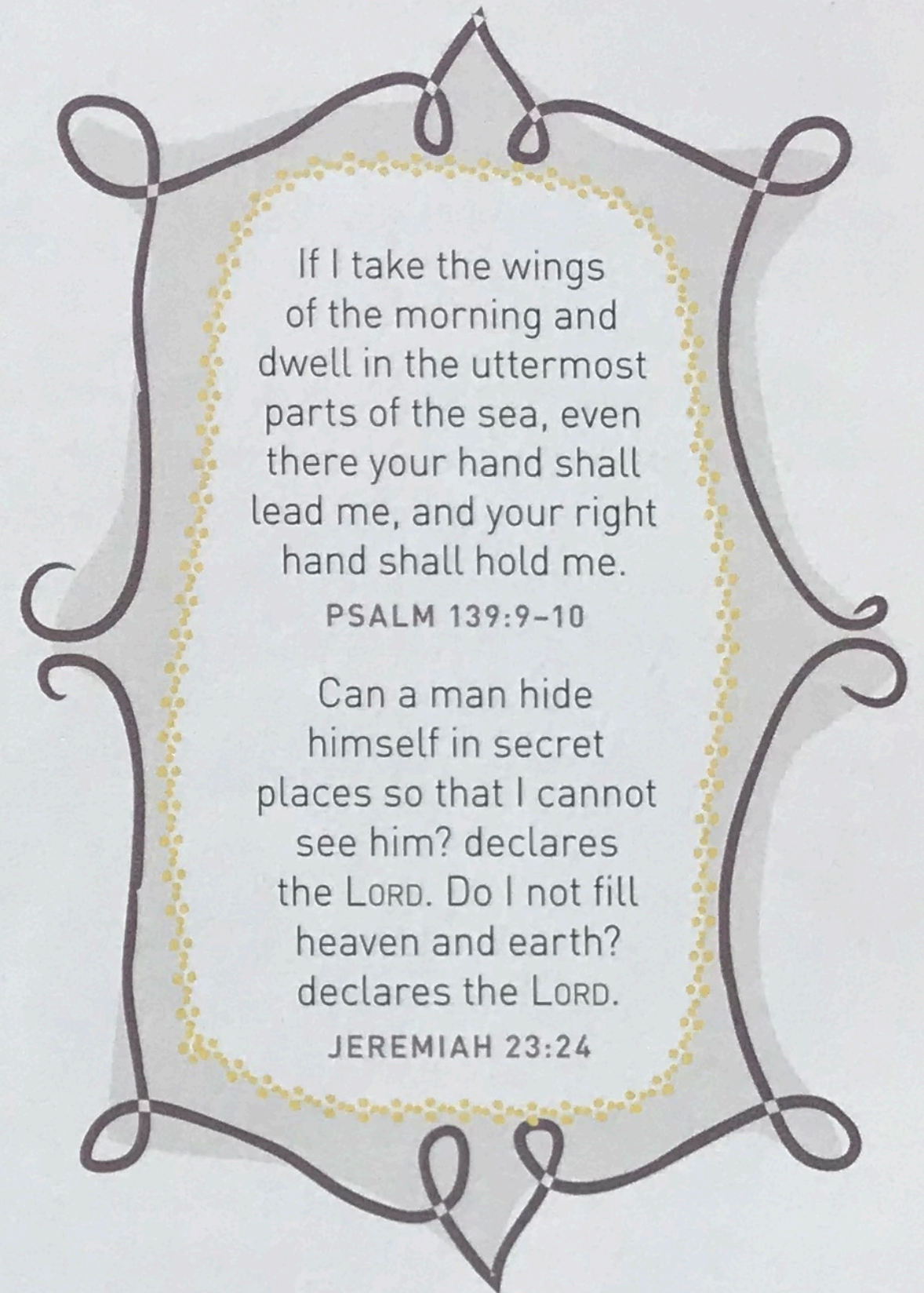
Proverbs 15:3

Psalm 46:1

7. God Is Everywhere

God is everywhere. That means wherever you are, you can count on God and call on him. If you climb the highest mountain, God is there. If you sink to the bottom of the ocean, God is there. If you travel to a space station, God is there. This also means there is no place you can ever hide from God.

Because God is everywhere, he knows what you are happy about and what you are sad about. He knows everything about every person, in every country, all at the same time! Any of God's children can pray to him at any time and be certain that he hears them!



If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

PSALM 139:9-10

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

JEREMIAH 23:24