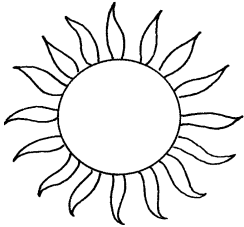
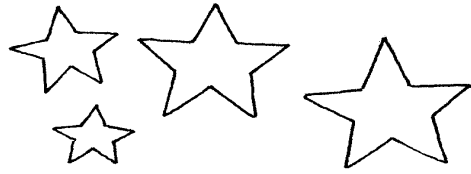


8.1 IN THE BIBLE GOD TELLS US ABOUT HIMSELF



When God inspired people to write the story of his relationship with us, he wanted to explain what he is really like. He knows each one of us, and everything about us, because he made us. When we read the Bible, we start to understand who God is as well.

Activities:

1. Write down the questions you would need to ask the author of Genesis in order to get the following answers?

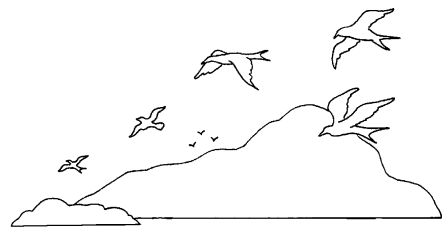
For example:

- a) **You:** When was God born?

Author: Well, God always existed – and always shall exist because he is eternal. He is the Creator of everything that exists – even things you can't see.

- b) **You:**

Author: God has billions and billions of children – the entire human race, in fact – and he is Father to them all. He loves them and looks after each one of them individually.



- c) **You:**

Author: He is a generous God: if anyone asks him for anything, he will give it to them, provided he knows it is good for them.

d) **You:**

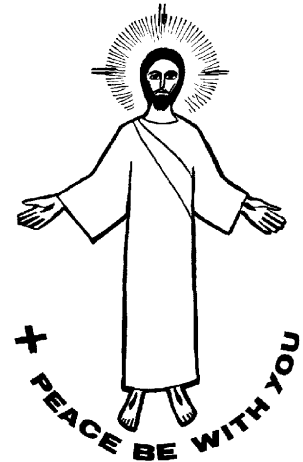
***Author:** God wants all his children to live happily and peacefully with each other – that's why he has given them a set of rules which he expects them to obey; you see, he is all-powerful and all knowing and he knows what is best for them.*

e) **You:**

***Author:** Like any good parent, God will be disappointed when they do wrong or disobey him. But he will always forgive them and can never stop loving them.*

f) **You:**

***Author:** God wants what is best for them. And most of all, he wants his children to know him and love him and be with him. That's why his own Son became a man – to bring everyone to him, even though it meant he had to die. God used his power to raise him from the dead, so that everyone would believe in him and would know God and would be able to spend eternity with him.”*



2. Imagine God asks you to tell him what you are like.
 - a) Make a list of some of the things you would tell him.
 - b) What response do you think he would make?