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To Jordan Howerton:

The son-in-law I prayed for before Megan was born. Though she wrote this book, you have lived it for my grandchildren.

—Mark

To Jackson, Duke, Lennon, and Dean:

Loving you has given me a deeper understanding about the love of God. I pray you fall more in love with him every day.

—Megan



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A NOTE FROM THE AUTHORS

PARENTS AND MENTORS,

We know that raising kids can be chaotic. I (Mark) raised a strong-willed child (Megan) who has now given me four world-class grandchildren. One day she was sitting with me in our pool and said, “Dad, I love what *Core 52* is doing for adults, taking them through the mountaintop passages of the Bible in one year. I wish there was something like that for my kids.” My reply: “Write it!” She protested that she was unqualified. So I ticked off her résumé: college-trained elementary school teacher, mother of four, pastor’s wife, and daughter of a Bible college professor. Well, you hold in your hand the result. What Megan put together is incredible (which you expect me to say). But seriously, when she gave me the first few chapters, I was blown away. . . I said (aloud, I think), “This will actually work!”

With tears in my eyes, I began to imagine parents and mentors like you sitting in a classroom or around a dinner table, having life-altering conversations with your kids. I’m a teacher at heart. My job is to give you what you need to equip your children for the battlefield of life (feel free to “cheat” by grabbing a copy of *Core 52* or *Core 52 Student Edition* for your teens). The biblical principles of this book will empower your kids for spiritual success. If you invest ten to fifteen minutes a day, five days a week, for one year, your child will have a firm foundation in every major principle of the Bible. That’s our promise.

No one can do for your child what you can do as a mentor. Megan and I simply and humbly want to offer you this resource, which will support you in making a majestic difference in the spiritual growth of those on whom Jesus placed the highest priority.



KIDS,

Here is how you can help your parents make the most of this experience:

DAY 1 *Read the story to your parents.* It's okay to let them read it if they want to.

DAY 2 *Memorize the verse.* You're going to be better at this than your parents are, so you might want to help them find www.core52.org on their cell phones. There is a three-minute video for each verse to help them memorize it with you. (Secret: you can also find the videos on Vimeo in separate channels: Core52 Lesson and Core52 Memory.)

DAY 3 *Read the passage listed.* It's related to the verse you memorized. To figure out how they're related, you can talk through the questions provided. You need to pick only the one you're most comfortable with. (Parents: The three levels here, and on Days 4 and 5, are intended to get more challenging. You may have several children at different stages of development.)

Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



DAY 4 *Read this passage too.* It will allow you to see your verse from a different angle.

DAY 5 This is where it gets really good. *We give you important questions to ask your parents and ones for them to ask you as well.* Don't let them off the hook. They need to answer too. Have fun. Your parents are a great gift from God, and the time you spend with them doing Core 52 will be special for the rest of your lives.

Mark E. Moore, author of Core 52

Megan Howerton





In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

—GENESIS 1:1

LESSON TO LEARN

God created the heavens and the earth,
and he invites us to create with him.

DAY 1



Look outside. Everything you see is part of God's creation. The sun, the clouds, the grass, the bugs—all part of creation. The very first sentence in the Bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth.

Have you ever seen a house being built? It's nowhere

near as big a job as creating the whole world, but it's still a big job! It takes a lot of people to make it happen. An architect designs the house. A builder builds the house. An engineer supplies light and water to the house. And then there's another role that most people don't think about: the homeowner. The homeowner decorates and takes care of the house. Creation works kind of the same way. God designed the world. Jesus made the world. The Spirit of God gives life to the people and animals. And we are the homeowners decorating and caring for the world.

God did a great job designing and building heaven and earth. But why did he do all that work? He created the world for the same reasons you create things. Think about all the ways you create. Maybe it's writing, painting, building Legos, or even finding new ways to fix your hair. Whatever it is that you're making, you're probably hoping that someone will enjoy it, compliment you,

or be proud of you. Psalm 102:18 says, "Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD." God created the world and everything in it so that all creation would praise him. And here's the cool part: creation didn't stop there. Creation never stops. God gave us the same desire to create and invites us to create along with him. God gave us the job of the homeowner. He wants us to continue to add creative touches to our world and take care of it. It's not complicated. Just create in the ways you enjoy. Write a song, invent a new dessert, paint a picture, or build with your hands. Then people can enjoy your creations just like we enjoy God's creation.

CHALLENGE

Create something (a song, a story, a treat, an art project—however you like to create), and share it with your family.

DAY 2

My job is to take care of the world and make the world better by creating with God.

MEMORY WORK

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

—GENESIS 1:1

DAY 3

READ GENESIS 1.



Imagine that you're watching God create the world. What does it look like? Sound like? Smell like?



What are some ways humans praise God? How do you think animals and plants praise him?



Why do you think God is compared to an architect, Jesus to a builder, and the Holy Spirit to an engineer?

DAY 4

READ GENESIS 2:1-22.



What did God provide that Adam and Eve needed? What has God provided for you?



How did Adam and Eve add to creation? How can you add to creation?



How do your parents provide for you like God provided for Adam and Eve?

DAY 5

MENTORING MOMENT



MENTOR “How does what you create bring praise to God?”

CHILD “How do you like to create? Were you always good at creating that way?”



MENTOR “How have you enjoyed someone else's creation recently?”

CHILD “How do you handle yourself when someone doesn't enjoy what you created?”

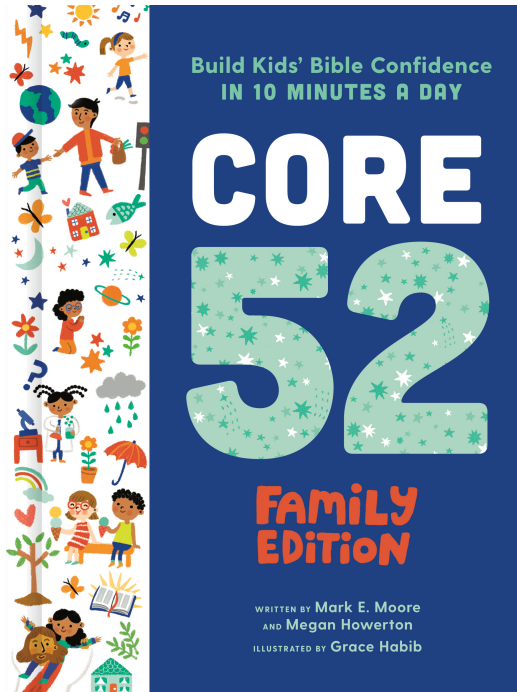


MENTOR “Are there things in creation that your friends might enjoy more than you do, such as sports, art, or music?”

CHILD “What's the difference between appreciating someone's creation and enjoying someone's creation?”

CHALLENGE CHECK

How did the challenge go? What did you learn?



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