

## GOD IS REAL AND LIVING: GENESIS 1

Did you ever get a present in the mail? Isn't it exciting to open it and see what it is and who it is from? Maybe it would be from someone we have never even seen.

Well, who can see the wind? Neither you nor I can. But we know it is there because we can feel it against our faces and see it move trees and grass. We cannot see God either but we can know that He is and that He lives by the things He does. Some people say I cannot see God so I will not believe in Him. But that is neither fair nor honest. Everyone believes the wind is real though they cannot see it because of what it does. We can also know that God is there and real because of what He does. Can you think of some things that God does that make us know He is alive? Well for one thing, we can see the stars and the sun and the moon. Did these things just get in the sky by themselves? Certainly not! Someone had to put them there. God did it. God made them. Do you know why we cannot see God? It is because God does not want us to see Him yet. God is so holy and great and so wonderful and so bright that if we saw Him we would die. Someday, if we trust Jesus as our Saviour, He will take us to heaven when we die. And then we can see God. And that will make us very happy. Even though we cannot see God we can love Him very much.

A little girl asked "Mother, I cannot see God so how can I love Him?" A few days later, a package came in the mail. In the package was a present from a friend whom the little girl had never seen. It was a beautiful picture book. She looked at the book for a long time and said "Oh mother, I love this book and I love the lady who sent it to me." "But you have never seen her" said mother. "No, said the little girl, "but I love her because she sent me this present." That is the way we can love God even though we have not seen Him. He has given us so many wonderful things that we can thank Him and love Him even though we have not yet seen Him. The best thing of all that God gave us is His Son, Jesus, to be our Saviour.

The Bible says in John 3:16 for God so loved the world—that means He loved you—that He gave His only begotten Son—that's Jesus—that whoever believes in Him—in Jesus—would not perish—that means to be separated from God in Hell forever—but have everlasting life—that means with God in Heaven forever. If you believe that Jesus died for your sins on the cross and love Him for doing that for you, receive Jesus as your personal Saviour. God will forgive your sins and take you to live with Him in Heaven one day forever. Read Genesis chapter 1 and remember God's love in giving us such a beautiful world to enjoy. Love Him and thank Him too.