

God's Protection Covers Me

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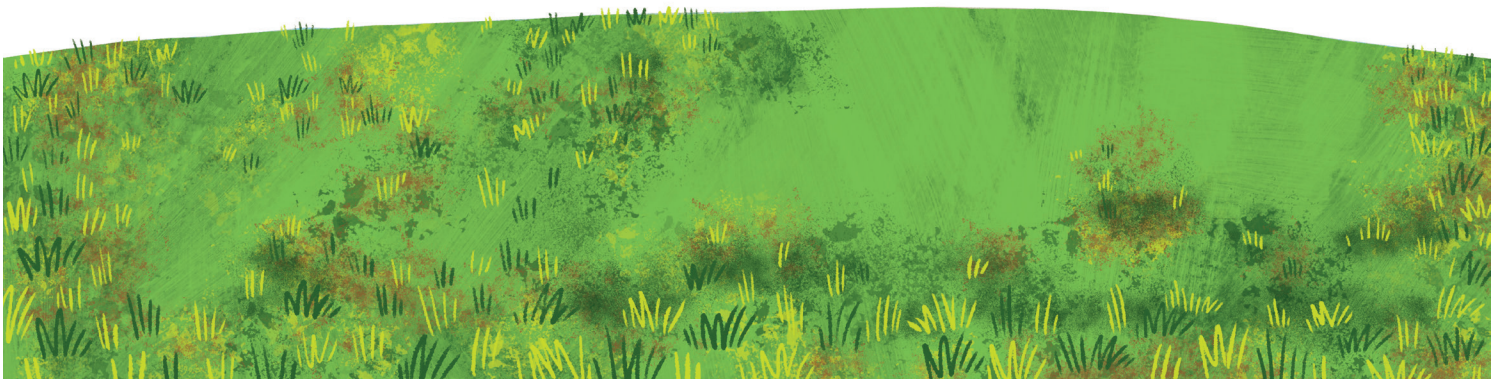
ACTIVITY PACKET

MATCHING CARD GAME

1. Print two copies on paper or cardstock.
2. Cut out and shuffle cards.
3. Place cards face down in rows.
4. Each player turns two cards face up.
5. Keep the cards that match, and put back the cards that don't match, face down.
6. Try to remember what's on the cards. The game is over when all the cards are matched!

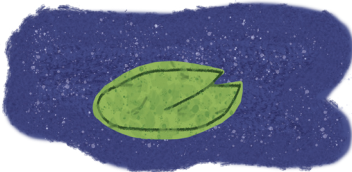
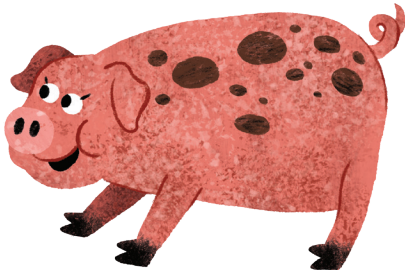


DRAW YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL AND ITS HOME



WHERE DOES THE ANIMAL LIVE?

Draw a line matching each animal to its home.



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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Take a walk in your neighborhood or at a park. What do you see? Do you see bird nests in the trees? Dog houses? What kinds of roofs protect the buildings? Flat, slanted, pointy? Did you see anything else from the book *God's Protection Covers Me*? Try to remember what you see. Then, when you get home, ask a grownup to make hot cocoa using the following recipe. While you sip it, make a list of what you saw. That way you will remember the many ways God protects people, animals, and more.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Old-Fashioned Hot Cocoa

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup sugar (or honey or maple syrup)
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- Dash salt
- 3 tablespoons hot water
- 2 cups milk (or almond, soy, or cashew milk)
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- 12 miniature marshmallows

Directions:

Mix sugar, cocoa, and salt in a saucepan. Stir in hot water. Heat on medium, stirring constantly, until boiling. Boil and stir 2 minutes.

Stir in milk. Heat until warm. Remove from heat. Add vanilla. Pour into mugs, and top with marshmallows. Yield: 2 servings

ABOUT THE BOOK

This lively picture book follows a young boy around a farm as he observes different animals and compares their protective shelters to God's protection. The rhyming text is accompanied by bold, playful illustrations that tell their own story of God's protection as a rain storm causes the boy to seek shelter of his own. A charming book for young children that demonstrates God's constant care.



What people are saying about *God's Protection Covers Me*:

"A charming book filled with truth that every kid needs to hear. This is my top children's book pick of the year."

–Mandy Arioto

President and CEO, MOPS International

"Amy Houts's gentle poetry soothes and reassures and is the perfect sit-in-your-lap snuggle-up story. The colorful, textured illustrations invite us into homes from burrow to nest and enhance the mood from sunny sun-up to rainy day coziness."

–Susan Eaddy

Author of *Poppy's Best Paper* and *Poppy's Best Babies*

"The rhyming text and colorful illustrations beautifully support the simple faith-based message of trusting that God's protection always surrounds us."

–Kristi Holl

Author of *Finding God in Tough Times*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Amy Houts is an award-winning author of over 70 children's books, cookbooks, and board games that feature family themes of love and friendship, holiday celebrations, and early learning concepts. Her books include *The Giant Book of Bible Fingerplays for Preschoolers* (Group Publishing), which features 101 fingerplays, Bible stories, and Scripture verses. It's a joy for Amy to share Bible truths and God's love with young children through her writing.

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His illustrations have been published in books and used on products around the world, including New Zealand, Australia, the UK, France, Spain, USA, and Canada. Visit David's website: <https://wanderingbert.com>. Follow him on Twitter @WanderingBert and Facebook, *WanderingBert Illustration*