

"All About Me" Book



If "a picture speaks a thousand words," then a scrapbook highlighting the strengths of a child can speak into eternity. While the "All About Me" book is especially helpful for understanding the needs of a child with special needs, it can be used with *all* the children in your class. Print copies of the letter and book and give a set of pages to each child's parents or caregivers. Ask families to complete the pages, including pictures and information that will be helpful to you as the child's teacher. Older children will enjoy creating their own books. Make the completed books available to teachers and volunteers who work with the children.



A Letter to Families

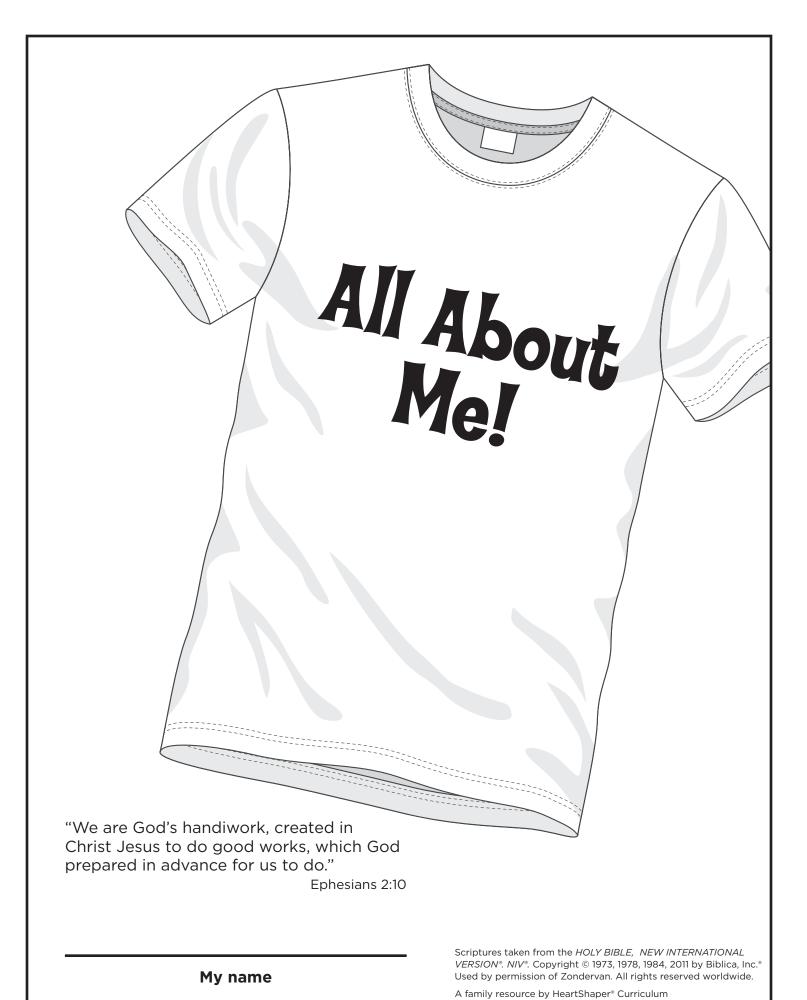
Dear Family,

Please help us get to know your child. Complete and return the attached book so that we will be better equipped to encourage and help your child. Here are some ideas for what to include on each page:

- ✓ A Memo About Me—Include your child's name, age, and ways your family takes joy in this child. If your child has special needs, you may want to include some information about that too.
- ✓ Introducing My Family—Tell about your family. Include photos of your child with family members, pets, and favorite toys.
- ✓ Things I Can Do—List things that are not a struggle for your child: running, climbing, and so on. Showcase motor skills and strengths that can be used in your child's instruction.
- ✓ Things That Are Difficult—Make a list of skills you are working on with your child. We are eager to partner with you in what you are trying to teach your child at home.
- ✓ Things I Enjoy—Include pictures of activities outside the home that your child enjoys. This information can help us connect your child to others in the class who share similar interests.
- ✓ Things I've Accomplished—Choose a picture that captures a moment of victory in your child's development. Include any recent achievements, especially those that were thought impossible for your child.
- ✓ Hopes, Dreams, and Prayers—Your child is a person of great value and potential. Share with us your hopes for the next year, dreams for the next 5 years, and prayers for what your child's life will be in 10 years.
- ✓ Ways You Can Help Me—Alongside a picture that captures your child's heart, list any special ways we can help your child.
- ✓ Another Look! (More of Me!)—Show another picture or two of your child. Or share something fun about your child.

We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

Sincerely,



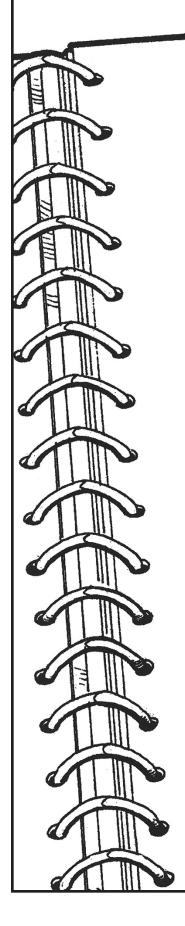
A Memo About Me



"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

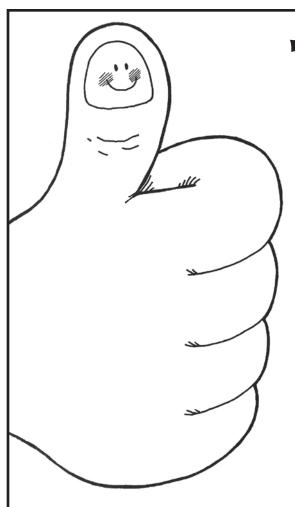
Psalm 139:14

Introducing My Family



"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

Psalm 145:4

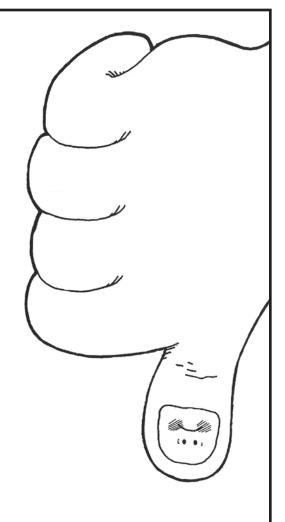


Things I Can Do

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

Things That Are Difficult



"In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:6

Things I Enjoy



"Every good and perfect gift is from above." James 1:17

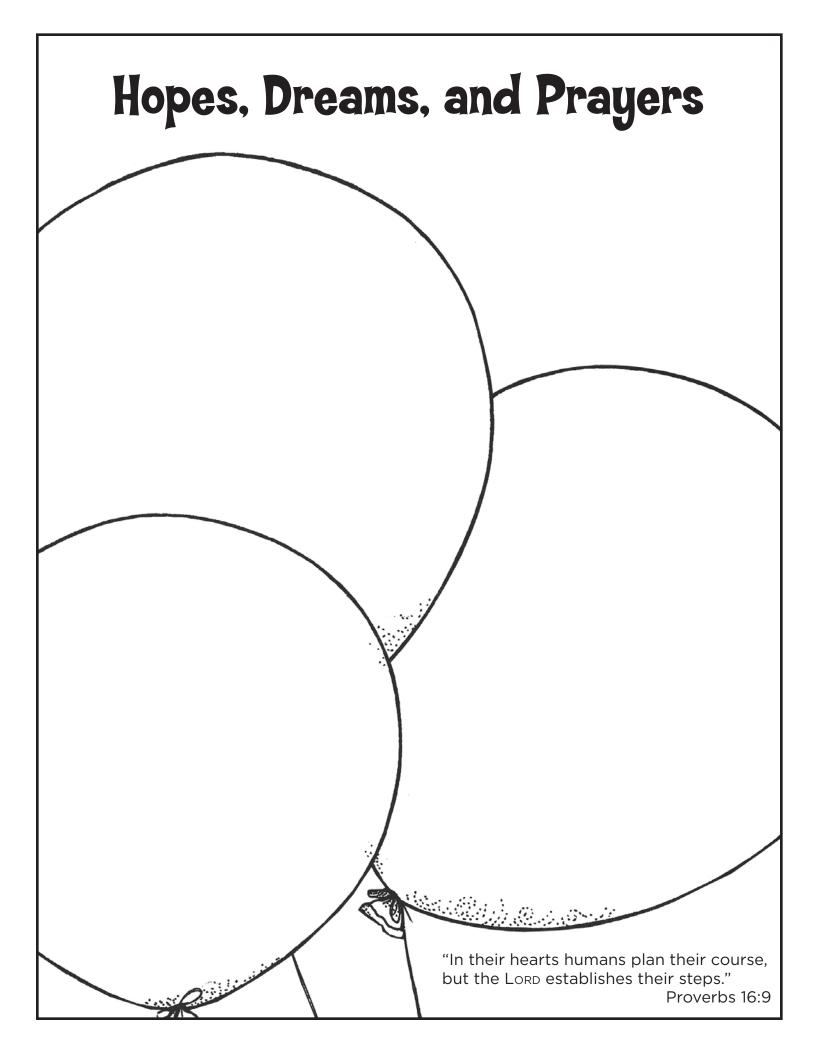
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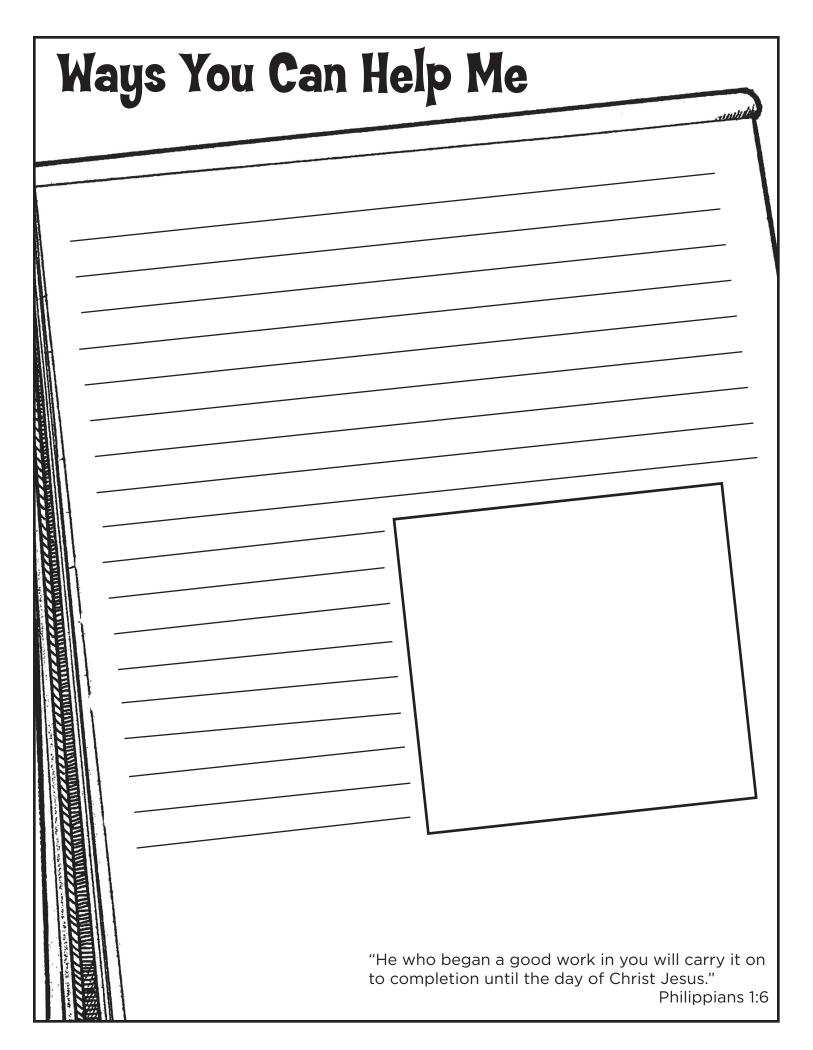
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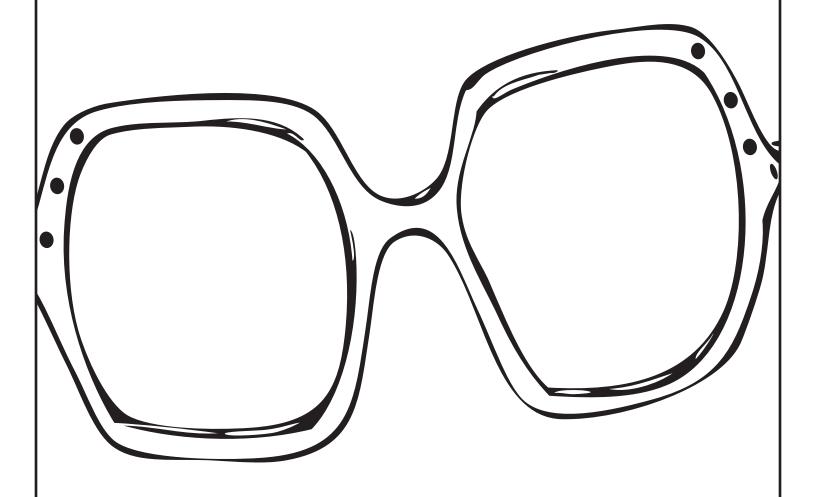
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"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3





Another Look! (More of Me!)



"All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Psalm 139:16