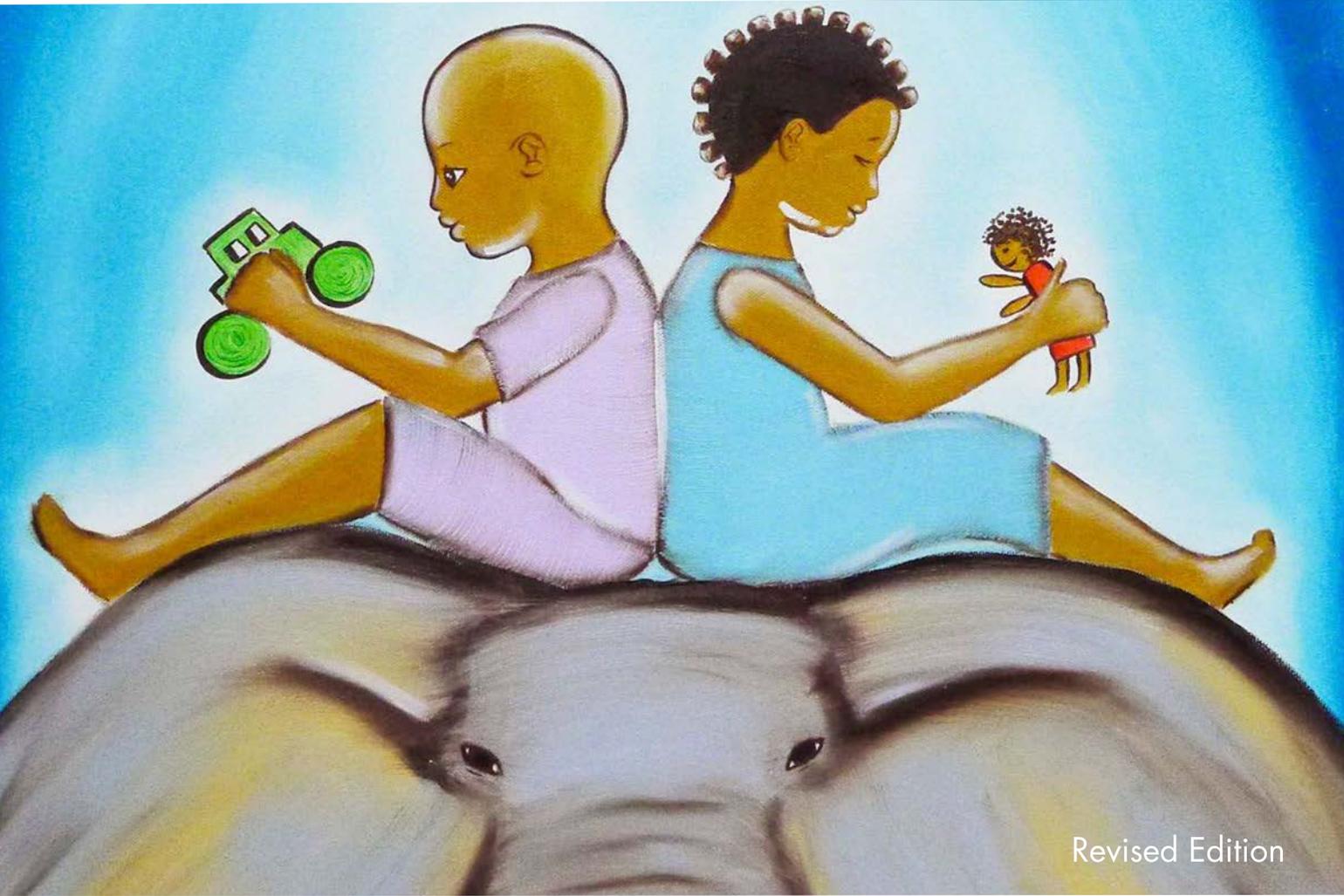


# HOW BINA BECAME GOD'S FRIEND



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I like eating sugar cane.  
What's your favorite food?

# BINA

Hi, my name is Bina. I am from the Bassa tribe  
of Cameroon in Africa.

I live in a small village with my family.

One day, my parents told me about a man in the Bible  
named Noah. He lived a long time ago.

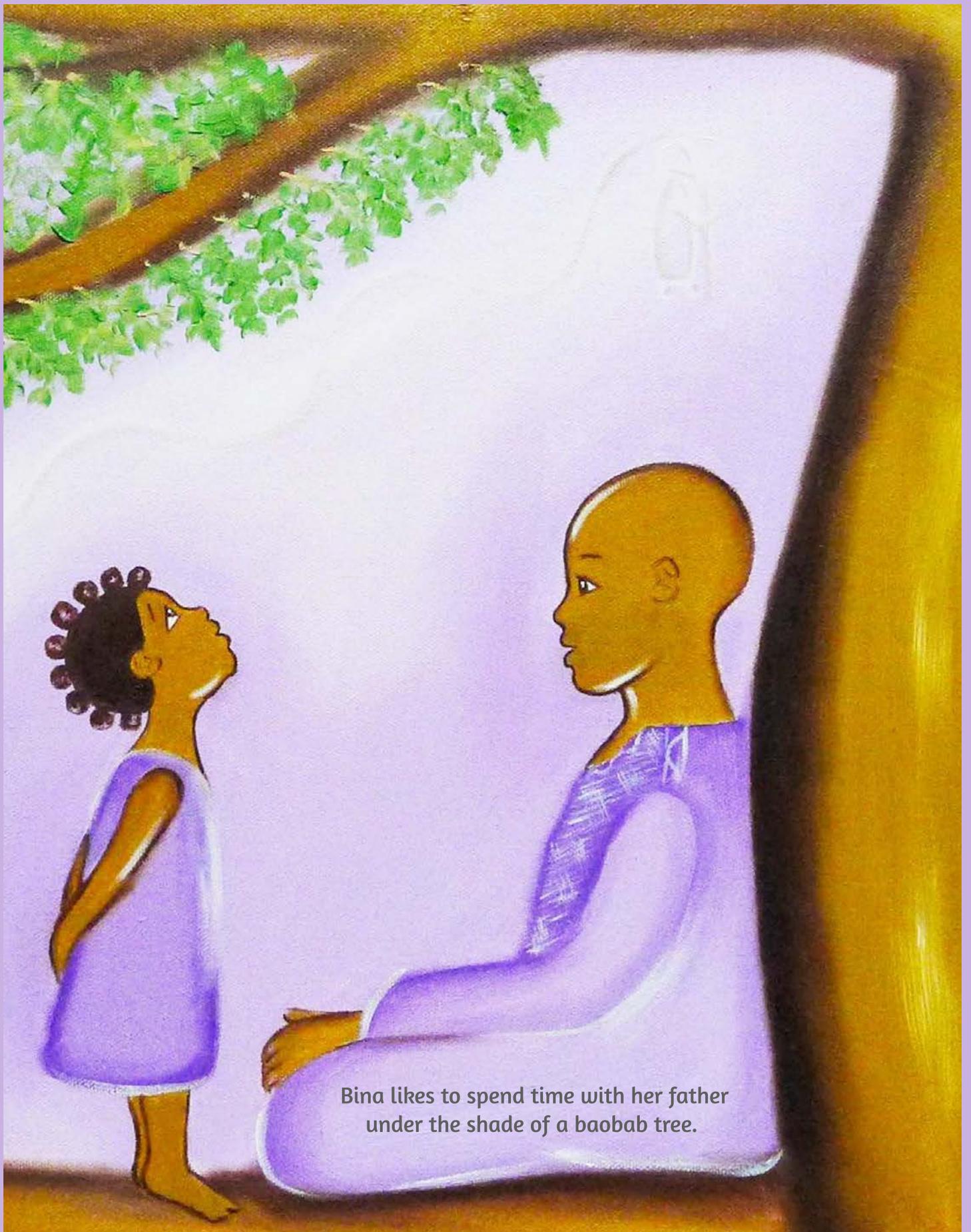
The Bible called him God's friend.

I was surprised because I didn't know it was possible to  
be God's friend. From that moment on  
I wanted to be God's friend too.

Guess what? I learned how to be God's friend.

Do you want to know how I did it? I am happy to share  
my story with you and tell you 4 ways or keys  
to become God's friend.

You see, just like a key can open doors,  
the keys I will share with you can open  
the door to God's heart.



Bina likes to spend time with her father  
under the shade of a baobab tree.

## 1. GET TO KNOW GOD

God is the Creator of everything. He is very powerful. There is no one and nothing more powerful than God. This powerful God loves us and has a plan for our lives.

By reading the Bible or learning the lessons taught in God's Word, we discover more about God.

If you want to be God's friend and find out who He is, begin reading the Bible.



## BIBLE VERSES

### God created everything.

“You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”  
Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)

### God loves you.

Dear friends, since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another.  
1 John 4:11 (NIV)

### God has a plan for your life.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.  
“They are plans for good and not for disaster,  
to give you a future and a hope.”  
Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

### God is powerful.

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible,  
but with God all things are possible.”  
Matthew 19:26 (NIV)



Bina likes to watch her baby brother sleep.  
She also likes to make beaded jewelry with her mother.

## 2. SPEND TIME WITH GOD

God is pleased when we spend time with Him. "God Time" is when we get alone with Him and enjoy His presence. It doesn't have to be a long time.

It can be for just five or ten minutes; or, if we have more time, it can be longer.

If you want to be God's friend, spend quality "God Time" with Him.



You are strong.

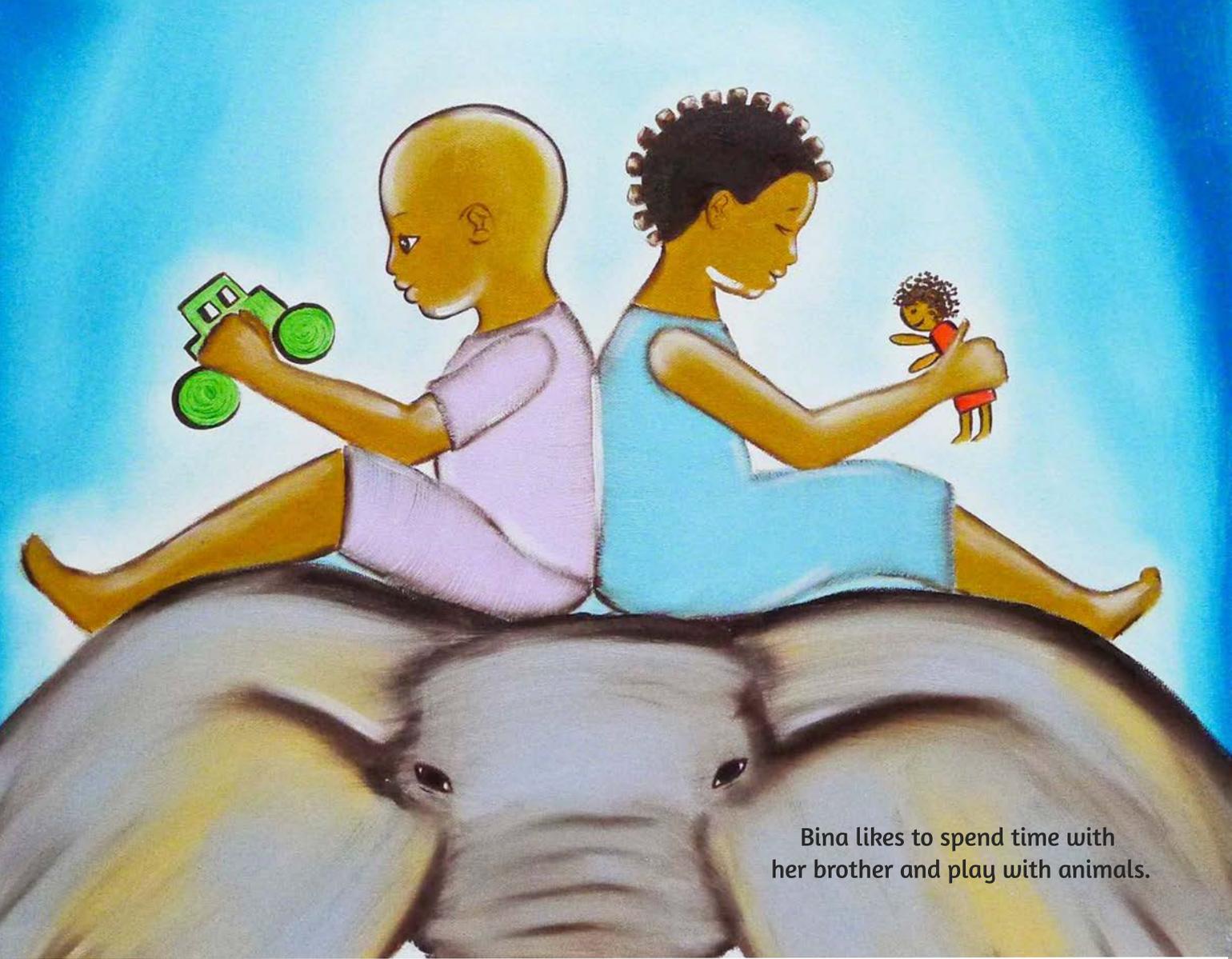
## **BIBLE VERSES**

**God enjoys spending time with you.**

When you pray, go into your room,  
close the door and pray  
to your Father, who is unseen.

Then your Father, who sees  
what is done in secret, will reward you.

*Matthew 6:6 (NIV)*



Bina likes to spend time with her brother and play with animals.

You are kind.

### **3. TALK TO GOD**

When we are enjoying our “God Time,” we should talk to God. Even though He might not be visible to our eyes, He is still there. We can include Him in everything we do. Let’s speak to Him when we walk, eat, play, and learn. He loves it when we talk to Him.

There are so many people living on this earth, but the majority ignore God. That’s why it makes Him happy when we have conversations with Him and include Him in what we do.

If you want to be God’s friend, talk to Him like you would talk to a friend.

Bina enjoys taking long walks with her grandfather.



## BIBLE VERSES

**God is always there and ready  
to listen.**

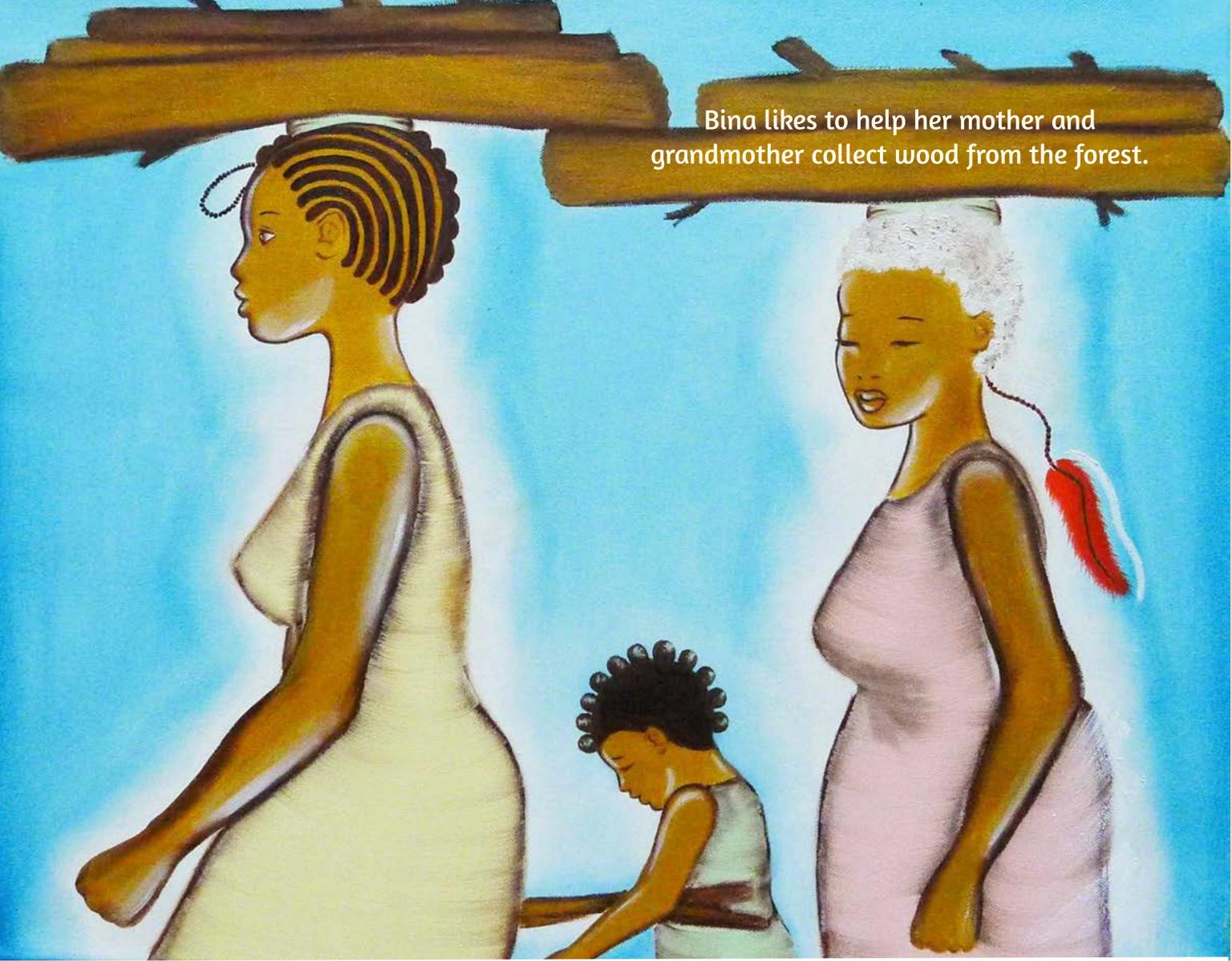
Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

Psalms 145:18 (NIV)

Bina likes to help her mother and grandmother collect wood from the forest.



You are kind.

## 4. LISTEN TO GOD

God has a voice and will speak to us. But we must learn to recognize His voice. It's like when someone calls us on the phone and we don't recognize who it is. We ask, "Hello. Who is this?" But the more this person calls on the phone, the more we will recognize their voice.

It's the same way with God. The more we spend time with Him, the more we will get familiar with His voice.

If you want to be God's friend, you must learn to know His voice.



HEBGA

Be blessed  
with  
good health.

## **BIBLE VERSES**

### **God still speaks today.**

Whoever belongs to God hears what God says.

John 8:47 (NIV)

### **Jesus Christ has a voice.**

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

### **The Holy Spirit has a voice.**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26 (ESV)



Keep your eyes on Jesus.

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE GOD'S FRIEND?

God sees and hears everything that happens on the earth. A lot of it is very bad and makes God very sad. When you become God's friend, it gives Him reason to rejoice when looking at the earth. Then He knows He didn't send His Son Jesus Christ in vain because you have become His friend and will be like a bright light shining in darkness.

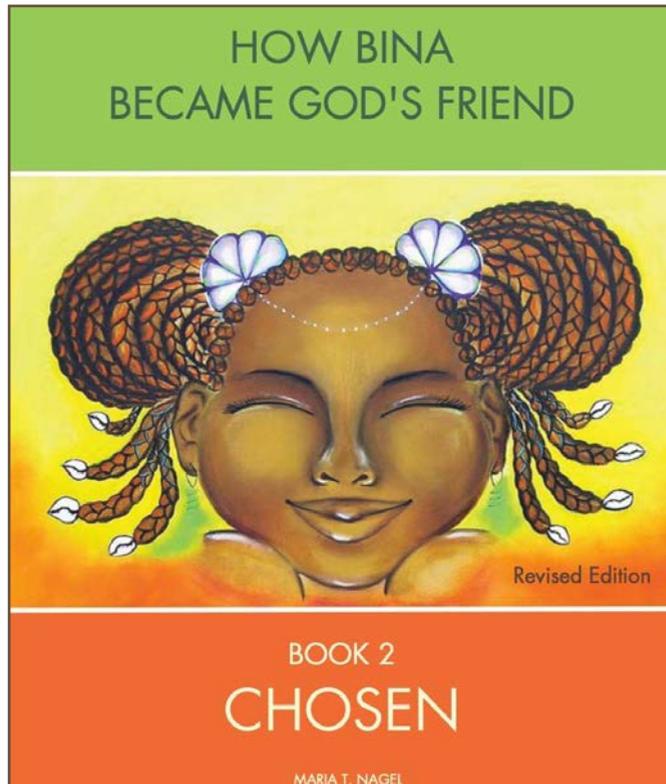
Your life will be a breath of fresh air. You will be the hands and feet of Jesus when you become God's friend. Now you are part of the body of Christ. Your words and songs will help others become God's friends too.

If God had more friends on earth, there would be fewer tears, fewer diseases, and fewer wars.

Today, I would like to ask you this question:

**Would you like to become God's friend?**

also available  
CHOSEN



includes:

4 ways to have and maintain a friendship  
with God:

1. Find out what God likes.
2. Do what God likes.
3. Love God with all your heart.
4. Fall in love with Jesus.

## Book One - LOVED

Thanks to the truths taught in the book series *How Bina Became God's Friend*, Christian mothers and fathers can now be proactive in passing their beliefs to the next generation.

This faith-based children's picture book aims for the heart and hits it every single time—and is guaranteed to capture the hearts of children for their Creator.

This book includes:

- heartwarming illustrations
- uplifting Bible verses
- inspirational quotes and

4 ways to have and maintain a friendship with God:

1. **Get to know God.**
2. **Spend time with God.**
3. **Talk to God.**
4. **Listen to God.**

