

Every family is different. Some are formed through birth, others through adoption. Some are formed through marriage, others through fostering or guardianship.

Not every family is created the same way, but every family is created by God.

Celebrate God's gift of family—unique, diverse, and loved. ♦

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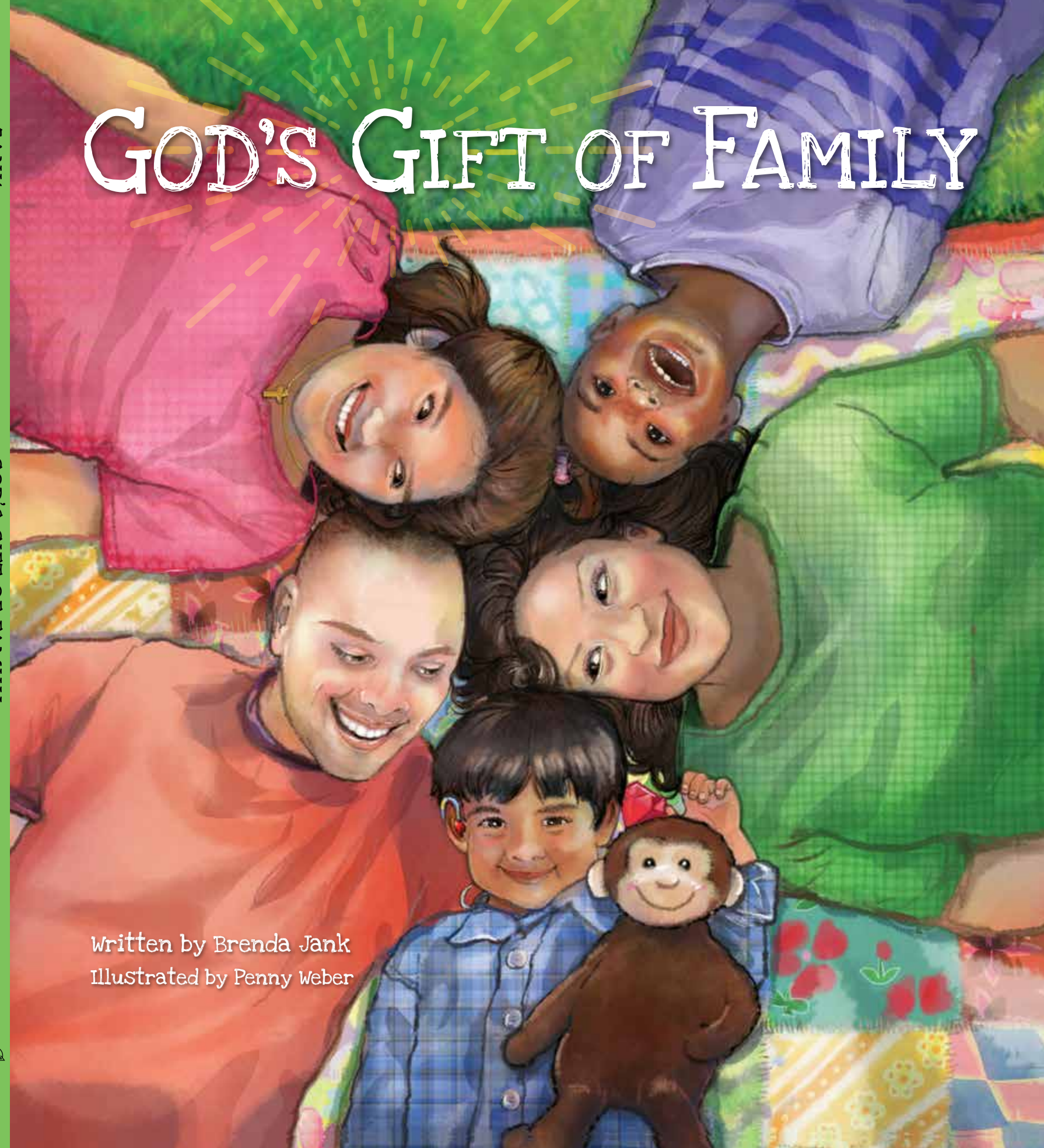


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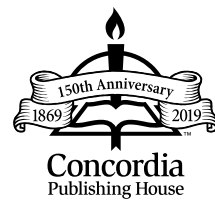
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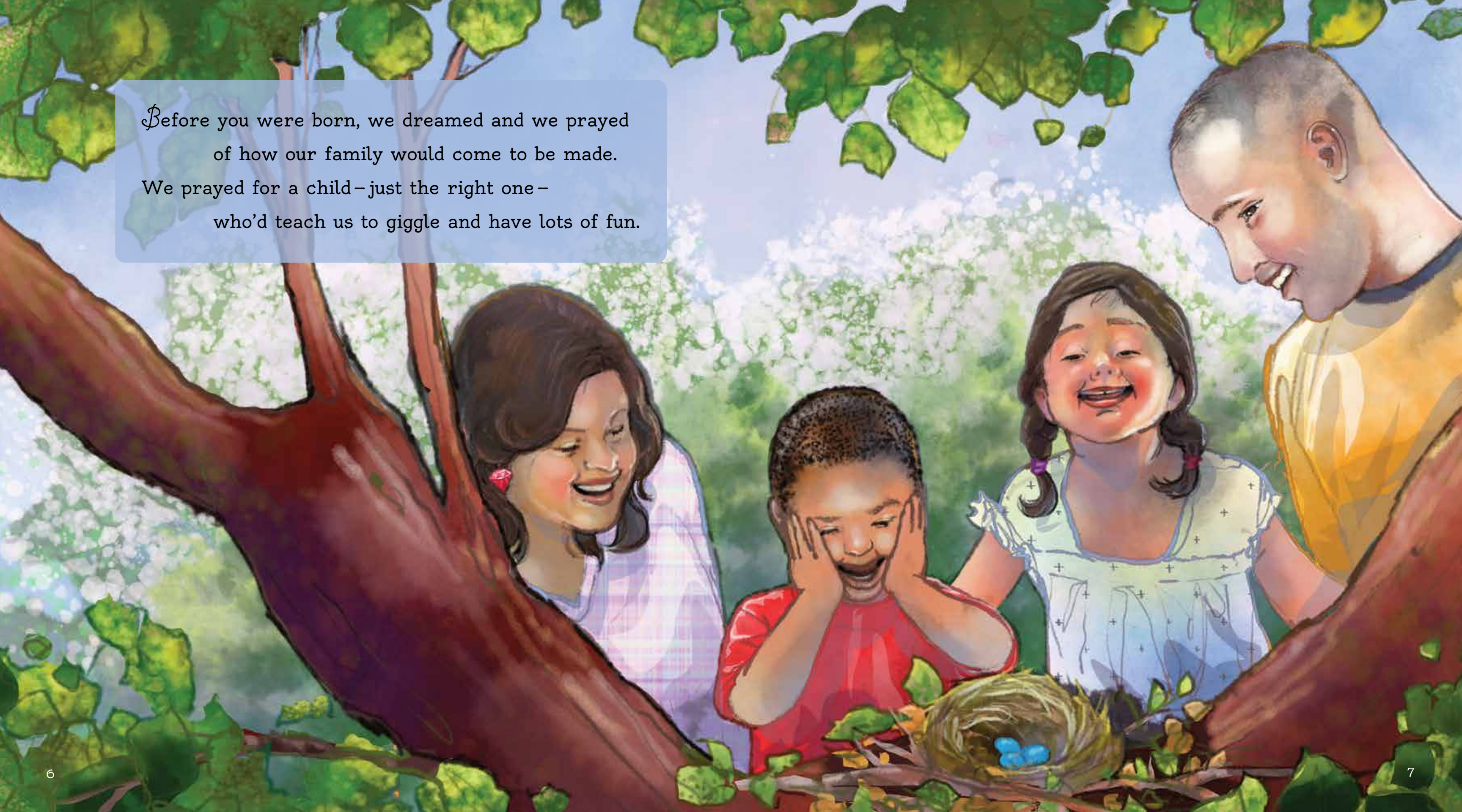
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Before you were born, we dreamed and we prayed
of how our family would come to be made.
We prayed for a child—just the right one—
who'd teach us to giggle and have lots of fun.





*At just the right time,
in just the right way,
God gave you to us.
We shouted hooray!*

You are a blessing. God calls you by name.
There's no one like you; no, not one is the same.

We took lots of pictures and gazed in your eyes.
You're the love of our lives and our favorite surprise.

