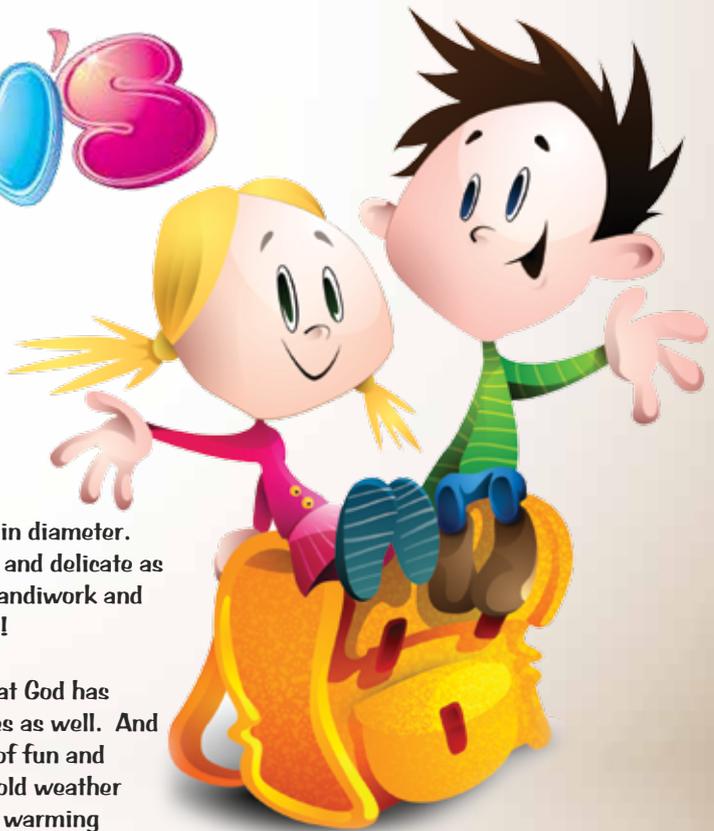


# CHILDREN'S CORNER



Boys and girls, when I was young I remember how exciting it was to draw back the curtains on a cold winter's morning and see a wonderful blanket of white snow covering everything in sight.

In the Bible, snow is mentioned over twenty times. Once God wanted to draw Job's attention to the wonders of creation, so He asked him a question: **'Canst thou enter into the treasures of the snow?'** (Job 38:22). That was a good question! I wonder if you have ever stopped and thought much about the treasures and the secrets that are found in the snow?

**Firstly**, although it floats down silently and gently, rather like feathers falling, snow is in fact very heavy. It takes huge, powerful snowploughs to keep the roads clear. If just 10cms of snow were to fall on an area of 1km square it would weigh over 21,000 tons! Yet when the snow comes, sometimes covering thousands of square kilometres, it falls so softly and quietly without any noise or fuss.

Then, **secondly**, when you look at the snowflakes themselves as they fall on the sleeves of your coat you see how beautiful they are. No two snowflakes are the same. Every one comes in the shape of an exact hexagonal pattern, some of

which can be up to 2.5cms in diameter. Even in something as small and delicate as the snowflake we see the handiwork and perfection of God's creation!

Just like everything else that God has made, snow has its purposes as well. And it is not just to be a source of fun and games! When the severe cold weather comes, snow actually has a warming effect. It acts like a big fluffy blanket of protection for grass, plants and trees, helping them to survive against those blasts of icy cold winter air. In nature God has thought of everything. He does everything perfectly!

But we are far from perfect. We sin against God every day. However, the Bible says that we can be made perfect, not in ourselves, but as, **'...in Christ.'** (Colossians 1:28). His righteousness and spotlessness covers the believer. Just as the clean, pure, white snow covers the rubbish dump making it look perfect we too can have Christ's perfection to cover us. David prayed to God and asked, **'Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow'** (Psalm 51:7) and he was then able to say, **'Blessed is he whose...sin is covered'** (Psalm 32:1). I trust that you are depending on Christ and that you are covered in His righteousness today.

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## Fill in the blanks

I was typing out this verse from Isaiah 1, but some of the keys on the keyboard didn't work sometimes. Help me out by filling in all the blanks to complete the verse. Then, using those same letters, spell out the name of one of the books found in the Bible.

Com\_\_ now and let \_\_s r\_\_ason together saith the  
Lor\_\_, though you\_\_ si\_\_s be as scarle\_\_ they shall  
be as white as snow th\_\_ugh the\_\_ be red like  
cri\_\_son they shall be as w\_\_ol.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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