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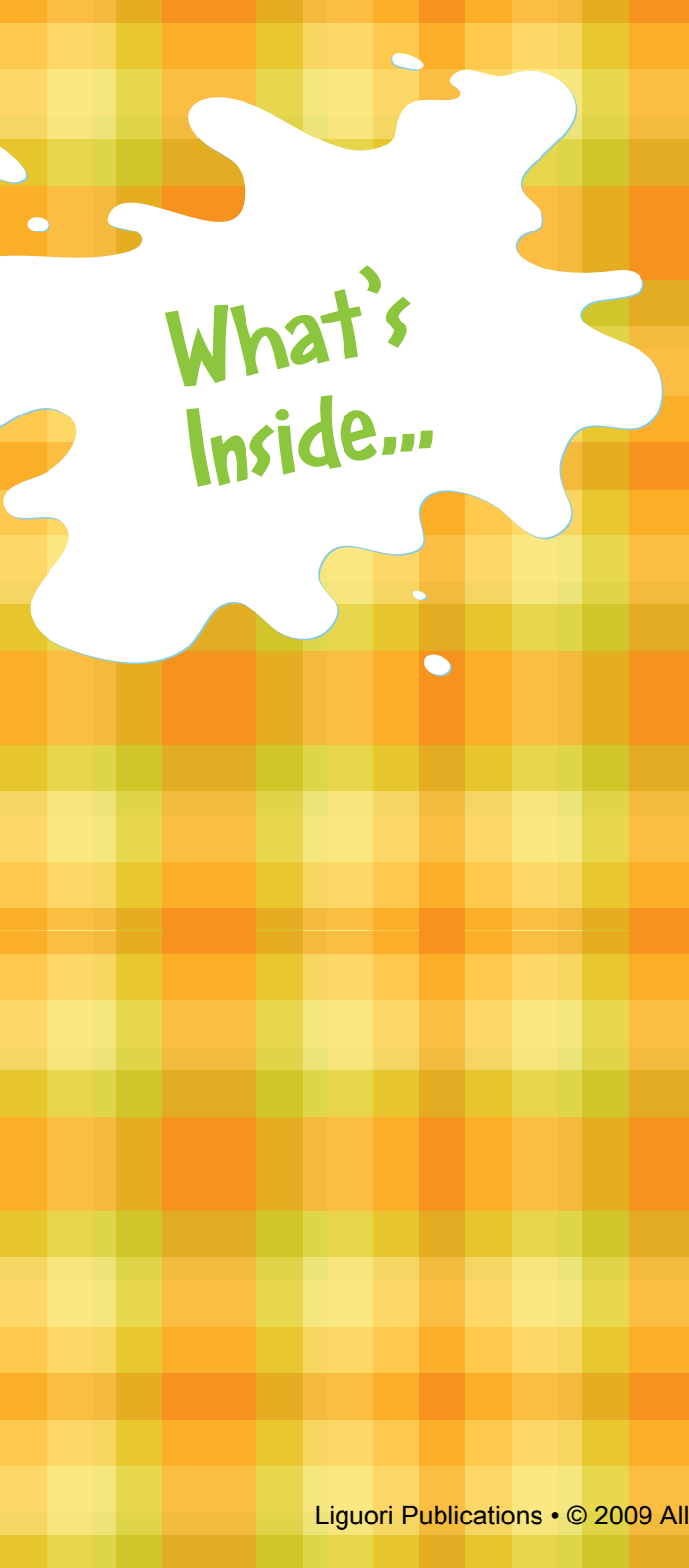
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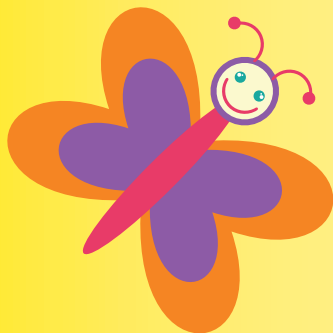
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You might know my big brother.
Big Al is his name.
I'm the "little sister."
Annie is my name.

Sometimes I do annoy him,
though mostly I am nice.
(If Big Al heard me say that,
he'd probably roll his eyes.)

Deep down we love each other
'cause that's what families do,
the families we grow up with
and all God's people, too.

We hope inside this little book
that you and God will meet,
so you might hear that "You are loved,"
'cause that's how we're complete.



You Want Me to Be Good ALL DAY?



You want me to be good ALL DAY?
You must be kidding me.
It's not that I don't want to, God.
It's just so hard, You see.

I'll do okay for quite a while,
but then things fall apart.
That's when I need to think of You
and make a brand new start.

For though I am not perfect
(and I will never be),
even in the worst of times,
You're there loving me.

You call me to begin again
and remember that it's true
that I'll be truly happy
when I am most like You.

I try.



Dear God, I Had a Dream Last Night



Dear God, I had a dream last night.
I woke up so afraid,
but when I looked I saw that it
was just the bed unmade.

There was no monster after all,
and there will never be.
Instead all through my every night,
You're there loving me.

I'm
scared!



“Do I Still Fit Inside Your Heart?”



“Do I still fit inside your heart?”

I asked my mom one day.

“You see that I am bigger now,
in oh so many ways.”

“There’s always room for you,” Mom said,
“however big you’ll be.

You’ll always be my precious child.

You mean so much to me.”

I’m glad that You’re like that, oh God.

Your heart’s so big and free
that even when I’m all grown up,
You’ll still have room for me.

**A big
heart!**

