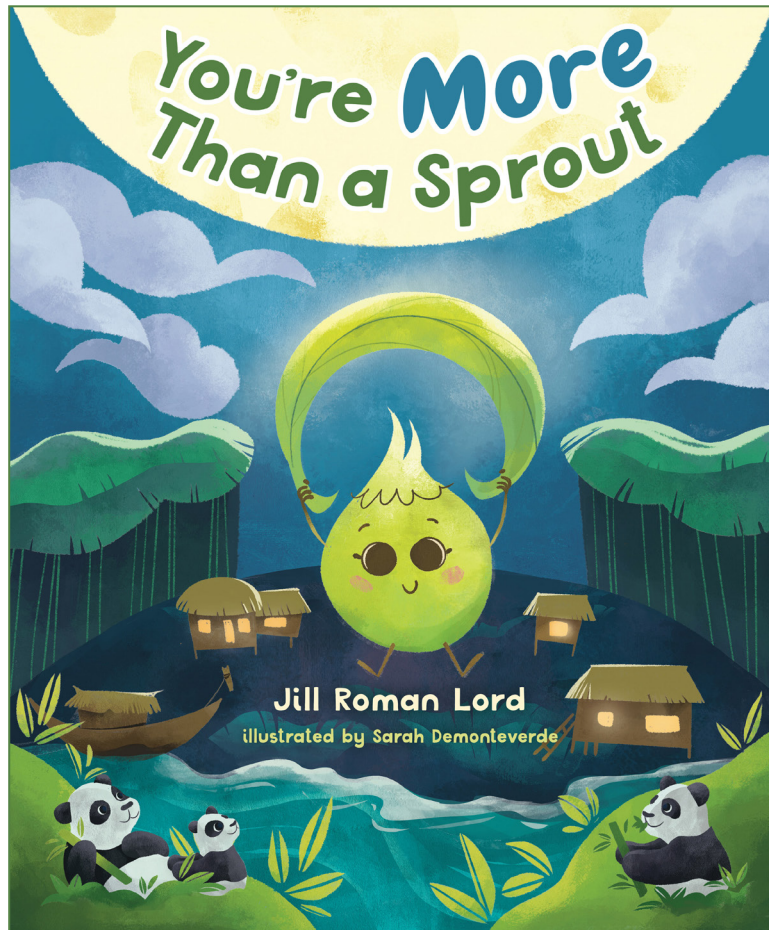


You're More Than a Sprout

by Jill Roman Lord



Hi friend,

I hope you love following the bamboo seed story from a small sprout to a magnificent bamboo grove! Just like that little sprout, you started small, too, but God is working in you and molding you to be used for his magnificent purposes.

Enjoy this activity book that was created to remind you that God is constantly working within you to do more than you can even imagine! Have fun seeing all the ways that bamboo can be used, through these activities, and trust that God has amazing plans for you, as well.

Enjoy, my friends.

Jill

Find the Words in the Puzzle

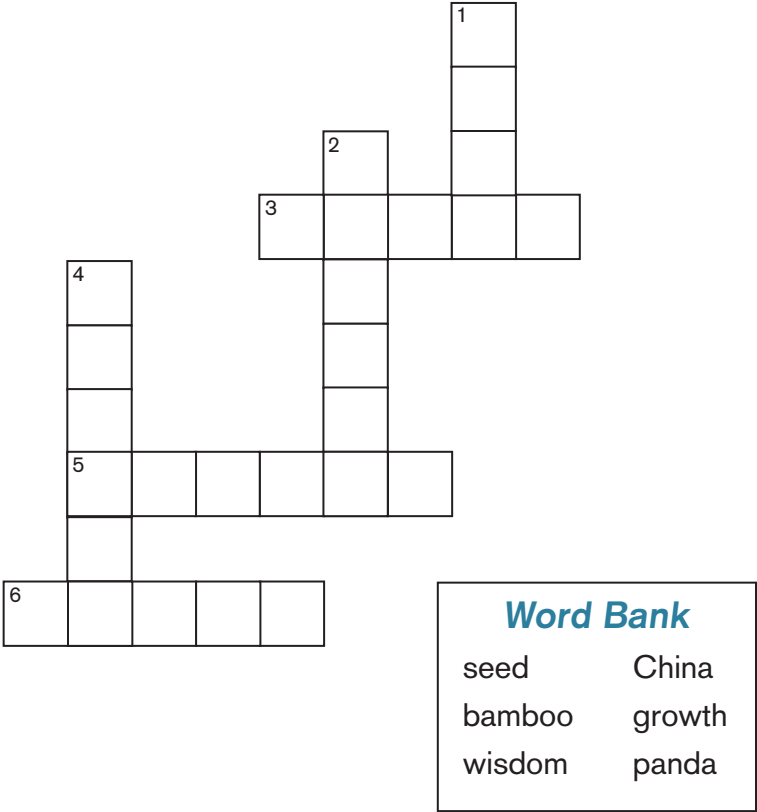
Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.



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| bamboo | beautiful | dreams |
| fruitful | God | growth |
| joyful | loved | maker |
| Master | molding | moon |
| patience | plans | seed |
| soaring | sprout | time |
| trust | unique | useful |
| waiting | wisdom | worthy |

Crossword Puzzle

Complete the puzzle using the clues and the words in the word bank.



Word Bank

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| seed | China |
| bamboo | growth |
| wisdom | panda |

Across:

- 3 Eats bamboo
5 Solid foundation
6 Country that grows a lot of bamboo

Down:

- 1 Becomes a tree
2 Stalk useful as food, medicine, building material
4 Happens over time

What can you remember from the story *You're More Than a Sprout?*

Circle the correct answer for each question.

**What are some things
bamboo can be used for?**

- ☐ Medicine
- ☐ Tea
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Cabins
- ☐ All of the above

**Which of these animals
were often seen eating
bamboo in the book?**

- ☐ Snakes
- ☐ Chickens
- ☐ Tigers
- ☐ Pandas
- ☐ Monkeys

**What bamboo instrument
was a man on a boat
playing in the book?**

- ☐ Tuba
- ☐ Trumpet
- ☐ Flute
- ☐ Piano
- ☐ Saxophone

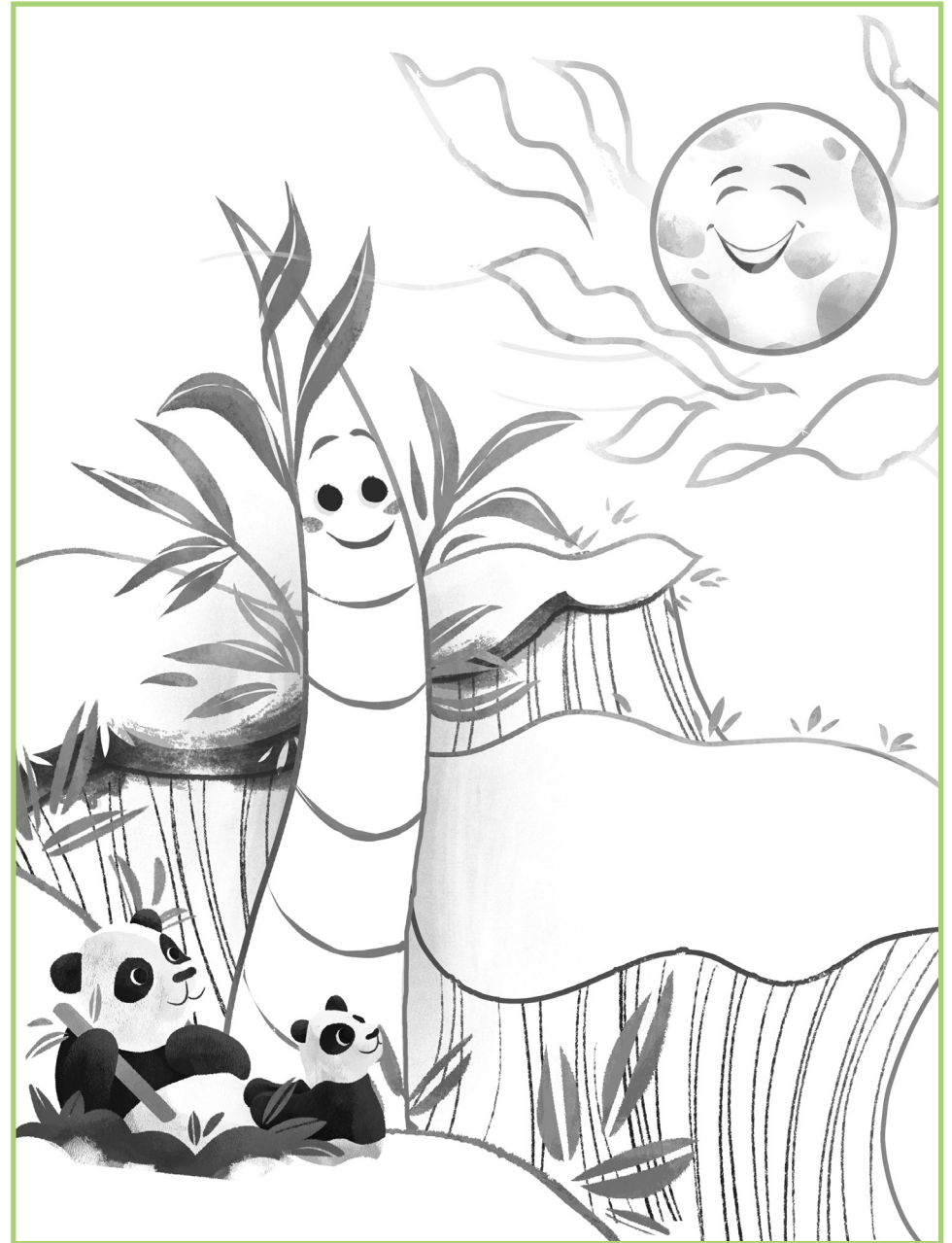
**What did the bamboo
sprout need to grow?**

- ☐ He needed to try harder
- ☐ Patience
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Insects to eat
- ☐ Better soil

**Who helped the bamboo
sprout understand the
Master's purpose for his
life?**

- ☐ A panda
- ☐ A young boy
- ☐ A worm
- ☐ The moon
- ☐ A young girl

Color the Picture



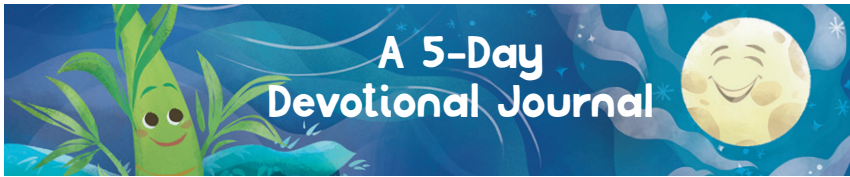
And I am sure of
this, that he who
began a good



work in you will bring it
to completion
at the day of
Jesus Christ.



—Philippians 1:6



Day One: You Are Special!

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.—Psalm 139:13

God made you special, distinctive, and unique and is still molding you, just like the bamboo seed. There is nobody else quite like you because you are one of a kind. He made you just the way He wanted you and loves you so much.

Draw a picture of yourself, or write about your unique qualities.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for making me just like I am. Since You made me and love me, I will love myself too. Thank You for making me special, distinctive, and unique. Amen.

Day Two: God Has Amazing Plans for You

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."—Jeremiah 29:11

God created you with all the talents and qualities you need to achieve the amazing plans He has for you. What talents has God given to you? What do you like to do?

Draw or write about three things you like to do.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for the talents You have given me. Help me to discover them all and use them for Your glory. Amen.

Day Three: Work Hard

*I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
—Philippians 4:13*

Some things may come quite easily for you, but other things may take time to perfect. They take practice, hard work, perseverance, and trust in God to get it right. What is something you'd like to do better that takes practice and hard work?

Draw a picture of you working hard at your new skill, or write about it.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for helping me become better at my talents each day. Help me to work hard and become the best I can be. Amen.

Day Four: Learn from Others

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.—Proverbs 1:8

The bamboo seed learned from the moon. Who teaches you what you need to know?

Draw a picture of a wise person in your life, or write a letter thanking someone for sharing wisdom with you.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for giving me wise people to learn from each day. Amen.

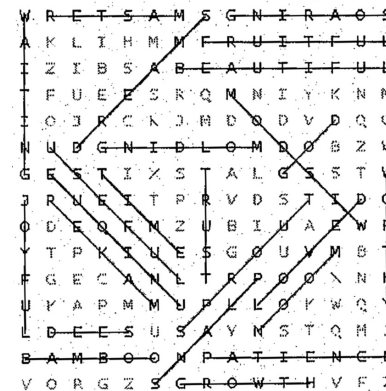
Day Five: Dream

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
—Philippians 1:6*

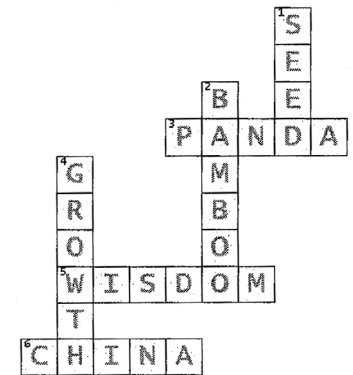
Although the bamboo seed longed to be part of the excitement of the village, God was molding him to touch more lives than he could ever imagine. How do you think God might use your gifts and dreams to touch lives?

Write or draw a picture of you reaching your wildest dreams.

Word Puzzle Answers:



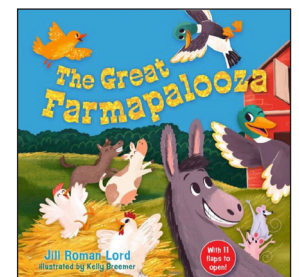
Crossword Puzzle Answers:



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Prayer: Dear God, thank You for using my talents to touch lives in ways I can't even imagine. Help me to keep working hard and trusting in You. Amen.