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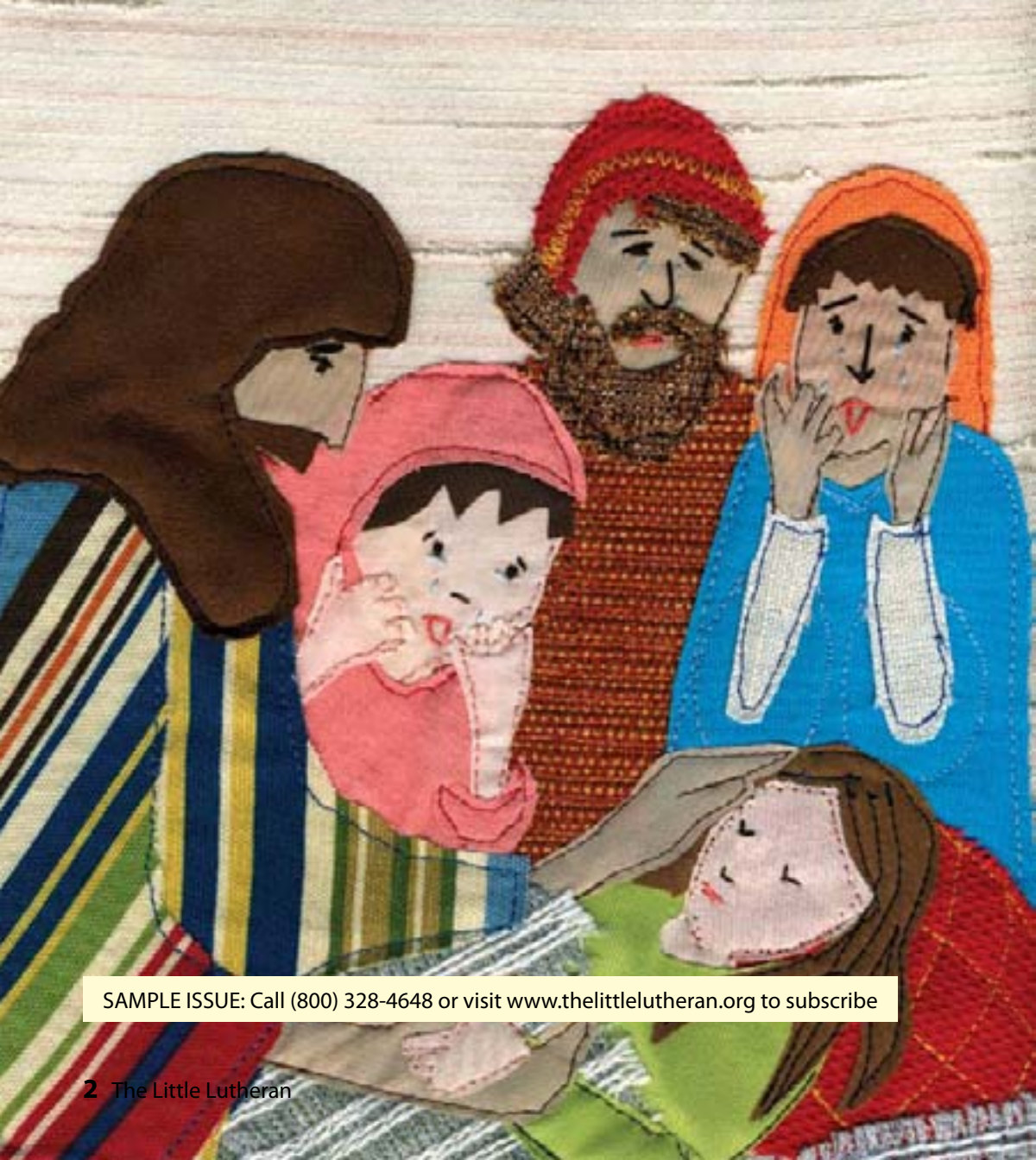
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**What do
you see?**

Adults, see back cover

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Jesus said to get up

Story by Carole Feddersen • Illustrations by Luanne Marten

My friend just died. Everybody cried. Her daddy asked Jesus to lay his hands on my friend. Jesus said she wasn't dead, only sleeping.

I saw Jesus tell my friend to get up. She did and she was hungry. I gave her water in a cup.

We were supposed to keep this
a secret, but I told everyone about
Jesus and how he healed my friend.

(Read Luke 8:40-56 in your Bible.)





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Rosedaline plays

Rosedaline, 8, plays the tambourine
as other children do a dance.

Rosedaline and her friends live in Haiti.

An earthquake knocked down many
houses, so Rosedaline's family has to

live in a tent. She is glad the church

helps her to have music, art
and dance classes.

Give it a spin:

Can you find
Haiti on a
globe or map?

Summer senses

By Kathryn Sime

I hear ... raindrops plop and
busy bees buzz.

I smell ... sweet flowers and
gardens that grow.

I touch ... prickly grass and
tickly flowers.

I see ... butterflies dance and
lightning bugs glow.

Thank you, God, for what I
hear, smell, touch and see.





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Bugs and more bugs

By Mary Braudrick



Big bugs, little bugs,
large bugs, small.

Shiny bugs, slim bugs,
some stand tall.

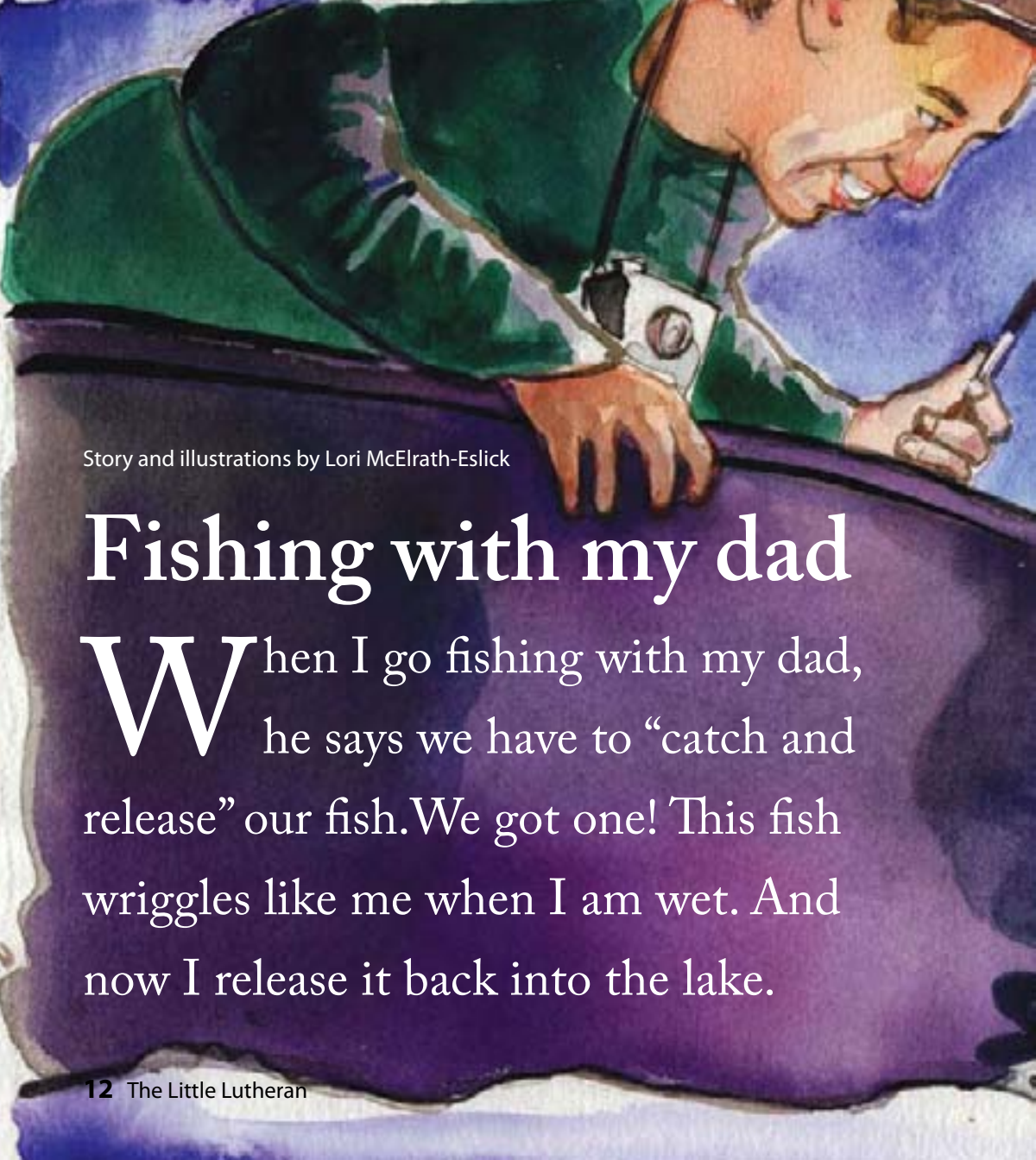




Flitting bugs, flying bugs,
see them on the wall.
Even little jitterbugs,
God has made them all.



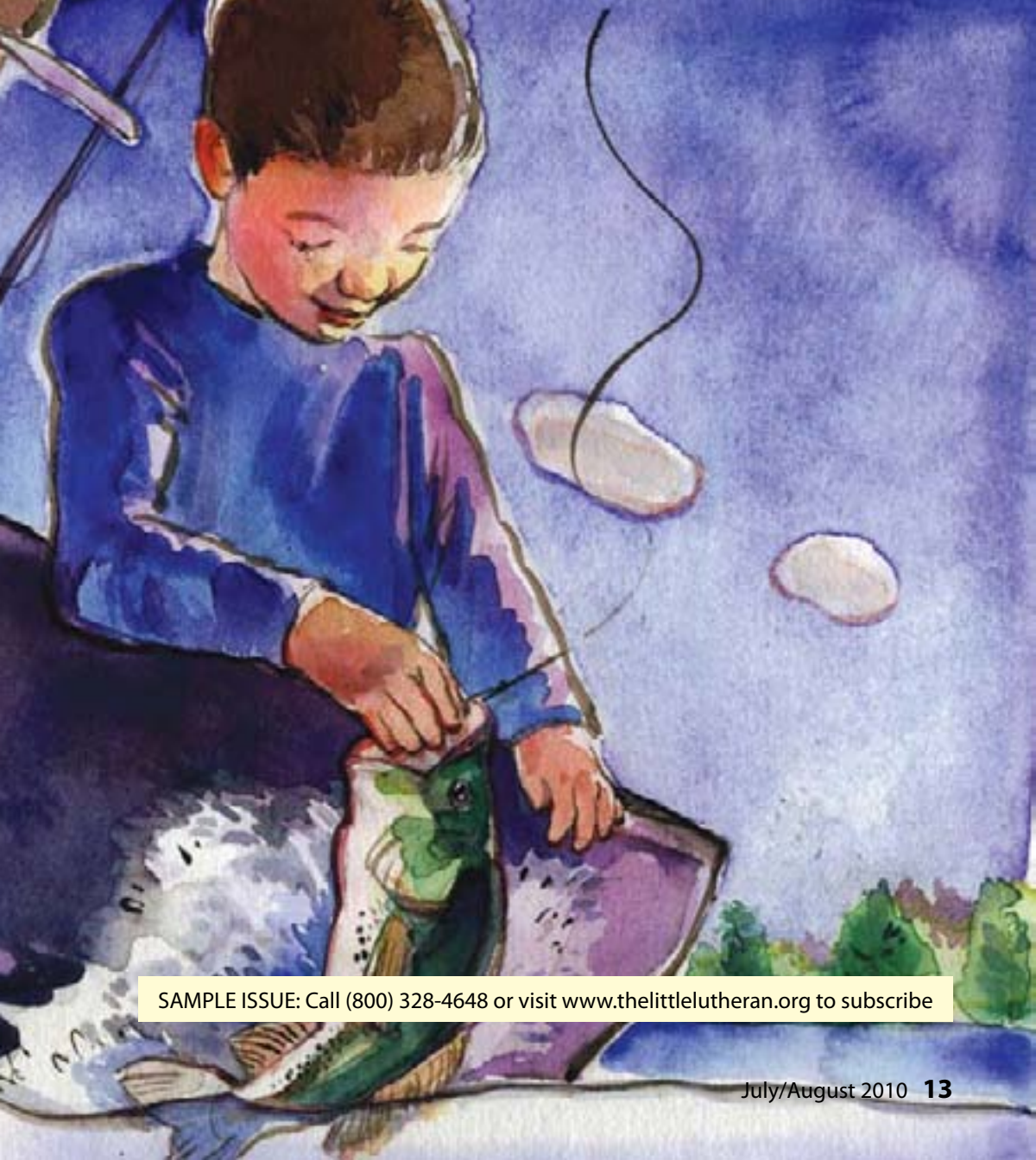
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Story and illustrations by Lori McElrath-Eslick

Fishing with my dad

When I go fishing with my dad, he says we have to “catch and release” our fish. We got one! This fish wriggles like me when I am wet. And now I release it back into the lake.



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Sharing photos with my friends makes
me think of God who made the lake and
all the fish in it.

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Amanda's birthday gift

Story and photos by Amber Leberman



Amanda turned 7 this year. She invited eight friends to her birthday party.

They painted pottery. Amanda's mom helped her paint a pottery cupcake.

Amanda did not ask her friends for gifts like toys. Instead, she asked them to give money to a hospital for sick children. And they did!



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Sing & sign

Illustrations by
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See our website
for sheet music.

dog



bird



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God gave us eyes

See the mountain, see the river,
see the ocean, see the tree.

See the cat, the dog, the bird, the bug.

So many things to see! Yeah!

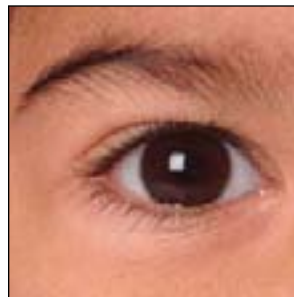
God gave eyes to gals and also guys.

God gave us eyes 'cause God's so
wise.

Try them on for size!

Activity

By Donna L. Huisjen



God made me special

Say the rhyme on page 21. Then match the body part from the top row to what is seen, touched, tasted, heard or smelled in the bottom row.



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God gave me **eyes** to see and look.
My **hands** touch my shiny book.
My **mouth** can taste. My **ears** can hear.
My **nose** can smell a skunk is near.
I **see** the sky so high and blue.
I **hear** a cock-a-doodle-doo.
I **taste** spaghetti, **smell** a rose
and **touch** my puppy's cold, wet nose.



God is with us!

By Elizabeth Hunter
& Amber Leberman

Let's take a walk

With a grown-up, walk around your neighborhood, town, farm, apartment building or a nearby park. What do you see? Say what you see, then pray. For example:

- I see the post office. God, bless people who will get mail today.
- I see a grandpa gardening. God, help his flowers grow.
- I see a fountain. Thank you, God, for water.
- I see a tractor. God, bless the farmer and the food we eat.
- I see a playground. Thank you, God, for time to play.
- I see a barn. God, bless the animals.
- I see a tree. Thank you, God, for shade.



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**In this
book
can you
find...**



bowl



butterfly

**Find the
dove!**



**JuliAnna, age 4,
found the dove.**

It's hidden in this magazine. Send the page number, child's first name, age and photo to our e-mail address (see back cover). We'll choose one reader at random



tambourine



ladybug



rooster

fish



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Dear adults,

As those who care for children, we often find ourselves exploring senses—taste, touch, smell, sound and sight.

Imagine with your child what it would be like to have God's ability to see everything. Use a magnifying glass or a cardboard tube to look at things. Encourage your child to look for colors, shapes and details. Ask: "What do you see?" Compare notes. Ask: "What do you think God can see that we cannot?" Share ideas that aren't visible but are real nonetheless: rocks on the moon, what Grandma is doing right now, a squirrel's house inside a tree.

Talk with your child about something you saw today: a flower, mailbox, tree, shoelace, bird, person, etc. (You might even draw it.) Tell your child that even when we see something a lot we can find something new about it. Ask your child how the things she or he senses are gifts from God. Pray, sing or dance your thanks to God.

Note: In "Jesus said to get up," adults can tell children: "Jesus' word is so powerful he can make death turn into sleeping, to make the little girl alive again."

Elizabeth Hunter

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