

## **HANDBOOK 'THE CREATION SERIES' (SET A OF DIAMOND BOOKS)**

*The Creation Series' is part of a bigger project called Diamond Books. This project comprises 100 books in 12 sets that enable 3-9 year olds to learn to read using the Bible. It is written from a Christian viewpoint. 'The Creation Series' is Set A of Diamond Books, 8 books for reading to 3-4 year olds although older children can read it on their own. Therefore, Diamond Books not only aids the literacy process of children but also introduces the God who made and loves them and has great plans for their lives.*

*It is recommended that a replica diamond be shown to the children. The facets are like different names of God. The children can handle and see for themselves how amazing a diamond is and as they read the Diamond Books they will see and begin to understand the greatness of God in the many ways He shows Himself.*

*The 8 books of Set A follow the sequence of 'creation' as told in Genesis, chapters 1-2 of the Bible. (They can be colour coded 'red' to show that they are for 3-4 year olds.)*

*The books help 3-4 year olds to be ready for reading by providing ideas, little objects to find and repetition as well as appreciation of art and colour.*

*Some modern day characters are included in the books – from Nigerian and English families.*

*Various pets are also included.*

**THE TITLES OF THE 8 BOOKS ARE:-**

- 1 God's World
- 2 Light, Sky, Land and Sea
- 3 Plants and Lights
- 4 Sea Creatures
- 5 Birds
- 6 Animals
- 7 People
- 8 A Beautiful Garden

*A Bible verse with a photograph provides a memorisation activity at the end of each book. This is to encourage children to remember all the verse accurately as well as the reference (the book name, chapter and verse).*

*Carole Leah is a retired Nursery/Infant teacher and has specialised in the teaching of reading.*

*Sharon Rentta is a talented illustrator who trained at John Moores University in Liverpool, England. She has had several books published of her own but her artwork for Set A was her first commissioned work.*

*Diamond Books was in embryo in 1984 at a Christian Education Conference in England when Paul Hawkins (a then lecturer at the University of the Nations in Hawaii) said, "If only we could teach children to read using the Bible," at which Carole's heart leapt! After the conference she was asked by Mary Miller (a head teacher of The Shepherd's School in Brockley, London) to consider writing a Biblically based reading project for children. On returning to Birmingham, England, she was introduced to elderly Arthur Adams from SOON ministries\* who was working on a similar project and who was praying for someone to take over his vision. Carole gleaned ideas from him and then one Monday he said to her 'Go for the goal and don't forget computers.' The following Friday, he died on his knees. So God has begun to birth this project with Set A and another 11 sets of books are in the pipeline.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS FOR 'SET A' ARE AVAILABLE AND INCLUDE:-**

- A Creation Big Book (of Book 1)
- A Creation Activity Book
- A Creation Songbook
- A Creation CD.

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