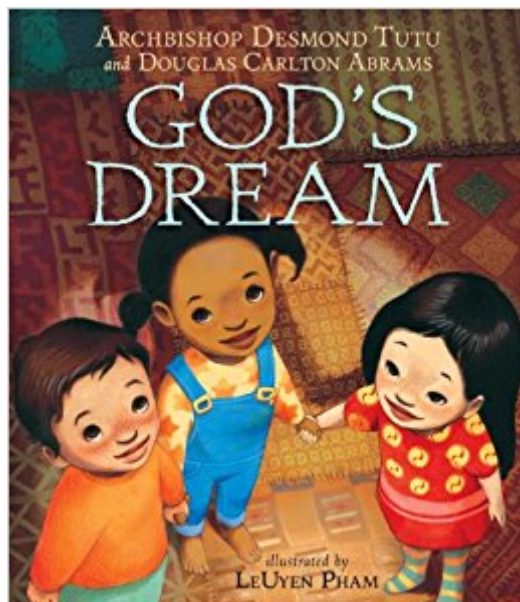


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# God's Dream



## Synopsis

Now in a board book edition! With warmth and humor, Archbishop Tutu distills his philosophy of unity and forgiveness for the very young. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has a vision of God's dream. It involves people who hold one another's hands, but sometimes get angry and hurt one another • then say they're sorry and forgive. It's a wish that everyone will see that they are brothers and sisters, no matter their way of speaking to God, no matter the size of their nose or the shade of their skin. Aided by vibrant artwork, Tutu conveys the essence of his ubuntu philosophy, a wisdom so clear and crystalline that even the smallest child can understand

## Book Information

Board book: 32 pages

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 • Tutu teaches a message of peace and hope in this gentle picture book, echoing the theological ideology of his memoir, *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time* (Doubleday, 2004). "Dear Child of God," the narrator begins, "what do you dream about?" While children may dream about "flying high" or "being treated like a full person," God dreams about a world in which all of his children join hands in peace, reconciliation and unity. In simple, eloquent language, Tutu conveys the message that although we come from different lands, have different eyes and skin, and talk to God in different ways, we are still brothers and sisters. By "sharing, loving, caring" and "knowing we are family" we can "make God's dream come true." The incandescent graphite, watercolor, and ink illustrations of captivating multicultural youngsters

engaged in the carefree pastimes reinforce the overarching themes of love and inclusiveness. The angelic, trusting faces reflect the hope that Archbishop Tutu holds for all the world's children of God. They hold hands and share welcoming smiles, creating a circle of love and acceptance. Parents may want to pair this inspirational book with Karen Lynn Williams's *Circles of Hope* (Eerdmans, 2005) or Alice McGinty's *Thank You, World* (Dial, 2007), two more stories exploring the importance of love, faith, and hope.

—Linda L. Walkins, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, MA

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Coauthors of the adult book *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time* (2004), South African Nobel Peace Prize winner Tutu and writer David M. Abrams team up once again, this time with illustrator Pham, to create a picture book about a subject dear to them all. In a series of energetic scenes, a multicultural cast of toddlers follow God's dreams about people caring, sharing (the picture shows kids inviting a shy boy to join their circle), and playing together. Adding a touch of drama is the elemental scene in which two kids get in a fight: a girl chases a boy and grabs his ball. He cries, and she feels sad; God cries with them. The large, digitally enhanced pictures, alive with color and pattern, make clear the hurt, anger, and regret. Finally, the two fighters make up, and they join a big circle of laughing kids, finding brothers and sisters from everywhere. Praying together are Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Christians, and more. A book to talk about at preschool and at home, especially after disagreements flare. Preschool-Kindergarten.

--Hazel Rochman

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My Sunday School children LOVED this text. It is beautifully written and illustrated. I highly recommend it if you're looking for a text on the powers of love, relationship, and community overcoming our tendency to give into fear and isolation. It's one I will use again and again.

My new go-to book for celebrating the birth of babies. A LOVELY book, written in a calm, loving manner, with glowing illustrations.

Fabulous children's book about God's love for all his children. I have read this to my children at church and to my grandchildren. Well written and beautifully illustrated.

This book is absolutely gorgeous! As a South African living in the US, I really wanted to find a good selection of books relating to South Africa for my 6 year old daughter. This book does not disappoint! A++

Such a sweet story of loving and living at peace with all people. Must have for any toddler/child library.

A timely book for children...all people belong to God's family!!

What a beautiful message with beautiful illustrations that all children should read.

God's Dream is a lovely book to teach values we would love all children to live by. It is beautifully written and illustrated. I've purchased several copies and will probably purchase others. One issue I had, books purchased in local stores were small (about 7x7), the book purchased through was very large (about 10x12) and was hard to fit in a bookcase. I would appreciate it if oversized books were noted as such in their description.

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