

An illustration of two children climbing a large tree trunk. The girl is on top, holding the boy's hand as he reaches up. The tree trunk is thick and textured, with green foliage and rocks at its base. The scene is set in a forest with a large log lying on the ground.

# The BIG Book

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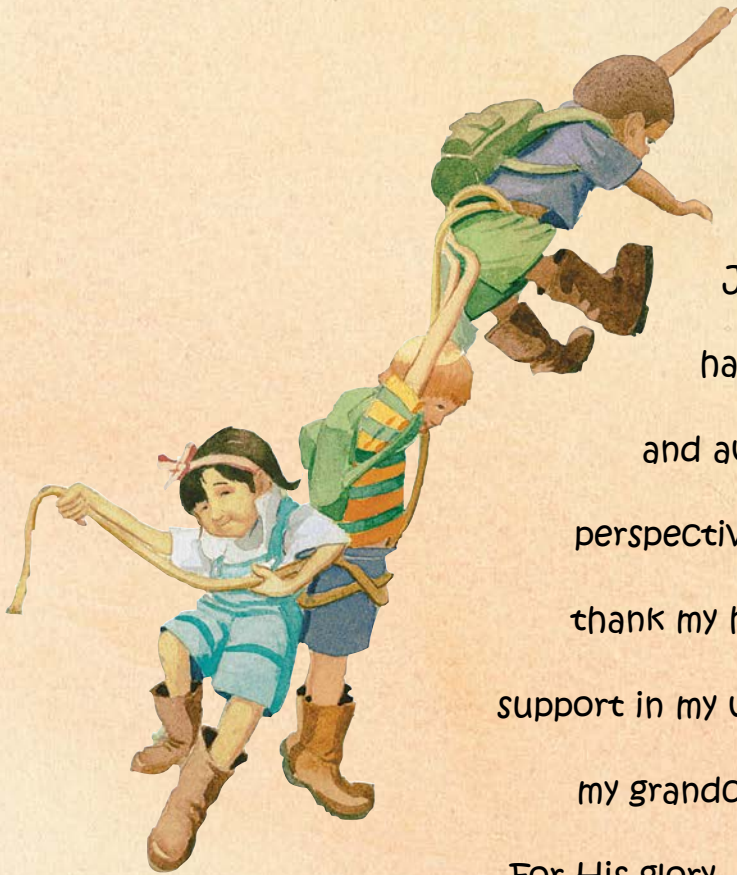
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## Dedication



I want to dedicate  
*The Big Book* to my  
four children, Mark,  
Jim, Julie and Amy, who  
have helped me see the big

and awesome world from a child's  
perspective through the years. I want to  
thank my husband, Tom, for his love and  
support in my writing. Also dedicated to each of  
my grandchildren — the love of my life!

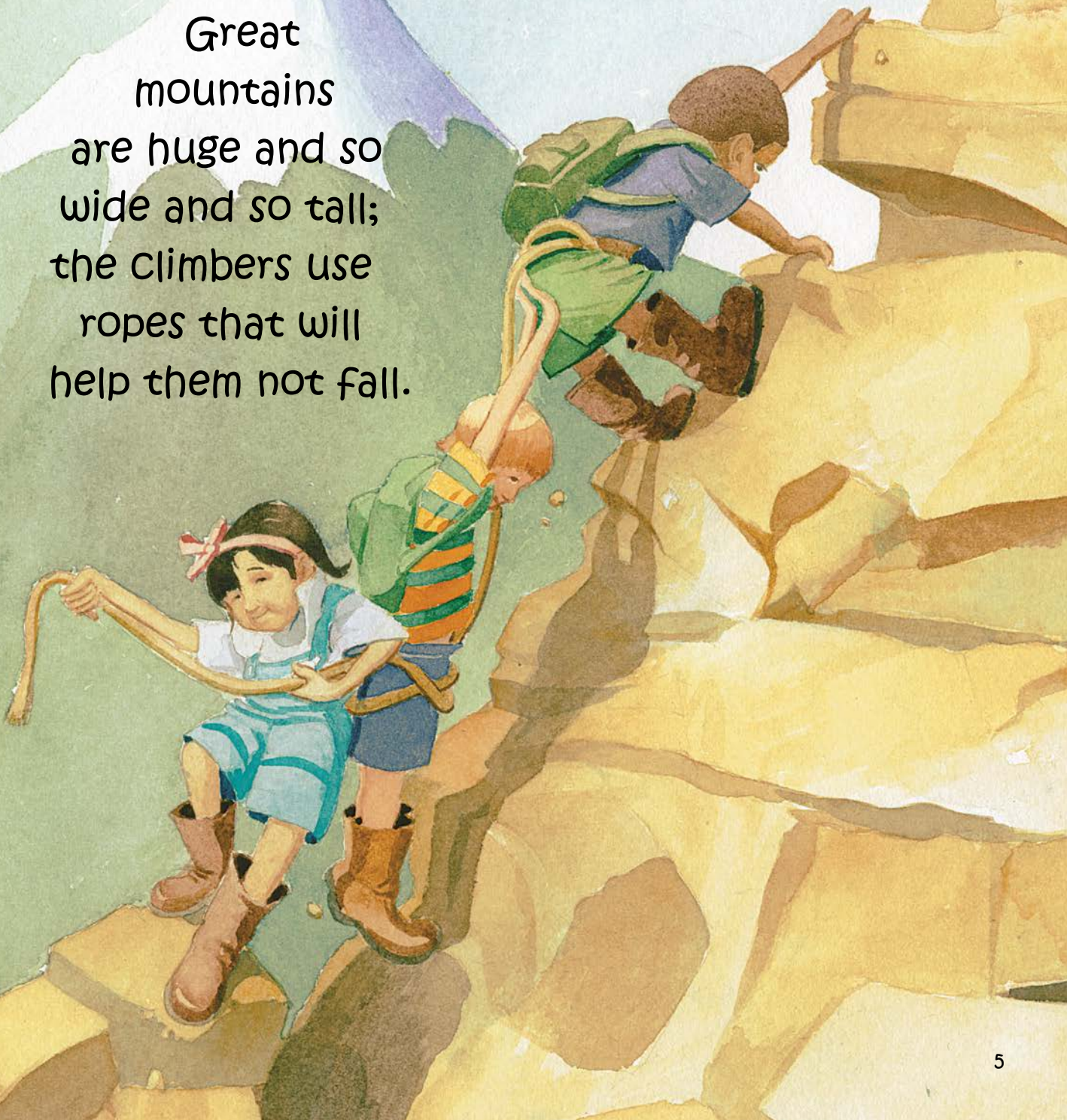
For His glory... Kathleen Ruckman ~ Isaiah 54:13


And to every child... it's a BIG world,  
but never too big for God to notice you and to love you.

A watercolor illustration of a child standing on a stone wall, looking out at a mountain range. The child is wearing a red hat, a striped shirt, and green shorts. The mountains are green with white snow-capped peaks. A large tree is on the left side of the wall. The sky is a light blue.


Some things  
in this world  
are as big as can be.  
You stand on your  
tiptoes to help  
you to see.

Great  
mountains  
are huge and so  
wide and so tall;  
the climbers use  
ropes that will  
help them not fall.





Redwoods can be  
near 300 feet high.



They seem to keep  
growing up into the sky!