

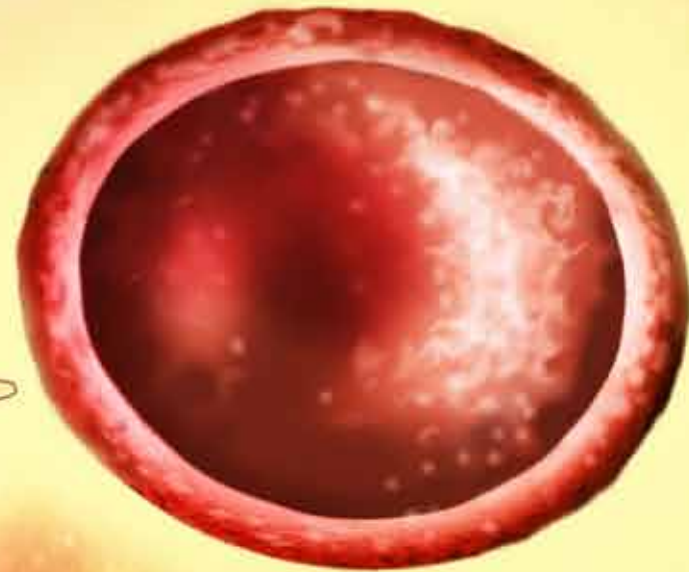
**S**it down with me, little one, and I'll tell you again how you grew inside of me. I loved your dad very much. He and I promised to love and care for each other our entire lives in an important ceremony before God. All our friends and family came to be witnesses to the special love God gave us.

The Lord made a way for a husband and wife to join together to show their special love and to create a baby.

**T**he doctor told me I would be pregnant for forty weeks. On weeks One and Two you weren't created yet, but God knew who you were going to be!

When your dad and I joined together to show the special love we have as a husband and wife, a cell from your dad, called a sperm, was able to swim to a cell in me, called an egg. Your life began in week Three, when one of my egg cells combined with one of Dad's sperm cells. Each cell had a blueprint for who you would be.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5a*



*"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24*



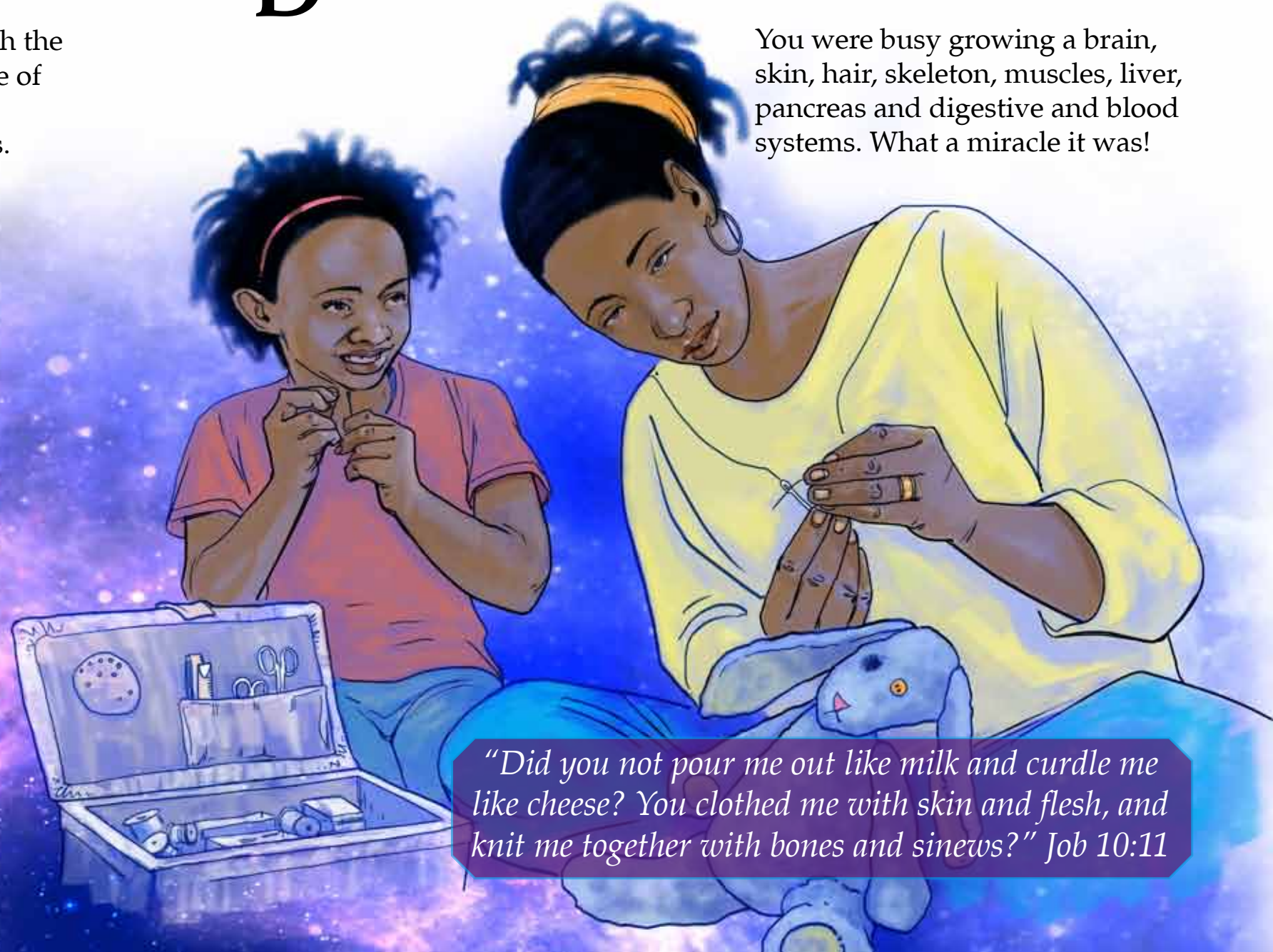
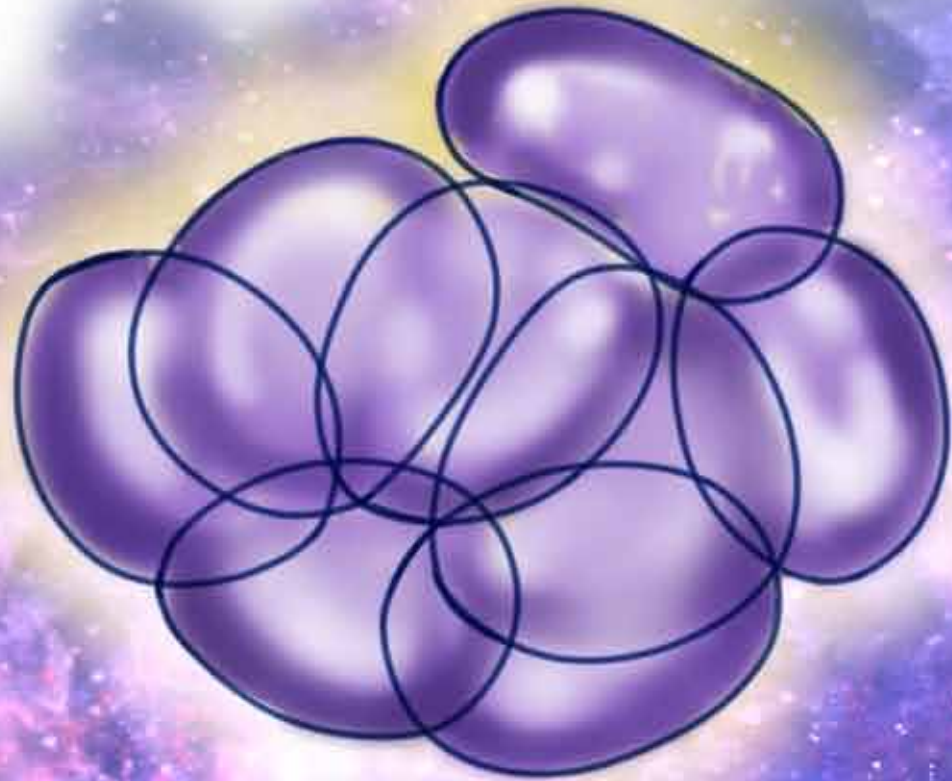
**T**he two blueprints combined, so you were born a little like me and a little like Dad. God had already recorded your hair, eye and skin color!

Three days later, that one cell had divided into nine cells, each with the same blueprint. You traveled down a long, dark tube into the middle of one of the most amazing muscles in my whole body: my womb.

You were tiny; the size of the head of one of my silver sewing pins.

**B**y the end of week Four, big changes were occurring! You were smaller than a grain of rice, but your heart was beating.

You were busy growing a brain, skin, hair, skeleton, muscles, liver, pancreas and digestive and blood systems. What a miracle it was!



*“Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews?” Job 10:11*