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As Willy was an intelligent child, his Mother thought that he could now begin to understand, what was the most important of all things for him to learn — the existence of the Deity. She therefore took the opportunity of telling him one day, when he asked her who it

was that made the little leaves and flowers, and folded them up so curiously in the buds ; that the whole world, and every thing which belonged to it, was created by an all-powerful Being, whose name was God. She pronounced this word with reverence, and said that it should never be spoken without awe. She told him that every thing he saw, and every thing that he enjoyed, and that made him happy, he owed to God ; for it was he who made all things ; his Papa and Mamma, his little Sister, and all his friends and relations : the food which he ate, the water he drank, the flowers and fruit he gathered, all were made by this

great and good Being. Willy's attention was very strongly excited, and there was no end to the questions he asked; but as the questions of children on so important a subject, however simple and natural, often appear absurd, I shall not record them. Besides, I think it right that every Mother should be left to her own discretion, both as to the occasion, the manner, and the age, in which to give her child this instruction. I shall, therefore, only mention, that when Willy enquired how he could thank God for all he had done for him, his Mamma taught him a very short and simple prayer, which he repeated every