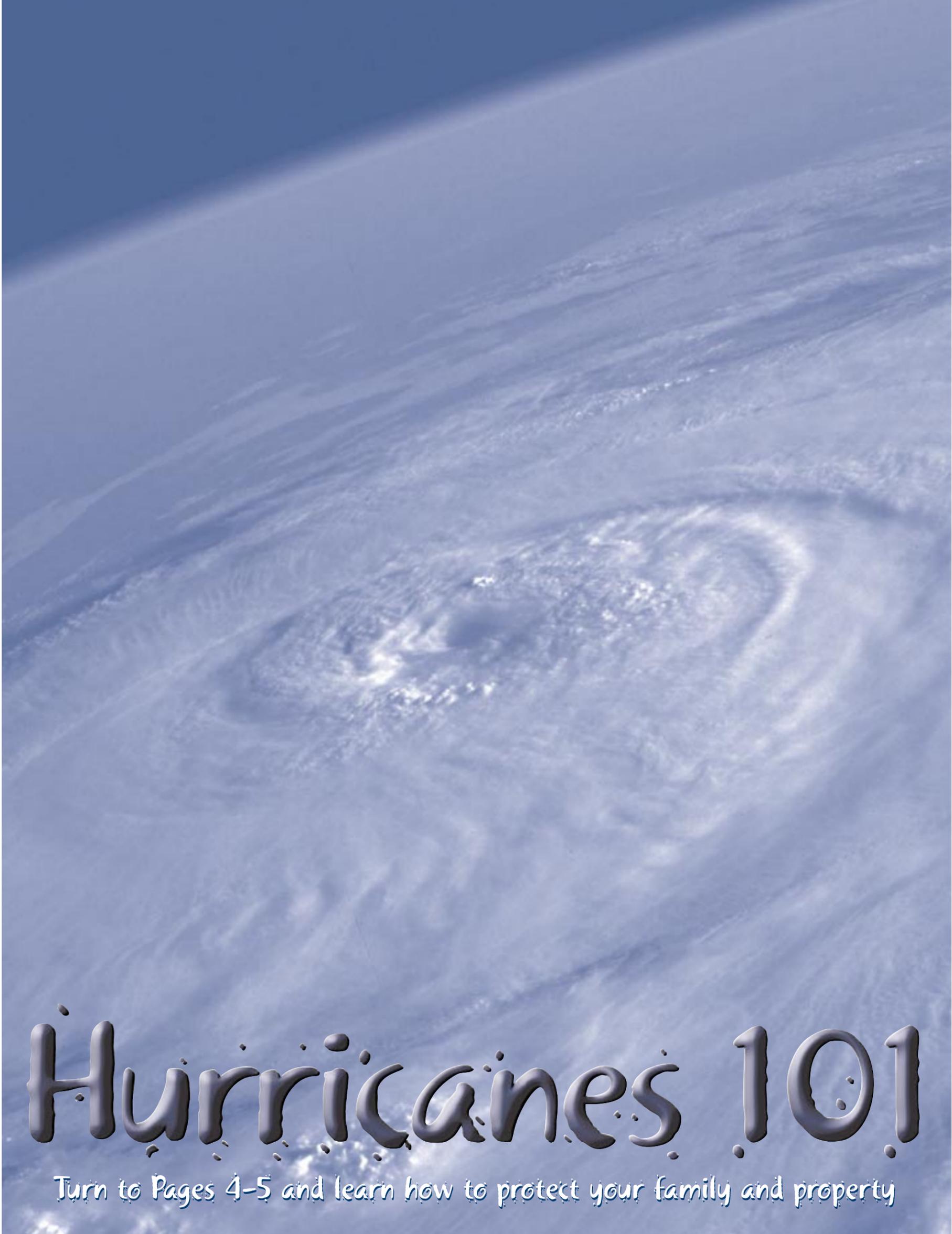




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Hurricanes 101

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It's hurricane season from now until the end of November. Pictured here is Hurricane Elena. With wind speeds in excess of 110 miles per hour, the hurricane was photographed in the Gulf of Mexico on September 1, 1985. Almost the entire storm can be seen in this photograph. For instance, a number of thunderstorms with their overshooting tops, the spiral bands of numerous thunderstorms leading to the eye of the hurricane and numerous cloud gravity waves within the spiral bands can be seen. Some portions of the eye wall, where the most destructive winds of the storm occur, are also visible. This storm eventually made landfall near Gulfport, Miss. This image, and many other fascinating views from space, can be found at <http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov>.