










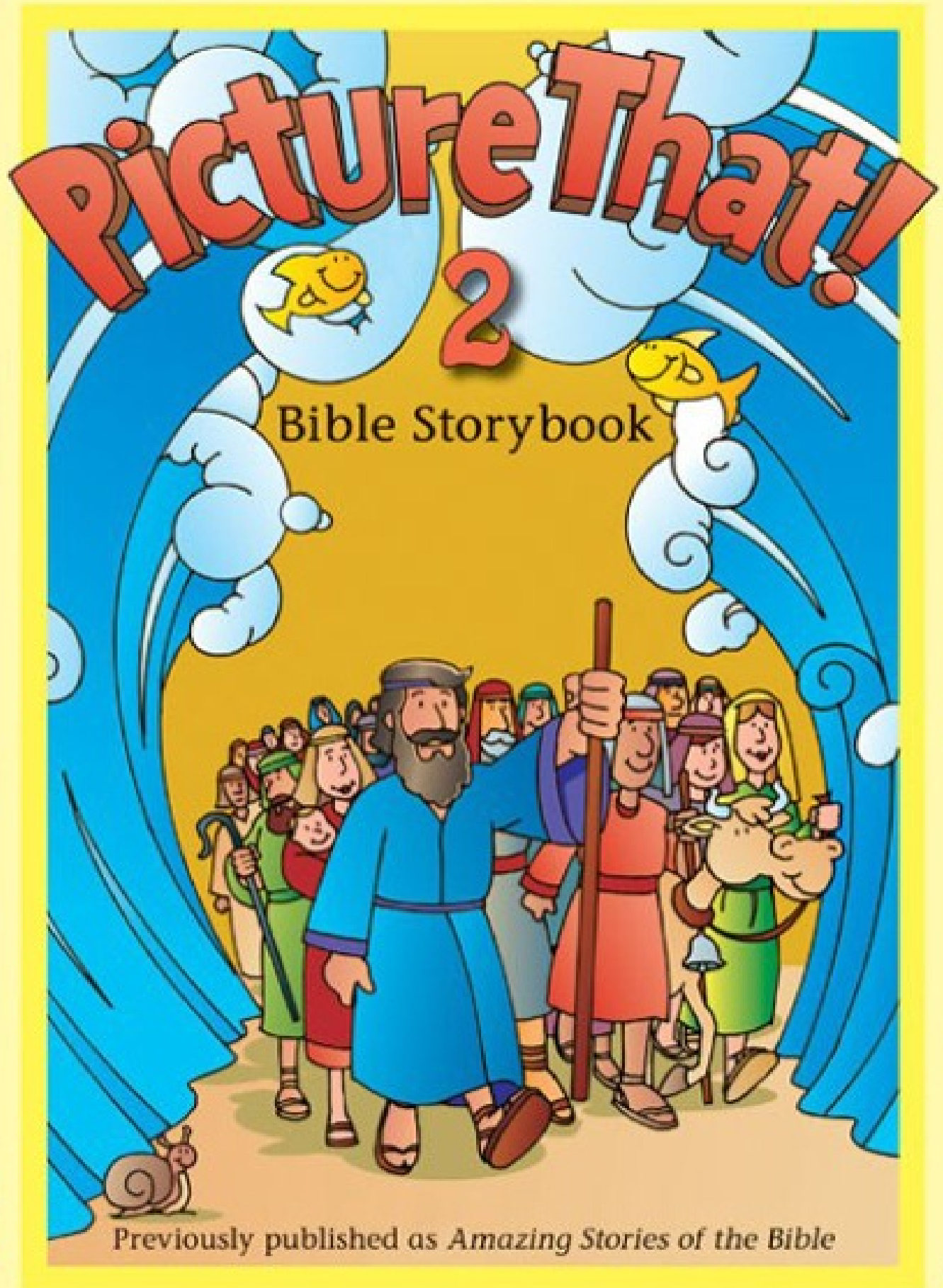



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## Dedication

To my  —Amy, Lauren, and Ryan. I  you and I am  
children that you  in the   
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# Old Testament



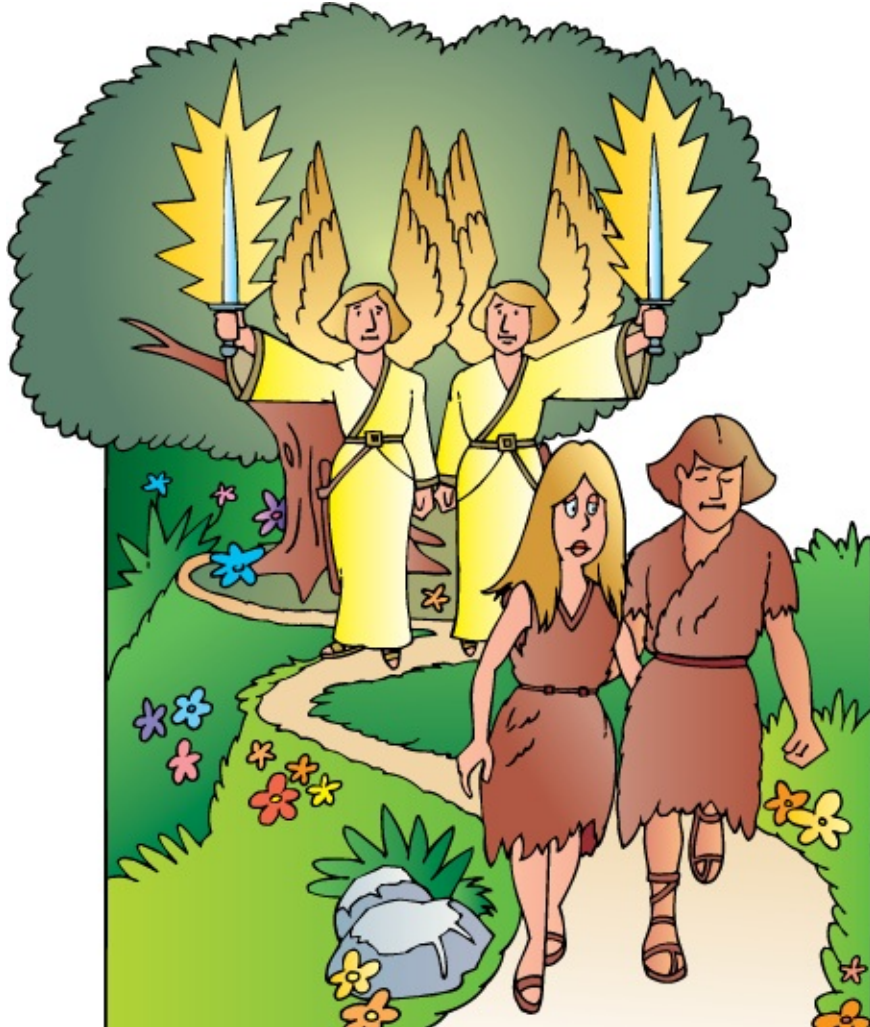
# Oh No! Sin Comes In

*Genesis 1:1–3; Romans 5:1–21*

God made the  world and everything in it. The first  people God made were Adam and Eve. God said they could  eat any  fruit in the  Garden of Eden except 1. Adam and Eve made the  wrong choice. That first sin changed the whole  world ! Adam and Eve had to leave the  garden. After that,  people would die and have big problems. Many years later God would send his Son  Jesus to save  people from sin and death. When we believe  Jesus died on the  cross to take the punishment for our sins, God will forgive us and will let us live forever in  heaven with him.

## What Did You Learn?

Because Adam and Eve sinned, people die. Because Jesus gave his life, people can live forever.



# The First Rainbow



Genesis 6:5–8:17



After a while, in the became so bad that every thought they had was evil.

God was very  sad But there was 1  man Noah, who followed God. God

told Noah to build a big  ark Then God sent at least 2 of every  animal

into the  ark After that, it  rained so much that  water covered the

 earth But God kept Noah, his family, and the  animals safe in the

 ark God promised that it would never  rain that much again. He put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of his promise.











## What Did You Learn?

Rainbows remind us that God promised not to cover the whole world with water again.



# A Tower to Heaven

Genesis 11:1-9

When people first lived on the  earth everything was new, all  people spoke the same language. When they learned to make bricks, they became proud. They tried to build a  tower that would reach  up to  heaven. God did not want them to build the  tower. To  stop them, he changed their languages. They could not understand each other. So the building came to a  stop. When a  baby babbles, no one understands him. No one understood the people when they talked, so they called the  city Babel.

## What Did You Learn?

God wants us to be humble.















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# Angels Come to Lunch

Genesis 18:1–15; 21:1–2

The Lord and 2  angels visited a  man named Abraham. Abraham told his wife, Sarah, “Quick! Bake some  bread !” He gave his  a  cow to fix for lunch. The  angels ate the food. Then the  angels told Abraham a secret. Sarah would have a  baby within 1 year. Sarah laughed. She thought she was too old to have a  baby. The Lord said, “Is anything too hard for God?” Sarah had the  baby at the very time that the Lord had said.
















## What Did You Learn?




Nothing is too hard for God.



# A Woman Becomes Salt

Genesis 18:16–19:26

 in the  of Sodom and the  of Gomorrah did  God could not find **10**  there who  him enough to do what was  even tried to harm  God sent there!  came and led a  named Lot and his family out of the  The  “ warned,” look back and  .

Then the cities caught on  and burned  to the  Lot’s wife did not obey. She looked back, and she became salt!




## What Did You Learn?

When you are following God, keep looking forward.





## A Mean Wedding Trick



Genesis 29:1–30

Jacob fell in  with a  named Rachel who took care of  .  
love woman sheep

He worked 7 years for Rachel's dad so he could marry Rachel. On their wedding day, Jacob's bride wore a veil — a cloth that covered her face.

When the  came  the next morning, Jacob was surprised! His  
sun up

bride was not Rachel! Her dad had tricked him! Jacob had married the

  Rachel's sister, by mistake. Jacob promised to work another  
wrong woman  
7 years so he could marry Rachel.

### What Did You Learn?




















Be careful whom you trust!





# Joseph's Strange Dreams

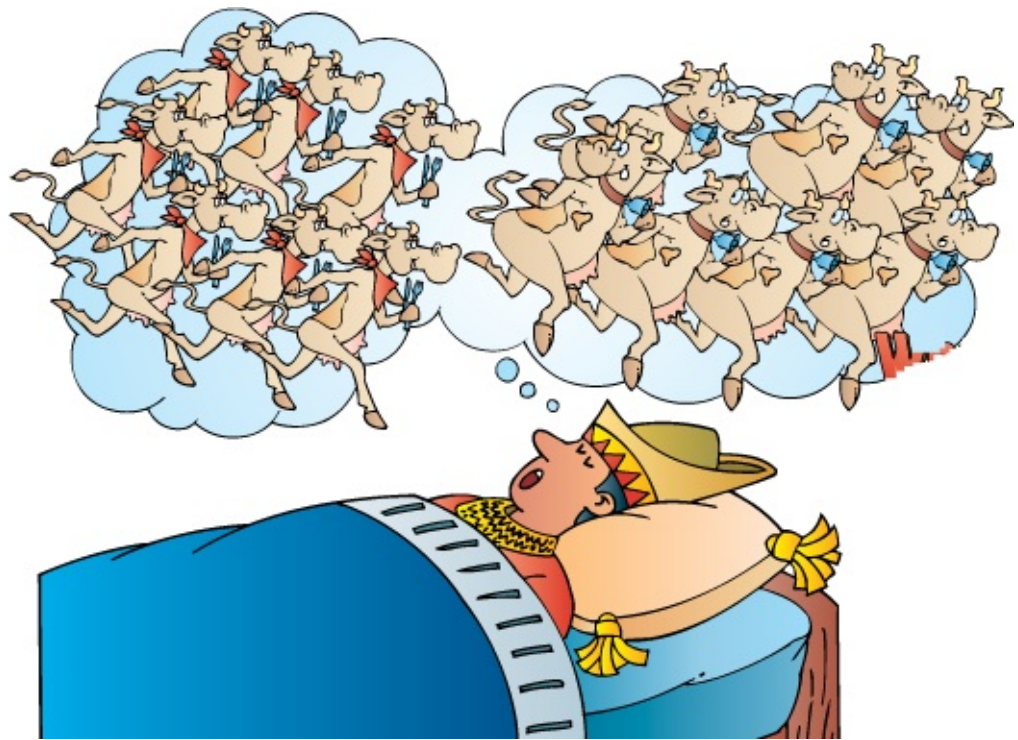
Genesis 37:1–36;39:1–43:28

When Joseph was a boy, he had a  . 11  , the  and the  all bowed  to him. God told him the dream meant his whole family would bow  to him someday. When Joseph told his family about his dream, they were very angry! But many years later when Joseph lived in Egypt, the  had a  of 7 skinny  eating 7 fat  Joseph told  that during 7 years when  wouldn't grow,  in  would  the  they had saved during 7 earlier years.  then made Joseph a leader. And one day, Joseph's family bowed  to him, just like in his .

## What Did You Learn?

















God knows what will happen in the future.





# God Splits the Water

*Exodus 13:18–22;14*

God led the  through the . They followed a   
during the day and  at   wanted the  to  
come back to . He and his  chased them! The  
 could not cross the Red Sea. So God made the  split!  
The  could  through on dry . They got away  
from  and his !



















## What Did You Learn?

God gets us through our troubles.



# A Holdup Wins a Battle

Exodus 17:8–15

When an  army attacked the  Israelites, Moses stood on top of a hill with his  staff in his  hands while Joshua and some of the  Israelites fought the  army. As long as Moses held  up his  hands the  Israelites won, but whenever he put  down his  hands they lost. When Moses'  hands grew tired, he sat on a  stone. Aaron and Hur held his  hands  up—1 on 1 side, 1 on the other—till the  sun went  down. That is how the  Israelites won the battle!

## What Did You Learn?

We need to help each other.


















## A House for God

*Exodus 26–28; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20;*

*Hebrews 4:15–16; 6:19–20; 8:3–5, 9:11–14*

God told the  to make a  called a tabernacle where God would live. Later he had Solomon build a  to replace the tabernacle as God's home. The most holy room of the tabernacle and  held the  that was like God's throne in  Only the high priest could  into that room.  was the last high priest. He made it so any 1 who believes in him can  to God's throne when we  In fact, God's Holy Spirit lives inside  who believe in  so our bodies are now God's 

### What Did You Learn?


















The tabernacle and temple were houses for God. Now our bodies are

God's temple.



# A Talking Donkey

Numbers 22:21-33

1 morning a  named Balaam got angry and hit his  for  
walking  off the  for hurting Balaam's  on a  and for  
lying  The  talked! She said, "What have I done to make you  
beat me?" The  said, "You made a fool of me!" He was angry that he  
couldn't make the  Then the  saw that an  was in  
the  with a  drawn. The  was the reason the   
had to  stop

## What Did You Learn?














Sometimes angels are nearby and we don't even know.





# A Spy Mission

Numbers 13:1–27

God wanted to give some land to the  Israelites. Moses sent  as spies to  look at the land. He said, “See whether the  who live there are  or weak, few or many. Is their land good or bad? Do their  have ? Will the  grow plants? Are there  trees? Do your best to bring back some  of the land.” They looked at the land for 40 days. 2 of the  came back carrying a huge bunch of grapes on a pole between them. They told Moses and the  “The land does flow with milk and honey! Here is its  fruit.”


## What Did You Learn?

God gives good gifts to his children.









# You Want to Go Where?

Numbers 13:28–14:34


God wanted the  Israelites to move into the good land that the spies had



seen. Caleb said, “We should  go take the land!” The other spies said,


“We can’t. We’re not as  strong as the  giants there.” That  night the

 Israelites complained, “We should  go back to  Egypt Joshua said,

 Do not rebel against God.” The  people wanted to throw  stones at

Joshua, Moses, and Aaron! Then Moses saw a  light and God said,

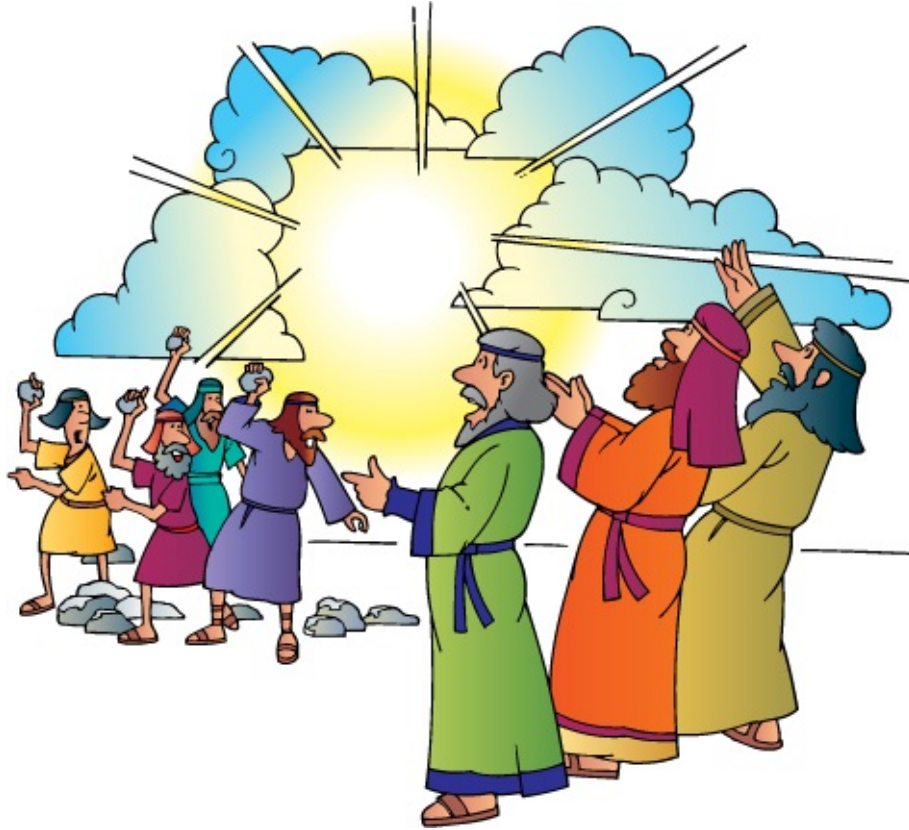
“How long will they treat me like they hate me? Why won’t they believe in me?” Because of his  love God forgave the  Israelites but because

they complained so much, they would have to  walk around lost in

the  desert for 40 years.
















## What Did You Learn?

Don't complain about God's plans.



## Just Look and Live

*Numbers 21:6–10, John 3:14–16*






While the  were in the ,  bit them and many died. The  asked Moses to  God told Moses to make a bronze  and put it on a pole. When any 1 who had been bitten by a  looked at the bronze  he lived. All the others died. The  says to lift   like Moses lifted the bronze  so that any 1 who believes in  will live forever. God loved the  so much that he gave his 1 and only Son that whoever believes in  will not die but will live forever.

## What Did You Learn?

If we show Jesus to people, they can look to him and live.

## Aaron's Staff Blooms

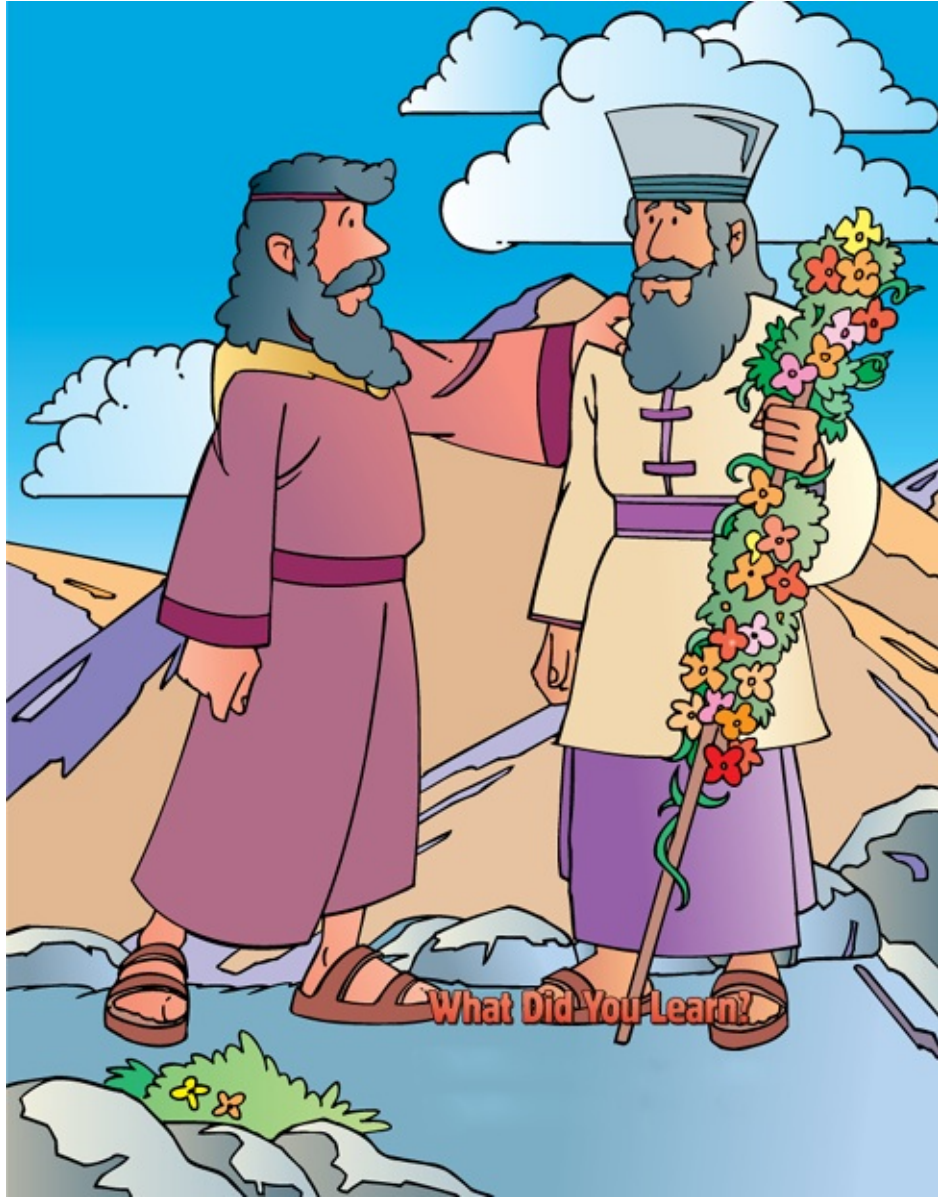
*Numbers 1:50; 17:1–11*

Some  didn't believe God put the Levites in charge of the tabernacle. They were angry with Moses and his brother Aaron. God told Moses, "Get 1  from the leader of each of the 12 tribes and write each man's name on his .. Moses said that the staff belonging to the  God chose would sprout. The very next day, Aaron's  not only sprouted, but it budded, blossomed, and grew almond nuts!

### What Did You Learn?

God cared about who was in charge of his tabernacle.











## An Ark that Wasn't a Boat




*Exodus 25:1–22; Deuteronomy 10:55; Psalm 99:1; 1 Chronicles 13:9–10; Joshua 3:15–17; 1 Samuel 5:9–10; Hebrews 4:14–16; 9:4*



Unlike Noah's  the  in the  was a wooden box

covered with gold. Its lid was called "the mercy seat." It was like God's throne. Carved  on the lid looked like those who worship God


in  The  held the  some manna, and

Aaron's  that bloomed. As  carried the  into the

Jordan , the  split so they could  through on dry

 Once when a man touched the  he died instantly.

Another time, an  stole the  and got lumps under their

skin. They quickly gave the ark back to the  Solomon put the

 in the holiest room of the 



















## What Did You Learn?

The ark reminded the Israelites that God was with them.



# Joshua's Amazing Battles

Joshua 1:1–24:24

God made the   so Joshua could lead the  across on  
dry  into Canaan. God promised, “I will give you every place  
where you set your . Remember how God made a  fall   
and how he made the   so Joshua's  could win  
battles for the Promised Land? When a bad  tried to run away  
from Joshua, God sent big hailstones  from the . The  
hailstones killed more of the bad  than the  of the  
 did! Joshua reminded his  “It was God who fought  
for you.” He got them to promise that they would serve and obey God.  
He gave each  family part of the Promised Land.




## What Did You Learn?




God gives what he promises.




# The Moldy Bread Trick

*Joshua 9*

To get the  to promise not to fight them, the Gibeonites pretended to live farther away than they really did. They loaded  with worn-out sacks, put patched sandals on their , donkeys

wore old clothes, and brought  that was dry and green with mold to Joshua. They lied and said these had all been new when they began their trip. The  did not  about what to do. They

wrote  a promise that they would not fight the Gibeonites. When they learned about the trick, they didn't fight. Instead, they used the

Gibeonites for  servants

## What Did You Learn?














We need to pray before we make decisions.





# Amazing Deborah Wins a War

*Judges 4*

A  named Deborah was an  leader. She decided who was  and who was  1 day she told Barak, “God says to take an  to a  where God will put the other army’s leader into your  Barak would not  without Deborah. She said, “I will  with you, but if you  do this the way God said, the honor will not be yours. God will hand that leader to a  “Deborah and Barak’s  won, but a  named Jael, instead of Barak, was the 1 who killed the other army’s leader.”









## What Did You Learn?

It would be a shame if we didn’t obey God and he had to use someone else.



# Surprising Signs for Gideon

*Judges 6*

An  told Gideon to lead the  in a battle. Gideon wanted to be sure this was what God wanted and that God would help him. Gideon said to God, “I will place a fleece outside. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the  is dry, I will know that you will save the . The next morning the fleece was wet and the  was dry! Gideon  , “Let me ask for 1 more test. This time make the fleece dry and the  covered with dew.” The next morning the fleece was dry and the  was wet!

## What Did You Learn?



It is important that we try to find God’s will for our lives.







# The Incredible Shrinking Army


*Judges 7:1–22*



God wanted the   to know that when they won a battle


it was through his help, not just because they had many  



God told Gideon to send home any 1 in the  who was  to

fight. Then he told Gideon to take the men who were left to get a    
 

at the . God told Gideon to send home the men who got down on

their knees to  water. Gideon only kept 300  who lapped

with their  to their mouths. Then God told Gideon's small

 how to win. if They blew trumpets, broke , held

torches, and shouted. The other  fought themselves by mistake,



, and ran away!  
cried


## What Did You Learn?



God is our strength.




# Samuel Picks the Little Guy



1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel had to find out which of Jesse's sons God wanted to be  .



God said, "  think about how he looks or how tall he is.  looks


at the outside, but God looks at the  ." Samuel met 7 of Jesse's sons

and knew God had not chosen any of them. Then Jesse said his youngest

son was taking care of  . That  was David. He was the 1 God

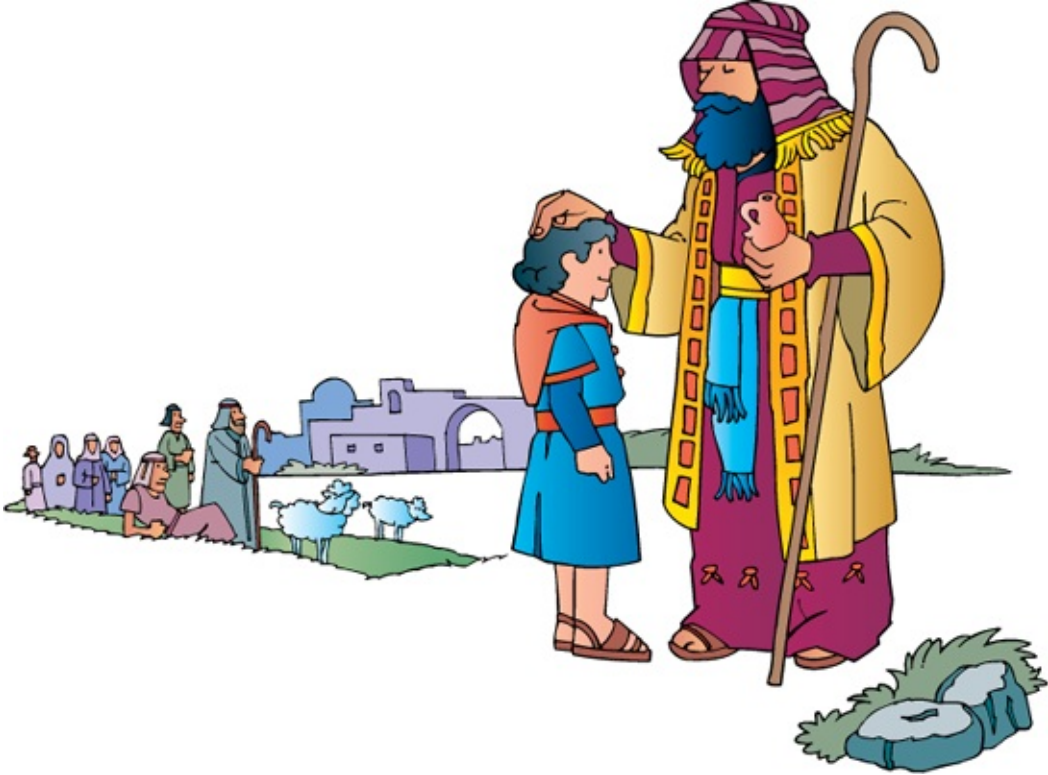
wanted. So Samuel put drops of oil on David to show that he would be

 . Later, David fought a  and won. Then after many years, he

became  .



## What Did You Learn?

God looks at the heart.



## Saul's Close Calls

*1 Samuel 24; 26:5–25; 1 Chronicles 10:4–14*

1 day while David was playing the harp for  Saul, Saul threw a spear at David! David ran away. For a long time,  Saul and his




chased David and planned to kill him. 1 time Saul came into a cave and didn't see David in the dark. David cut off a corner of Saul's





to prove to Saul that he had passed



a chance to kill him.

Later David found Saul asleep with his spear stuck in the  near his head. He took the spear to prove he had shown mercy to Saul again.

Later  Saul died, and David became the .

## What Did You Learn?

God doesn't want us to take revenge.






# David Helps a Lame Guy

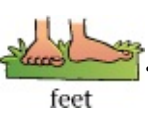
2 Samuel 9





Saul's son, Jonathan, was David's very close friend. After Saul and

Jonathan died, David became  king, He asked, "Is any 1 left in Saul's



family to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" A  servant said,



"Jonathan's son is alive. He is crippled in both  feet."

David  King gave the lame son land and after that always let him  eat at his



like 1 of his sons. The lame  man asked, "Why should you notice a

dead  dog like me?"  King David showed kindness like God does. We're

like the  man who felt as worthless as a dead  dog. God wants us at his



in  heaven as his  children !



**What Did You Learn?**


Show kindness like God does. Who's the Real Mom?


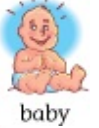






# Who's the Real Mom?



1 Kings 3:16–28



 Solomon asked God for wisdom, and God gave it. 1 day 2  women



came to see  Solomon. They both said they were 1 baby's mother.


The  pretended he thought the  should be cut in 2 pieces so

half of the  could go to each . The real mom  her .

She said, "Give the  to her! Don't kill him!" Then the  knew

who the real mom was. He let the  live, and gave him to the .

who wanted him to be safe. The  saw that the  had

wisdom from God to do what was  and fair.












## What Did You Learn?

Wisdom comes from God.



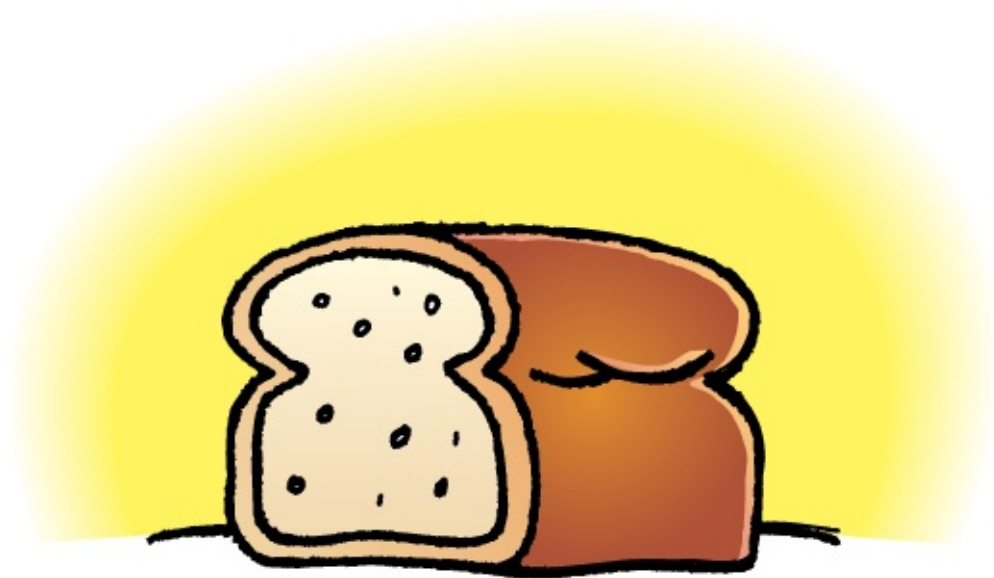
# The Incredible Expanding Food

1 Kings 17:1–16

During a time when no  fell for years, there was not much  or  God sent black  to bring  and meat to Elijah 2 times each day. Then God told a  to share with him. When Elijah asked her for a  of  and a piece of , she told him, “I only have a little flour and oil.” She thought the flour and oil would make her last meal for her son and herself before they starved. The  shared with Elijah anyway, and the flour and oil did not run out until God sent .

## What Did You Learn?




God blesses us when we do what he asks.










# Fire Falls from Heaven


1 Kings 18:16–40

Elijah said to  who  a  “You offer meat to your god. I’ll

offer meat to my God. The god who catches the meat on  is real.”

The   to the , but no 1 answered. Elijah teased, “Maybe he

is asleep.” Then Elijah  to the real God, “I did what you said.

Answer me so these  will know you’re God and you’re turning their

 back again.” Then  came  and burned  the meat, the

wood, and even  around it! The  fell  and  “The Lord is God!”















## What Did You Learn?

God wants people to know he is real. Three Thirsty Kings



# Three Thirsty Kings

2 Kings 3

After 3  kings marched for 7 days with their  army they had no more  water for themselves or their  animals. 1  king asked Elisha for help. Elisha told him, “God says to make this valley full of ditches. You will see neither  wind nor  rain yet this valley will be filled with  water. You, your  cows and your other  animals will  drink. This is easy in the  eyes of the Lord. You will win your battle too.” The next morning, flowing  water filled the valley. Then the 3  kings won the battle just as God said they would.
















## What Did You Learn?

Amazing miracles are easy for the Lord.



# The Miraculous Oil Jar

2 Kings 4:1-7

A  woman could not repay  money she owed to some  people. They wanted to take her sons and make them work as  servants. She turned to Elisha for help. He asked, “What do you have in your  house?” She said, “Just a little oil.” Elisha said, “ Go ask neighbors for empty  jars. Ask for many. Then  go inside, shut the  door, and pour oil into all the  jars.” The  jar of oil kept pouring until there were no  jars left to fill. Then the oil stopped flowing. Elisha said, “ Go sell the oil, and pay the  money you owe. You and your sons can live on the  money that is left.”

















**What Did You Learn?**

We can trust God to take care of us.



# An Axe Head Floats

2 Kings 6:1-7

A  named Elisha listened to God. He and his friends wanted to build a meeting place near the Jordan  so they got to work. They chopped   with an . As 1  was cutting  a  the metal part of the  fell into the  and sank. “Oh no!” he  out, “I had borrowed that  !” Elisha cut a stick and threw it where the  head had fallen. That made the heavy metal part of the  float! “Lift it out,” Elisha said. Then the  reached out his  and took it.

## What Did You Learn?






















God even cares about our little problems.





# Chariots of Fire to the Rescue

2 Kings 6:8–23

When Elisha's  got  1 morning, he saw an evil king's ,  
, and  around the . The  was . Elisha  
prayed, "O Lord, open his  so he may see." Then the  saw the  
hills full of  and  made of  all around! As the bad  
 came toward him, Elisha  "Strike them blind." The   
could not see! Elisha led them to another . Then when he asked  
God to open their  they could see again. Elisha let the    
back to their 



## What Did You Learn?



Sometimes we can't see all of the help God has sent.








# An Eight-Year-Old King





2 Kings 22:1–23:30



Josiah was 8 years old when he became  king. He did what was  right.


He had workers fix the  temple. They found part of the  Bible that


no 1 had read for a long time.  King Josiah felt  sad that his  people

had not obeyed what the  Bible said.  King Josiah told God he was

sorry, and he  cried. Because the  king  prayed, God put a  stop to his plans

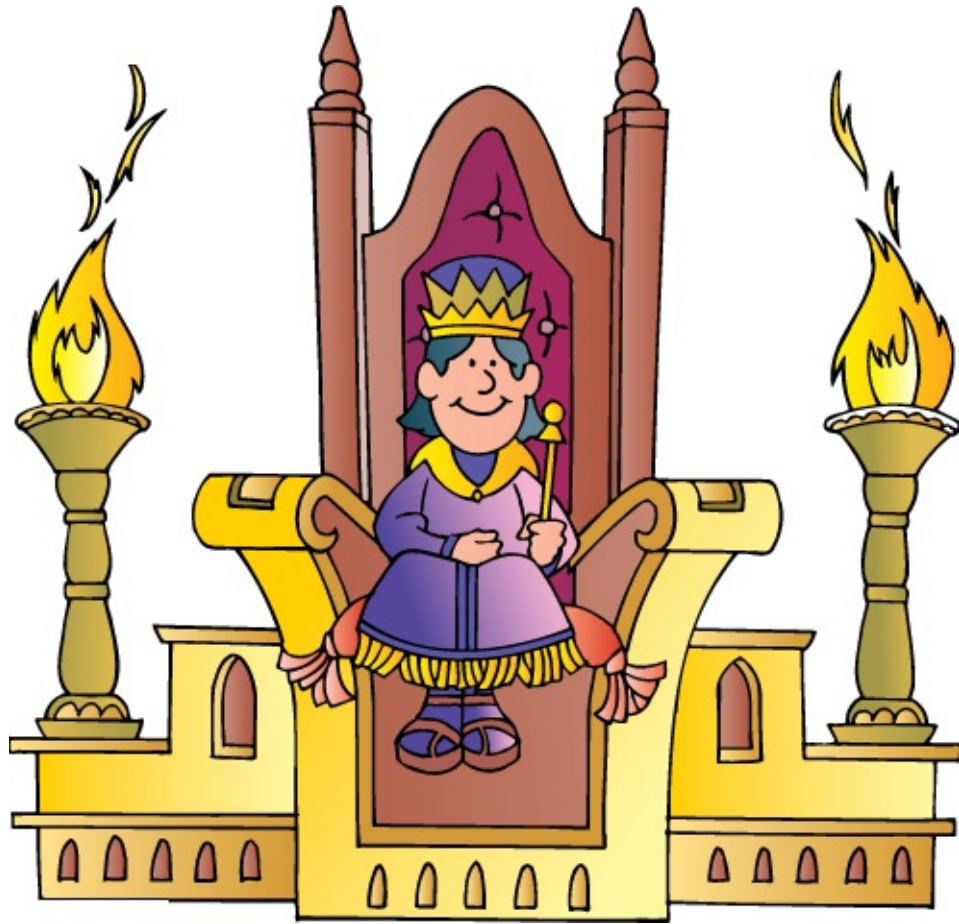
to destroy their land.  King Josiah read the  Bible aloud to his

 people. They promised to follow God and keep his commands with all of

their  heart and soul.







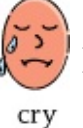






## What Did You Learn?

A leader who loves God can turn his people away from evil.



# A Shadow Creeps Backward

2 Kings 20:1–11, 20

A  named Hezekiah got  Isaiah told him, “The Lord says to get ready because you will die.” Hezekiah  and  After Isaiah left the palace, God sent him back to tell the  that God said, “I heard you  and saw you  I will heal you. I will add 15 years to your life. And I will not let the  of Assyria rule over you.” Hezekiah asked how he could be sure. Isaiah  for the shadow on the  to  backwards up the 10  it had already gone  and that’s what happened!

## What Did You Learn?

God is in charge of how long we live.






















# A Praying Queen Foils a Plot

*Esther 1–10*

A bad  named Haman got a  to say that all the Jews would be killed. The  did not know that his wife, a  named Esther, was Jewish.  Esther wanted to  Haman's evil plan, but a  could be killed if she went to see the  when he had not called for her. Her cousin said to her, "Who knows, but maybe you have become the  for such a time as this?"  Esther asked the Jews to fast—not  or —for 3 days. After 3 days,  Esther went to see the . He was glad to see her! The  let the Jews live. He had bad Haman killed instead.















## What Did You Learn?

It is good to pray and fast with friends about big problems.



## It Couldn't Get Much Worse

Job 1–42

A  named Job  often and did . God let Satan tempt Job.  killed his  and . His  were stolen.  blew  a , killing his . Job bowed to the  in . He said, “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.” Then sores covered Job, but Job didn't sin. He said, “Should we take good from God and not trouble?” Friends said he must have sinned to deserve all this. God said Job's friends were . He gave Job twice what he had before.

### What Did You Learn?

Trust God even in hard times, and don't blame people when bad things happen to them.




















# New Testament



# Christmas Angels

*Luke 1:26–39; Matthew 1:18–21*

1 day an  surprised a young  named Mary. He said, “You will have a . Name him . explained, “He will be the Son of God. Nothing is impossible with God.” An  came to Joseph, the  who was engaged to Mary. The  said in a , “ be  to take Mary as your wife. Name the  Jesus because he will save  from their sins.” When  was born, an  said to some , “A Savior has been born to you! He is Christ the Lord. Suddenly a large group of  from  also appeared and praised God!

**What Did You Learn?**














Jesus is the Son of God, and he saves us from our sins.





# God Speaks Up for His Son

*Matthew 17:1–8; 3:16–17; John 12:20–28*





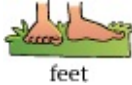















God spoke from  the day Jesus was baptized and said, “This is my Son, whom I ; I am well pleased with him.” God said the same thing from a  while  and 3 friends were on a . That day God added, “Listen to him!” Jesus’ friends were so  they fell  on the . On another day,  told friends he would die on the  soon and receive glory. He said, “Father, glorify your name!” A voice from  said, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

## What Did You Learn?

God loves his Son Jesus and is pleased with him. He wants us to listen to him.

## Jesus Heals Ten Men at Once

*Matthew 9:20–22, 2–30; 8:14–15; Mark 2:1–12;  
Luke 5:12–13, 6:6–10; 17:11–19; 22:49–51*

One day 10  men with a skin disease called loudly,  Master, have pity on us!” Jesus said, “ show yourself to the religious leaders.” And as they went, Jesus made their skin disease disappear! One  man came back praising God loudly. He threw himself at the  feet of  and thanked him. Jesus asked, “Weren’t all 10 cleansed? Where are the other 9?” Then he said to the  man Get  up and  go ; your faith has made you well.”  healed the  eyes of blind men. He helped lame men to  walk.  touched the  hand of a  woman with a fever and the fever left.  said to a  man whose  hand was shriveled, “Stretch out your  hand .” He did and his  hand was normal!






















**What Did You Learn?**

Jesus cares when we're sick, and he wants us to thank him when he heals us.



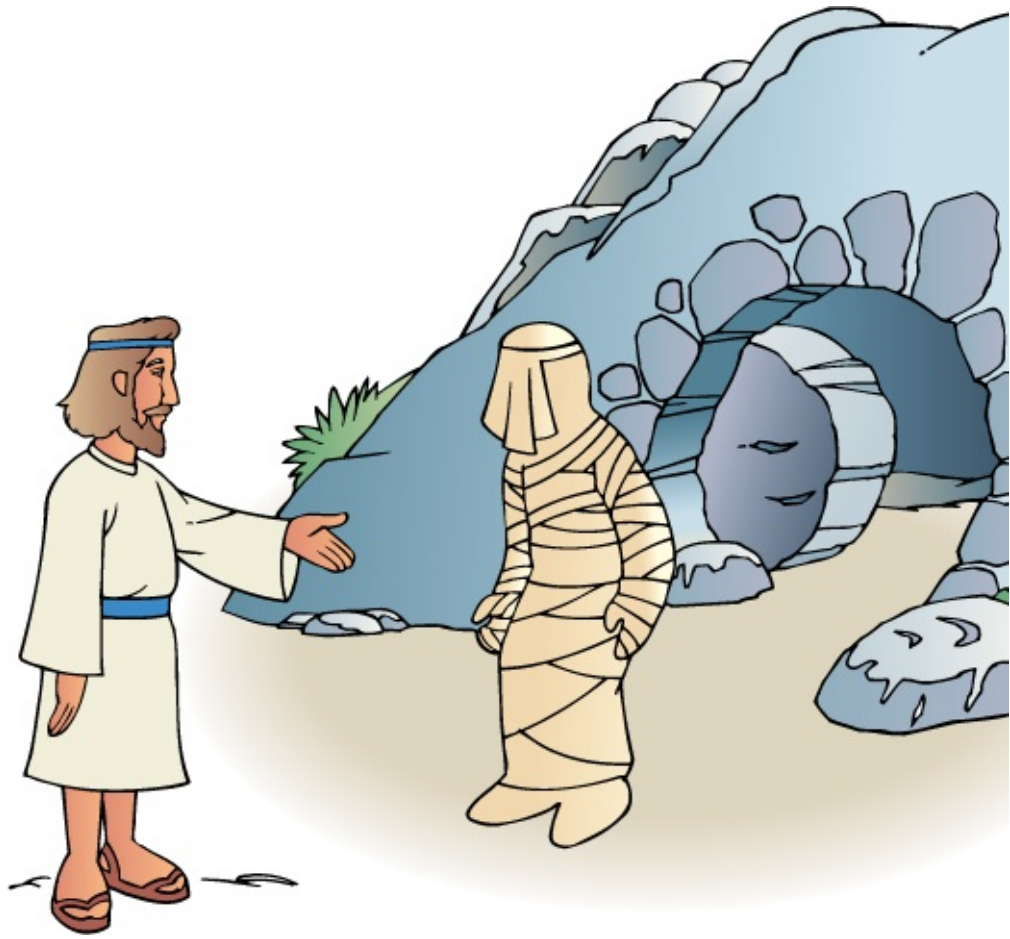
## Back to Life

Luke 7:11–17; 8:49–9:1, John 11:1–46

 brought some  back to life after they died. When he saw a dead  carried out of the  Jesus felt  for the man's mom and said to her, "Don't ."  told the dead  to get . The  sat  and began talking! After a 12-year-old  died, Jesus took her  and said, "My child, get !" She did! After Lazarus had been in a  for 4 days,  said to the man's sister, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies." After the  was moved from the doorway of the , Jesus called to the dead  "Lazarus, come out!" Every 1 was amazed when Lazarus  out of the .















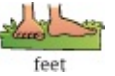



## What Did You Learn?

Jesus has power over life and death.



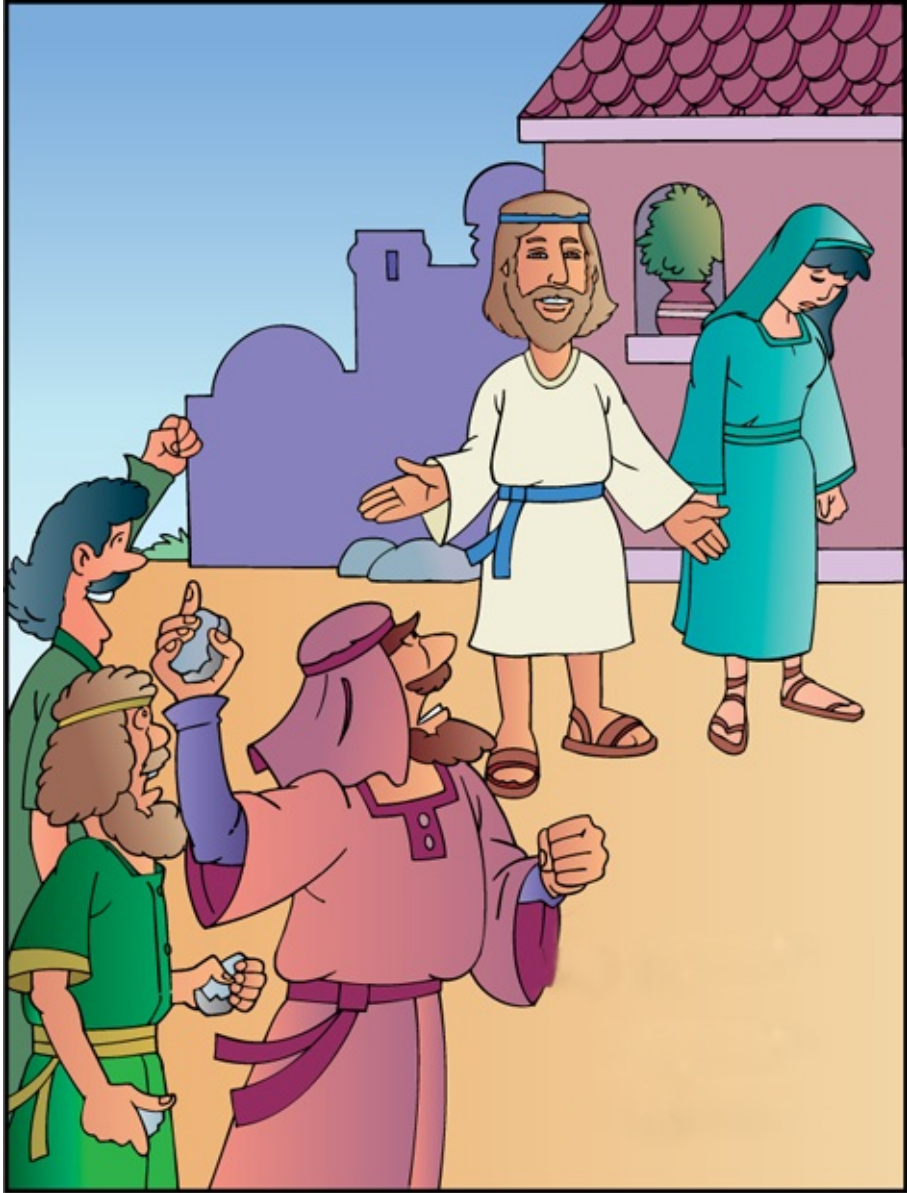
## Jesus—A Good Friend to Bad People

*Matthew 9:9–13; Mark 2:13–17;  
Luke 5:27–32; John 8:1–11; Luke 7:36–50*

1 time,  caught a  doing . They brought her to  and wanted to throw  at her.  said, “If any of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a . Every 1 left except the  and . He told her, “I  want you to be punished.  and leave your life of sin.” Another day, a  who had been sinful came to . She  on his  and wiped them with her . Jesus said, “Her many sins have been forgiven because she  much. But he who has been forgiven little  little.”

### What Did You Learn?

Jesus loves us even when we have done wrong.





# Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:44–48; 22:37–40; John 13:34, 35



Jesus

said loving God and other



people

are the greatest commands.

Every command in the



Bible

is about showing



love



Jesus

said

to even



love

your enemies and



pray

for those who are mean to you.

After all, God makes his



sun

rise on both the evil and the good, and

he sends



rain

on both those who do










right

and those who do



wrong

We are not just supposed to  those who  us or only say  
hello to friends and family. Even  without God do that.   
said, “As I have loved you, so you must  1 another. This is how all  
men will know that you learn from me, if you  1 another.”  
















## What Did You Learn?

God wants us to love everyone like he does.



# What Is Most Valuable

Matthew 19:16–26; 13:45–46

 said, “The kingdom of  is like a salesman who looked for fine pearls. When he found 1 of great value, he sold everything he had and bought the pearl.” The kingdom of God was worth more than what the man gave  for it.  asked a young ruler who had a lot of  to sell all he had and give to the poor so he would have  in . Instead, the  went away . He made the  choice. Disciples of  made the  choice. They even  away from their jobs to follow .













## What Did You Learn?

Following Jesus as King is worth more than anything.



## How Many Hairs Do You Have?

*Matthew 6:25–30; 10:28–3; Luke 15:3–24; James 4:8*

You matter very much to God.  said that if 1  falls to the  God knows about it. And you are worth more than the . He said even the hairs of your head are counted! God feeds the  and clothes the , so you can trust him to feed and clothe you. If you ever wandered away from God, he would look for you like a  looks for his lost .  told about a runaway son who did  things. The son wanted to come home, but he was  his dad would be very . Instead, the dad ran out to hug him! God feels that way about you!



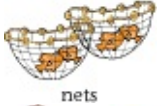
















## What Did You Learn?

We matter very much to God!



## Peter Starts to Walk by Faith

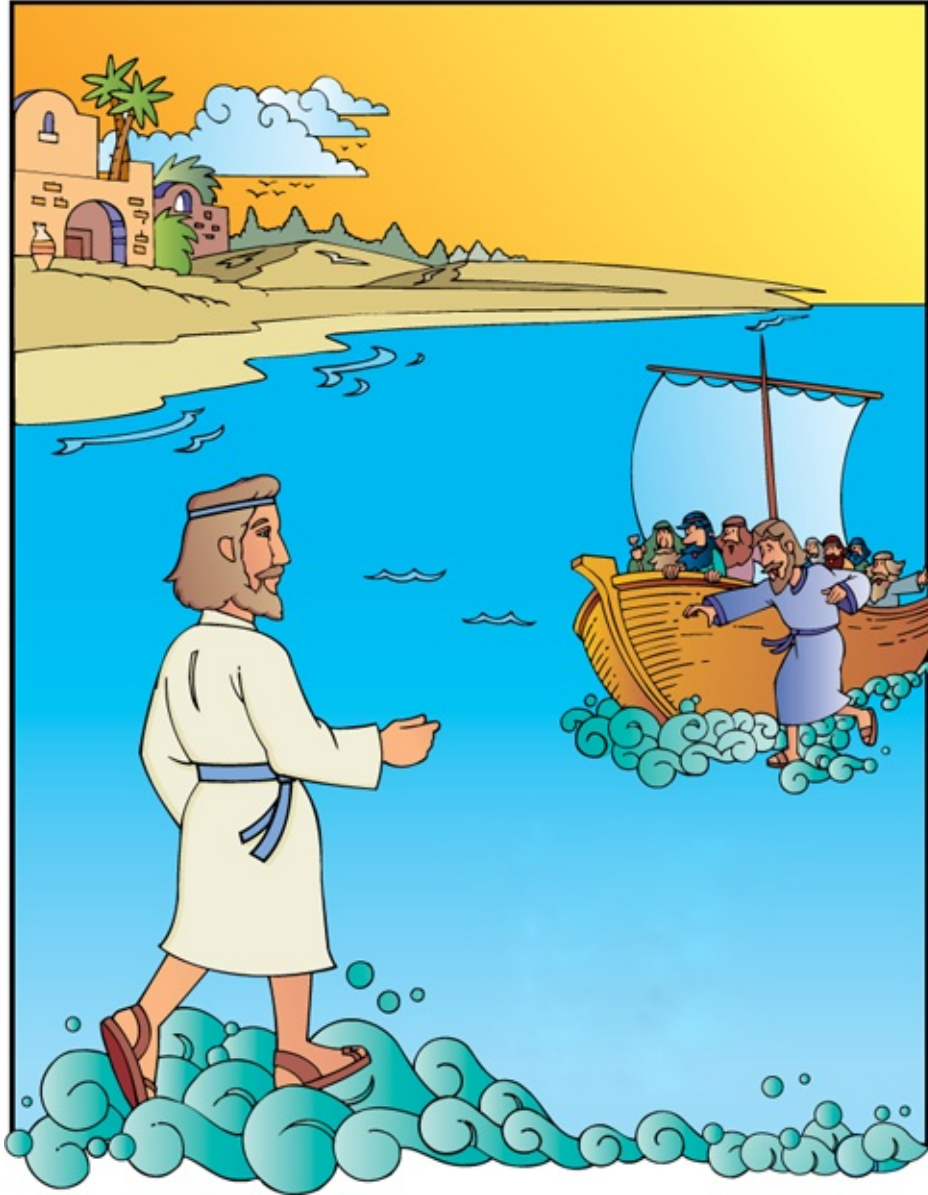
*Matthew 8:23–27; 14:22–33; 15:32–38; Luke 5:1–11; John 21:1–14*

 did many miracles. He fed thousands of  with only 1 boy's lunch. He filled  with . He even calmed a  instantly! On another ,   on  across the sea to friends who were on a . Peter wanted to  on the sea too. When  said to him, "Come," Peter did. But as soon as Peter saw the  he became  and began to sink. Peter  "Lord, save me!" Jesus caught him by the  and said, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they climbed into the , the  in the boat worshiped  saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### What Did You Learn?




Jesus can do what seems impossible, so walk by faith and don't let doubts pull you down.










## Runaway Pigs




Mark 5:1–20

A  lived among . No 1 was  enough to control him.

He broke chains,  out, and cut himself with . When he saw

, he fell on his knees and shouted, “What do you want with me,

, Son of God?”  said, “Come out of him, you evil spirit!”

The many evil spirits that were in the man went out of him and into a herd of about 2,000 . The  rushed  the hill into the

lake and drowned. Now the  was fine. Jesus said,”  tell your family how much the Lord has done for you.”
















### What Did You Learn?

Jesus is stronger than evil.



# A Fish Delivers a Coin

Matthew 17:24–27











Where  lived,  paid  called taxes to take care of the  and its workers. Someone asked Peter, “Doesn’t  pay the  tax?” Peter said, “Yes, he does.” When Peter came into the ,  was the first to speak. He asked, “Do  of the  collect taxes from their own sons or others?” Peter said, “From others.” “Then the sons  have to pay,”  said. “But so that we may not upset them,  to the lake and throw your line into the . Take the first  you catch; open its mouth and you will find a coin. Give it to them for our tax.”

**What Did You Learn?**

God can give us what we need ... even in unusual ways.



## Jesus Puts Back an Ear

Jesus went to a  to . He wanted to be ready for the time when he would die on a . After  , a mob showed up who wanted to take him away. Jesus' friend Peter wanted to  them. He lifted a  and cut off the right  of a  named Malchus. Jesus said, "No more of this!" He touched the man's  and healed him.

### What Did You Learn?



















Jesus even helped people who wanted to harm him.





## The Day Jesus Died

Matthew 27:50–61; Mark 15:37–16:1;  
Luke 23:44–56; John 19:38–42

When  died on the , many amazing events happened. The  stopped shining. The  curtain, which had separated  from God, tore apart. The  shook,  split, and  broke open. After Jesus rose, bodies of holy  who had died came to life and went into the ! When the guards saw the earthquake and all that happened, they were  and said, “Surely  was the Son of God!” Joseph of Arimathea took the body of  from the  from the . With the help of a  named Nicodemus, Joseph put the body of  in a  that had never been used.












## What Did You Learn?










Surely Jesus is the Son of God.



## Jesus Appears

Luke 24:13-53

While 2  men were on the  road to Emmaus,  Jesus began to  walk with them. They didn't recognize him. They told him, "Our rulers put  Jesus on a  cross 3 days ago.  Women went to the  tomb but didn't find his body. They told us  angels said he was alive. Our friends went to the  tomb but they did not see  Jesus."



















 Jesus said, "You are slow to believe all the  Bible says! Christ had to suffer these things." Then the  men invited Jesus into their  house. He sat at their  table,  prayed, and handed them some  bread. That's when they saw that he was  Jesus, and then he disappeared! Many others saw  Jesus alive too.

## **What Did You Learn?**

Jesus is alive! He did what the Bible said he would do.

# The Sewing Lady Comes Back

Acts 9:36–41

A  named Tabitha sewed clothes for a living. She did good and helped  who didn't have enough . 1 day Tabitha became  and died. Some  who followed  said to Peter, "Please come at once!" When Peter went into the room where Tabitha's body was, he saw . They showed him the clothes Tabitha had made while she was still alive. Peter sent them out. Then he got  on his knees to . He turned toward the dead  and said, "Tabitha, get ." She opened her  and sat ! Peter took her  and helped her to her . Many  in the  heard about this and believed in .



## What Did You Learn?


When people hear about the great things God has done, many believe in him.






## Two Liars Drop Dead

Acts 4:32–5:12

After  Jesus went to  heaven his followers shared all they had. No 1

was needy, because from time to time,  people who sold their land or


 houses brought the  money to the apostles. Then those leaders gave the



 money to whoever had a need. Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, sold some

land, but kept part of the  money. Then they brought the rest to the

leaders as if it was all of the  money. Peter said, “You have not lied to men

but to God.” Ananias fell  down dead.  Men carried him out and buried

him. His wife came in later and lied too. Peter said, “The  feet of the

 men who buried your husband are at the  door. They will carry you out

also.” Then she fell  down at his  feet dead.  Men buried her beside





















her husband.

## **What Did You Learn?**

God knows the truth.

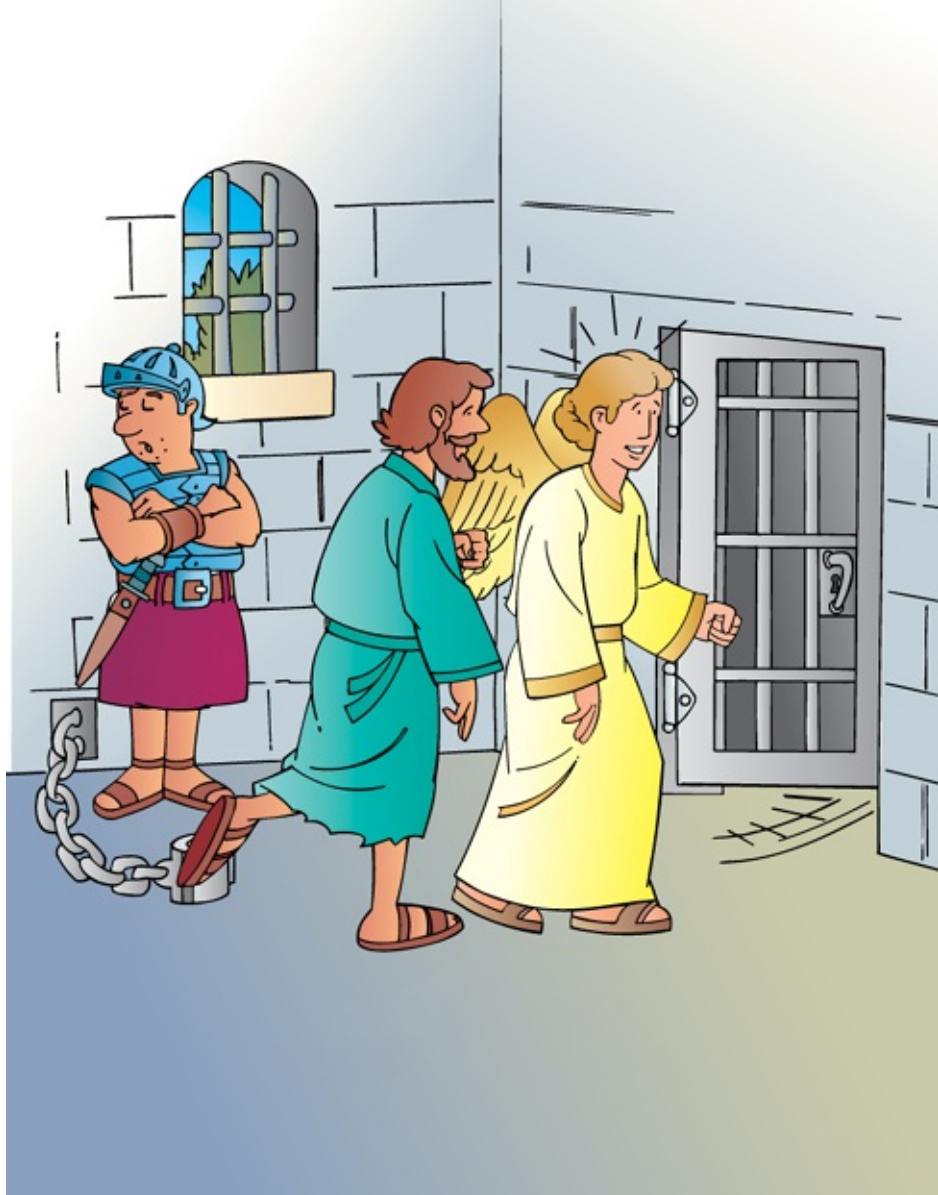
## Angel Power Opens a Gate

Act 12:1-17

 Herod put Peter in  for telling  about . The  of the church began to  for Peter. While Peter was asleep and chained between an 2 soldiers, an  came. The  woke him. “Quick, get  !” he said. The chains fell off Peter’s wrists. Then the  told him to put on clothes and follow him. Peter followed the  out of . The gate leading to the  opened by itself. Then the  left. Peter went to a  where many  were . He told them how God had brought him out of .























### What Did You Learn?

God can lead us out of our problems.



# Philip Disappears!

Acts 8:26–9:1–40

An  told Philip to  a  a  through the . There he saw an African  riding a . The spirit told Philip, “ to that .” Philip ran to it and heard the  reading the . “Do you understand it?” Philip asked. The  said, “I need someone to explain it.” He asked Philip to sit with him. Philip said the verse was about . When they came to some  near the , the  asked Philip to baptize him. When they came  out of the , Philip was suddenly gone! Philip showed  in another  and told  there about .

















**What Did You Learn?**

God can put us in the right place at the right time to tell about Jesus.



## Stephen Sees Right in Heaven

Acts 6:1–8:3

Stephen helped the church give  to widows. Stephen told  all about the . He said their families killed  prophets who said  would come. He said these  themselves had killed . They were very angry! Stephen looked  to  and saw the glory of God and  standing at the right  of God. The  threw . Stephen , “Lord , receive my spirit. Do not hold this sin against them.” After he said that, he died and went to .

### What Did You Learn?

Jesus is with us as we bravely tell others about him.











# A Clever Escape



Acts 9:20–25


Saul, who was also called Paul, was cruel to Christians. Then 1 day a light blinded him. He heard  speak and believed in  After

God healed his , Saul began to preach that  is the Son of

God.  who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Isn’t he the  man

who caused trouble for Christians? Has he come here to take them to ?” Yet Saul proved to them that  is the Christ. Some

 plotted to kill Saul, but he learned of their plan. Day and  night

they kept close watch on the gates of the  so they could kill him

as he came out. But one  his friends lowered him in a  basket

through an opening in the  of the  city












## What Did You Learn?

Tell others about Jesus even if it's risky.



# An Earthquake Shakes the Jail

Ascts 16:16–40




















Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into  jail. Instead of  crying, they  prayed and  sang hymns to God! An earthquake shook the  jail. The  doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. The jailer was  afraid he would be in big trouble if prisoners escaped. Paul shouted, "We are all here!" The jailer fell  down in front of Paul and Silas. He asked, "What must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord  Jesus and you will be saved." The jailer and his family were baptized. He was very  happy his whole family believed in God. In the morning, leaders told him to let Paul and Silas  go free.

## What Did You Learn?

Praise God in every situation. He can turn what's bad into good.



## Falling Out the Window

One  night,  people who believed in  Jesus had a meeting. A young  man named Eutychus sat in a third-story  window listening to Paul talk. Paul talked for a long, long time until midnight. The young man's  eyes began to close. He sank into a deep sleep and fell out the  window  down to the  ground. When they picked him  up, he was dead! Paul went  down the  stairs, threw himself on the young  man, and put his arms around him. "Don't be  afraid," he said. "He's alive!" They were  happy that Eutychus was alive. Then they all went back  up the  stairs, ate  bread and listened to Paul talk until the  sun rose.














**What Did You Learn?**

God can do great things through people who trust him.



# Shipwrecked!

Acts 27

While Paul was in  jail, he and other prisoners had to  to Italy by  boat. A terrible  storm arose. The  people were  afraid. Paul said to them, “An  angel told me not 1 of you will be lost; only the  boat will be destroyed.” The  boat ran into a sandbar, and the back part of the  boat was broken to pieces by the waves. Some  men jumped into the  water to swim to land. The rest got there on wooden planks or pieces of the  boat. Everyone was safe!

## What Did You Learn?

When we're in danger, we can trust God.











## Whate's Biting You?



Acts 28:1-6


After the shipwreck, Paul and the others swam or floated to shore in the

cold  The nice  on the island built a  As Paul put


wood on the , a poisonous  came out of the wood and

bit Paul! When the  saw the  hanging from Paul's

, they thought Paul was being punished for doing something  wrong

But Paul just shook the  off into the . Paul did not

swell  or die. He was fine. Then  thought he was a god. Of

course, Paul was not a god, and the people should have  the real God who saved him instead!













## What Did You Learn?

The devil attacks us when we're down, but God helps us survive.



# God's Amazing Grace

*John 3:16; 23–25; 14:6–7; Romans 5:8  
Ephesians 2:8–10; 1 John 2:3–6, 9–10*

God's grace is the undeserved kindness he shows us. Because God  loves us, he offers us a way to  heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way ... No 1 comes to the Father except through me." We sin when we do  wrong things and also when we  do not do what is good and  right. Sin could have kept us out of  heaven. But because of his grace, God let  Jesus take punishment for our sins on the  cross. God  loved the  world so much that he gave his 1 and only Son so whoever believes in  Jesus will not die but will live forever in  heaven.



## What Did You Learn?


Because of God's amazing grace, he sent Jesus to be the way for us to go to heaven.






## Dressed in Armor


*Ephesians 6:10–17*



Be  in the Lord and put on the full  of God so you can stand

against the devil's tricks. We don't fight against  but against evil.

Believe and tell the truth—buckle the belt of truth around your waist. Be  with God through —wear the breastplate of righteousness.

Be ready to share good news about peace that  gives—put on

readiness shoes. Believe God—hold a shield of faith against temptations the devil shoots like fiery arrows. Trust  to save you—wear a

 of salvation. Remember the Word of God—fight the devil with the  of the Spirit.

### What Did You Learn?





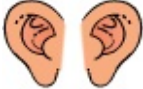




Be strong in the Lord so we're ready to fight temptations.





# We're the Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:1–16





















God gives his Holy Spirit to people who believe in  The Holy Spirit gives us the power to serve God. Just like , , , and  work together in a body, believers with different abilities work together for Jesus. The  can't say to the , "I don't need you!" Christians need each other very much. If 1 part suffers, every part suffers with it. If 1 part is honored, every part is  with it. Every believer is an important part of the body of Christ, and Jesus is the head. As each part does its work, the body grows in .

## What Did You Learn?

Christians need to work together like parts of a body.

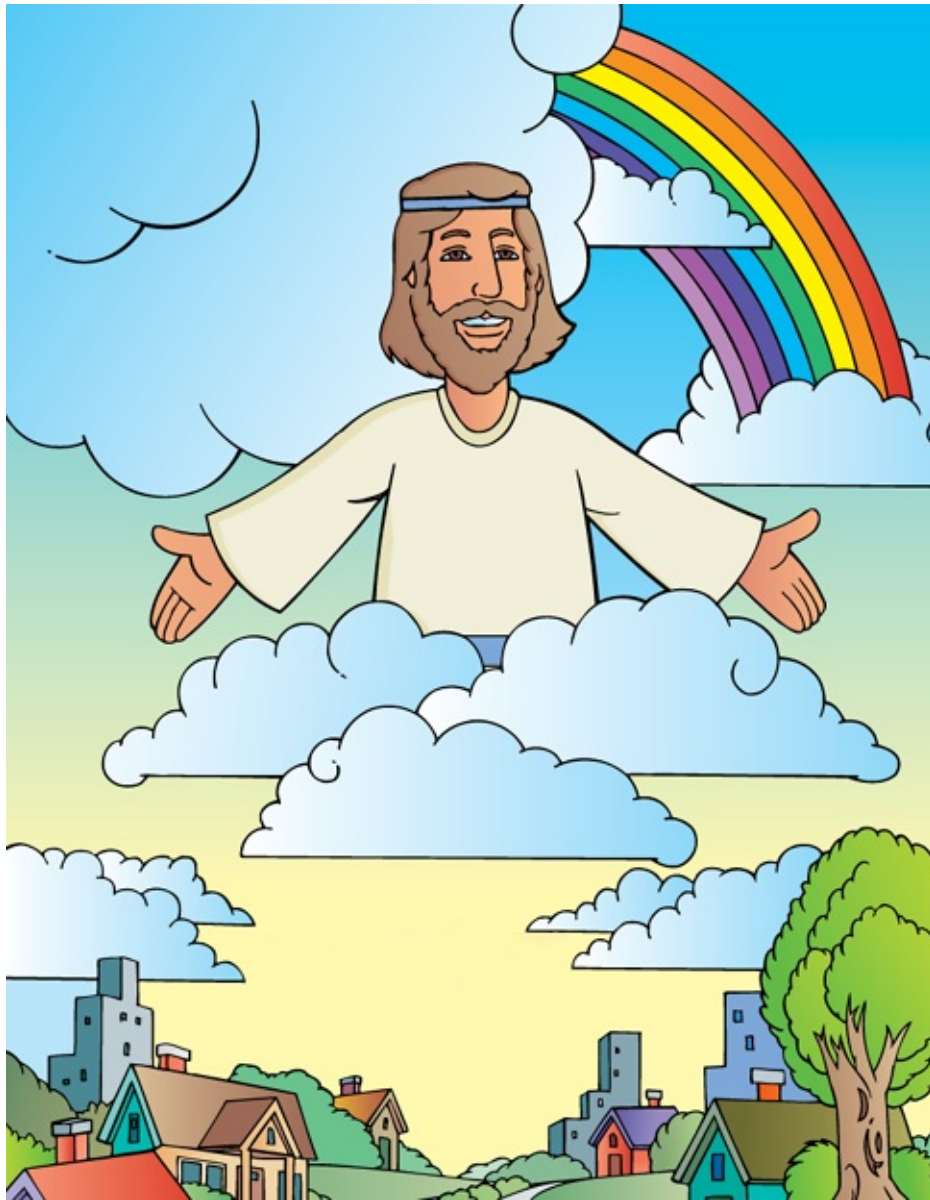
## We're Going Up in the Air

*Matthew 24:36–44; 25:1–30; Mark 13:32–37;  
Luke 12:35–56; 21:34–36; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–18*

When  went  to  in the ,  told the   
there that  would return the same way.  said he will come  
back when no 1 expects him. Even the   know the exact  
day or hour. A  will sound when  comes  from   
 who died believing in him will rise  first. After that, believers  
who are still alive will catch  with them in the  to meet  
 in the air and to be with  forever!

### What Did You Learn?

Jesus wants us to be ready for his return.

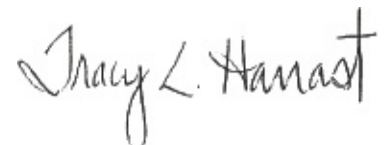


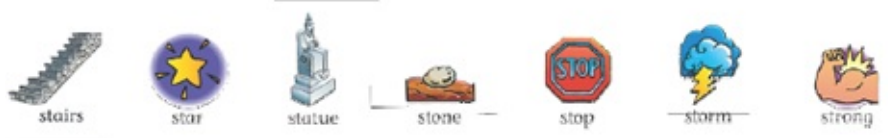
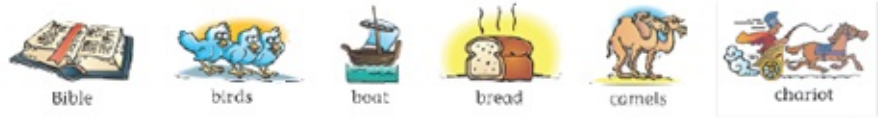
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When I was five or six years old, I informed my mother: “I don’t need to go to Sunday school anymore because I’ve already heard all of the Bible stories.” I’m glad she kept taking me because, obviously, the Bible held much more to discover! This book tells many Bible stories that are amazing.

The little pictures within the text of this book not only add fun, they make reading easy for beginners. The first time my five-year-old son, Ryan, ever read a complete sentence was when he picked up from my desk the manuscript for my first storybook of this kind—*Picture That! Bible Storybook*. He beamed and said, “Hey, I can read this! I can read this!” I was thrilled to hear him sound out the simple words. Every time he came to a picture within the text, he smiled because he could guess the word it represented. The pictures in the sentences gave him the hints he needed for reading by himself.

I hope you’ll feel the same joy as you hear your children read aloud these amazing stories simplified from God’s Holy Word. It is my prayer that as you read together, you and your children will be awed by God’s power and touched by his love.

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