



A Man on the Move

God told Abraham to travel to a new country and to visit new lands he'd never seen or been in before. It wasn't easy. There were no motorized vehicles; no cars, planes or trains.

Abraham and his team had to walk or travel on camels or other animals, or wagons. He had many animals.

Abraham chose to obey. So he packed everything up and moved with his big team of helpers and all that they had. They lived in tents, as they travelled wherever God said to go.

Abraham had a wife called Sarah, and God said that one day she would have a child. They looked forward to the day when this would happen. It took faith and patience to wait.



Living Peacefully

Abraham was a kind and generous man.

One time when there wasn't enough grass for all the sheep, goats and other animals to graze on, the shepherds wondered what to do. Abraham thought of a solution.

His nephew Lot and his big team and all his animals were also travelling with them.

Abraham suggested that Lot choose whatever new area he'd like to move to, so his flocks and herds could get all that they needed.

Lot was given first choice, and he chose the best place he could find, and moved there.

Abraham was glad to make Lot and his team happy and to bring peace.



Three Special Visitors

A team of three special men were travelling to the place where Abraham had pitched his tent. Abraham invited them to stay for awhile to rest and eat. Sarah cooked some food for them.

The men were angels, and they had a special message to tell Abraham and Sarah! They announced that it was nearly time for God to send them their special son, the child God had promised to give to them.

Sarah, who was in the tent, heard the men talking about it. She smiled, as it seemed funny, since both she and Abraham were pretty old by then.

It was a happy thought that finally they would soon have a baby!



Isaac

Isaac was Abraham and Sarah's very special and long-awaited boy!

They must have felt like the happiest parents in the world, as they held little baby Isaac, the son God had promised to give them for so long.

Baby Isaac made them laugh! They loved and cared for their son very well, and they enjoyed teaching him all they could.

Abraham and Sarah taught their son Isaac about life, about God, and about having faith and patience, just like they had learned all those years!



Patience, Faith and Rebekah

Isaac travelled around with his mother Sarah and father Abraham, and learned many things from them.

Learning faith and patience day by day is what helped Isaac to wait for God's best.

One day God gave him something he'd wanted for a long time. He wanted a wife and to have children and a family of his own.

Abraham, his father, wanted to make sure he got the very best—someone who was kind and thoughtful, and someone who loved and obeyed God.

Rebekah was the name of the sweet woman who God chose to marry Isaac. After a while God then gave them two children — twin boys. Their names were Jacob and Esau.



Isaac and the Wells

Did you ever have someone take something that you were using? Did it make you sad or upset?

Isaac had learned to be patient and act kindly, even when people took away something that he and his team really needed—a well for drawing water.

Isaac let others have his own well, and he moved and worked hard to dig another one. God provided more water for Isaac and his team and all their animals.

Soon those that weren't very nice to him said they were sorry, and became friends.

It was a good idea to act kindly—because in the end Isaac got more friends!



Dream of Angels

Jacob had to learn a lesson to not take things that belonged to others.

He wanted his father and brother Esau to promise that instead of Esau getting what belonged to him, that it would be his instead.

Jacob was too greedy and so had to go and live somewhere else for awhile. He was sad and sorry for his mistakes then.

As he was travelling, God did a wonderful thing to encourage him. Jacob had a beautiful dream of angels, on a heavenly ladder.

He knew God was there right beside him, and loved him and would help him. Jacob chose to change and follow in God's way instead, and God took good care of him.



Hard Work and a Family of His Own

Jacob found the place where his uncle Laban was living, and stayed with him there for many years.

Jacob worked hard each day caring for Laban's sheep and goats and cattle. He married both the daughters of Laban—Rachel and Leah, and was the father of 12 sons, and one daughter.

Laban wasn't always nice to Jacob, and didn't keep his promises. This helped Jacob to learn what it felt like to be around someone who only thinks about themselves, and isn't trustworthy.

Jacob tried to keep being faithful to work hard and care for his family. God told him it was finally time to move back to his country.

When Jacob and his family moved he was a rich man, with lots of animals and goods. God had taken good care of him.



Being Friends Again

Jacob wanted to be kind to his brother Esau, and to say he was sorry for what he had done to make his brother sad.

Jacob prayed that Esau would forgive him. God sent angels to Jacob to talk to him and encourage him on his journey back to his home land.

Jacob then gave his brother lots of animals as gifts, since Jacob had lots, and spoke kindly to him.

He was trying to make things right again with this brother, and give back to Esau some of the blessings that God had given him.

Jacob knew it was only God who gave him all that he now had. Esau gave him a hug and showed him forgiveness. They became friends again!



Comparing and Coats

Jacob loved his son Joseph very much, and gave him a special coat.

It seemed to Joseph's brothers that he was getting all the best things, and they weren't very nice to Joseph.

It would have been better if they had been kind and had more faith that good things would come for them too.

God had something difficult for Joseph to do, so it was nice that he had a few special treats beforehand.

Joseph had to go to Egypt to be a helper there. He missed his family, but was able to learn things there that he would need to know in order to do a special job later on.

God was preparing him to do something that would be a great help to his brothers and father and family.



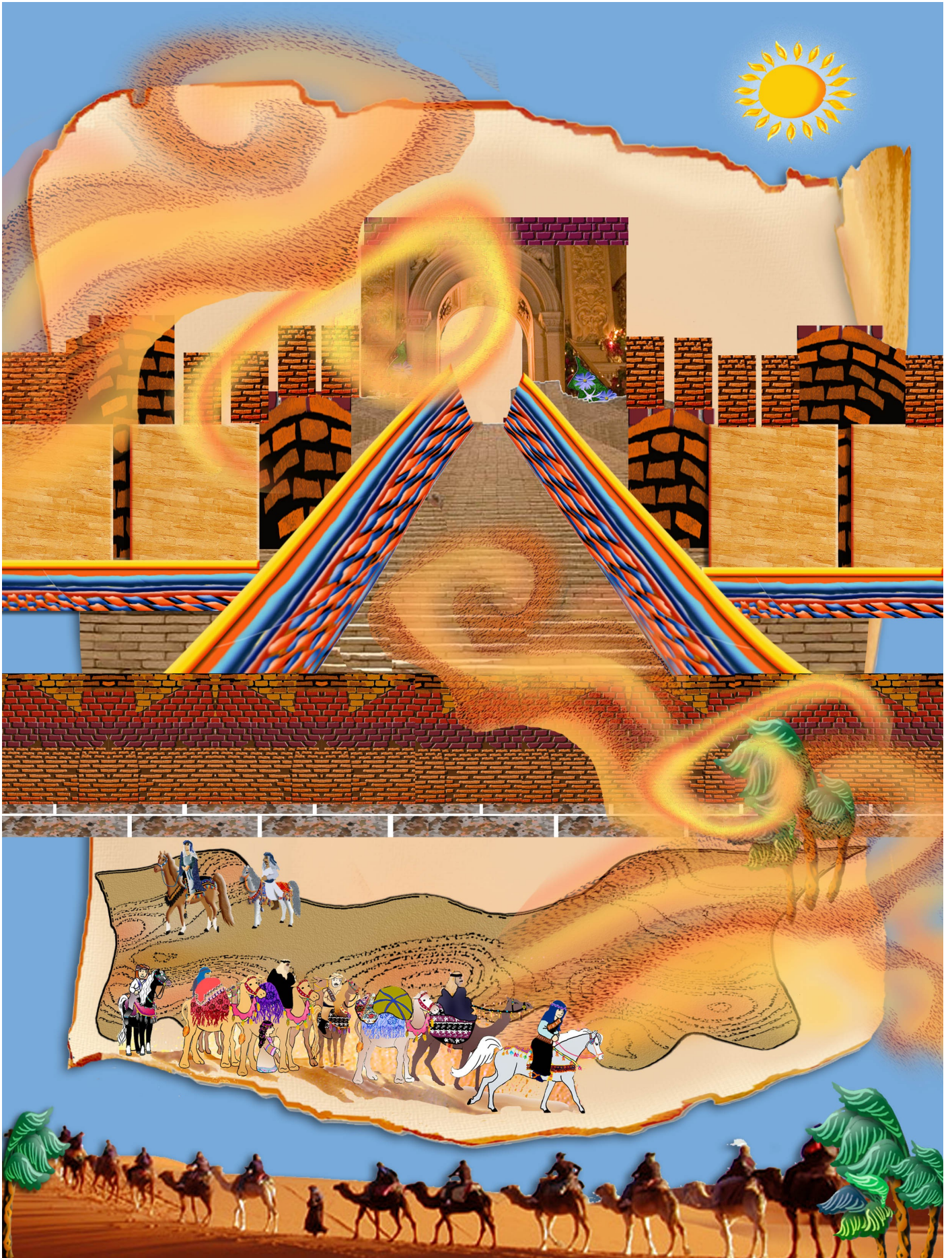
Joseph in Egypt

Joseph worked hard in Egypt, and God blessed all that he did. No matter where he was he did his best.

Joseph had faith that God could tell people the meaning of dreams. One time Pharaoh called Joseph to tell him the meaning of an important dream that he'd had.

God was telling Pharaoh through the dream that they needed to prepare for a coming time when there wouldn't be enough food.

Joseph was then put in charge of storing up food during the plentiful years. Pharaoh made him one of the most important men in Egypt so he could do this special job.



Food in Egypt

Joseph's brothers travelled to Egypt to get food, since that was the only place to get some, as it hadn't rained enough and crops weren't growing.

Joseph got to see his brothers again, and gave them the food they needed for their families. Joseph's brothers didn't recognise him, as he was dressed and spoke as an Egyptian.

Joseph then told his brothers who he was, and hugged them. They were glad Joseph forgave them for not treating him nicely before.

Joseph was glad that he had been in Egypt now, because he, his brothers and their families, as well as their father could now use the food he'd helped to store.

Pharaoh let Joseph's father, brothers and all their families come and live in Egypt where they could have all the food they needed. He sent wagons for them to use in their big move to Egypt.