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75.) Nahum and Habakkuk

The prophet Nahum talked about how wonderful it is for people to tell others the good news—about the Words and love of Jesus, God's Son! Are you helping to tell others about Jesus too? That makes Him so happy! He loves you, and He will provide what you need.

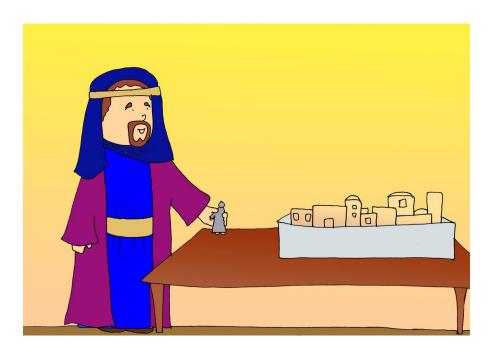


Habakkuk was a prophet who wrote about being happy and praising Jesus no matter what else is happening—even if there are things happening that aren't your favourite. Think about the good things, and have faith in God's care!



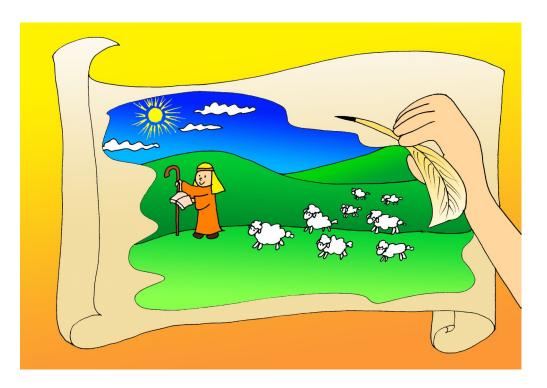
76.) Ezekiel the Prophet

Ezekiel the Prophet told the people what God wanted them to know. He would pray, and listen, and then do whatever God asked him to. It was his job to tell the people what would happen if they didn't choose to do the right thing.



God asked him to do some interesting things. He asked him to act out His messages and show the people what He wanted them to remember.

God also told Ezekiel about things that would happen much later on.



Ezekiel was faithful to write down the many words from the Lord. He was a very obedient prophet, no matter how hard the job was.

Ezekiel wanted to make God happy most of all.



77.) Wings and Wheels

God also showed Ezekiel some amazing things in the spirit—things that people on Earth could not see and didn't know. He saw amazing visions of strong and bright angels, in a shining heavenly vehicle with extraordinary wheels!



The Prophet Isaiah also saw a vision of the Lord's throne in heaven, and powerful beautiful angels were there. When the Lord asked who they could send to be a messenger to pass on God's Words, Isaiah readily offered to go and do it.

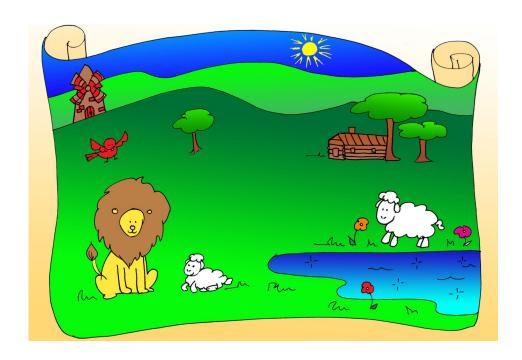


The Lord and His angels need people on Earth to be God's helpers, and to pass on His Words. His angels will help you to do the job.



78.) Isaiah the Prophet

The prophet Isaiah wrote in his book about some wonderful things that would happen on Earth. He received a message telling about Jesus, God's Son, coming to Earth as a human, so we could all be saved and receive His love and forgiveness.



The Prophet Isaiah's book talks about the wonderful and peaceful way the world will be one day. All the animals will be gentle and tame, and everything will be pleasant.



Jesus will make everything nice again. He will bless and care for us, give us healing, and provide all that we need. We can please Him by being kind and lovingly caring for others.



79.) Jeremiah the Prophet

Jeremiah was a prophet who told people of the troubles that would come if they didn't listen to God, follow His instructions, and choose to do what God said was best.

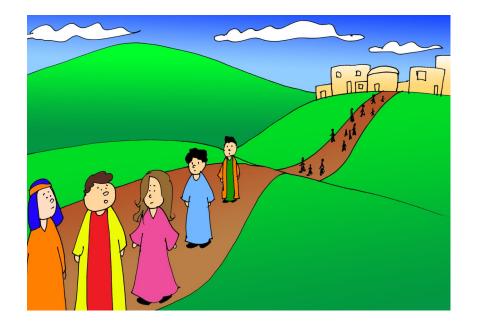


He didn't feel like he was old enough, or very important, or smart. Jeremiah didn't know what to say to the people, but God told him what to do and say, and he told people God's Words.

Sometimes people didn't want to listen or obey what God said.



They didn't show respect and kindness to Jeremiah, but that didn't stop him from speaking God's Words. Jeremiah was a very obedient and faithful messenger, and he received God's protection and care.



80.) Tough Times

Troubles came to everyone, just like God had said. The people had to move from their country to another place with a foreign king, and they had to stay there for quite awhile. The country that many of them had to move to was called Babylon.

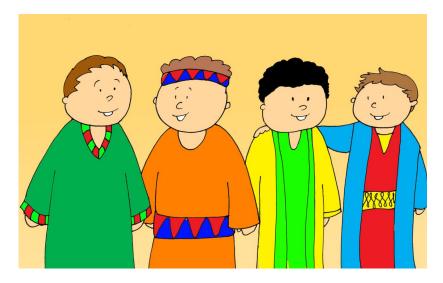


The people were sad to have to leave their country and their homes, and sorry that they hadn't listened and obeyed God's Words.

Although it was a very difficult time, God was still close to them and loved them, and He would let them return later on. Jeremiah prayed for the people, and wrote down some of his prayers, and God's Words.



He knew that God would always love them, even if they had been disobedient and had to go through sad times. God would be close to them no matter where they were. God would answer their prayers and listen to whoever talked with Him and asked for His help.



81.) Wise Young Men

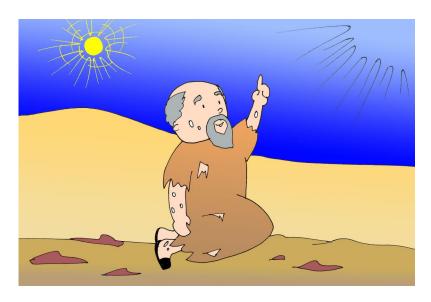
A king of Babylon called Nebuchadnezzar wanted some good young men to be his helpers in his palace; to talk with him and give him advice and ideas. There were four young men who had learned to pray and hear from the Lord, and who loved and obeyed God. Their names were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.



They wanted to continue to do the good things that their parents had taught them to do—even when they were grown young men. They chose to only eat what was good, and didn't want to eat anything that wasn't healthful.



This helped them to grow strong and healthy, and to look handsome. These young men impressed the king with their wise answers to his questions, so he chose them to be his advisers and helpers.

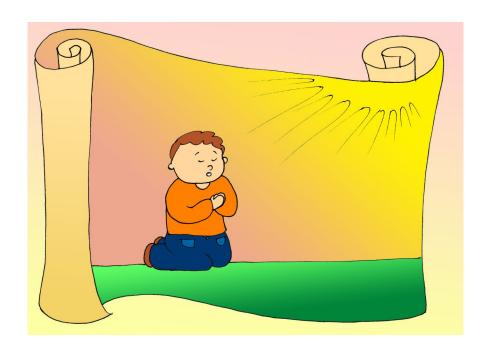


82.) Job's Lessons

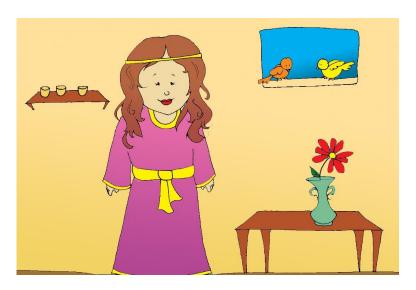
Job loved God and obeyed what He said to do. One time, when Job had lost everything he had and had gotten very sick, he learned to have faith anyway. God taught him that no matter what happens, He sees and knows everything and makes the right choices and does what He knows is best.



Afterwards, God gave Job back twice as much as he had before he got sick and had such big troubles. And Jesus, God's Son sees you too, and knows what you are feeling. If you are hurt or sad, trust Jesus to make it all better for you.



If you are doing well and have all that you need, realise that it's because Jesus gave it to you. Be humble and don't talk proudly. Jesus likes to hear the words of those who are humble, and know that He will do what is best.



83.) Queen Esther

Esther was a beautiful and special girl who loved God. And God had something special for her to do. She had grown up with her older cousin caring for her, as she no longer had parents.

Cousin Mordecai took good care of her and taught her about the Lord. They lived in the city near King Ahasuerus.



The king wanted a nice lady to marry him and be the queen, so there were several ladies brought for him to see. Esther was humble, loving, wise, and pretty too. When the king saw her and talked with her, he liked her very much.

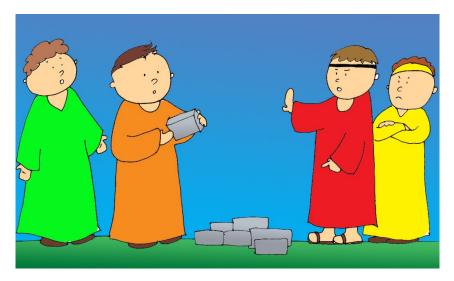


Esther was made the new queen, and a big feast was held to celebrate! Because she was the queen, and also descended from the Israelites, a Jewess, God used her to talk with the king to help him make better decisions that would help her people, and protect them from trouble.



84.) King Cyrus and King Darius

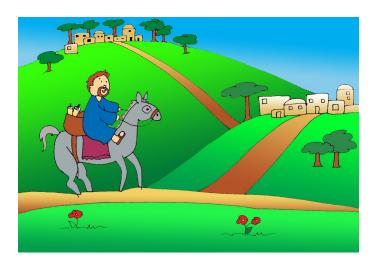
God inspired a good Persian king named Cyrus to let all the Israelites return to their home country again. He told them to rebuild their temple. King Cyrus returned to them all the gold and silver vessels that had been taken from the temple, while they were learning their lessons to follow God's ways.



Everyone was eager to start doing what God's Word said to do, and they wanted to pray and praise together. Some people tried to stop them from rebuilding the temple, but God sent prophets to encourage the Israelites with His Words. When King Darius was the ruler later on, he told those people to stop making it difficult for the Israelites.



He told many people to help them instead, and to give them all that they needed so that they could obey what God wanted them to do. King Darius knew things would go better in the land if people were doing what God wanted them to.



85.) Ezra

The king realised that the best way for people to continue to go God's way was for them to be taught God's Word.

There was a man called Ezra who knew God's Word real well. He was a scribe, and he was given an important job. The king told Ezra to go and be a teacher to all the people.

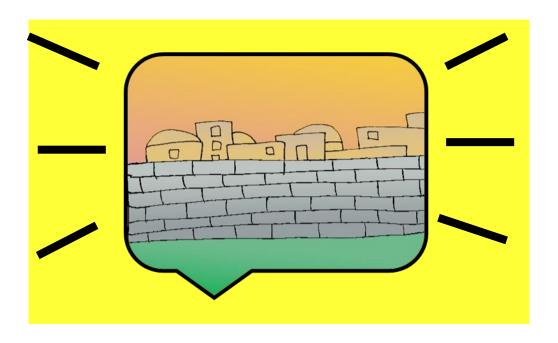


He was to help the people to know what God's instructions to them were—the rules and advice written down by Moses. The king offered Ezra anything that he needed from the country and from his own treasures, so that he could do a good job of helping everyone to follow and obey God's Words.



Ezra knew it was very important to do as God said, if they wanted things to go well.

Ezra prayed a lot, and received the Lord's help. He faithfully taught people what God's Word said.

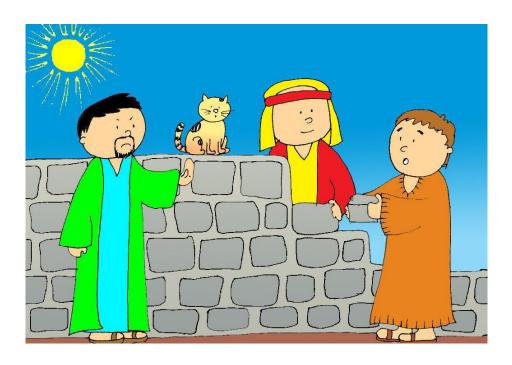


86.) Nehemiah

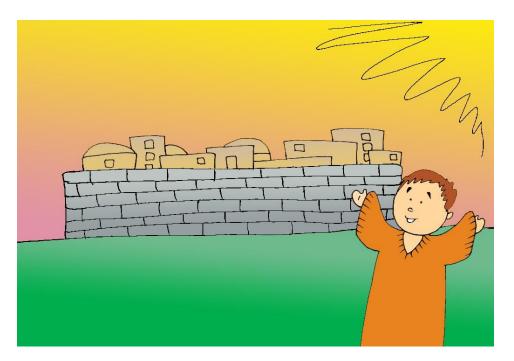
Nehemiah had faith that with God, prayer, and a hardworking faithful team of helpers, he could rebuild the big long wall around the whole city of Jerusalem.



At first Nehemiah was a servant of the king in another country, but he knew God wanted him to leave for a while to help build up the wall, so that the city of Jerusalem would be nice and safe again. The king said that he could go and do the job, and even gave him permission to use wood from the royal forest.



It was tough work, and there were some people who were not so nice and who made it hard for faithful Nehemiah and his building team to do their job. But Nehemiah just prayed and kept on doing the work.



Finally, the wall around the city was complete! They had persevered, and were glad to see what God had helped them to build. Nehemiah and Ezra then helped to teach the people living there how to follow God's Words, and do things His way.



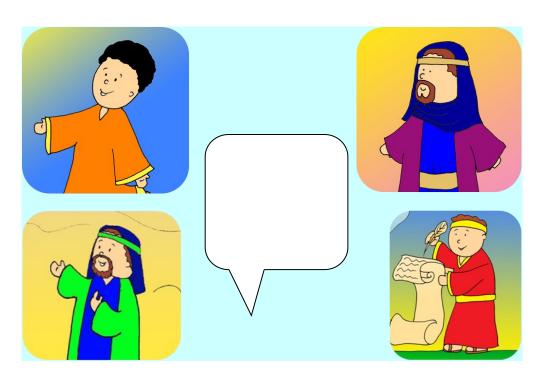
87.) Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

God sent His prophets as messengers to encourage and instruct the people. Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi were all messengers of God.



The Words from God came to the prophets. They wrote them down, and told everyone the tips and counsel on how to have a happy life.

When people were doing the wrong things, God told them that troubles would come to them, to teach them to do things God's better way.



When people needed to be encouraged, the prophets passed on messages that gave them faith and courage. When people were trying to do the right thing, God told them how pleased He was.



Some of God's instructions, given by His prophets, said for them to share, to be humble, to speak the truth, and to pray and ask for God's help. He loves each person and wants to make their life happier.