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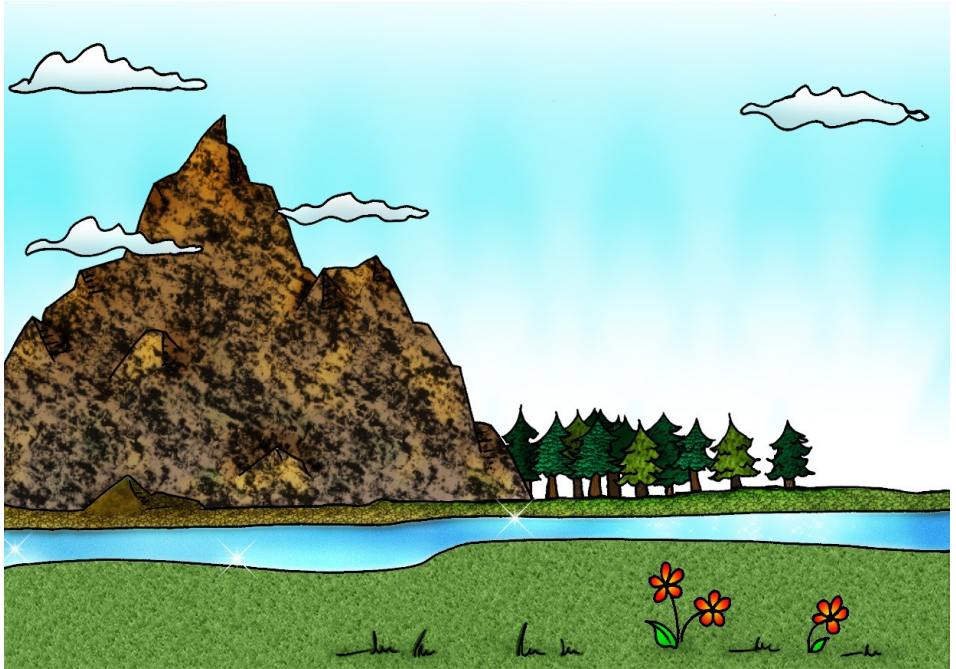
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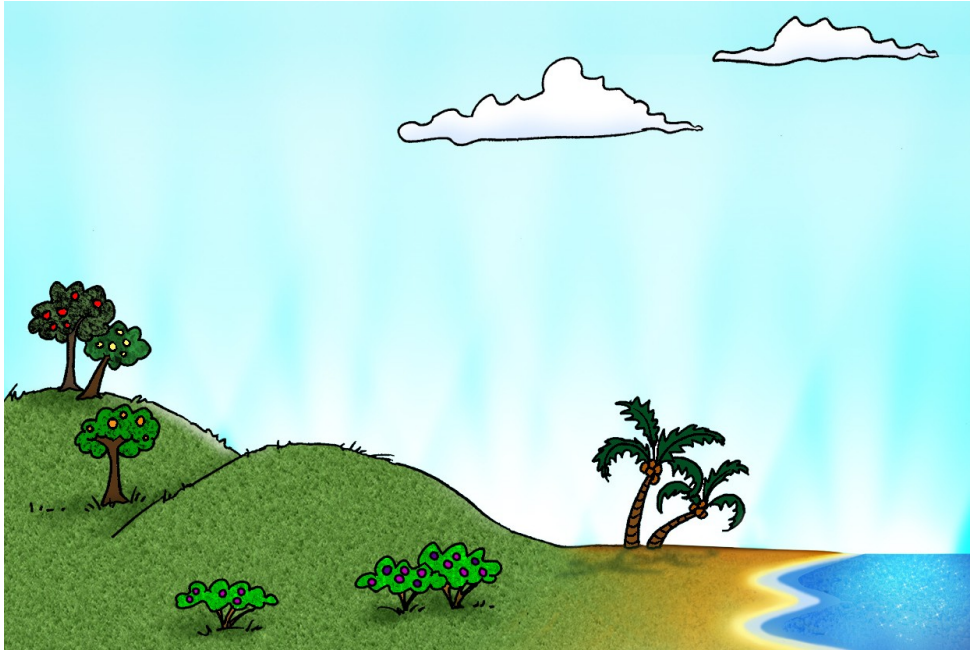
## **1.) God Creates the Earth**

God created the Earth and all the beautiful places in it. First He created the light.

"Let there be light", He said, and then there was light!

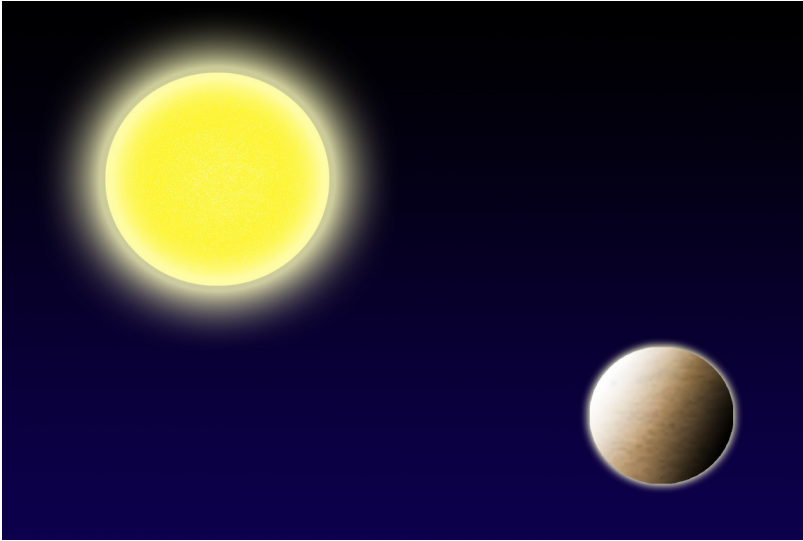


Next, God spoke and created the sky and air around the world. He separated the water, leaving some below on the Earth, and placing some way up above.



Then it was time for the land to be formed. After that, God filled the world with many pretty things like plants, fruit, food to eat, grass, trees, beaches, rocky mountains, and flower-filled meadows. It was a lovely place!

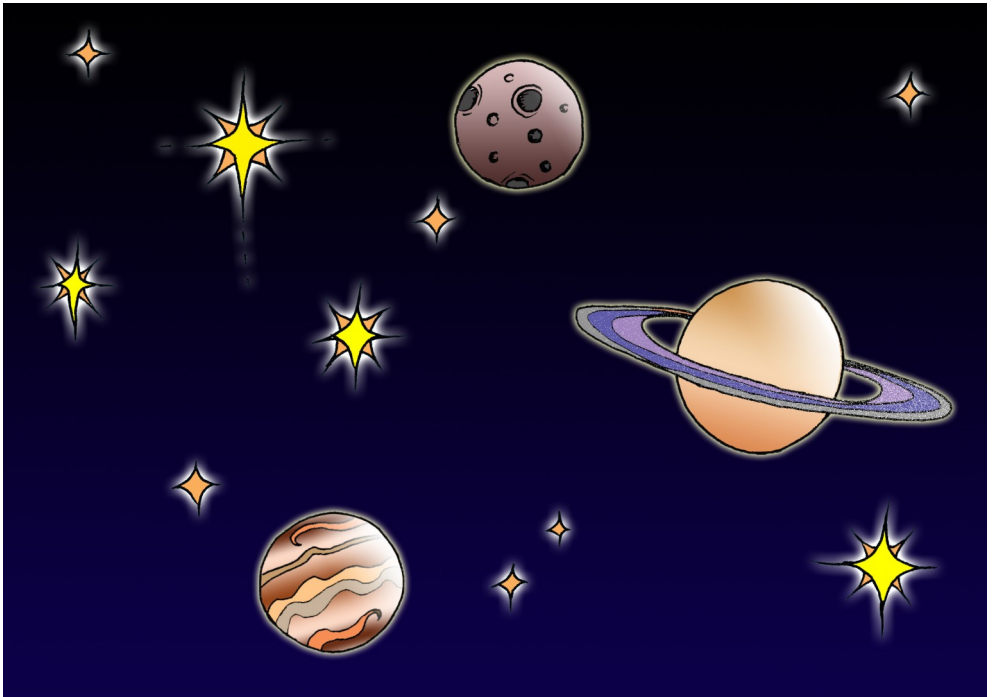




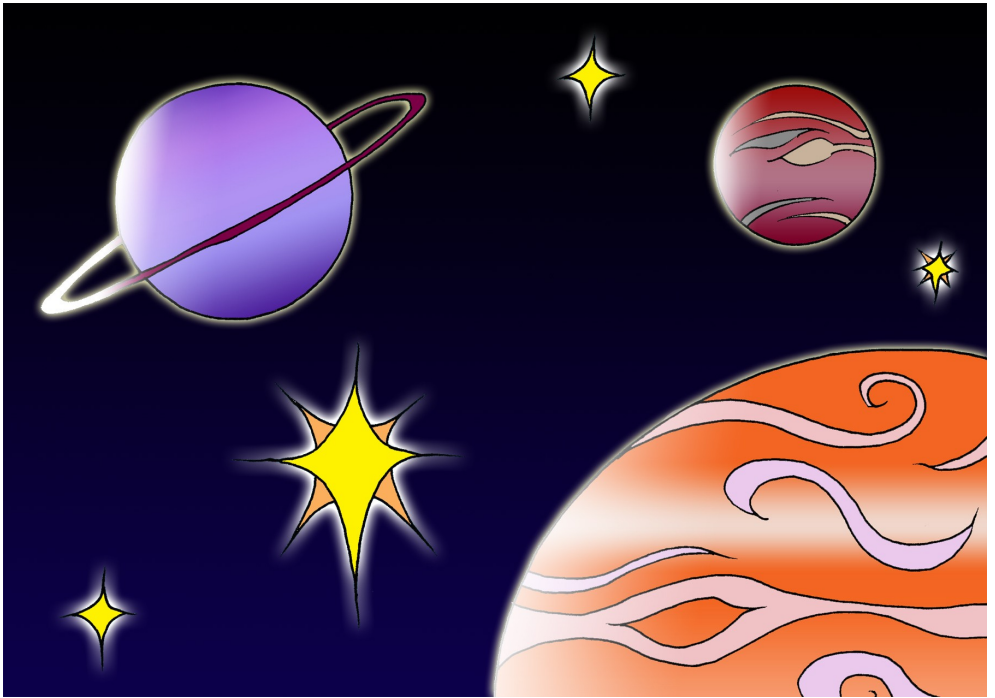
## **2.) God Creates the Universe**

God made some lights in the sky, so the Earth could have what it needs.

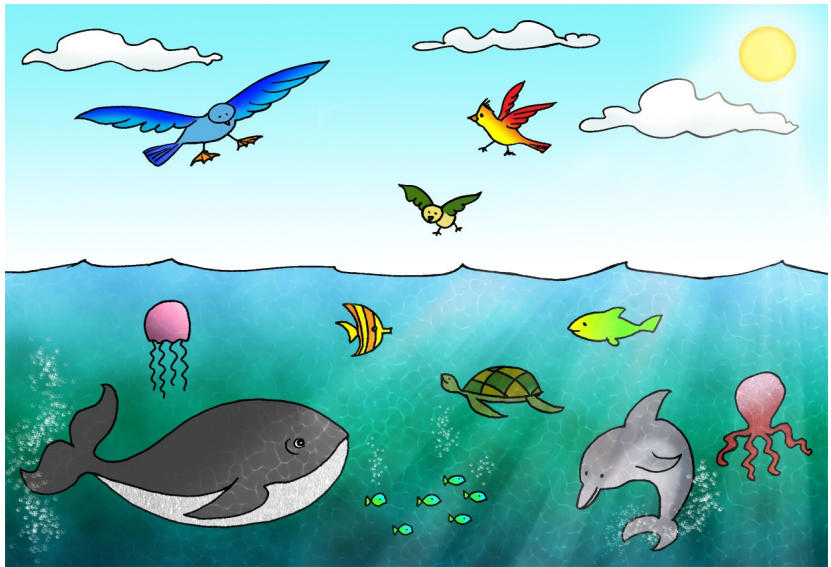
He created the sun to shine and light up the day, and the moon to shine at night. The sun helps plants to grow and keeps the Earth warm.



God also added stars and planets in the space surrounding the Earth—a whole universe!

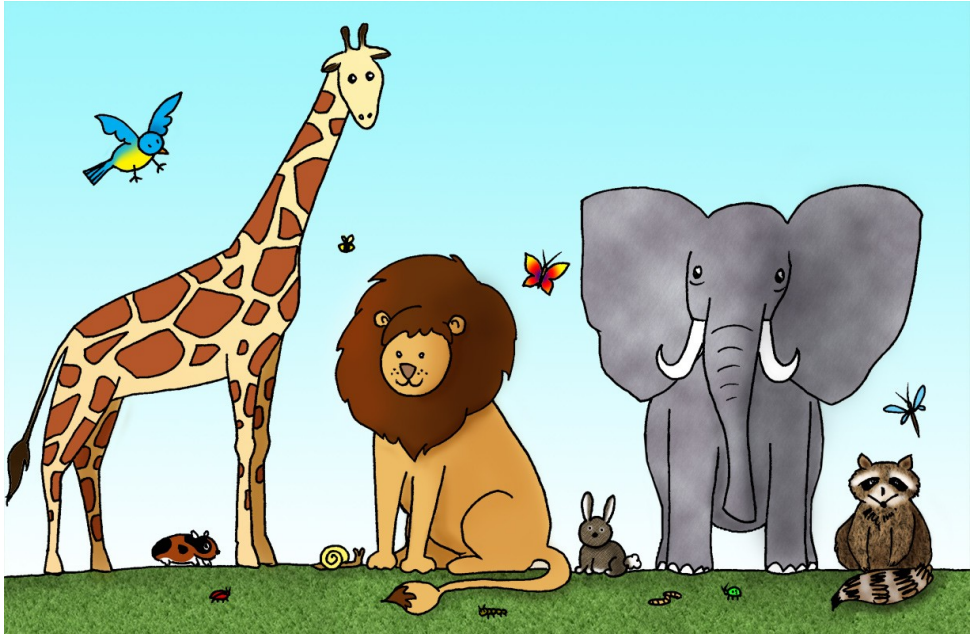


God created and placed everything just right so that Earth would be a great place to live.

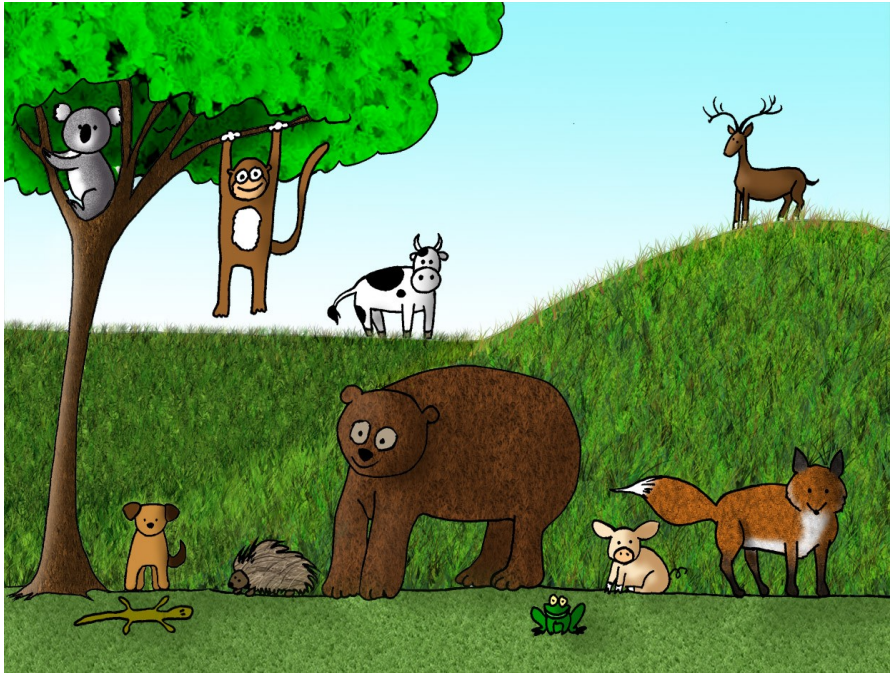


### **3.) Animals Are Made**

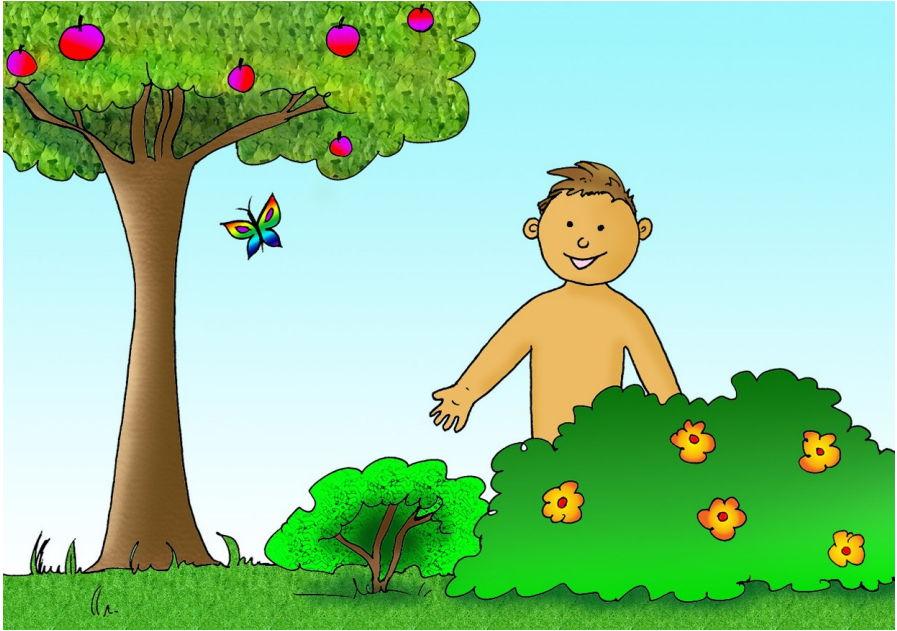
God put fish and sea creatures in the oceans and rivers, lakes and ponds. He made birds that can travel through the sky, on land, and on the water's surface. He made birds that build their nests in trees, and birds that sing.



Then land animals, both large and small, began to explore the new world God had made. There were huge and heavy animals, and tiny little flying bugs. There were fast-moving creatures and some very slow animals.

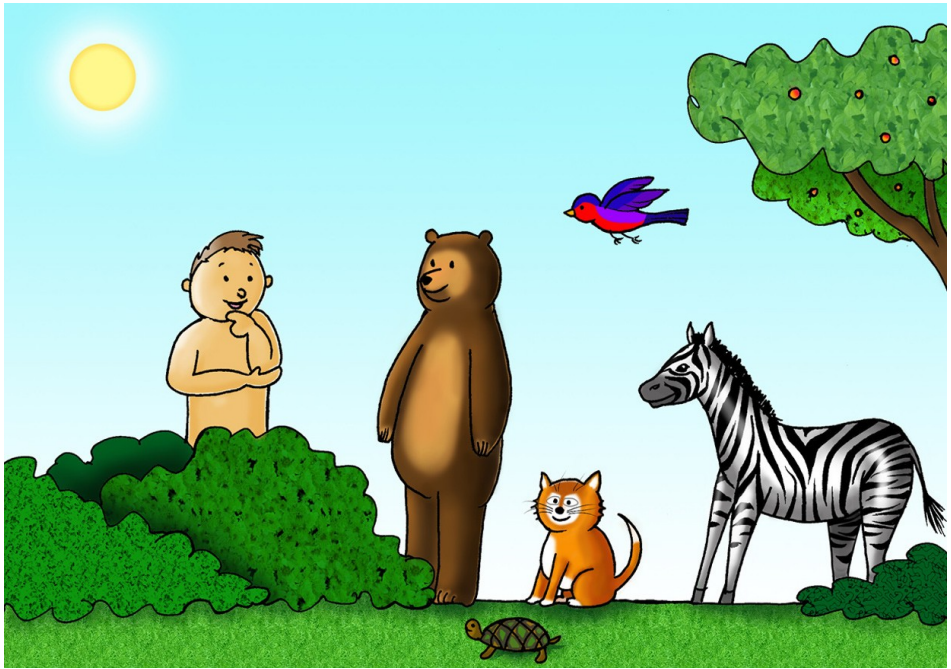


Some had feathers, some had fur, some had scales, some had skin, some had shells, and some had wings. God liked them all, and they were all friendly and happy animals.



#### **4.) The First Man on Earth**

The world was a beautiful place to be, and ready for the first human beings. God then used some soil from the ground to do the most amazing thing. Out of the dirt He made a man!

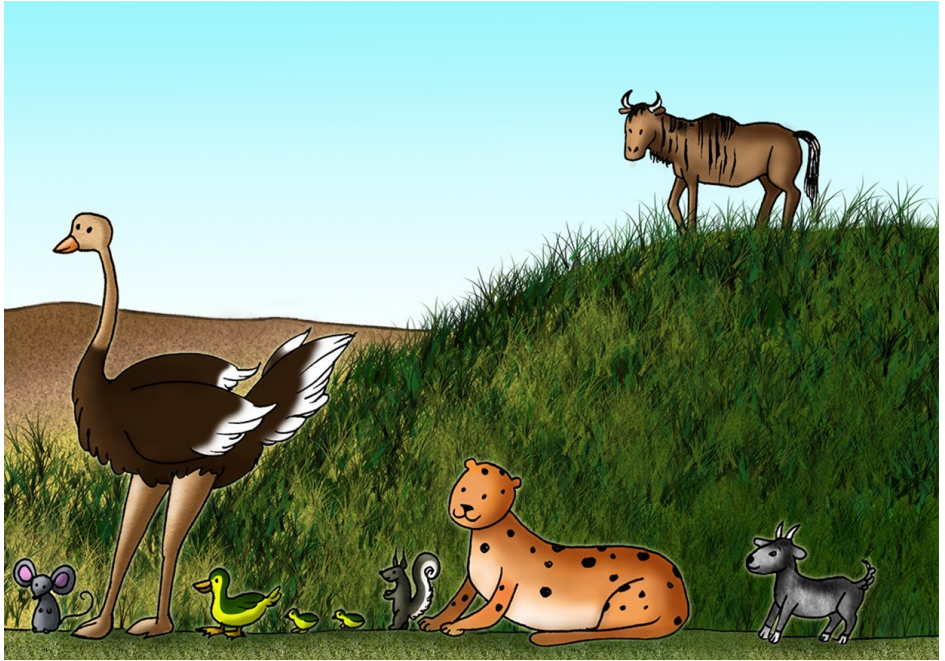


Then He breathed life into him. The first man's name was Adam. God loved Adam!

God then gave Adam a fun job to do—to choose what each animal should be called.

Adam named all the animals.



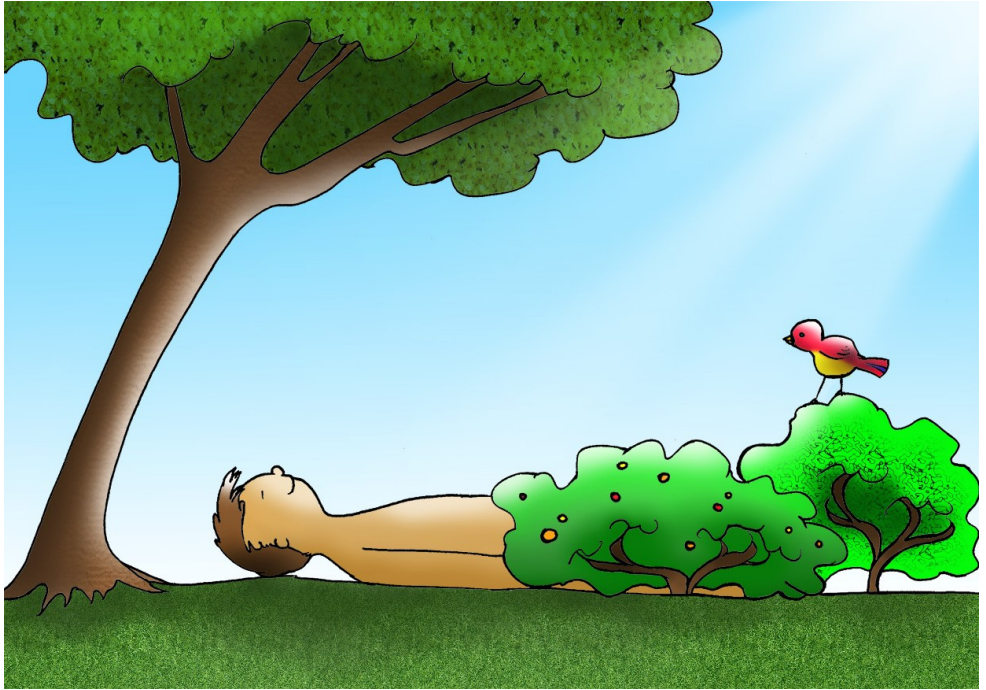


He liked his new animal friends, but he was also lonely, as he was the only person on Earth. Adam wished for a friend, a person he could live with and talk to, and love—someone made like him.



## 5.) The First Woman on Earth

Do you like friends? Even though Adam—the first man to live on Earth—had a beautiful world filled with only good things, and had great things to see and lots of animals around that were kind and friendly, Adam wanted something more.



God knew he needed a friend, a person to live with, talk to, and to be a companion for him. So after putting Adam to sleep, God prepared a special friend for him.

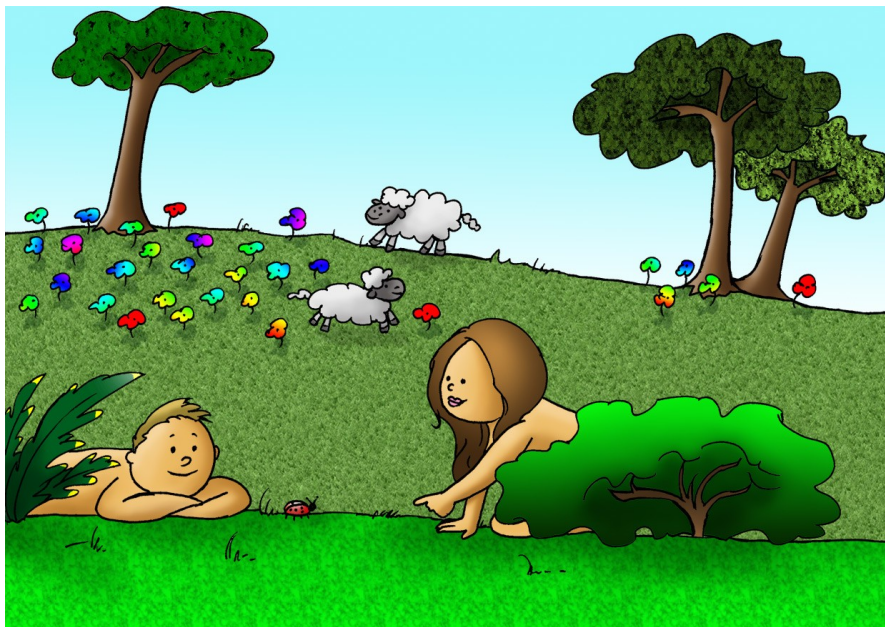


When Adam woke up, he saw what God had made—a woman! Adam was very happy. He loved her and called her “Eve”. She was the world’s very first woman.

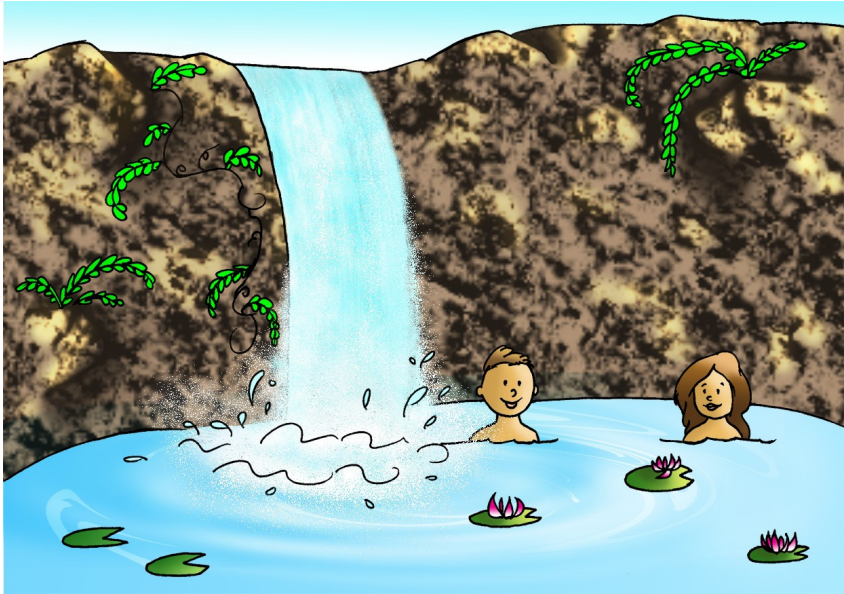


## 6.) God Rests

God liked watching all the neat and cool things that His creation could do! He saw the funny animals at play, the pretty sunsets, the birds in the trees and sky, singing their songs.



He could see the people running and exploring a new area they had just discovered, and a bright-coloured bug finding its way across the grass. He gazed at the colourful displays in the meadows, decorated with all the beautiful types of flowers. It was so much fun for Him!



God saw all that He'd made, and said it was good! God took time to stop and look and listen and enjoy it all. He took a day to rest.

We can and should do the same—take time to rest, to talk with God, to enjoy nature, to laugh.

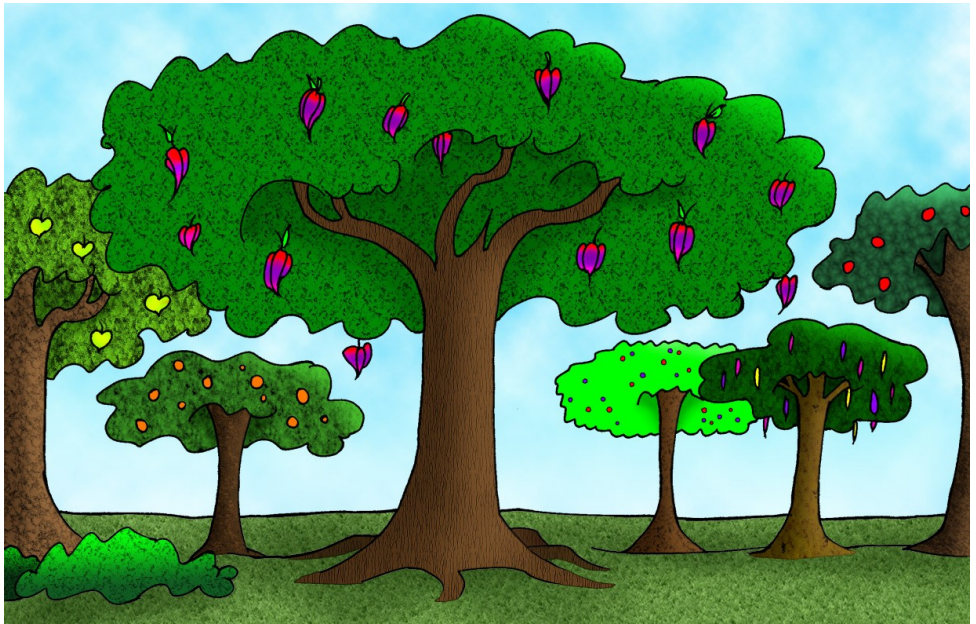


## **7.) God's Garden, and His Gardener**

The whole world was like one big, beautiful garden. It was a fantastic place to be.

God wanted to make a really special place, a garden for Adam and Eve to live in and have all that they needed.



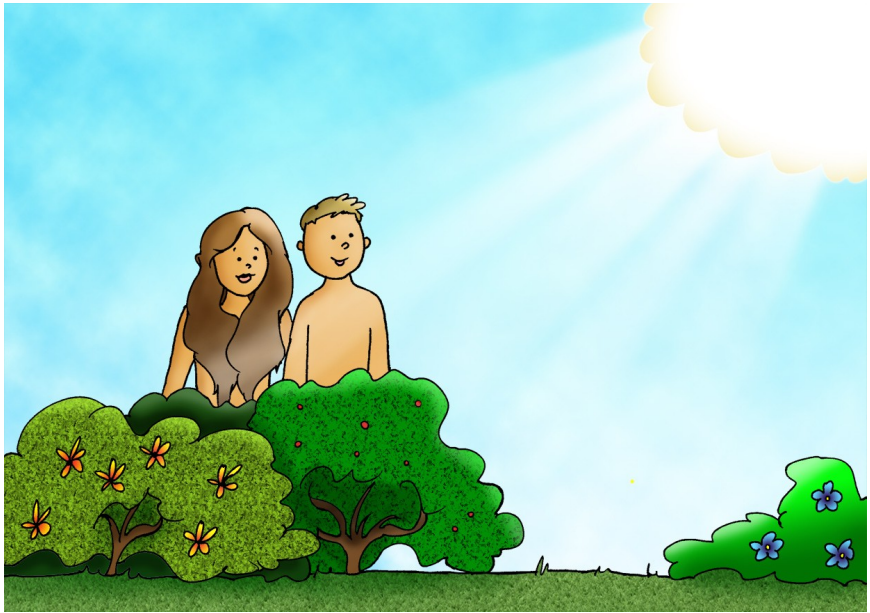


God created a place called "The Garden of Eden" and there He put the first people He'd made. It was such a wonderful place to be.

There were no thorns or harmful plants. The trees had plenty of fruit, and other types of food were growing in the garden.



It was the most beautiful place that ever existed on Earth. Adam and Eve were perfectly safe there, and enjoyed exploring and helping to care for this garden that God had given them the job of looking after.

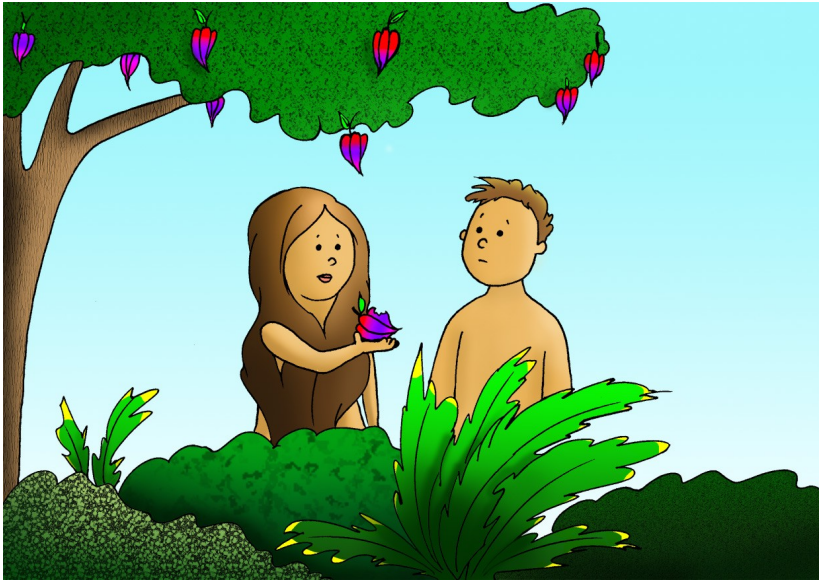


## 8.) Trees and Choices

Even though the Garden of Eden was perfect and wonderful, and Adam and Eve were enjoying it greatly, there was something more important than just having a nice time and having fun: learning to obey God.



Adam and Eve learned this lesson—to do things God's way, and not listen to someone telling them the opposite. God said they could eat from every tree in the Garden except for one, but they disobeyed, and then sad things happened. God had to take away some of their special blessings.

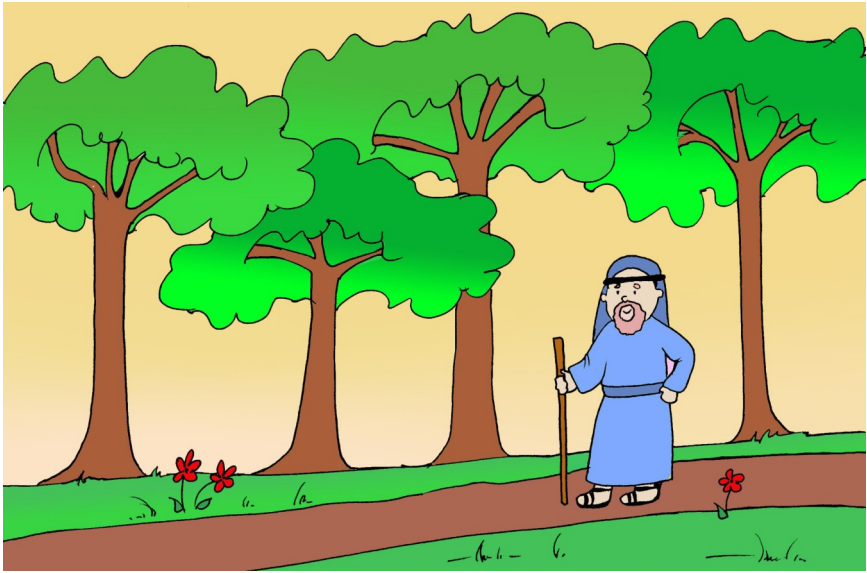


They learned that they were the happiest when they obeyed God. Each person on Earth has to choose what they are going to do, just like Adam and Eve had to. Will you make the right choices that will make you and others, and most of all God, happy?



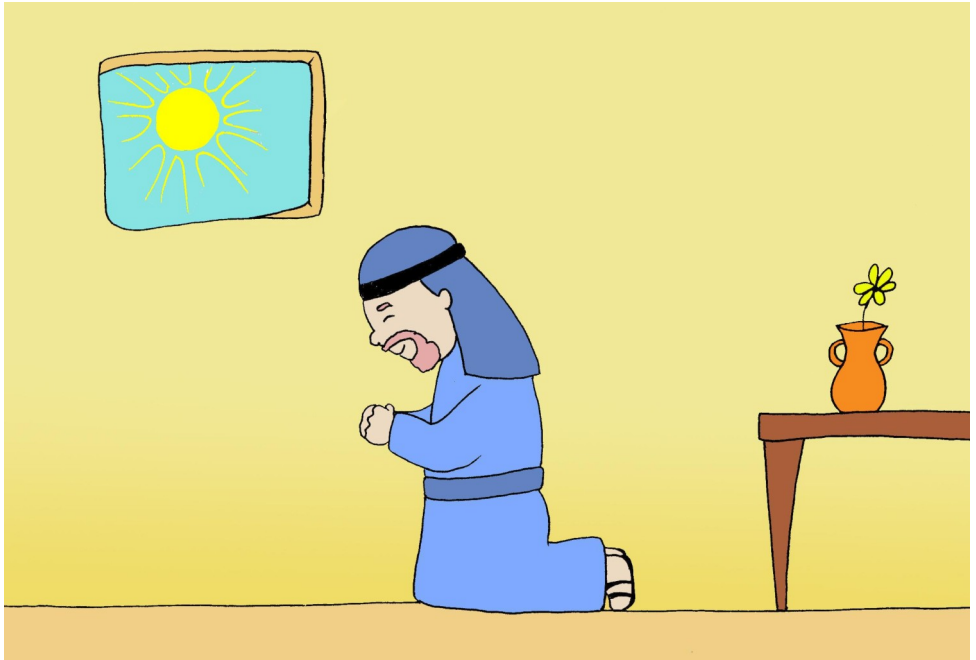
## 9.) Enoch and Methuselah

Does it seem to take you a long time to grow up? Each birthday seems to be a long ways away, doesn't it? There was one man who lived to have nearly one thousand birthdays! His name was Methuselah. He lived to be 969 years old!



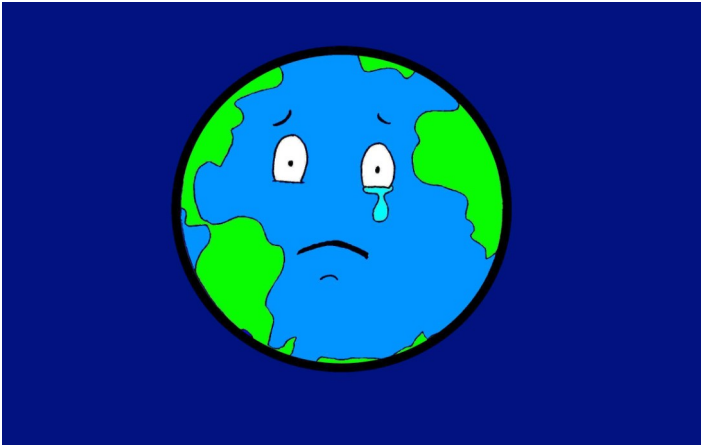
Many years ago, people would live much longer than they do now. Methuselah's father was Enoch. He loved God very much, and tried to do what God wanted him to do.

Sadly, though, most people weren't doing things God's way, and it was making the world a very unpleasant place.



Enoch loved having time talking with God more than doing anything else, so one day God took Enoch up to live with Him, away from all the bad things going on in the world.



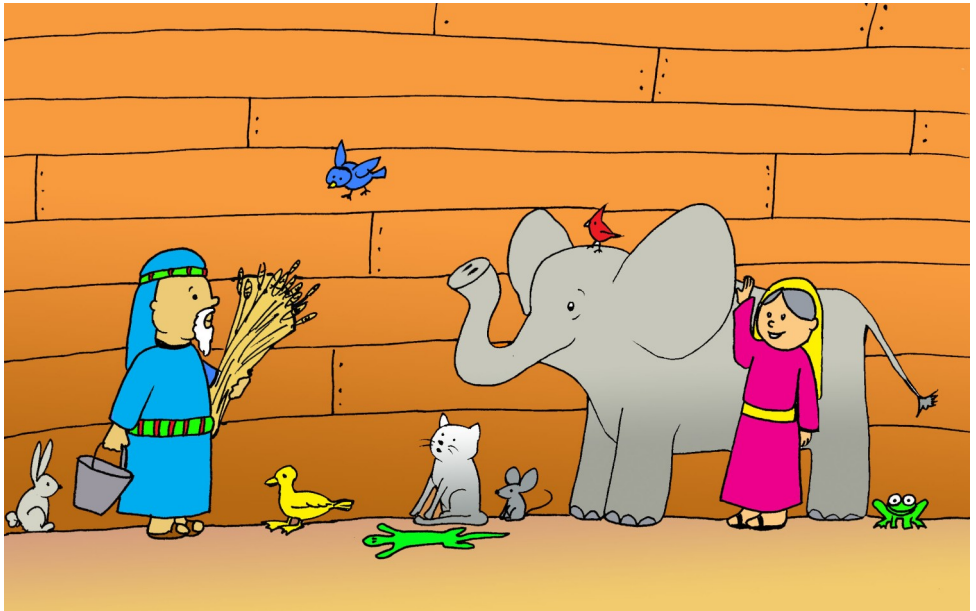


## 10.) A Good Man for a Great Job

God wanted people to be happy on Earth, and to be His friends. However, many people chose to do only the things that were wrong, and that made God sad. He wished they would listen and obey, but they didn't. So God had to wash away all the dirt and ugly behaviour of the old world and start again.



Noah loved God and obeyed Him. God told him to build a big, strong boat, and to load it with animals and plenty of supplies.

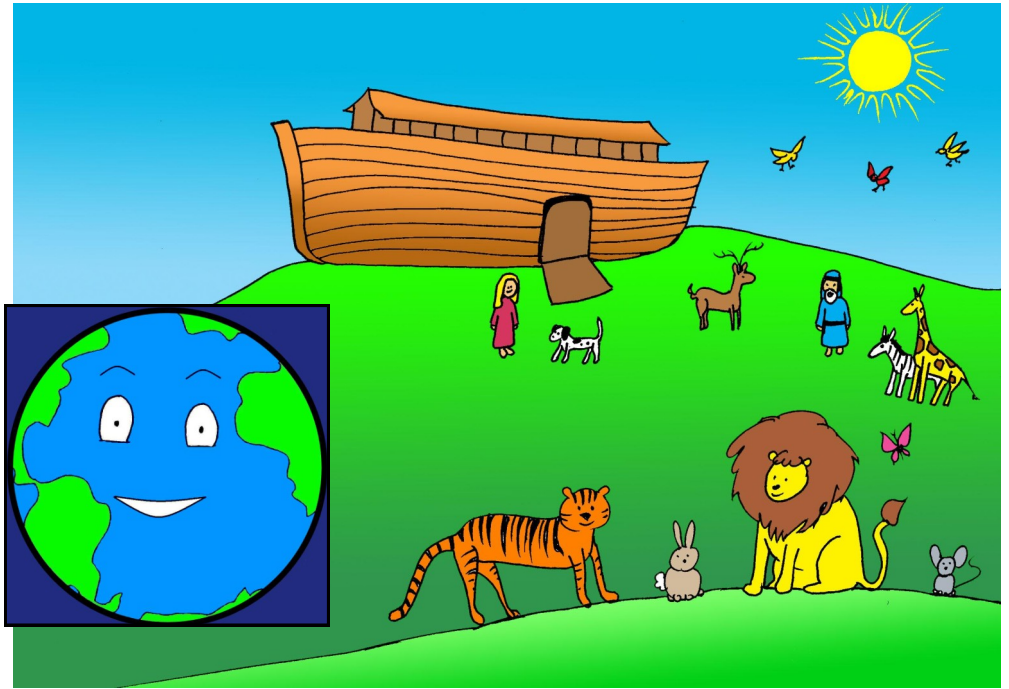


It was going to be a long trip. God would wash the world with the flood, but in the ark, the big boat, they would be safe and dry.



## 11.) Rain and a Rainbow

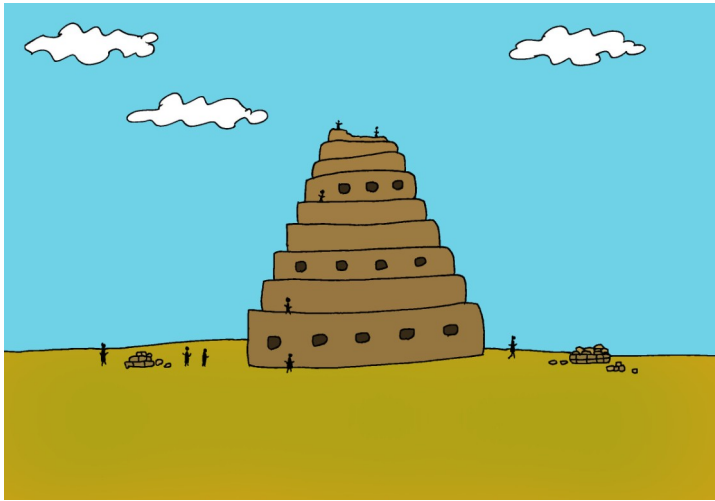
A big flood of water washed over the whole Earth. Everything was made clean again. Noah and his family and the animals aboard the ark were safe and dry. Noah's family worked hard through the long flood caring for the animals, while rocking and bobbing in their big boat.



When at last it was dry enough on Earth, they could all go out again. Noah and his family were so glad to be out of the ark, and glad the world was all new and nice again.



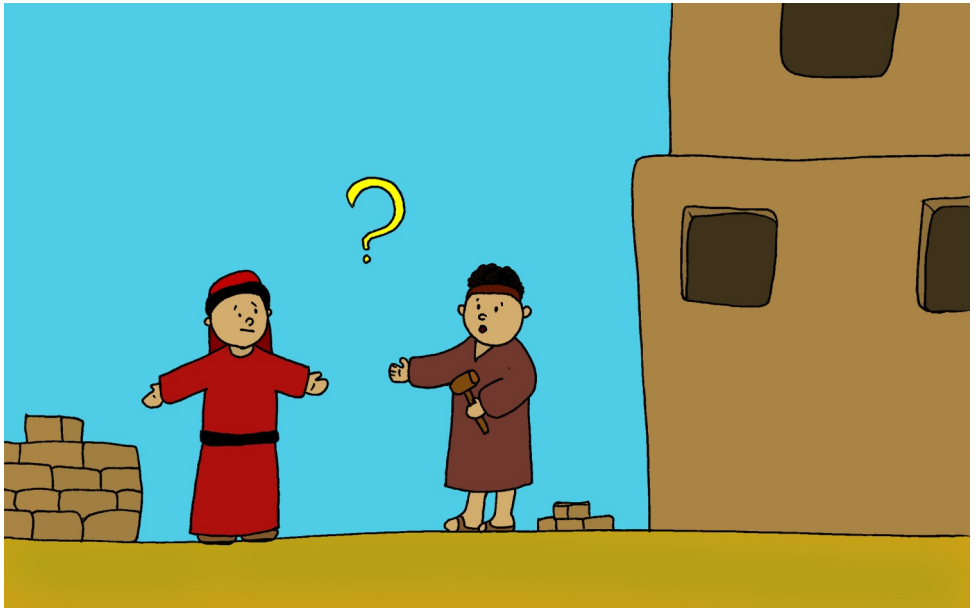
God then put a beautiful rainbow in the sky, as a promise that the great worldwide flood would never happen again.



## 12.) The Tower of Babel

Building a very tall tower of blocks can be fun. Did you know that some men once tried to build a tower of mud bricks as tall as the sky? It was silly, and it would never reach up to heaven. They were being proud.

God wanted them to stop doing it, and instead go and live in other parts of the world.



They were to travel around, and to form smaller communities living here and there. Too many people all together, all doing the same thing, wasn't making the world what it needed to be. So God gave each family a new language to speak—a language no one else understood.



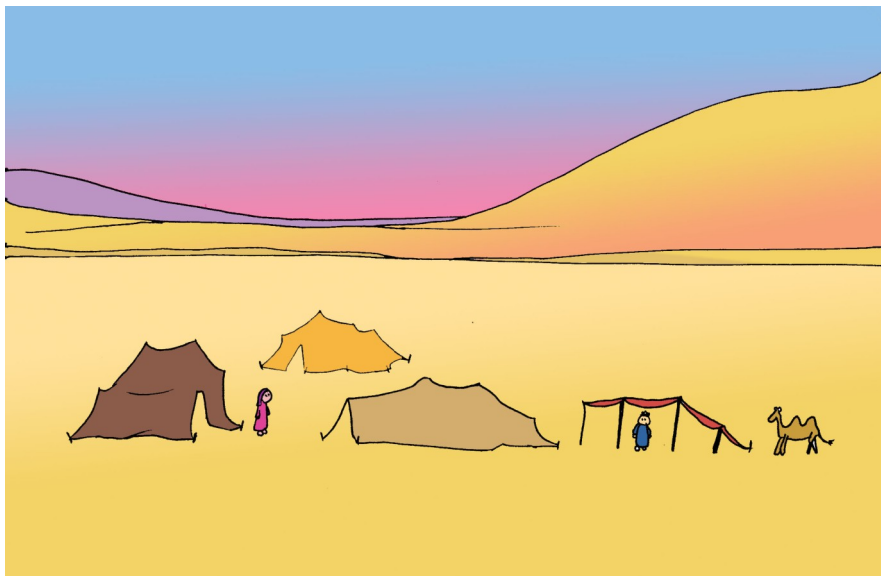


Since no one could understand most of the others anymore, as they could before, they had to stop building the tall tower, and instead went to explore new places on Earth and do new things.



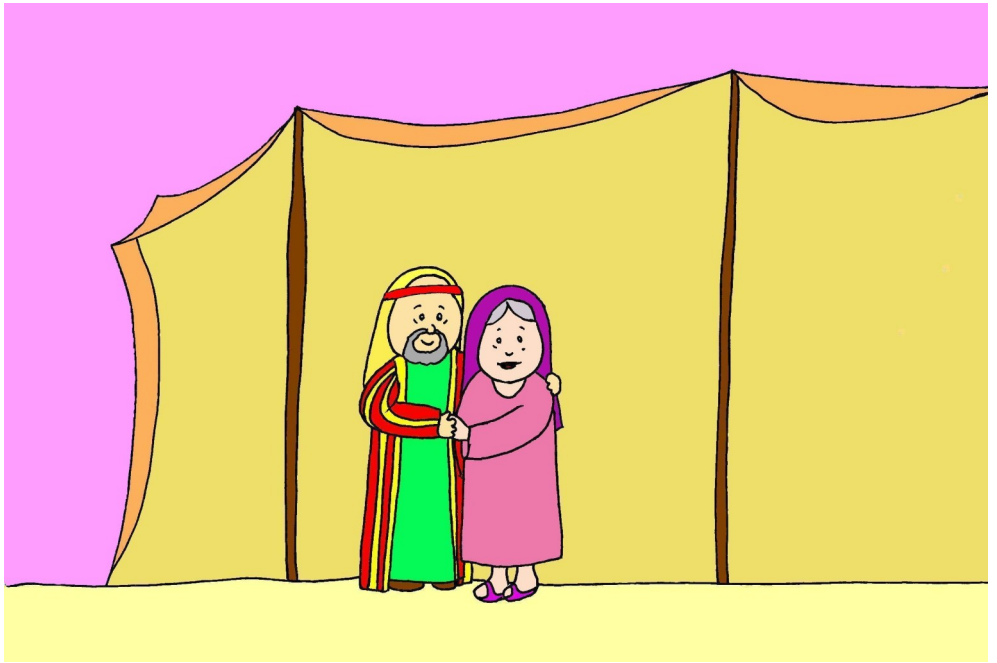
### 13.) A Man on the Move

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.

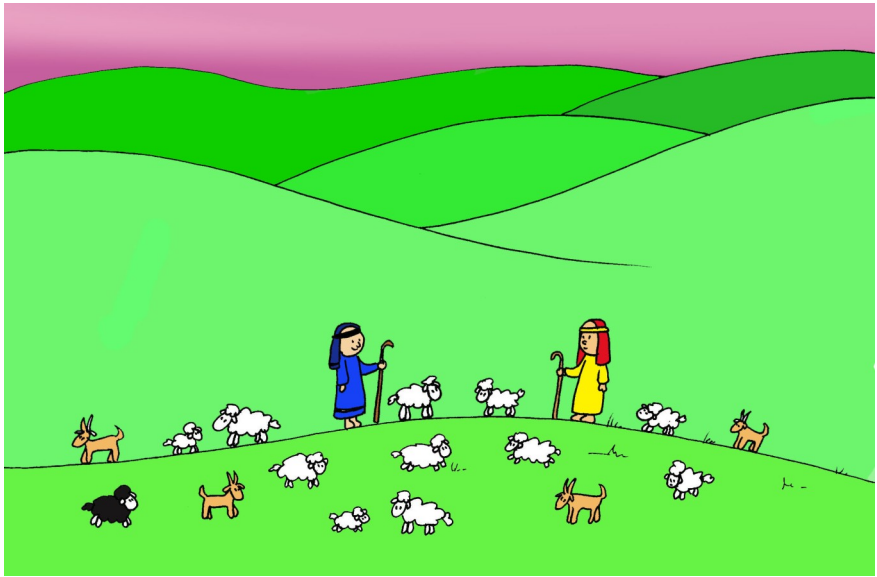


Abraham and his team had to walk or travel on camels or other animals, or wagons. He had many animals. Abraham chose to obey.

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.



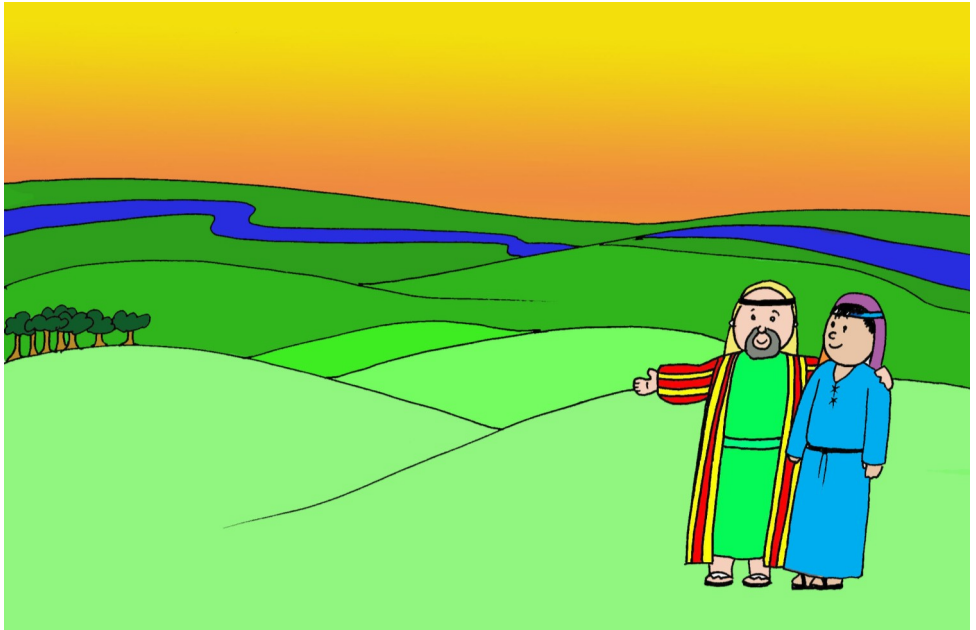
Abraham had a wife called Sarah, and God said that one day she would have a child. They looked forward to the day when this would happen. It took faith and patience to wait.



## 14.) 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.



## 15.) Three Special Visitors

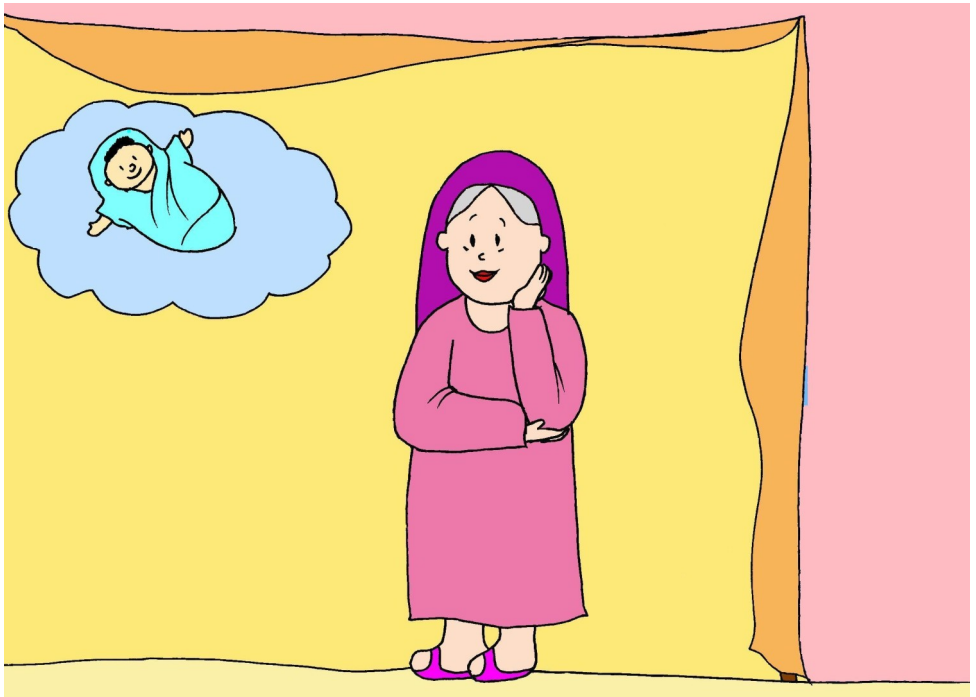
A team of three special men were travelling to the place where Abraham had pitched his tent. Abraham invited them to stay for a while to rest and eat. Sarah cooked some food for them. The men were angels, and they had a special message to give Abraham and Sarah.





They announced that it was nearly time for God to send them their special son, the child God had promised to give 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!



## 16.) Isaac

Isaac was Abraham and Sarah's very special and long-awaited son.

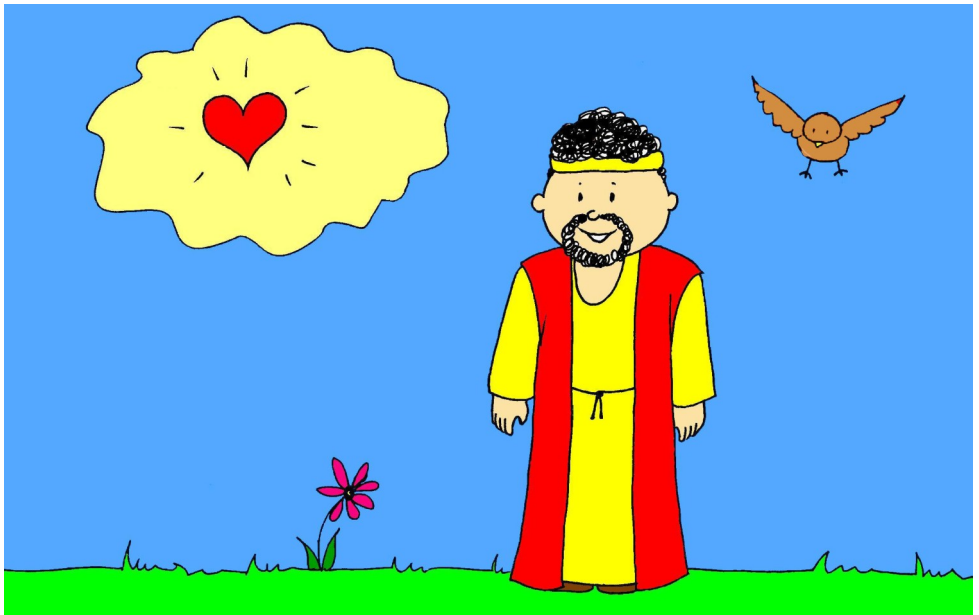
They must have felt like the happiest parents in the world as they held little baby Isaac, the son God had promised to give them for so long.



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

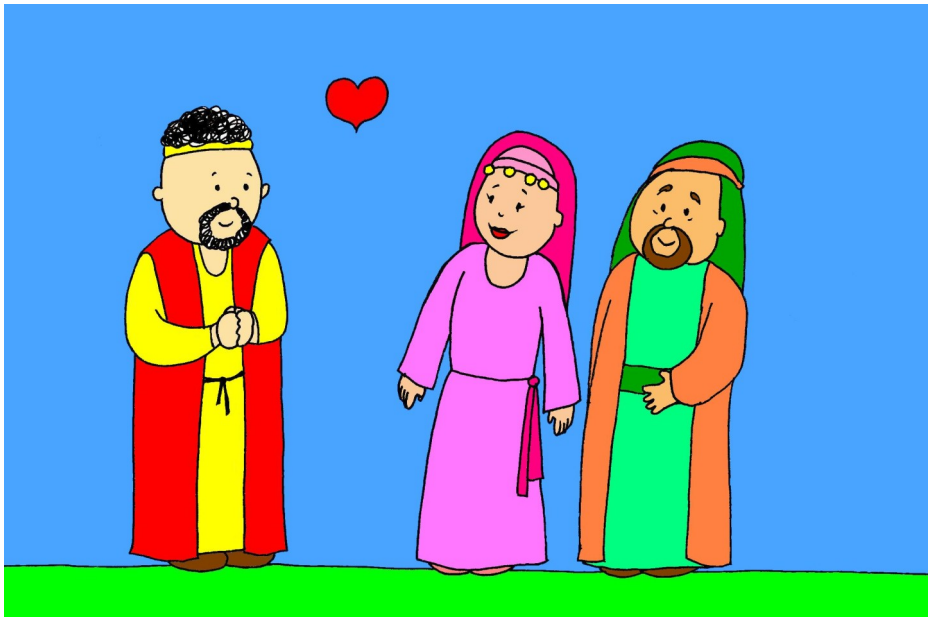


Abraham and Sarah taught their son Isaac about life, about God, and about having faith and patience, just like they had learned all those years.



## 17.) Patience, Faith, and Rebekah

Isaac travelled around with his father Abraham and mother Sarah, 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 to have a wife and children, 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. They loved each other, and after a while God gave them two children—twin boys. Their names were Jacob and Esau.



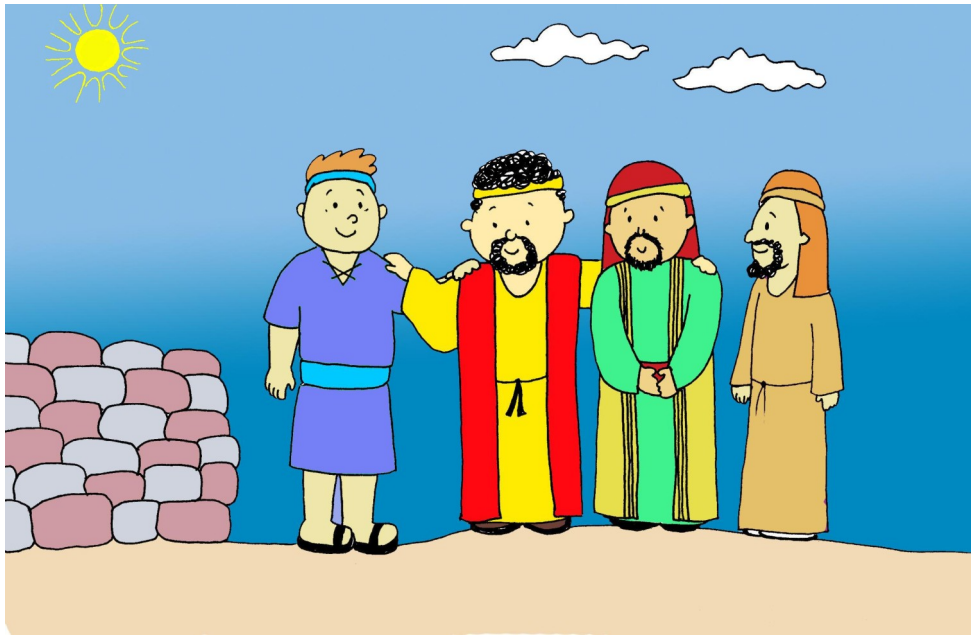


## 18.) Isaac and the Wells

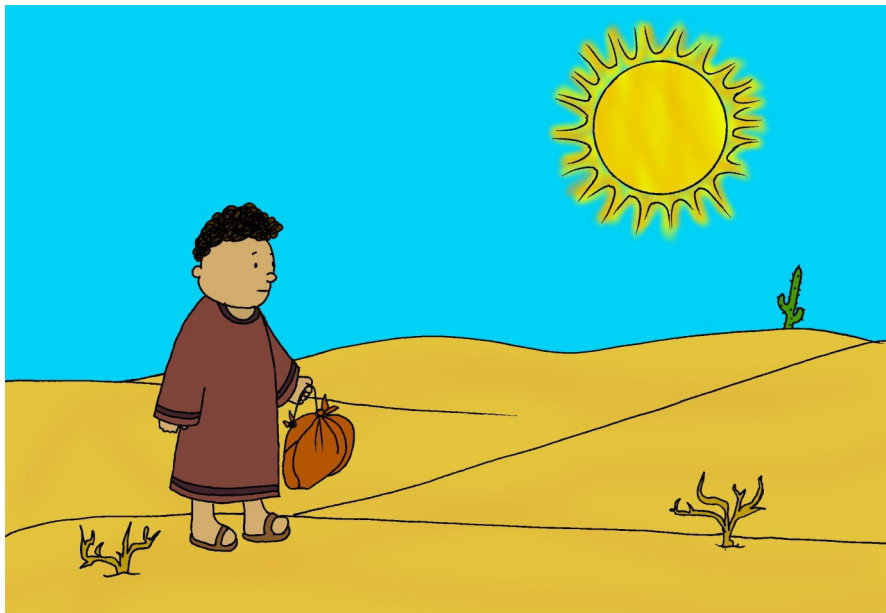
Did you ever have someone take something that you were using? Did it make you sad or upset? Isaac had learned to be patient and act kindly, even when people took away something that he and his team really needed—a well for drawing water.



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 hadn't been nice to him said they were sorry, and they became friends. It was a good idea to act kindly—because in the end Isaac got more friends.



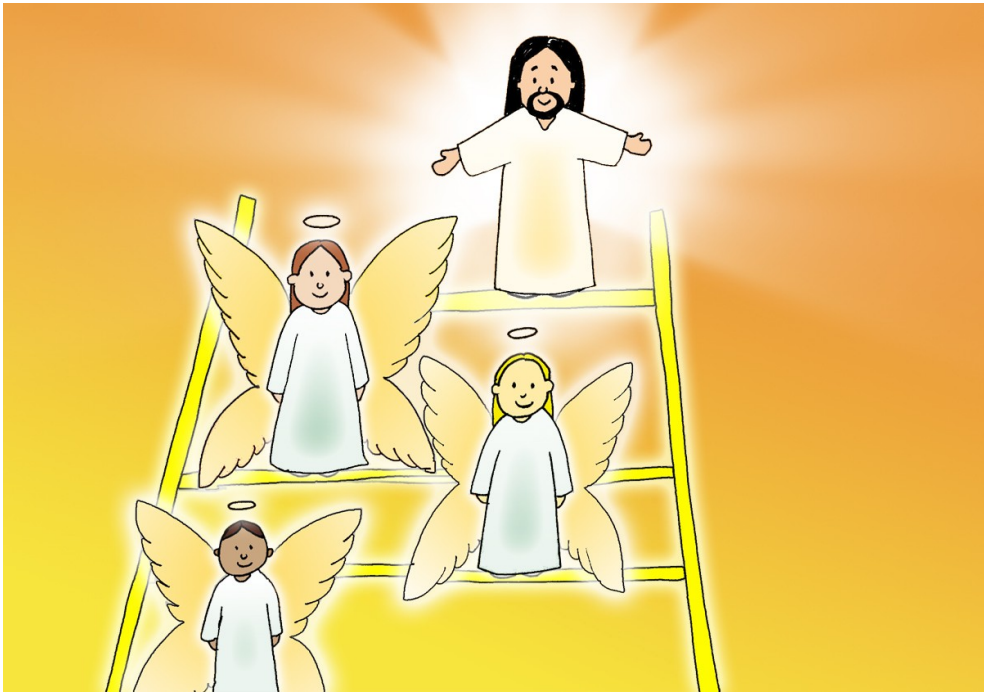
## 19.) Dream of Angels

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 Jacob's instead.



Jacob was too greedy and so he 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.



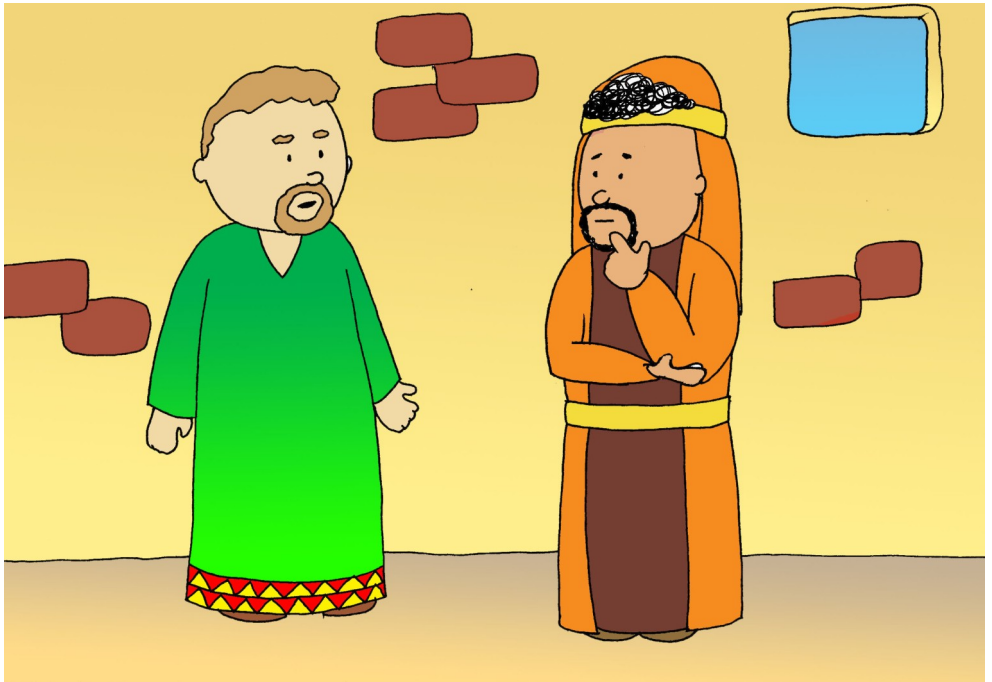
He knew God was there right beside him, and loved him and would help him. Jacob chose to change and follow God's way instead, and God took good care of him.



## 20.) Hard Work and a Family of His Own

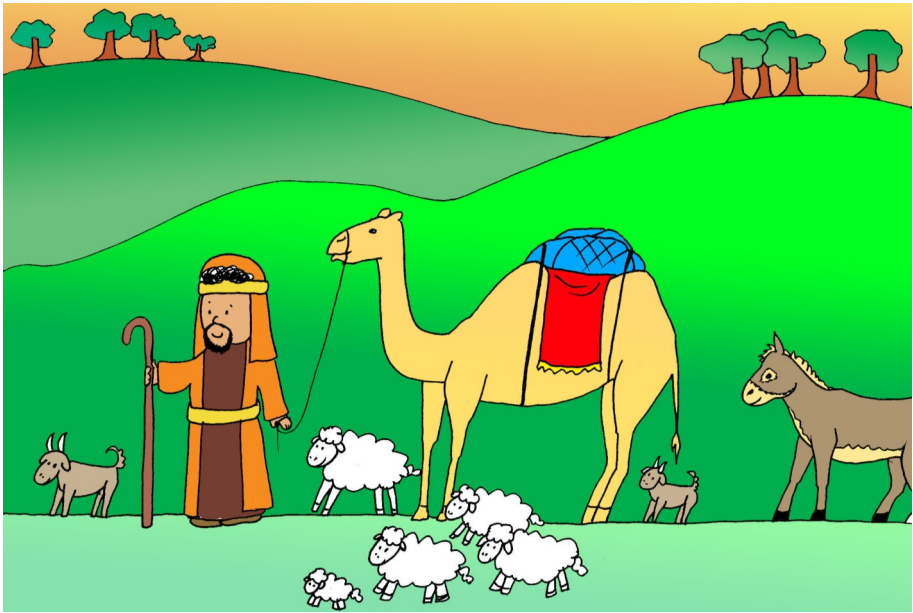
Jacob travelled to the place where his uncle Laban was living, and stayed with him there for many years.

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.



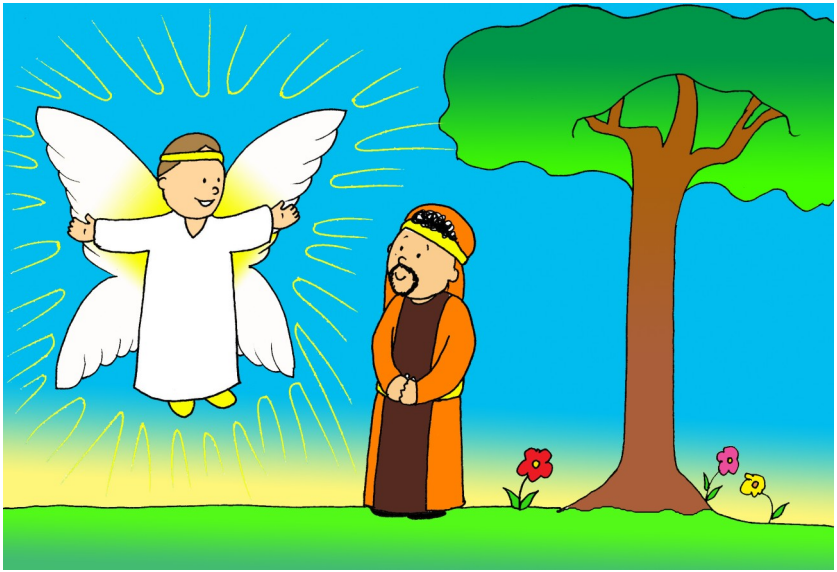
Laban wasn't always nice to Jacob, and didn't keep his promises. This helped Jacob to learn what it felt like to be around someone who only thinks about themselves and isn't trustworthy.





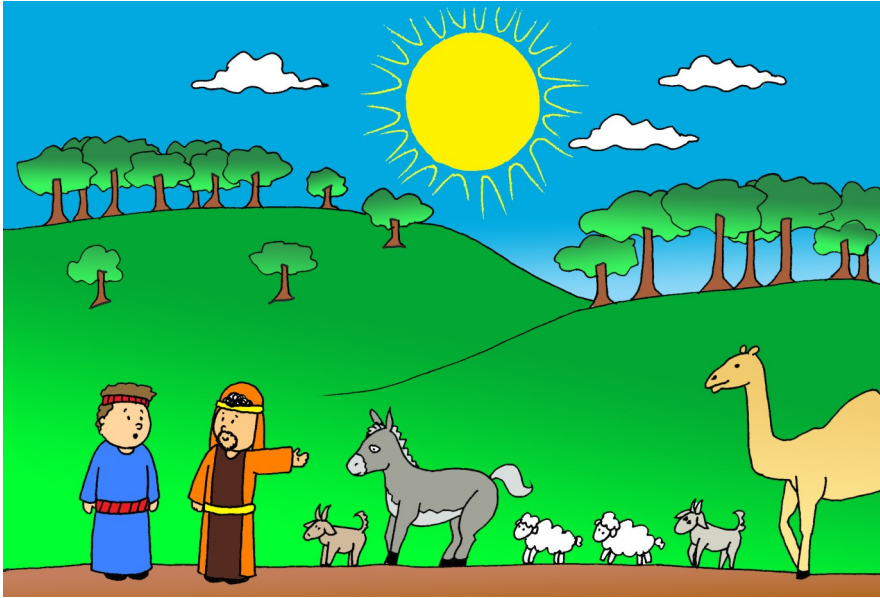
Jacob tried to keep being faithful to work hard and care for his family. God told him it was finally time to move back to his country.

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



## 21.) 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 homeland.



Jacob then gave his brother lots of animals as gifts, since Jacob had lots. He spoke kindly to him. He was trying to make things right again with this brother, and share with Esau some of the blessings that God had given him.



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



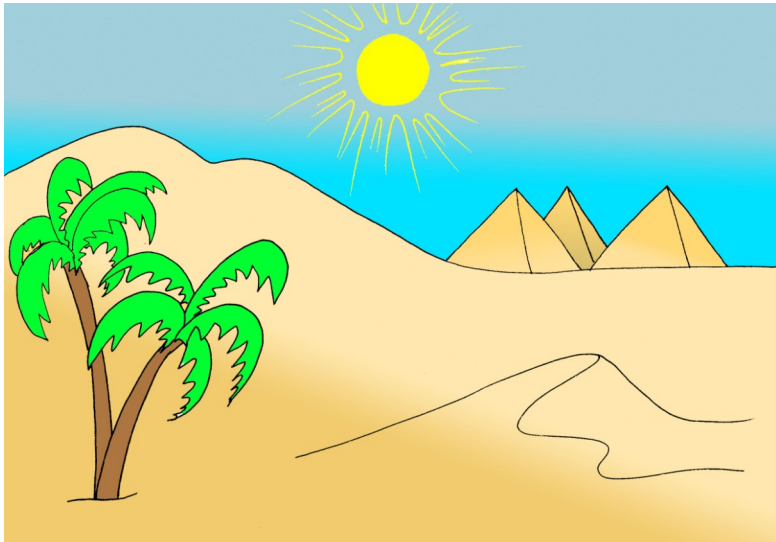
## 22.) Comparing and Coats

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

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

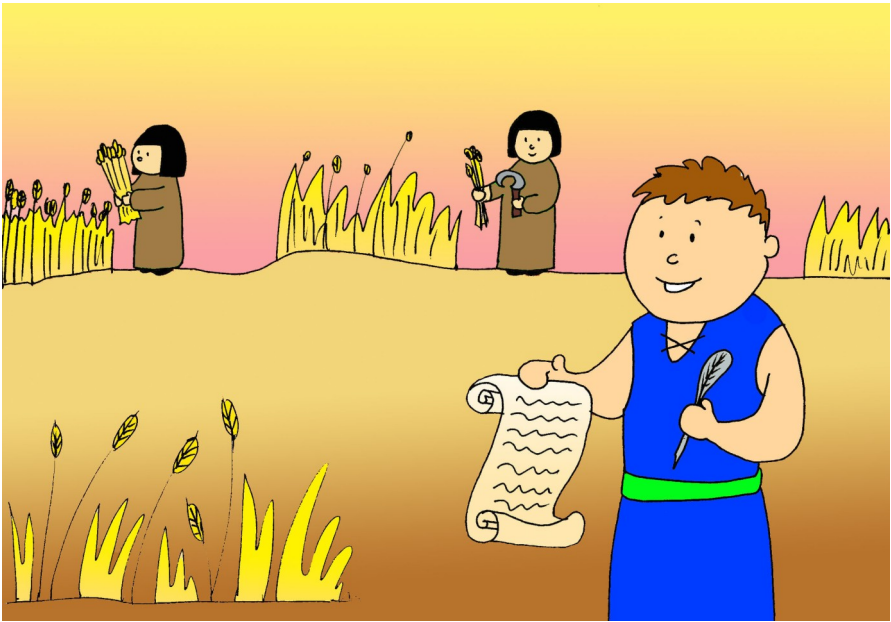


It would have been better if they had been kind and had more faith that good things would come for them too. God had something difficult for Joseph to do, so it was nice that he had a few special treats beforehand.



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.



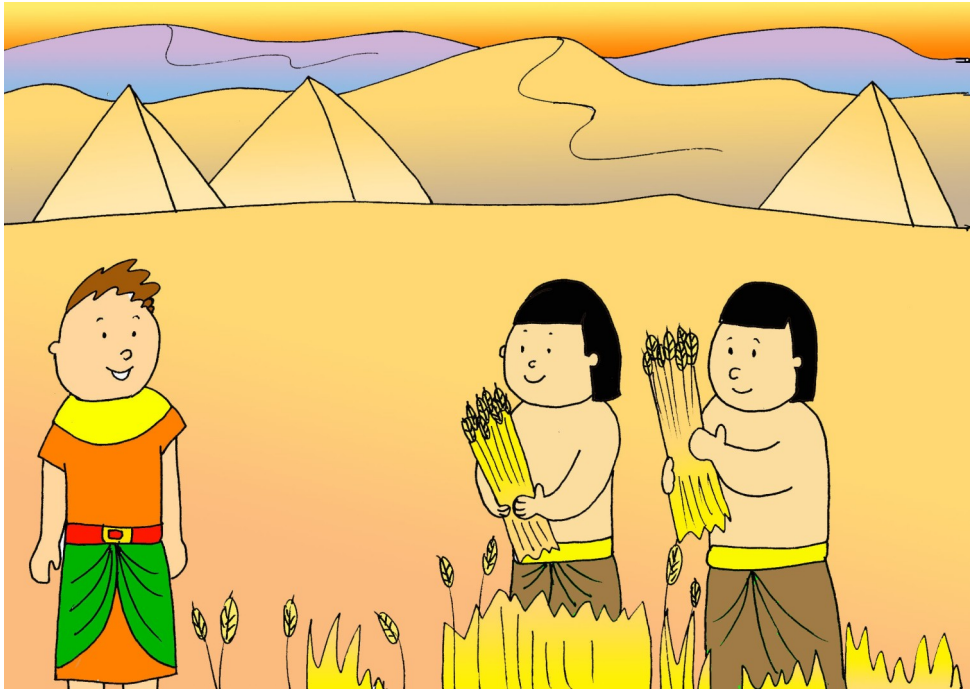
## 23.) Joseph in Egypt

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.



## 24.) 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.

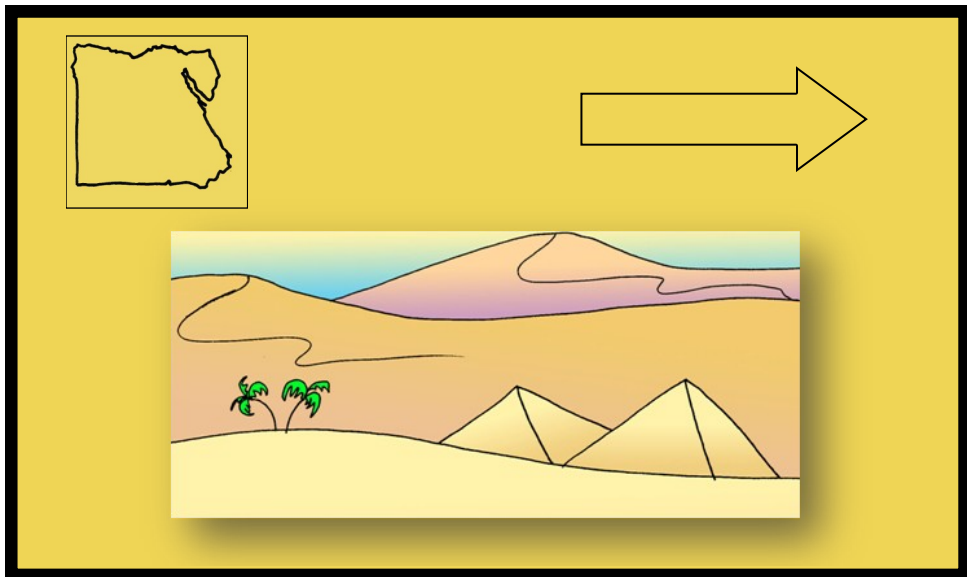


Joseph then told his brothers who he was, and hugged them. They were glad Joseph forgave them for not treating him nicely before.

Joseph was glad that he had been in Egypt now, because he, his brothers and their families, as well as their father, could now have some of 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.



## **25.) A Palace, a Prince, and Preparation**

Many people who were from the families of Jacob's sons and their children were living in Egypt. They were called Hebrews or Israelites. Things got hard for them there after a while. God wanted them to move somewhere else.



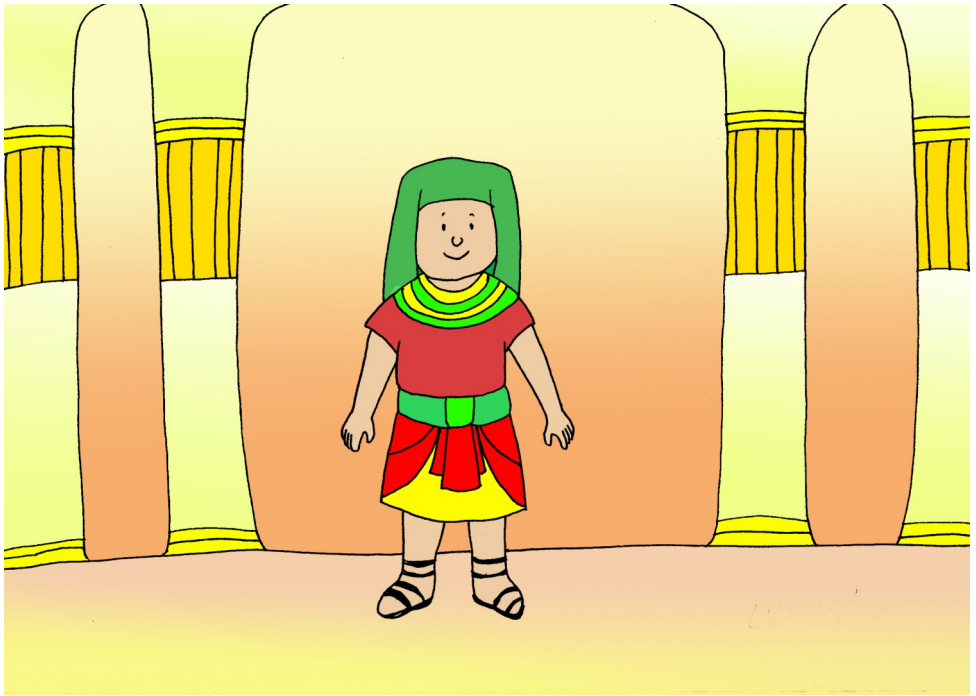
One day, a baby was sleeping in a little basket-bed-boat, floating near the edge of the river. His older sister was watching over him.



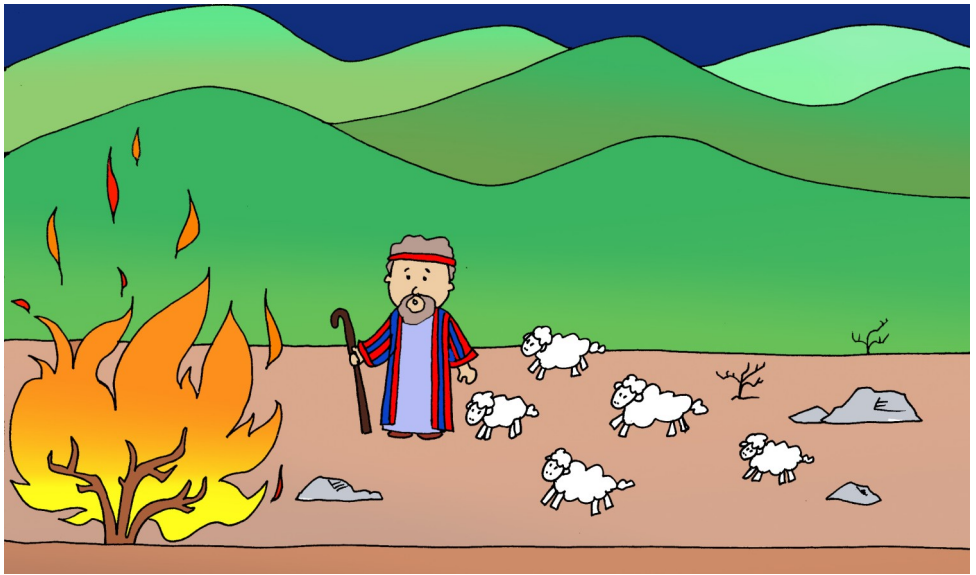
Then Pharaoh's daughter saw the little baby and picked him up. She heard him cry, and loved him. She called him Moses.

Moses' mother cared for him, and the Princess treated him like her own son as well.





He grew up as a prince in the palace of Pharaoh. God was preparing Moses to be the man to do the job of helping the Israelites move out of Egypt many years later.



## 26.) The Burning Bush

Moses didn't like the way that Pharaoh was treating the Israelites living in Egypt. Pharaoh was unkind and made the people work too hard. When Moses was a grown man he left Egypt and became a shepherd for many years in a place called Midian.

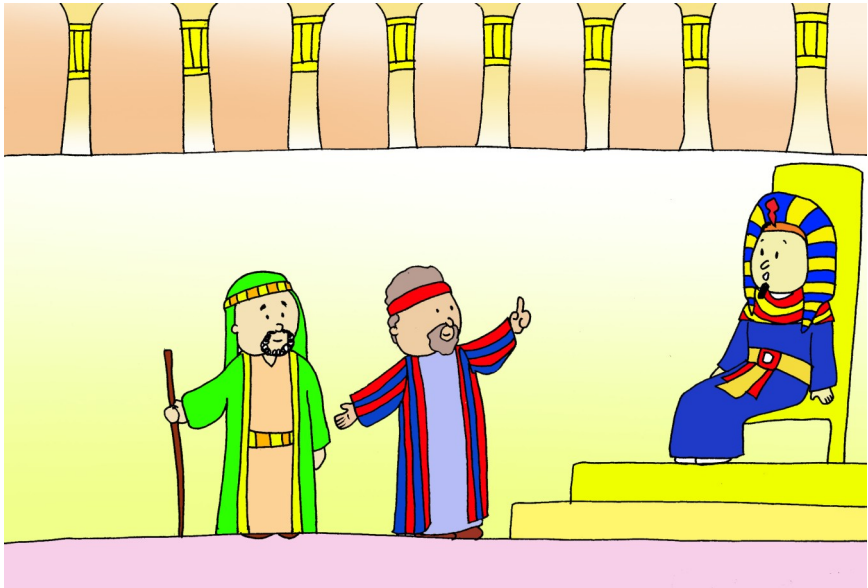


One day, while Moses was watching the sheep, God appeared to him in a bush that was all lit up, like a fire! The bush was burning in a very special way, without getting burned up.

God spoke to Moses from that burning bush. God told Moses to go back to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let all the Israelites leave.



God said He would do amazing things to help convince Pharaoh to obey. Moses' brother Aaron came to see him, and God had the brothers be a team to do this very big job. There were many people to lead out of Egypt, but they had faith that God would be there to help them.



## 27.) Brave Brothers

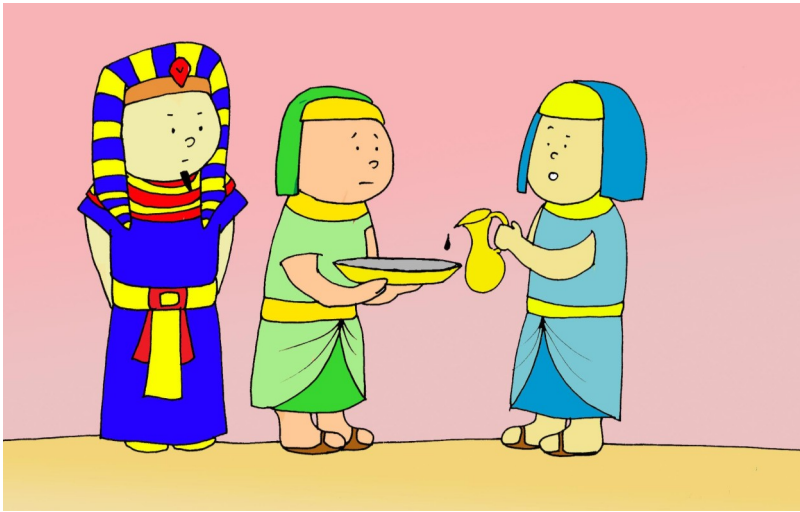
When Moses and Aaron talked to the leaders of the Israelites and told them God's plan, they were glad to hear that they would soon be able to leave Egypt! Moses and Aaron boldly told Pharaoh what God had said.



God said that Pharaoh was to let the people leave Egypt and to stop working for him. But Pharaoh didn't like that idea. He tried to make things even more difficult for them. This was discouraging for the people, but Moses and Aaron kept bravely obeying God's Words.



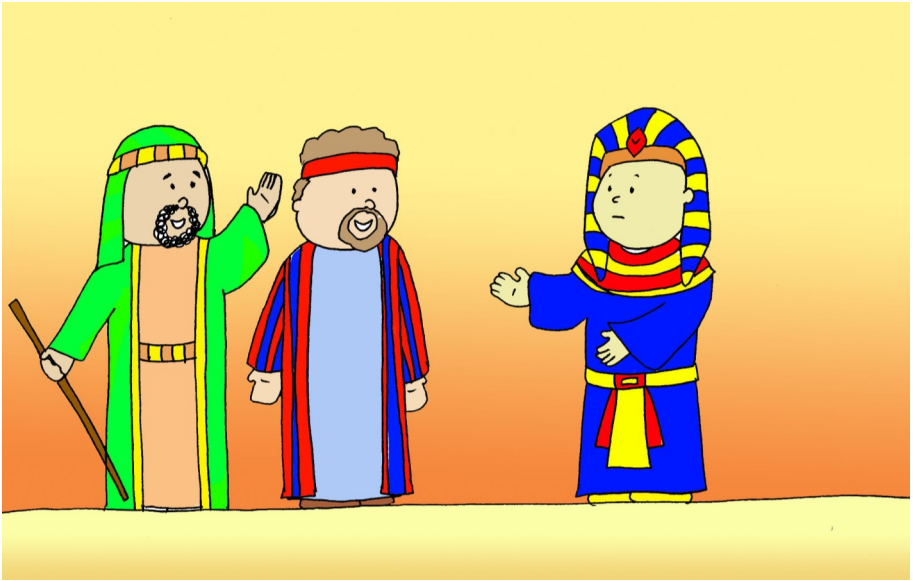
They had faith that it was all going to work out, if they prayed and listened to God and did whatever He told them to do.



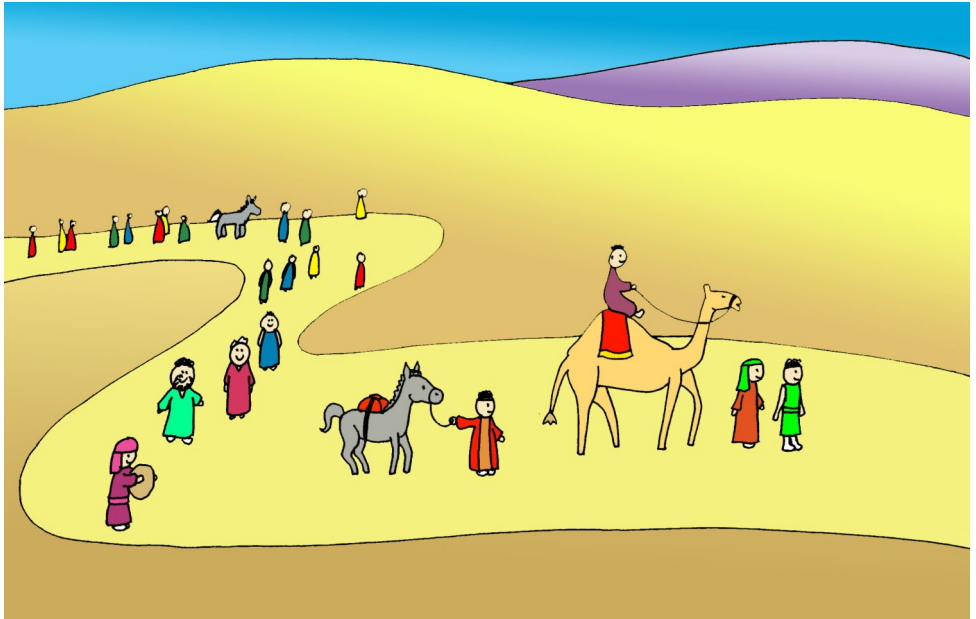
## 28.) Woeful and Wonderful

Pharaoh was in for some difficult times, because he didn't obey what God told him to do—to let the people go. Pharaoh said “no” to God and His messengers, Moses and Aaron. When he said the Israelites could not leave, then the river water was no longer nice and fresh, for several days. It was stinky, and Pharaoh got very thirsty!





When Pharaoh continued to disobey, more and more troubles came to their land, to the Egyptian people, to the farms, and to their homes. Finally, after many difficult times, Pharaoh at last agreed and decided to obey God's command.



The Israelites were free to leave and move to where God wanted them to go. It was a very big move, and they got going right away, bringing all their animals and belongings.



## 29.) A Path to Praise About!

During the first part of the journey with Moses, the travelling team of Israelites needed a very big miracle!

In front of them was the Red Sea, and they needed to cross it.

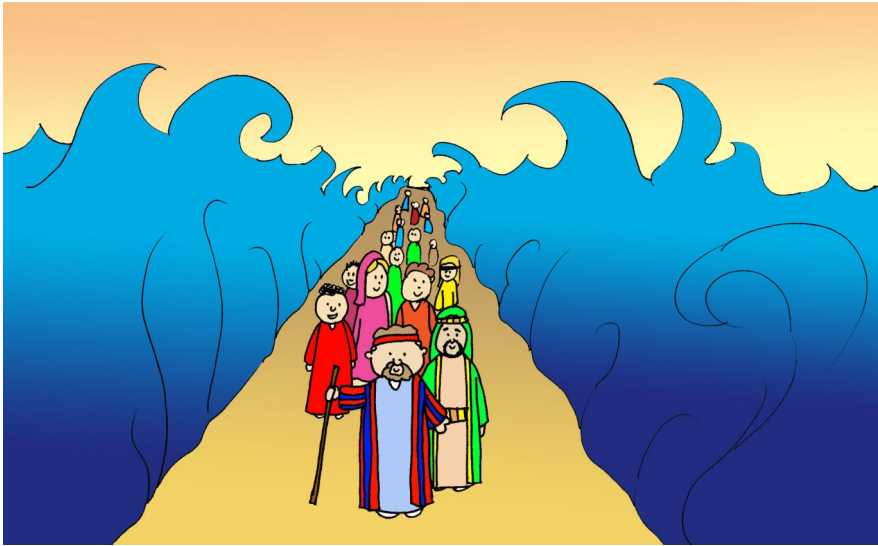


Pharaoh was not happy that they weren't coming back, and decided to try to make them return. When the people wondered what they were going to do, as there was no pathway to keep on travelling, Moses told them God would take care of the situation.



Moses held his hands and rod out over the sea, and God sent a very big, strong wind.

The wind from God blew and blew on the sea, blowing away the water. Then instead of only water, there was a long dry pathway with walls of water on either side, all the way to the other side of the sea.



The people were able to cross to the other side on dry land! When everyone was safely across, the waters returned again, covering up the pathway that God made.

The Israelites were so glad for the miracle that God had done. They praised God and sang songs to Him!



### 30.) Wilderness, Water, and Wells

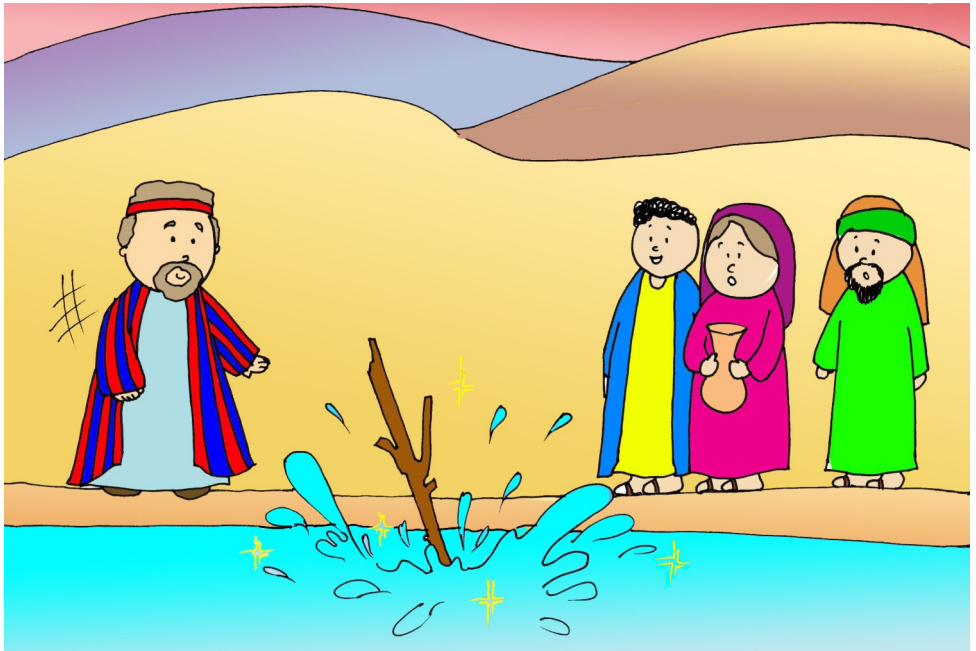
Moses and his team of travellers needed water, and were glad to finally find some. However, the water tasted bad!



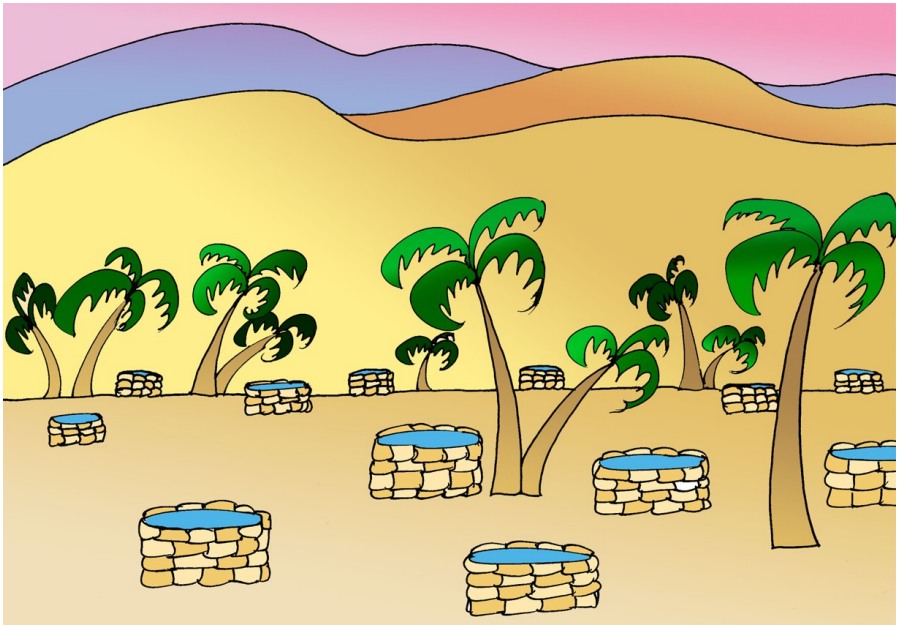
The people started to grumble. But does that help to bring a solution? No!

The first thing to do is what Moses chose to do—he prayed and asked God about it.

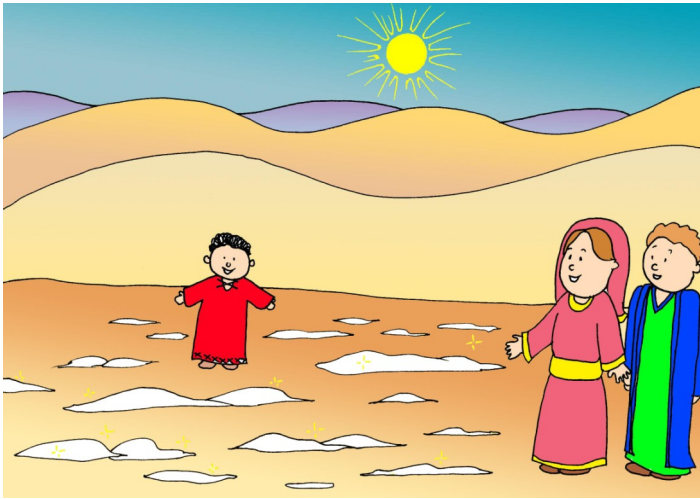




God said to throw a special tree into the water. When he obeyed what God said, then all of a sudden the water tasted good! Everyone was very happy, and could drink and wash, and their animals could drink the water too.

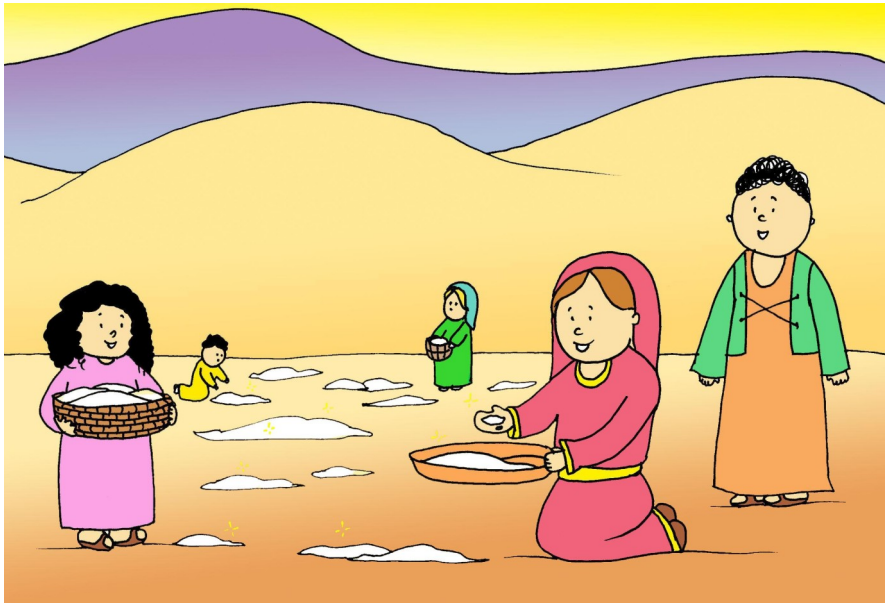


Moses told everyone the lesson of that miracle. If they wanted to have good health and have what they needed, it was important to obey whatever God told them to do. The next place they travelled to was very nice. It had 12 wells of water, and lots of trees for shade.



### 31.) Amazing Food

The travelling team of Israelites needed food. When Moses prayed, God said He would send down food from Heaven. The next morning when they woke up they were amazed to see that there was a special kind of bread all over the ground. The people gathered it up and ate it. It tasted very nice! They called it "manna".



Every morning, there it was again. For many years this special miracle food from God was there for them to collect, no matter where they travelled, or what kind of weather it was. They didn't need to plant and harvest crops, they just had to collect this manna off the ground.



On one day every week they were able to collect twice as much, so they could rest the next day and have food to eat without having to work to gather it.

Wasn't God kind and thoughtful?



### **32.) Water Out of a Rock**

The Israelites needed water while they were travelling in the wilderness. It was difficult to be thirsty and not have water. Instead of praying for what they needed, the people started to complain to Moses and get upset.

Moses prayed and asked God what to do.

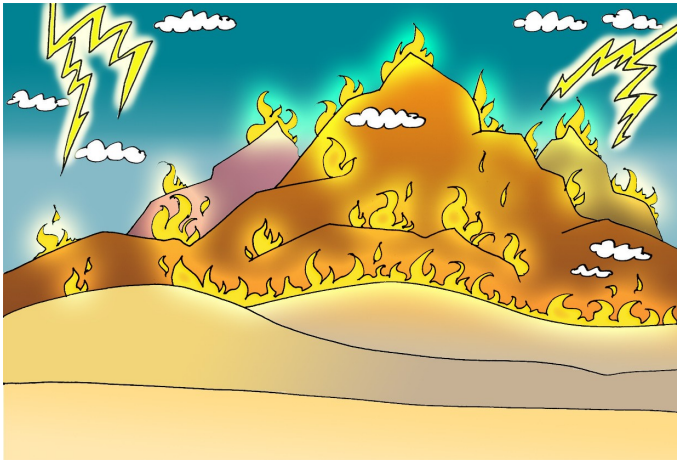


God said He'd bring water out of a rock!  
Moses hit the rock, and water came pouring out!  
All the people and animals had water to drink.



Another time the people learned to be more cheerful, and they sang a song, while some princes did what God said to do at that time—to use their sticks to dig in the ground. God then made a spring of water there for them.

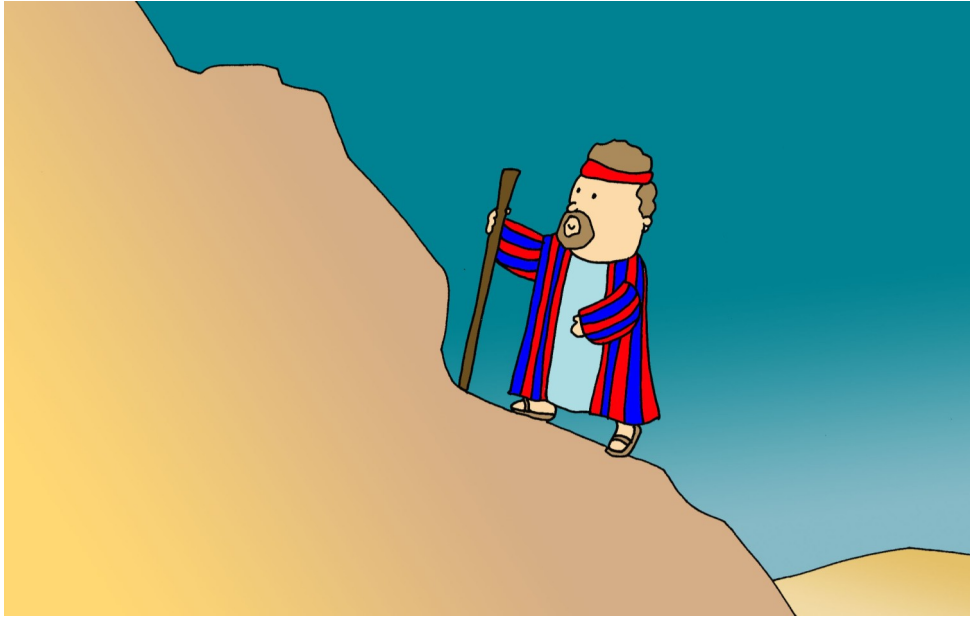




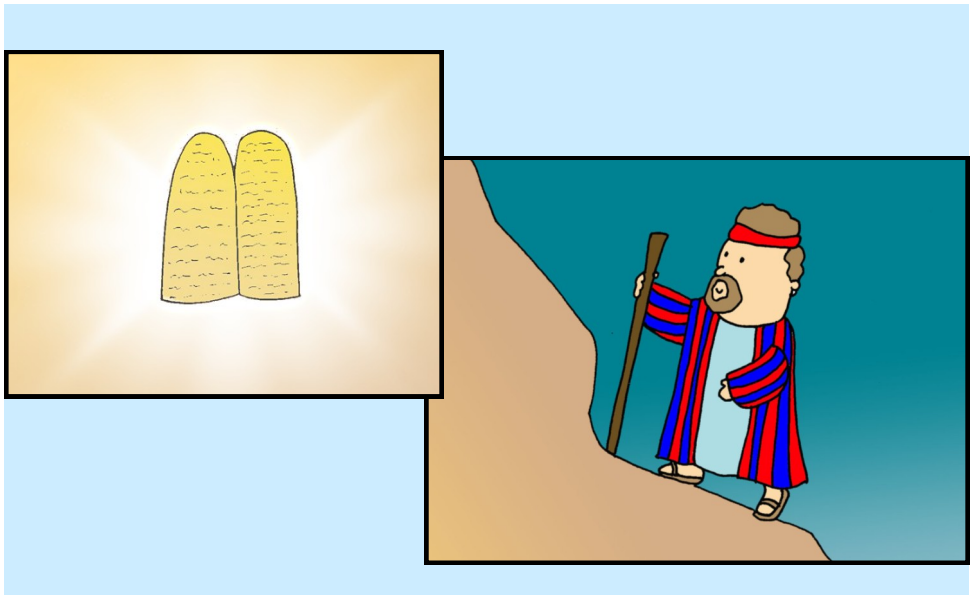
### **33.) A Blazing Mountain, a Blasting Trumpet, and Tablets of Stone**

God wanted to show the people that He was real and was right there with them. God made a special display of light and power on a mountain for the people to see.

It was amazing! The mountain was fiery, and the sound of thunder and trumpets could be heard. They knew God was right there.



Moses was called to go up on the mountain to talk with God. There he received instructions and rules to help the people know more clearly what to do, so they could follow God's way.



Moses told the people everything God had said. Later, while Moses was again with God on the mountain, God wrote on tablets of stone some of the rules, for the people to easily remember and follow.



These were called "The Ten Commandments."  
There were many things God said, and lots of instructions were also written down on scrolls to be read and remembered.



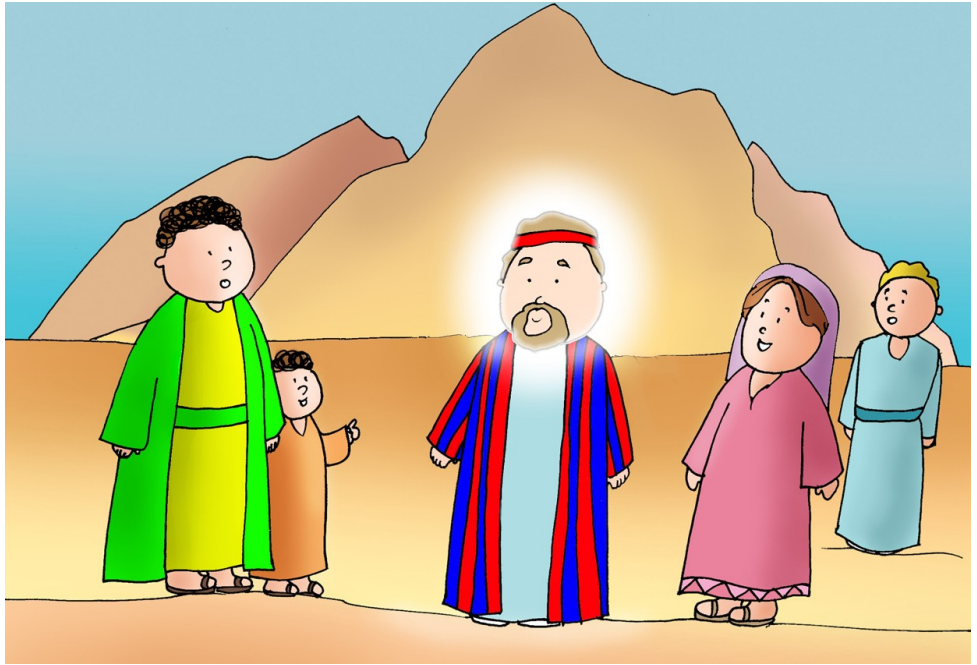
### **34.) The Mercy and Light of God**

God had given instructions to the people of Israel, but they didn't follow them well. Moses was very upset, and God was displeased too.

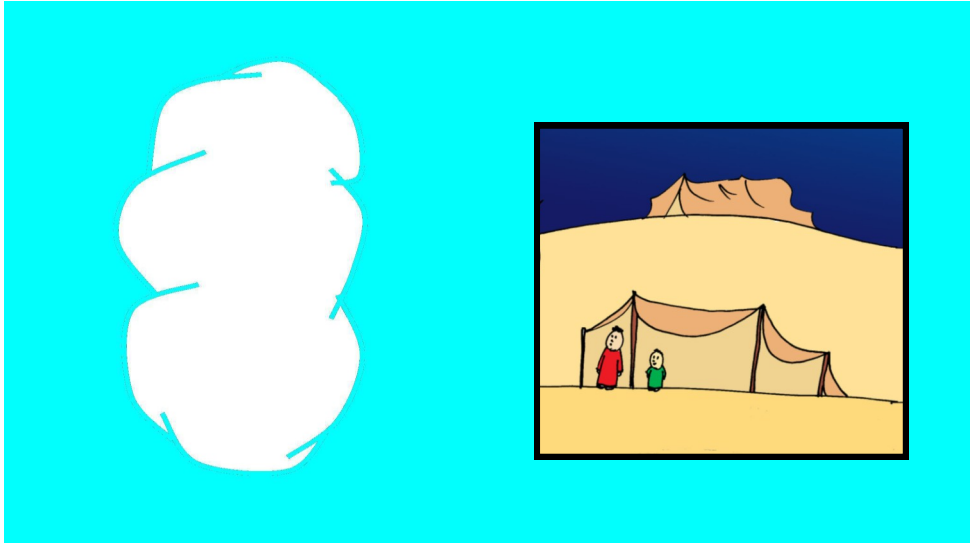
The people were sorry for their wrongdoings, and God forgave those who wanted to make the right choices and follow Him.



Moses needed more time alone with God to receive more instructions, as the first set of stone tablets had been broken, because of the people's disobedience and Moses' anger. God was kind and merciful and gave everyone a second chance. He talked with Moses as a friend and Moses listened to all that God said. A new set of stone "Ten Commandments" was made.



When Moses came down from the mountain after this special time with the Lord, his face was very bright and was shining! Everyone knew that he had spent time talking to God.



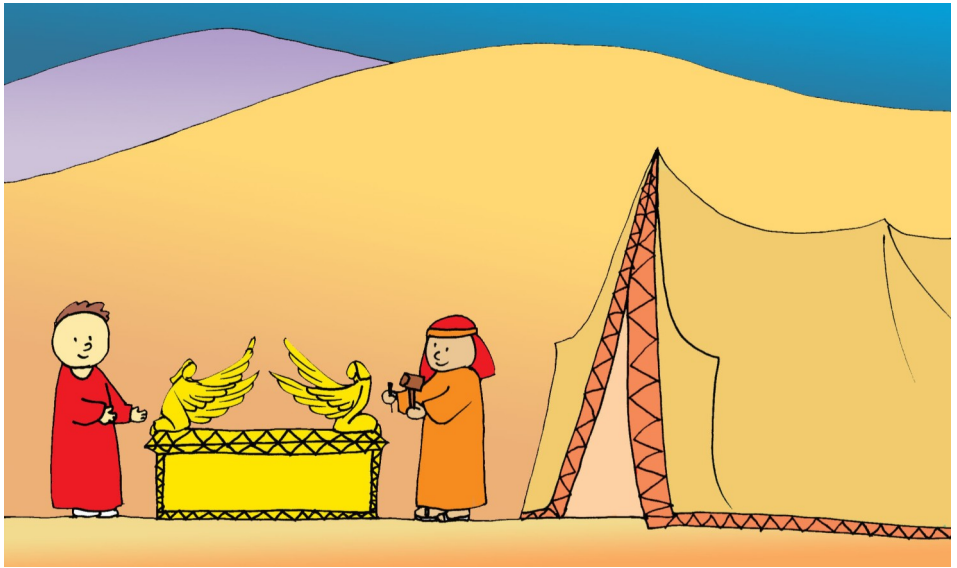
### **35.) The Cloud of the Lord**

God had a very special way to lead the Israelites on their journey. He sent a big, bright, and amazing cloud to show them when and where to travel. When God moved the cloud pillar, the people packed up and moved also.





They would camp at the new place for as long as God kept the cloud there. At night the cloud was bright and fiery, and could be seen in the dark night.



God also instructed them in how to build a special tent, or tabernacle, for prayer, and how to build a special box called "The Ark of the Covenant", to hold special things—like the stone "Ten Commandments". Skilled and wise people helped to make each thing. They made everything just the way God said to.



At last, after learning many new things and travelling for many years, the big team of Israelites were ready to move in to the new land, full of faith and willing to do whatever God told them to do.



### **36.) Aaron's Almonds and Moses' Song**

Moses and Aaron were God's specially chosen leaders to help the Israelites know God's instructions, to pray for them, to talk with them, to help them, and to bring them to the new land that God was leading them to.



God did many miracles through them to show the people that He was there with them. One time God made Aaron's old rod grow new blossoms and leaves, as well as almonds. God could do anything!



Before Moses went to be with God in Heaven, God told Moses to write a new song to help the Israelites remember to do things God's way. Moses wrote it down and taught the people how to sing it.



Joshua was a faithful helper to Moses for many years. He wanted to listen to God and do whatever He said to do.

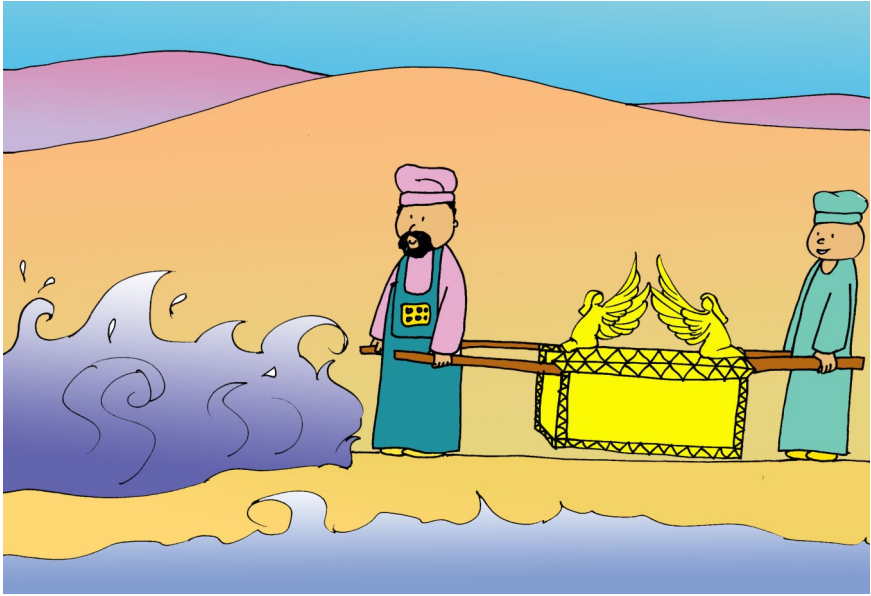
When Moses and Aaron had both gone to be with God, to receive their rewards for doing a good job, God made Joshua the new leader to help lead all the Israelites into the new land that God had promised they could live in.



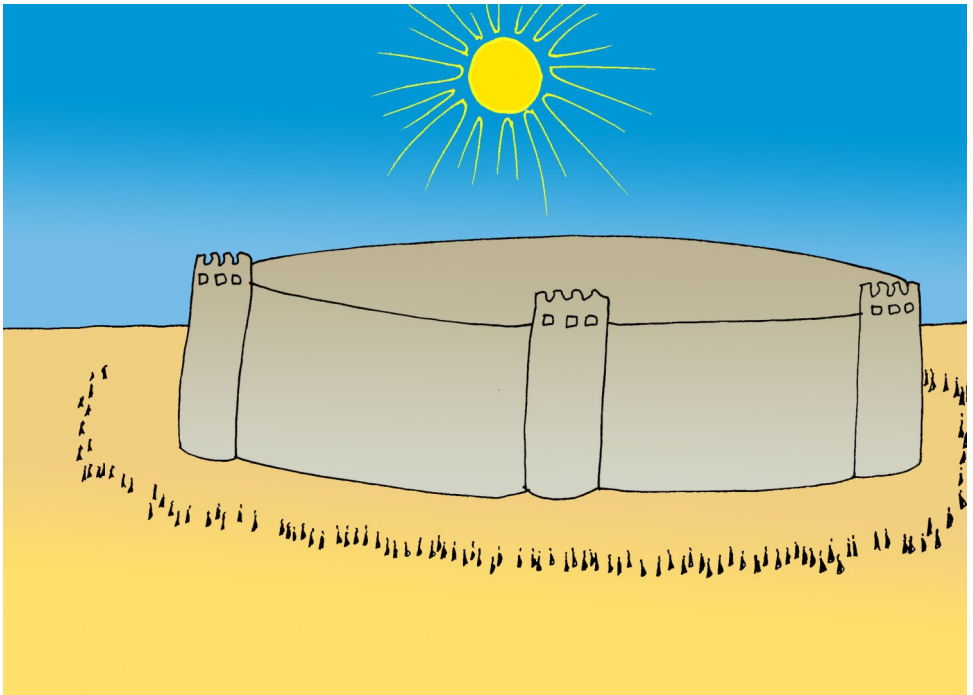
### **37.) Joshua, Jordan, and Jericho**

Joshua became the new leader of the big team of people who were ready to enter into their new country. God told Joshua what to do, and how to enter the new land.

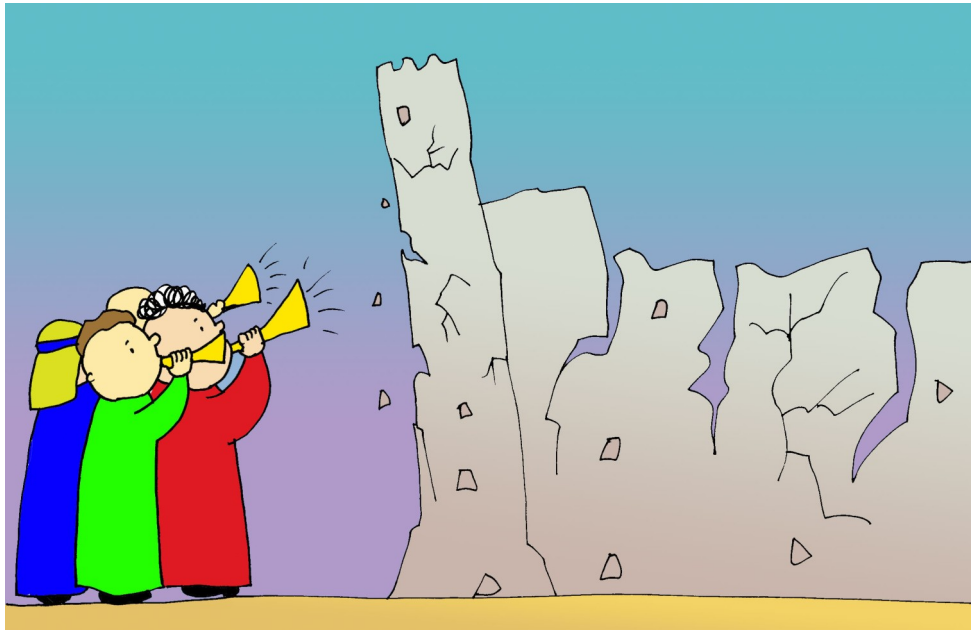




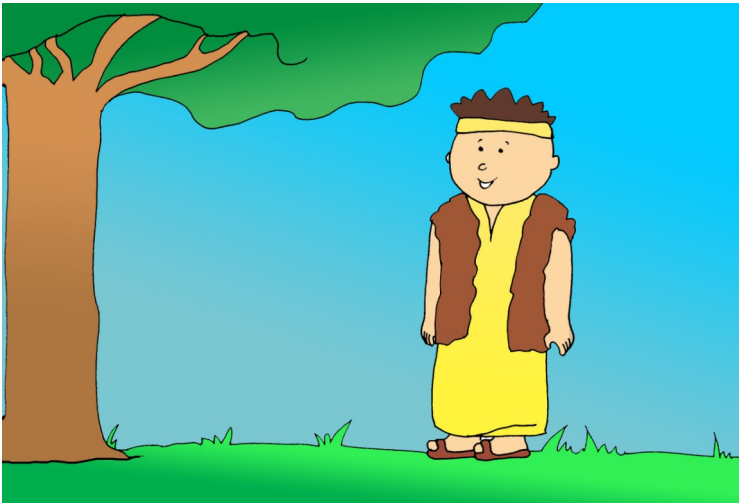
The priests carried the Ark of the Covenant to the Jordan River and as soon as their feet touched the water, God parted it and made a pathway through the water. They walked across on dry land.



Next, a team of people and priests marched around the big high walls of the city of Jericho, once a day for six days and then seven times on the seventh day.

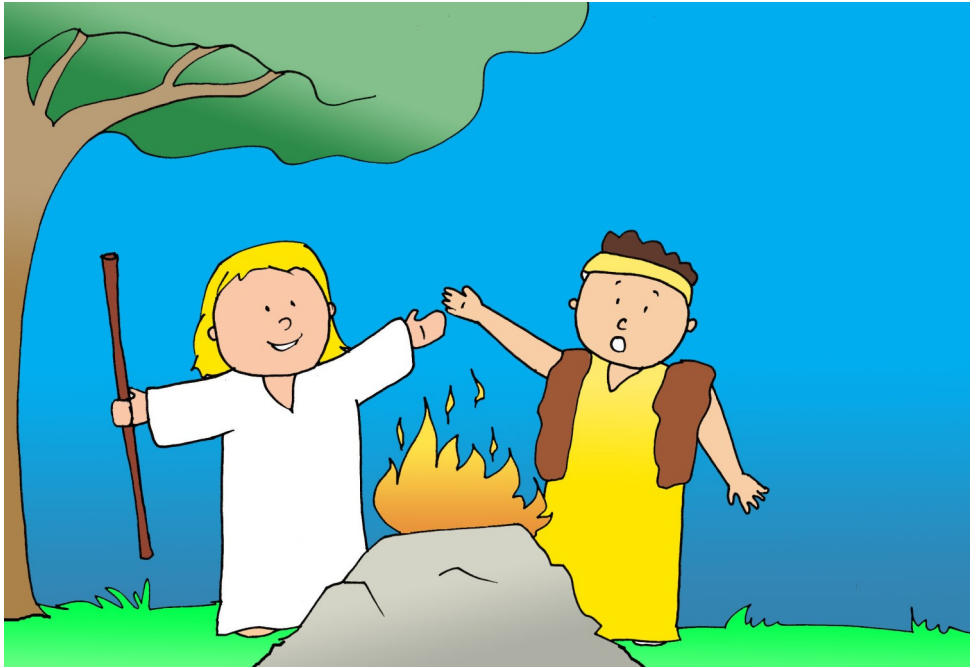


The seventh day they shouted and blew trumpets, and God made those strong walls fall flat. There was nothing in the way anymore, and the Israelites could walk into their new land and make it their home.

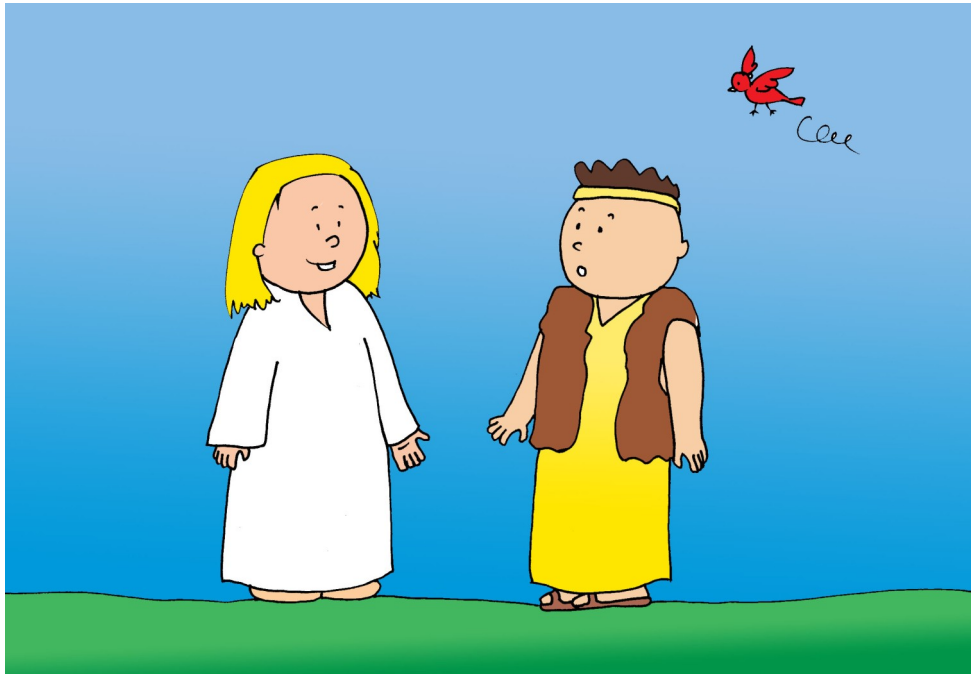


### **38.) Gideon and the Angel**

The people that God had chosen to follow Him were no longer obeying Him. Then trouble happened, and as a result there wasn't enough food, because selfish people from another area came and took it. The people needed help, and they needed to start obeying God again. God chose Gideon to help the Israelites.



An angel came and told Gideon that God needed him for an important job. Then the angel showed Gideon something amazing. With a touch of his staff, he made fire come out of a rock!



Gideon believed that God had sent the angel, and prayed for God to help him. He wanted to obey whatever God said to do.



**39.) A Pitcher, a Torch, and a Trumpet**  
God surprised Gideon! He said that even though it was a very big job to make the land of Israel safe again, that Gideon only needed a small team of helpers to do the job of making some unkind and selfish people leave their country.



Gideon and his team did as God said, and each one carried a clay pitcher, a torch, and a trumpet. At just the right time each one of them blew their trumpets loudly, broke the pitchers, and yelled out, holding up their torches.





This shocked the sleeping, troublesome folks so much, that they started running away! God made them go away. Hurray!

God promised that things would be nice again in the land of Israel, if they continued to obey and follow Him.

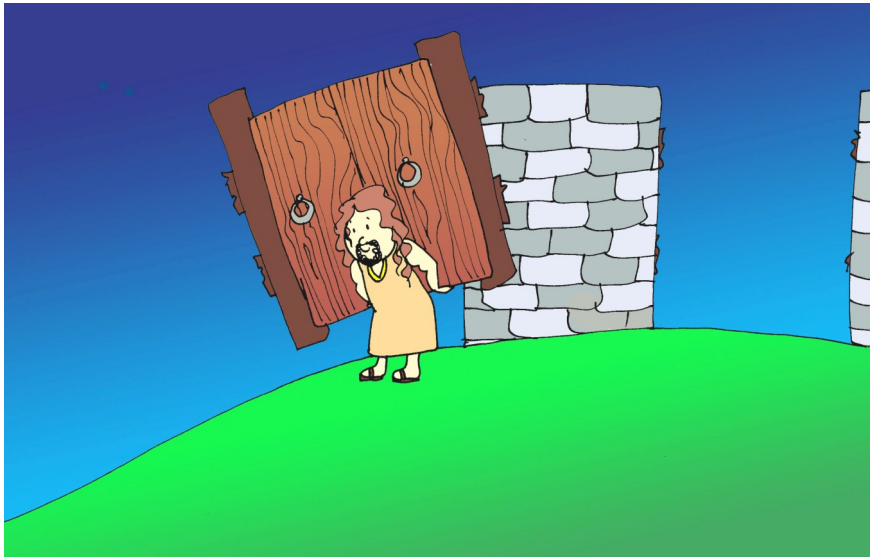


## 40.) A Strong Man

An angel of God appeared to a woman, telling her about a special child that God was going to give her and her husband. God gave specific instructions to them on how they were to care for him. The child's name was Samson. God had told them that he should have long hair.



Samson learned about God and obeyed His Word, and when Samson was grown he became a judge. He helped to tell the people about God's ways. God also used him to try to stop the people who were causing them all a lot of trouble.



Samson had a special gift from God that helped him do his job. He was given extra strength! With God's help, when a miracle was needed, Samson was stronger than anyone else.

Whenever he prayed for God's help and obeyed God's instructions, no one could stop him from doing what God wanted him to do.



## 41.) Kind Ruth

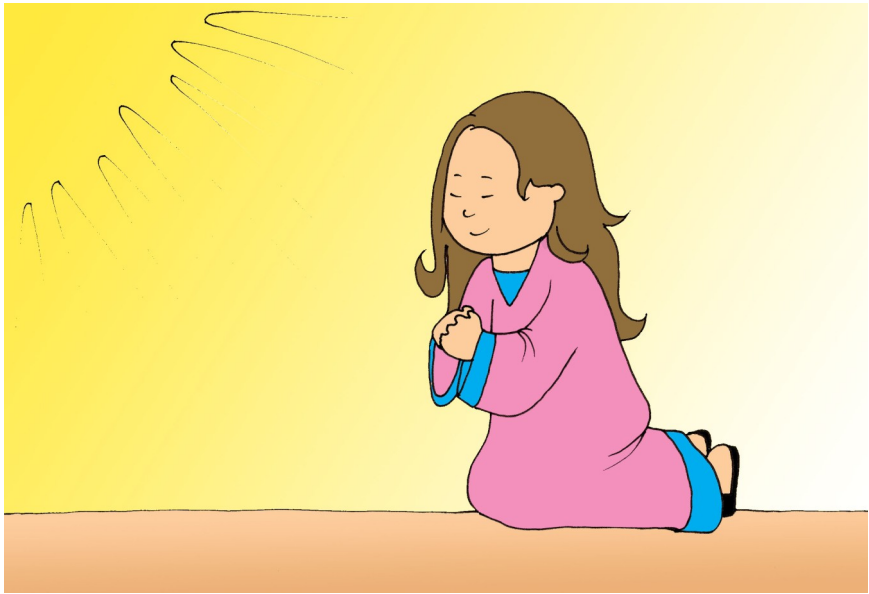
Naomi travelled to her home country, together with Ruth—who was like a daughter to her. When they arrived, it was the time when the barley was being harvested and Ruth went to the field to see if there was any spare grain for her and Naomi, as they needed food.



A kind man called Boaz, who was the owner of the field, was a relative of Naomi. He was very generous, and let Ruth gather the spare barley every day of the harvest. He knew that she was a kind lady, and was taking good care of Naomi.



Boaz loved Ruth and married her, and they had a baby who they called Obed. He was a joy to their family, and Grandma Naomi loved caring for him also. God was taking good care of them all, and everyone was very happy!



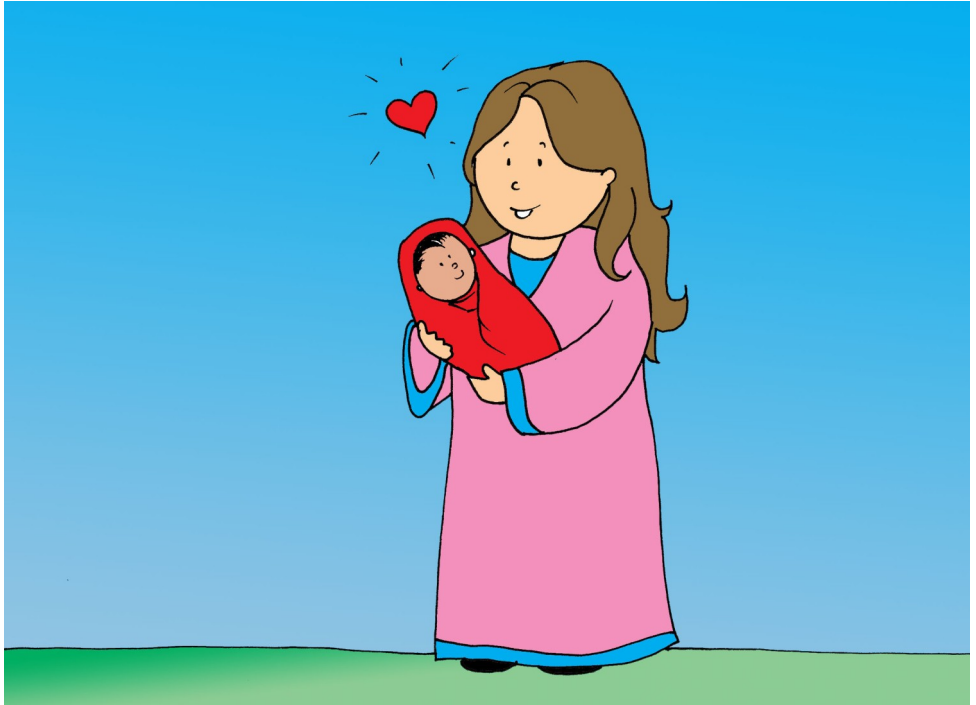
## **42.) Hannah's Prayer and Promise**

At first, Hannah was sad because she didn't have any children like other women did. Then Hannah prayed for a child—a little baby boy. She told God that she would love her child to love and follow Him all his life.

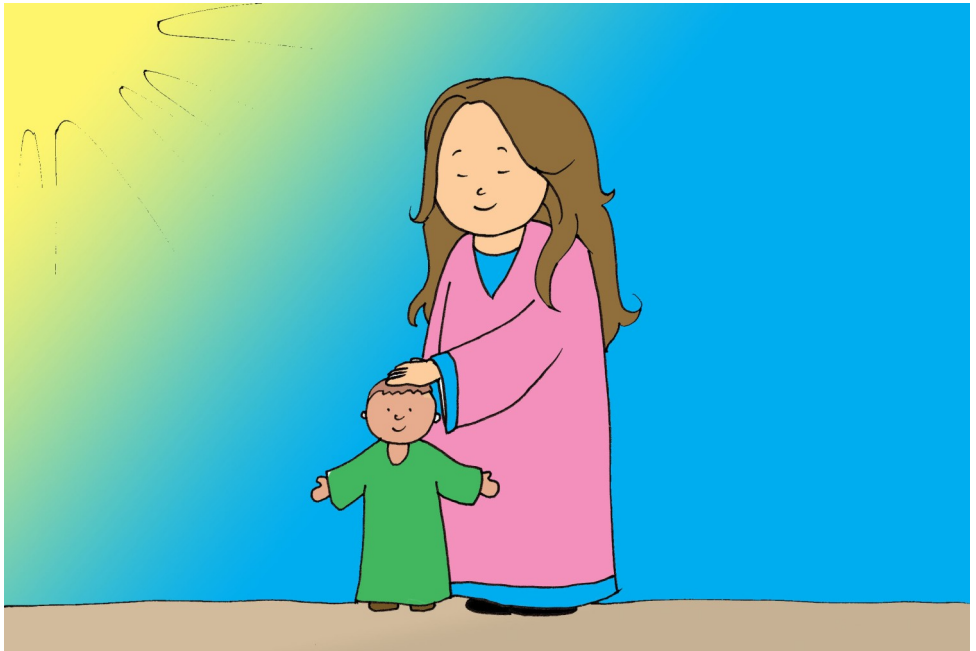




So God gave her a son, just as she had prayed, and she was very happy! Hannah named her baby Samuel. He was a special child. —An answer to Hannah's prayers! Hannah loved him so much, and she prayed that he would follow God all his life and do what was best.

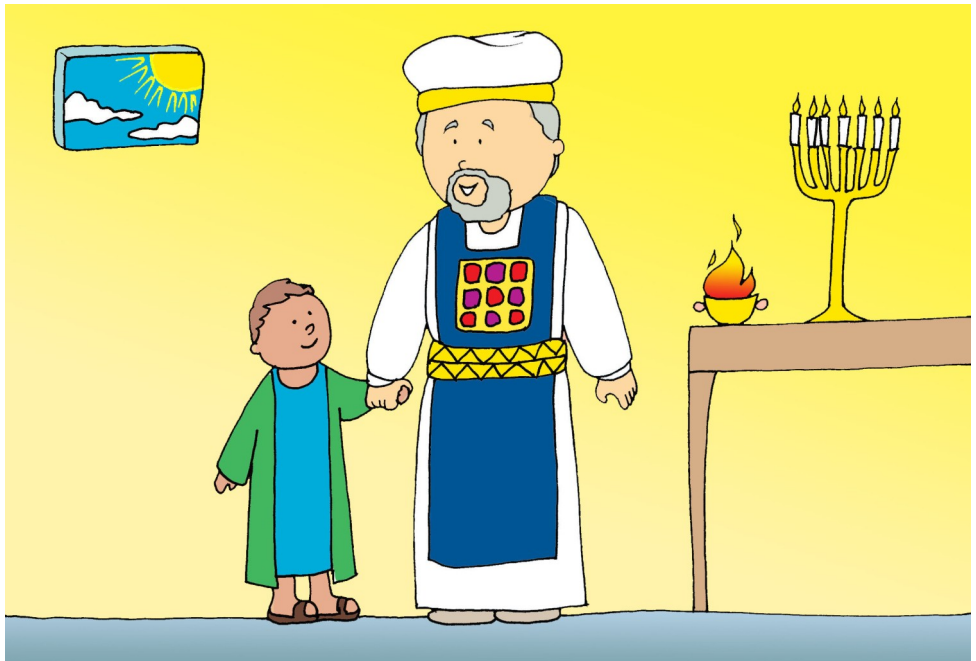


She had waited so long to have a child, and it made her very glad that God had answered her prayer and gave her a baby.



### **43.) Little Boy Samuel**

Hannah loved her little boy Samuel, and praised God for giving her such a special child. When he was old enough, Samuel was brought to live with Priest Eli in the temple.



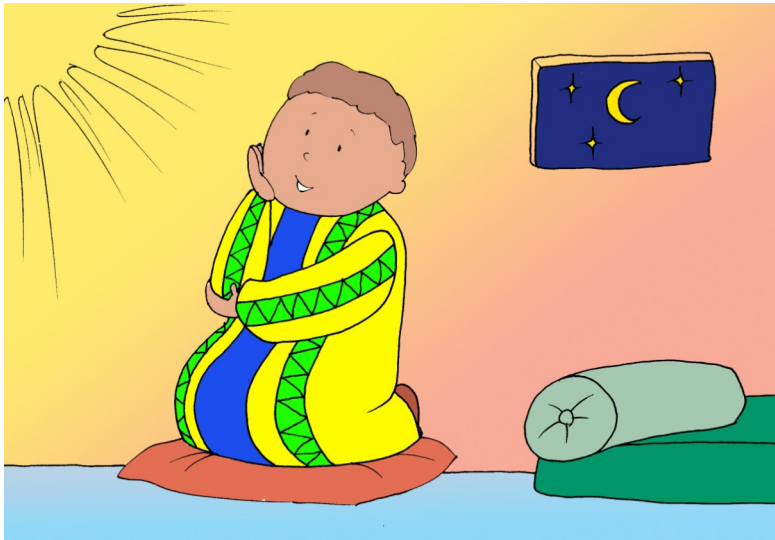
That's where he could learn so many things, and could read God's Word written on the special scrolls—the very old books, like the ones that God helped Moses to write.



Each year when Hannah and her husband Elkanah visited, she brought Samuel a nice new coat that she had made. The coat would fit him and keep him warm for the next year.



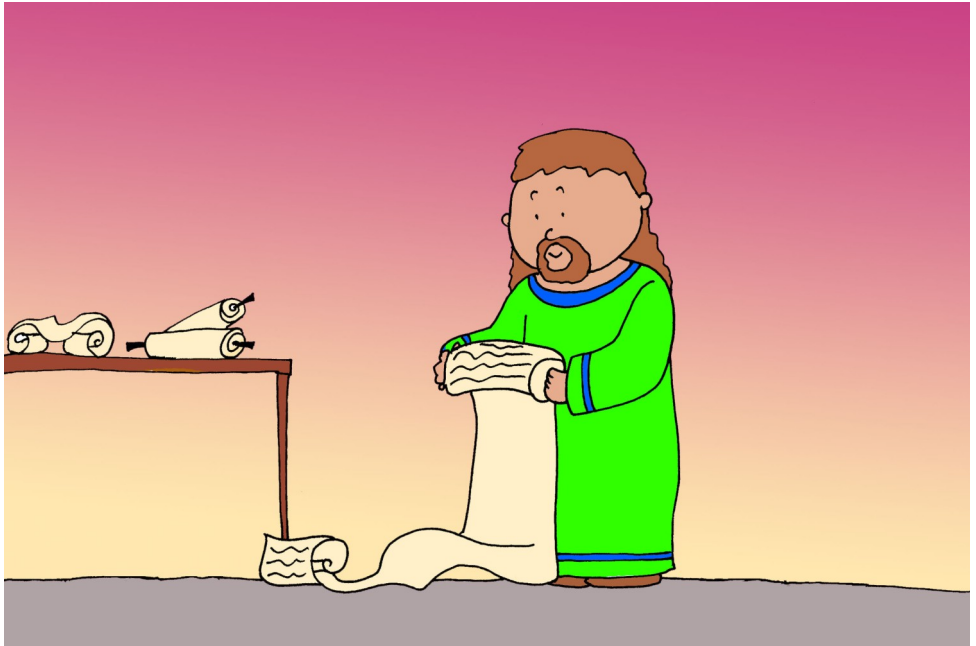
Samuel grew strong and wise, and learned God's Word. After Samuel, Hannah had other children too. God took good care of Samuel and helped him to be a good example of loving God and following His ways.



#### **44.) Listening to God Speak**

The Lord called out to Samuel one night, and Samuel heard Him. At first Samuel thought it was Eli calling him, but it wasn't.

Samuel then sat quietly and listened to the Lord. He was helping Samuel learn what he needed to know, so that he could do a good job.



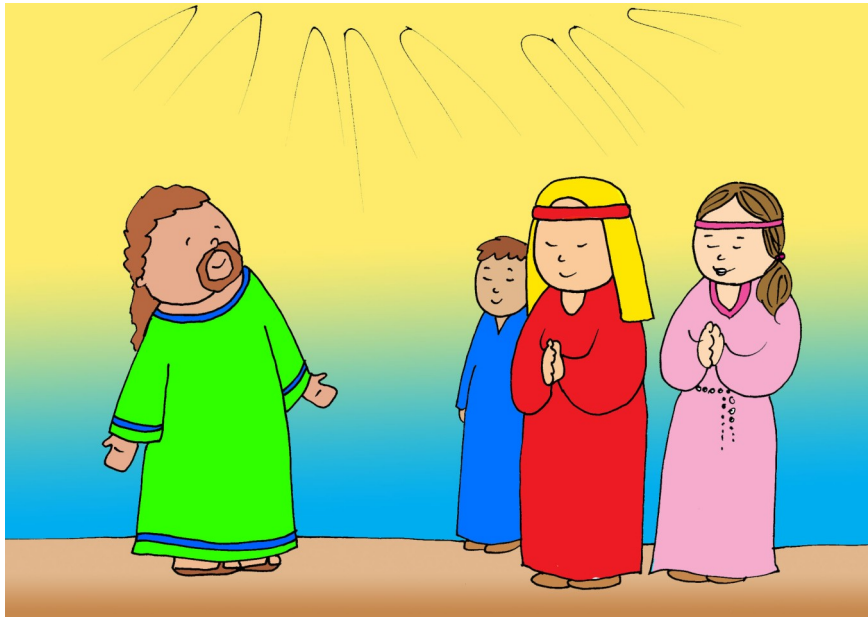
Samuel prayed and listened to God a lot. Even when others were doing the wrong things, Samuel made good choices.

Listening to God's Words helped him to know what was right.





When Samuel was an adult he was a prophet and judge. He told the people what God said, and helped them to follow His ways.



## 45.) A Faithful Judge and Prophet

Samuel was a good example. He read and studied God's Word and then put it into action. People began to listen to what Samuel said and to follow what he told them from the Lord.

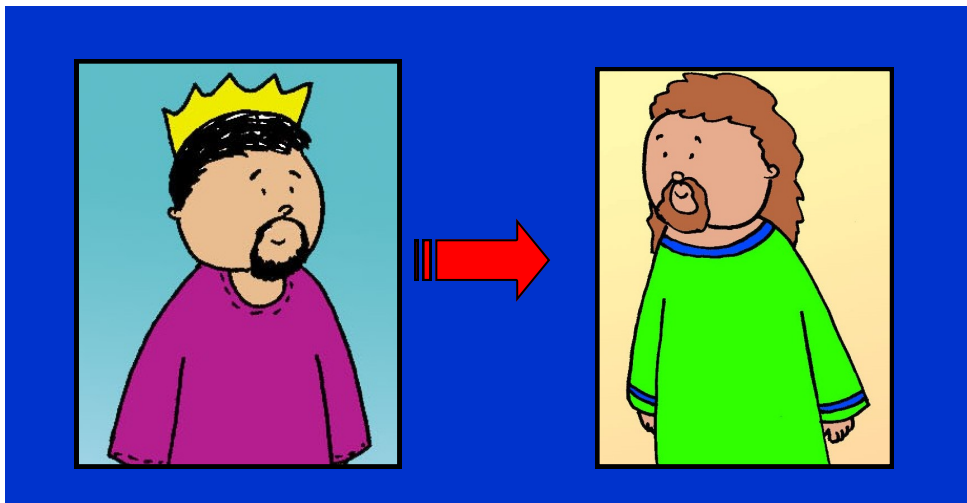


Samuel prayed for them. He told them to love and obey God most of all, and then things would get better for them—and that's just what happened!

The country began to be a better place, as the people obeyed God's Words.



Samuel was a faithful judge and prophet. He travelled around helping as many people as he could to learn how wonderful God's Word was. The more people remembered and did what God said, the happier they were.



## 46.) Samuel and Saul

After Samuel had been the judge of Israel for many years, the people wanted to have a king to rule over their country. One day, God told Samuel that there was a man coming to see him the next day, who was to be the king.



Saul was looking for his father's donkeys and couldn't find them, so he asked Samuel to pray and ask God where they were.



Samuel told Saul not to worry about the donkeys, because God said they had already been found. Samuel then told Saul that God was calling him to do an important job.



As a sign that God would help him, Samuel poured special oil on Saul's head. Saul would make a good king if he stayed humble and obedient to God.





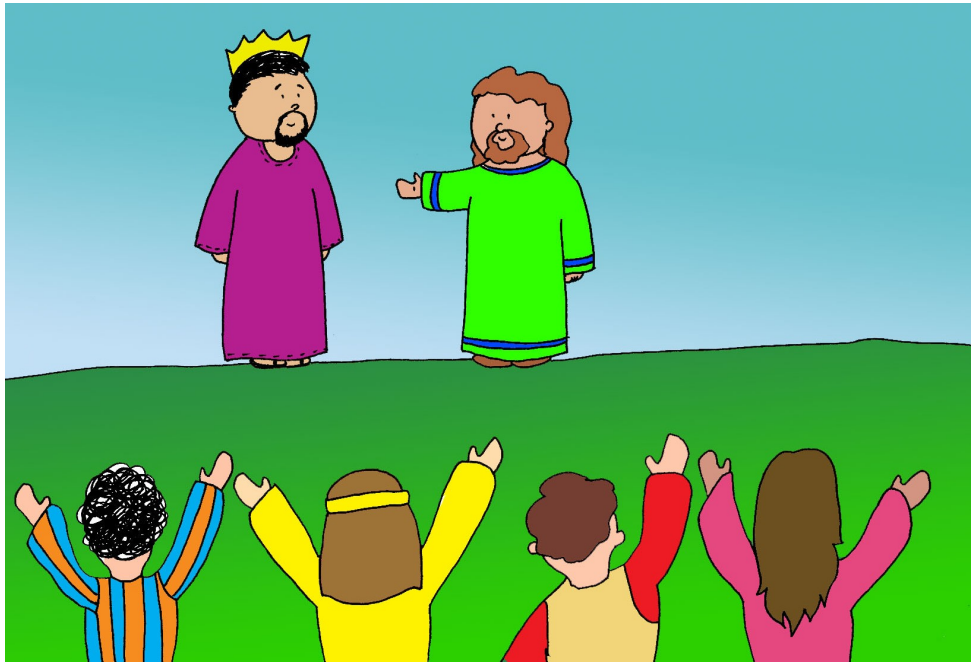
## 47.) King Saul

Saul was the first king for the people of Israel. He was a tall and strong man. At first he wasn't proud, so God chose him to be the new king. Samuel talked with Saul and told him what God said would happen as he walked back home. Then those things happened just like Samuel said.



Saul met some people who gave him bread, and also prophets with instruments. When Saul met them, amazingly he prophesied along with them.

He was surprised! *God's Spirit* had changed him—his heart and mind, and even the way he acted.

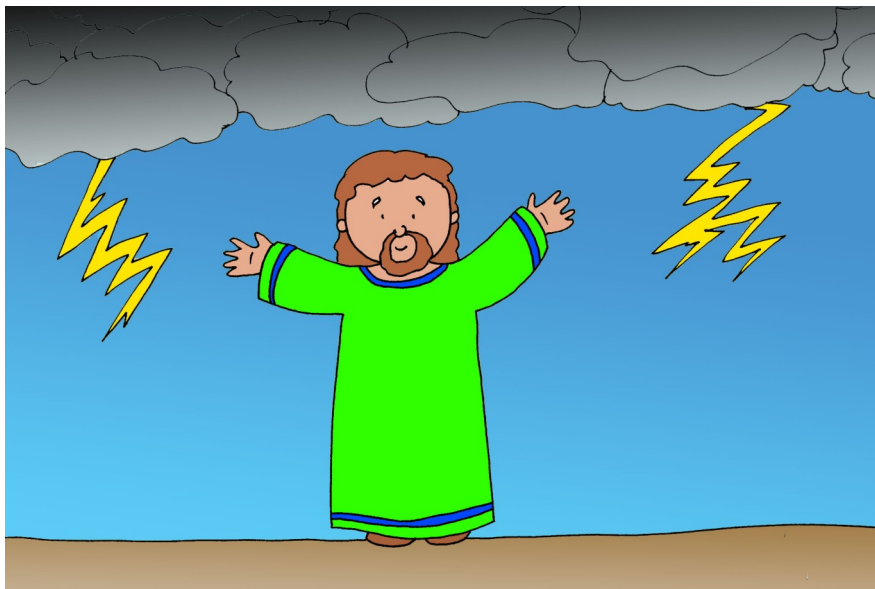


When everyone gathered together to see who their king would be, Saul was shy at first, but then he was brave and stood up for everyone to see him. He was taller than everyone else! They all shouted, "God save the king!"

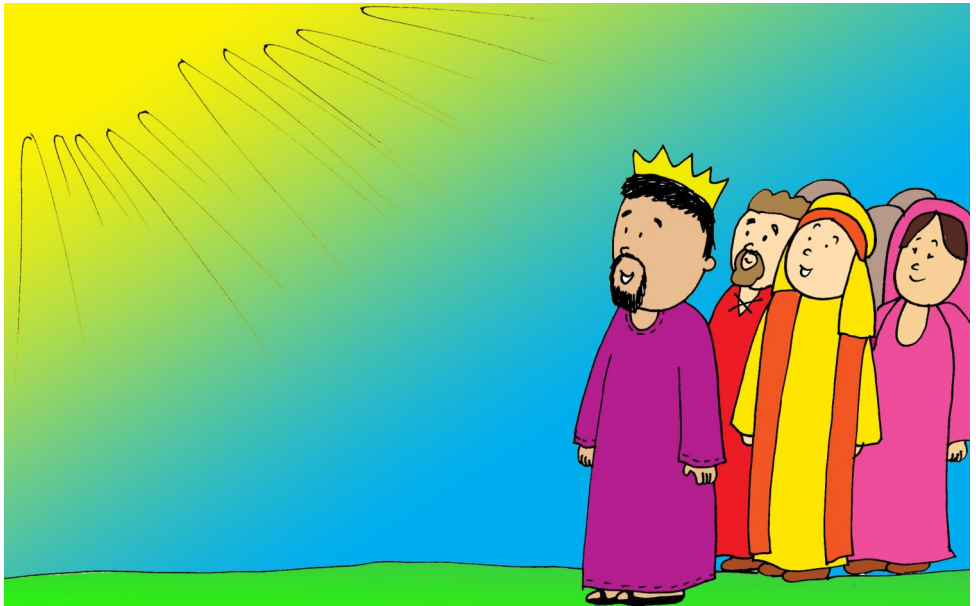


## 48.) A Thundery Demonstration

It would be a big job for Saul to be the leader of the people. He would need to listen to Samuel the prophet, and obey the instructions God gave him.



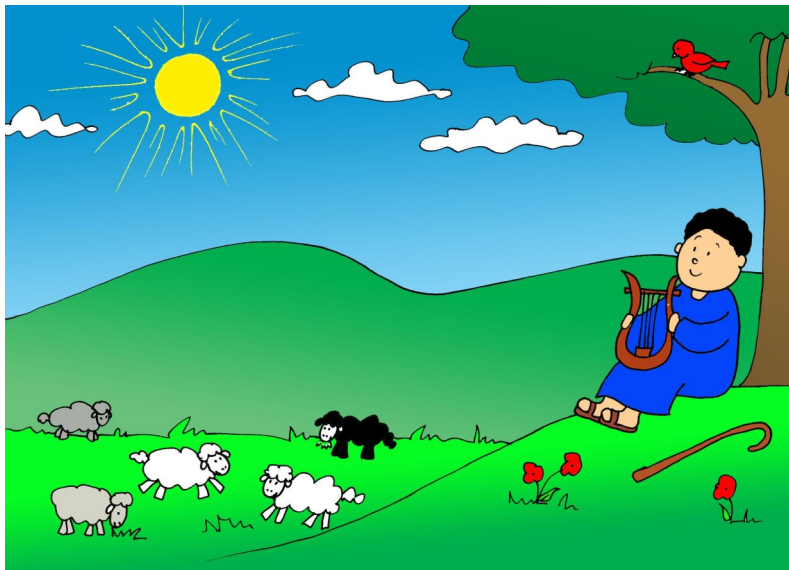
When Samuel was talking to the people on a bright and sunny day, he prayed for the Lord to have it rain and make a thunderstorm happen right then—and it did! This reminded everyone that it is good to respect and listen to God.



God told the people, and King Saul, that they needed to follow His Words and be obedient to Him if they wanted things to go well in their country.



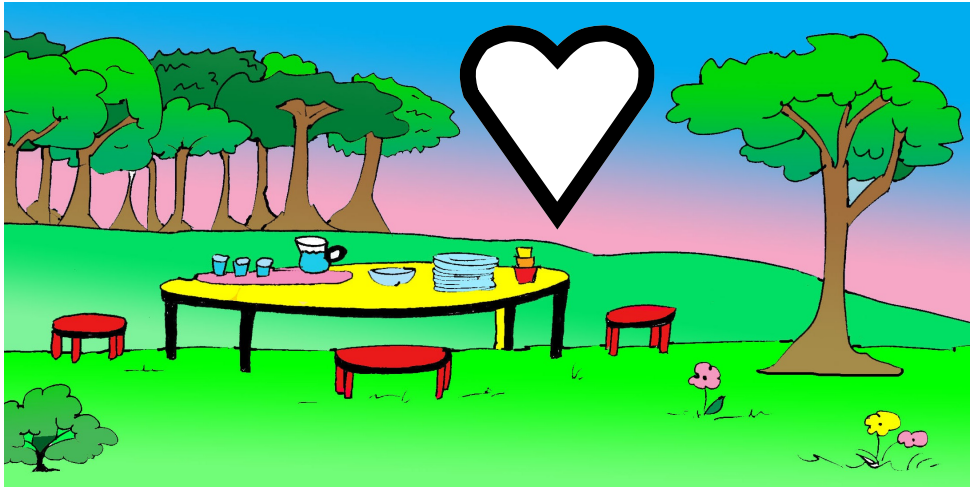
God hears everyone's prayers and will help those who love and follow Him. Samuel said that he would always remember to pray for the people. That was one of his most important jobs and would be the greatest help to everyone.



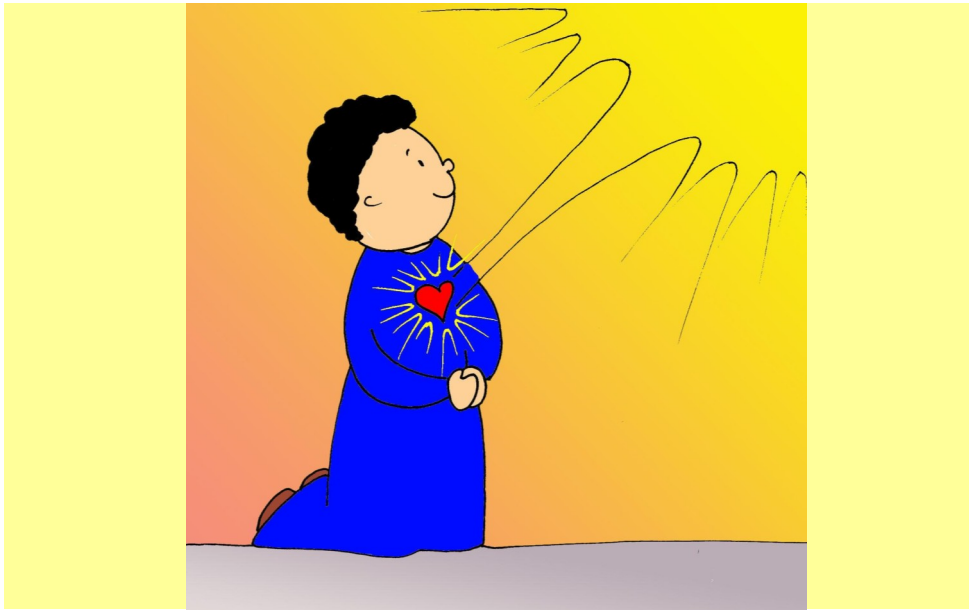
## 49.) A Good Heart

One day God said that it was time to prepare someone else to be the new king, as King Saul had stopped obeying what God said to do. He had become too proud. There was a young man named David who was watching over the sheep.





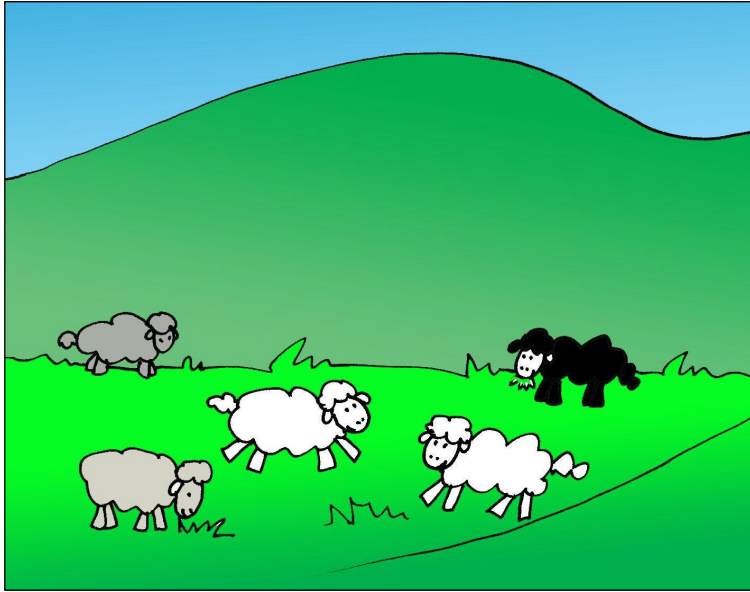
He and his family were invited to a feast with Samuel, where God said that David was to be the new king after King Saul. Even though David's brothers were strong, tall, and handsome, God said that the most important thing for a king to have is a good heart.



David's heart was humble and obedient, and he loved God very much and wanted to please Him. God looks at people's hearts and is glad to find those whose hearts are filled with love and who want to follow His way.



Samuel poured oil on David to demonstrate that he was chosen by God to do an important job, and that God's Spirit would be with him. David was chosen then, but he had many more years to prepare for his new job of being a king later on.



## 50.) David's Harp

David was a good shepherd and cared for the sheep well. He watched over them and protected them, and didn't want even one of them to get lost.



David liked to play music and sing songs on his harp. He sang, and praised, and prayed to God with songs. When King Saul was feeling grumpy, David came to play songs for him, and it cheered him up.



David lived near King Saul and did a good job of helping him. He was humble and wise, and obeyed whatever God told him to do. Jonathan was Saul's son, and he and David were best friends.



David was wise, and brave, and had lots of faith in God. He knew God would take good care of those that loved and obeyed Him. Many people liked David because he had God's wisdom and did all he could to help the people.

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