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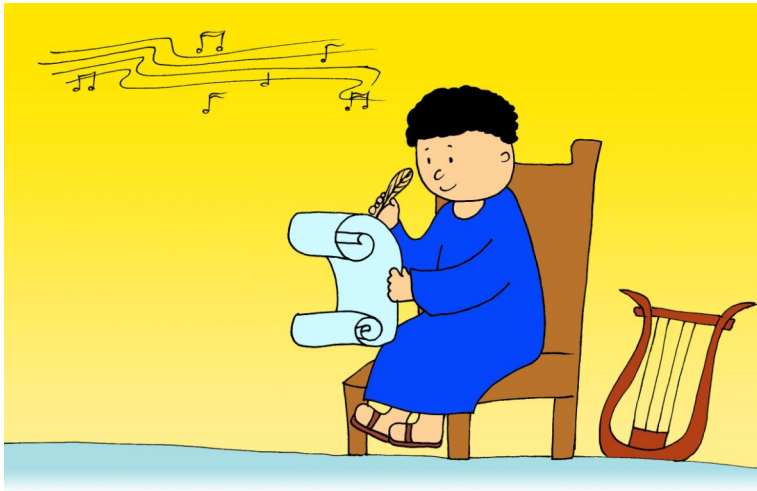
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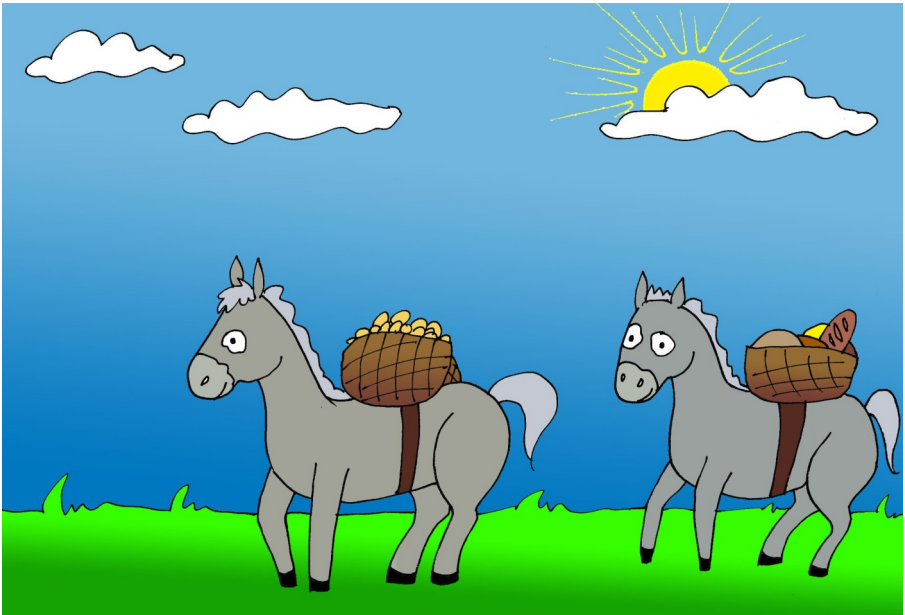
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## 51.) Psalms and Supply

David prayed and praised God often!

He wrote many of his prayers down, and we can read them in the Book of Psalms. There are many beautiful verses that give us faith in God's love and care. David loved God's Words and thought often about what God has said and about the great things God does.



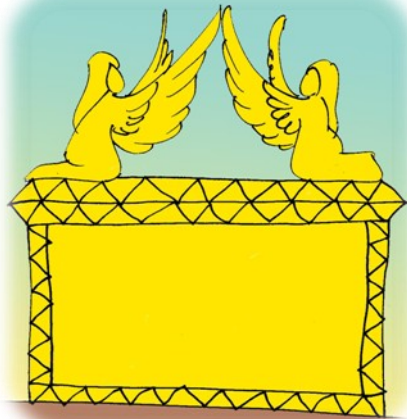
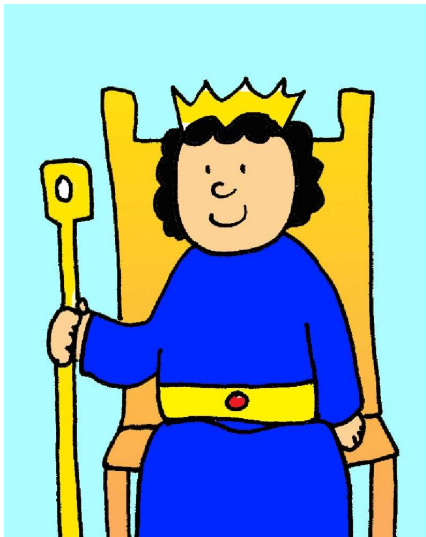
Sometimes David had difficult times and people weren't kind to him. One time, when he and his men were really hungry, a kind lady named Abigail loaded up her donkeys with lots of special food and brought the food to David and his team.



David was so thankful for the kindness shown to him. Abigail loved David and wanted to take good care of him.

God protected David and his team of men, and supplied what they needed as they travelled around the country.



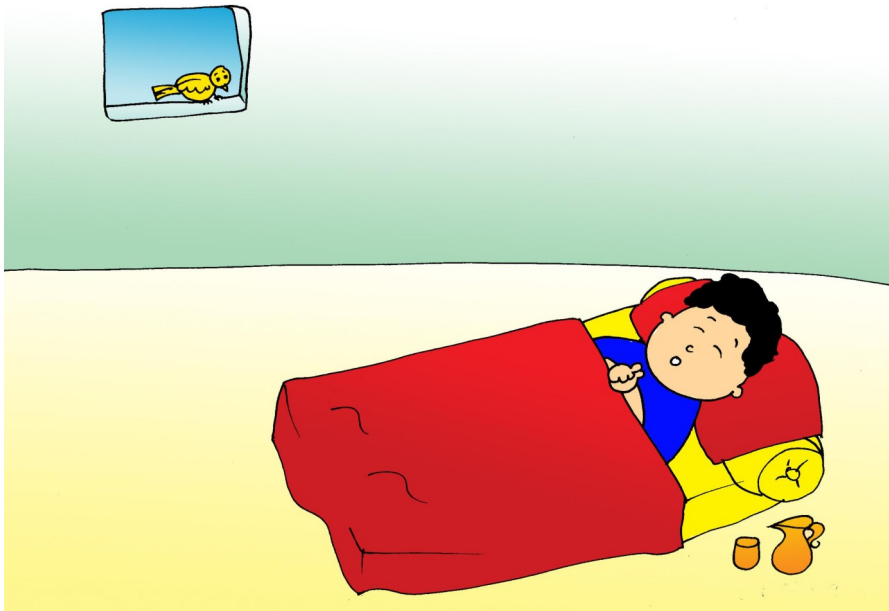


## 52.) King David and Dancing

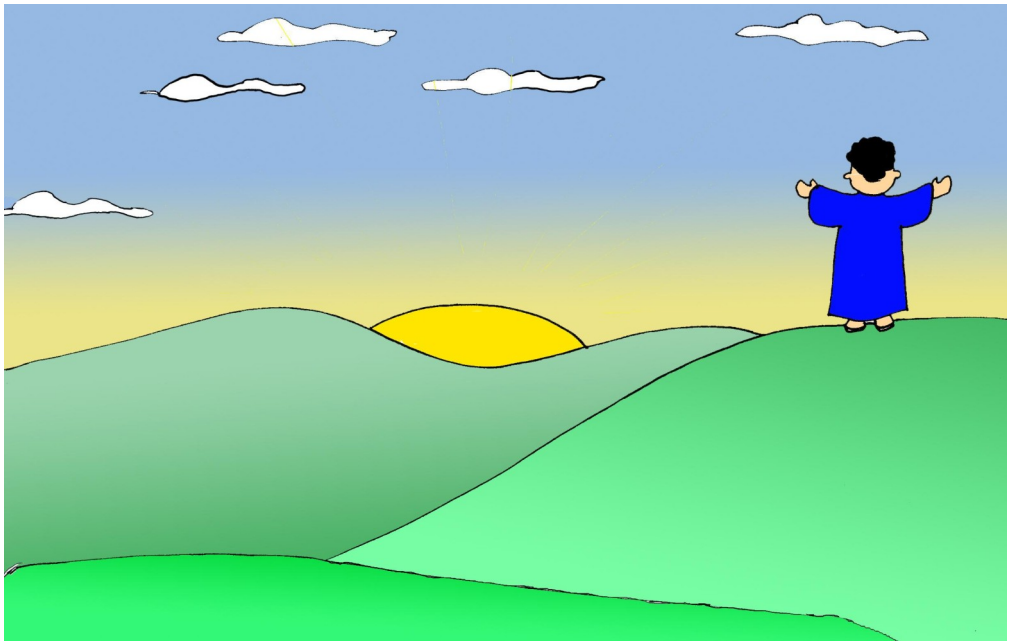
David became the next king after Saul. David loved and praised God often. One time he had a big celebration with many people, because the Ark of the Covenant was going to be placed close to where he lived. It was a special sign that God was pleased with him.



David felt glad that God let him place it there. People sang songs and played musical instruments, and King David showed his thankfulness and love for God by dancing and singing with all his heart. His love for the Lord was what gave him joy and strength.



When things were difficult and he had a hard job to do, or when he was sick, or needed a place to stay and food to eat, King David would pray and ask the Lord to help him. God always answered his prayers and took care of him.



King David was kept safe because he liked to listen to God's Words and would obey whatever God said to do. He wanted to make the Lord happy most of all!



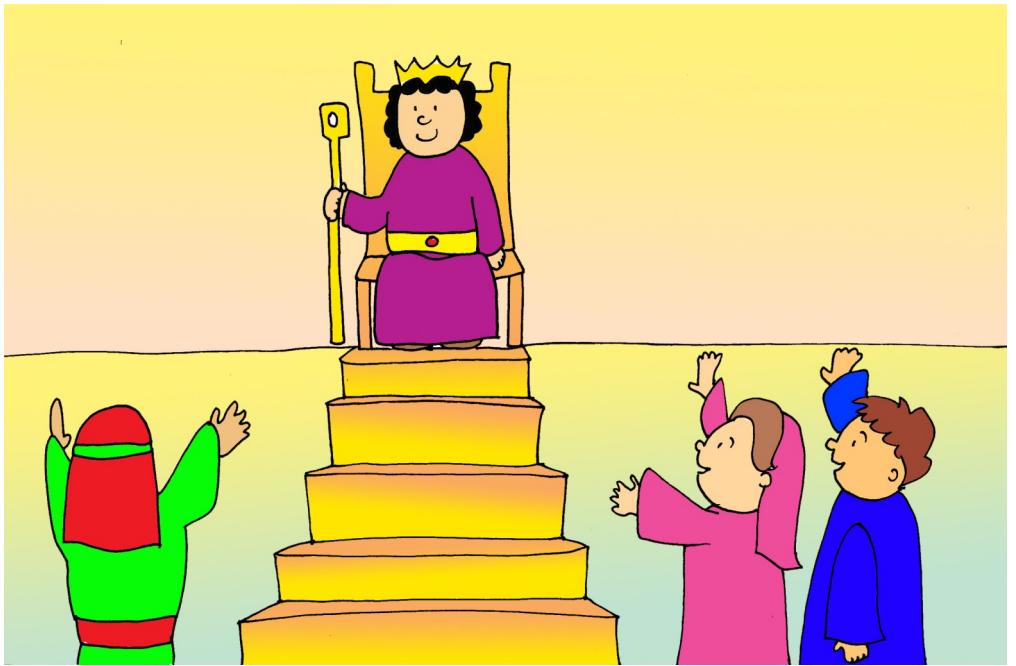
### **53.) Instructions and Supplies for Solomon**

When King David was very old, it was time for his wise son Solomon to be the new king.

King David told his son that it was very important to obey *God's Words* most of all. Solomon was anointed to be the king. The people were glad to have their new king. They sang and played music, and celebrated with a big feast.

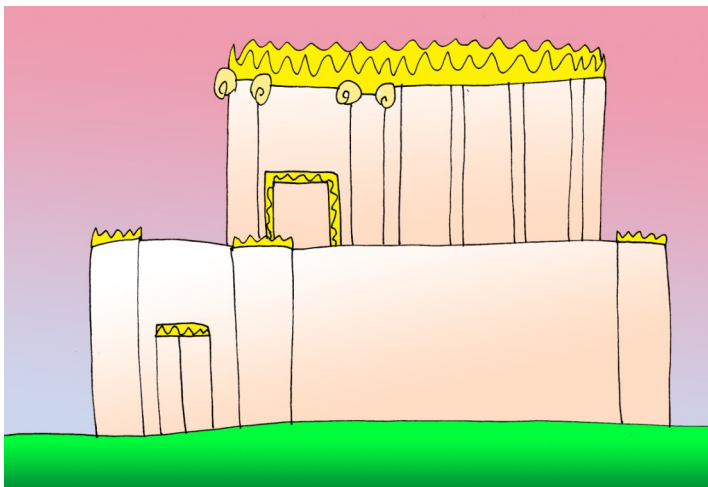


King David told everyone that Solomon would build a big temple for the Lord. King David had made the plans and gave instructions for his son Solomon to follow. He also began to collect the special materials needed for building the temple.



Many people would be needed to help build it, and people were willing and very happy to help.

King Solomon sat on the throne and was in charge of leading the country, as well as the big temple building project.

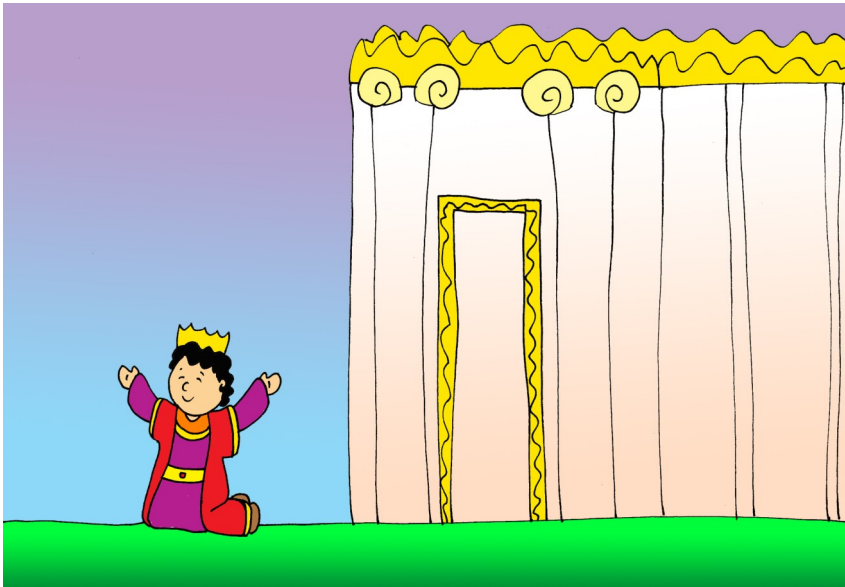


## 54.) The Temple Is Built

King Solomon had many people working together to build a fancy building to keep the Ark of the Covenant in. It was a temple for prayer, praise, and worshipping God.

It was like a fancy palace, to remind everyone that God was their king, and that they needed to follow Him most of all.



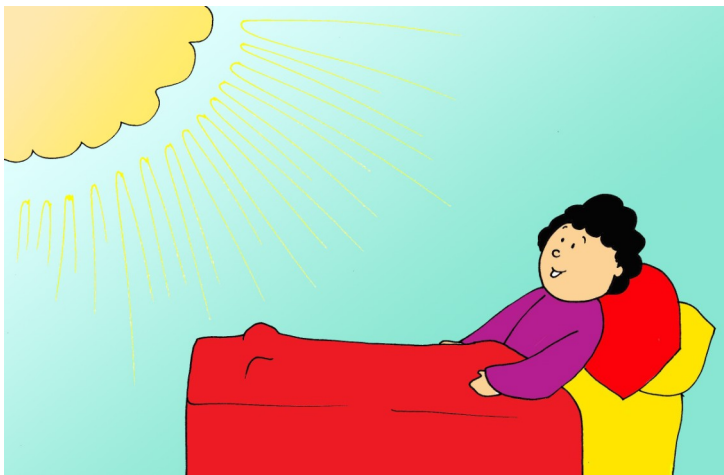


Special things were used, like cedar and fir trees for wood, marble and gold and silver and precious stones, and many large building stones.

When the temple was complete, many people gathered to celebrate and pray. King Solomon prayed a beautiful prayer to the Lord.



Then God surprised them with a display of His power and sent down fire from Heaven onto the altar of prayer! A thick heavenly cloud also filled the temple for a while. Everyone was amazed, and felt how near God was. They wanted to always love and follow Him.

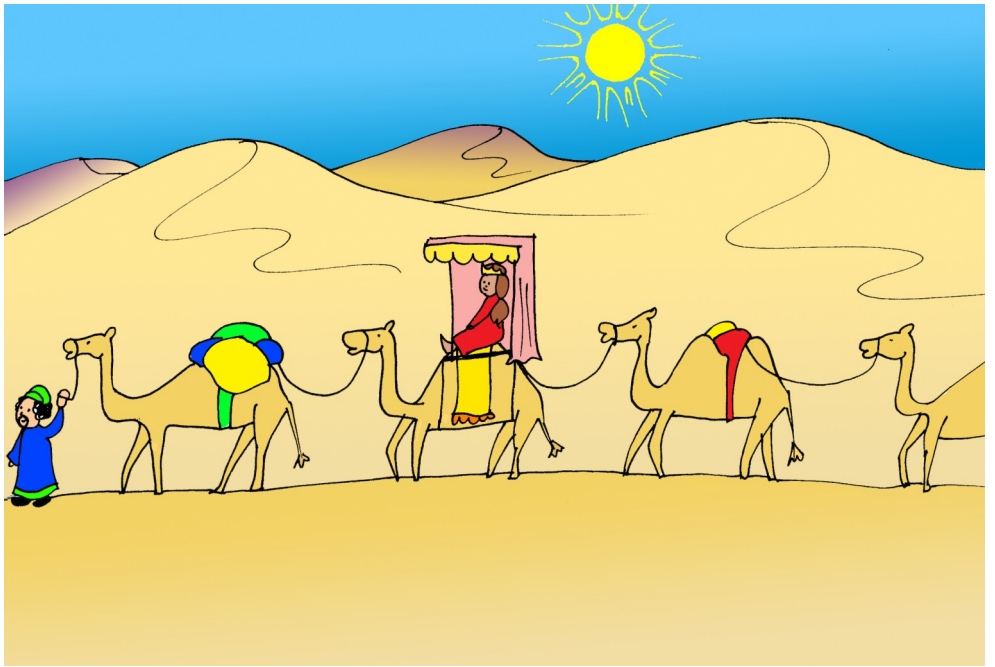


## 55.) A Wise King

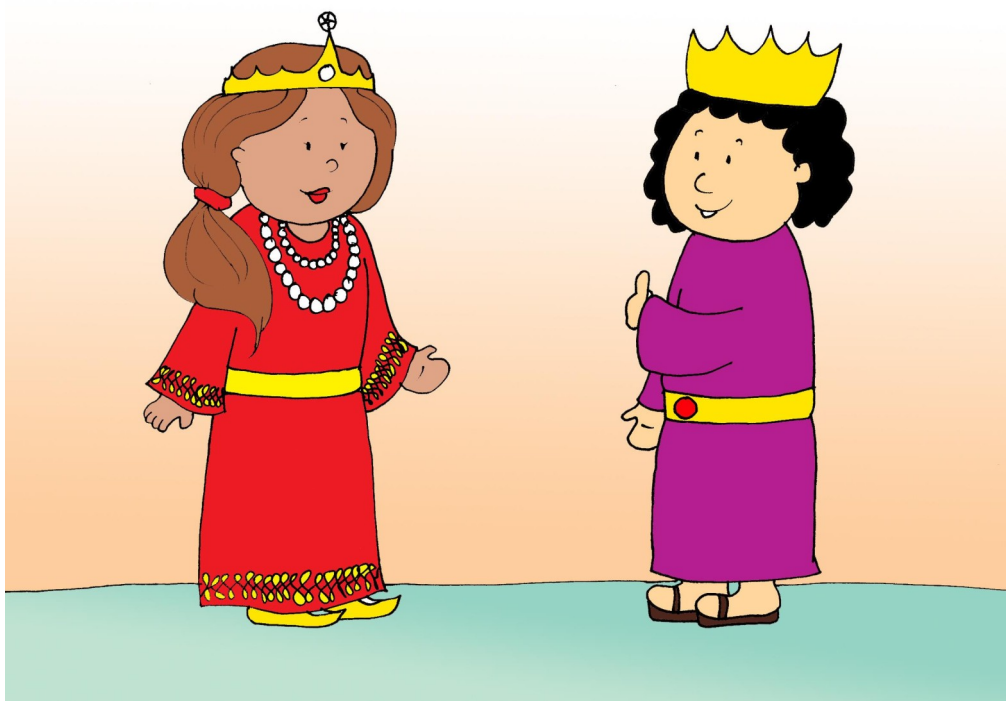
King Solomon had an amazing dream one night. God talked with him and asked him what he would like to have most.

King Solomon said he wanted to be wise and to know what to do, so he could be a good king.

God then gave King Solomon great wisdom and knowledge—more than any other king ever had.



People wanted to hear what King Solomon had to say. The Queen of Sheba travelled from far away, with many camels and servants, bringing gold and spices and other gifts to King Solomon, because she wanted to talk with him.



God gave King Solomon the wisdom to know how to answer all her questions, and she was happy to hear what he had to say.



## 56.) A King's Proclamation

King Asa wanted everyone in the country—all the men, women, and children—to obey and respect God and His Word. He called the people together and told them what God wanted them to do. Everyone then promised to follow God's ways.



King Asa prayed for God's help, and God continued to bless and protect the kingdom.

The king listened to the prophets that came to tell him God's instructions.



The messages from God said that it was good to ask for His help, instead of only trusting in people, and that God was always looking for opportunities to do miracles for those that loved and obeyed Him.





## 57.) God Cares for Elijah

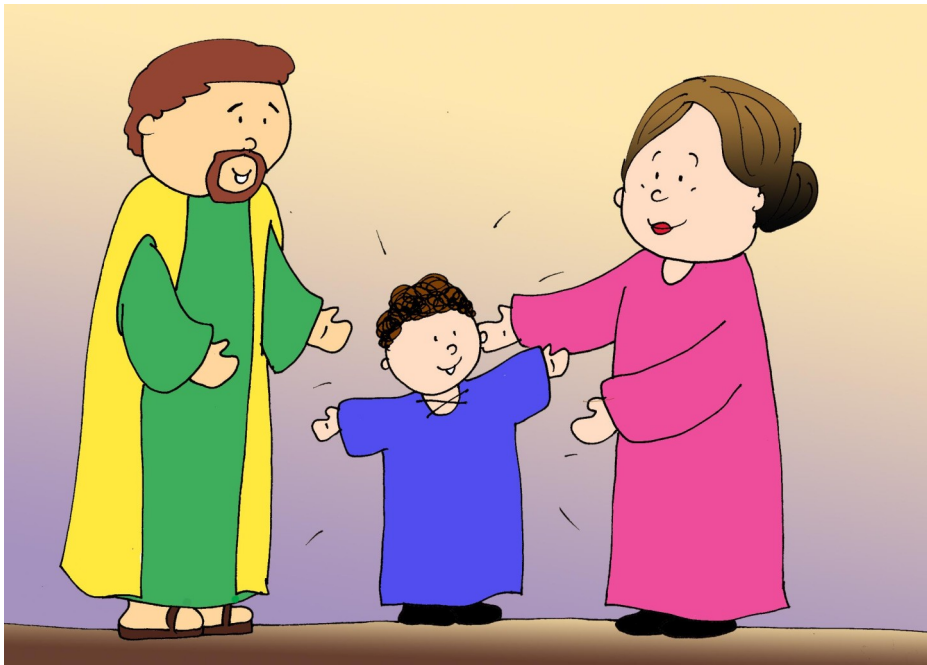
Elijah was a man who listened to God, and did what He said to do. He was a prophet who told people God's Words. One time he said there would not be any rain and the crops couldn't grow, because people were not obeying God.



God told Elijah what to do. He went and stayed by a brook and had fresh water to drink. God sent birds to bring him food in the morning and in the evening every day.



Later, a woman in a city called Zarephath helped Elijah. She gave him water and the last bit of food that she had. Then, for a few years, by a miracle, her jar of oil and barrel of flour always had enough in them to feed her family and Elijah.



One time the woman's son got very sick and then died. Elijah prayed for him to have life again and be healed—and he was! The woman knew that Elijah was one of God's prophets who spoke God's Words.



## 58.) Fire and Water

God wanted people to love and follow Him and to change from their disobedient ways.

The Prophet Elijah told the king, and the people, to meet him on a mountain and that he would speak with them there.



Elijah prayed for God to do a miracle and send fire from Heaven down onto the altar of prayer.

All of a sudden a blast of fire came straight from God and burned the wood and everything on the altar, including the stones! Everyone was very amazed! They believed that God was powerful and close to them, and knew they should respect and worship Him.



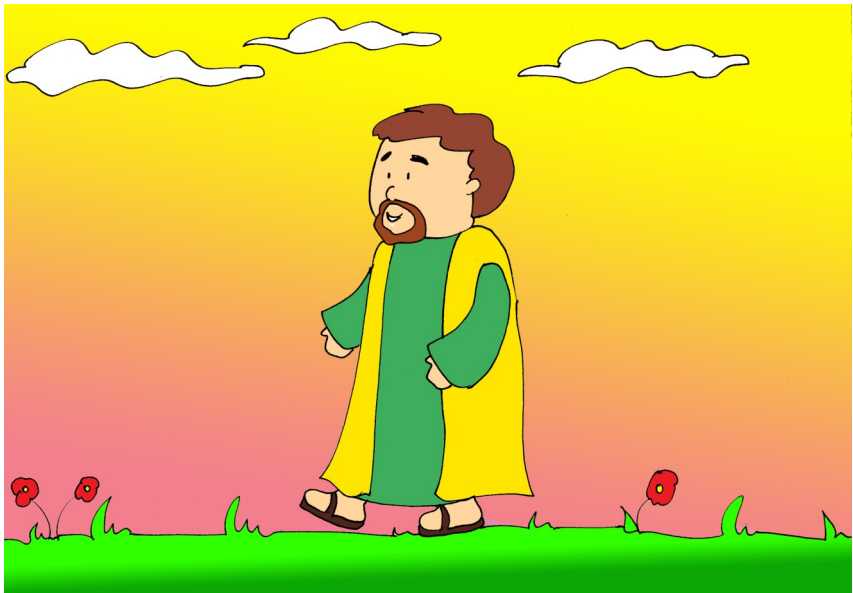
The Prophet Elijah then prayed for the rain to come, so the crops would grow. At first a little cloud was seen in the sky, and it soon turned into a very big rainstorm. Everyone was grateful for the refreshing rain. They knew that God loved and cared for them.



## 59.) Heavenly Food and Encouragement

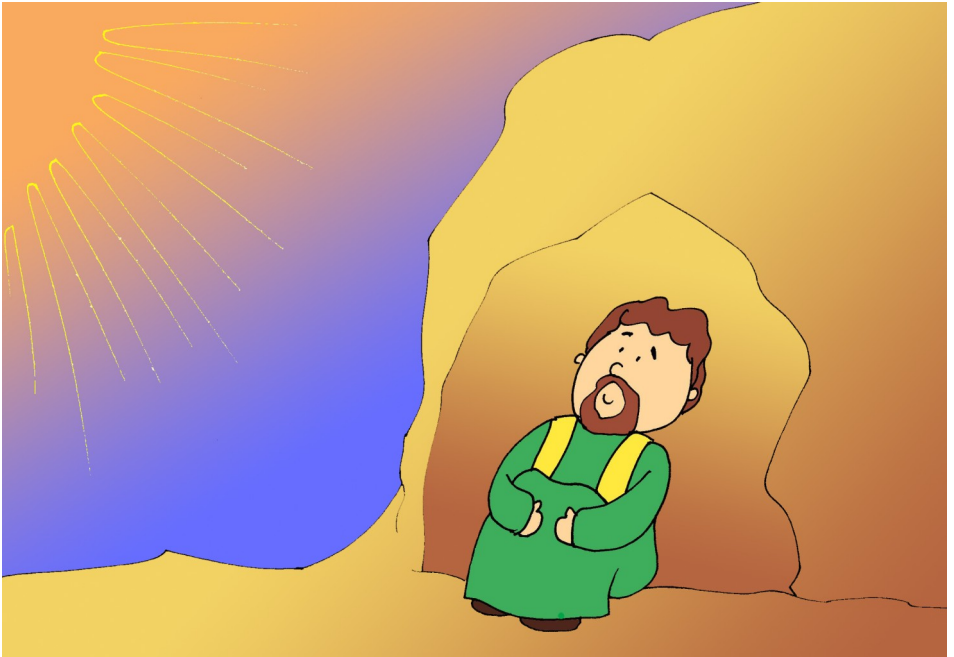
One time, the prophet Elijah was tired and needed encouragement. He went to sleep under a tree. Then an angel woke him up and gave him freshly baked bread and some water. Elijah ate it and felt better. He went to sleep again, and once more the angel woke him up to give him more heavenly bread and water.



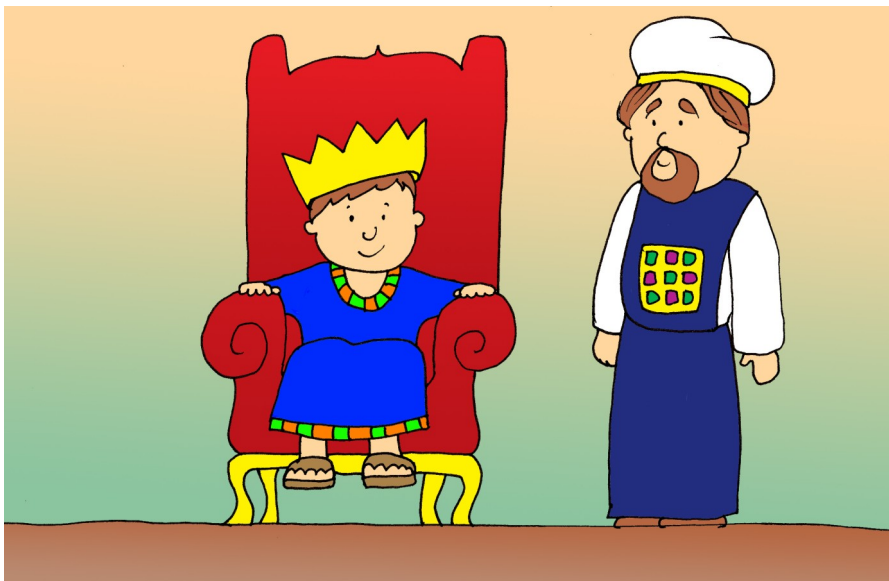


Elijah was going to have a long trip, and he needed this special angel food to give him the strength to travel. He walked, ran, and travelled for 40 days, and didn't even get hungry!

The special bread from the angel gave him lots of energy.

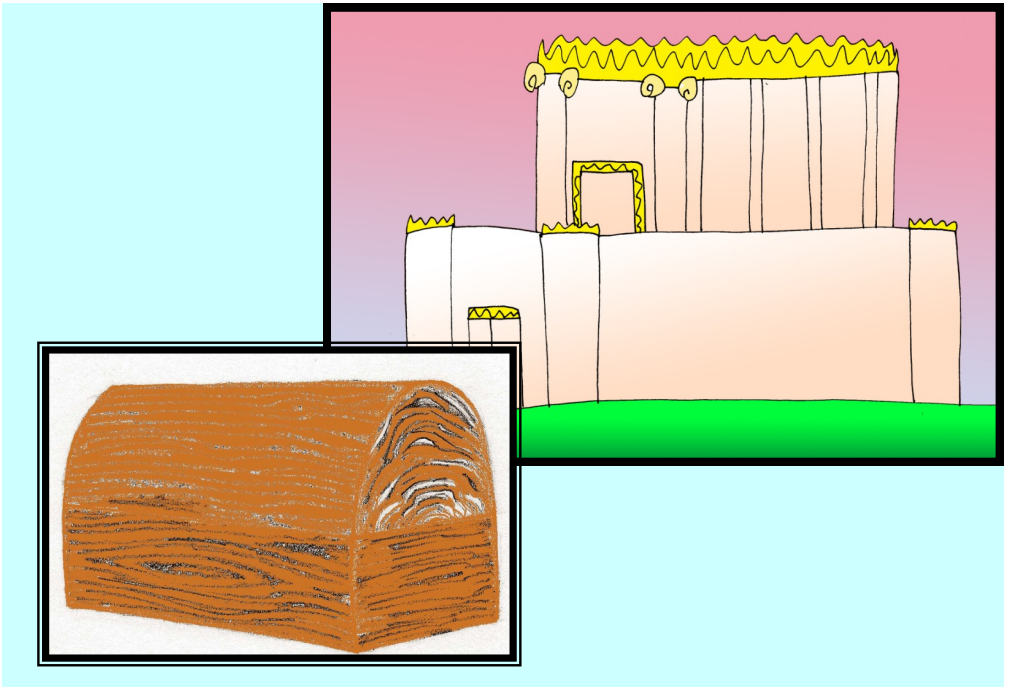


When he arrived at his new place, he stayed in a cave. God talked with him and encouraged him. Then he travelled onward to continue doing the jobs that God wanted him to do.

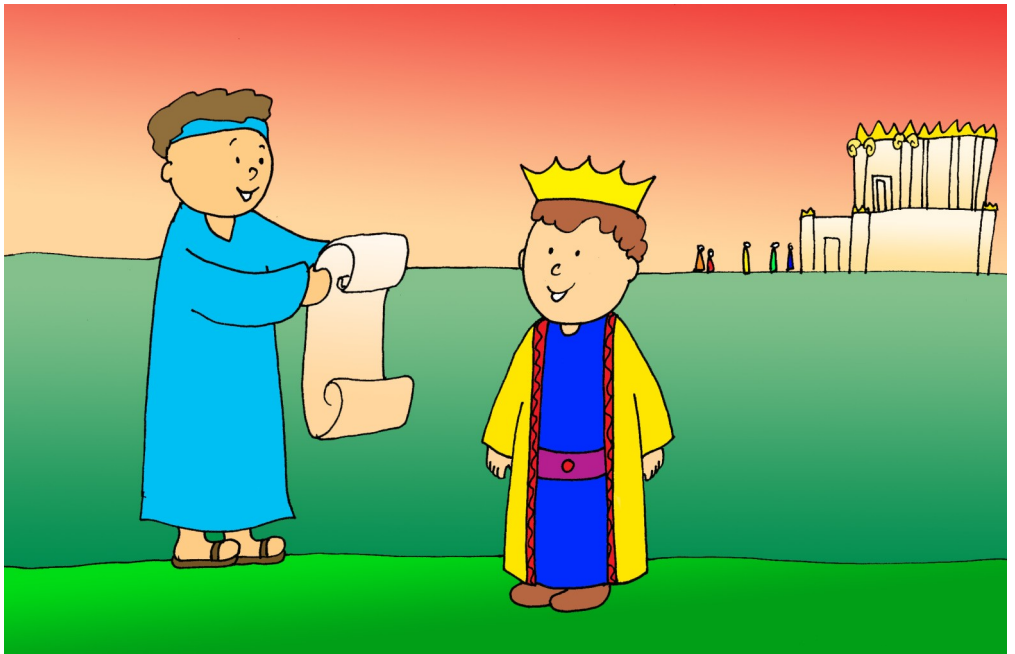


## 60.) The Boys Who Were Kings

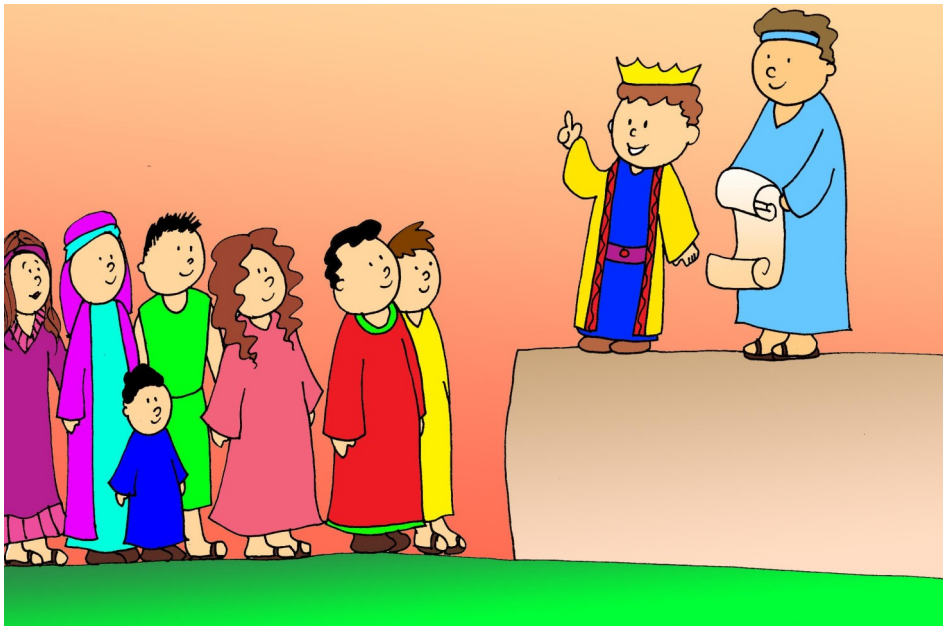
God let children be kings at times—children who wanted to follow and obey Him. One boy was Joash, and he obeyed what God's Word said to do. Priest Jehoiada taught Joash God's ways and helped to instruct him, when he was the King.



When Joash was king, a special chest was set up with a hole in it, for people to drop money in. The money was to be used to make repairs on the temple.



Another boy that was a king later on was Josiah. He also helped to fix up the temple. When someone discovered a scroll of God's Word that was written down a long time before, that was hidden in a wall, they read it to the King.

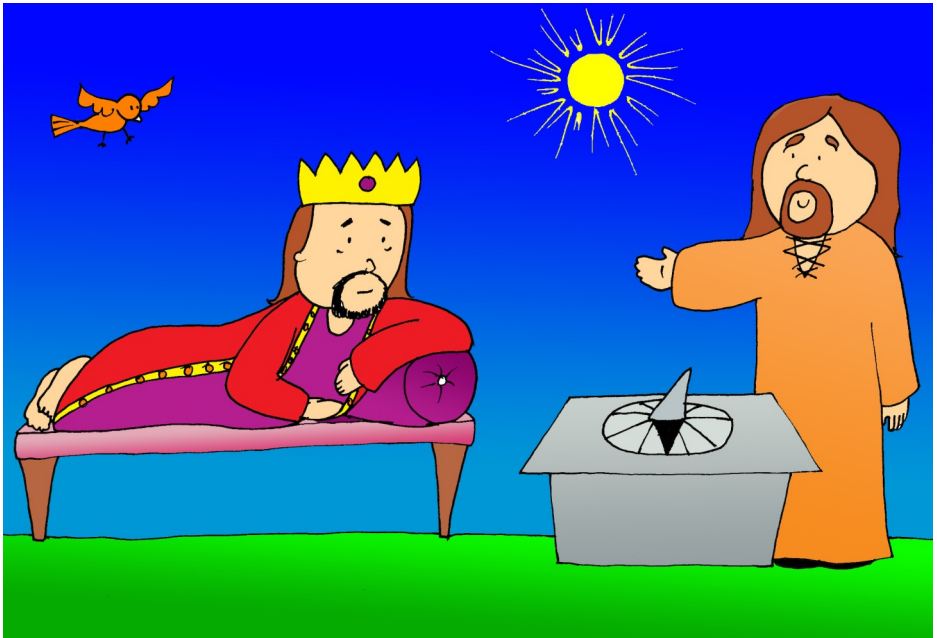


King Josiah wanted everyone to hear what it said and had it read to the people. He got everyone obeying God's Word again. As soon as he heard what God had said, he obeyed right away, and told everyone to do things God's way.



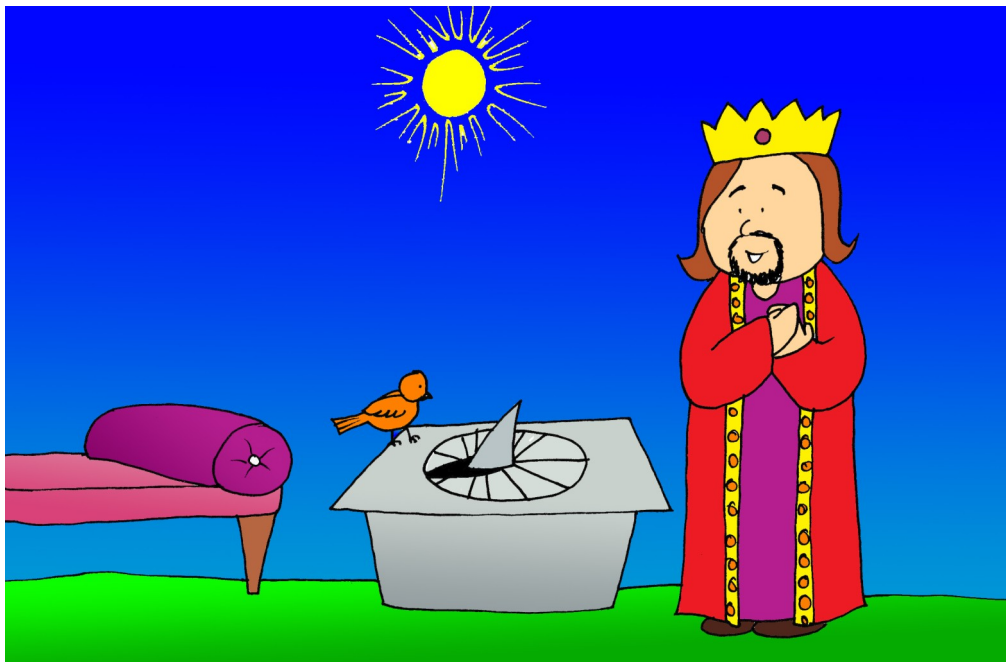
## 61.) Hezekiah's Healing

King Hezekiah loved God and wanted to obey God's Word, and he told many others to love and follow Him too. He instructed people to sing songs to God with instruments, and to pray and praise. King Hezekiah trusted in God's protection, and the Lord took care of him.

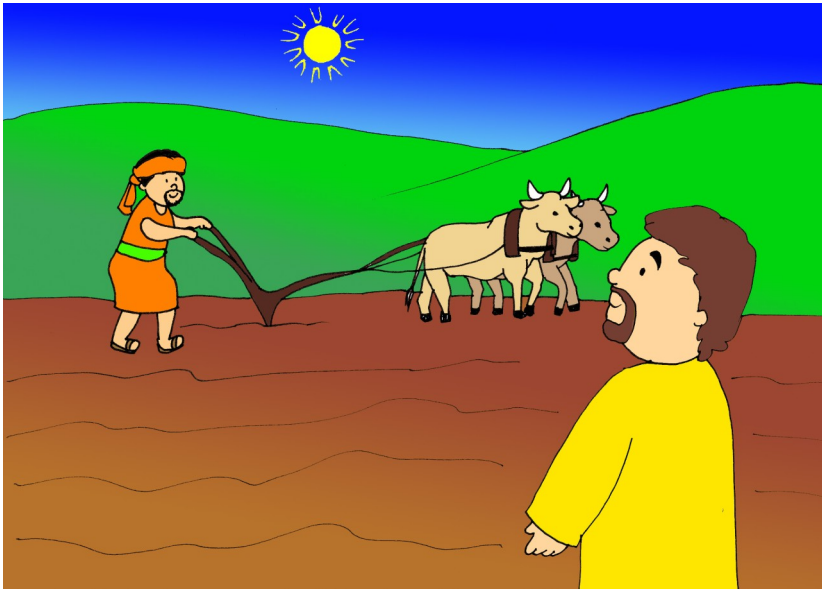


One time he was very sick and he prayed with all his heart for healing. The prophet Isaiah told him that God would heal him. Then God showed King Hezekiah a special sign, as a promise from God that he would get healed.





God made the shadow of the sundial—the way they could tell what time it was—go backwards. Only God could make the sun shine in that unusual way! King Hezekiah was so happy to know that God was near him and that he would be healed soon.



## 62.) Elisha Is Called

God spoke with Elijah the Prophet when he was on a mountain and gave him the instructions for his next job. Elijah listened to God's voice and then began his trip to do what God asked him to do.



He was to go to a man named Elisha and invite him to travel with him and to be his helper. Elisha was to be the new prophet after Elijah.

When Elijah found Elisha, he was ploughing a field so that he could plant his crops. Elijah put his coat over him as a sign that he was calling Elisha to go with him.



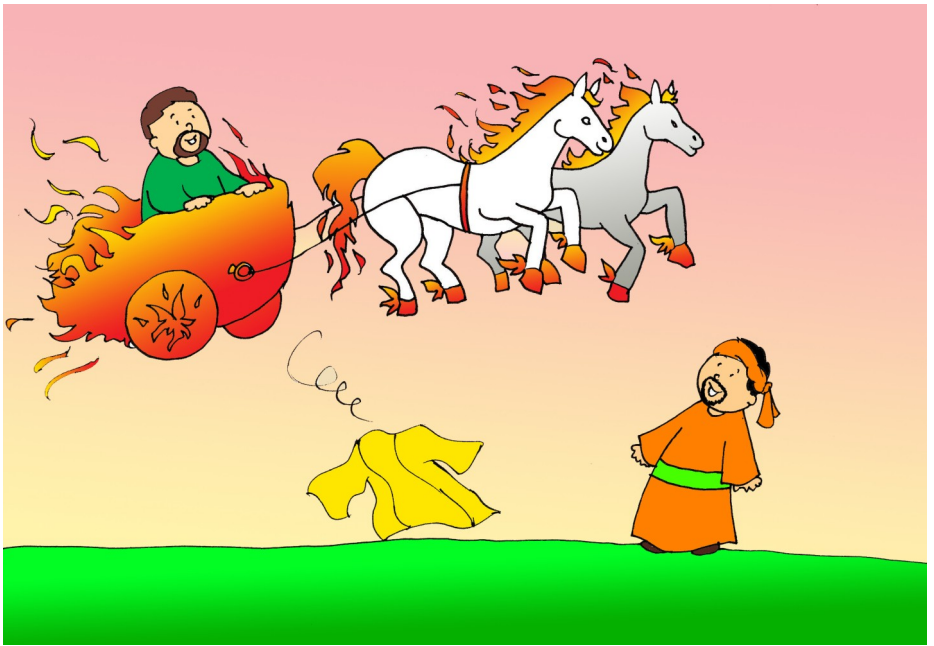
Elisha said goodbye to everyone and left as fast as he could, to work together with Elijah. Elisha was glad that the Lord had a special job for him to do.



### **63.) A Heavenly Ride on a Fiery Chariot**

Elijah the Prophet was going to be with the Lord in Heaven, and Elisha would do the job of passing on God's Words to the people when Elijah was gone. Elijah and Elisha were walking and needed to cross over the Jordan River.

The Prophet Elijah took his coat and hit the water. It immediately parted and there was a path for them to walk on.



As they continued to walk and talk, they saw a bright and shining fiery chariot with horses.

Then a whirlwind from God whisked the Prophet Elijah up into the chariot, to take him to Heaven—and his coat fell down to Elisha.



When Elisha went to cross back over the river, he took Elijah's coat and hit the water. Then God made another path through the river so that Elisha could walk to the other side. He had God's power helping him, and he was the new prophet who would tell the people God's Words.

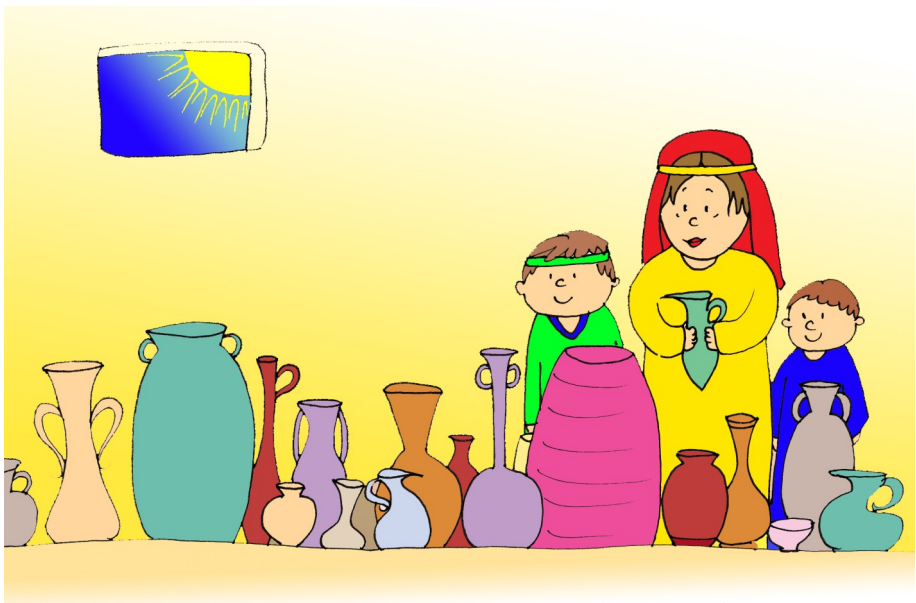


## 64.) Amazing Water and Oil

The Prophet Elisha followed what God told him to do and he was able to help the people.

When the city of Jericho didn't have good fresh water, God told Elisha to put some salt into it and to pray for it to be made pure. Then the Lord changed the water and it was good to drink.

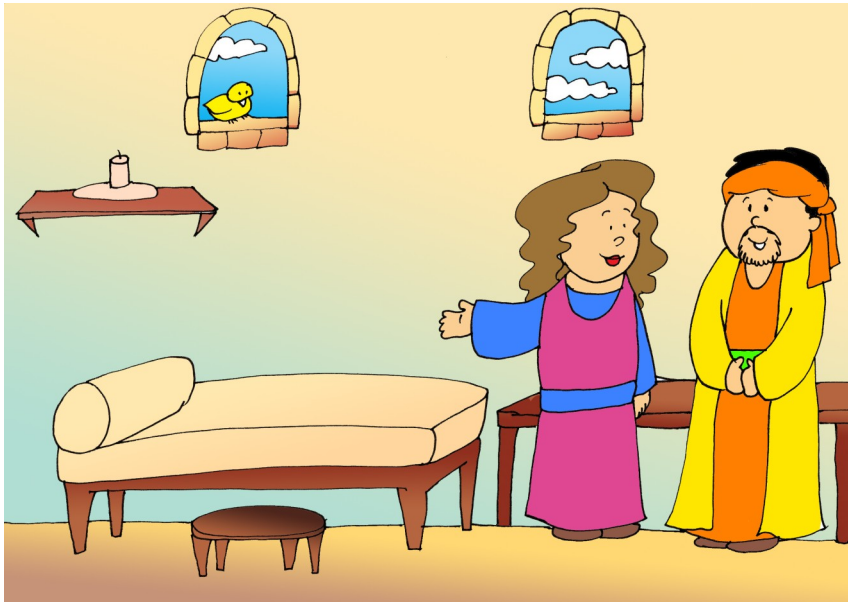




One time there was a woman who needed some money. She was very poor and only had a little bit of oil. She obeyed Elisha's instructions from the Lord and gathered lots of jars and pots. The woman poured and kept on pouring her little jar of oil, and by a miracle it filled all the many containers.



The jar just kept pouring out and pouring out, until every jar and pot was filled! She was then able to sell the oil, and have all the money that her family needed. She had faith, and obeyed what God wanted her to do, and then she got to see a wonderful miracle.



## 65.) Elisha's Room, and a Special Child

The Prophet Elisha travelled around the country telling others what God wanted them to hear, and teaching them God's ways. One time, a kind lady and man built a room for him to rest in when he came that way. Elisha was very glad.



He wanted to do something special for them, so he prayed for them to have a child, since they didn't have any. The woman was so very glad to finally have a baby! It was the best gift ever. She and her husband loved their child very much.



One day, when this child was a bit older, he got very sick. His mother placed him on Elisha's bed and quickly travelled to find the prophet.

When Elisha came to the room and prayed for the boy, the boy revived and was alive and well again!

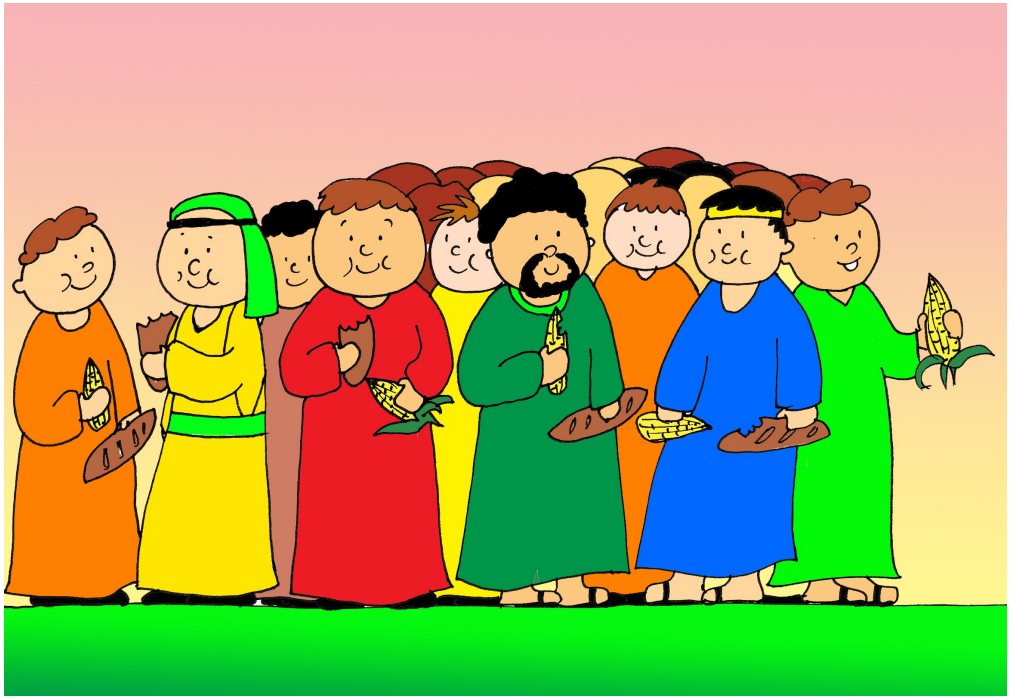


## 66.) Food for Hungry Men

A kind man took some food from his farm and gave it to the Prophet Elisha and his team as a gift. He brought 20 barley loaves and some corn. There were one hundred men who needed food to eat, and it wasn't enough for all of them to share.



God told Elisha to give it to everyone and that He would make sure that everyone would have enough. After the Prophet Elisha prayed, God blessed this man's gift of food and made it enough for everyone to eat.



Everyone ate and had enough, and there was even extra food left over! The Lord had made the little bit of food feed a lot of people because they prayed, listened to God, and did what He said to do.





## 67.) Humility and Healing

Naaman and his wife were sad because Naaman was real sick and had lots of sores on his body. Their servant girl told them about Prophet Elisha.

She said that if Naaman went to see Elisha, a miracle could happen and he could be healed.



Naaman travelled to Elisha right away, because he was eager to be healed. The Prophet Elisha gave God's instructions to Naaman, and told him to wash in the Jordan River seven times, and then he would be healed. Naaman obeyed, and when he came out of the water he was so happy to see his skin was healed. He was well again!



Naaman went to say "Thank you" to Elisha, but Elisha told him it was God who had healed him, and that he should pray and thank God for his health. Naaman said he would always remember to do that. He saw that God was powerful and amazing.



## 68.) The Axe that Floated

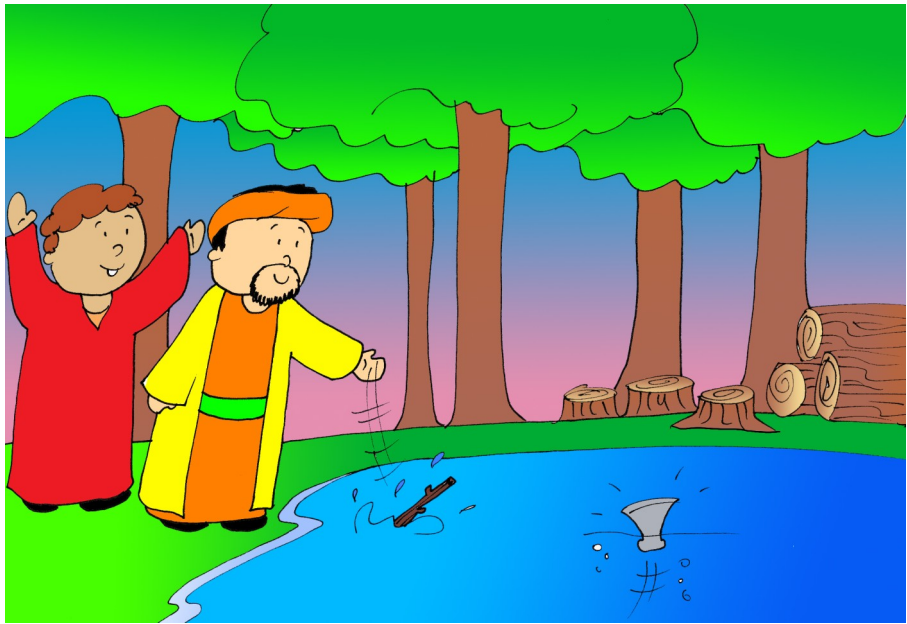
Some men were cutting down trees near the Jordan River. They were the Prophet Elisha's team of men, who were learning to be prophets. They needed a bigger place to stay, so they were trying to build a new place and needed wood.

One man was using an axe, and the axe head suddenly flew off and fell into the river.



He wasn't able to get it out, because it sank. He had borrowed the axe and needed to return it when he was finished chopping down the trees. He asked the Prophet Elisha what to do.

God told Elisha to get a small stick and float it on the water.



When he did that, amazingly, the axe head began to float on the water as well! The man took it out of the water and was so glad. He fixed the axe and finished the job, and was able to return the axe to the one who had let him use it.

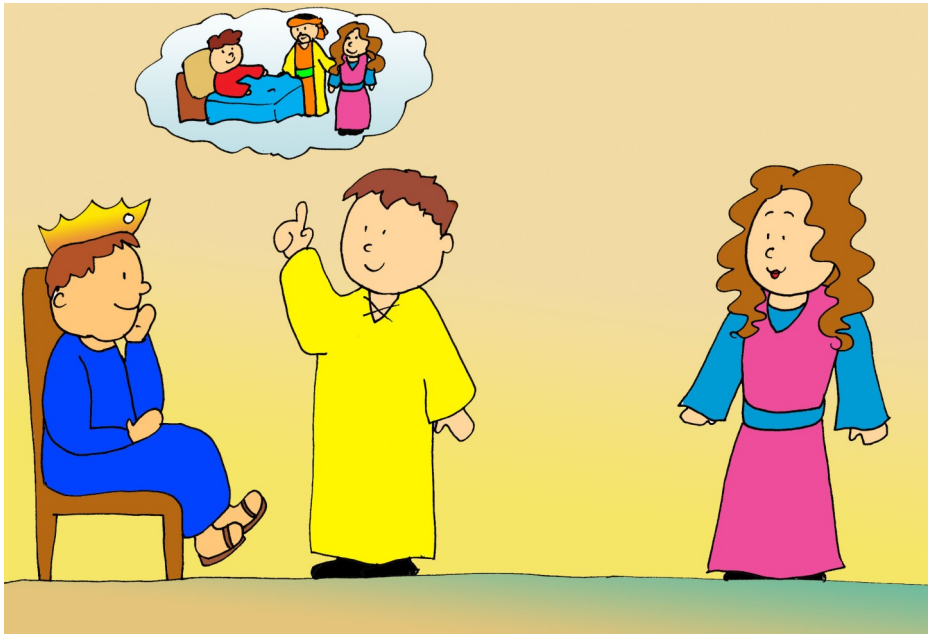
Everyone was so thankful for God's help!



## 69.) The Fruit

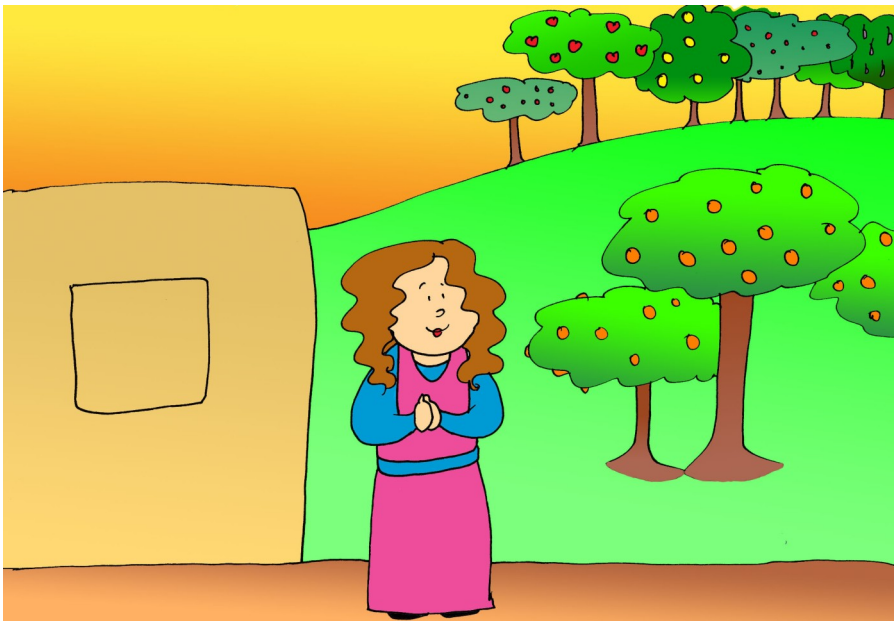
The Prophet Elisha told the woman who had given him a special room that it was best for her to move, and to live somewhere else for a while.

God had said there wouldn't be much food in that place for seven years. So she obeyed. She went with her family to a new place where there was enough food, and later she would return to her country again.

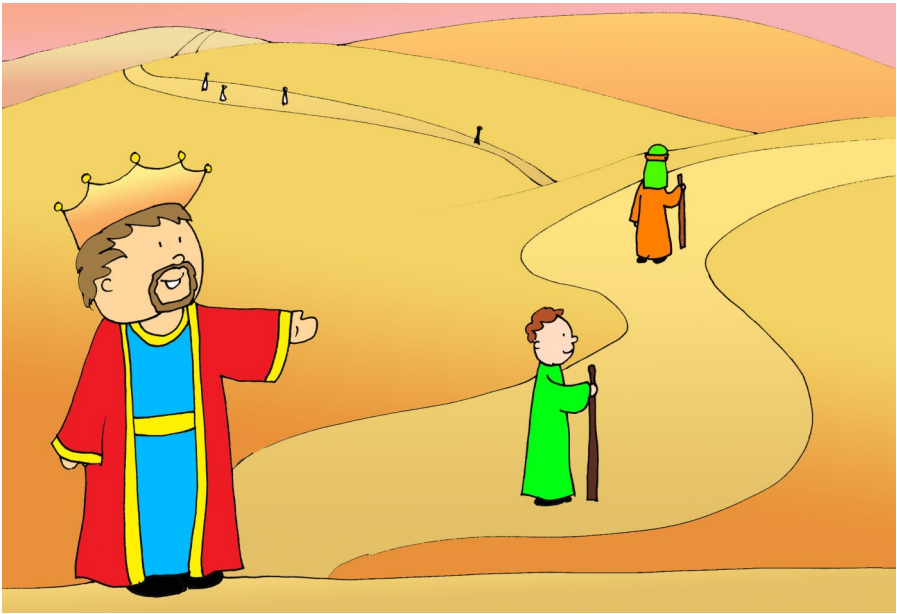


Elisha's servant was telling the king about the miracle of this woman's son getting healed, and just then she walked in to talk to the king. Some people were now living in her house and using her farm, but she needed to live there again.





The king was so glad to hear about the miracle of her son being healed that he wanted everything to be worked out so she could have her farm, her fruit trees, and her house again. She had faith and obeyed the Lord, and then everything worked out well.



## 70.) Abundance and Obedience

King Jehoshaphat was a good king and loved God. He sent important men to travel around his country and teach his people God's Word.

God blessed the king for making the right choice to love and obey Him.

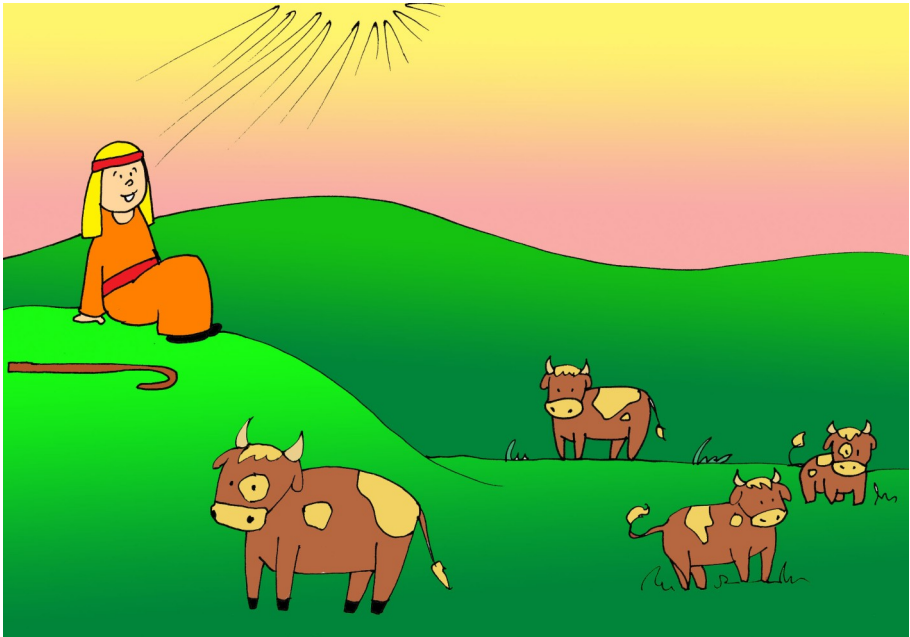


One time, when he had a meeting with some other kings, there wasn't any water for the big crowd of people and their animals to drink.

Elisha the Prophet prayed, and God said for them to dig ditches in a valley.



The team obeyed and worked hard digging. The next morning, to their surprise, God had caused some water to rush over the valley and fill up all the ditches! Then they all had pools of water to drink from and were refreshed.



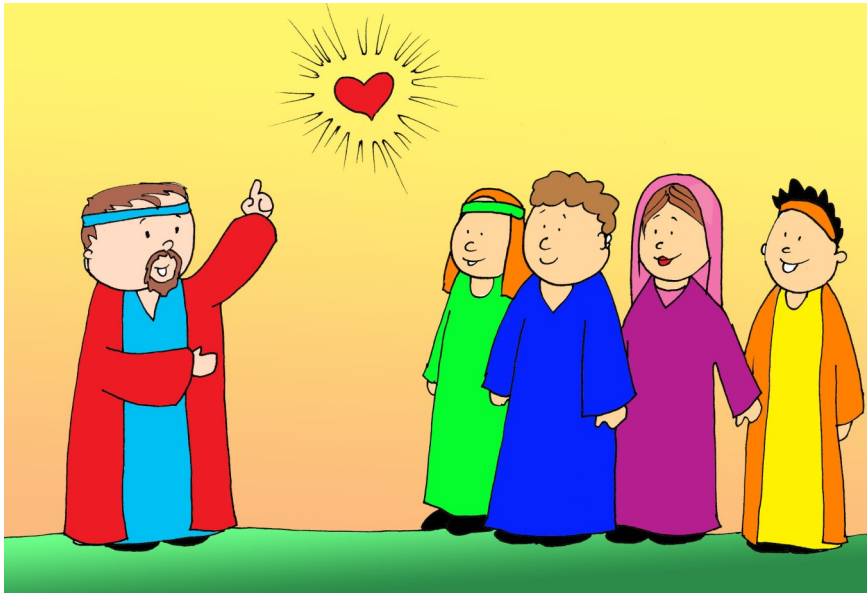
## 71.) Amos, Joel, and Hosea

Amos, Joel, and Hosea were prophets.

While Amos was on the hillside caring for cattle, God called him to be a prophet and tell people God's Words. Amos obeyed, and became a messenger for God.

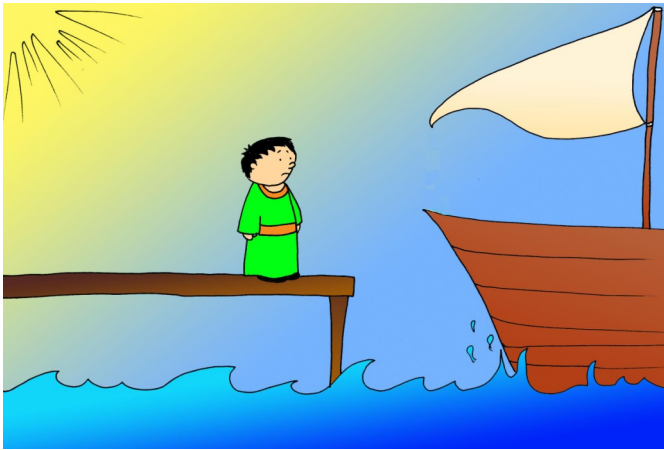


A man named Joel was also a prophet. God told him that He would give His Spirit and Words to anyone who wanted to hear His Words and obey Him.



The Prophet Hosea gave the people a message from God. He was reminding everyone how much God loved them and wanted them to love Him too.

If people are sorry for doing wrong things, then God will forgive them. He loves you so much too, and wants to talk with you!



## 72.) Jonah's Trip

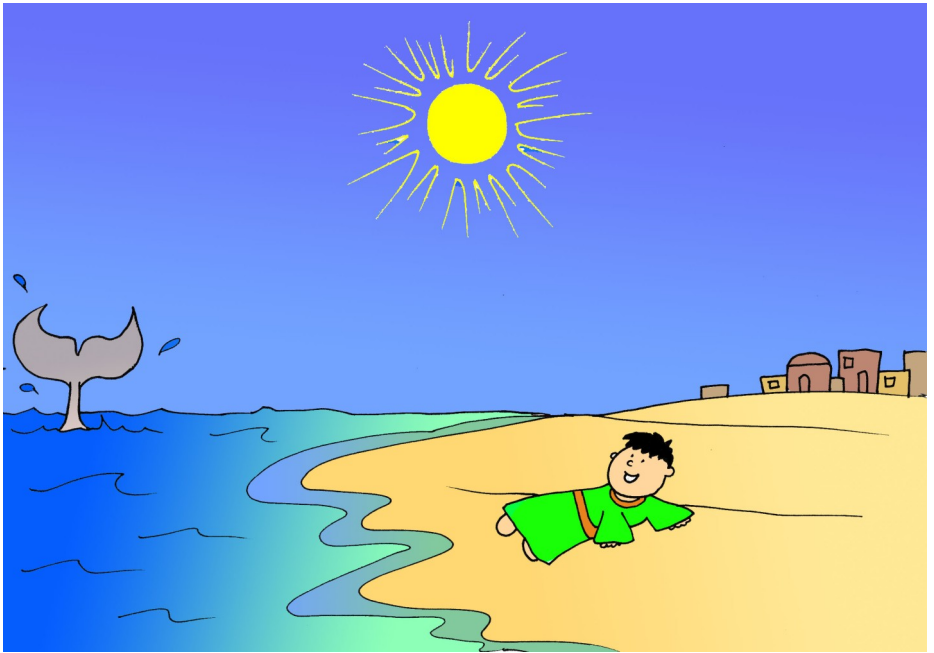
The Lord had a job for Jonah, one of His prophets, to do. He was to take a trip to a city called Nineveh, where the people had been doing a lot of wrong things. God wanted Jonah to tell them that He was very displeased with their hurtful and unkind deeds. But Jonah chose to take a trip to another place instead. He didn't go where God said to go.



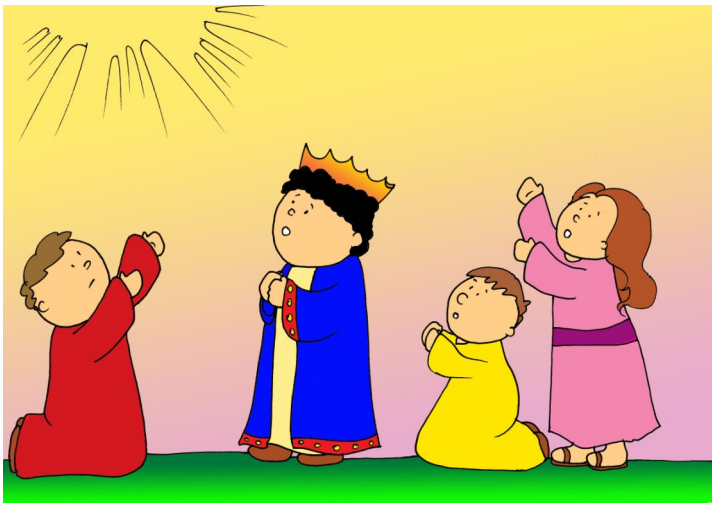


However, on his ship ride, the Lord sent a big storm to show Jonah that he was going the wrong way. Jonah prayed and asked God to forgive him for disobeying. God said that Jonah was to get off the boat and swim in the stormy water.

Jonah bravely obeyed, and then God helped him to make it to land again.



A big fish helped to bring Jonah safely to the land, so he could travel to Nineveh and tell the people there the important message from God. Jonah finally obeyed and did what God needed him to do.



### **73.) Warnings and Forgiveness**

When the King and the people of Nineveh heard the message from God that Jonah came to tell them, they were very sorry for their wrong doings.

Everyone stopped to pray and ask God to forgive them. God then said that He'd give them another chance to do things better.

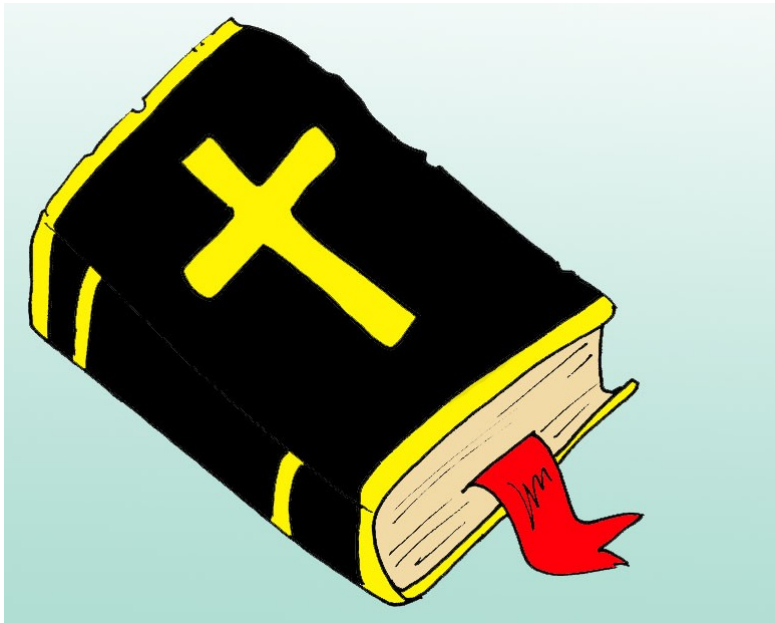


God would rather have people change and do things right, than to have to punish them. Jonah learned about God's love and care for everyone.

It's good when we are sorry and ask the Lord to forgive us, and then change, and do things that make Him happy.



God used a withering plant to demonstrate this lesson to Jonah. Just like Jonah cared about the welfare of the plant, so does God care about all the people on Earth. God wants everyone to grow well and live happy, loving lives, following in His ways.



## 74.) Obadiah and Micah

Obadiah listened to God's Words. He told people that the best thing to do is to humbly follow God's ways. If we obey Him too, we will have His love, strength, and protection.



Micah was also a prophet. He told of a time when the world will be at peace again, and everyone will know about the Lord. It will be so wonderful when one day King Jesus makes things nice all over the world for everyone.



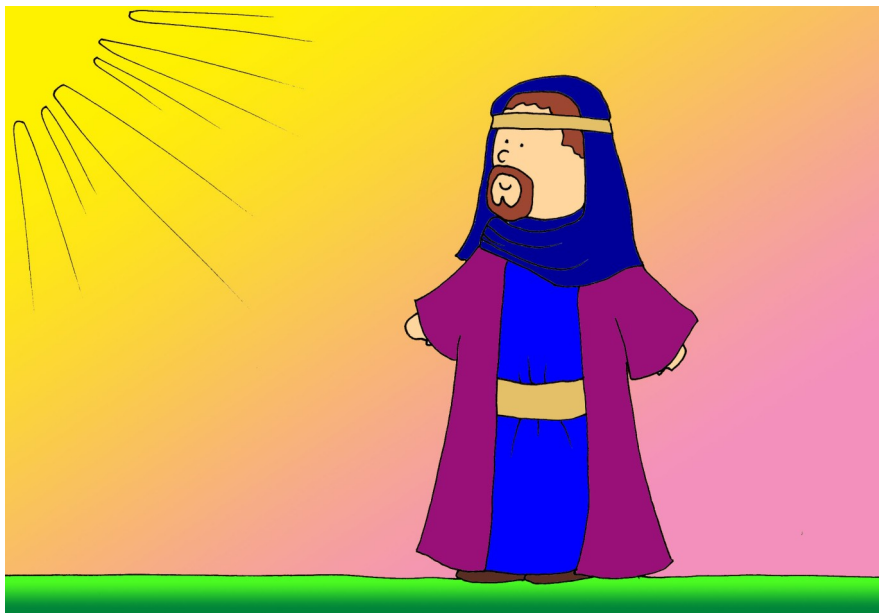
## 75.) Nahum and Habakkuk

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.



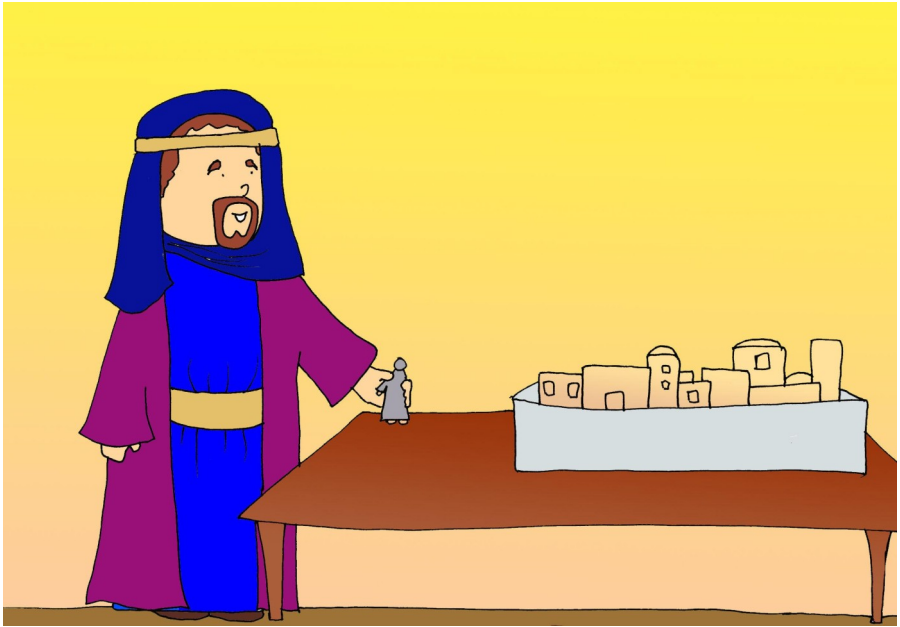


Habakkuk was a prophet who wrote about being happy and praising Jesus no matter what else is happening—even if there are things happening that aren't your favourite. Think about the good things, and have faith in God's care!



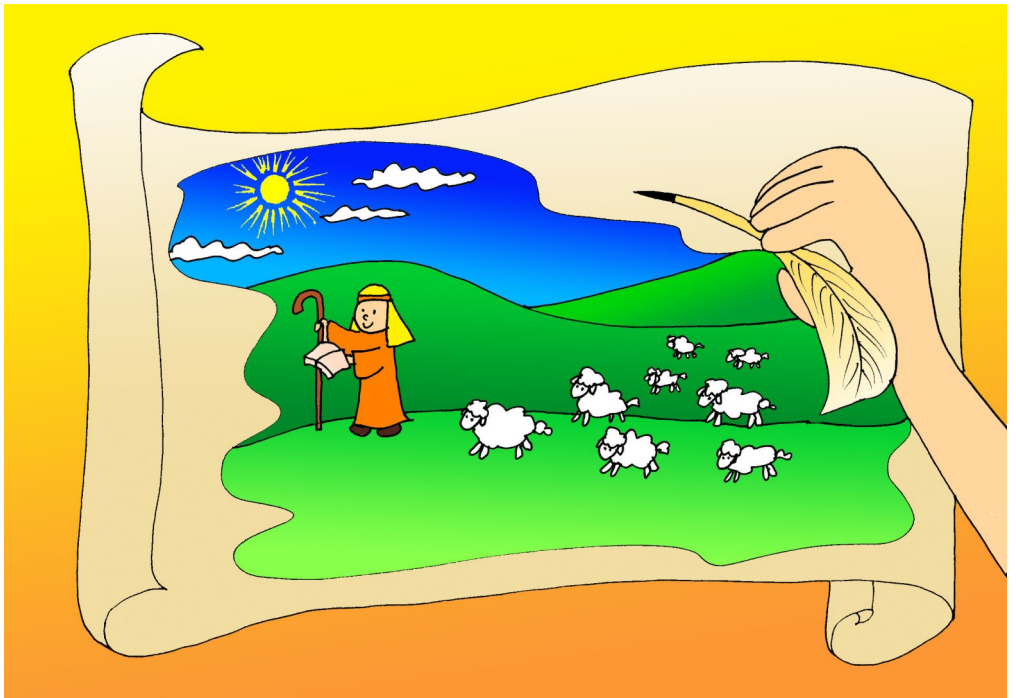
## 76.) Ezekiel the Prophet

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

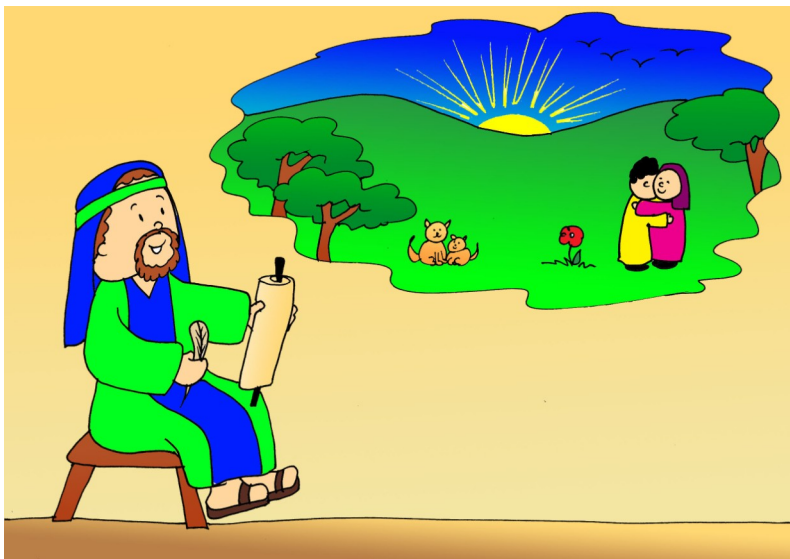
God also showed Ezekiel some amazing things in the spirit—things that people on Earth could not see and didn't know. He saw amazing visions of strong and bright angels, in a shining heavenly vehicle with extraordinary wheels!



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.



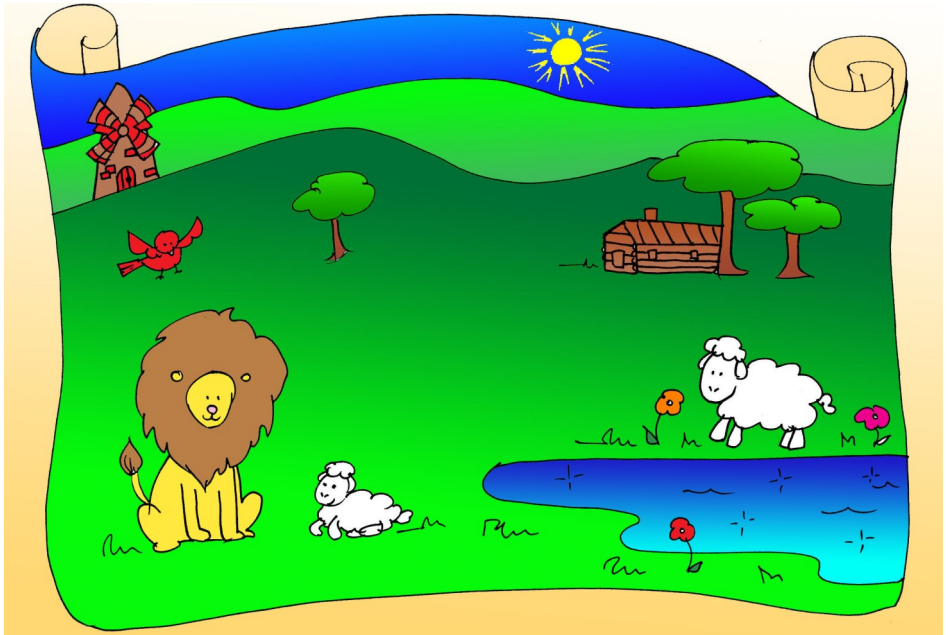
The Lord and His angels need people on Earth to be God's helpers, and to pass on His Words. His angels will help you to do the job.



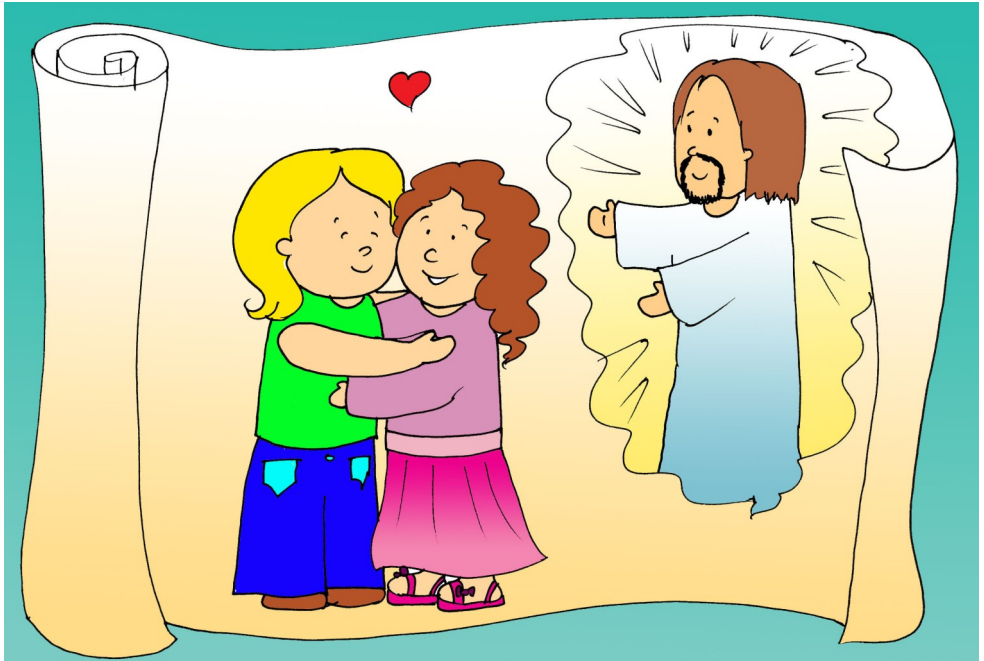
## 78.) Isaiah the Prophet

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.

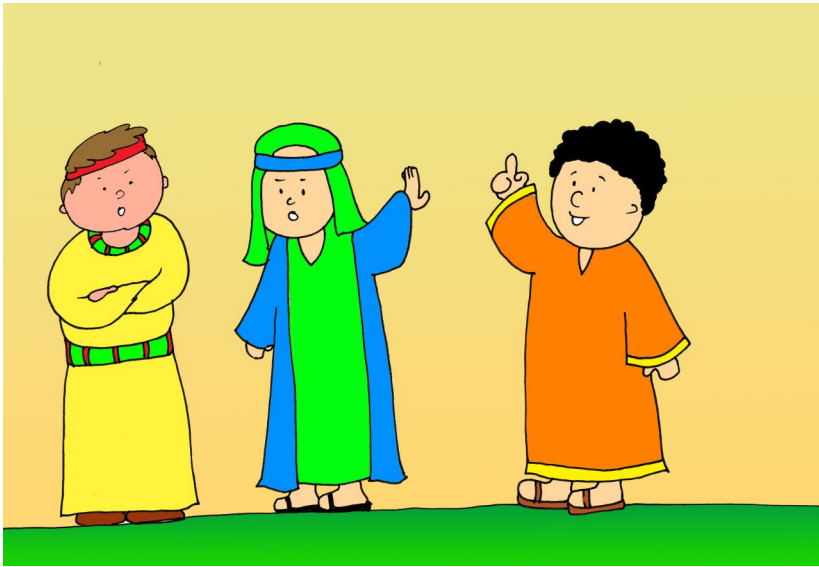


Jesus will make everything nice again. He will bless and care for us, give us healing, and provide all that we need. We can please Him by being kind and lovingly caring for others.



## **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.

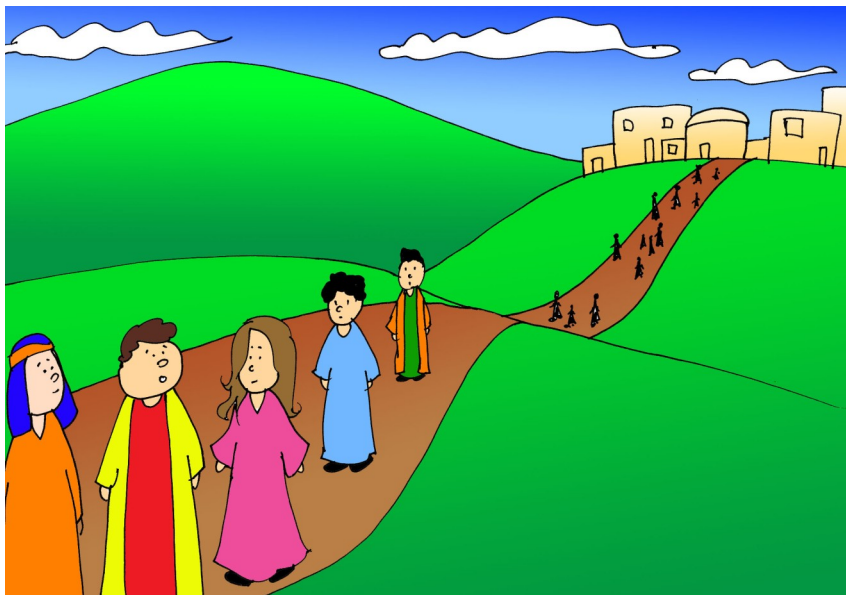


He didn't feel like he was old enough, or very important, or smart. Jeremiah didn't know what to say to the people, but God told him what to do and say, and he told people God's Words.

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

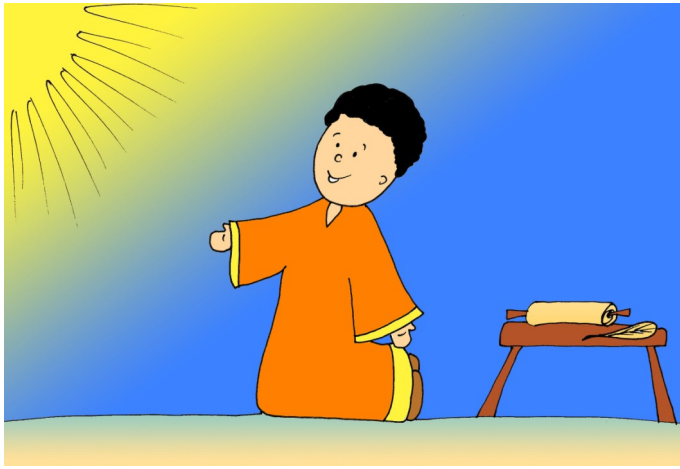


They didn't show respect and kindness to Jeremiah, but that didn't stop him from speaking God's Words. Jeremiah was a very obedient and faithful messenger, and he received God's protection and care.



## 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.



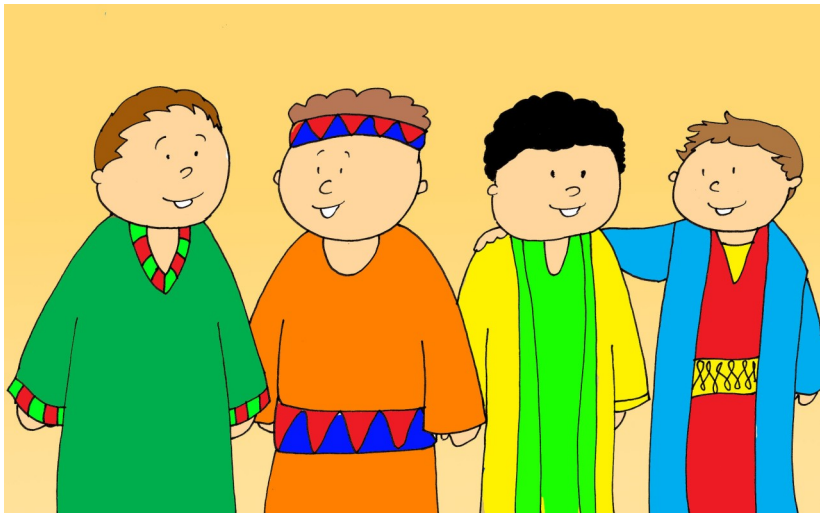
The people were sad to have to leave their country and their homes, and sorry that they hadn't listened and obeyed God's Words.

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

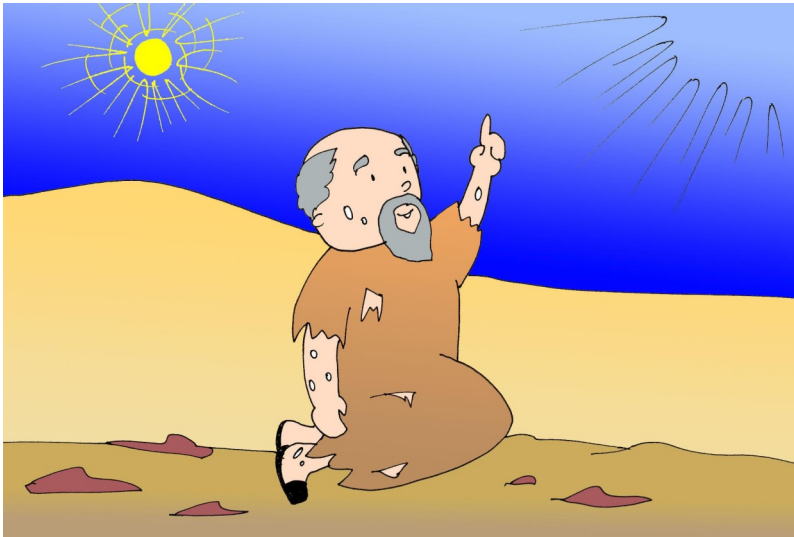
A king of Babylon called Nebuchadnezzar wanted some good young men to be his helpers in his palace; to talk with him and give him advice and ideas. There were four young men who had learned to pray and hear from the Lord, and who loved and obeyed God. Their names were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.



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.

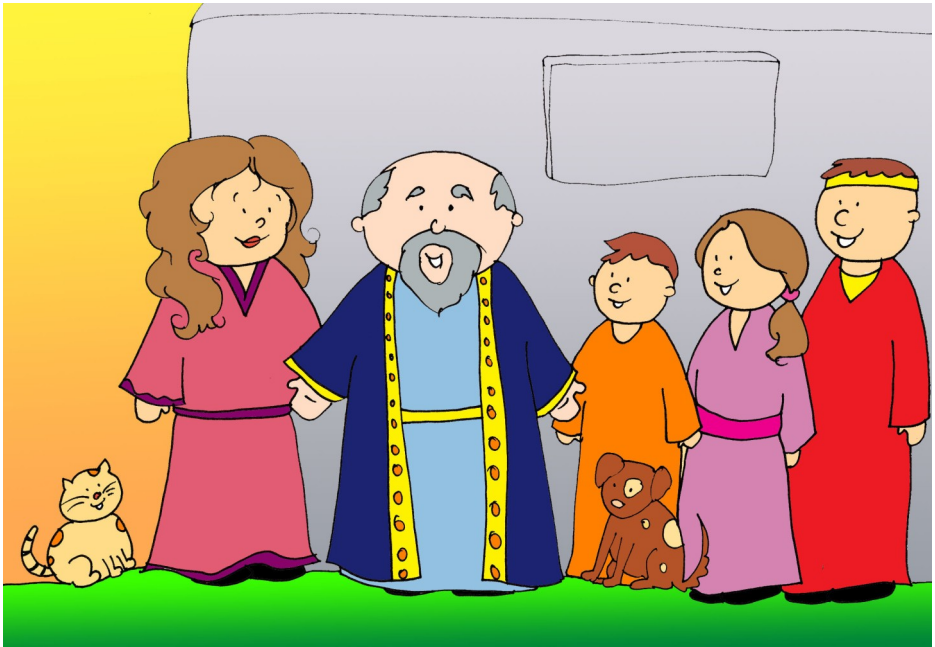


This helped them to grow strong and healthy, and to look handsome. These young men impressed the king with their wise answers to his questions, so he chose them to be his advisers and helpers.

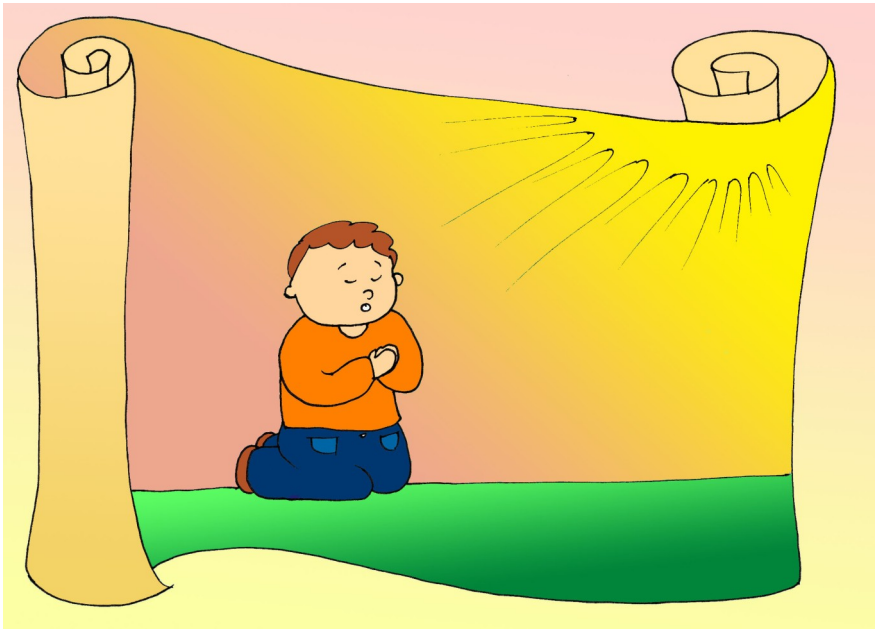


## 82.) Job's Lessons

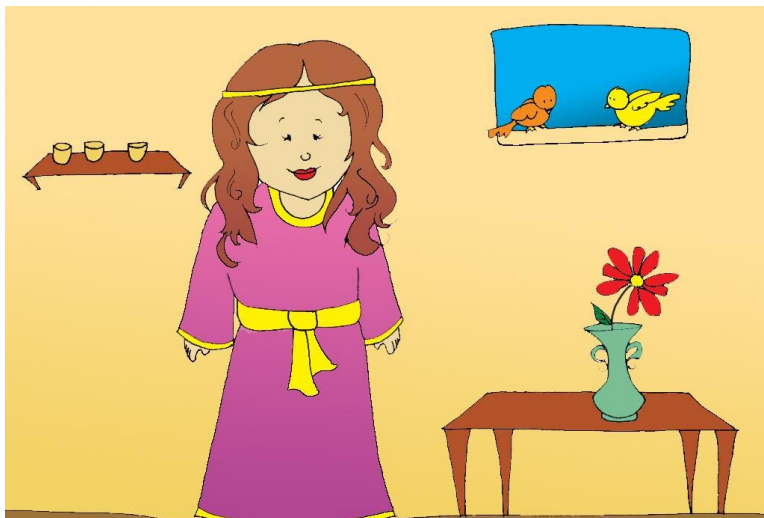
Job loved God and obeyed what He said to do. One time, when Job had lost everything he had and had gotten very sick, he learned to have faith anyway. God taught him that no matter what happens, He sees and knows everything and makes the right choices and does what He knows is best.



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.

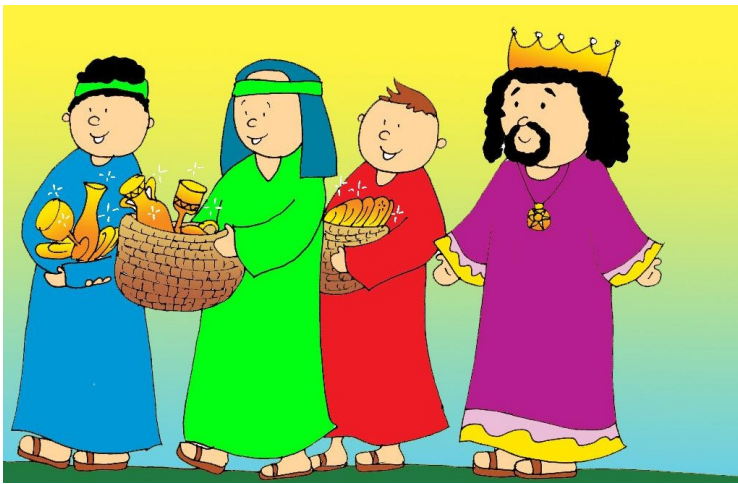


The king wanted a nice lady to marry him and be the queen, so there were several ladies brought for him to see. Esther was humble, loving, wise, and pretty too. When the king saw her and talked with her, he liked her very much.



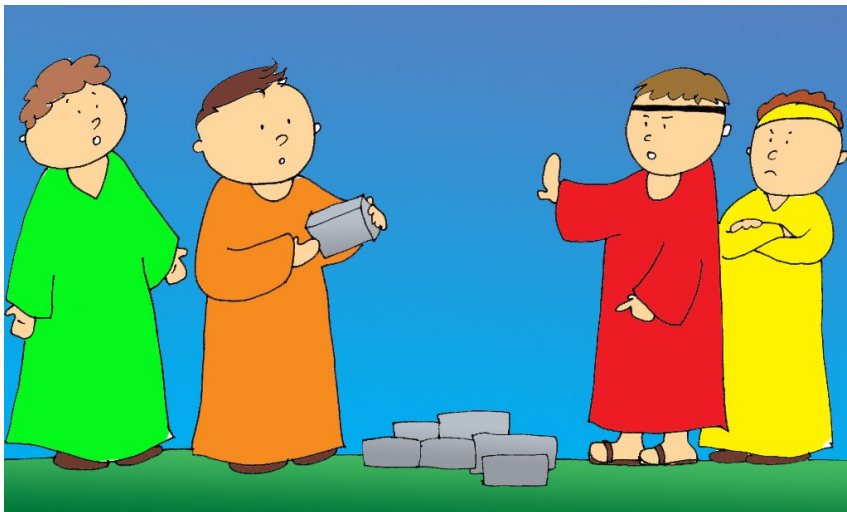


Esther was made the new queen, and a big feast was held to celebrate! Because she was the queen, and also descended from the Israelites, a Jewess, God used her to talk with the king to help him make better decisions that would help her people, and protect them from trouble.



## 84.) King Cyrus and King Darius

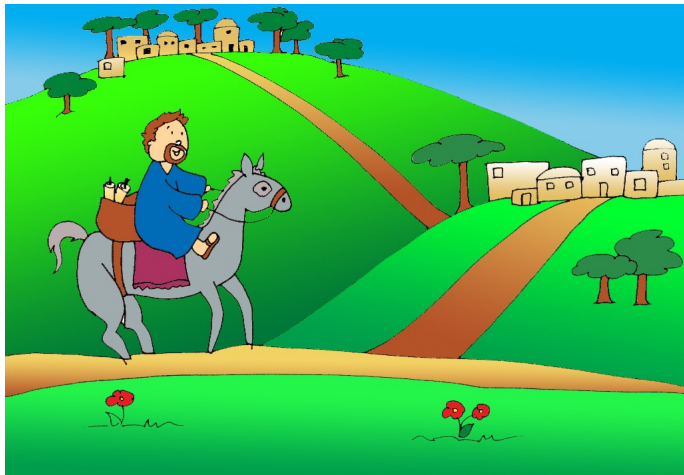
God inspired a good Persian king named Cyrus to let all the Israelites return to their home country again. He told them to rebuild their temple. King Cyrus returned to them all the gold and silver vessels that had been taken from the temple, while they were learning their lessons to follow God's ways.



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.

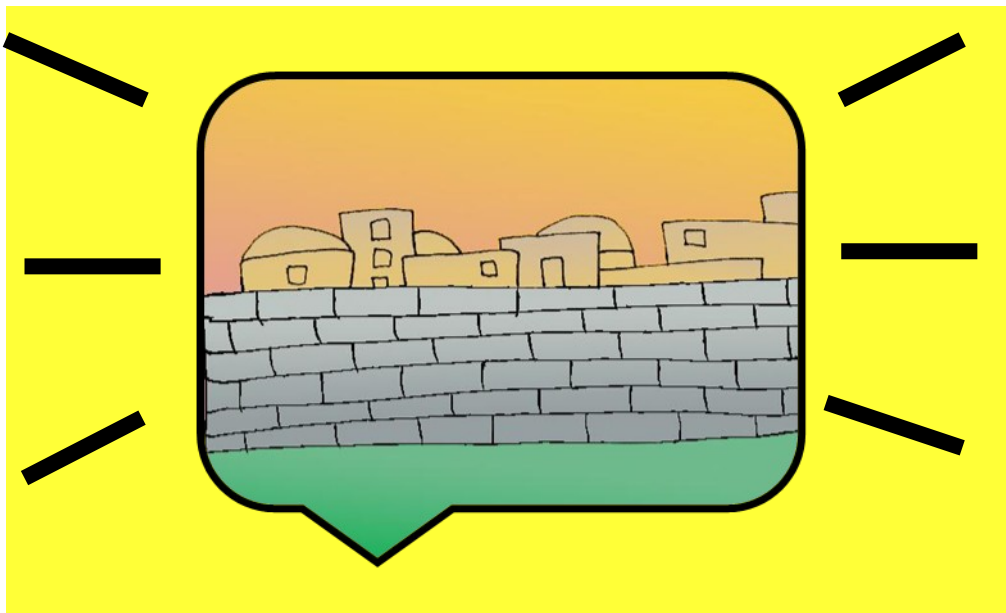


He was to help the people to know what God's instructions to them were—the rules and advice written down by Moses. The king offered Ezra anything that he needed from the country and from his own treasures, so that he could do a good job of helping everyone to follow and obey God's Words.



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.



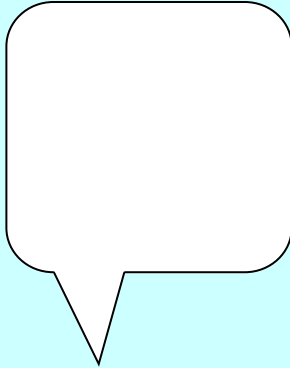
## **87.) Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi**

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

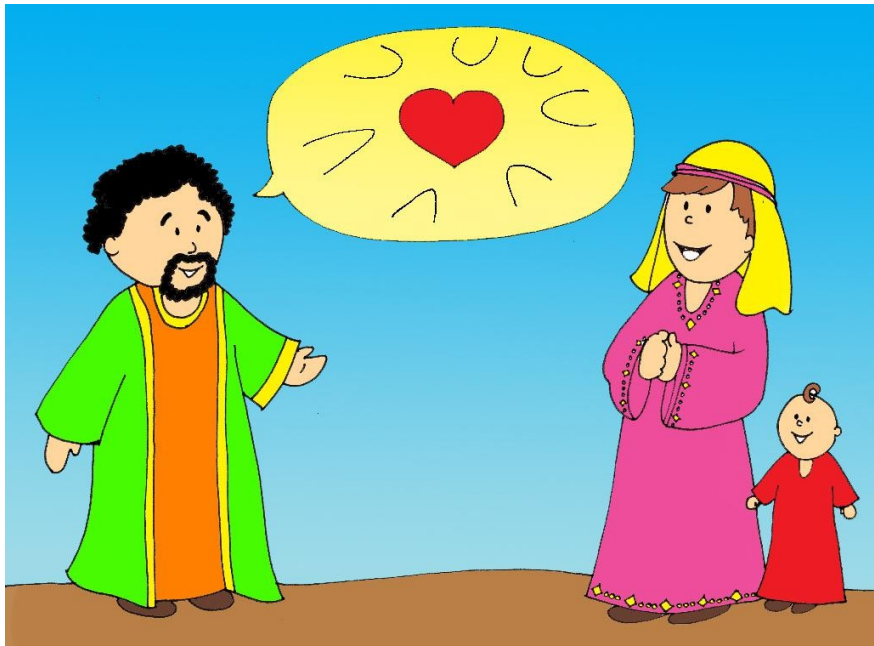


The Words from God came to the prophets. They wrote them down, and told everyone the tips and counsel on how to have a happy life.

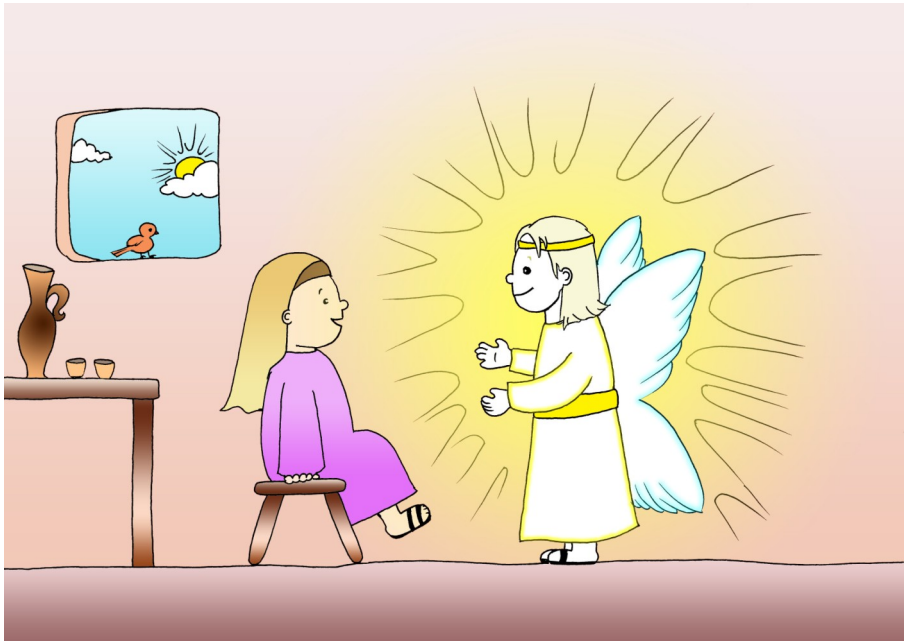
When people were doing the wrong things, God told them that troubles would come to them, to teach them to do things God's better way.



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.



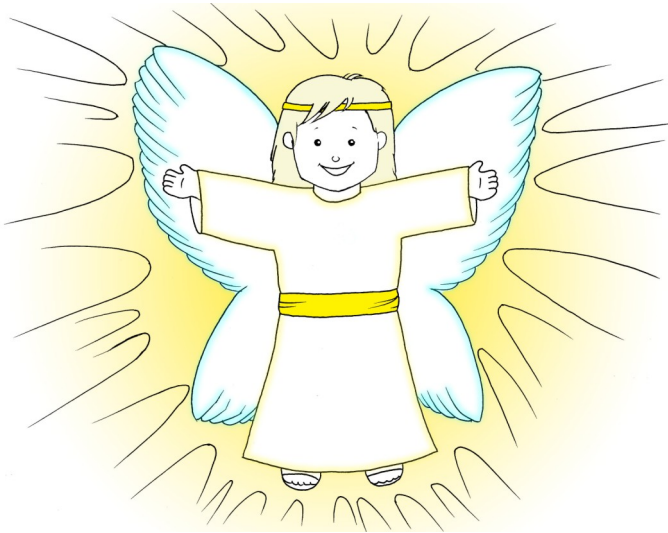
Some of God's instructions, given by His prophets, said for them to share, to be humble, to speak the truth, and to pray and ask for God's help. He loves each person and wants to make their life happier.



## 88.) Mary and the Angel

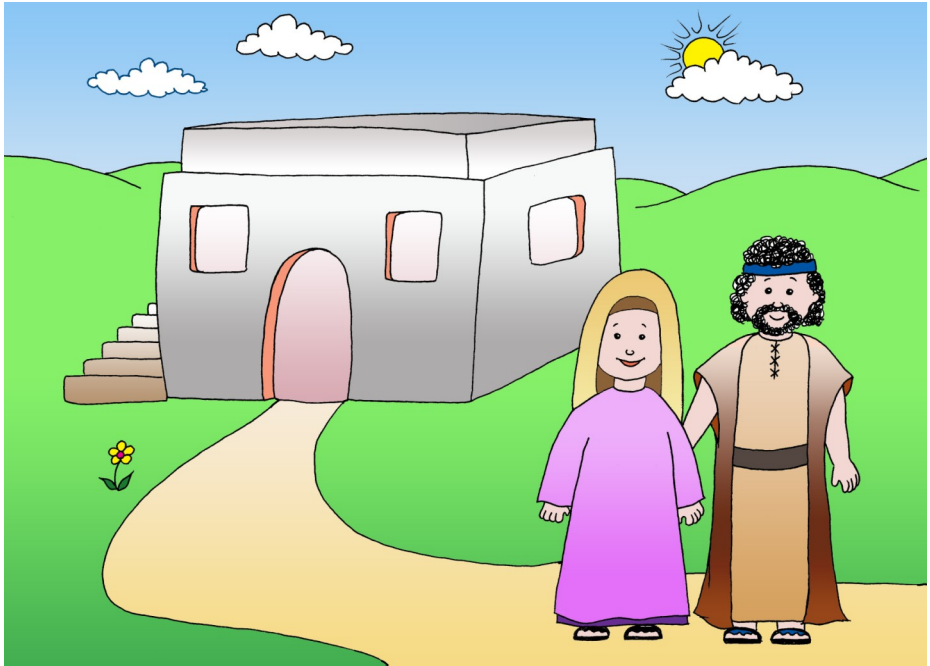
A young lady named Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of a very special child—someone who would come to Earth and show people God's love.





An important messenger was sent from God to tell Mary about the baby God was giving her.

The Archangel Gabriel told Mary that all things were possible with God, and that the baby she would have was to be called Jesus. He was God's Son. Mary believed what Gabriel told her, and said "Yes" to God's plan for her life.



Joseph, who was a carpenter, loved Mary and wanted to marry her. They lived in a place called Nazareth. Mary and Joseph would take good care of God's Son Jesus, while He was growing up on Earth.

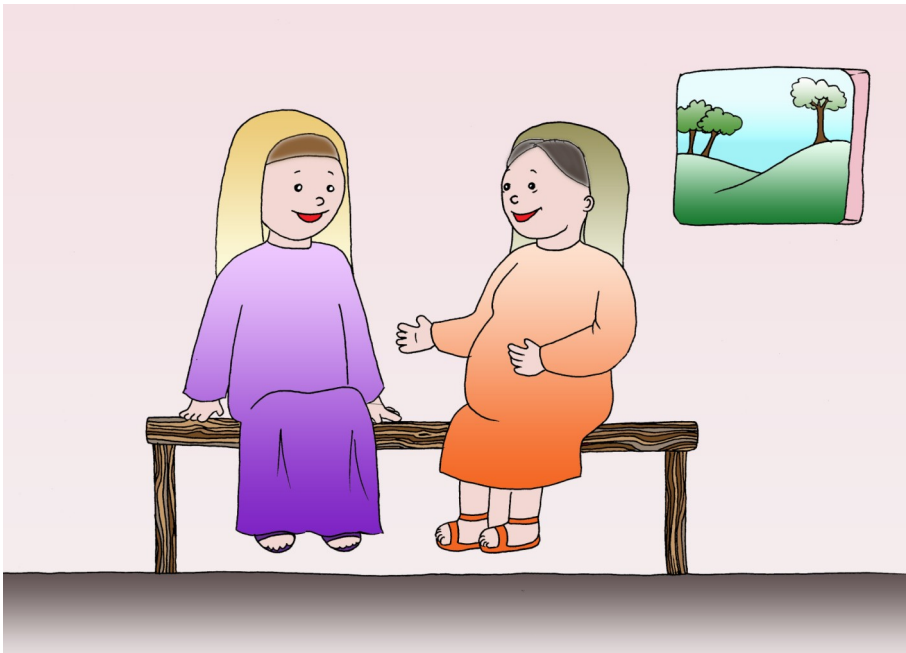


## 89.) Baby John

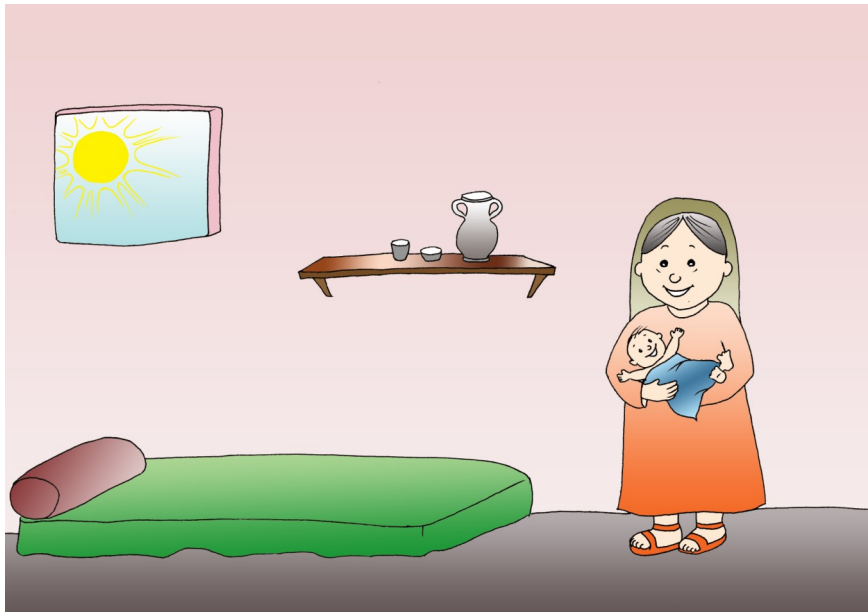
The Archangel Gabriel appeared to a priest called Zacharias when he was praying, and told him that he and his wife Elizabeth would finally have a baby, and he would be named John.



They were both very old and had no children. Even though they were elderly, God would do the miracle of giving them a baby. Zacharias was very surprised to see the angel, and amazed to hear the message from him.



Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When Elizabeth's baby heard Mary saying hello, he jumped and wiggled around inside his mother. The baby was so excited to hear the voice of the mother of God's Son.



Soon Zacharias and Elizabeth's baby was born, and they called him John, just as the angel had said. When John grew up, his job would be to tell people about Jesus, God's Son. He would tell the people to prepare for the wonderful event of Jesus' arrival.



## 90.) A Dream and a Trip

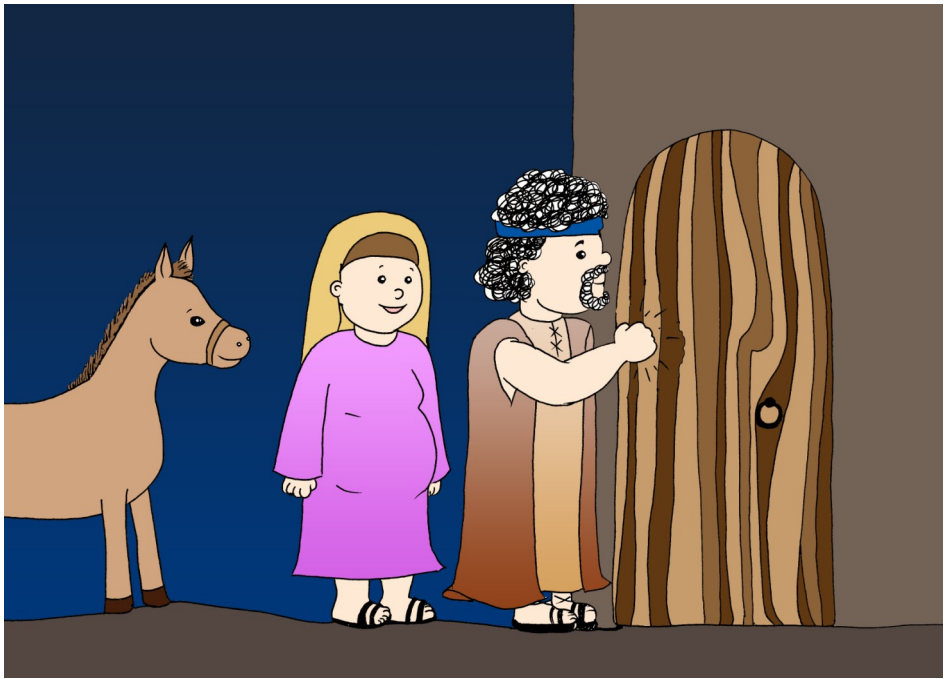
An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. He explained that the new baby Mary had inside of her was God's Son, Jesus. He told Joseph to take good care of Mary and the baby.



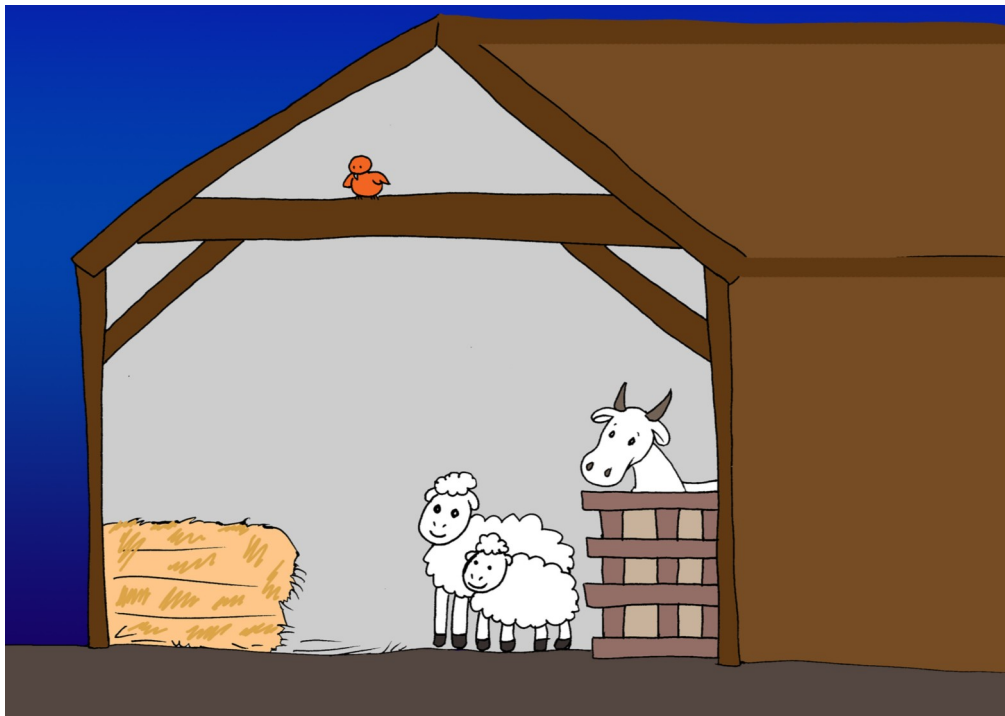
Around the time when Baby Jesus would be born, a law was made that everyone was to return to their home town to pay taxes and be counted.

The Ruler wanted to know how many people lived in the country. So Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem.



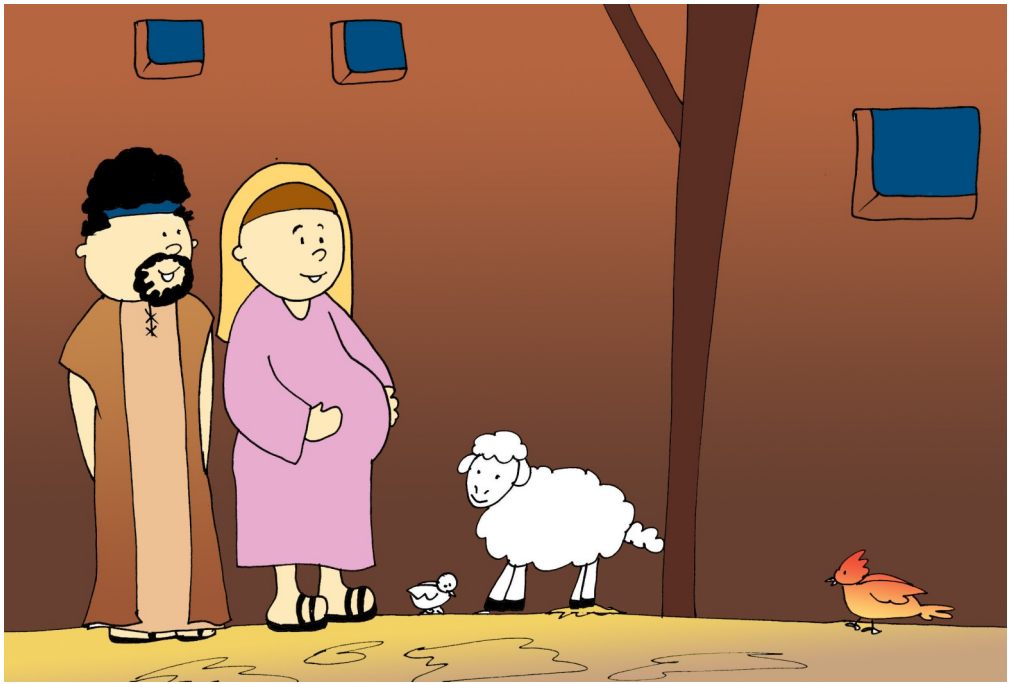


When they arrived in Bethlehem they tried to find a place to sleep, but all the rooms at the inn were full. The only place for them to stay was in a stable—the place where animals were kept at night.



## 91.) Jesus Is Born

Joseph and Mary were glad to at least have somewhere to be, and it was just what God had planned—a humble place for His Son to be born.



Even though Baby Jesus wasn't going to be born in a fancy palace, God was taking good care of His Son and watching over this humble family that loved and obeyed Him.



Jesus was born in the stable, and Joseph did his best to help Mary and the new baby feel comfortable. He took good care of them, and made a little bed of straw in the manger for Baby Jesus to rest in.



Jesus was God's Christmas gift to everyone—a baby who would grow up to be an example of God's love to everyone. The night Baby Jesus was born was the very first Christmas ever!



## 92.) Shepherds and Angels

The angels from Heaven had planned a show and a song, to announce the great news that Jesus had been born. Some shepherds on a hillside near the town of Bethlehem had a great surprise!



An angel of the Lord appeared to them and told them the great news—that God's Son had been born in a stable, and was sleeping in a manger.



Then many angels also appeared and sang, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on Earth to men of good will!" The shepherds were so happy to hear the good news, and when the angels disappeared, they went to find Baby Jesus.





They knelt down by Baby Jesus, giving Him respect and honour, and praised God for sending His Son to the world. Then the shepherds told people all around that Jesus had been born! Everyone was amazed to hear about it.



### 93.) A Star and Gifts

Far away, there were wise kings who were studying the stars. One day, they noticed a special star that meant that a new king—a special king—had been born.



These kings wanted to show their respect to the best King of all, and chose the best gifts they could find. They packed up and left everything else behind to go on a long journey to find the Baby King Jesus.



They were determined to find where Jesus was, and so on and on they travelled to find Him. The special star in the sky led them to the right place. The star appeared above the place where Mary and Joseph and young Jesus were living.



The kings rejoiced to see it! They had at last found Jesus. The wise kings entered the house and knelt down to honour God's Son.

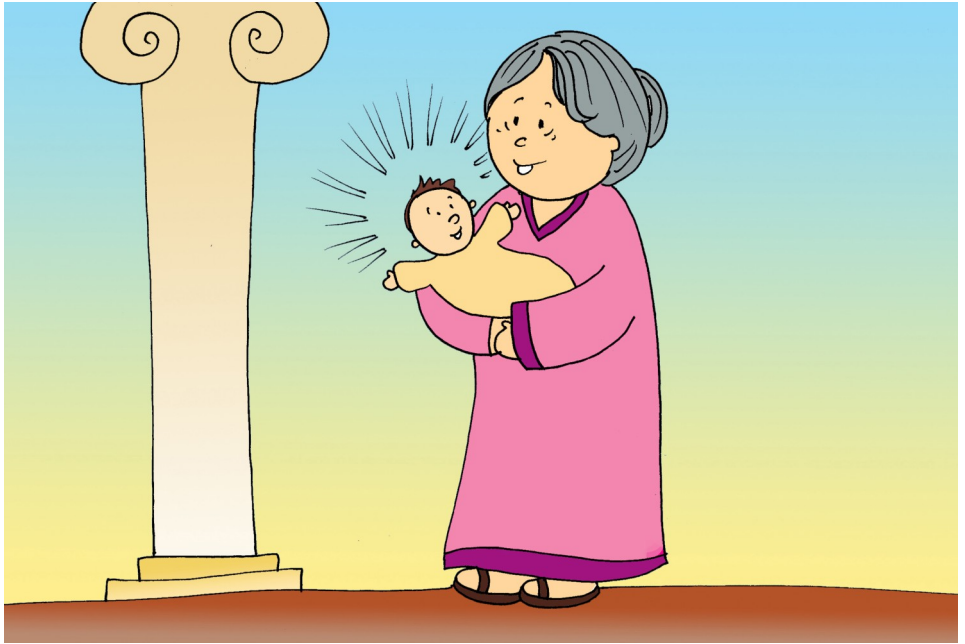


They presented Him with the gifts they had brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



## 94.) Simeon and Anna

Have you ever had to wait for something that you wanted? There was a man called Simeon who had been waiting for a long time for Baby Jesus to come to Earth. One day at the temple, when Mary and Joseph were visiting and holding Baby Jesus, Simeon finally got to see Him! Simeon was so glad!



God's gift of love had at last been sent to the world. There was also a woman called Anna who loved and served God every day. She prayed, and listened to Him. On that same day, God let her see Baby Jesus also.



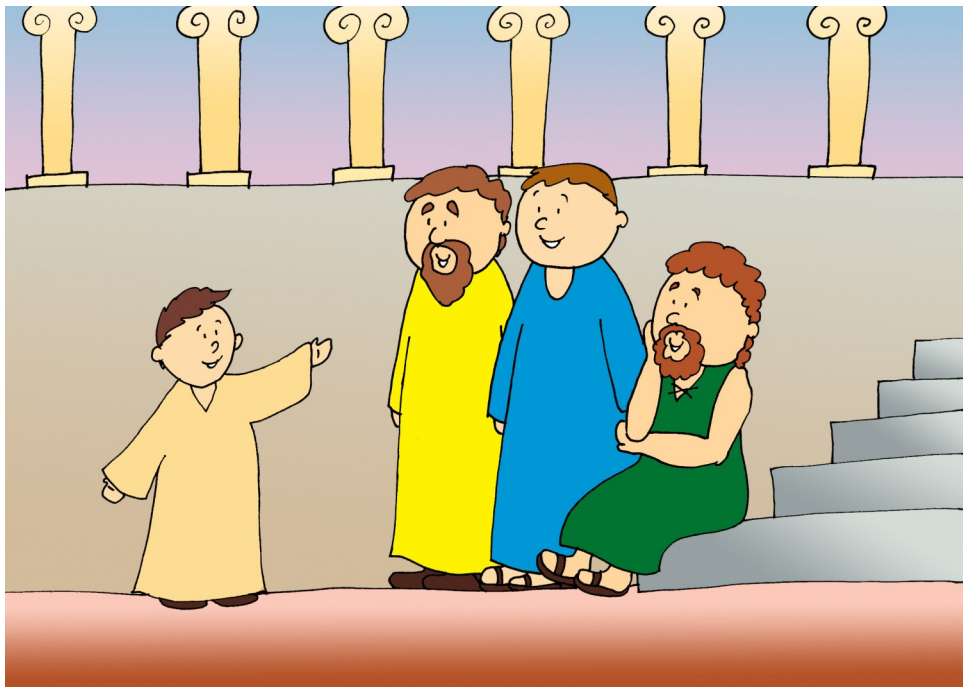


It was a very special time for both of these faithful people. They had waited so long for Jesus to bring God's love to Earth, and at last He had come.



## **95.) Travel and Temple Talk**

Joseph worked hard as a carpenter and took good care of Mary and Baby Jesus. Jesus learned many things while He grew up. Jesus would have a big job to do when He was grown. He prepared for it by helping His family, obeying His parents, being patient, and talking with His Father in Heaven.



One time, when Jesus was twelve years old, His family took a trip to Jerusalem. The men in the temple were amazed at the wisdom that Jesus had, and the words He spoke. Jesus stayed at the temple for three days, talking and listening.



At first His parents didn't know where He was, but then at last they found Him there in the temple. Jesus went home with His family and would wait until He was much older to begin His job of teaching, preaching, and healing.



## 96.) John and Jesus

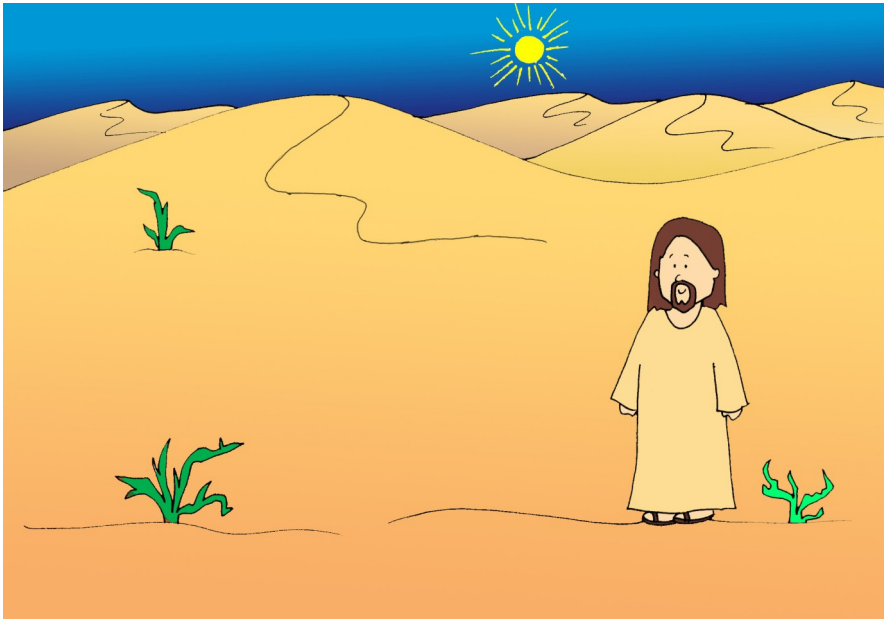
When John the Baptist was ready to start his job for God, he went to live in the wilderness near the Jordan River. He told everyone that it was time to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



He talked with them about the right way they should be living and the kind way they should be acting. He baptised people in the river. And when Jesus came to the river He asked John to baptise Him as well.

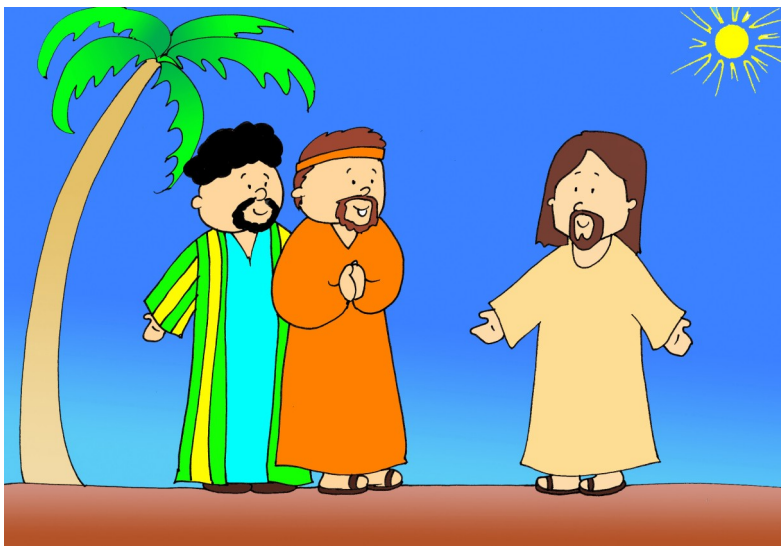


Then God sent His Holy Spirit to help Jesus with His mission of telling people God's Words, and healing many. He sent a dove to show them that the Holy Spirit was there, and spoke in a loud voice and said, "This is My Son!"



Jesus then went into the wilderness for awhile, for extra prayer time in order to get ready for His big job ahead. He listened to His Heavenly Father, and chose to obey and do what He needed to. Afterwards, angels came to encourage Jesus there.

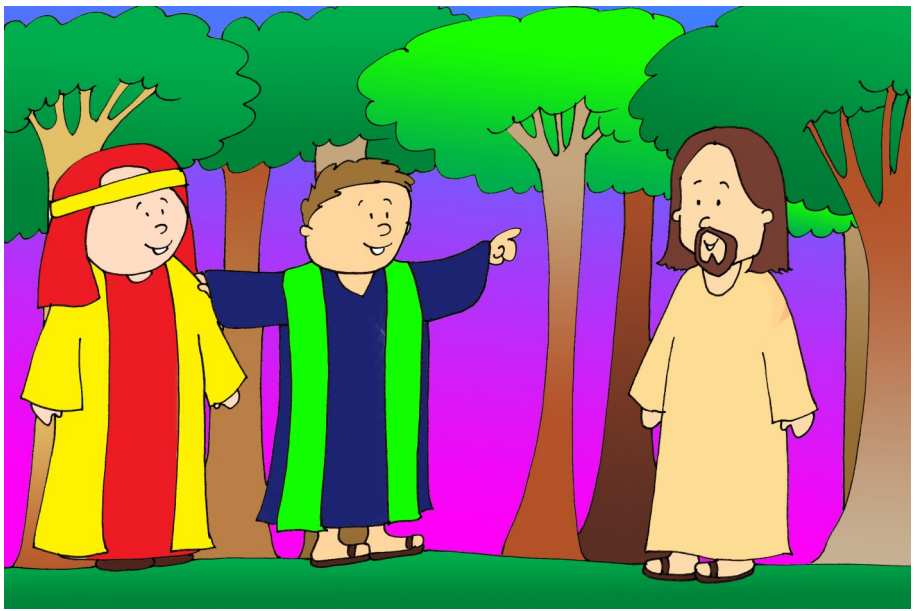




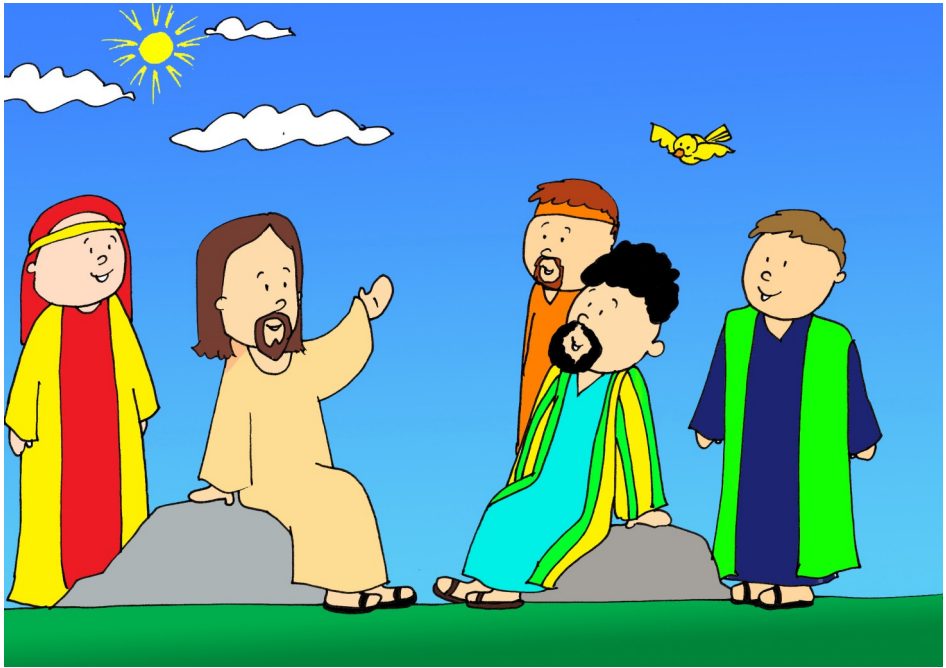
## 97.) First Followers

When John the Baptist told Andrew and John that Jesus was the Saviour, they wanted to talk with Jesus and become His followers.

Andrew told his brother Simon that Jesus was the one they had been waiting for, the one God had sent to Earth. They were so excited!



When Jesus talked with Simon, He gave him a new name—Peter. Simon Peter believed and followed Jesus too. Next, a man called Philip met Jesus and wanted to be His follower too. He ran to tell his friend Nathanael about Jesus and when Nathanael met Jesus, he also believed.

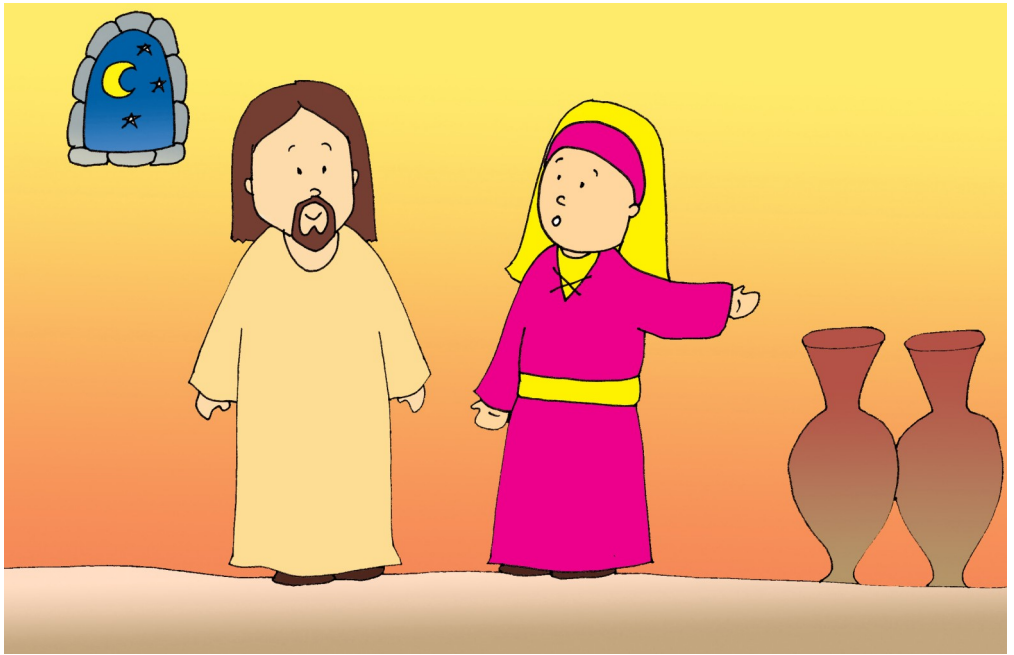


These men were very happy that Jesus was there. They wanted to know all about God, follow Jesus, and hear His Words. These were some of Jesus' first disciples and followers.

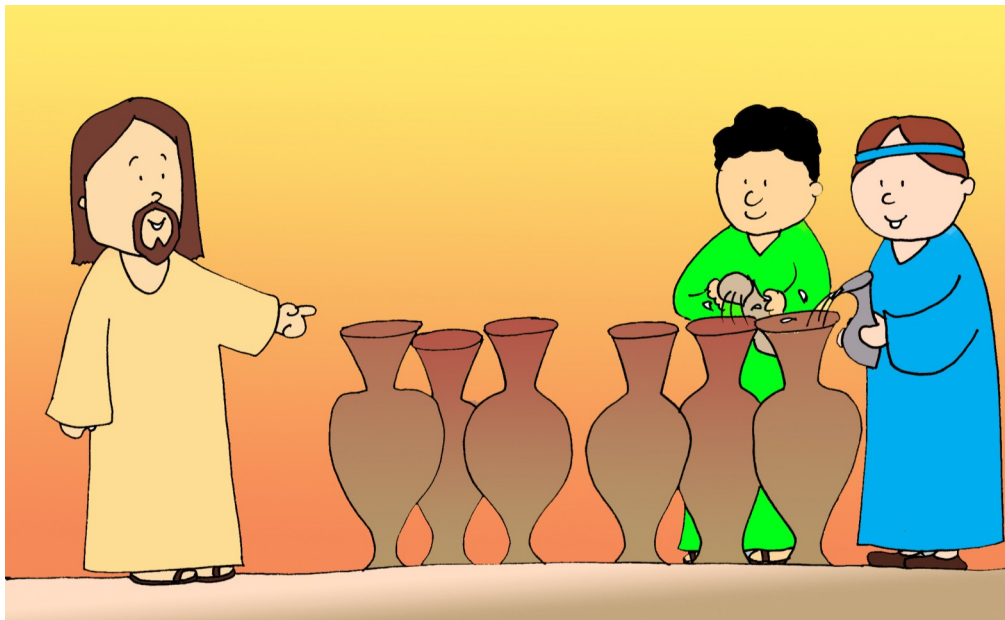


## 98.) The Wedding Surprise

Jesus and His disciples, as well as His mother Mary, were invited to a wedding. At the party, wine was served as part of the treats for the adults.



Jesus' mother Mary noticed that all the wine was finished and that the guests needed some more to drink at the wedding. So Mary asked Jesus to help, and told the servants to obey whatever Jesus told them to do.



There were six big empty jars that Jesus told the servants to fill with water. Then He said to scoop some out and serve it to the man in charge of the party. When he did, by a miracle, the water had turned into wine! What a fun surprise!



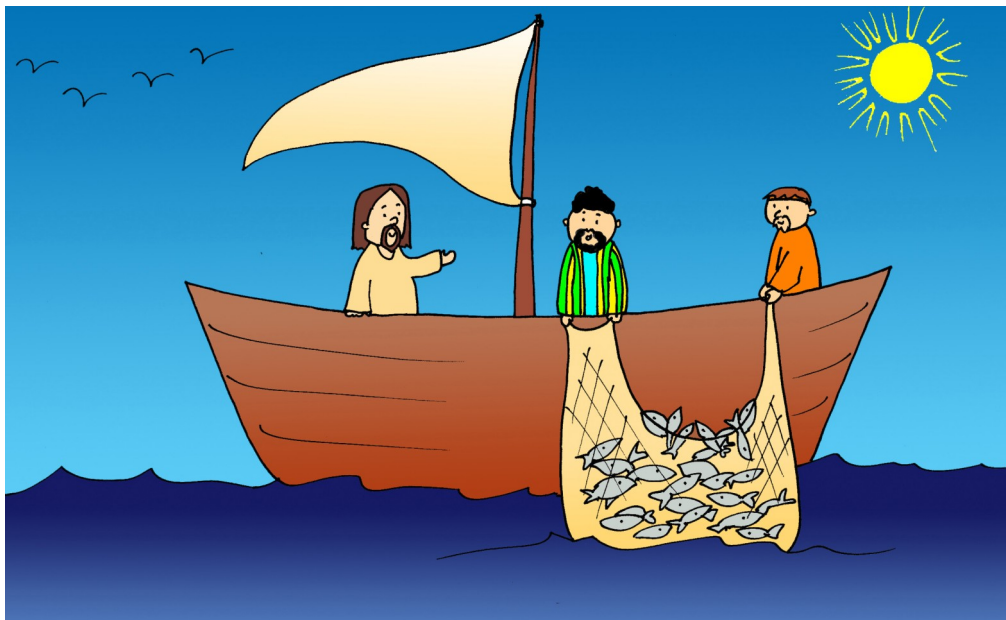
Jesus did this special miracle with the power of God. It was the best-tasting wine they ever had! It showed God's love, and made people happy. Jesus really likes us to be happy, and He can give us whatever we need and even what we want, if we ask Him.



## 99.) Fishermen

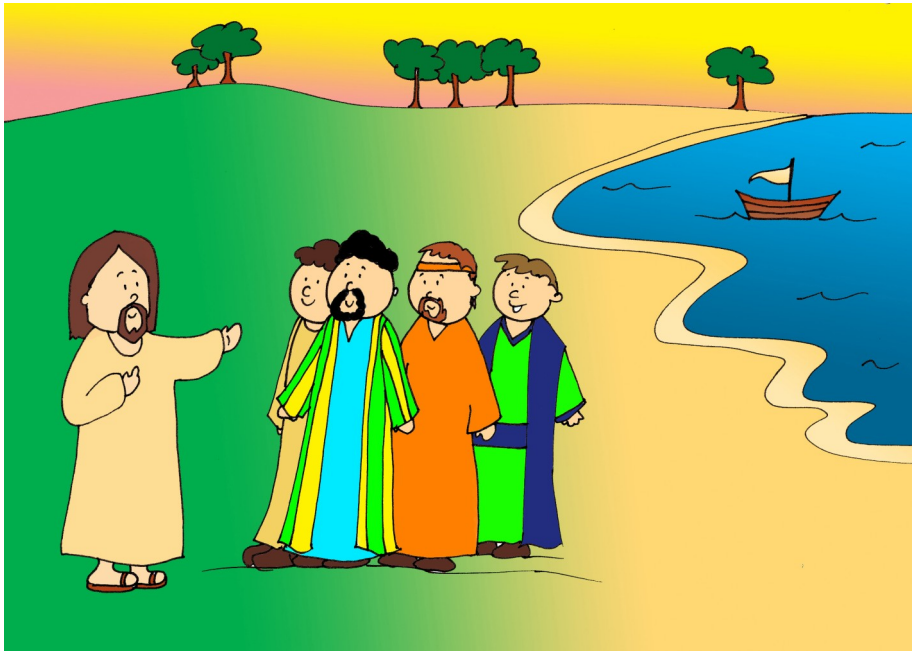
Jesus asked Simon Peter if He could use his boat for a while, so He could sit in it and talk to the people who were on the shore. Afterwards, Jesus asked if the fishermen had caught any fish that night. They hadn't.



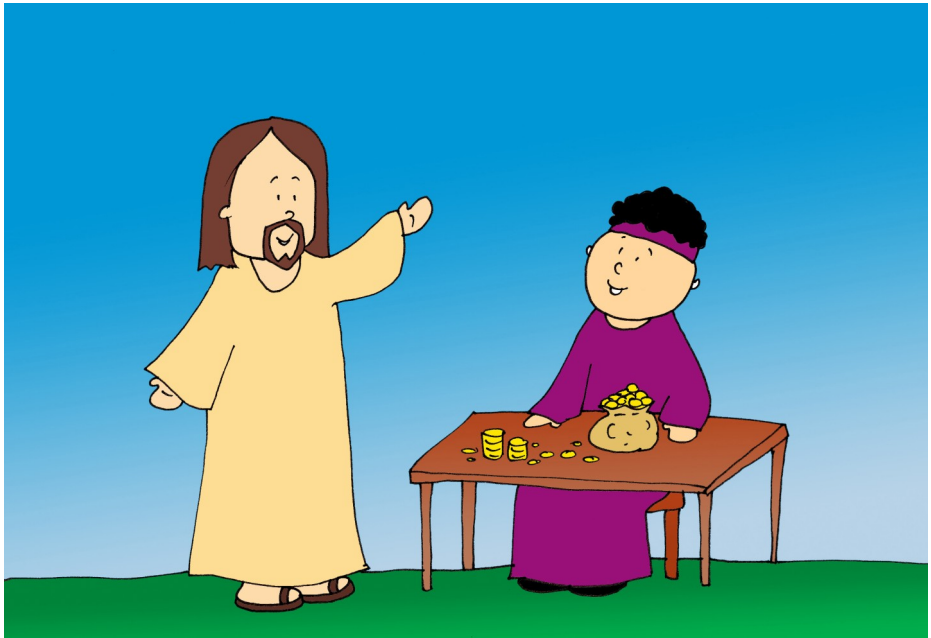


Jesus told them to take the boat out again to catch some fish. They obeyed, and lowered a net. Then all of a sudden the net was very full of fish!

Those in the boat had to call for their friends in another boat to come and help them bring the fish in!



Then Jesus called the fishermen to come and follow Him. Jesus had a new job for them to do. Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and his brother John, were the fishermen that chose to follow Jesus and be His disciples.



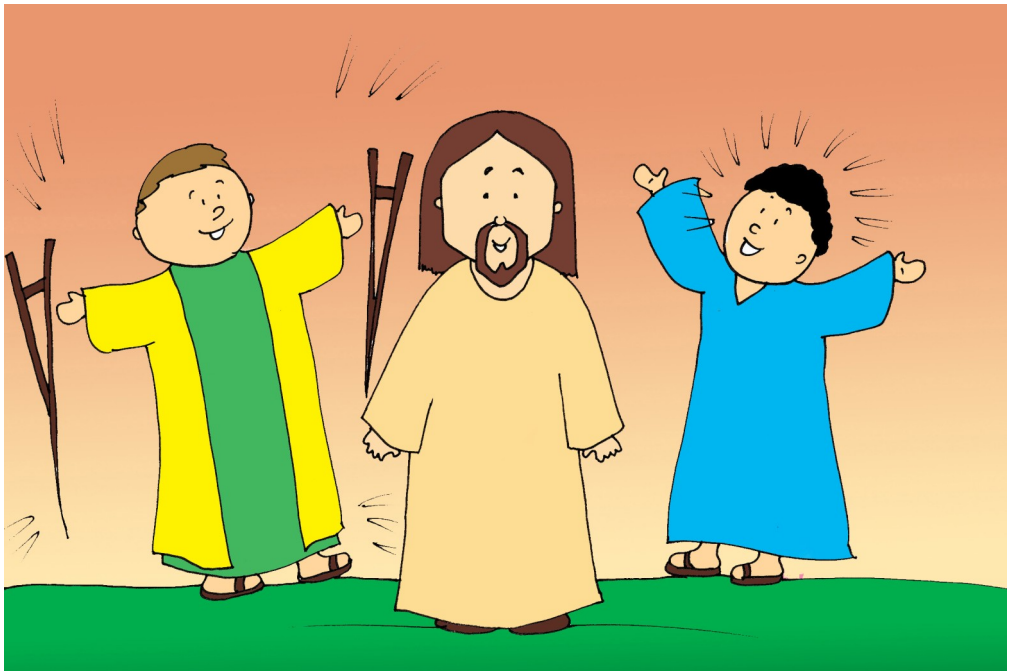
Later they met a man named Matthew, whose job was to collect money for the government.

Jesus also called Matthew to come and follow Him. Matthew was so glad to be a disciple of Jesus instead of just collecting money.

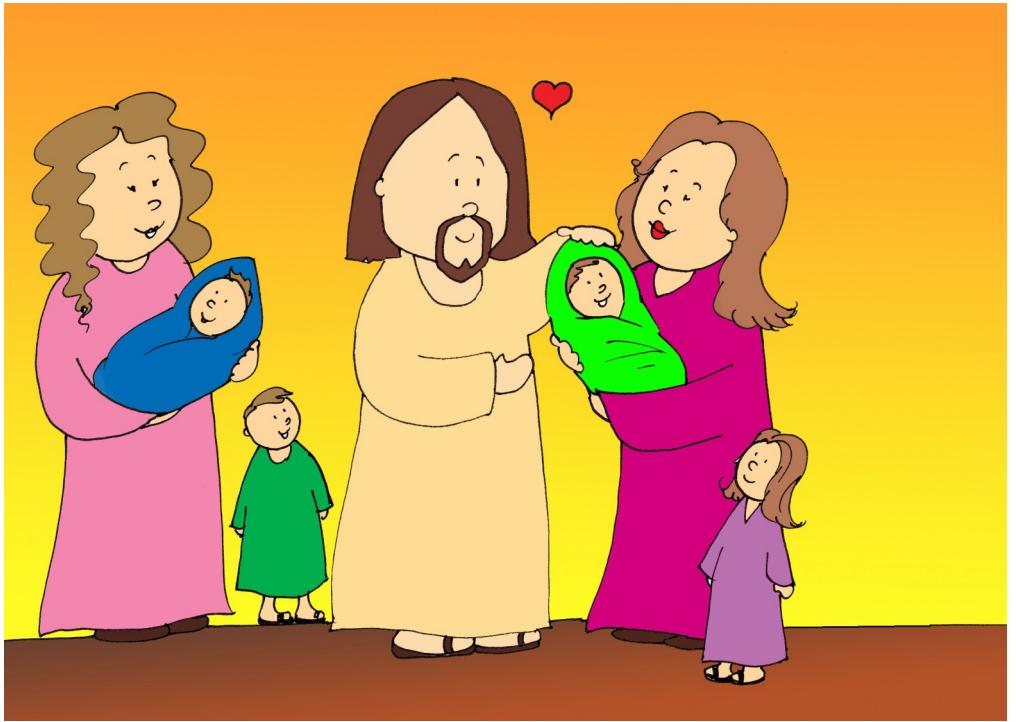


## 100.) **The Messenger and Miracles**

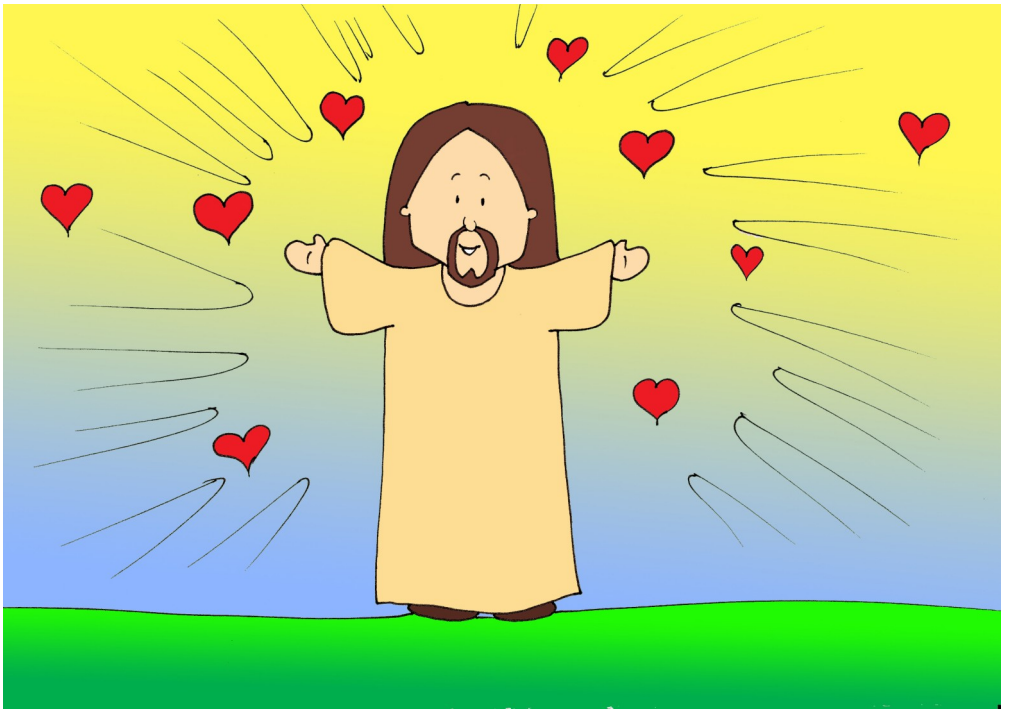
Jesus went all over the countryside and into villages telling and teaching people about God's love, and sharing the words and messages He came to bring them from Heaven.



People were healed from of all kinds of sicknesses and diseases. Lame people were healed and could walk. He made blind people able to see. Many people travelled long distances just to see Jesus and to receive healing from Him.



People brought their loved ones and children to Jesus, and He healed them and helped them all. Jesus told people the truth and preached to many crowds.



Jesus loved them all, no matter who they were or what mistakes they had made. He came to Earth to give forgiveness to those who loved and believed in Him, and to show God's love to all.

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