



God's Story Book

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- A revised compilation of Poetic Biblical poems -

This book is dedicated to Dominic and Jaxson

Donna writes from her home in Reno, Nevada dedicating her life to writing, sharing her hope and faith with others. Dedicating this book to her Grandchildren, their children and all God's children, in prayerful hope it will be an instrument of God leading them in all His ways.

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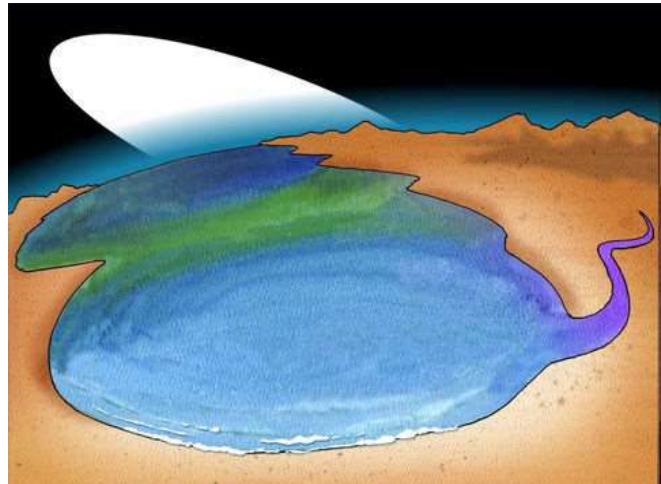
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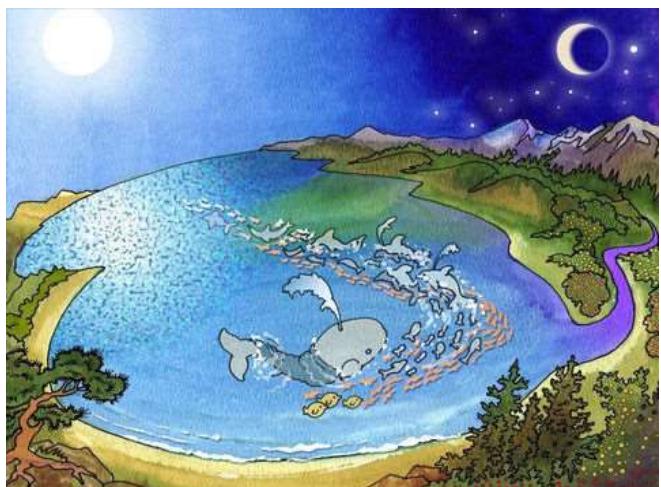
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Creation

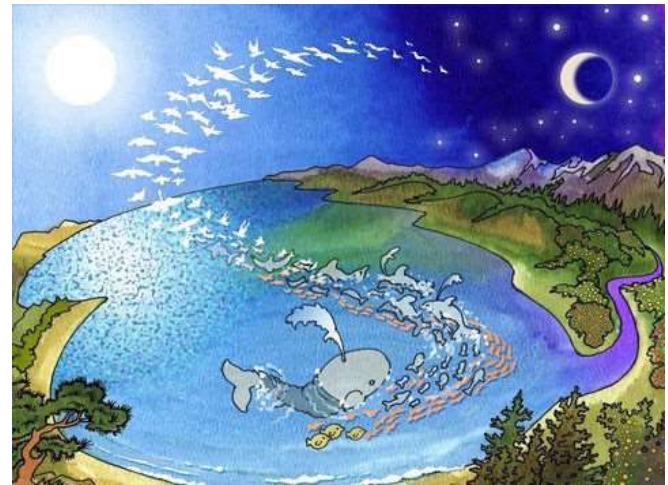
God made heaven and earth
the moon, stars and sun
and air to breathe,
it was very pretty but
it was empty.



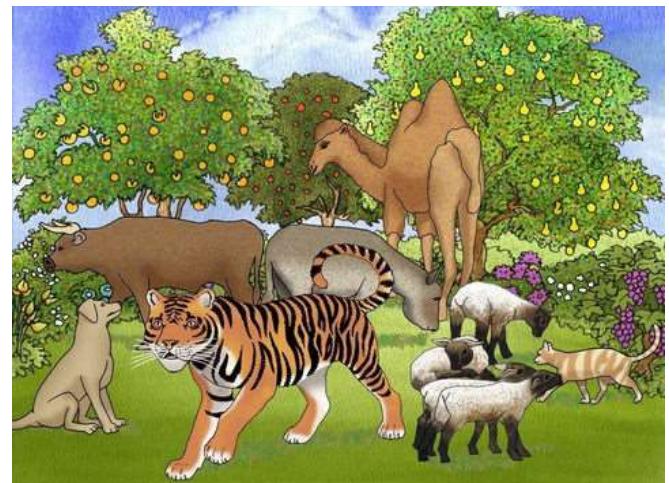
And God said “I will first
make fish to swim in the waters,
big fish and little fish.”



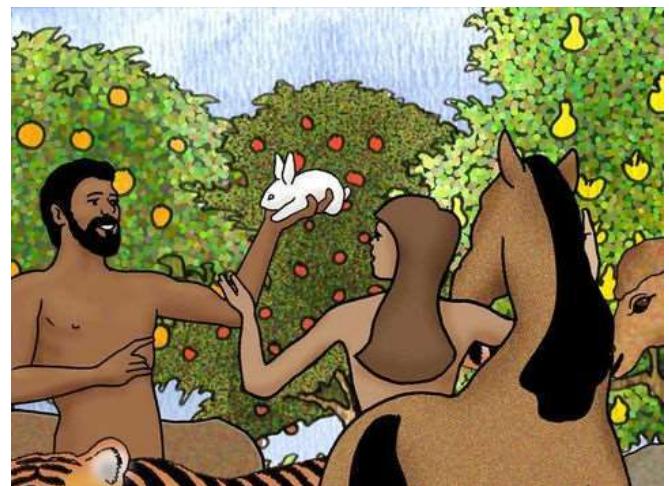
The sky was very quiet and still,
so God made birds to fly and
sing.



And then he made animals,
giraffes, elephants, tigers
and monkeys,
lambs and sheep and they
all were friendly.



And then he made Adam
and Eve and a special garden
for them to live in.



He was pleased with all
these things he had made
in just six days, and on
the seventh day He rested.



The Garden

She sat in the garden in
quietness and trust,
a garden full of trees,



but one in the midst
she must not touch,
it was forbidden.

The sun reflects apples
with leaves hanging on a tree,
a bright light before
her eyes.



There is a rustling sound
and to her surprise,
a serpent is resting
among the branches.



She could not resist and
went closer and found
it pleasing.
He saw her coming and
slithered to her side,



whispering, "Come touch
the fruit and eat, you
will not die, but you
will be as wise as your
God and I."

She is startled by its gaze
as she looks in its eyes
and hears its deceptive call.



Closer and closer she
nears the tree,

bending her ear to the
serpent's call,
plucking the fruit and
then she falls.

Running to her helpmate
she quickly passes the
fruit, that he may eat,
and join her fate.



They stood at the gate,
as God came walking by,

in the coolness of the
day looking for His
people who had disobeyed.



Adam and Eve were amongst
the trees in fear.

They heard Him speak,



“My love and
forgiveness is with you,
a way has been provided
that you will be saved.”

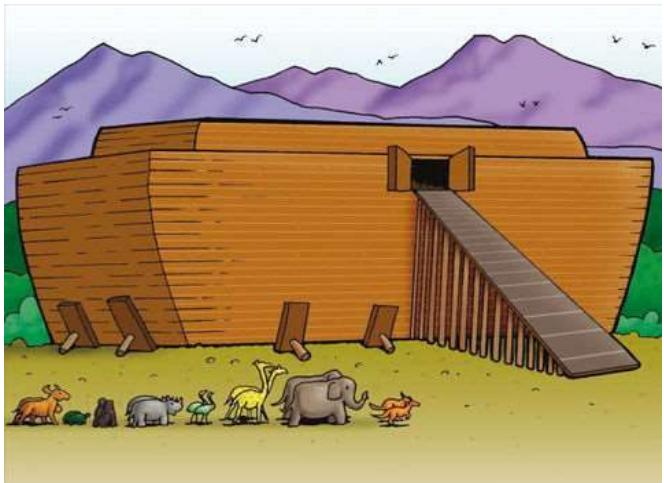


Noah's Ark

It was a strange sight,
animals coming from
forests and hills.



Noah invited them to come
into an ark, one God told
him to build.



In the early morning
hours, while evil
people slept,

rivers of waters flowed
from the sky, waters
from the deep arose, as
the boat began to rise.



People wept, as the door
of the ark was shut.

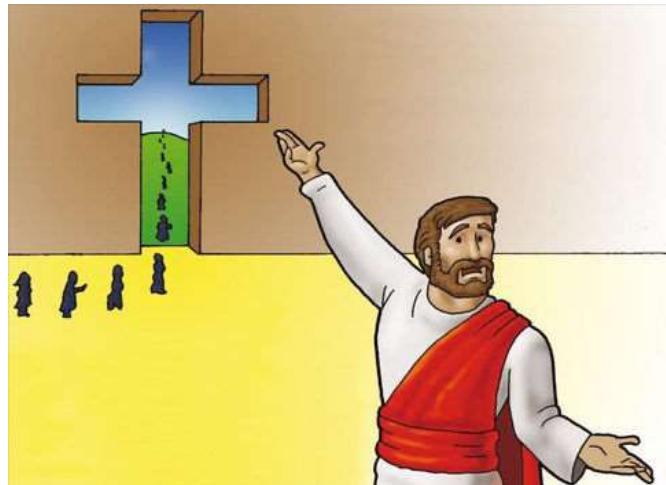


Noah's family was safe,
animals asleep in their
stalls, rain poured
forty days and nights.

As he opened the window,
the sun was shining, He
sent a dove out twice

to search for an olive
branch,
making sure the earth
was dry.

As the rains stopped,
much of the earth was
broken and God was sad.



He made a rainbow in the
sky, a promise that
waters would never cover
the earth as before.



God saved Noah and his family from the great flood, he was glad and offered a sacrifice.



Miriam's Song

A long time ago in
an ancient world,
a basket was hidden
on the banks of the
River Nile.



It held a baby, hidden
in grass, reeds and
lotus leaves.

His sister stood by, pleading
with God to protect
this child.

One day a princess was
bathing and heard the
baby cry.

She ordered her maidens
to bring the basket,
before he died.



Opening the basket,
there lay a baby,
none more beautiful
than she had seen.

This was a secret she
kept with her maidens
and took the baby to
be her child.

Running home to her
mother, his sister
shared the news,
her baby would
be safe and it made
her smile.



This baby was special,
God had a plan when
he became a man.

The mother nursed him
and his sister loved
him, their baby was
saved.

The prayers they prayed
had been raised to the
God above.

Moses was his name,
meaning, "Drawn from the
water." Given by the
Pharaoh's daughter.

He grew to be a boy and
then a man. He had a
brother named Aaron and

they dwelt in a land
called Egypt, till their
ruler, Joseph, died.



God's people were treated
cruelly and He
heard their cry.

Moses was
beloved by the king,
he made him ruler and his
future was certain.

Then he did something bad,
he had to leave his
family and friends,
fleeing into the desert
with his staff in hand.

He was very sorry and
asked for forgiveness,
but was driven into the
wilderness.



Dwelling in a desert,
midst rocks and sand,
there was no other

person to speak with, in this
forsaken land.

His sheep were bleating
as he kept his flocks,
amidst dry brush and
rocks.



A bush was burning and
kept on burning. He
crept slowly, to see
this sight. A voice

spoke loudly, "Moses,
take off your shoes,
for this is holy
ground."



I have seen your
plight and you will be
alright.

Moses was tired and laid
down to sleep, a dream
appeared and God spoke,

"Go back and free your
people, leading them
to the promised land."

Moses was afraid, but
he went anyway.

The people of Egypt
wanted His people to
leave,
giving them silver,
gold and jewelry.



There was a great
noise as these people
departed,
loading wagons with
mothers and children.

Dough and kneading
bowls were carried,
to bake their bread.

Miriam and Aaron were
united with Moses,
happy to be no longer
apart.

The night before they
left, a special feast
was prepared, bread
without yeast,
called "The Passover."



A great Exodus began!
From the land of
slavery they were

now on to freedom.

It was a long way for
these people to go,
when suddenly they
came to waters.

Sea sprays of mist,
a tingling of the sea
on parched skin, a
welcome sight from where
they had been.

Waves so high, they had
never seen such a sight.
Children played in the

sand, the rush of the
tide tickles tiny feet
and then subsides.

Mothers soon came and
collected the children



in a hurry, there were
soldiers behind them.

They had no where to
go but through the sea.

The enemy drew closer,
there was a rush of
wind. Walls of water
stood between the enemy
and them.



Moses stood, holding
his staff, reaching to

the sky, offering
prayers on their behalf.
A mass of people showed
their faith as they
passed into waters that
separate.



Gathering goats, chickens,
donkeys and kittens,

pulling wagons with crying
children, animals braying,
a road lay before them.

Colorful fish rose with
the currents, suddenly
stopping at the walls of
water.

Pharaoh and his servants
were thrown into the sea.

Reaching the other side,
there was merriment and

joy as their enemies
died.

The song of the
crossing swelled with
the tide, a chorus of
voices heard on high.



Following Miriam,
women took up their
timbrels and danced.

Twirling and swirling
with their sandaled
feet, singing to the
beat of music.

With prayers of gladness
they sung this song -



"The horse and it's rider
He has thrown into
the sea"
but they passed through
the sea on dry ground.

None of His people
drowned, He saved them all.

This sacred Exodus of
people who were freed,
is recorded down through

history.

When faced with
waters of troubles and
fears of the enemy,

let us remember
this story,
and sing to Him,

"Our cares will be
lifted, our
prayers will be
answered and we
will be saved."



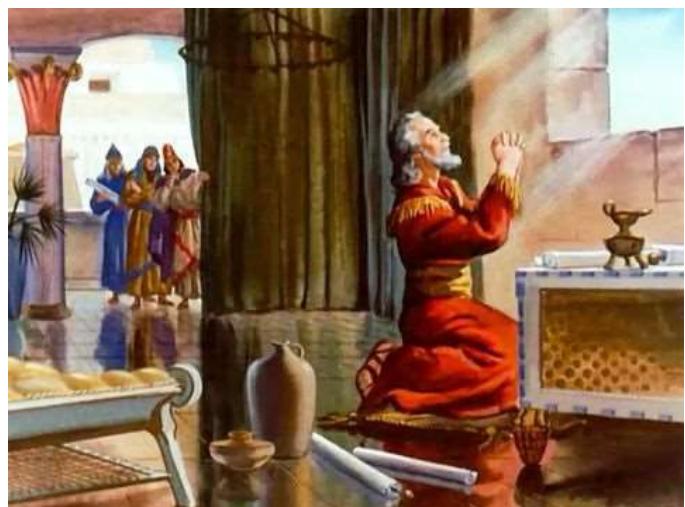
Daniel

King Nebuchadnezzar,
mean and selfish,
took Daniel and

his people to a foreign land.
All God's people forgot
to serve Him, but
Daniel and his three
friends.

Remembering the things
their parents taught,
they refused to bend
their knees to a foreign
god.

He was thrown in the
lions den, and God sent
his angels to shut
the lion's mouths.



Daniel and his friends
made the king mad. He
had them thrown in a
fiery furnace to die.



A Man appeared in the
fire with them and they
were saved.



Now the king ordered his
people to worship Daniel's
God.

David and Goliath

There was a shepherd boy named David. He had eight brothers, and he was the youngest.

He cared for his father's sheep, playing his harp.

At night he protected his flocks from hungry lions.

David grew to be big and one day King Saul called him to fight a giant

called Goliath.

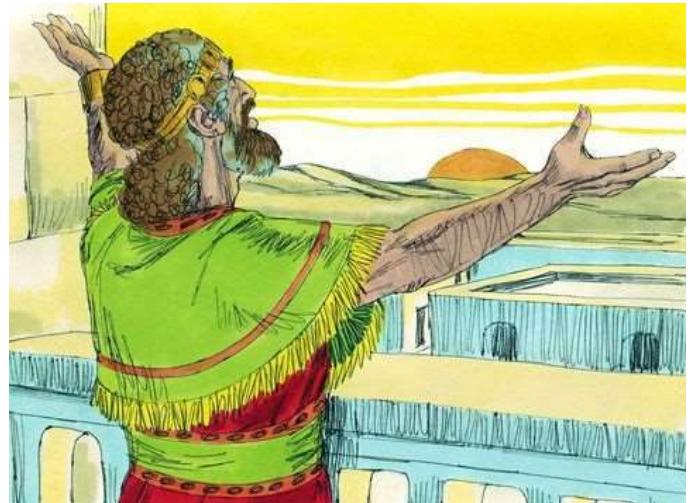
Goliath was very strong and the people were scared, but David trusted God and with his sling and a rock he killed him.



He delivered God's people
from their enemies.

David's family was big
and years later Jesus was
born into his family.

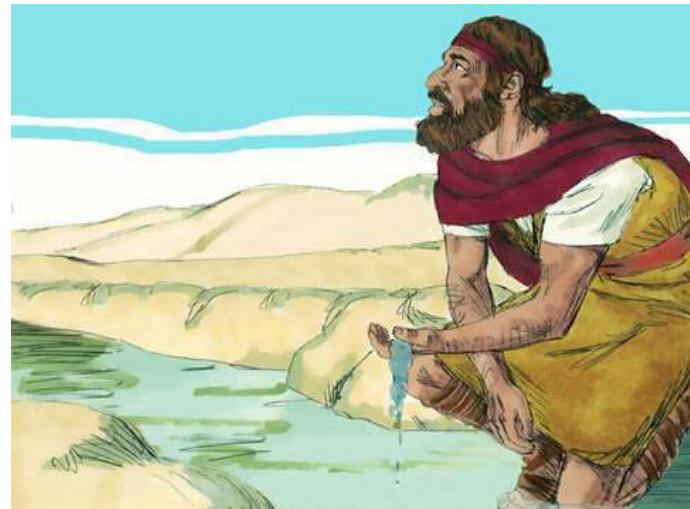
David made some bad mistakes
in his life, but he always
said he was sorry,
and he became a famous King.



Elijah's Journey

Elijah went eastward, to hide from the wicked King Ahab.

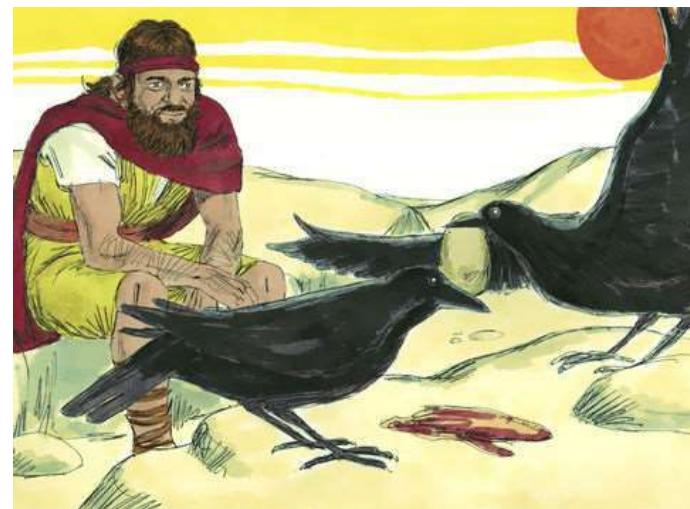
A creek was provided for water to drink, God sent ravens to feed him with bread and meat.



He fled from evil Queen

Jezebel, his faith was gone and he was scared.

A storm arose, rain and lightning fell, the wind blew with fury, as he ran over ridges and hills.



Becoming very tired, he lay down in a cave

and had a dream,
pleading with God that
he could see Him.

On a mountain God invited
him to stand, a great and
powerful wind tears the
mountain apart,
shattering rocks.

Is this where God dwells?

But the Lord is not in the
wind!

Then there was an earthquake
but God was not in the
earthquake.

And after this came a fire
but the Lord was not in
the fire.



And after the fire there
was silence, as God spoke
to Elijah in a still small
voice.

Elijah and the Widow Woman

And God had a message
for Elijah, sending him
on a journey far away.

Walking through the
gates of a village, a
strange stillness of
sadness is felt, a
famine had struck.

Faint from hunger and
ravished with thirst, a
widow woman is gathering
sticks.

Reaching down, knowing
this will be the last
kindle to light, to
bake a cake of bread,



that she may go home and
prepare a meal for
she and her son before
they die.

Looking upon her son the

night before, she cried, "What
would happen to him?"

He was all she had!

In the early morning hour,
lighting a flame, she went
into her house to gather
the last of the oil and the
grain of flour.

A voice is calling to the
woman to bring him water
and a loaf of bread and she

replies, "I have but a few



sticks and enough flour
for a meal and nothing left."

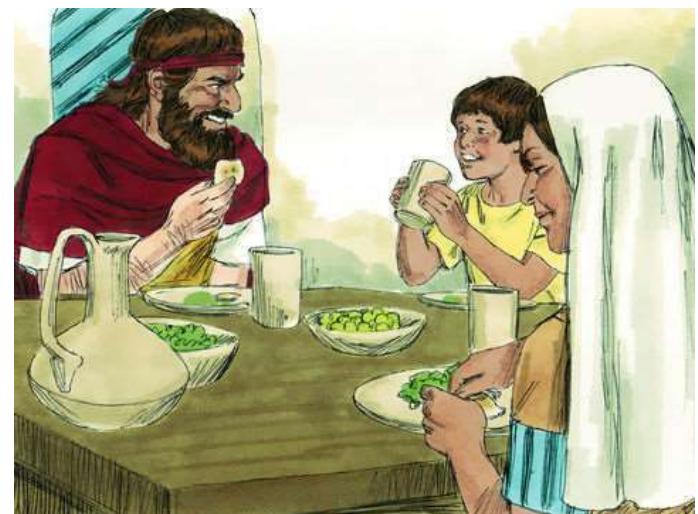
Elijah replies, "Bring it to me
and there will be enough
to provide for you and your

son for many days, for your
jar of flour and your
cruse of oil will not fail."

And she wondered at his words,
but if she followed his order
her son may not see the

setting of the sun.

And then through faith she
did as Elijah said and she
was blessed, for she and
her household ate for many
days.



Elijah was faithful to God
and he did many miracles.

God sent a fiery chariot
to take him to heaven.

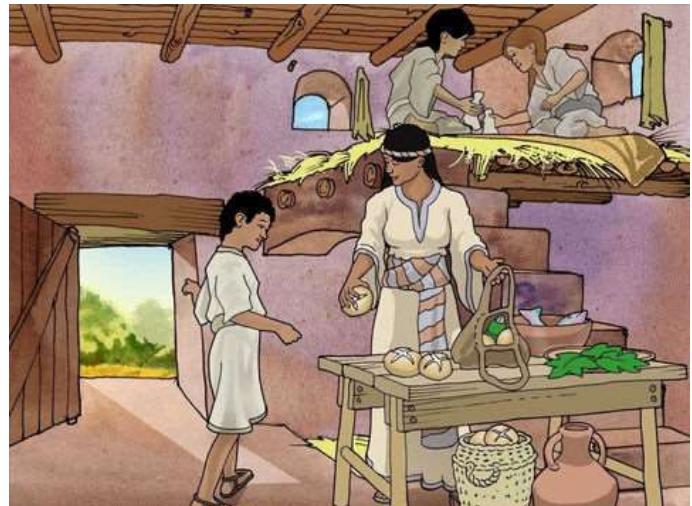
Five Loves and Three Fish

In his little village of boyhood and care free days, with dreams of lizards and snakes, tadpoles and frogs and pranks upon others, he excitedly lay down to sleep.



For in the morning he would go on a journey to hear a Prophet speak.

In the early dawn of the waking hours, quietly running to the river's edge,



three fish are caught and placed in a basket with five barley loaves for his long trip ahead.

In sleepy villages along the way, mothers holding babies, children clinging to their skirts eagerly follow Jesus to hear the stories he told.

Warm spring winds bring flowers to this holy land, lavender, lupine and poppies grow on hills.

Sitting high above the road, among ridges and rocks and boulders, lions and bobcats creep from their dens.

Hyenas cry their shrieking sounds, but he does not fear all this, and with eagerness walks on.

On slopes covered with grass
are thousands of people
sitting in quietness,
listening to words they have
not heard.

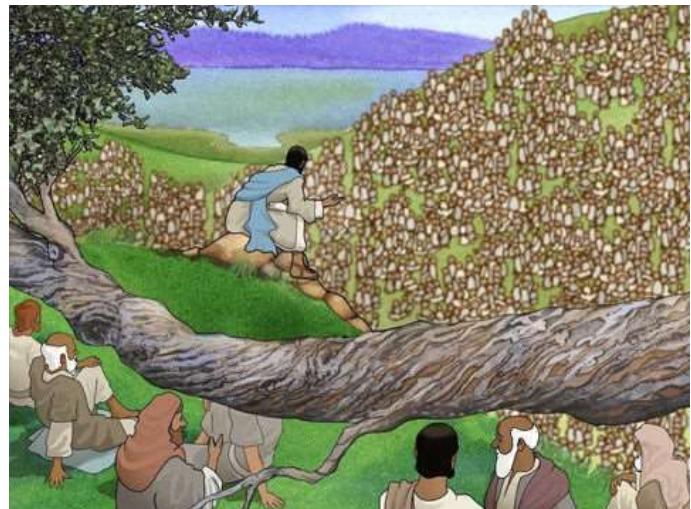
Nearing a sea called Galilee,
are fishing boats and nets,
floating on water, a Man
stands to speak.

After a long day of teaching,
and the setting of sun, there
are many hungry people with no

where to go.

This Man ever mindful, calls
upon his followers to feed
these people.

But their reply is heard,
"Master, there are many, with
what shall we feed them?"

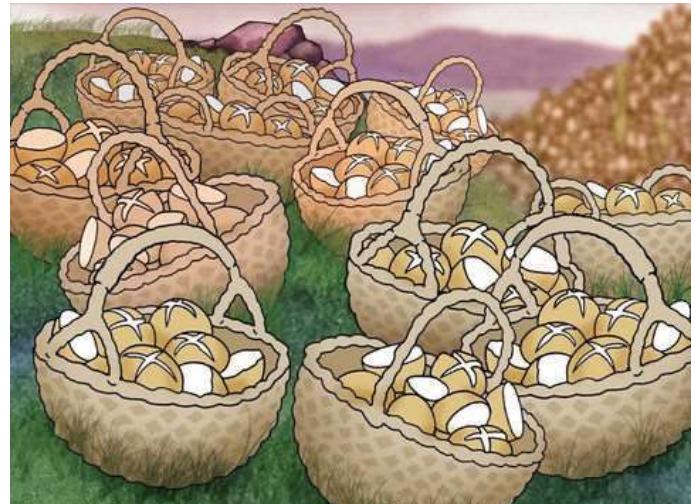


And near them the boy stood holding his basket with three fish and five loaves of bread, gladly giving it to be blessed.

And then lifting this meager supply with His hands to the heavens,

the food is multiplied, and all people were filled,

with twelve baskets of remains, and all because of one boy's gift of a lunch he shared.



Twin Boys

After Issac and Rebekah were married, Rebekah was sad, for she had no children.

For a long time she prayed but God didn't answer her prayer.

How empty were her arms as she watched mother's with their babies, singing sweet songs.

With longing in her heart she asked Isaac to pray, and God heard his prayer and Rebekah was happy.

She thought she would have just one baby but she



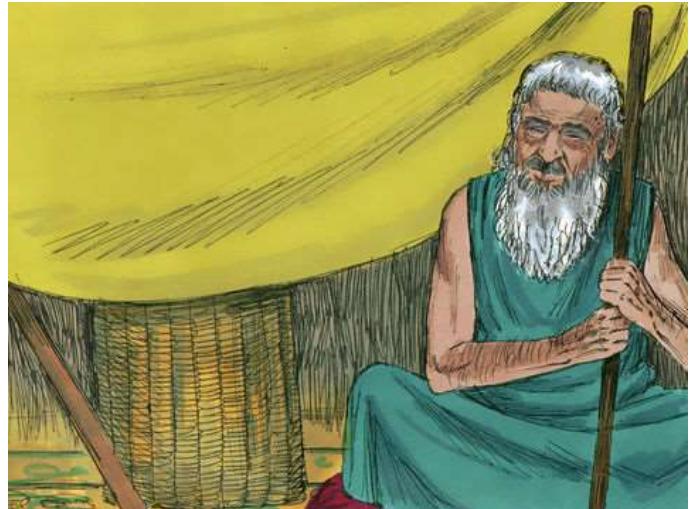
had twin boys, named Jacob and Esau.

And Rebekah loved Jacob, and Issac loved Esau.



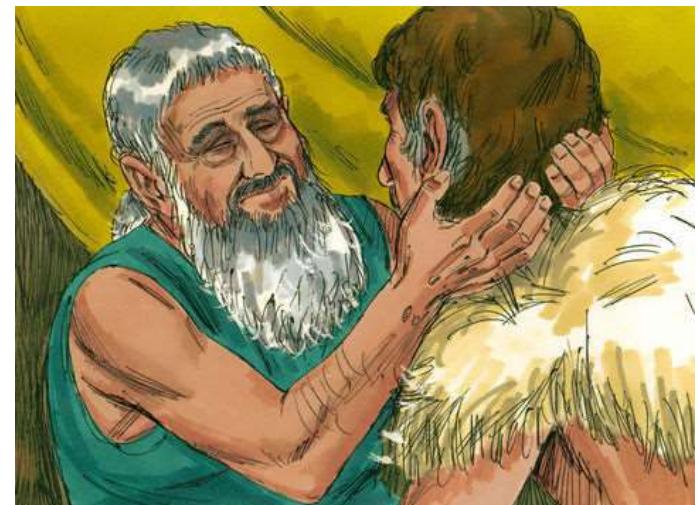
Issac

Issac, the father of Jacob and Esau was close to death, he wanted to give Esau all of his lambs and sheep.



With dimming eyes he reached for Esau's furry skin, but Rebekah sent Jacob into his tent, tricking

Isaac, and he gave Jacob the blessing instead.



Esau lifted his voice and wept. Over a pot of stew

he gave his birthright to Jacob, pleading with him to give it back.

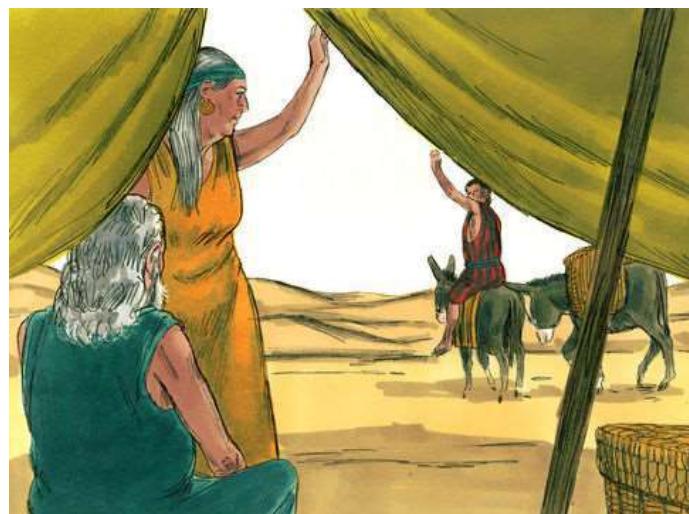
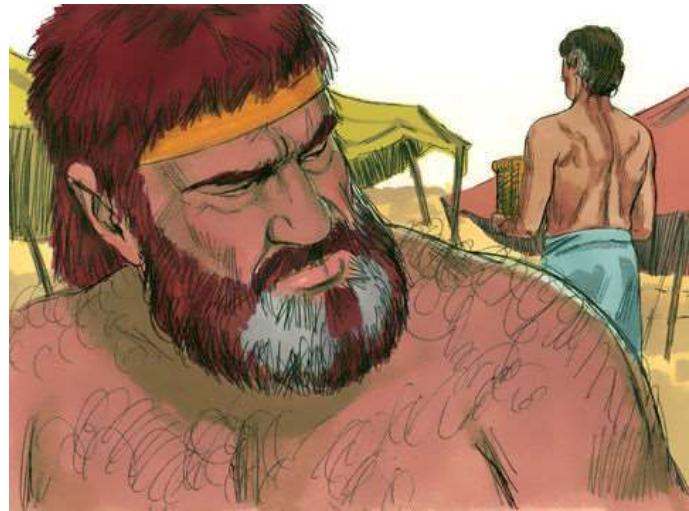
Jacob was deceitful and fled
for his life,
frightened by his brother's
anger,

crawling through dust storms,
his body bent, eyes blinded
looking for water.

It seemed so long, since he had
tasted of his mother's bread.

He had no clothes to wear but
of animal skins,
wrapping them tighter
against peril and danger.

His first night alone he
is sorry for the bad things
he had done asking God to
forgive him.



But he does not know God is
with him,
One that would make a way
in the wilderness.

When he walks through the
fire he would not be burned,
for a Greater Light will
guide him.

Hannah

Hannah, a prophetess of God, stood crying at the gates for she had no child.

Pouring out her heart, too sorrowful to speak,

God heard her plea and gave her a son, Samuel was

his name, meaning "Asked of God."

Hannah had promised if God gave her a son, she would lend him back again.



Taking him to God's temple, leaving with tears,

she returned to a home no
longer filled with his laughter.

That first night without
his mother, he lay down
to sleep, with the soft
glow of candlesticks,
their light never ceasing,

the sweet scent of
incense in the temple
comforting him.

And the child Samuel
took care of God's sanctuary
obeying the priest.

Each year his mother brought
him a robe, sewn with love
and prayers.

And God gave Hannah three
more sons and two daughters,

And she sang a song of
praise called "Hannah's Song".

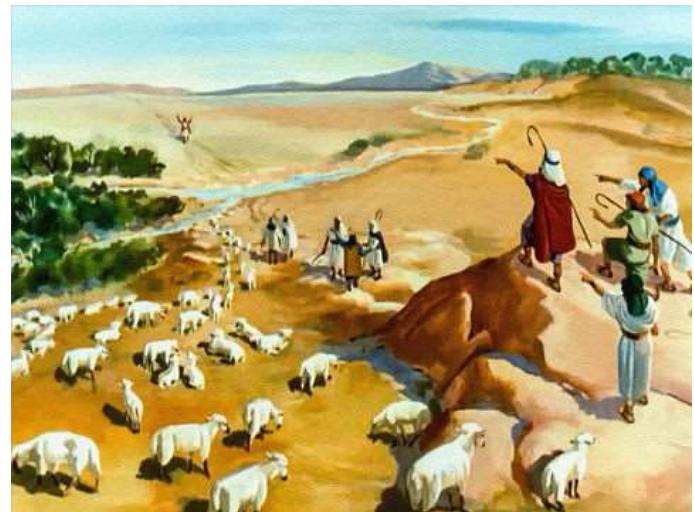
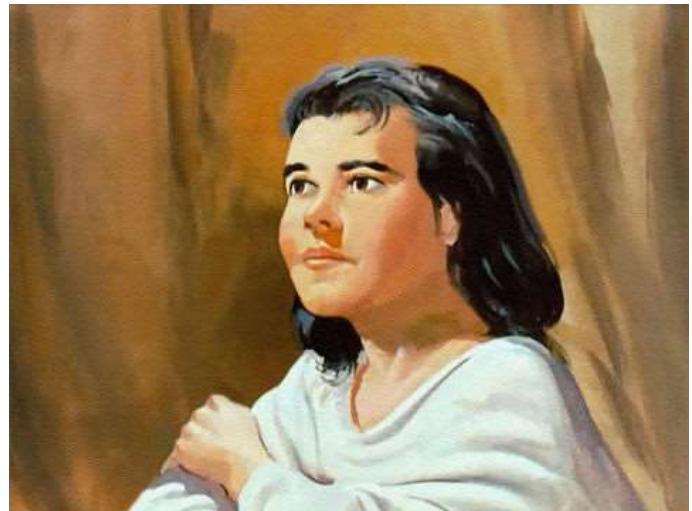
Joseph

And to Rachel, Joseph was born, sleeping in tents of skins on woven mats, a coat for a covering.

Jacob had many sheep and lambs and servants to help him.

Donkeys carried tents, carpets and food,

as they slowly crossed the dusty deserts and sands to the Land of Canaan.



At night they sat around the fire sharing stories of God's protection in their lives.

Jacob

Jacob loved Joseph more than all of his sons, sewing him a coat of many colors.

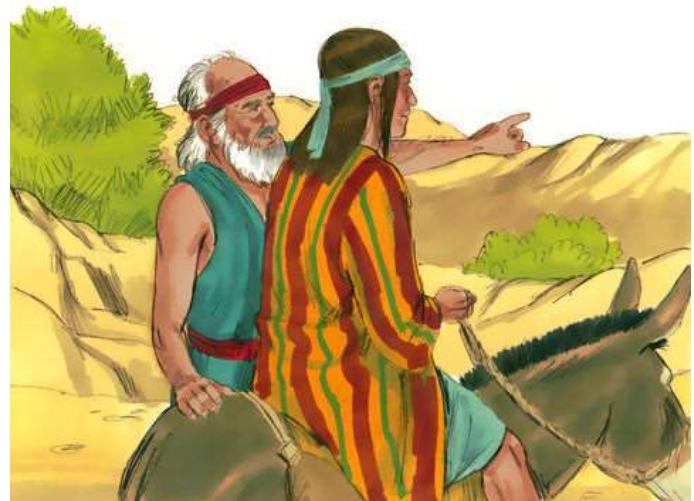
His brothers were jealous, making fun and teasing.

He often laid down looking at the stars,

and he was given a dream, the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to him.

Joseph, sharing his dream, angered his brothers.

This dream would one day become true, his brothers would bow before him.



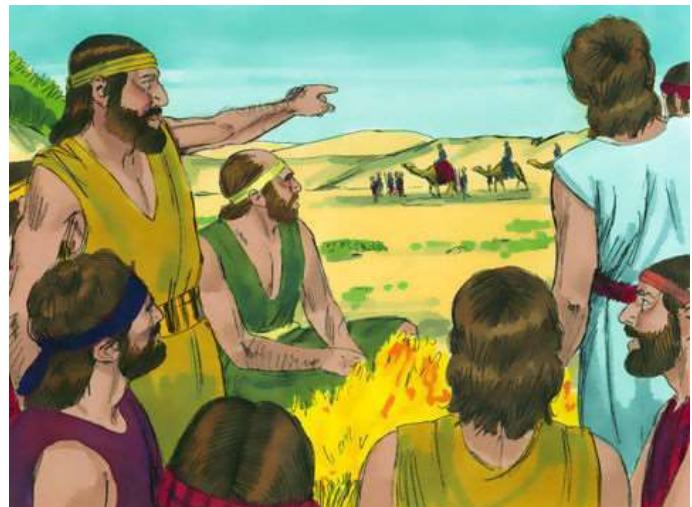
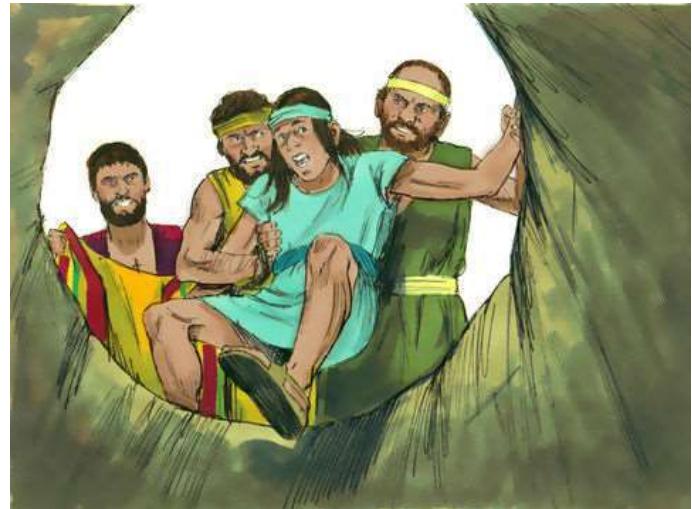
Jacob sent his sons away
to feed his sheep and
Joseph went to find them.

They called him "The
Dreamer" and threw him in a
deep pit.

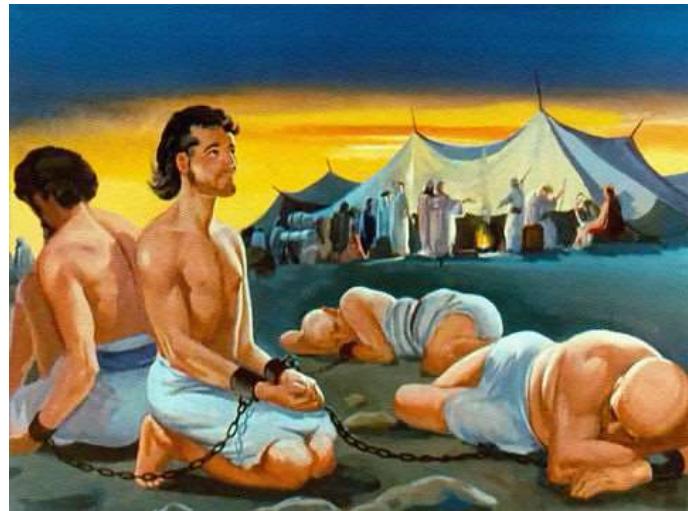
A caravan of camels on their
way to Egypt came by, and
his brothers sold him for
ten pieces of silver.

As the caravan moved on, his
father's land passing,
his hopes of being delivered
forever were gone.

Riding high upon the camel's
back, just seventeen and
scared, he cried.



Joseph was taken to Egypt
to become a servant of the
Pharaoh.

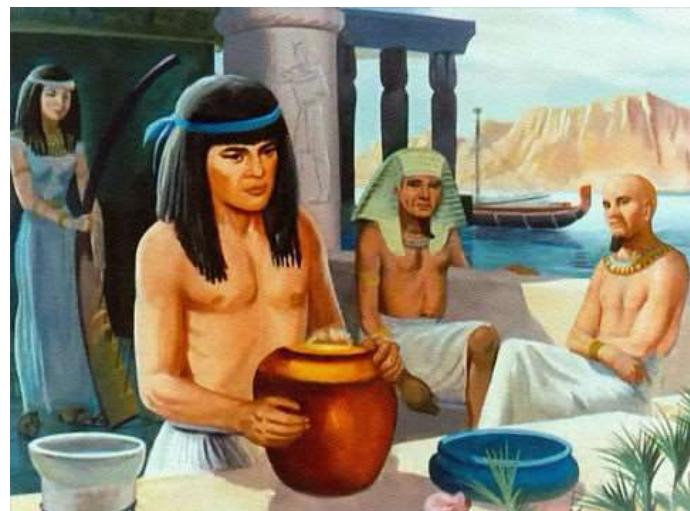


But remembering the lessons
of faith his father taught
him, he trusted in God.

And finally arriving,
appearing high in the sky, were
great pyramids and temples

glowing in a fiery light.

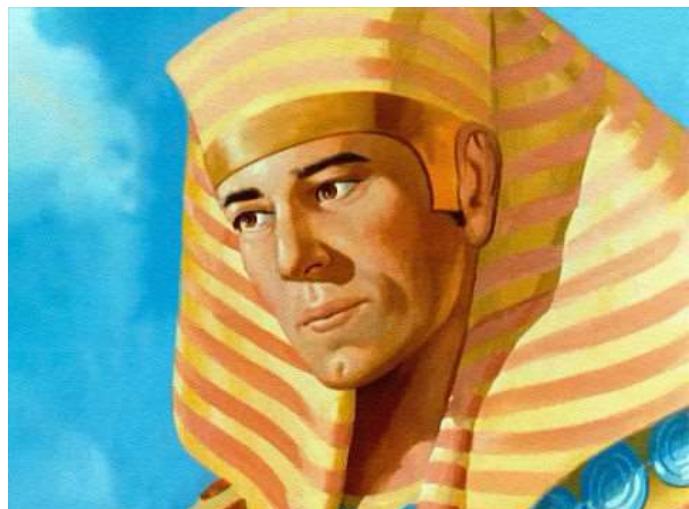
The Nile River flows through
this land, with crocodiles
swimming along the river's
edge.



Though he would be placed
in dungeons and prisons,

though his life would be
threatened,
of all of these things he
would be faithful,

not knowing he would one
day be ruler over all of
this land and country.



Jacob's Ladder

It is a long way between
earth and heaven, a great
space lay between them.

A bridge must exist to
bring them together.

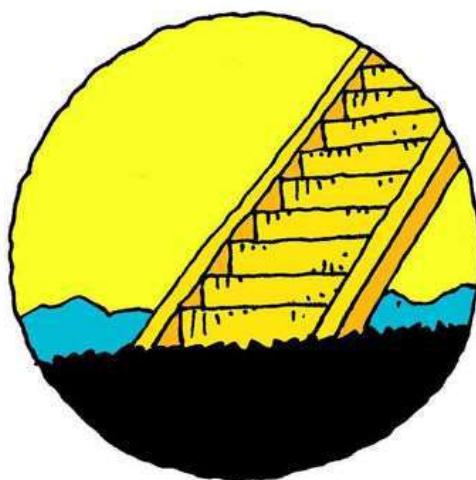
Coming to a place of rest,
Jacob takes a rock for a
pillow.

He is given a dream, a

ladder sitting on earth,
the top reaching to heaven.

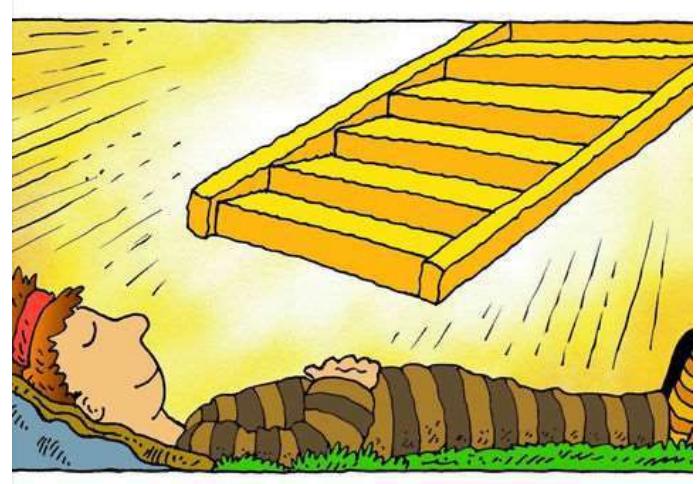
Angels walking up and down
on rungs of glistening white.

Jacob awakes, covering his eyes,
as harps sweep through the



skies. The Lord stands above
opening the gates of gold.

When awakened from sleep, the
dream had left, but he no
longer felt the distance
between heaven and earth.



Declaring, "Surely this is
the house of God, and the
bridge to heaven."

Jonah

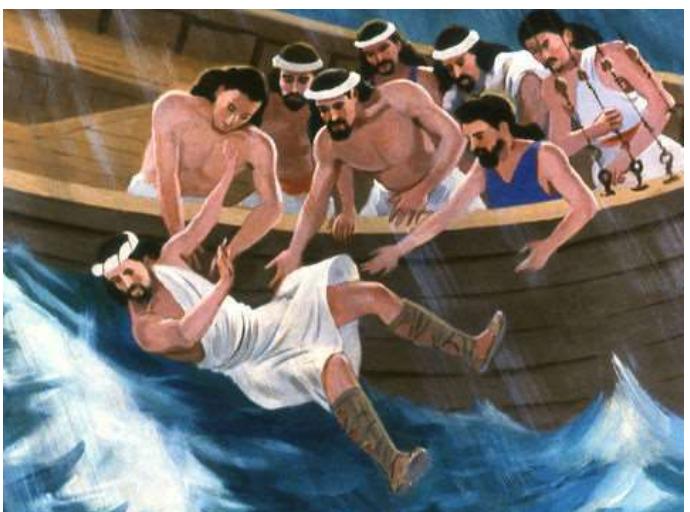
God told Jonah to go
to a city called Nineveh,

but he disobeyed, fleeing
to the sea, riding on
a ship to a faraway city.

A mighty tempest arose
and the men were afraid,
Jonah went down to the
bottom of the ship and

fell fast asleep. The men
thought Jonah was the

cause of this and threw
him into the deepest part
of the waters,
he was scared and cried,
"the billows surround me"
and pled with God.



But God knew where Jonah
was and sent a large fish
to swallow him.



He was in the belly of the fish
three days and nights,
he was delivered and went
to give the city God's
message of light.



Mary and Martha

A long time ago, the story
is told of two sisters
a brother and their
Friend.

Mary and Martha loved
their brother, and
their Friend loved
all three of them.

When he came to their
home they cooked a
special dinner.

The night before he
arrived,
Martha stayed awake all
night, thinking what
she would cook for dinner.



How she would clean the house, everything had to be just right.

Laying her nicest dress upon the bed, combing her hair, she must look her very best.

Morning came and she was busy getting things ready.

Mary was different, she was thinking about the stories their Friend would share,

preparing her heart for the special words He would say.

Martha rose early in



the morning, kneading
dough for bread, setting
the table.

Martha was upset with
her sister and felt
neglected, doing all the

work while Mary was
reflecting, surely she
was able to help her
sister.

There was excitement
as their friend came
to the door. Martha
quickly answered and

they all sat together
eating and talking way
into the night.



It was time to wash
the dishes and Martha
was tired, looking

for Mary, she was not there,
but sitting
at the feet of her Lord.

Quickly Martha spoke
to their friend,
"Please tell my sister
to help me."

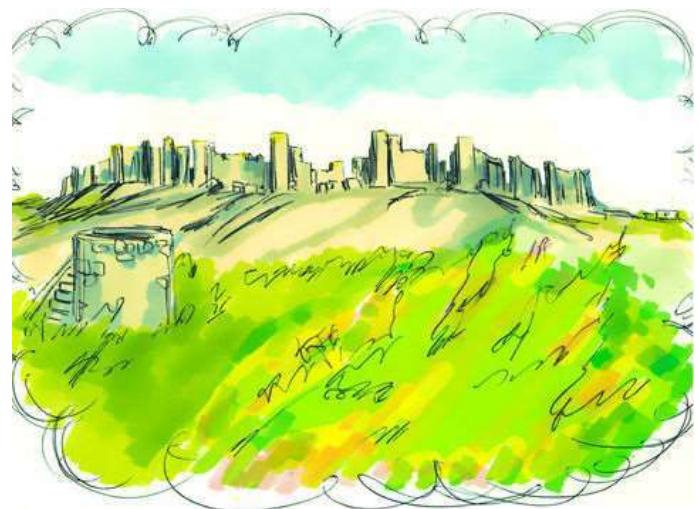
He replied, "Martha,
Martha, you are worried
about many things,

but few things are needed,
Mary has chosen what
is better."



Nehemiah

A city on a hill shining
in the sun, rests
the city of Jerusalem.



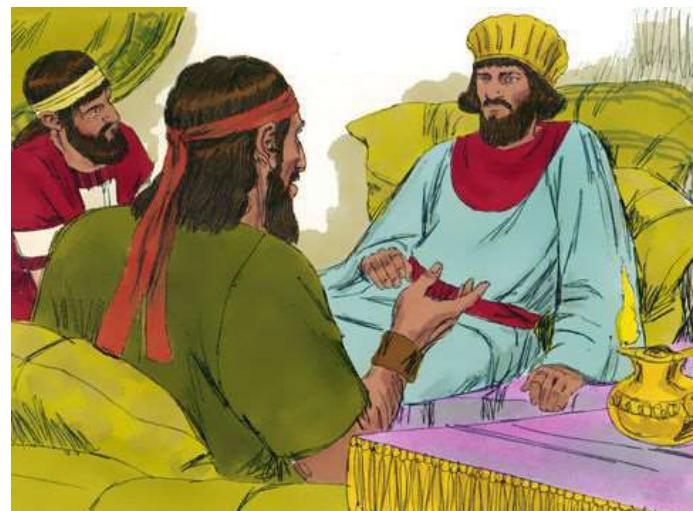
The walls and gates once
stood tall, now have fallen.

God is sad, his beautiful
city is destroyed.

The gates are burning
and broken.

God's people are taken

captive to a land faraway.
A king lives there and
is very mean, his people
don't like him and he
does bad things.



They would like to poison him and he is afraid, so he summons a cup bearer to taste his wine.

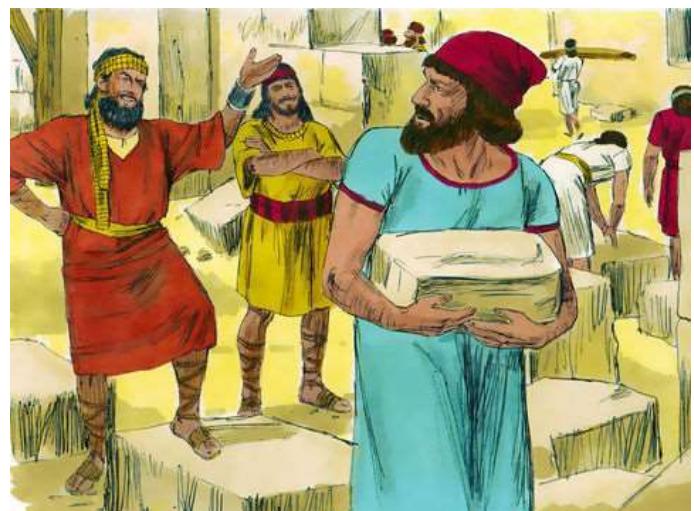


Nehemiah is his name, he had been sent to live in this land ruled by the king.

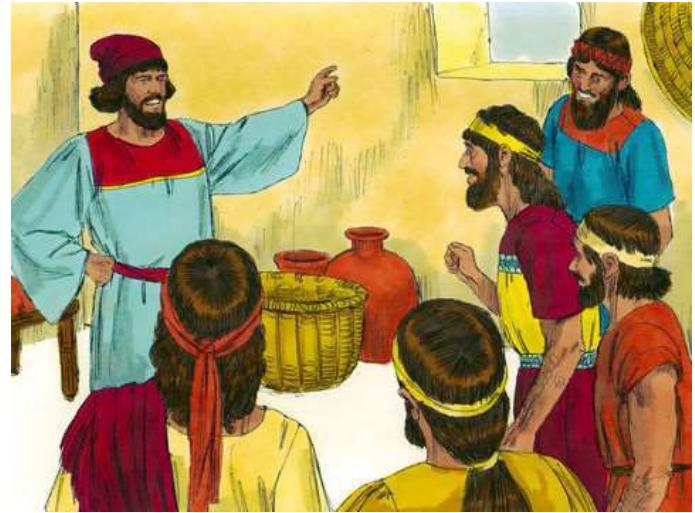
Nehemiah was sad that God's temple was

destroyed and he was called to go back to rebuild the walls.

When he returned he knelt with cries and tears, to see the city of God destroyed.



Nehemiah and his helpers
repaired the walls kneeling
in praise for the walls restored.



Nighttime Visions

To King Belshazzar,
dreams were given.

Tossing and
turning, waking

disturbed,
hoping these dreams,
will be removed and
taken away.



God is angry with the

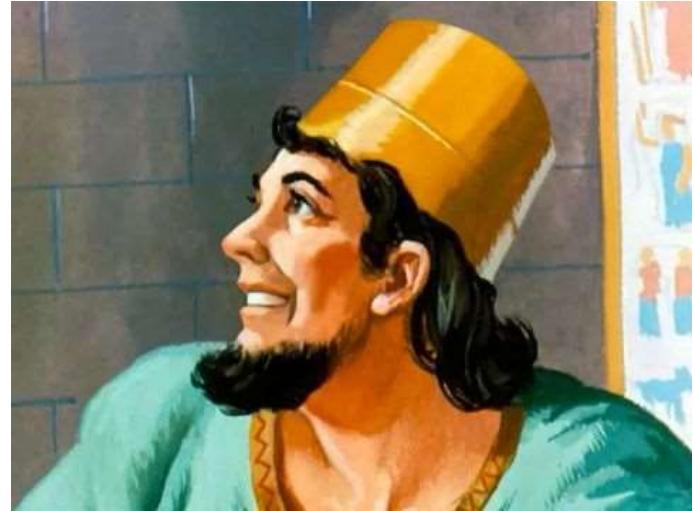
King, for he has done bad
things.

Every night God pleads
with more dreams, hoping
the King will obey.



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He is merry and gay, sitting
upon his throne,
laughing and eating,
he is sure
this fun will deliver
him.



In that very hour the
fingers of a man's hand
appeared on the wall,
filling him with fear.

With troubled thoughts,

his knees knocking,
he reads the words,

"Oh king, you have done
bad things, you are
weighed in the balance
and found wanting."



In that very night, his
kingdom was destroyed,
and his glory gone
forever.

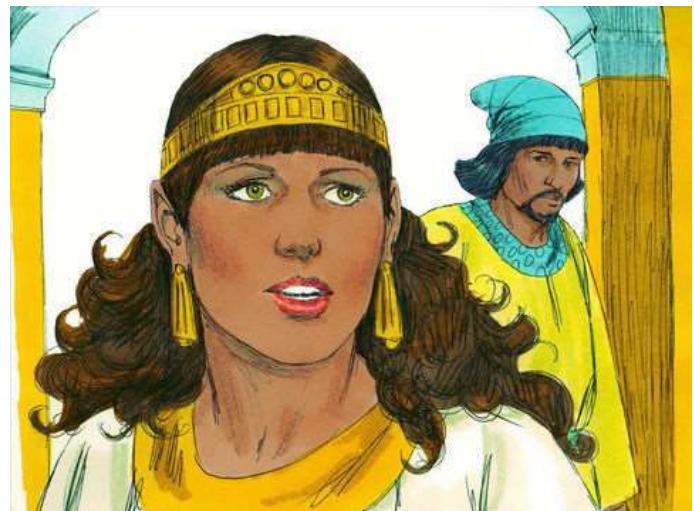
Queen Esther

Queen Esther was fourteen
when she went to live in
the palace of the king.

She was very beautiful,
when the king saw her
he took her to be his
queen.

Her servants dressed her
in jewels and a gown,
and placed a crown upon
her head.

She was brave and strong
when she went before his
throne alone,



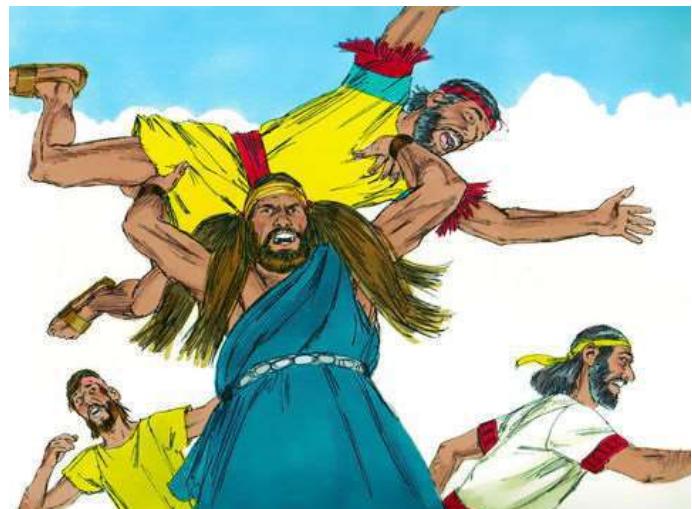
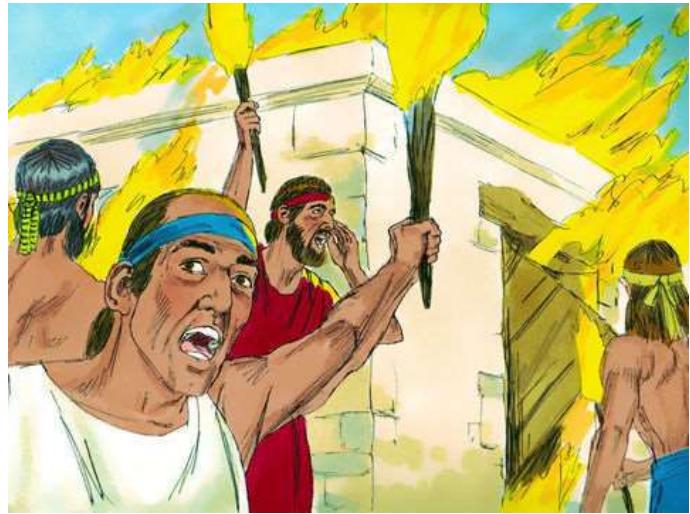
pleading life for her
people, that they would
be spared from the evil one.

Samson

The story of Samson begins with God's people once again getting into trouble.

They disobeyed even though God delivered them from the Egyptians and led them through the Red Sea and sent manna to feed them.

So when they started misbehaving again God sent Samson to help free them from their enemies.



Samson's mother was
unable to have children
but God told her he
would give her a son.

Samson was big and strong
and he delivered God's
people. He went into a room
and the pillars crumbled.

And then Samson met a girl
who did not love God,
Delilah was troubled to find out
what made Samson strong.

Delilah deceived Samson
and he married her but
she led him away from God.



The Dreamer

It all began with Father Abraham,
a man who answered the call,

not knowing he would be the Father of all.

He lived in the Babylonian city of Ur, surrounded by stone walls.

And amidst all this wealth and luxury, Abraham was one of the richest of all.



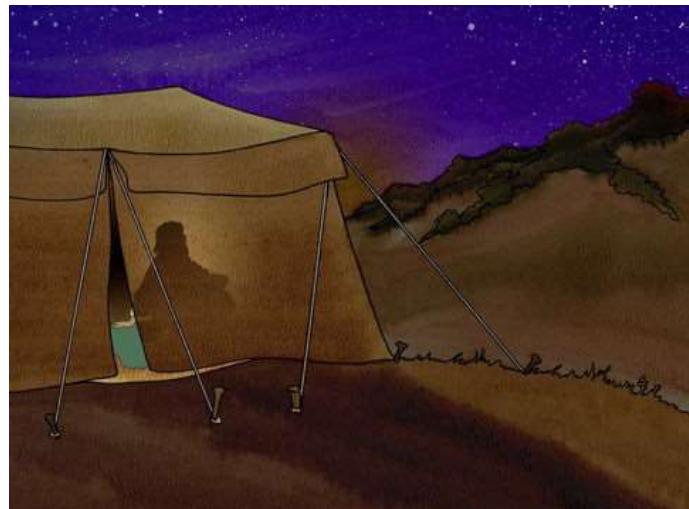
Surrounded by those
who did not love God
he kept his faith,
not forsaking God's
way.

He was known for his
kindness to the widows
and the poor.

On a night of brilliant
skies, the heat of the
night brought Abraham

to rest on the roof seeking
coolness from
the heat.

Looking at the stars, falling
asleep he had
a dream, he saw not a
thousand stars but
millions.



Wondering what this
dream meant, a voice
spoke,

"As the stars of the
sky appear and the sands
of the seas, he would
become the Father of many."

Pondering these things,
returning to his home,
he told Sarah his wife,
that she would bear
a son and she laughed.



Abraham wondered at this
promise, for he was one
hundred and Sarah was
ninety. How could these
things come to be?

Another night Abraham fell
asleep and had another dream,

one commanding him to
leave his home and
go to a foreign
land, but he did not
understand,

for he was very wealthy,
how could he leave all
his fortunes and friends?

But he was given a sign that
God would be
with him and he believed.

And it came to be that
Sarah had a son,
and she cried with tears
for she was old in age and
God remembered the promise
He gave.



Rebekah

In the Bible,
there are many stories
of mothers and fathers
who prayed for a baby.

When Abraham and Sarah
were given a baby,
they were excited with
the birth of their son,
and they named him Isaac.

The night he was born
they had a big party
and many were happy and
rejoicing.

Just like his father,
Issac was obedient and
kind.



He grew up to be a man
and Abraham wanted him
to marry someone that
loved God.

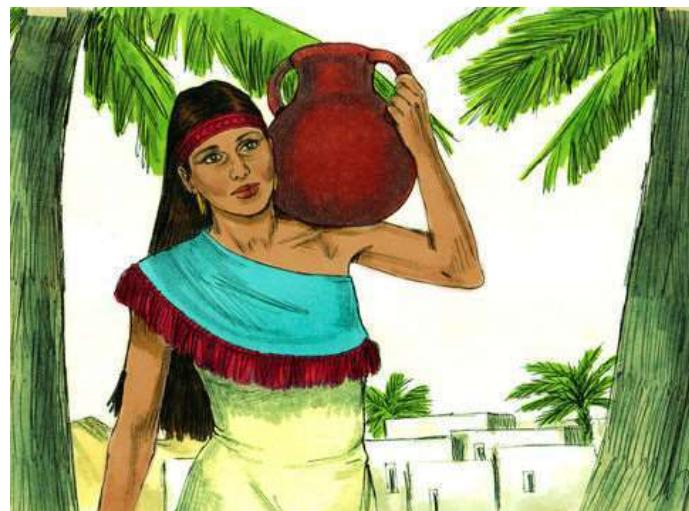
So his father sent his
servants to find a

wife in a faraway land.
Guided by angels,
a caravan of camels plod
over hot desert sands.

One day they came to
a well where Rebekah
was carrying water for

their camels.

She was very kind and the
servant asked her
to come back with them to
their land.



Rebekah was happy and
with her maids and a
pretty gown for a
wedding dress she left
her family.



The travel was long but
they finally arrived,
Issac was happy to have
Rebekah for a wife.



The Lost Coin

Within the cluttered
kitchen floor,

she sweeps the dust
and rubble,

she had ten silver
coins, but one was
lost neath yellow straw
and stubble.

One dark room is all
she has, made of brick
and mud, a door for

light, but no window
sill, for their is no
window.

A fork, knife and plate
with a few crumbs of bread



sits upon the table.

Its musty smell, its
feather bed, with a room
full of flax and hay
for her animals.

Dismayed, her silver coins
were all she had
to bequeath to her
daughter, and now one is
missing.

A candle sheds
its light as she sifts
through silt and clay.

Running quickly to her
neighbors, pleading,
"Help me find my lost coin

for I had ten, but one is
lost, and now only nine remain..

With their candles lit and a



broom for each,

a chorus of prayer is heard. As the women search, some stand by,

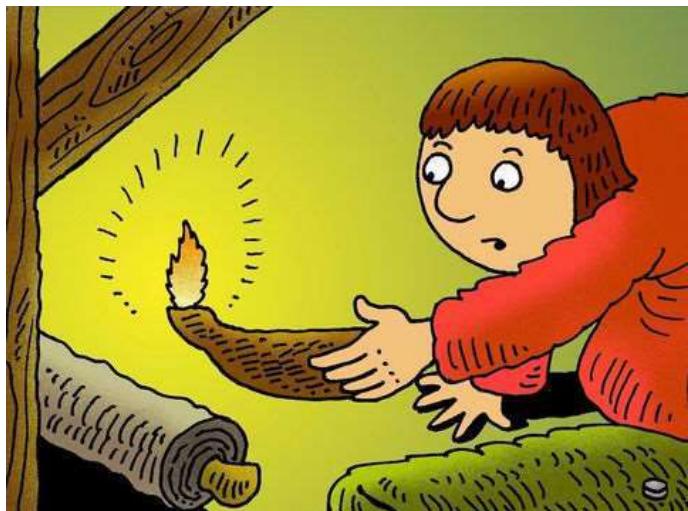
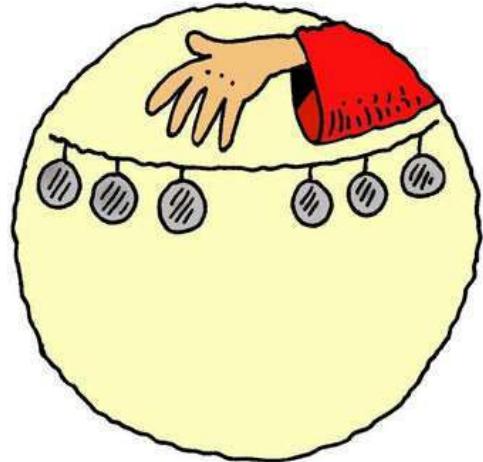
their aprons filled with bread, for when it is found, there will be a celebration.

With tears they sort through husks of grain,

and as day turns to night, still the coin was missing.

Not one would rest until they saw a glimmer of silver rescued from the floor.

Brooms cast their dusty



brush, its bristles
scouring every surface.

And then a cry was heard
as they rushed to the door.
"I have found the coin"

and all rejoiced, her purse
is no longer holding just
nine.

Running to the common
well, drink and bread and
clusters of grapes are
eaten with rejoicing.

And as the mother laid
down to sleep,
she rested in the thought,

the coin was found and her
daughter's dowry was now complete.



The Lost Sheep

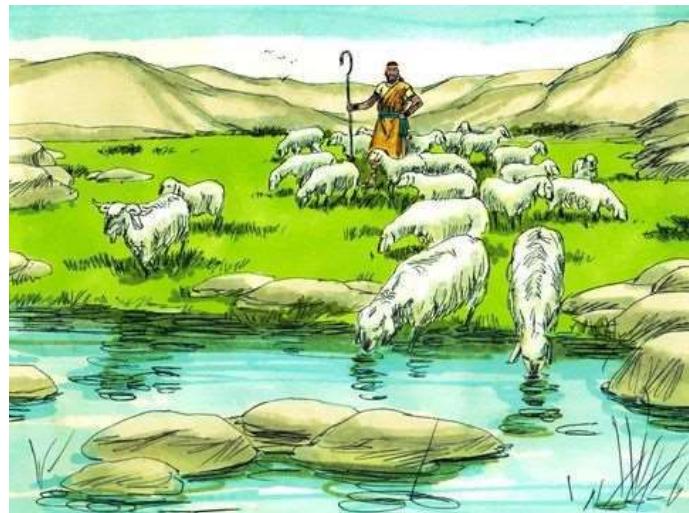
Wide spreading tablelands
on the east of Jordan,
lays abundant pasturage
for flocks of sheep and
lambs.

Midst green grass and pools
of water, the shepherd
leads them.

He knows his lambs
and strengthens the weak,
healing the sick, binding
the broken.

A fold is built to protect
from wolves and robbers.

Often a lamb had wandered
from the fold, and it suddenly
turned to danger.



Grazing sheep and lambs
are unaware, their lives
peaceful and still,

they follow their
leader wherever he goes.

A tender glow, the dusk
of twilight, slowly the
flames fade into embers.

Sitting by the cool waters,
he plays his harp with
soothing sounds then falling
asleep.

Waking in the morning
counting his sheep,
though ninety and nine
did not leave their fold,
one had strayed and wandered
away.



The shepherd taking his staff, with a flask of oil and water,

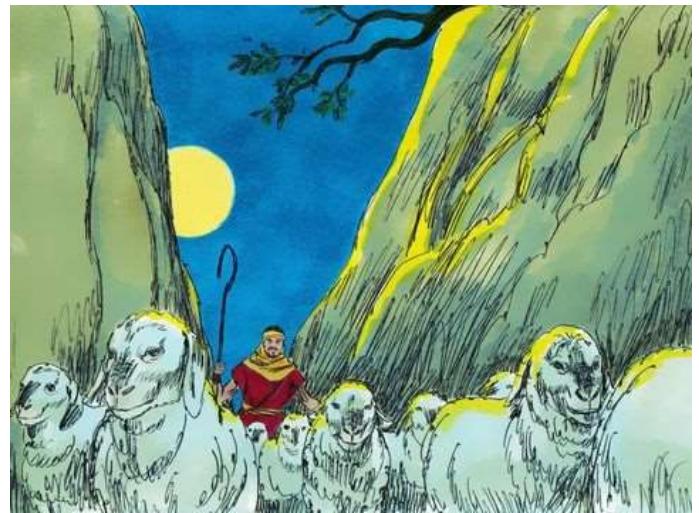
leaves his flock, risking his life,

through rain and sleet,
over rocky hillsides and
deep ravines he climbs,

above gusts and gales he hears his lamb, caught in a thicket. Reaching with

his arms through thorns and thistles, he lifts its bruised body,

pouring oil on its wounds,
carrying him back rejoicing, for the lamb once lost is now found!



Jesus Calms the Storm

It was dark that night
as Jesus and his friends
walked along the sea.

They were hungry and were
going to go fishing.

The waters were calm and
the moon shone, the stars
were bright as they got
into the boat.

Jesus was tired and fell asleep.
Then the waters became rough
and waves appeared.

Lightening and thunder
rolled and the men were
afraid and spoke to Jesus
who they called to awake.



Jesus stood up in the boat
and commanded the
waters to be still, and
everything became calm
again.



The Story of Job

Job lived in the Land of Uz,
as far as you can see all
this land belonged to him.



He was very rich and had
lots of sheep and lambs.

He loved God and worshiped
Him, and always prayed for
his children.

One day some bad things
happened to Job and all
his family and animals
were taken away. He was
very sad.



One day his friends came to
visit him and told him the
reason these things happened
was because he had been bad.

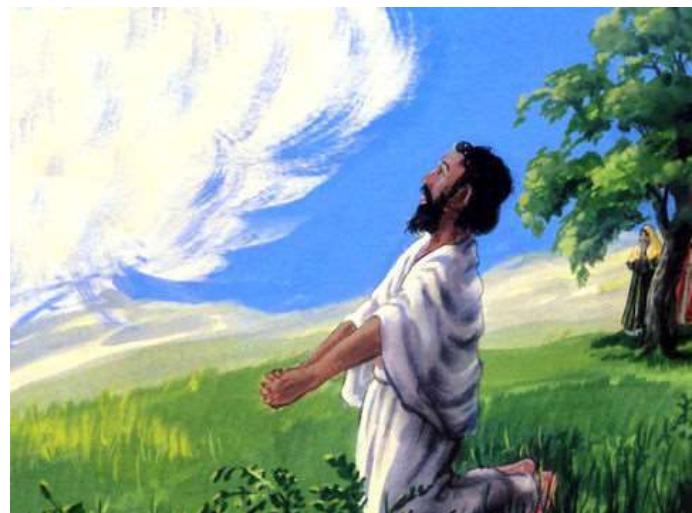
But he prayed for his friends and he did not get mad at God.



Sometimes when bad things happen to us we wonder if it is our fault and are scared.

But no matter what, we must remember He loves us even though we don't understand.

He is always with us and helps us to know good and bad!



Childhood Psalms

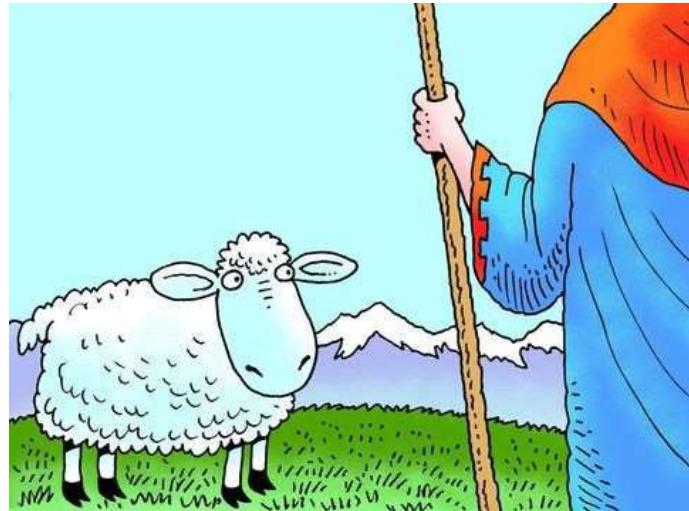
There is a story told,
of songs written in
a book called 'Psalms'

In these books were wise
words written by a
shepherd boy.

He was a poet and while
he took care of his
sheep, he played his
harp and flute.

This book is very old
and has given comfort
and hope for all God's
children.

It has been written to
help us to know what is
right and what is wrong.



And so this special book
tells us,

when we get thirsty, God
leads us in still places.

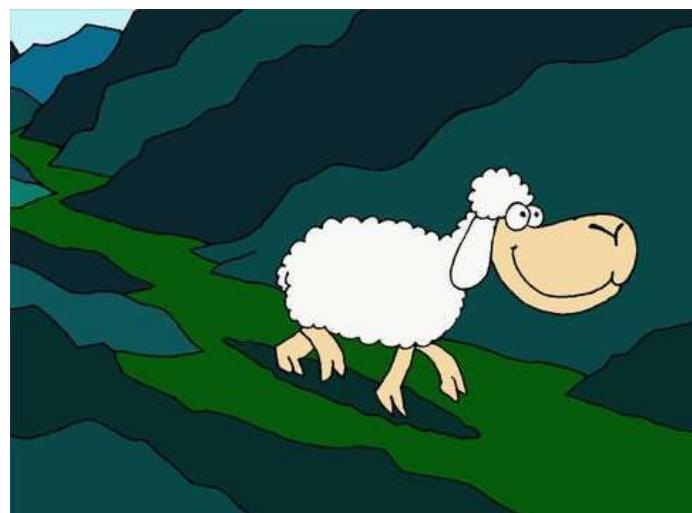
He makes rivers and
streams so we can have
water to drink.



When the sun is hot He
plants trees for shade
and cool grass for our
feet.

When darkness surrounds
us and we lie down to sleep
He is always by our side.

When we wake up He is still
there to guide us in the
way we should go.



When we get hungry He gives
us bread. And when we are

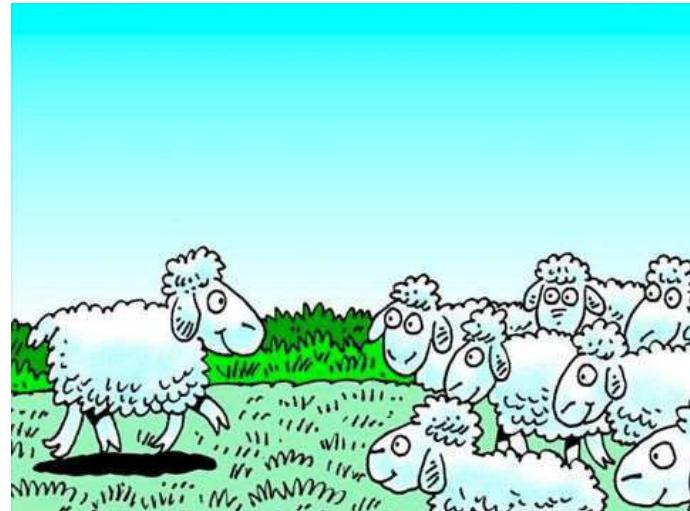
scared he makes a tower
of safety where we can
run and hide.

He made the birds to sing
and the flowers to grow.

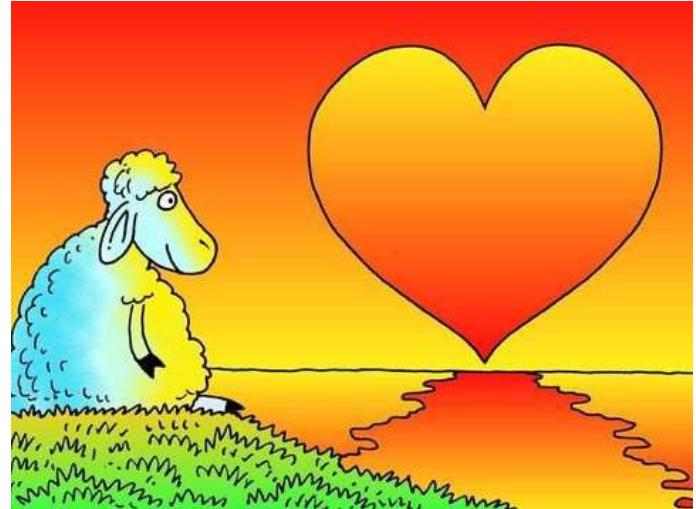
He makes the clouds to give
us rain and snow, and puppies
to make us laugh.

He made all the animals
and even us.

He gives us friends when we
are lonely and sad and He
always loves us even when
we are bad.



And in all of these things
we are happy and glad, for
this special book in God's
Word.



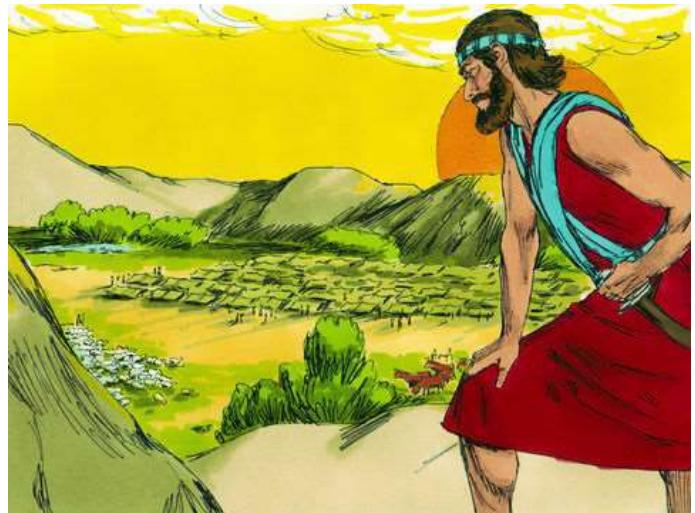
Scarlet Cord

Her house is small sitting

on the side of the city wall.

Rahab lives here!

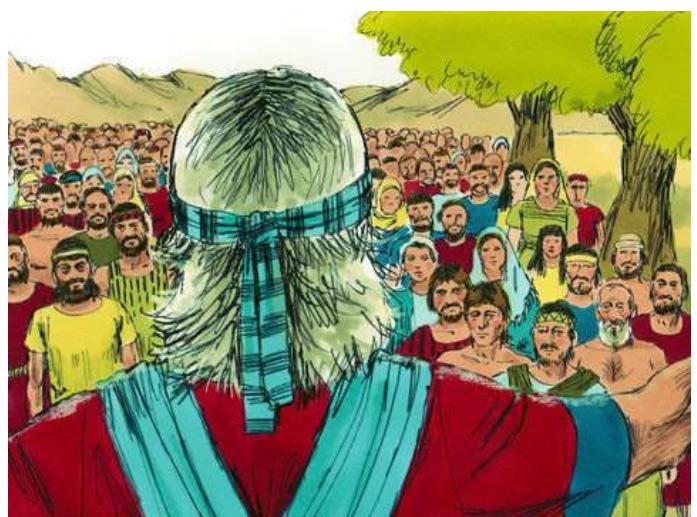
There had been men in her city of Jericho just the night before, they came from another land, a large nation who had been led by God's hand.



Many miracles had been done

among His people that had filled this city with fright,

of seas and rivers standing on end, people walking on dry land, of those eating



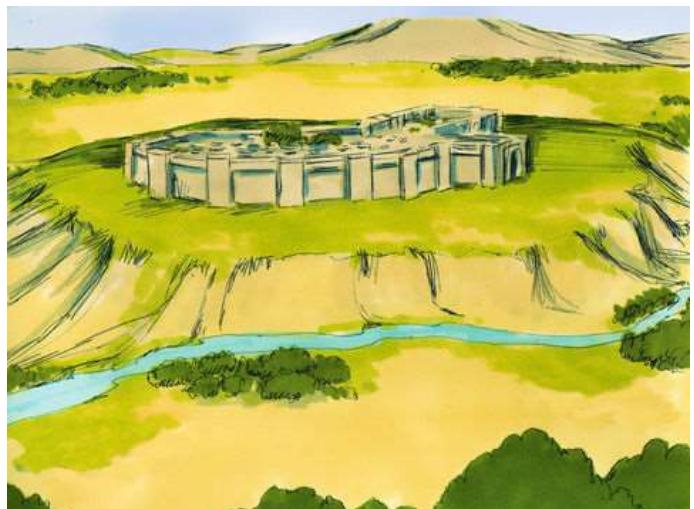
manna and drinking from a rock, of snakes and serpents and healings from stings.

Rahab believed these stories!

The spies told her to go to town to buy a scarlet ribbon to put in her window that she and her family would be spared and would not die.

The next morning she ran to the market to purchase the cord, hanging it in her window.

And then God's soldiers circled the city, blowing their trumpets,



and on the seventh day
their trumpets blew and the
walls fell down, and all the
people died, except for
Rahab and her family who
trusted God!

Ruth

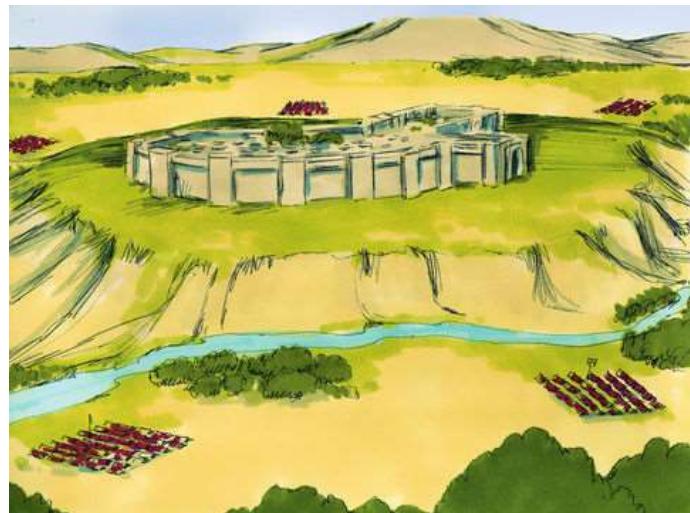
In an ancient village in
a faraway land, there is

a river called the Jordan
River flowing into the
Dead sea.

Now the reason it is called
dead is because water flows
in but does not flow out
and it is full of salt.

The children have fun,
even though they cannot
swim, but float in the water.

Small sun baked homes in
this town are made of stucco
and yellow straw and have
flat roofs.



There is about
to take place a special
child to be born.

Her name is Ruth!

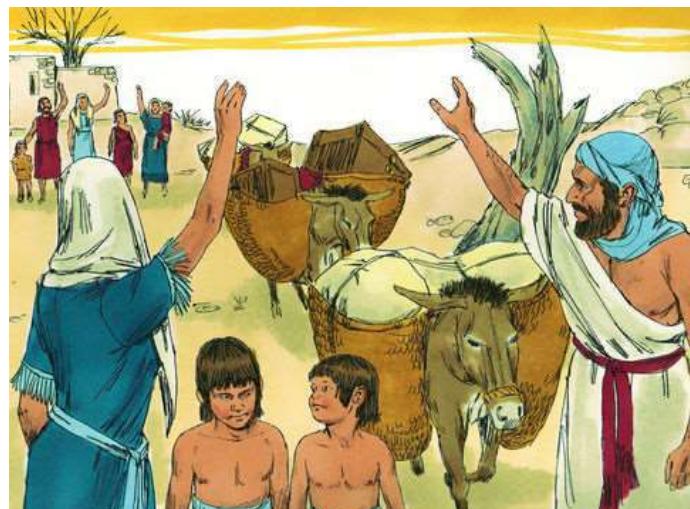
She will be the mother of a

Son of great Kings.

One day Ruth went to a far
away land traveling with
Naomi.

The journey was long and
Ruth was scared but she
trusted God to keep her
safe.

Finally coming to a town
called Bethlehem the people
were friendly and made
a special dinner for Ruth
and Naomi.



As dinner is served the food
is strange, bread without
leaven and roasted lamb,
pomegranates and figs, with
the largest grapes she has
ever seen.

Ruth was happy and one day a
Baby Boy would be born
in her little town of Bethlehem.



Baby Jesus

A long time ago there
was a baby born,
he was born in a stable
with sheep and lambs.



A star shined big and
bright that night,
leading wise men to bring
gifts and worship him.

Angels sang in the sky
while the baby cried.
Mary and Jesus loved
their child.



His mother and father
took him on a donkey
to a faraway land to
keep Him safe from a
very bad king.

Jesus was obedient and
always kind.

He grew up to be a man
and died on a cross so
we could be saved and
none of us lost.



The Sower of Seeds

“Father, tell me a story,
a simple story that I
can understand”, and He
spoke in a parable -

"It was early that morning,
as the sun began its circle
in the eastern sky,

a land of plenty had
yielded a good crop
with seed gleaned for the
coming

year to sow in the fields.
Carefully sorting his
seed the night before,
the sower went forth to
sow, and as he sowed some



seed fell by the wayside, and
the birds came and
devoured them, some fell
upon stony places, where

they had not much earth,
and when they sprang up
because the soil was less,

the sun scorched them
and they withered away,
and some fell among thorns,
and they choked them, but

others fell upon good ground
and brought much fruit,

some a hundred fold, some
sixty fold and many more.
“But father they all look the
same.”



And God says “leave them alone.”
The harvest is great the reapers are few,
His angels go about, what we fail to do.

Ten Young Ladies

In a little village in
a far off land,
Jesus told a story of
ten young ladies that
were going to a wedding.

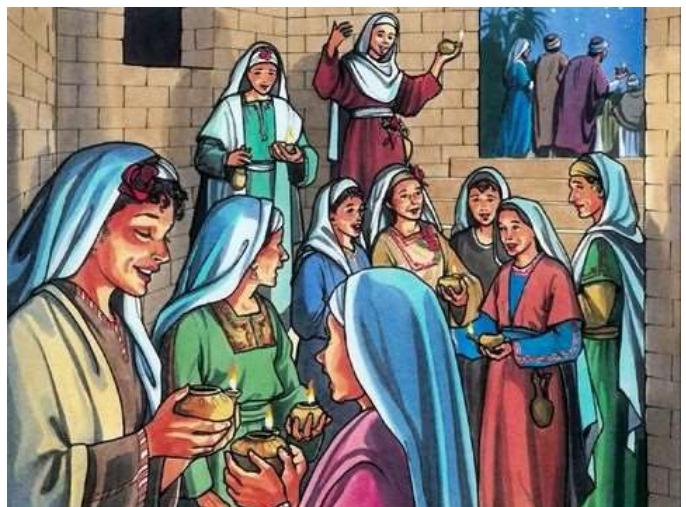


One evening after the
sun was setting, it became
dark.

There was a home in the
village where a special
bride was living.

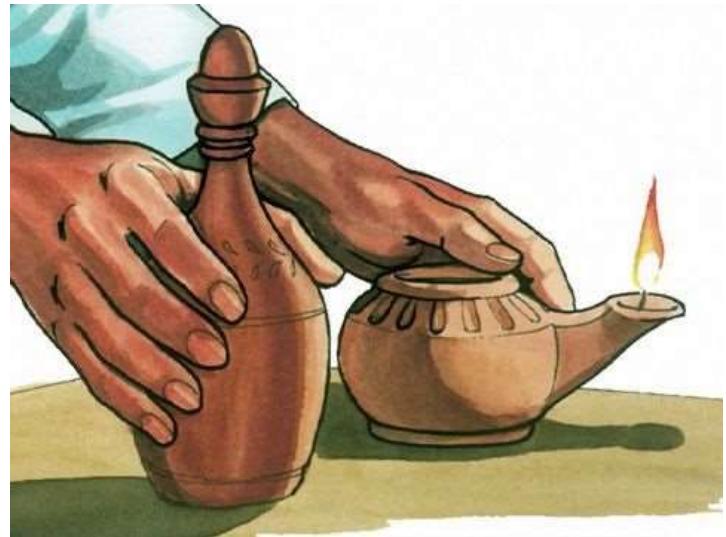
Light was streaming from
windows and laughter
and music could be heard.

The bride was waiting for
her groom to come and
take her for his wife.



The ten young ladies fell
asleep, and at midnight
they heard a cry,

"Wake up, light your
lanterns and follow the
groom and bride!"



Blind Man

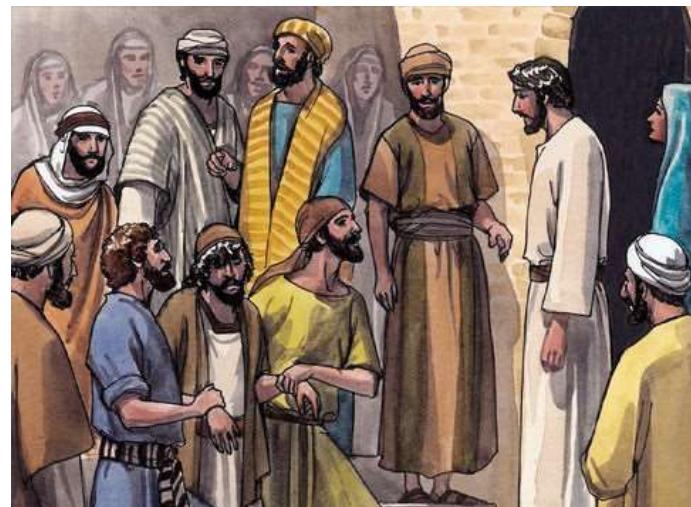
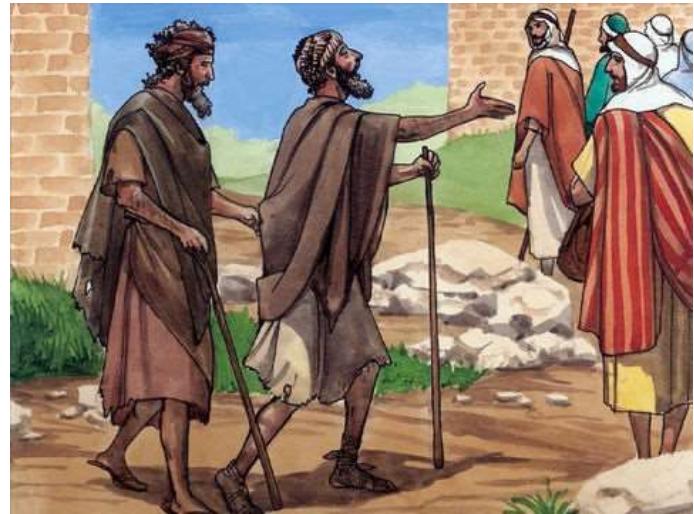
A blind man cannot
see the light of day or
the moon at night,
all is black and grey.

Children make fun and
tease him saying, "He
cannot see because he
is bad."

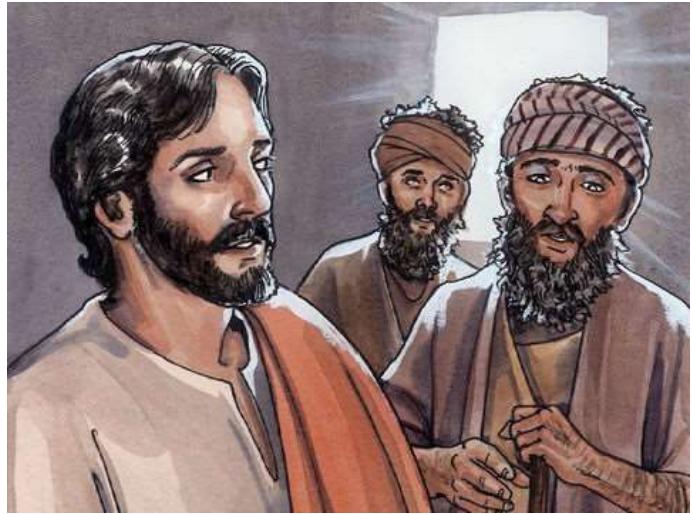
Waking to aroma of

bread baking on brick
he takes his walking
stick, crossing the
floor to the door.

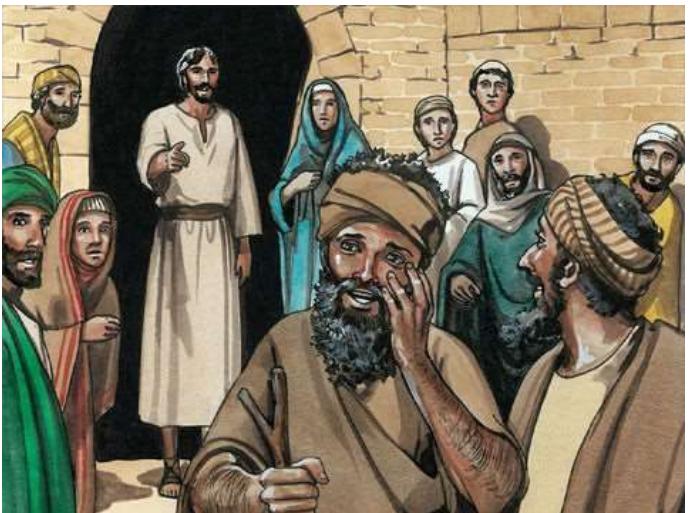
Then walks down the
road as always before
to sit by the gate
begging for coins.



A hope burns in his
heart of faith that
he will see the light
of a Face.



A Man passes by and spits
in the dirt
and with the mud touches
his eyes,
before him is light he
sees colors rise at
every turn.



Slowly spreading his fingers
before his eyes, he leaps
with joy and utters praise.

The people ask "Who gave
you sight?" the man replies,
"The Man, once I was blind
now I see light."

Other Stories and Parables

The Miracle

Mother is softly crying,
as father stands near to
comfort her.

The little girl's
brother is ill. She
doesn't quite understand,

as she hears them whisper,
"If only they had the
money for an operation."

They need a miracle to
save their little boy.

What can she do? Then
a thought comes to her
mind as she runs to

her room, she gets her
piggy bank and turns



it upside down.

A few pennies, nickles
and dimes are all there
is, a whole \$1.16 cents.

Running down to the
drug store, opening
the door, hurrying in,

she asks how much a
miracle costs,
she needs to buy one
soon for her little
brother so he can be
well again.

A long time ago a Man
lived on this earth!

He loved the people
very much and they
were sick. It is called

sin and no matter what

they did they could not
get well,
it kept coming back again.

He knew they needed
a miracle and it
could not be bought
with pennies, nickles

and dimes. The only
way he could provide
it, was to die a painful
death on a cross, so
they could live again.

The story is told of
this Man called Jesus,
who had some friends.

He invited them in,
to an upper room to

have a special dinner
of wine and bread to
remember Him.

His friends loved Him
so much as they took
him down from the cross
and placed His body in

a special grave. He
would sleep for three
days, then angels rolled
the stone away and He
rose again.

He is in heaven now, but
He remembers us and
will come back.

So you see, Jesus provided
the miracle for you and me
to make us well and we
don't even have to pay Him!

An Evening Star

A time between dusk
and twilight, as shadows
fill the sky,

the sun grows weary and
bows its head,
fading to the west and
then dies.

An evening star dressed
in its gown of sparkling
white, rises in the east.

It is a happy star with
a smile on its face,
it has five tips,
a head, two arms and two
legs.

Now the big dipper,
where the stars sleep
during the day, is



late pouring with its
ladle, spilling the stars,
filling the nighttime
sky.

The evening star feels
important, holding up
the sky alone.

One night it gets tired
of hanging there,
one arm begins to hang
then the other,

starting to fall,
it calls to the rest,
hurry quickly I can't
hold this up any longer,
the weight of this sky
is too much, I've done
my best.

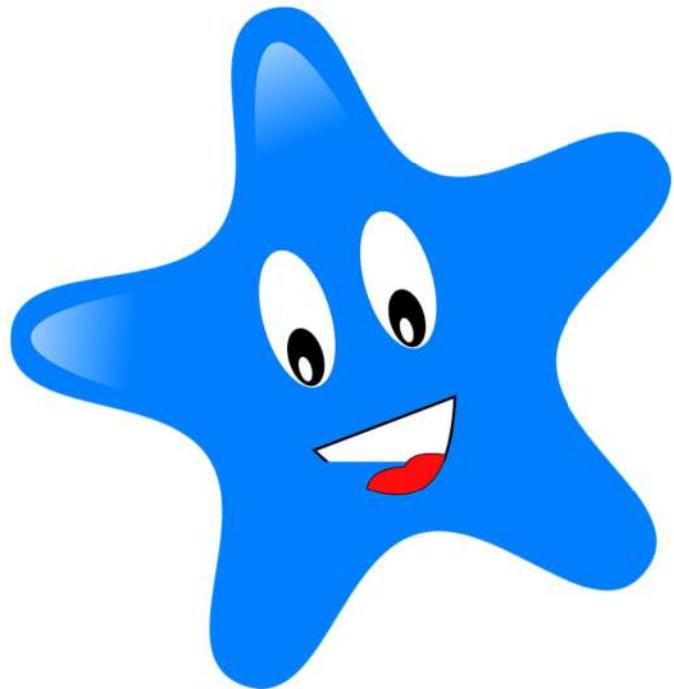


The big dipper then
hurries, lifting
its handle, sprinkling
star dust in the eyes
of the stars.

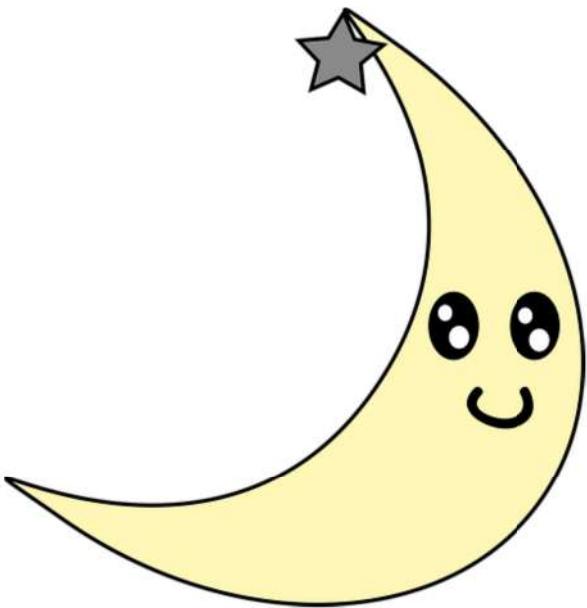
Awakening, spreading
light, the evening
star is now content
knowing it is no
longer alone.

Evening gives way to
a soft light of day,
when the stars are done.

I wonder, sometimes
do we get tired of
holding up this world,
forgetting there is a
God to do our bidding?



He holds all things
in the palm of His
hand!



Spider's Hotel

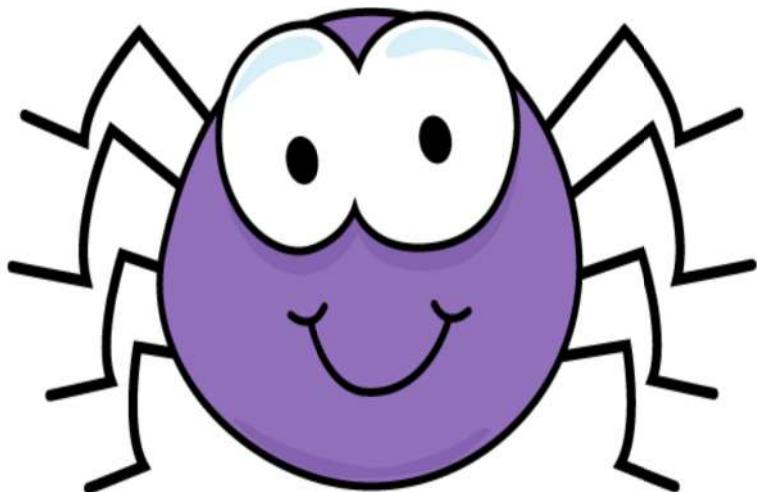
Every year they pack
their bags with their
spinning wheels,

to spend the summer in
bungalows,
built on a juniper
bush, where green fern

and monkey flowers grow,
and the wind doesn't blow.

Gardens hang from
balcony's
high in the air, as they sit
in their chairs,
spinning away as their
babies play.

They are proud of their
bungalows and feel like



the elite. Their suites
are the best.

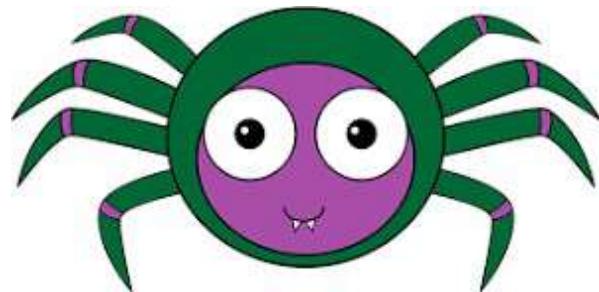
The other spiders are
late and stay as guests
on the bottom floor.

Swinging on a web to visit
friends next door.

In the evening they gather
together to share their
tales and play their
fiddles on bended knees,

to eat Juniper berry pie
and watch the dance
of the fireflies.

The little spiders sang
and played as
the yellow moon rose, and
with a yawn their
eyelids closed.



The season flew by as they
busily spun, a spiders work
is never done.

The rainy season came, they
packed their bags, saying
goodbye - but they
will be back next year
to stay at the Juniper Hotel!

String of Pearls

She had often looked in
the window,
on her way to work,
she even had the courage

to walk in the store,
asking if she might
hold the string of
pearls she so adored.

Her fingers caressed
these opals of white,
tenderly holding them
in her hands.

There were many other
jewels and gems,
with their lustrous
gleam, nestled in their
satin beds.



But the pearls she
wished for,
reaped from the sea,

how beautiful they would
be with her new dress.

The price of this
beauty was more than she
could afford.

In many more stores she
had searched,

and the more she gave it
thought,
she was willing to wait,

she crimped and saved,
until finally the day
came,



she purchased the pearls of
great price.

Littlest Violet

Snuggled in their beds,
watered and fed,
happy where they are
planted.

Dresses of pink, purple
and lavender, with
bright yellow eyes.

This home is all they
have ever known,
sprouting from a seed,
then leaves, buds and
flowers.

What a great life they
have, amongst all the
others.

One morning,
perking their heads from



a good nights rest,
a shadow is descending.

A large hand reaches
over and bending
low, these pretty
violets are lifted
from their beds.

Disturbed, wondering
where they are going,
they are placed in a
box.

A little violet begins
to cry, "my pot
is the smallest, surely
you can squeeze me in,
please don't leave me
behind."

Quickly placing
it in the box of violets,



then in a truck,

engines roaring. They are
scared as they travel down
the road not sure where
they are going.

The way seems long and they
are tired.

Suddenly the truck comes
to a stop.

It is quiet, then the man
lifts the box, placing them

on a shelf, their eyes
are startled from the
darkness, into bright
light.

Their leaves are
drooping, their flowers
dropping,

the plants are not very
pretty, as people are
passing.

The littlest one
cries, "our toes are
cold and soggy and
we have caught a chill,

please, won't you give
us a chance and take
us home, before we
die?

A time to heal is what
we need, after our
difficult ride."

A sprinkle of water,
their heads begin to
perk and people stop
to look.

"These violets are
prettier than before
I think I will
buy them."

The shadows are passing,
placed in a window,
sparkling,

if not for their time of
disaster, they would not
be brighter, filling this
home with laughter!

Little Bird

In the window hung a sign
"Birds For Sale"

A little bird flew by,
"Why are they so pretty and
I so drab and dull?"

"I would like a home"
he said.

He pecked upon the
window, "Let me in he pled."

They laugh, "We would
be happy to be free like
you." And ignored his
plea.

He pecked on the
window,
sliding down, falling to

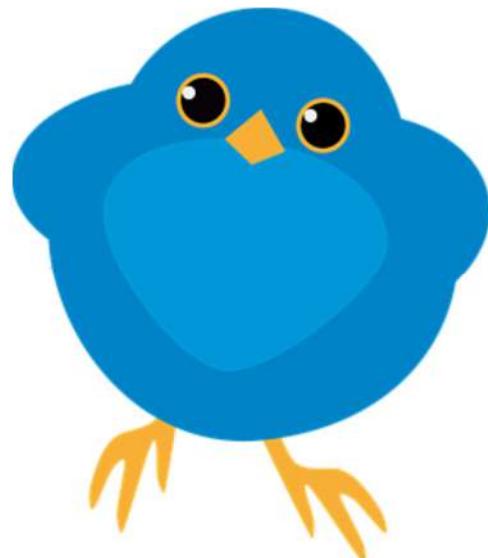


the ground, shaking off
his feather vest,
he was sure he looked his
very best.

Forgetting his plight,
eating a few crumbs to
strengthen his flight,
he looked up as he flew,

the sky is his dome, trees
his perch,
he pays no rent and
is content.

The birds he wished to join
will always be confined,
but he, always free!



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