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The First Deception

The time Adam and Eve spent in the Garden of Eden was fabulous. They were strong and healthy; they did not know pain or illness; they did not have any worries. They woke up in the morning feeling comfortable and as fresh as the flowers, ready to face the new day.

God had asked them to take care of the garden, but there were not any noxious weeds or thorns there. Working in the garden was their hobby. As far as eating was concerned, it was sufficient to reach for a bite.

Eden was the first home of humankind. It was beautiful, peaceful and pleasant. It was God's plan for them to live there forever. But they made a terrible mistake that changed everything. What consequences could have such tragic results?

One day, Eve went alone to the garden. She reached the forbidden tree and asked herself: "Why would God forbid us to eat of its fruit? What harm could it do? Even if we ate it, we would not have any more. But when she was alone, she did not see anyone. She

Confused, Adam and Eve wandered about the same places that had added to their happiness a few moments before. Suddenly, they heard a soft and friendly voice. Up until then, they had come forward, as obedient children, but now they ran away and hid among the trees of the garden from God.

God asked Adam:

— Where are you?

Slowly, Adam came out from his hiding place and answered:

— I heard your voice in the garden. I was afraid. How strange! He had never been afraid of his Creator.

God knew everything that had happened, and he asked Adam:

— Have you eaten of the tree I commanded you not to eat of?

Yes. He had eaten and Eve had also eaten.

"In the day of eating, you were like God, knowing good and evil."

Since then, Adam and Eve had to live in a world of pain and sorrow.

Instantly, Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden.

The Cost of Sin

STORY 5

The First Child

When God created the fish, birds and animals, he told them to multiply and fill the earth. As a result, they became full of little life. God made them to make their own kind and laid eggs like birds, just as they do. The dog had puppies, the cat had kittens, and the lioness had cubs and so on. Babies. The same God who made Adam and Eve to have children.

God wanted Adam and Eve to have children so that they could live on the earth. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, and a daughter, Eve. They were the first people to have children.

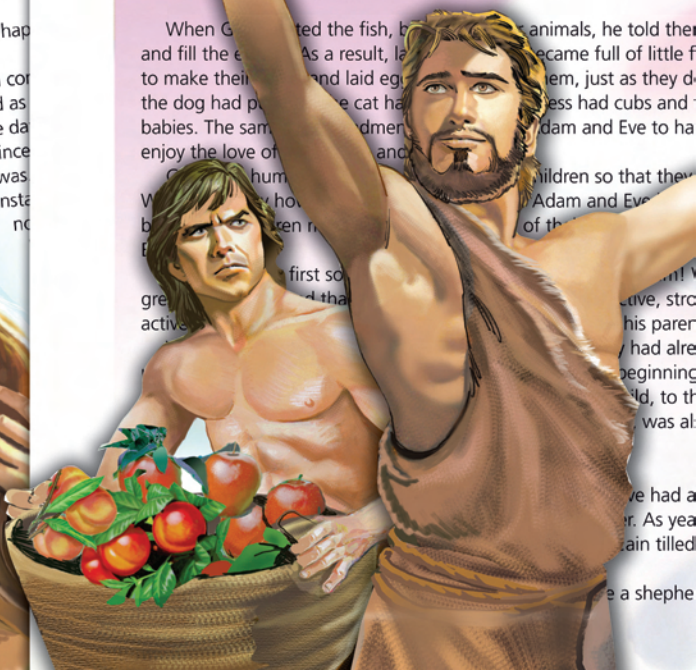
When Cain was born, Adam and Eve were very happy. They had a first son, and they were glad to have a child who was like them.

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A Ladder to Heaven

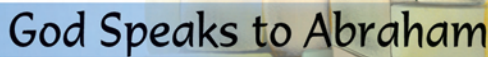
The last night Jacob spent at home was very sad. Everybody knew that something awful had happened. Rebekah decided to go and speak to Isaac:

— It is becoming time for Jacob to be married. I think it would be good for him to travel to Haran to look for a wife among the daughters of his uncle Laban.



The Burning Bush

married one of Jethro's daughters named Zipporah
 Gershom, which means "stranger in a foreign land"
 Eliemzer, meaning "my father has loved me"
 they received no other children because Pharaoh
 ordered that the Hebrew males be killed every first-
 born ever before.
 t of going back to Egypt now? I do not
 Moses to



years after the Flood, men were scattered
moving away from Babel. A group led
by Noah's grandsons, travelled 250
miles and founded the city of Nineveh. Another
group went south and established the city of Ur.
A third group moved west to what is now Europe and
Asia. This is how villages, towns and
cities began; industry and commerce
developed; precious stones buried after
the Flood were dug up; ships able to sail
through unknown seas were built. In the
meantime, many men remained faithful
to God, but the majority had started to
forget him. Some had even made idols
and were worshipping them. The oldest
ones continued to tell the story about the
flood and how God saved the ark. But, little
by little, this fact became a legend, and
only a few people believed what had truly
happened.

Three hundred years after the Flood, men had become as wicked as the people who lived before the Flood. Then God searched for someone who continued to believe and live

I
You shall have no other gods before me.

II
You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

III
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

IV
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

V
Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

VI
You shall not murder.

VII
You shall not commit adultery.

VIII
You shall not steal.

IX
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

X
You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbour's.



David and Goliath

Paul was convinced that he could fight. He saw that the young man was not afraid. He lent David his armour and shield. He lent David his sword, but that he would be protected, but that was too heavy for David and he did not want to use it. Then the young man took his staff, went down to the creek, chose five smooth stones and put them in his pouch. All the witnesses observed quietly. Then they saw him walk toward the giant with his sling in his hand.

When Goliath saw him, he became angry and shouted:
— Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks? Come close and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!

But David, without a trace of fear, replied:
— You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and everybody will know that the Lord does not need swords or spears to reach victory.

Goliath moved toward David, lifting his enormous sword, but David did not back away. He took a stone, placed it in his sling and threw it with all his might at the giant. Goliath's entire body was protected by his armour, but the stone hit his forehead and he fell face down on the ground.

In this way, David became famous as the greatest warrior on Earth. All the people were frightened of him.

STORY 8

With a Shout, the Walls Fell

The guardians at the walls of Jericho, who had witnessed Israel's passage across the Jordan, expected an attack. So they were alert—gates shut, the strongest men armed the archers on the battlements ready to act—but the attack did not happen. The spies reported that the Israelites were only performing religious ceremonies and they did not have war weapons or attack equipment.

One day, the guardians observed that people were forming a queue and began to approach the wall. Immediately they got ready for the attack, but nothing happened. Instead, thousands of men surrounded the wall, forming a long line. Behind, there were priests carrying that strange object that was up front when they crossed the Jordan. The only sound was that of the trumpets played by the priests. Then all returned to the camp quietly. Maybe some of the soldiers, after having seen that scene, thought they could reach peace.

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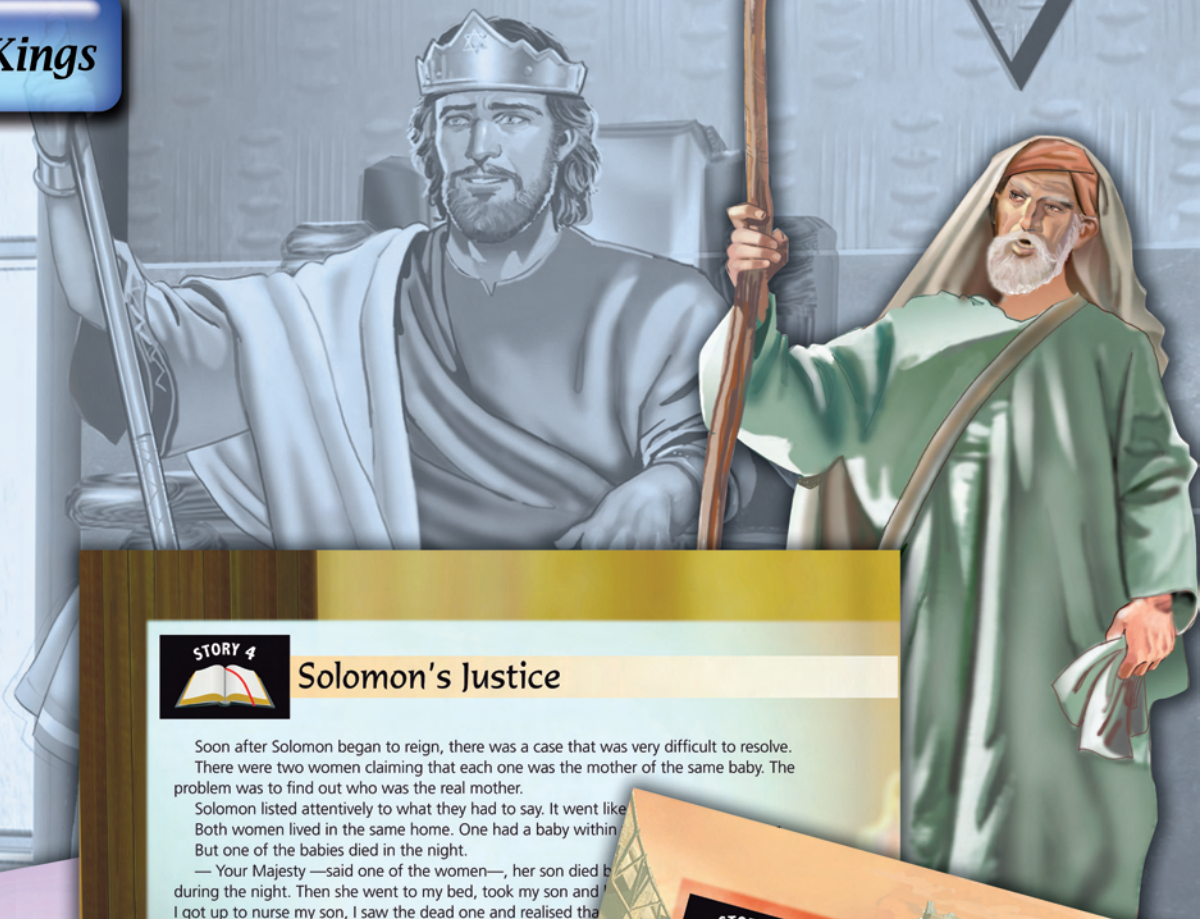
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STORY 4



Solomon's Justice

Soon after Solomon began to reign, there was a case that was very difficult to resolve. There were two women claiming that each one was the mother of the same baby. The problem was to find out who was the real mother.

Solomon listened attentively to what they had to say. It went like this: Both women lived in the same home. One had a baby within a year. But one of the babies died in the night.

— Your Majesty — said one of the women —, her son died during the night. Then she went to my bed, took my son and I got up to nurse my son, I saw the dead one and realised that I delivered.

— That is a lie! — shouted the other woman —. My son is still alive one. Yours is the dead one.

— No! — The first woman said —
Your son is the one who died.



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STORY 6



Some Construction Details



It took four years to gather all materials. Each stone or piece of metal or wood was prepared beforehand to the exact shape and size. Then each piece would fall into its place. Stone upon stone was laid to fit exactly with the others. As a result, during construction, they did not have to listen to the noise of hammers, chisels, or any other tool.

As the work progressed, people were amazed by its majesty, something they had never imagined.

The temple's dimensions were 108 feet long by 36 feet wide and high. There were three levels around the building, each 8 feet high. The inner temple was lined with cedar board and the floor was made of cypress wood. The temple was divided into two parts—the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. Both were overlaid with gold, as was the altar. They placed two cherubim inside the sanctuary. They were 16 feet tall, made of wood and overlaid with gold.

David is Crowned King

David was 30 years old. He was loved and respected by everyone. He was a man of peace and justice. He was a man of faith. He was a man of courage. He was a man of wisdom. He was a man of love. He was a man of peace. He was a man of justice. He was a man of faith. He was a man of courage. He was a man of wisdom. He was a man of love. He was a man of peace. He was a man of justice. He was a man of faith. He was a man of courage. He was a man of wisdom. He was a man of love.





STORY 10

Daniel in the Lions' Den



STORY 1

A Patient Man



The Book of Job begins like this:

"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, very religious and one that avoided evil."

If we continue to read, we will find out that this man, well respected by everyone, had 10 children—seven sons and three daughters—and he owned many animals: 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yokes of oxen, and 500 donkeys. He had a great number of servants to help in his household. He was the richest man in the East and, since he was honest, righteous, and loved God, we can say in all certainty that he was a happy man.

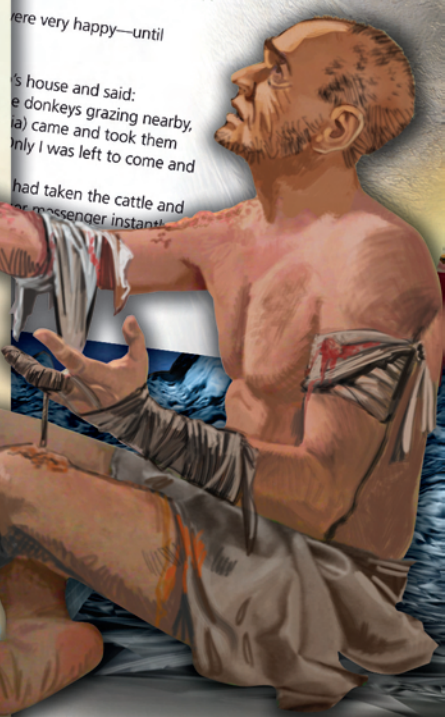
While his children were young and lived together with him at his home, Job always instructed and supported them with loving care. Then they grew up and formed their own homes, but they were so close that they got together regularly—maybe every time there was a birthday, perhaps in a different sibling's home each time—in order to organise a party and to fellowship. These were days that everybody looked forward to because they loved each other and wished to be together.



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Jesus is born

An Angel Talks with Mary

At the right moment, God sent the angel Gabriel to earth to meet with Mary, a young girl who lived in Nazareth, a city of Galilee. The Bible doesn't tell us why Mary was chosen, when there were



A model to follow



His life and miracles



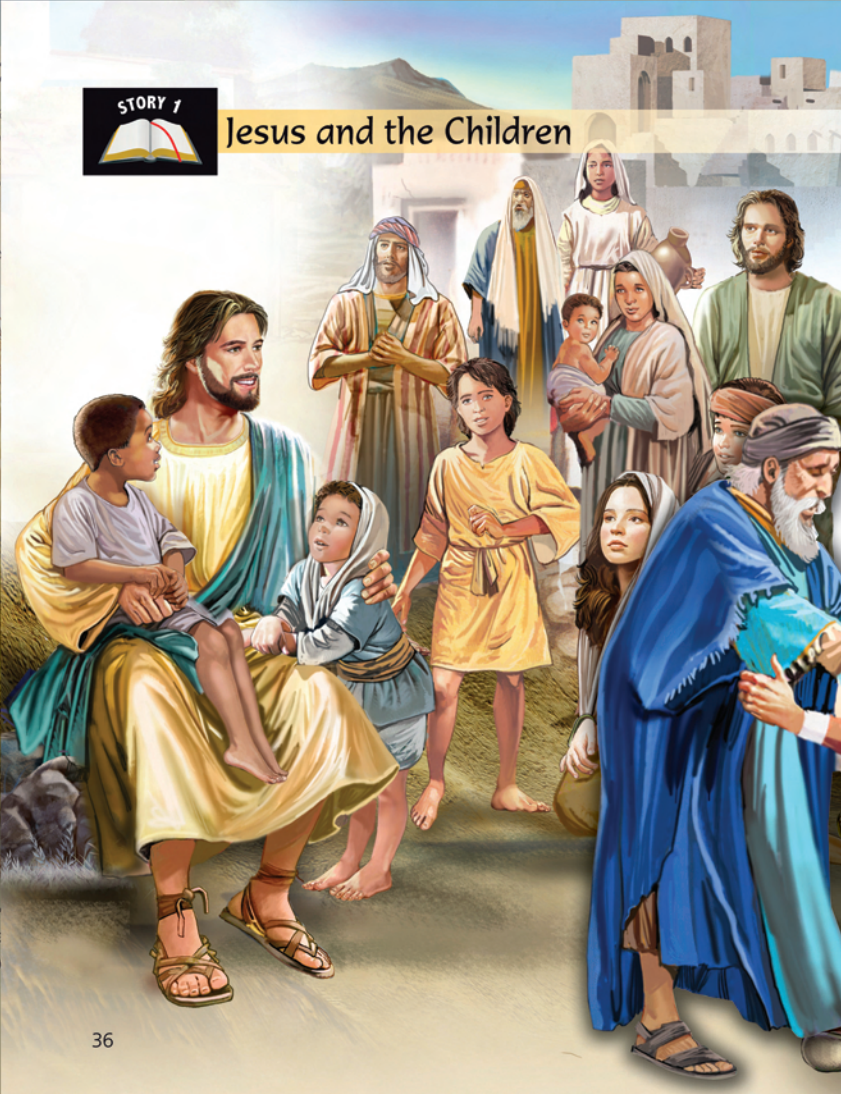
The Prodigal Son

The Wheat and the Tares

Jesus went near the seashore again to teach the people. This time, he also meant to call the harvest. This time, he also meant to call the harvest. This time, he also meant to call the harvest.



Jesus and the Children



soon as possible in order to get to do this, lest they uproot the wheat and sow the tares. — We will let them both grow together; at the harvest we will gather together the tares and burn them.

His mission





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