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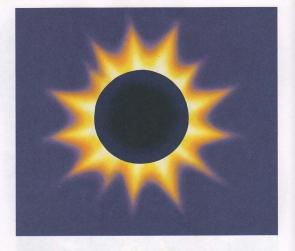
## The Beginning

Genesis 1

In the beginning, the world was empty.

Darkness was everywhere.

But God had a plan.



God separated the light from the darkness. "Let there be light!" he said.
And the light turned on.
He called the light "day."
And he called the darkness "night."
This was the end of the very first day.



Then God said, "I will divide the waters." He separated the waters in the clouds above from the waters in the ocean below. He called the space between them "sky." This was the end of the second day.



On the fifth day,
God made swishy fish and
squiggly creatures to live in the ocean.
Then God made birds
to fly across the sky.



A woman named Jochebed had a baby boy. She wanted to save him.

So she gently laid her baby inside a basket and placed him in the river.

The baby started to cry.



Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket and opened it.

She gently picked up the baby and hugged him. "I want to keep you," the princess whispered.

She named him Moses because she pulled him out of the water.



"I am not afraid to fight the giant," said David. King Saul called for David and told him, "You cannot fight the giant. You are too young." David replied, "God will be with me."



David put a stone in his sling and ran toward the giant.

Then he let the stone fly.



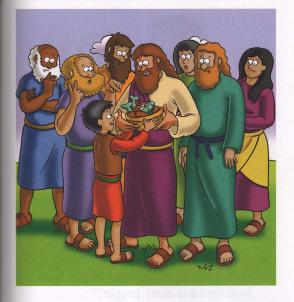
It hit Goliath's forehead, and he fell to the ground! The Philistines saw that their hero was dead. They ran away.



Finally, a man was able to help them. He said, "I do not have any rooms left, but you are welcome to sleep in the stable."



Joseph made a warm place for Mary to rest. While they were there, little baby Jesus was born.



The disciples found one boy. He had five loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus said, "Bring the boy to me."



The disciples asked, "How will so little food feed this many people?"
Jesus said, "You will see. Have the people sit down." Then Jesus took the bread and gave thanks to God.



His disciples gave bread and fish to everyone. To their surprise, twelve baskets were left over!



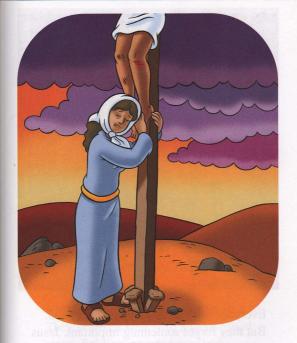
The soldiers took charge of Jesus.

They made him carry a big wooden cross.

They took him to a place called

The Skull (*Golgotha*).

There they nailed Jesus to the cross.



Jesus died on the cross.