

# Story Time Today

Jesus teaches us  
to love one another.





# Welcome

## Stories from the Special Holy Book

Jada noticed that the other children in the classroom began moving to the story carpet where Mrs. Hernandez had her rocking chair. "It must be story time!" she thought.

She hurried over to get a place in the front row and noticed that her new friends Maria and Emma were already there.

Emma whispered, "I can't wait to see the pictures in the big book."

Jada looked at the big book in Mrs. Hernandez's lap. "No," Jada said softly, pushing up her new blue glasses. "Remember, this is God's book, the Bible, and it doesn't have pictures. We have one just like it at home. It has stories." She looked around and noticed that her new friends, Sam, Chen and Marcos were listening to her. They wanted to know what she was saying about the Bible.

"I like the stories in the Bible," Jada said. "Sometimes my mother reads us stories about how much God loves me. They make me feel good."

Mrs. Hernandez asked the class to look at her and listen carefully. She began reading a story from the Bible. The children sat very quietly, all eyes on her. As she read, Mrs. Hernandez would stop to explain how God reveals himself and his love for us in the Bible. She asked the children if they understood the story.

When she was finished, Emma said, "Gosh, Mrs. Hernandez, I like that story. Does God really love us that much?" Mrs. Hernandez smiled down at Emma and said, "I'm so glad you like this story from the Bible. Yes, God does love us very much."







# God's Promise to Noah

## God's Promise

As the number of people on earth grew, many people turned away from God and sinned. God saw violence and selfishness everywhere. So he made a plan. Noah was a very good man who loved God.

God told Noah that a big rainstorm was coming. It would rain so long and so hard that water would cover the land. He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark.

Noah and his sons did what God asked. They worked hard to build the ark. When they finished, God told Noah to bring his whole family, his wife and his sons and their wives, into the ark. He also told Noah to bring animals and birds and enough food for everyone to eat.

Noah again did what God asked. It rained until the land was covered with water. Noah, his family and all the animals were safe on the ark.

After a while a big wind began to blow. The water began to dry up. The ark landed on top of a mountain. The sun appeared in the sky.

Noah opened a window and let a bird fly out. The bird flew away but when it came back to the ark, it had a green leaf in its beak.

Noah knew the water was gone when he saw the plants and trees. Noah, his family and all the animals left the ark. Noah thanked God for keeping them all safe.

God made a promise to Noah. God promised that he would always love and care for everyone and every living thing.

Then God made a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise. God told Noah that every time he saw a rainbow, he could remember God's promise. He could always trust in God's love.







# Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

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One day Jesus told the people, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and they know me. I love and care for my sheep as my Father loves and cares for me."

Another time Jesus told a story about a good shepherd to help the people understand how much God loves us.

Jesus said, "There was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. One day one of the sheep wandered away from the shepherd and the rest of the sheep. The one sheep got lost."

Jesus went on to tell the people how the good shepherd searched and searched until he found the one lost sheep.

Jesus then described how happy the shepherd was when he found his one lost sheep. He said, "The shepherd picked up the lost sheep. He put the sheep over his shoulders and carried it home. The shepherd was so happy that he told his friends and neighbors, over and over again, 'Be happy with me! I found my lost sheep!'"

Based on John 10:14-15 and Luke 15:3-7

