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# The Story of Creation

**"I**n the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth." He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God called the light "day" and He called the darkness "night." He made the sun to light the day and the moon and the stars to give light at night.

God made the dry land and called it the earth and the waters He called the sea and lakes and rivers.

He created plants like trees and grass and flowers. He then created all of the animals. Some of the animals swam in the sea like



the fish. Others flew in the air like the birds. Still other animals walked on the ground, like deer and rabbits, dogs and cats.

God blessed all of the animals and told them to live in peace. They were to have many babies so that they could spread across the whole earth.

But the most special of all the things God created were the first man and woman. God took some mud and formed the first man and He breathed into him. The first man came to life. He then formed the first woman from that man's rib. God called the first man "Adam" and He called the first woman "Eve."

*Genesis 1—2*



# Baby Moses

**M**any years later, a new Pharaoh who was a bad leader began to rule in Egypt. He forgot how good Joseph had been, and he began to hurt the people of Israel.

Pharaoh disliked the people of Israel so much that he ordered all of their baby boys to be drowned in the Nile River.

There was one boy who was saved, though. His mother put him into a basket and gently placed it in the river. Then the baby's sister watched over him to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came along to bathe in the river, found the baby, and felt sorry for him. She raised him just as if he were her own son. She called this baby boy "Moses," a name that means that he was "taken out from the water." *Exodus 1–2*





# David and Goliath

**W**hile he was king, Saul had a shepherd boy named David comfort him by playing the harp.

When David was still young, the enemies of Israel attacked the land. They had a giant with them, a man named Goliath. He came out of his camp and said that he would fight against anyone in Israel. He made fun of the people of Israel, and even said bad things about the God of Israel.

No one was brave enough to fight against Goliath. Finally, young David went out and killed the giant by hitting him with a rock from his slingshot. Everyone was so surprised that a small boy could do this, but God often uses people who are small and weak to show how powerful He is. *1 Samuel 16–17*







# The Birth of Jesus

**A**round that time, the Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar, wanted to know how many people were in his empire. The emperor ordered that everybody go to the town or city where they came from so they could be counted.



Joseph's and Mary's families were originally from Bethlehem, so they traveled there. This was not easy because Mary was about to have a Baby. When they arrived in Bethlehem, there were so many people that there was no room for them in the inn, so they had to stay outside in a stable where animals were kept.

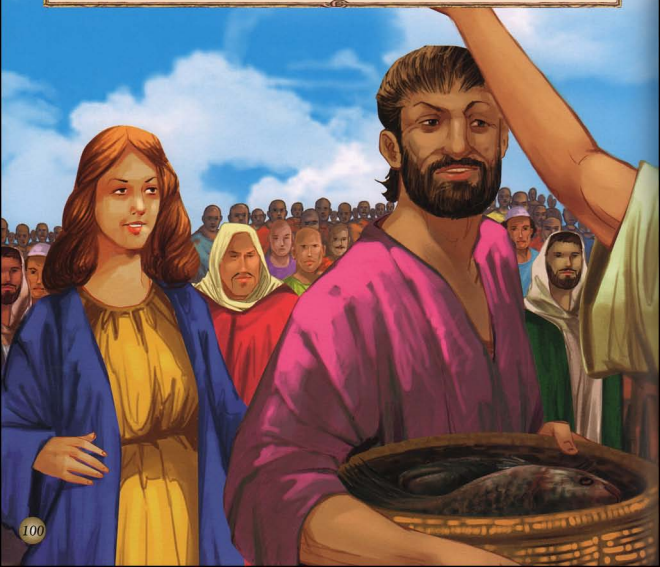
During the night, Mary gave birth to a Baby Boy Whom they named Jesus. He was the Son of God and the Son of Mary. They wrapped Him up and laid Him in a manger while the animals nearby gathered around Him to help keep Him warm. *Luke 2*



# The Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish

**M**ore and more people began to follow Jesus to listen to His teaching and to see His miracles.

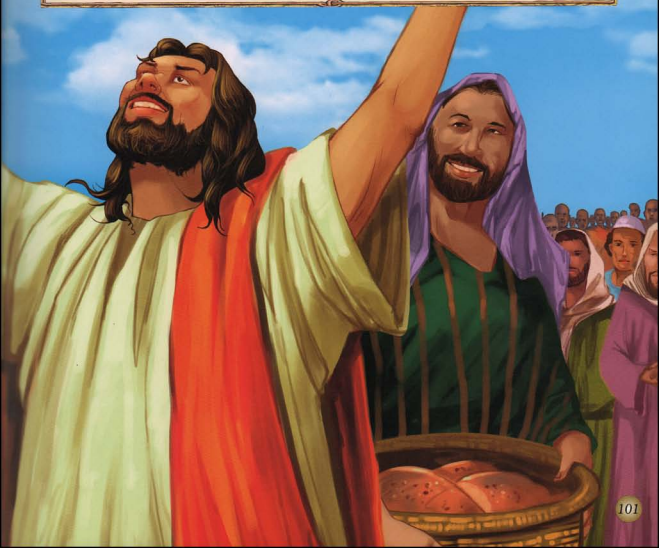
Once, while He was with a crowd in the desert, the Apostles told Him that it was getting late, and He should tell the people that they needed to go into the town to get themselves some food. Jesus told the Apostles that they should feed the people.



The Twelve told Him that all the food they had were five loaves of bread and two fish. They then brought Jesus the loaves and the fish, and He prayed over them. He gave thanks to the Father, and then He broke the bread and fish and had the Apostles give them to the people.

Many people were there that day, over five thousand. Yet, when the Apostles gave some bread and fish to each of them, everybody had enough to eat. In fact, when they were finished eating, they gathered whatever was left over and put it into some baskets. They collected twelve baskets of food.

*Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9; John 6*



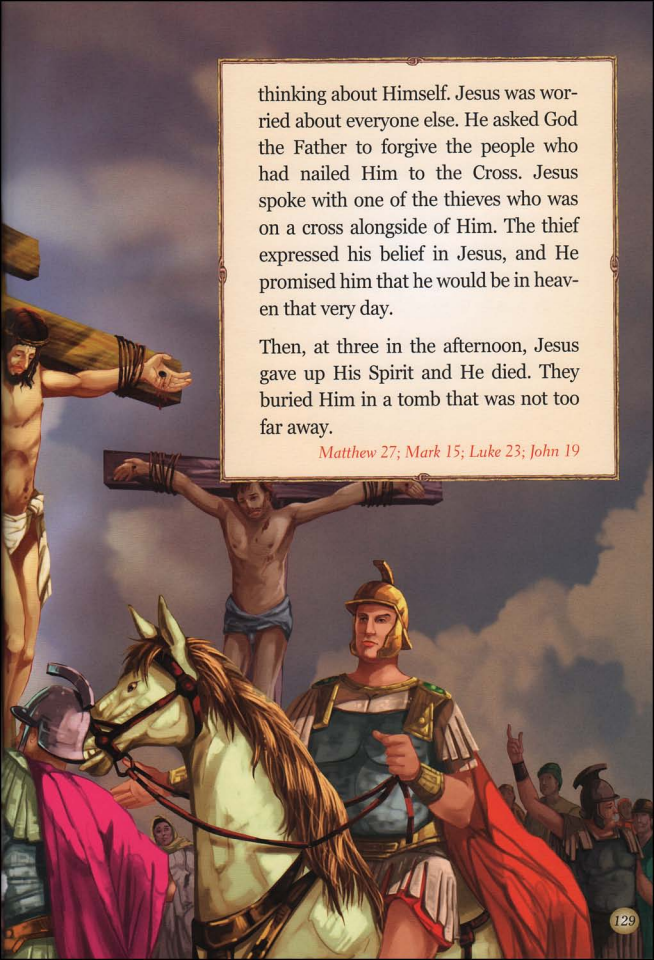
# Jesus Dies on the Cross

**W**hen they reached the place where Jesus was to die, the soldiers nailed Him to the Cross. They then took His clothes and divided them among themselves. This happened around noon on Friday.

For the next three hours, Jesus hung upon the Cross. Even then, though, He was not







thinking about Himself. Jesus was worried about everyone else. He asked God the Father to forgive the people who had nailed Him to the Cross. Jesus spoke with one of the thieves who was on a cross alongside of Him. The thief expressed his belief in Jesus, and He promised him that he would be in heaven that very day.

Then, at three in the afternoon, Jesus gave up His Spirit and He died. They buried Him in a tomb that was not too far away.

*Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19*