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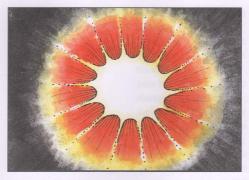
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God Made Everything



In the beginning, there was nothing. So God made the world.

Then God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.

But the earth was empty. So God said, "Let there be sky!" And a blue sky appeared.

And God said, "Let there be land and seas, and plants to live there!" And it was so.

Genesis 1-2



But the night sky was still dark. So God said, "Let the moon and stars appear!" And soon the night sky shone with their light.

But the earth still had no animals of any kind. So God said, "Let there be birds and fish!" And soon birds flew and fish swam.



Baby Moses



Jacob's family lived in Egypt for many years. After 400 years, his family grew to be thousands and thousands of people. They called themselves Hebrews.

The new king of Egypt didn't like this. "These Hebrews will take over Egypt!" he yelled.

Exodus 1-2



So the king made them slaves. He treated them very badly. They had to work for him and not be paid.

The Hebrews kept having babies. The king didn't like that either:

So he told his people to throw the Hebrew baby boys into the river. The Hebrew mothers were very, very sad.





One Hebrew woman hid her baby boy. She kept him a secret for three months.

When she could not hide him any longer, she made a boat out of a basket. She put him in it and placed the little boat on the river:

An Egyptian princess found the little boat. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

David and Goliath



Goliath and David stood across from each other.
Goliath was tall and big and sweaty—bigger and taller and meaner than every Israelite there. He looked fierce and angry. He wore a bronze helmet and heavy armor. He carried a spear, javelin, and sword.

"Am I a dog," Goliath roared, "that you attack me with a stick?"

1 Samuel 17



David looked right at Goliath and said, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin. But I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty. God doesn't need a sword or a spear. This battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into my hands."

As Goliath moved in to attack, David ran straight at him.



Who did David depend on to help him?

Jesus Is Born



One day God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary. Mary was a young woman who loved God very much. Soon she was going to be married to Joseph.

"God is very pleased with you," the angel said.
"You are going to have a son. Name him Jesus. He will be very special. He will be God's Son."

Mary was amazed. But she knew that God's words would come true.

Luke 1-2

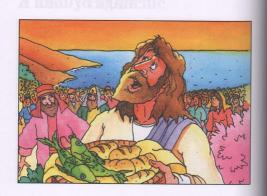


Several months later, Joseph and Mary had to go to a town called Bethlehem. It was almost time for the baby to be born. They needed a place to stay. But they could not find a room anywhere, so they went to a stable.

Mary had her baby. They named him Jesus. And they made a bed for him in a manger, where the animals eat.



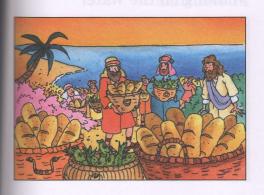
Where did Mary and Joseph go?



Jesus said, "I want YOU to give them something to eat."

The disciples said, "But we have only a boy's lunch. Five loaves of bread and two fish are not enough for all these people!"

"Bring the boy's lunch to me," said Jesus. The disciples did as he asked. He held the bread and fish in his hands and looked up to the sky. "Father," he prayed, "thank you for giving us this food."



Jesus broke the bread and fish into pieces. He handed it to his disciples. "Pass these out," he said.

The disciples did as Jesus said. Person after person took some and ate. Everyone got a big meal.

The disciples picked up the leftovers. They filled 12 baskets. Jesus had fed the entire crowd from a small boy's lunch!



How much food was left over?

Jesus Dies on the Cross



The people watching Jesus die made fun of him. "He said he could save people," they yelled. "Let's see him save himself!"

But Jesus didn't shout back. He just prayed for them. "Father, forgive them," he prayed. "They don't know what they are doing."

Matthew 27; Luke 23



One of the bad men next to Jesus joined in. "If you're the Son of God, save yourself. Save us too!"

But the other man scolded him. "We deserve to die," he said. "But this man has done nothing wrong." He asked Jesus to forgive him. And Jesus did.

