



# *God's Story Book*

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- A revised compilation of Poetic Biblical poems -

This book is dedicated to Dominic and Jaxson

Donna writes from her home in Reno, Nevada dedicating her life to writing, sharing her hope and faith with others. Dedicating this book to her Grandchildren, their children and all God's children, in prayerful hope it will be an instrument of God leading them in all His ways.

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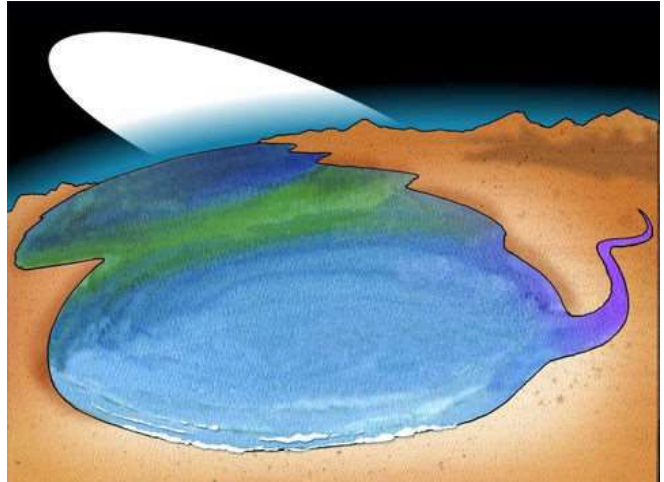
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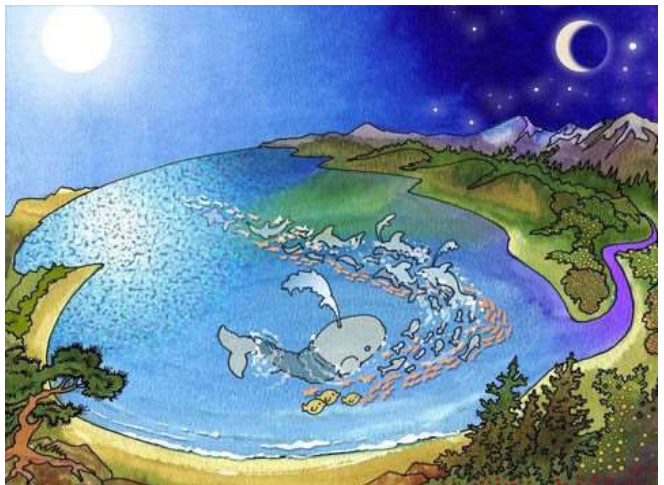
# Creation

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God made heaven and earth  
the moon, stars and sun  
and air to breathe,  
it was very pretty but  
it was empty.



And God said “I will first  
make fish to swim in the waters,  
big fish and little fish.”



The sky was very quiet and still,  
so God made birds to fly and  
sing.



And then he made animals,  
giraffes, elephants, tigers  
and monkeys,  
lambs and sheep and they  
all were friendly.



And then he made Adam  
and Eve and a special garden  
for them to live in.



He was pleased with all these things he had made in just six days, and on the seventh day He rested.



## The Garden

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She sat in the garden in  
quietness and trust,  
a garden full of trees,



but one in the midst  
she must not touch,  
it was forbidden.

The sun reflects apples  
with leaves hanging on a tree,  
a bright light before  
her eyes.



There is a rustling sound  
and to her surprise,  
a serpent is resting  
among the branches.



She could not resist and  
went closer and found  
it pleasing.

He saw her coming and  
slithered to her side,



whispering, "Come touch  
the fruit and eat, you  
will not die, but you  
will be as wise as your  
God and I."

She is startled by its gaze  
as she looks in its eyes  
and hears its deceptive call.



Closer and closer she  
nears the tree,

bending her ear to the  
serpent's call,  
plucking the fruit and  
then she falls.

Running to her helpmate  
she quickly passes the  
fruit, that he may eat,  
and join her fate.



They stood at the gate,  
as God came walking by,  
  
in the coolness of the  
day looking for His  
people who had disobeyed.



Adam and Eve were amongst  
the trees in fear.



They heard Him speak,

“My love and  
forgiveness is with you,  
a way has been provided  
that you will be saved.”



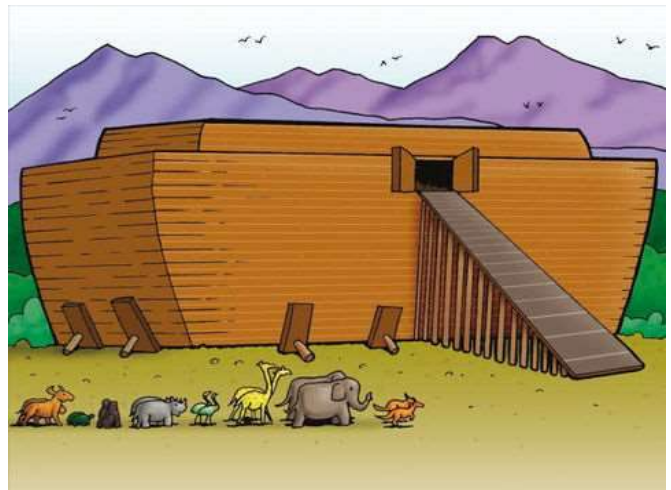
# Noah's Ark

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It was a strange sight,  
animals coming from  
forests and hills.



Noah invited them to come  
into an ark, one God told  
him to build.



In the early morning  
hours, while evil  
people slept,

rivers of waters flowed  
from the sky, waters  
from the deep arose, as  
the boat began to rise.



People wept, as the door  
of the ark was shut.



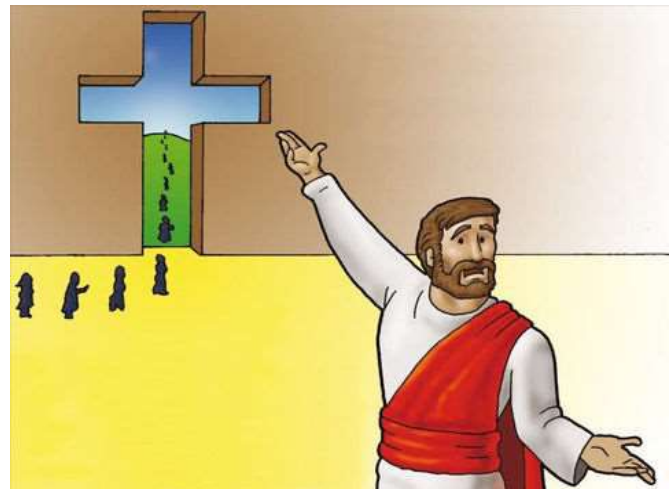
Noah's family was safe,  
animals asleep in their  
stalls, rain poured  
forty days and nights.

As he opened the window,  
the sun was shining, He  
sent a dove out twice

to search for an olive  
branch,  
making sure the earth  
was dry.



As the rains stopped,  
much of the earth was  
broken and God was sad.



He made a rainbow in the  
sky, a promise that  
waters would never cover  
the earth as before.



God saved Noah and his family from the great flood, he was glad and offered a sacrifice.



## Miriam's Song

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A long time ago in  
an ancient world,  
a basket was hidden  
on the banks of the  
River Nile.

It held a baby, hidden  
in grass, reeds and  
lotus leaves.

His sister stood by, pleading  
with God to protect  
this child.

One day a princess was  
bathing and heard the  
baby cry.

She ordered her maidens  
to bring the basket,  
before he died.



Opening the basket,  
there lay a baby,  
none more beautiful  
than she had seen.

This was a secret she  
kept with her maidens  
and took the baby to  
be her child.

Running home to her  
mother, his sister  
shared the news,  
her baby would  
be safe and it made  
her smile.



This baby was special,  
God had a plan when  
he became a man.

The mother nursed him  
and his sister loved  
him, their baby was  
saved.

The prayers they prayed  
had been raised to the  
God above.

Moses was his name,  
meaning, "Drawn from the  
water." Given by the  
Pharaoh's daughter.

He grew to be a boy and  
then a man. He had a  
brother named Aaron and  
they dwelt in a land  
called Egypt, till their  
ruler, Joseph, died.



God's people were treated  
cruelly and He  
heard their cry.

Moses was  
beloved by the king,  
he made him ruler and his  
future was certain.

Then he did something bad,  
he had to leave his  
family and friends,  
fleeing into the desert  
with his staff in hand.



He was very sorry and  
asked for forgiveness,  
but was driven into the  
wilderness.

Dwelling in a desert,  
midst rocks and sand,  
there was no other

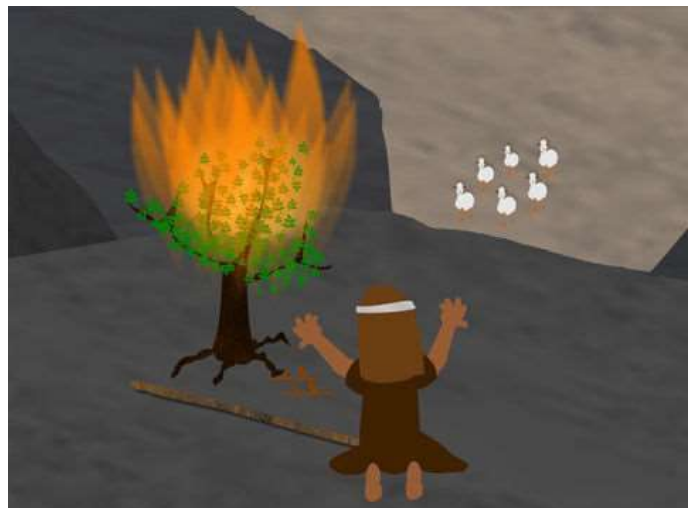
person to speak with, in this  
forsaken land.

His sheep were bleating  
as he kept his flocks,  
amidst dry brush and  
rocks.



A bush was burning and  
kept on burning. He  
crept slowly, to see  
this sight. A voice

spoke loudly, "Moses,  
take off your shoes,  
for this is holy  
ground."



I have seen your  
plight and you will be  
alright.

Moses was tired and laid  
down to sleep, a dream  
appeared and God spoke,

"Go back and free your  
people, leading them  
to the promised land."

Moses was afraid, but  
he went anyway.

The people of Egypt  
wanted His people to  
leave,  
giving them silver,  
gold and jewelry.



There was a great  
noise as these people  
departed,  
loading wagons with  
mothers and children.

Dough and kneading  
bowls were carried,  
to bake their bread.

Miriam and Aaron were  
united with Moses,  
happy to be no longer  
apart.

The night before they  
left, a special feast  
was prepared, bread  
without yeast,  
called "The Passover."

A great Exodus began!  
From the land of  
slavery they were



now on to freedom.

It was a long way for  
these people to go,  
when suddenly they  
came to waters.

Sea sprays of mist,  
a tingling of the sea  
on parched skin, a  
welcome sight from where  
they had been.

Waves so high, they had  
never seen such a sight.  
Children played in the

sand, the rush of the  
tide tickles tiny feet  
and then subsides.

Mothers soon came and  
collected the children



in a hurry, there were  
soldiers behind them.

They had no where to  
go but through the sea.

The enemy drew closer,  
there was a rush of  
wind. Walls of water  
stood between the enemy  
and them.



Moses stood, holding  
his staff, reaching to

the sky, offering  
prayers on their behalf.  
A mass of people showed  
their faith as they  
passed into waters that  
separate.



Gathering goats, chickens,  
donkeys and kittens,

pulling wagons with crying  
children, animals braying,  
a road lay before them.

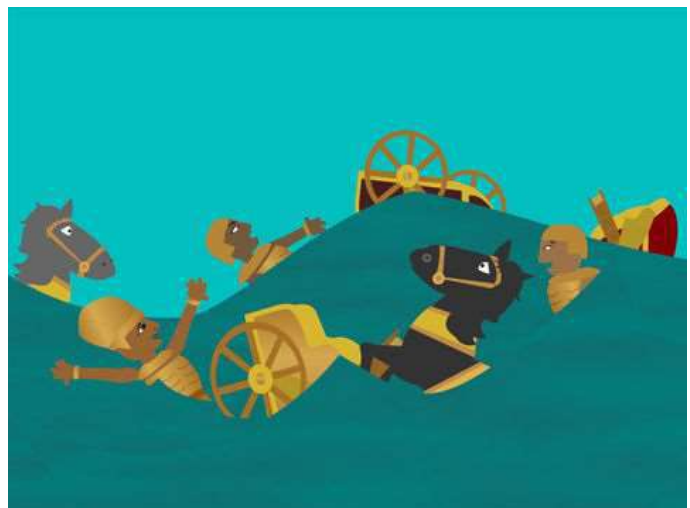
Colorful fish rose with  
the currents, suddenly  
stopping at the walls of  
water.

Pharaoh and his servants  
were thrown into the sea.

Reaching the other side,  
there was merriment and

joy as their enemies  
died.

The song of the  
crossing swelled with  
the tide, a chorus of  
voices heard on high.



Following Miriam,  
women took up their  
timbrels and danced.

Twirling and swirling  
with their sandaled  
feet, singing to the  
beat of music.

With prayers of gladness  
they sung this song -



"The horse and it's rider  
He has thrown into  
the sea"

but they passed through  
the sea on dry ground.

None of His people  
drowned, He saved them all.

This sacred Exodus of  
people who were freed,  
is recorded down through

history.

When faced with  
waters of troubles and  
fears of the enemy,

let us remember  
this story,  
and sing to Him,

"Our cares will be  
lifted, our  
prayers will be  
answered and we  
will be saved."



# Daniel

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King Nebuchadnezzar,  
mean and selfish,  
took Daniel and

his people to a foreign land.  
All God's people forgot  
to serve Him, but  
Daniel and his three  
friends.

Remembering the things  
their parents taught,  
they refused to bend  
their knees to a foreign  
god.

He was thrown in the  
lions den, and God sent  
his angels to shut  
the lion's mouths.



Daniel and his friends made the king mad. He had them thrown in a fiery furnace to die.



A Man appeared in the fire with them and they were saved.



Now the king ordered his people to worship Daniel's God.

# David and Goliath

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There was a shepherd  
boy named David.  
He had eight brothers,  
and he was the youngest.

He cared for his father's  
sheep, playing his harp.

At night he protected his  
flocks from hungry lions.

David grew to be big and  
one day King Saul called  
him to fight a giant

called Goliath.

Goliath was very strong and  
the people were scared,  
but David trusted God  
and with his sling and  
a rock he killed him.



He delivered God's people  
from their enemies.

David's family was big  
and years later Jesus was  
born into his family.

David made some bad mistakes  
in his life, but he always  
said he was sorry,  
and he became a famous King.



## Elijah's Journey

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Elijah went eastward, to hide  
from the wicked King Ahab.

A creek was provided for  
water to drink, God sent  
ravens to feed him with  
bread and meat.



He fled from evil Queen

Jezebel, his faith was gone and  
he was scared.

A storm arose, rain  
and lightning fell, the  
wind blew with fury,  
as he ran over ridges  
and hills.



Becoming very tired,  
he lay down in a cave

and had a dream,  
pleading with God that  
he could see Him.

On a mountain God invited  
him to stand, a great and  
powerful wind tears the  
mountain apart,  
shattering rocks.

Is this where God dwells?



But the Lord is not in the  
wind!

Then there was an earthquake  
but God was not in the  
earthquake.

And after this came a fire  
but the Lord was not in  
the fire.

And after the fire there  
was silence, as God spoke  
to Elijah in a still small  
voice.

## Elijah and the Widow Woman

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And God had a message  
for Elijah, sending him  
on a journey far away.

Walking through the  
gates of a village, a  
strange stillness of  
sadness is felt, a  
famine had struck.

Faint from hunger and  
ravished with thirst, a  
widow woman is gathering  
sticks.

Reaching down, knowing  
this will be the last  
kindle to light, to  
bake a cake of bread,



that she may go home and  
prepare a meal for  
she and her son before  
they die.

Looking upon her son the  
night before, she cried, "What  
would happen to him?"  
He was all she had!

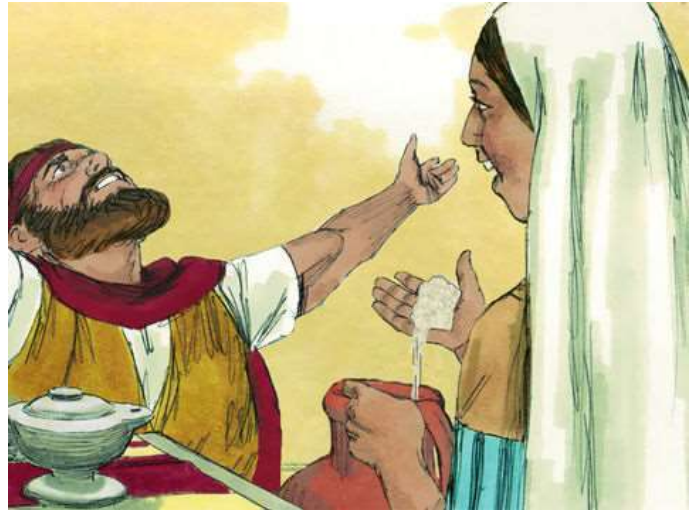
In the early morning hour,  
lighting a flame, she went  
into her house to gather  
the last of the oil and the  
grain of flour.

A voice is calling to the  
woman to bring him water  
and a loaf of bread and she  
replies, "I have but a few



sticks and enough flour  
for a meal and nothing left."

Elijah replies, "Bring it to me  
and there will be enough  
to provide for you and your  
son for many days, for your  
jar of flour and your  
cruse of oil will not fail."



And she wondered at his words,  
but if she followed his order  
her son may not see the  
setting of the sun.

And then through faith she  
did as Elijah said and she  
was blessed, for she and  
her household ate for many  
days.



Elijah was faithful to God  
and he did many miracles.  
God sent a fiery chariot  
to take him to heaven.

## Five Loves and Three Fish

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In his little village of  
boyhood and care free days,  
with dreams of lizards and  
snakes, tadpoles and frogs  
and pranks upon others,  
he excitedly lay down to  
sleep.



For in the morning he would  
go on a journey to hear a  
Prophet speak.

In the early dawn of the  
waking hours, quietly  
running to the river's edge,



three fish are caught and  
placed in a basket with  
five barley loaves for his  
long trip ahead.

In sleepy villages along the  
way, mothers holding babies,  
children clinging to their  
skirts eagerly follow Jesus  
to hear the stories he  
told.

Warm spring winds bring  
flowers to this holy land,  
lavender, lupine and poppies  
grow on hills.

Sitting high above the road,  
among ridges and rocks  
and boulders, lions and  
bobcats creep from their  
dens.

Hyenas cry their shrieking  
sounds, but he does not fear  
all this,  
and with eagerness walks on.

On slopes covered with grass  
are thousands of people  
sitting in quietness,  
listening to words they have  
not heard.



Nearing a sea called Galilee,  
are fishing boats and nets,  
floating on water, a Man  
stands to speak.

After a long day of teaching,  
and the setting of sun, there  
are many hungry people with no

where to go.

This Man ever mindful, calls  
upon his followers to feed  
these people.



But their reply is heard,  
"Master, there are many, with  
what shall we feed them?"

And near them the boy stood holding his basket with three fish and five loaves of bread, gladly giving it to be blessed.



And then lifting this meager supply with His hands to the heavens,

the food is multiplied, and all people were filled,

with twelve baskets of remains, and all because of one boy's gift of a lunch he shared.



## Twin Boys

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After Issac and Rebekah were married, Rebekah was sad, for she had no children.

For a long time she prayed but God didn't answer her prayer.



How empty were her arms as she watched mother's with their babies, singing sweet songs.

With longing in her heart she asked Isaac to pray, and God heard his prayer and Rebekah was happy.

She thought she would have just one baby but she

had twin boys, named Jacob and Esau.

And Rebekah loved Jacob,  
and Issac loved Esau.



## Issac

---

Issac, the father of Jacob and Esau was close to death, he wanted to give Esau all of his lambs and sheep.

With dimming eyes he reached for Esau's furry skin, but Rebekah sent Jacob into his tent, tricking

Isaac, and he gave Jacob the blessing instead.

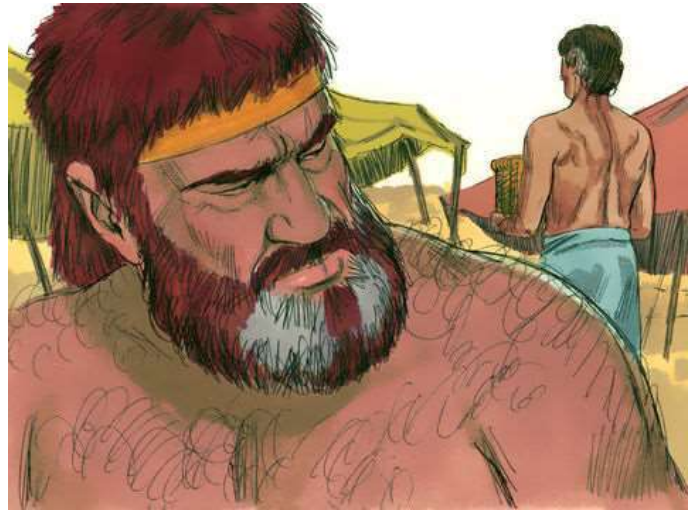
Esau lifted his voice and wept. Over a pot of stew

he gave his birthright to Jacob, pleading with him to give it back.



Jacob was deceitful and fled  
for his life,  
frightened by his brother's  
anger,

crawling through dust storms,  
his body bent, eyes blinded  
looking for water.



It seemed so long, since he had  
tasted of his mother's bread.

He had no clothes to wear but  
of animal skins,  
wrapping them tighter  
against peril and danger.



His first night alone he  
is sorry for the bad things  
he had done asking God to  
forgive him.

But he does not know God is  
with him,  
One that would make a way  
in the wilderness.

When he walks through the  
fire he would not be burned,  
for a Greater Light will  
guide him.

## Hannah

---

Hannah, a prophetess of God, stood crying at the gates for she had no child.

Pouring out her heart,  
too sorrowful to speak,

God heard her plea and gave  
her a son, Samuel was

his name, meaning "Asked  
of God."

Hannah had promised if God  
gave her a son, she would  
lend him back again.

Taking him to God's temple,  
leaving with tears,



she returned to a home no  
longer filled with his laughter.

That first night without  
his mother, he lay down  
to sleep, with the soft  
glow of candlesticks,  
their light never ceasing,

the sweet scent of  
incense in the temple  
comforting him.

And the child Samuel  
took care of God's sanctuary  
obeying the priest.

Each year his mother brought  
him a robe, sewn with love  
and prayers.

And God gave Hannah three  
more sons and two daughters,

And she sang a song of  
praise called "Hannah's Song".

## Joseph

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And to Rachel, Joseph was  
born, sleeping in tents  
of skins on woven mats,  
a coat for a covering.

Jacob had many sheep and  
lambs and servants to help  
him.



Donkeys carried tents,  
carpets and food,  
  
as they slowly crossed  
the dusty deserts and sands  
to the Land of Canaan.



At night they sat around the  
fire sharing stories of God's  
protection in their lives.

## Jacob

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Jacob loved Joseph more than all of his sons, sewing him a coat of many colors.

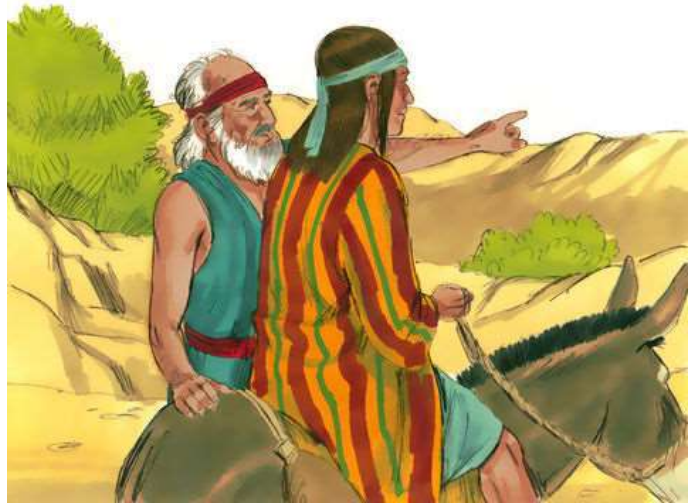
His brothers were jealous, making fun and teasing.

He often laid down looking at the stars,

and he was given a dream, the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to him.

Joseph, sharing his dream, angered his brothers.

This dream would one day become true, his brothers would bow before him.



Jacob sent his sons away  
to feed his sheep and  
Joseph went to find them.

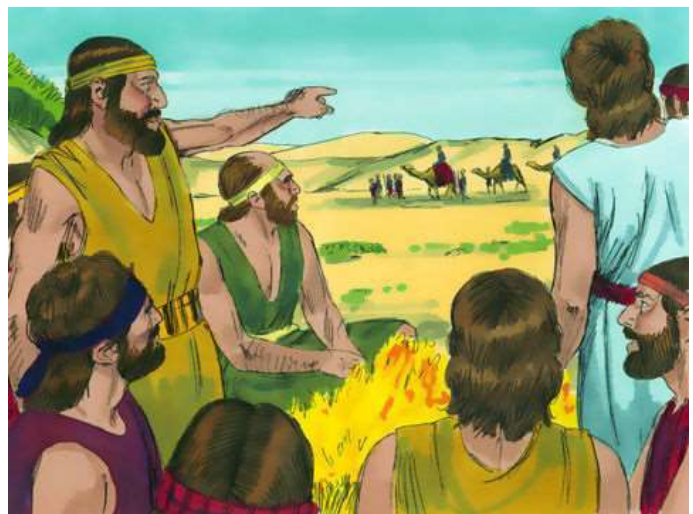
They called him "The  
Dreamer" and threw him in a  
deep pit.

A caravan of camels on their  
way to Egypt came by, and  
his brothers sold him for  
ten pieces of silver.



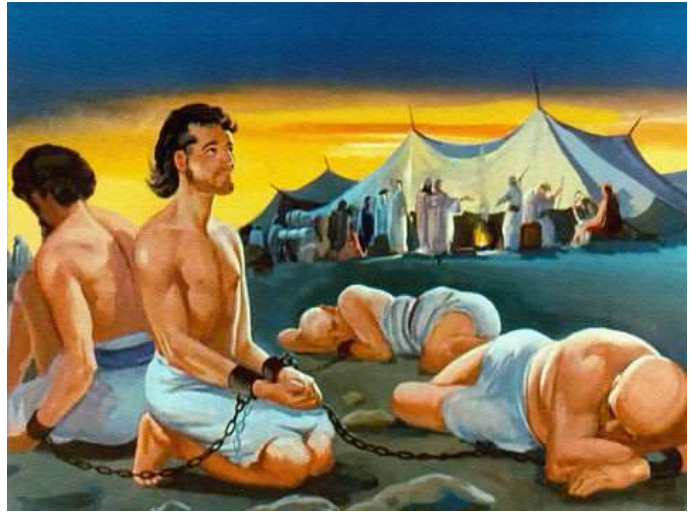
As the caravan moved on, his  
father's land passing,  
his hopes of being delivered  
forever were gone.

Riding high upon the camel's  
back, just seventeen and  
scared, he cried.



Joseph was taken to Egypt  
to become a servant of the  
Pharaoh.

But remembering the lessons  
of faith his father taught  
him, he trusted in God.



And finally arriving,  
appearing high in the sky, were  
great pyramids and temples

glowing in a fiery light.

The Nile River flows through  
this land, with crocodiles  
swimming along the river's  
edge.



Though he would be placed  
in dungeons and prisons,

though his life would be  
threatened,  
of all of these things he  
would be faithful,

not knowing he would one  
day be ruler over all of  
this land and country.



## Jacob's Ladder

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It is a long way between  
earth and heaven, a great  
space lay between them.

A bridge must exist to  
bring them together.

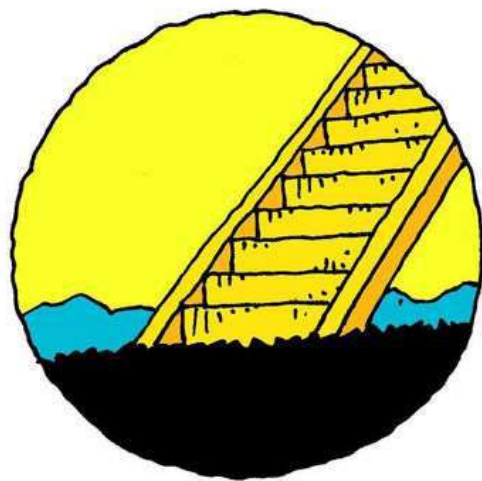
Coming to a place of rest,  
Jacob takes a rock for a  
pillow.



He is given a dream, a  
ladder sitting on earth,  
the top reaching to heaven.

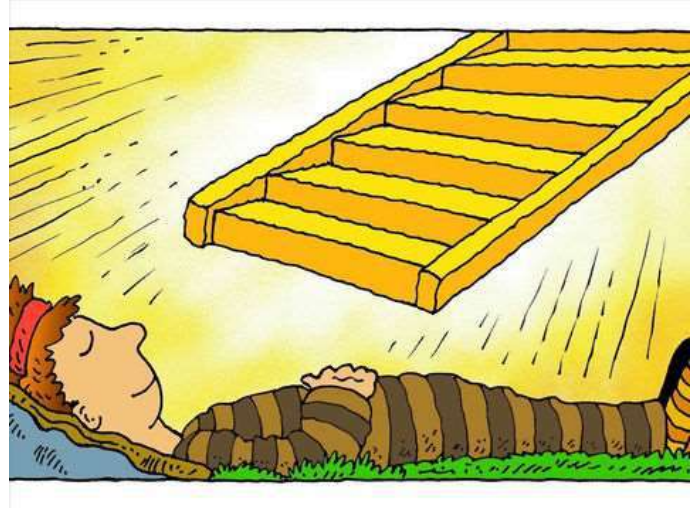
Angels walking up and down  
on rungs of glistening white.

Jacob awakes, covering his eyes,  
as harps sweep through the



skies. The Lord stands above  
opening the gates of gold.

When awakened from sleep, the  
dream had left, but he no  
longer felt the distance  
between heaven and earth.



Declaring, "Surely this is  
the house of God, and the  
bridge to heaven."

# Jonah

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God told Jonah to go  
to a city called Nineveh,

but he disobeyed, fleeing  
to the sea, riding on  
a ship to a faraway city.

A mighty tempest arose  
and the men were afraid,  
Jonah went down to the  
bottom of the ship and

fell fast asleep. The men  
thought Jonah was the

cause of this and threw  
him into the deepest part  
of the waters,  
he was scared and cried,  
"the billows surround me"  
and pled with God.



But God knew where Jonah was and sent a large fish to swallow him.



He was in the belly of the fish three days and nights, he was delivered and went to give the city God's message of light.



## Mary and Martha

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A long time ago, the story is told of two sisters a brother and their Friend.

Mary and Martha loved their brother, and their Friend loved all three of them.



When he came to their home they cooked a special dinner.

The night before he arrived,  
Martha stayed awake all night, thinking what she would cook for dinner.



How she would clean the house, everything had to be just right.

Laying her nicest dress upon the bed, combing her hair, she must look her very best.



Morning came and she was busy getting things ready.

Mary was different, she was thinking about the stories their Friend would share,

preparing her heart for the special words He would say.

Martha rose early in

the morning, kneading  
dough for bread, setting  
the table.

Martha was upset with  
her sister and felt  
neglected, doing all the  
work while Mary was  
reflecting, surely she  
was able to help her  
sister.



There was excitement  
as their friend came  
to the door. Martha  
quickly answered and

they all sat together  
eating and talking way  
into the night.

It was time to wash  
the dishes and Martha  
was tired, looking

for Mary, she was not there,  
but sitting  
at the feet of her Lord.

Quickly Martha spoke  
to their friend,  
"Please tell my sister  
to help me."

He replied, "Martha,  
Martha, you are worried  
about many things,

but few things are needed,  
Mary has chosen what  
is better."



# Nehemiah

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A city on a hill shining  
in the sun, rests  
the city of Jerusalem.



The walls and gates once  
stood tall, now have fallen.

God is sad, his beautiful  
city is destroyed.

The gates are burning  
and broken.

God's people are taken

captive to a land faraway.  
A king lives there and  
is very mean, his people  
don't like him and he  
does bad things.



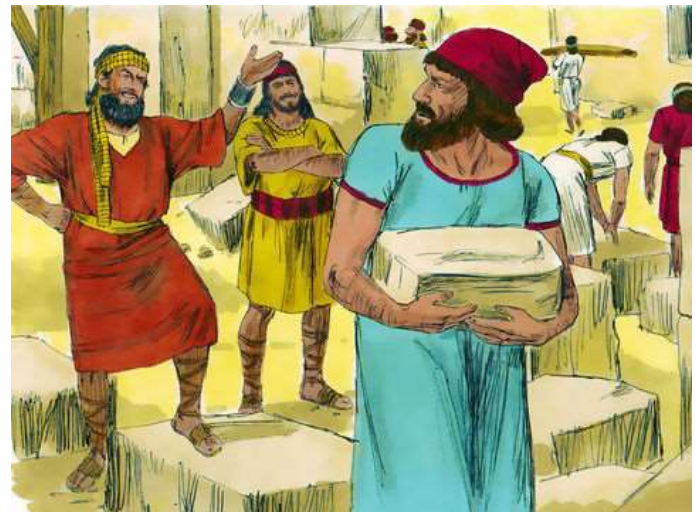
They would like to  
poison him and he is  
afraid, so he summons  
a cup bearer to taste  
his wine.



Nehemiah is his name,  
he had been sent to live  
in this land ruled by  
the king.

Nehemiah was sad that  
God's temple was

destroyed and he was called to  
go back to rebuild  
the walls.



When he returned he knelt  
with cries and tears, to see  
the city of God destroyed.

Nehemiah and his helpers  
repaired the walls kneeling  
in praise for the walls restored.



## Nighttime Visions

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To King Belshazzar,  
dreams were given.

Tossing and  
turning, waking

disturbed,  
hoping these dreams,  
will be removed and  
taken away.



God is angry with the  
  
King, for he has done bad  
things.

Every night God pleads  
with more dreams, hoping  
the King will obey.



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He is merry and gay, sitting  
upon his throne,  
laughing and eating,  
he is sure  
this fun will deliver  
him.



In that very hour the  
fingers of a man's hand  
appeared on the wall,  
filling him with fear.

With troubled thoughts,

his knees knocking,  
he reads the words,

"Oh king, you have done  
bad things, you are  
weighed in the balance  
and found wanting."



In that very night, his  
kingdom was destroyed,  
and his glory gone  
forever.

## Queen Esther

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Queen Esther was fourteen  
when she went to live in  
the palace of the king.

She was very beautiful,  
when the king saw her  
he took her to be his  
queen.

Her servants dressed her  
in jewels and a gown,  
and placed a crown upon  
her head.



She was brave and strong  
when she went before his  
throne alone,



pleading life for her  
people, that they would  
be spared from the evil one.

# Samson

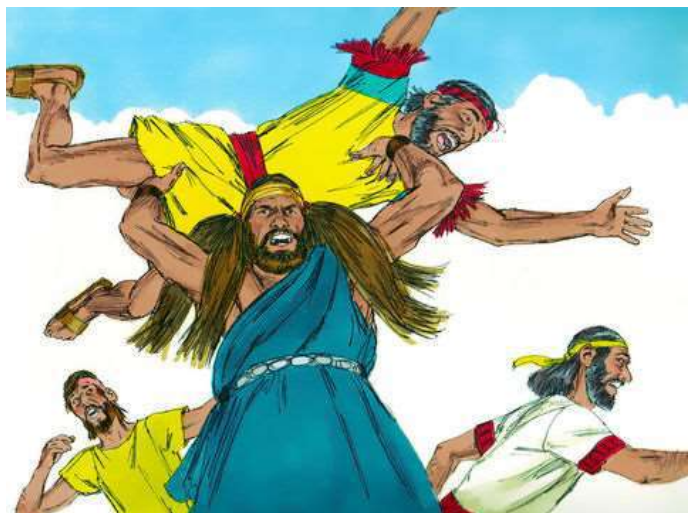
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The story of Samson begins with God's people once again getting into trouble.

They disobeyed even though God delivered them from the Egyptians and led them through the Red Sea and sent manna to feed them.



So when they started misbehaving again God sent Samson to help free them from their enemies.



Samson's mother was  
unable to have children  
but God told her he  
would give her a son.

Samson was big and strong  
and he delivered God's  
people. He went into a room  
and the pillars crumbled.

And then Samson met a girl  
who did not love God,  
Delilah was troubled to find out  
what made Samson strong.

Delilah deceived Samson  
and he married her but  
she led him away from God.



## The Dreamer

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It all began with Father  
Abraham,  
a man who answered  
the call,

not knowing he  
would be the  
Father of all.



He lived in the  
Babylonian city of  
Ur, surrounded by  
stone walls.

And amidst all this wealth  
and luxury,  
Abraham was one of  
the richest of all.



Surrounded by those  
who did not love God  
he kept his faith,  
not forsaking God's  
way.

He was known for his  
kindness to the widows  
and the poor.

On a night of brilliant  
skies, the heat of the  
night brought Abraham

to rest on the roof seeking  
coolness from  
the heat.

Looking at the stars, falling  
asleep he had  
a dream, he saw not a  
thousand stars but  
millions.



Wondering what this  
dream meant, a voice  
spoke,

"As the stars of the  
sky appear and the sands  
of the seas, he would  
become the Father of many."

Pondering these things,  
returning to his home,  
he told Sarah his wife,  
that she would bear  
a son and she laughed.



Abraham wondered at this  
promise, for he was one  
hundred and Sarah was  
ninety. How could these  
things come to be?

Another night Abraham fell  
asleep and had another dream,

one commanding him to  
leave his home and  
go to a foreign  
land, but he did not  
understand,

for he was very wealthy,  
how could he leave all  
his fortunes and friends?



But he was given a sign that  
God would be  
with him and he believed.

And it came to be that  
Sarah had a son,  
and she cried with tears  
for she was old in age and  
God remembered the promise  
He gave.



## Rebekah

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In the Bible,  
there are many stories  
of mothers and fathers  
who prayed for a baby.

When Abraham and Sarah  
were given a baby,  
they were excited with  
the birth of their son,  
and they named him Isaac.



The night he was born  
they had a big party  
and many were happy and  
rejoicing.

Just like his father,  
Issac was obedient and  
kind.

He grew up to be a man  
and Abraham wanted him  
to marry someone that  
loved God.

So his father sent his  
servants to find a  
wife in a faraway land.  
Guided by angels,  
a caravan of camels plod  
over hot desert sands.

One day they came to  
a well where Rebekah  
was carrying water for

their camels.

She was very kind and the  
servant asked her  
to come back with them to  
their land.



Rebekah was happy and with her maids and a pretty gown for a wedding dress she left her family.



The travel was long but they finally arrived, Issac was happy to have Rebekah for a wife.



## The Lost Coin

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Within the cluttered  
kitchen floor,

she sweeps the dust  
and rubble,

she had ten silver  
coins, but one was  
lost neath yellow straw  
and stubble.



One dark room is all  
she has, made of brick  
and mud, a door for

light, but no window  
sill, for their is no  
window.

A fork, knife and plate  
with a few crumbs of bread

sits upon the table.

Its musty smell, its  
feather bed, with a room  
full of flax and hay  
for her animals.

Dismayed, her silver coins  
were all she had  
to bequeath to her  
daughter, and now one is  
missing.



A candle sheds  
its light as she sifts  
through silt and clay.

Running quickly to her  
neighbors, pleading,  
"Help me find my lost coin

for I had ten, but one is  
lost, and now only nine remain..

With their candles lit and a

broom for each,

a chorus of prayer is  
heard. As the women  
search, some stand by,

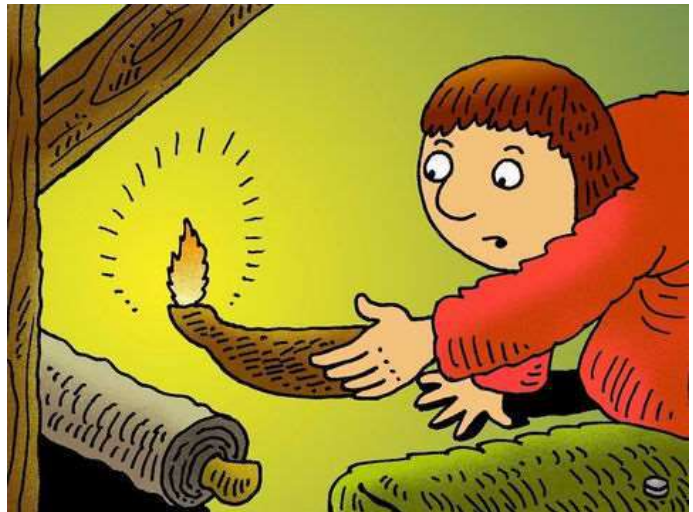
their aprons filled  
with bread, for when it  
is found, there will be  
a celebration.

With tears they sort  
through husks of grain,

and as day turns to  
night, still the coin  
was missing.

Not one would rest  
until they saw a glimmer  
of silver rescued from  
the floor.

Brooms cast their dusty



brush, its bristles  
scouring every surface.

And then a cry was heard  
as they rushed to the door.  
"I have found the coin"

and all rejoiced, her purse  
is no longer holding just  
nine.



Running to the common  
well, drink and bread and  
clusters of grapes are  
eaten with rejoicing.

And as the mother laid  
down to sleep,  
she rested in the thought,

the coin was found and her  
daughter's dowry was now complete.

## The Lost Sheep

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Wide spreading tablelands  
on the east of Jordan,  
lays abundant pasturage  
for flocks of sheep and  
lambs.

Midst green grass and pools  
of water, the shepherd  
leads them.

He knows his lambs  
and strengthens the weak,  
healing the sick, binding  
the broken.

A fold is built to protect  
from wolves and robbers.

Often a lamb had wandered  
from the fold, and it suddenly  
turned to danger.



Grazing sheep and lambs  
are unaware, their lives  
peaceful and still,

they follow their  
leader wherever he goes.

A tender glow, the dusk  
of twilight, slowly the  
flames fade into embers.

Sitting by the cool waters,  
he plays his harp with  
soothing sounds then falling  
asleep.

Waking in the morning  
counting his sheep,  
though ninety and nine  
did not leave their fold,  
one had strayed and wandered  
away.



The shepherd taking his  
staff, with a flask of oil and  
water,

leaves his flock, risking  
his life,

through rain and sleet,  
over rocky hillsides and  
deep ravines he climbs,

above gusts and gales he  
hears his lamb, caught in  
a thicket. Reaching with

his arms through thorns  
and thistles, he lifts its  
bruised body,

pouring oil on its wounds,  
carrying him back  
rejoicing, for the lamb  
once lost is now found!



## Jesus Calms the Storm

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It was dark that night  
as Jesus and his friends  
walked along the sea.

They were hungry and were  
going to go fishing.

The waters were calm and  
the moon shone, the stars  
were bright as they got  
into the boat.

Jesus was tired and fell asleep.  
Then the waters became rough  
and waves appeared.

Lightening and thunder  
rolled and the men were  
afraid and spoke to Jesus  
who they called to awake.



Jesus stood up in the boat  
and commanded the  
waters to be still, and  
everything became calm  
again.



## The Story of Job

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Job lived in the Land of Uz,  
as far as you can see all  
this land belonged to him.

He was very rich and had  
lots of sheep and lambs.

He loved God and worshiped  
Him, and always prayed for  
his children.

One day some bad things  
happened to Job and all  
his family and animals  
were taken away. He was  
very sad.

One day his friends came to  
visit him and told him the  
reason these things happened  
was because he had been bad.



But he prayed for his friends and he did not get mad at God.

Sometimes when bad things happen to us we wonder if it is our fault and are scared.

But no matter what, we must remember He loves us even though we don't understand.

He is always with us and helps us to know good and bad!



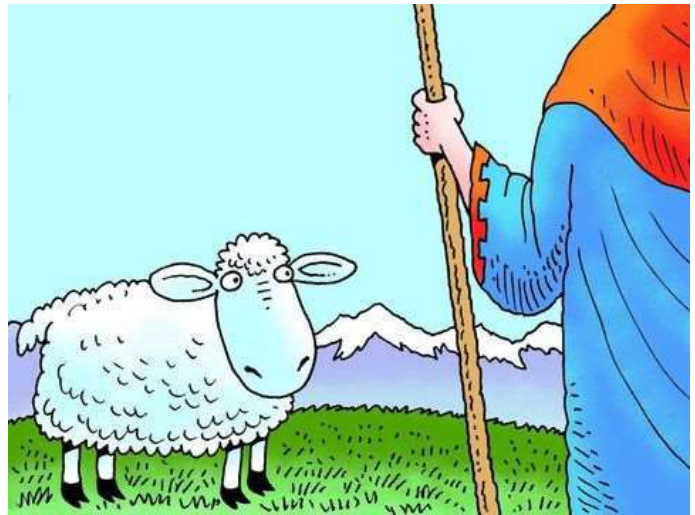
## Childhood Psalms

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There is a story told,  
of songs written in  
a book called 'Psalms'

In these books were wise  
words written by a  
shepherd boy.

He was a poet and while  
he took care of his  
sheep, he played his  
harp and flute.



This book is very old  
and has given comfort  
and hope for all God's  
children.

It has been written to  
help us to know what is  
right and what is wrong.



And so this special book  
tells us,

when we get thirsty, God  
leads us in still places.

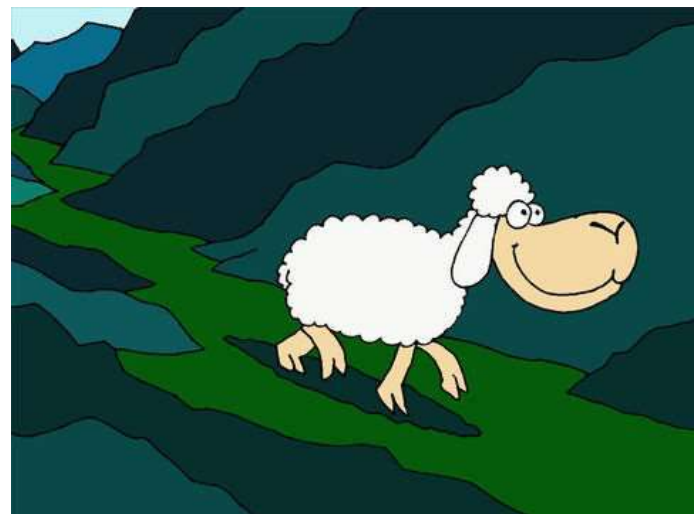
He makes rivers and  
streams so we can have  
water to drink.



When the sun is hot He  
plants trees for shade  
and cool grass for our  
feet.

When darkness surrounds  
us and we lie down to sleep  
He is always by our side.

When we wake up He is still  
there to guide us in the  
way we should go.



When we get hungry He gives  
us bread. And when we are

scared he makes a tower  
of safety where we can  
run and hide.

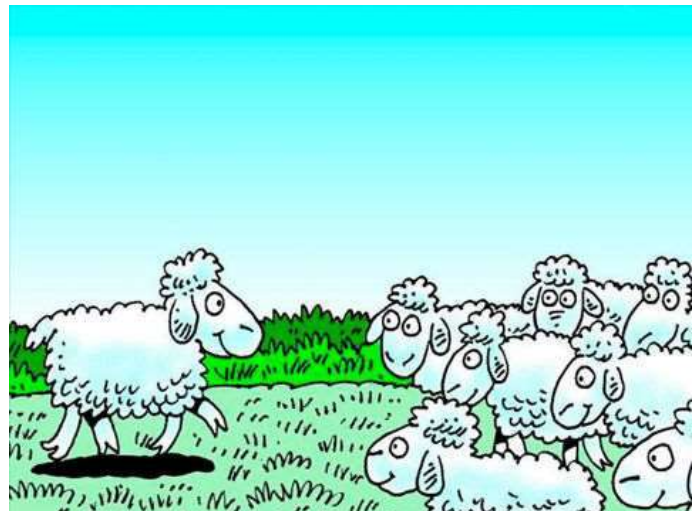
He made the birds to sing  
and the flowers to grow.



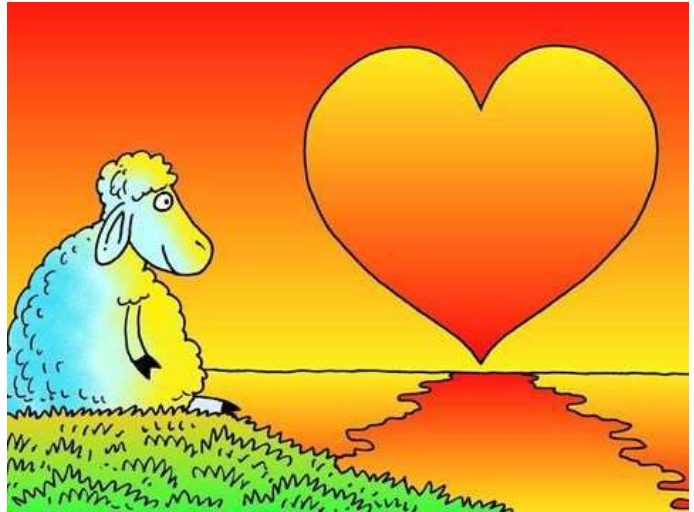
He makes the clouds to give  
us rain and snow, and puppies  
to make us laugh.

He made all the animals  
and even us.

He gives us friends when we  
are lonely and sad and He  
always loves us even when  
we are bad.



And in all of these things  
we are happy and glad, for  
this special book in God's  
Word.

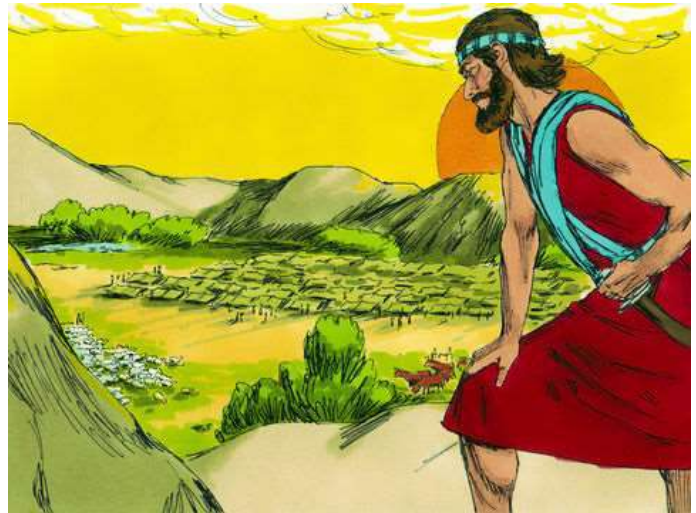


## Scarlet Cord

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Her house is small sitting  
on the side of the city wall.  
Rahab lives here!

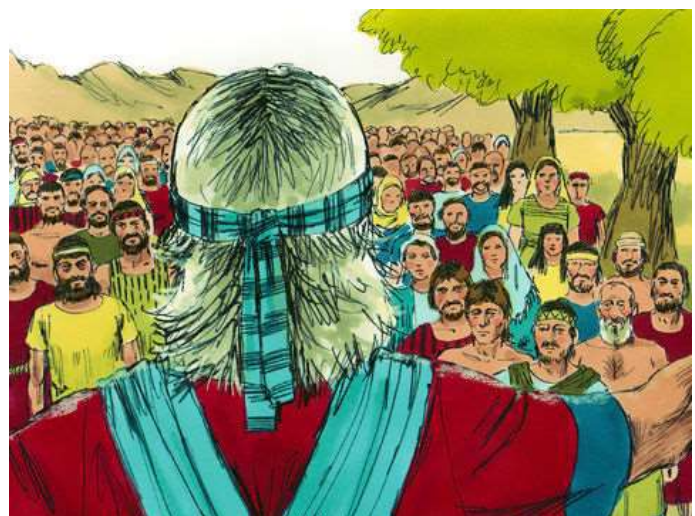
There had been men in her  
city of Jericho just the  
night before,  
they came from another land,  
a large nation who had been  
led by God's hand.



Many miracles had been done

among His people that had  
filled this city with  
fright,

of seas and rivers standing  
on end, people walking on  
dry land, of those eating



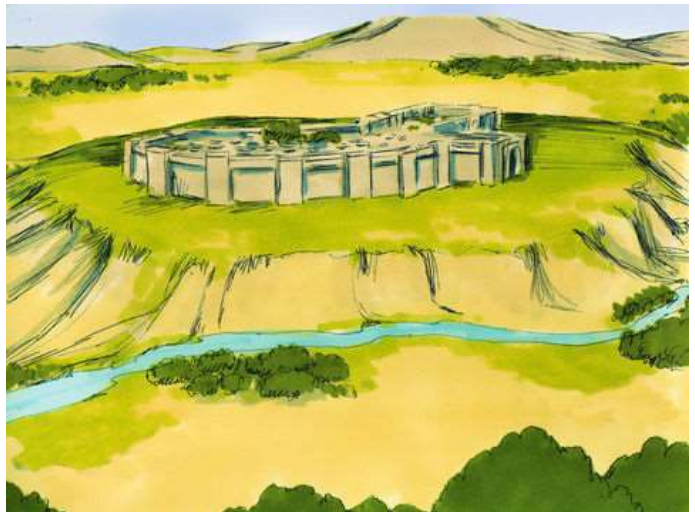
manna and drinking from a rock, of snakes and serpents and healings from stings.

Rahab believed these stories!

The spies told her to go to town to buy a scarlet ribbon to put in her window that she and her family would be spared and would not die.

The next morning she ran to the market to purchase the cord, hanging it in her window.

And then God's soldiers circled the city, blowing their trumpets,



and on the seventh day  
their trumpets blew and the  
walls fell down, and all the  
people died, except for  
Rahab and her family who  
trusted God!

## Ruth

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In an ancient village in  
a faraway land, there is

a river called the Jordan  
River flowing into the  
Dead sea.

Now the reason it is called  
dead is because water flows  
in but does not flow out  
and it is full of salt.

The children have fun,  
even though they cannot  
swim, but float in the water.

Small sun baked homes in  
this town are made of stucco  
and yellow straw and have  
flat roofs.



There is about  
to take place a special  
child to be born.

Her name is Ruth!

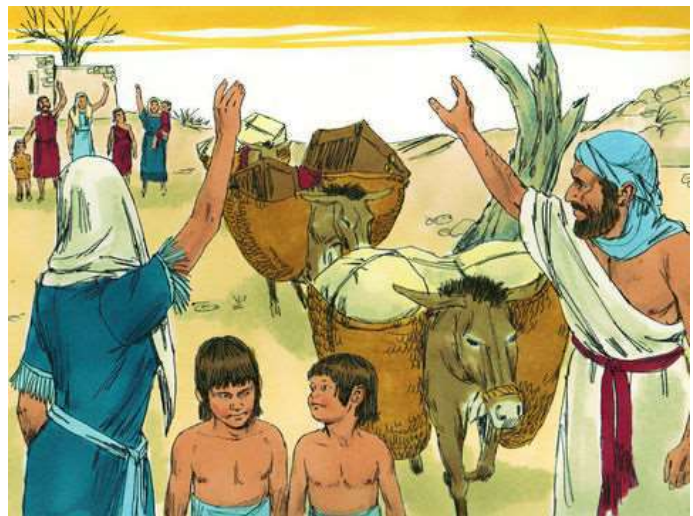
She will be the mother of a

Son of great Kings.

One day Ruth went to a far  
away land traveling with  
Naomi.

The journey was long and  
Ruth was scared but she  
trusted God to keep her  
safe.

Finally coming to a town  
called Bethlehem the people  
were friendly and made  
a special dinner for Ruth  
and Naomi.



As dinner is served the food  
is strange, bread without  
leaven and roasted lamb,  
pomegranates and figs, with  
the largest grapes she has  
ever seen.

Ruth was happy and one day a  
Baby Boy would be born  
in her little town of Bethlehem.



## Baby Jesus

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A long time ago there  
was a baby born,  
he was born in a stable  
with sheep and lambs.

A star shined big and  
bright that night,  
leading wise men to bring  
gifts and worship him.



Angels sang in the sky  
while the baby cried.  
Mary and Jesus loved  
their child.

His mother and father  
took him on a donkey  
to a faraway land to  
keep Him safe from a  
very bad king.



Jesus was obedient and  
always kind.

He grew up to be a man  
and died on a cross so  
we could be saved and  
none of us lost.



## The Sower of Seeds

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“Father, tell me a story,  
a simple story that I  
can understand”, and He  
spoke in a parable -

"It was early that morning,  
as the sun began its circle  
in the eastern sky,

a land of plenty had  
yielded a good crop  
with seed gleaned for the  
coming

year to sow in the fields.  
Carefully sorting his  
seed the night before,  
the sower went forth to  
sow, and as he sowed some



seed fell by the wayside, and  
the birds came and  
devoured them, some fell  
upon stony places, where



they had not much earth,  
and when they sprang up  
because the soil was less,

the sun scorched them  
and they withered away,  
and some fell among thorns,  
and they choked them, but



others fell upon good ground  
and brought much fruit,

some a hundred fold, some  
sixty fold and many more.  
“But father they all look the  
same.”



And God says “leave them alone.”

The harvest is great the reapers are few,

His angels go about, what we fail to do.

## Ten Young Ladies

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In a little village in  
a far off land,  
Jesus told a story of  
ten young ladies that  
were going to a wedding.

One evening after the  
sun was setting, it became  
dark.

There was a home in the  
village where a special  
bride was living.

Light was streaming from  
windows and laughter  
and music could be heard.

The bride was waiting for  
her groom to come and  
take her for his wife.



The ten young ladies fell  
asleep, and at midnight  
they heard a cry,

"Wake up, light your  
lanterns and follow the  
groom and bride!"



## Blind Man

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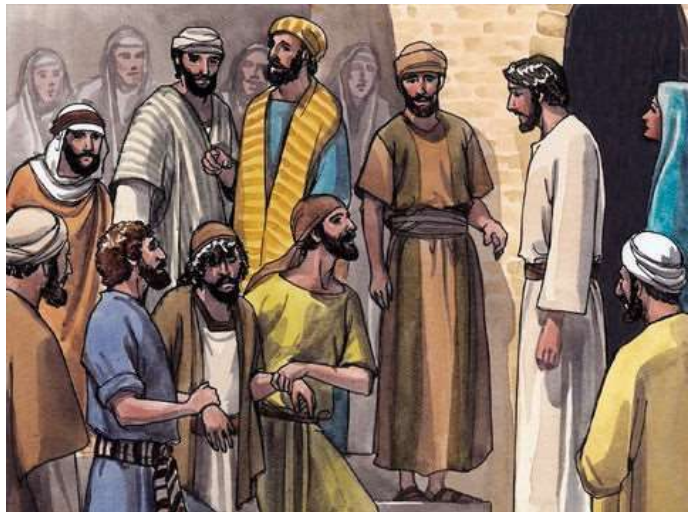
A blind man cannot  
see the light of day or  
the moon at night,  
all is black and grey.

Children make fun and  
tease him saying, "He  
cannot see because he  
is bad."



Waking to aroma of  
bread baking on brick  
he takes his walking  
stick, crossing the  
floor to the door.

Then walks down the  
road as always before  
to sit by the gate  
begging for coins.

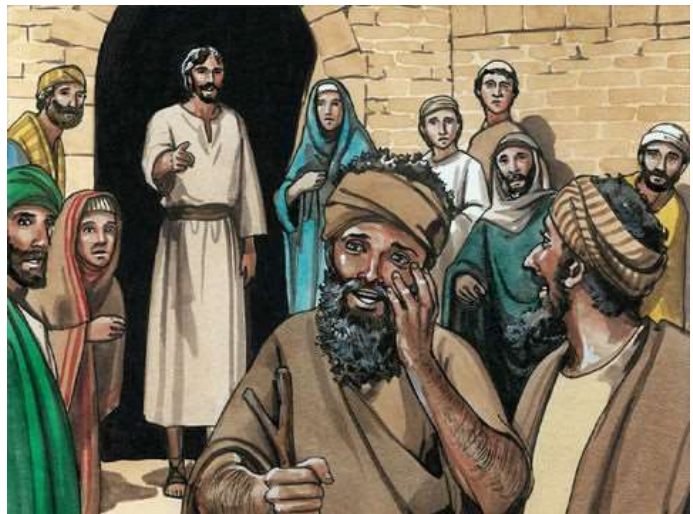
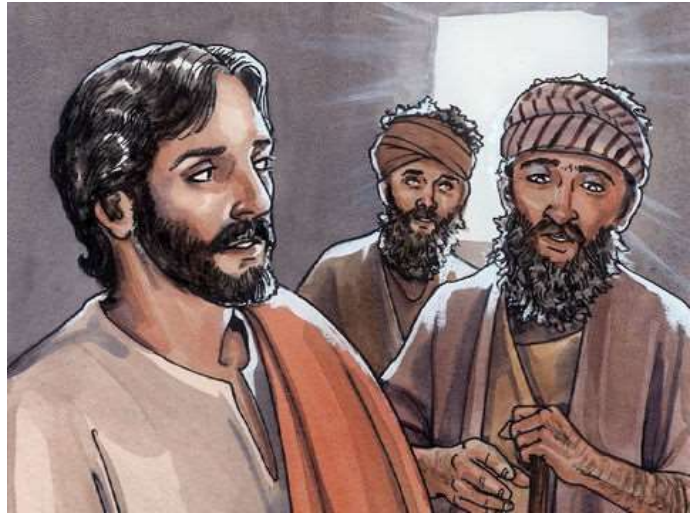


A hope burns in his  
heart of faith that  
he will see the light  
of a Face.

A Man passes by and spits  
in the dirt  
and with the mud touches  
his eyes,  
before him is light he  
sees colors rise at  
every turn.

Slowly spreading his fingers  
before his eyes, he leaps  
with joy and utters praise.

The people ask "Who gave  
you sight?" the man replies,  
"The Man, once I was blind  
now I see light."



## Other Stories and Parables

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## The Miracle

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Mother is softly crying,  
as father stands near to  
comfort her.

The little girl's  
brother is ill. She  
doesn't quite understand,  
  
as she hears them whisper,  
"If only they had the  
money for an operation."



They need a miracle to  
save their little boy.

What can she do? Then  
a thought comes to her  
mind as she runs to

her room, she gets her  
piggy bank and turns

it upside down.

A few pennies, nickles  
and dimes are all there  
is, a whole \$1.16 cents.

Running down to the  
drug store, opening  
the door, hurrying in,

she asks how much a  
miracle costs,  
she needs to buy one  
soon for her little  
brother so he can be  
well again.

A long time ago a Man  
lived on this earth!

He loved the people  
very much and they  
were sick. It is called

sin and no matter what

they did they could not  
get well,  
it kept coming back again.

He knew they needed  
a miracle and it  
could not be bought  
with pennies, nickles

and dimes. The only  
way he could provide  
it, was to die a painful  
death on a cross, so  
they could live again.

The story is told of  
this Man called Jesus,  
who had some friends.

He invited them in,  
to an upper room to

have a special dinner  
of wine and bread to  
remember Him.

His friends loved Him  
so much as they took  
him down from the cross  
and placed His body in

a special grave. He  
would sleep for three  
days, then angels rolled  
the stone away and He  
rose again.

He is in heaven now, but  
He remembers us and  
will come back.

So you see, Jesus provided  
the miracle for you and me  
to make us well and we  
don't even have to pay Him!

## An Evening Star

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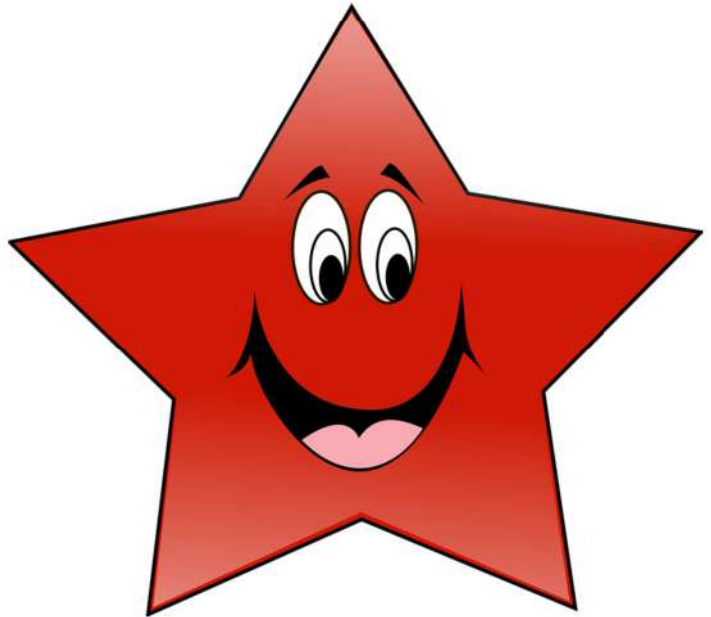
A time between dusk  
and twilight, as shadows  
fill the sky,

the sun grows weary and  
bows its head,  
fading to the west and  
then dies.

An evening star dressed  
in its gown of sparkling  
white, rises in the east.

It is a happy star with  
a smile on its face,  
it has five tips,  
a head, two arms and two  
legs.

Now the big dipper,  
where the stars sleep  
during the day, is



late pouring with its  
ladle, spilling the stars,  
filling the nighttime  
sky.

The evening star feels  
important, holding up  
the sky alone.

One night it gets tired  
of hanging there,  
one arm begins to hang  
then the other,

starting to fall,  
it calls to the rest,  
hurry quickly I can't

hold this up any longer,  
the weight of this sky  
is too much, I've done  
my best.

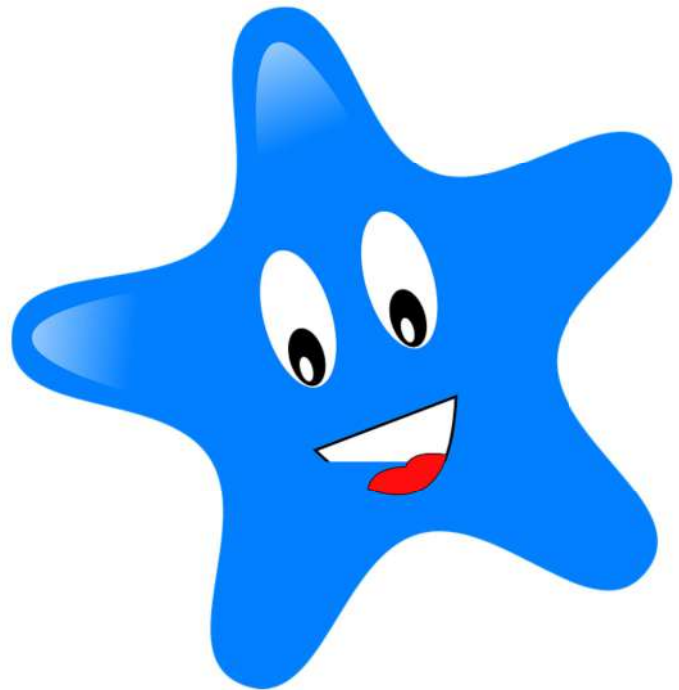


The big dipper then  
hurries, lifting  
its handle, sprinkling  
star dust in the eyes  
of the stars.

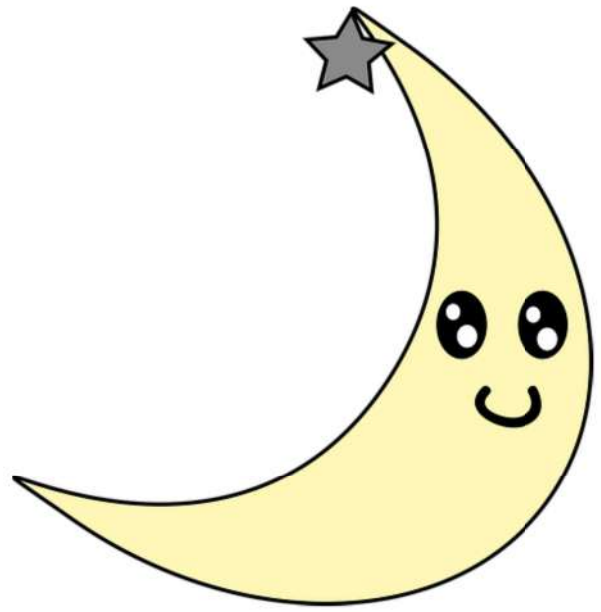
Awakening, spreading  
light, the evening  
star is now content  
knowing it is no  
longer alone.

Evening gives way to  
a soft light of day,  
when the stars are done.

I wonder, sometimes  
do we get tired of  
holding up this world,  
forgetting there is a  
God to do our bidding?



He holds all things  
in the palm of His  
hand!



## Spider's Hotel

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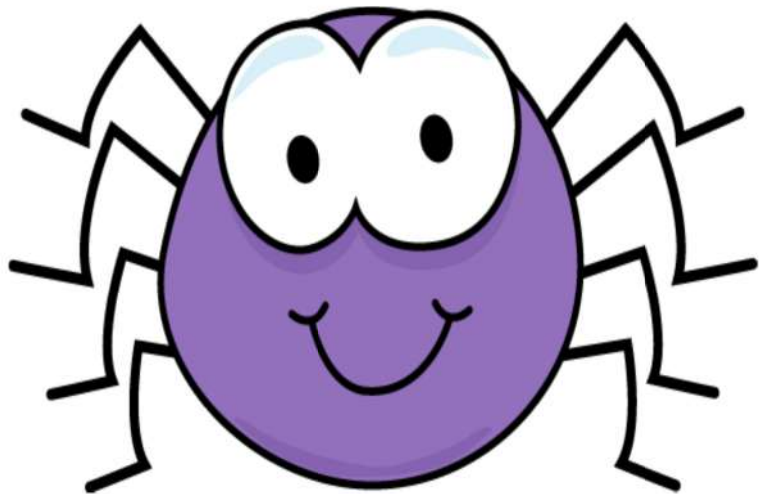
Every year they pack  
their bags with their  
spinning wheels,

to spend the summer in  
bungalows,  
built on a juniper  
bush, where green fern

and monkey flowers grow,  
and the wind doesn't blow.

Gardens hang from  
balcony's  
high in the air, as they sit  
in their chairs,  
spinning away as their  
babies play.

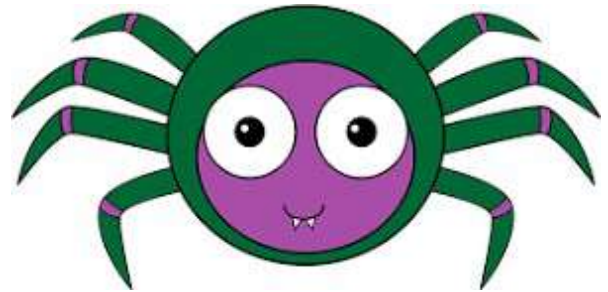
They are proud of their  
bungalows and feel like



the elite. Their suites  
are the best.

The other spiders are  
late and stay as guests  
on the bottom floor.  
Swinging on a web to visit  
friends next door.

In the evening they gather  
together to share their  
tales and play their  
fiddles on bended knees,



to eat Juniper berry pie  
and watch the dance  
of the fireflies.

The little spiders sang  
and played as  
the yellow moon rose, and  
with a yawn their  
eyelids closed.

The season flew by as they  
busily spun, a spiders work  
is never done.

The rainy season came, they  
packed their bags, saying  
goodbye - but they  
will be back next year  
to stay at the Juniper Hotel!

## String of Pearls

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She had often looked in  
the window,  
on her way to work,  
she even had the courage

to walk in the store,  
asking if she might  
hold the string of  
pearls she so adored.

Her fingers caressed  
these opals of white,  
tenderly holding them  
in her hands.

There were many other  
jewels and gems,  
with their lustrous

gleam, nestled in their  
satin beds.



But the pearls she  
wished for,  
reaped from the sea,

how beautiful they would  
be with her new dress.

The price of this  
beauty was more than she  
could afford.

In many more stores she  
had searched,

and the more she gave it  
thought,  
she was willing to wait,

she crimped and saved,  
until finally the day  
came,



she purchased the pearls of  
great price.

## Littlest Violet

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Snuggled in their beds,  
watered and fed,  
happy where they are  
planted.

Dresses of pink, purple  
and lavender, with  
bright yellow eyes.

This home is all they  
have ever known,  
sprouting from a seed,  
then leaves, buds and  
flowers.

What a great life they  
have, amongst all the  
others.

One morning,  
perking their heads from



a good nights rest,  
a shadow is descending.

A large hand reaches  
over and bending  
low, these pretty  
violets are lifted  
from their beds.

Disturbed, wondering  
where they are going,  
they are placed in a  
box.

A little violet begins  
to cry, "my pot  
is the smallest, surely  
you can squeeze me in,  
please don't leave me  
behind."

Quickly placing  
it in the box of violets,



then in a truck,

engines roaring. They are  
scared as they travel down  
the road not sure where  
they are going.

The way seems long and they  
are tired.

Suddenly the truck comes  
to a stop.

It is quiet, then the man  
lifts the box, placing them

on a shelf, their eyes  
are startled from the  
darkness, into bright  
light.

Their leaves are  
drooping, their flowers  
dropping,

the plants are not very  
pretty, as people are  
passing.

The littlest one  
cries, "our toes are  
cold and soggy and  
we have caught a chill,

please, won't you give  
us a chance and take  
us home, before we  
die?

A time to heal is what  
we need, after our  
difficult ride."

A sprinkle of water,  
their heads begin to  
perk and people stop  
to look.

"These violets are  
prettier than before  
I think I will  
buy them."

The shadows are passing,  
placed in a window,  
sparkling,

if not for their time of  
disaster, they would not  
be brighter, filling this  
home with laughter!

## Little Bird

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In the window hung a sign  
"Birds For Sale"

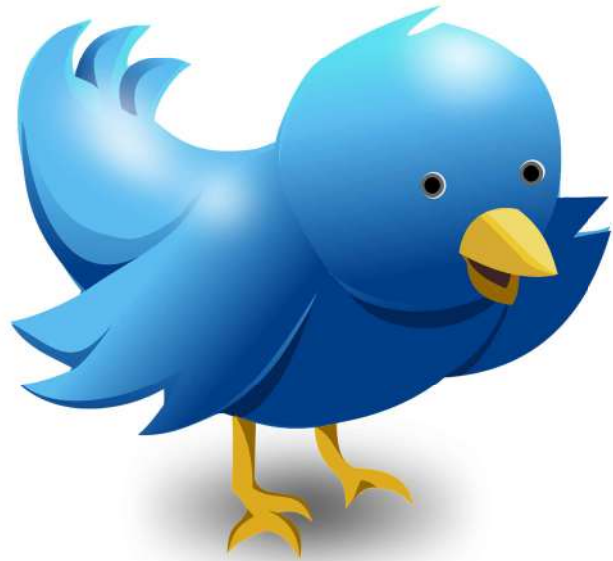
A little bird flew by,  
"Why are they so pretty and  
I so drab and dull?"

"I would like a home"  
he said.

He pecked upon the  
window, "Let me in he pled."

They laugh, "We would  
be happy to be free like  
you." And ignored his  
plea.

He pecked on the  
window,  
sliding down, falling to



the ground, shaking off  
his feather vest,  
he was sure he looked his  
very best.

Forgetting his plight,  
eating a few crumbs to  
strengthen his flight,  
he looked up as he flew,

the sky is his dome, trees  
his perch,  
he pays no rent and  
is content.

The birds he wished to join  
will always be confined,  
but he, always free!



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