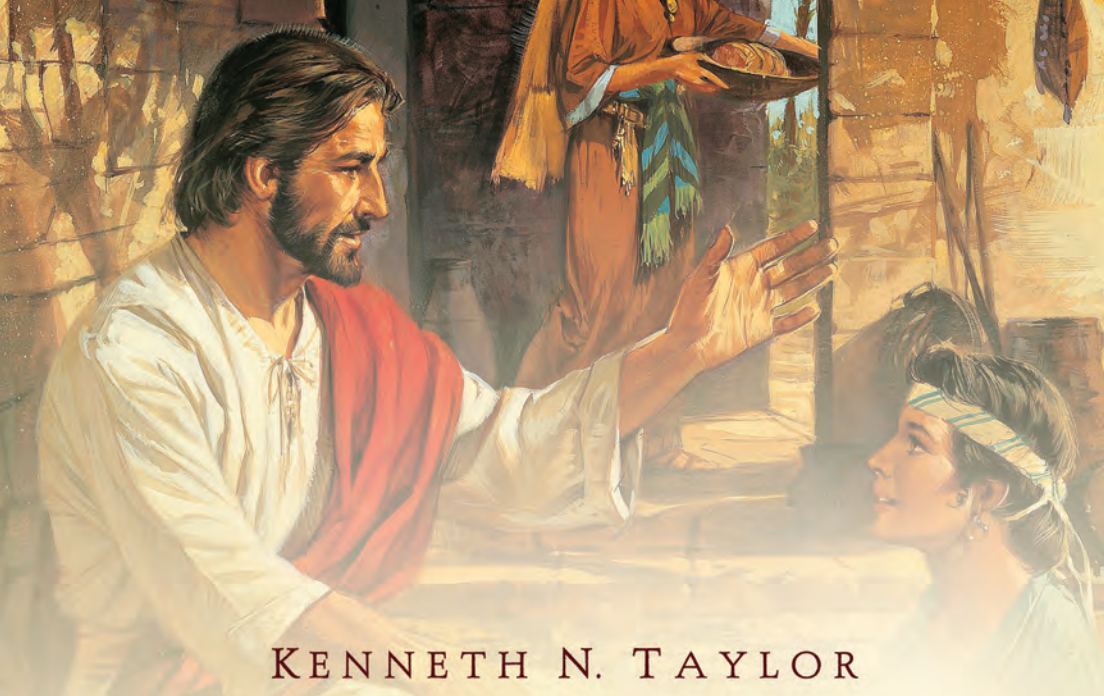




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A Word to Parents

Young children are wide open to spiritual truth—more than children will be at any later age. Now is the best time to read Bible stories to them, and soon, to read to them directly from the Bible. Here in this book are stories that every child should know.

Regular after-supper family times that include Bible reading and prayer are of great value. This book can be a first step in establishing this fruitful habit.

Pray regularly for your children, and bring them up in the joy and fear of the Lord. May God answer all your prayers and give your children the strong support they will need during all their coming years. May it be true of them that “from childhood they have known the Holy Scriptures that are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

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God Makes a Beautiful World

Long ago, God made the world out of nothing. But it didn't look the way it does now.

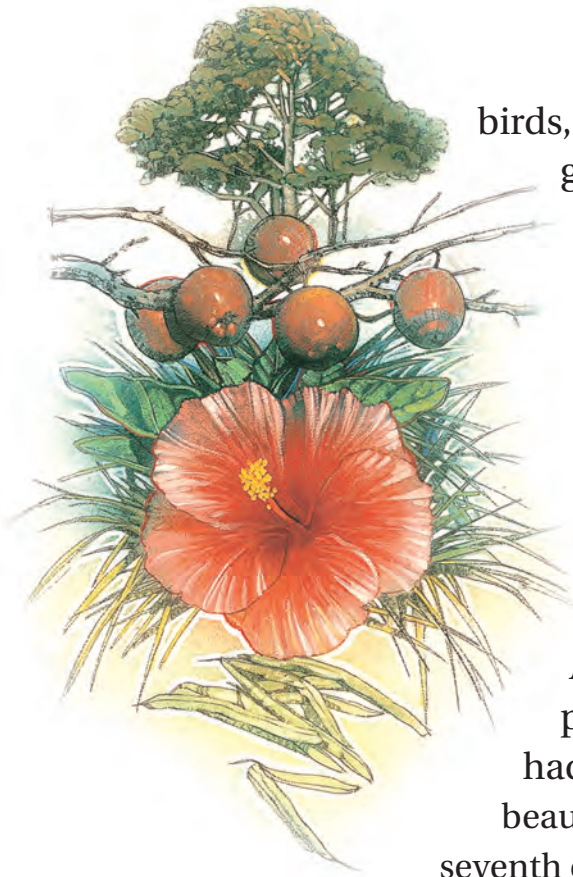
There were no people, animals, birds, trees, or flowers. Everything was lonely and dark. So God made the light. He gave the light the name *Day*. He called the darkness *Night*. This was the first day of creation.

On the second day of creation, God made the sky. He named the sky *Heaven*. And on the third day, God made the oceans and lakes and the dry land. Then he made the grass grow and covered the land with all kinds of flowers, bushes, and trees.

The fourth day God put the sun, moon, and stars in the sky.

On the fifth day, God made all the wonderful fish in the sea, big and small. He made all the

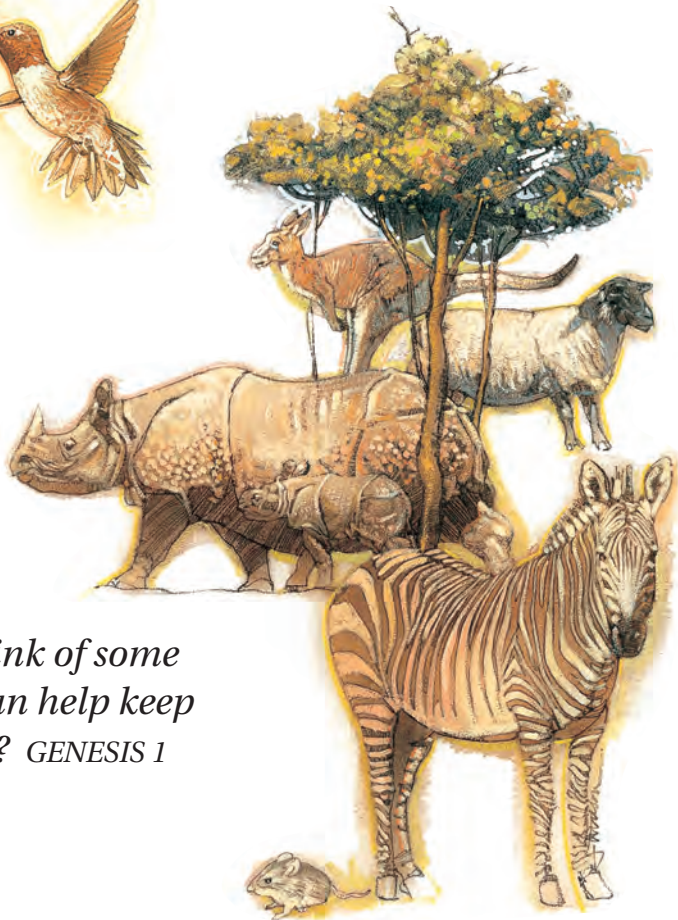




birds, too—ducks and geese that could swim, eagles and robins to live in the woods and fields. Then, on the sixth day, he made the animals—rabbits, elephants, and even bees—he made them all! And God was very pleased with what he had made. It was all beautiful and good! The seventh day, God rested. It was a quiet and different day from all the other days, a holy day of rest.

*Let's thank
God now
for the
beautiful
world he
has made.*

*Can you think of some
ways you can help keep
it beautiful? GENESIS 1*



God Makes Adam and Eve

On the day God made all the animals, he made the first man and named him Adam. God shaped him out of dust from the ground and breathed into him to make him alive. God put Adam in a beautiful garden to live. But Adam was lonely because he was the only person in all the world. So God put him to sleep and took one of his ribs and made a woman from it. Her name was Eve, and she became Adam's wife. So Adam and Eve lived together in the Garden of Eden. They were very happy, and they were special friends of God.

God told Adam and Eve to take care of the garden. He also told them to eat any food in the garden except the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.



You are an amazing creation. Look at the way your hand moves! Listen to the noises around you. You can hear! Let's thank God now for making you so wonderful. GENESIS 2

The World's Saddest

Day

There was a wicked spirit named Satan in

the garden with Adam and Eve. He was disguised

as a beautiful snake. He came to Eve and told her to eat the fruit God said not to eat. "God is bad," Satan told her. "That fruit is good for you." Satan was lying, but Eve believed him instead of believing God. She looked at the forbidden tree. Its fruit looked so good that she took some and ate it. Then she gave some of it to Adam, and he ate it too. What a sad day! Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Now there was sin in the world. And God punished them and sent them out of the beautiful garden!

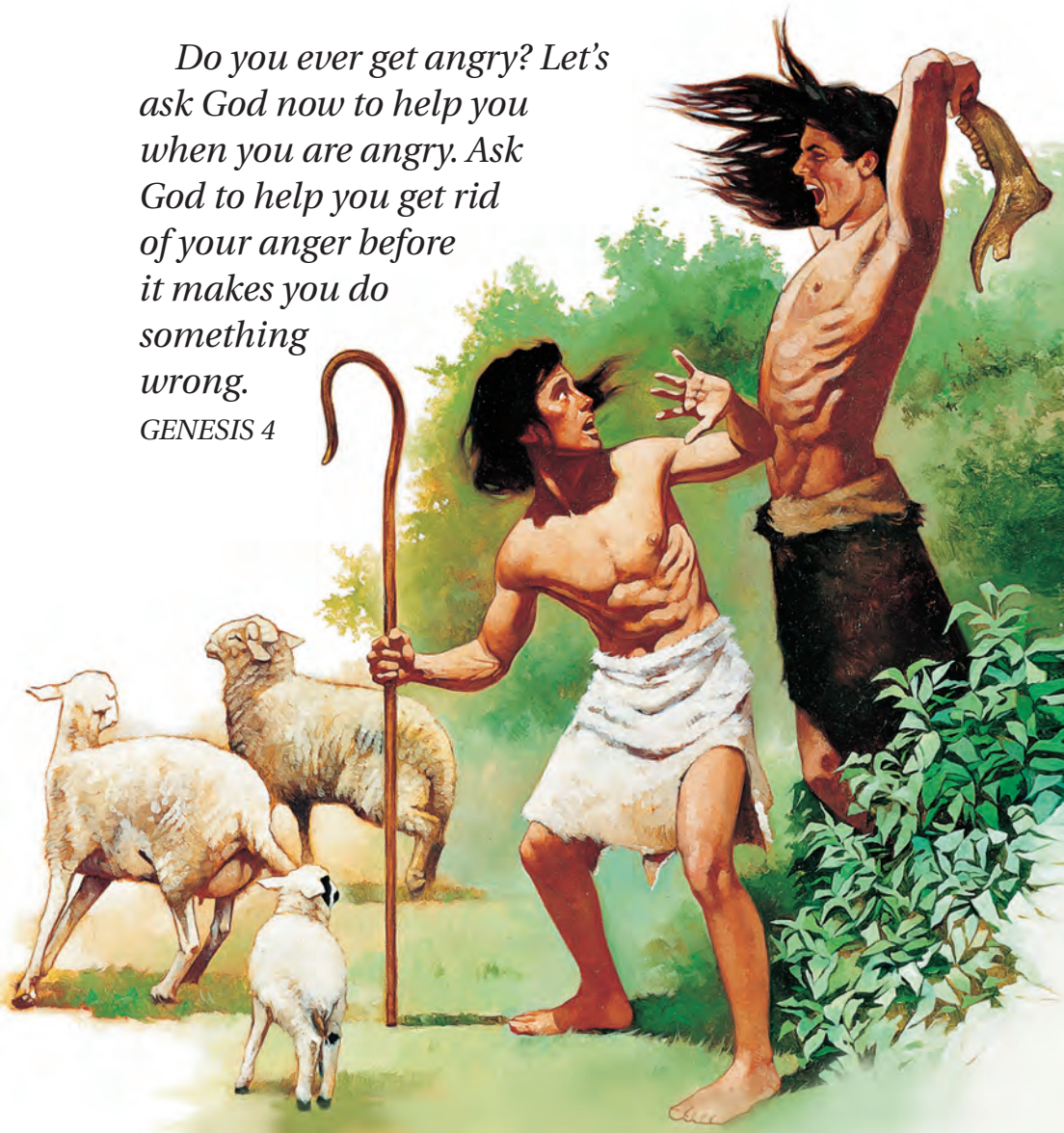
What did Satan tell Eve? What did Eve do? How did God punish Adam and Eve for disobeying him? GENESIS 3



Cain Adam and Eve had a son named Cain.
Kills He was a farmer and grew lots of
fruits and vegetables. His
Abel brother, Abel, was a shepherd
and had a flock of sheep. Both
Cain and Abel had sinful hearts, like
their parents. But Abel was sorry
about his sins. He brought a lamb from his flock
as an offering to God so that God would forgive
him. God wanted Cain to sacrifice a lamb, too.
But Cain didn't do what God wanted. He gave
God vegetables from his farm instead. God was
pleased with Abel's gift, but not with Cain's. This
made Cain very angry. He wanted to get even. So
one day when they were alone, Cain killed Abel!
How sad this made God! God told Cain that he
would never have a home to call his own. This
was his punishment for killing Abel.

*Do you ever get angry? Let's
ask God now to help you
when you are angry. Ask
God to help you get rid
of your anger before
it makes you do
something
wrong.*

GENESIS 4

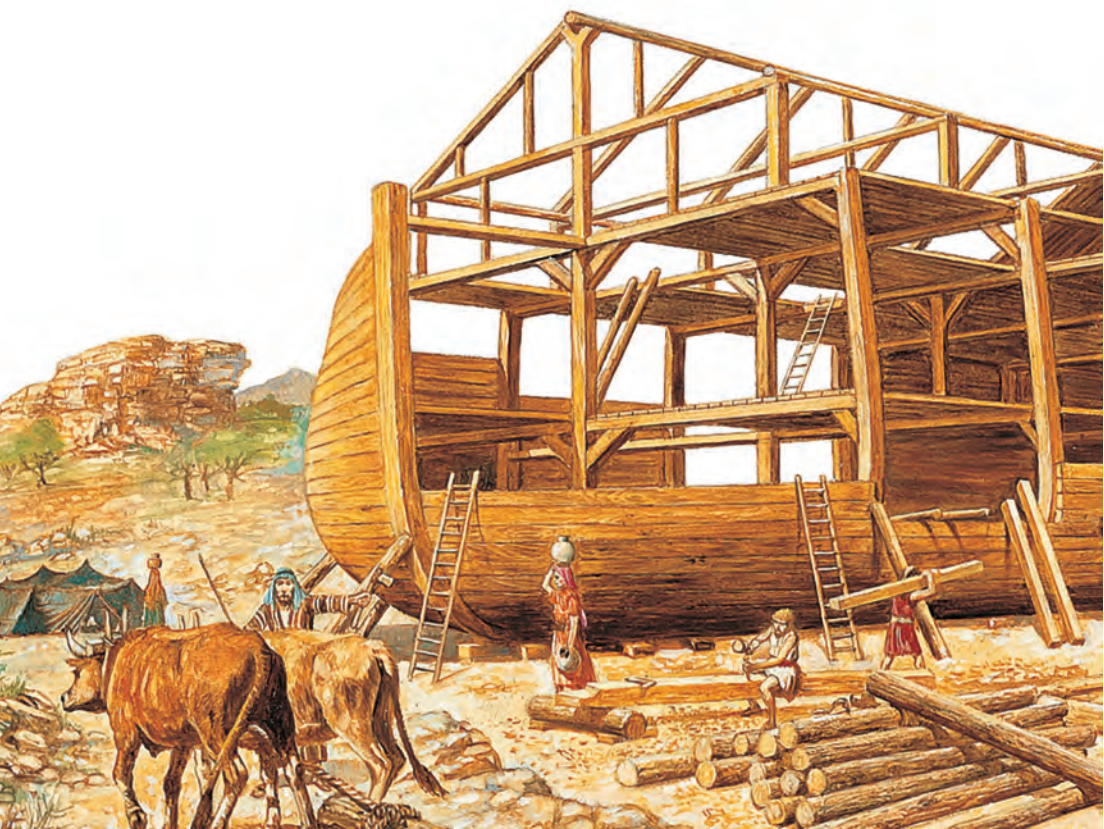


Noah Builds an Ark

Many years went by. The world became more and more wicked.

People did all kinds of bad things. This made God angry because he hates sin. God said he would punish the people.

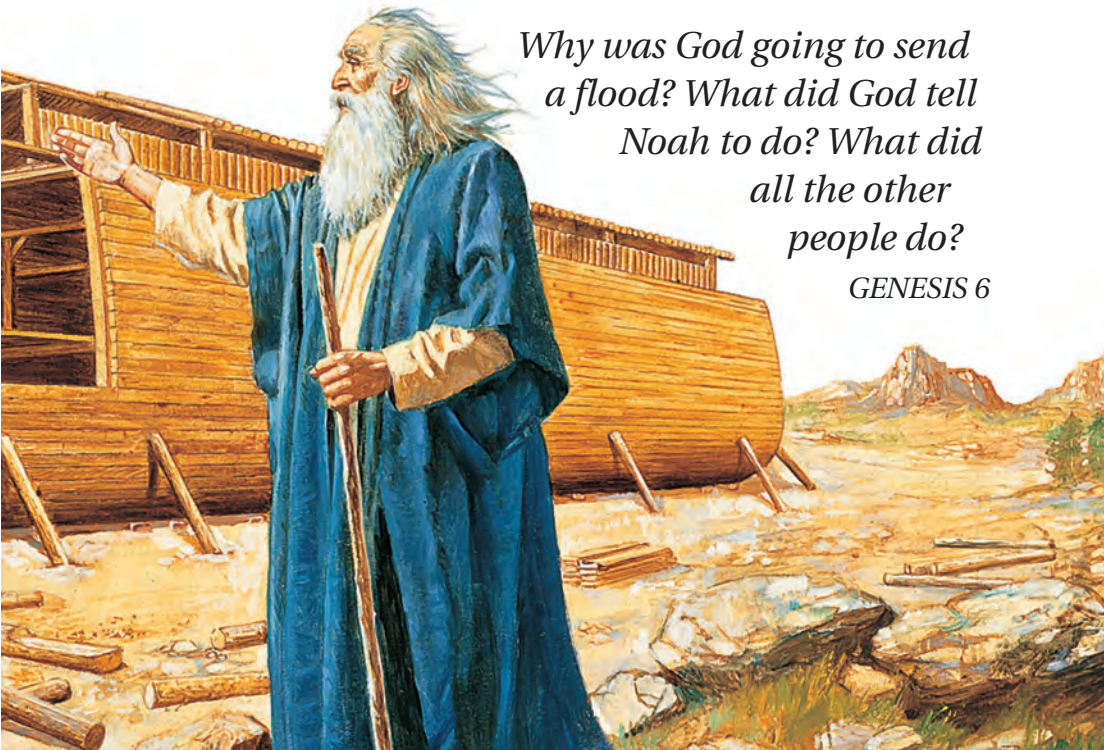
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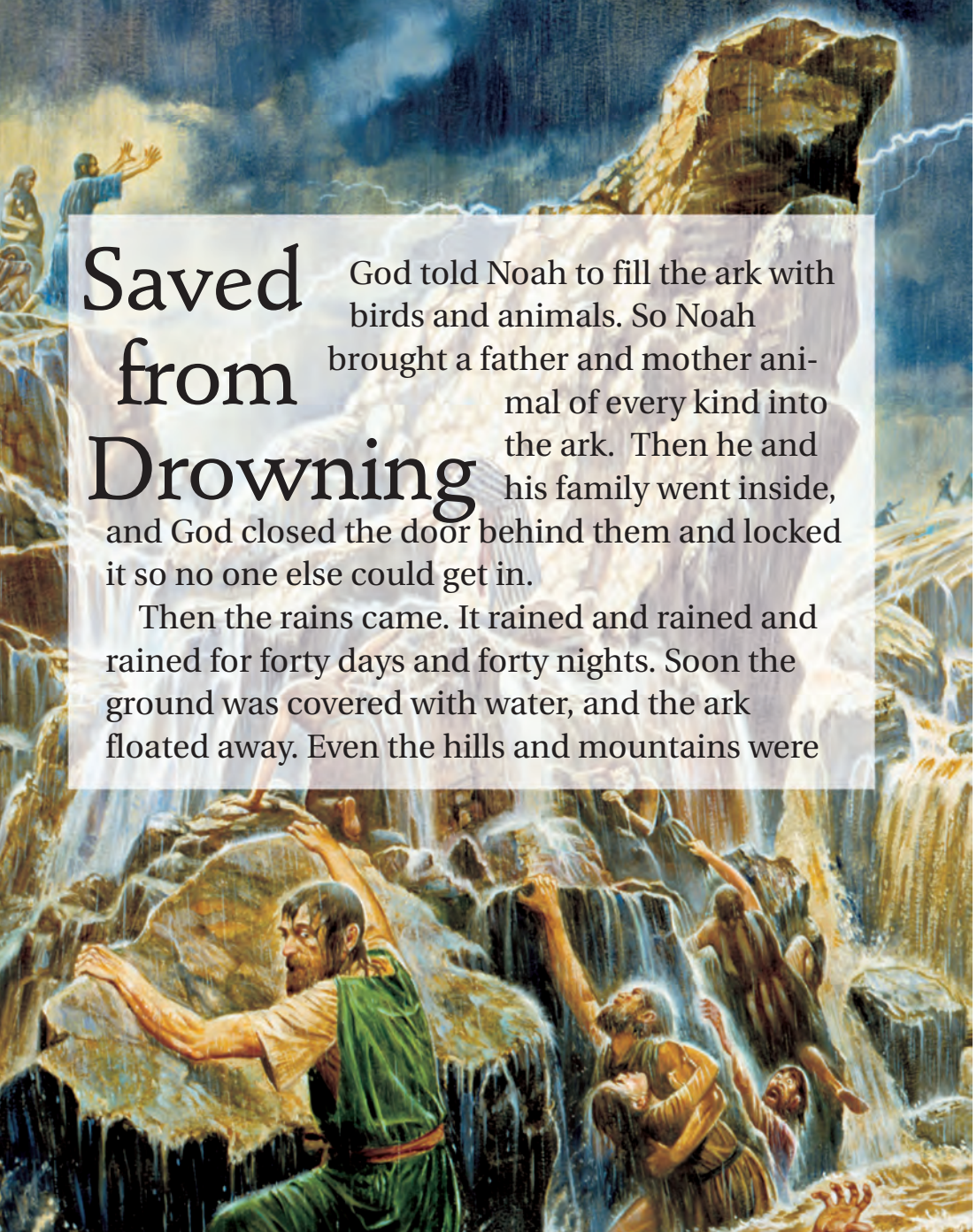


water to cover the earth so everyone would drown. But there was one good man, whose name was Noah. God told Noah to build a huge boat to save himself and his family from the flood. Noah believed God. He built a giant ark with a big door in the side. Noah also warned all the people. He told them God would send a flood because of their sins. But the people just laughed at Noah. They were not sorry for their sins.

Why was God going to send a flood? What did God tell Noah to do? What did all the other people do?

GENESIS 6





Saved from Drowning

God told Noah to fill the ark with birds and animals. So Noah brought a father and mother animal of every kind into the ark. Then he and his family went inside, and God closed the door behind them and locked it so no one else could get in.

Then the rains came. It rained and rained and rained for forty days and forty nights. Soon the ground was covered with water, and the ark floated away. Even the hills and mountains were



covered with water. So all the people, animals, and birds were drowned except those inside the ark. After a long time, the water began to go away. The ark came to rest on top of a mountain called Ararat. God finally told Noah it was time to come out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar and sacrificed animals and birds upon it to thank God for saving his family from drowning in the Flood. God promised never to send another flood to drown all the people. As a reminder of his promise, God put a big rainbow in the sky. Noah could see this rainbow when it rained, and he remembered God's promise.

A rainbow reminds us that God always keeps his promises. Can you think of another promise God has made? Can you think of a promise you made but then didn't keep? GENESIS 7-9



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The Tower of Babel

After the Flood,
Noah and his family
had many children
and grandchildren. Soon
there were thousands

and thousands of people in the world again. These people did all sorts of bad things just like the people who lived before the Flood.

One day the people decided to build a huge tower as high as heaven. They wanted to show how great they were. They were very proud. But it is sinful to be proud, and God knew what they were thinking. So God decided to stop the people from building the tower. He made them speak in different languages.

If one man asked another for a hammer, the other man didn't know what he was saying. This made them angry with each other.

The people couldn't work with each other anymore because they couldn't understand each

other's words. So they all left the tower, and those speaking the same languages formed groups and moved away. That is why different languages are spoken in different parts of the world today. The tower was called the Tower of Babel because it was there that God mixed up their languages.

*Why did the people want to build the tower?
What did God do?*

GENESIS 11



God's Friend Abraham

Far away in a land called Ur (we call it Iraq today) there lived a man named Abram. One day God told Abram to move to another country. Abram obeyed God. He took his family and all his sheep

and goats and cows and made the long journey to the land that God showed him. This land was called Canaan. Today we call it Israel. And God told Abram, "I will give all this land to you. It will belong to you and to your children forever." And God blessed Abram and took care of him.

One day God told Abram, "I am your friend." Then Abram reminded God that he wanted a son. Abram had no children, and he was getting very old. God took Abram out under the night sky and showed him the millions of stars. Then God told him, "You will not only have a son, but many, many grandchildren and great-

grandchildren
too. Their
families
will be like
those stars
up there—too
many to count.
And they will become
a great nation!” And
God gave Abram
a new name—
Abraham. *Abraham* means “the father of a great
nation.”



Abraham obeyed God, and God took care of him. God was his friend. God wants to be your friend, too, and he wants you to obey him just like Abraham did. GENESIS 12; 15



BLACK SEA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

ISLAND OF CYPRUS

SEA OF GALILEE

LAND OF CANAAN

DEAD SEA

RED SEA

EGYPT

Nile River

ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY

Abraham grew up in Ur, but God wanted him to move to Canaan, a thousand miles away. Abraham obeyed God. He visited Haran and Egypt along the way, but he finally made his home in Canaan. Can you point out the places Abraham visited?



CASPIAN SEA

Haran

**Tigris
River**

**Euphrates
River**

**Babylon
(Babel)**

Ur

**PERSIAN
GULF**

**ARABIAN
DESERT**

LORENTZ

Abraham Shares with Lot

Abraham's nephew Lot traveled with him to the land God promised to give to Abraham. Abraham and Lot both became very rich. Each of them owned many cows, goats, and

sheep. Soon there were so many animals that there wasn't enough grass for them to eat. Then the men who took care of Lot's animals began to argue and fight with the men who took care of Abraham's animals.

"Let's not have any fighting among us," Abraham said to Lot. So they divided the land between them. Abraham let Lot have the best land. It had the most grass for Lot's animals to eat. But Abraham didn't care. He knew God would take care of him.

Then God told Abraham, “Someday, the good land Lot chose will all be yours!”

It's better to be a giver than a taker. What is one way you can share and be like Abraham?

GENESIS 13



God

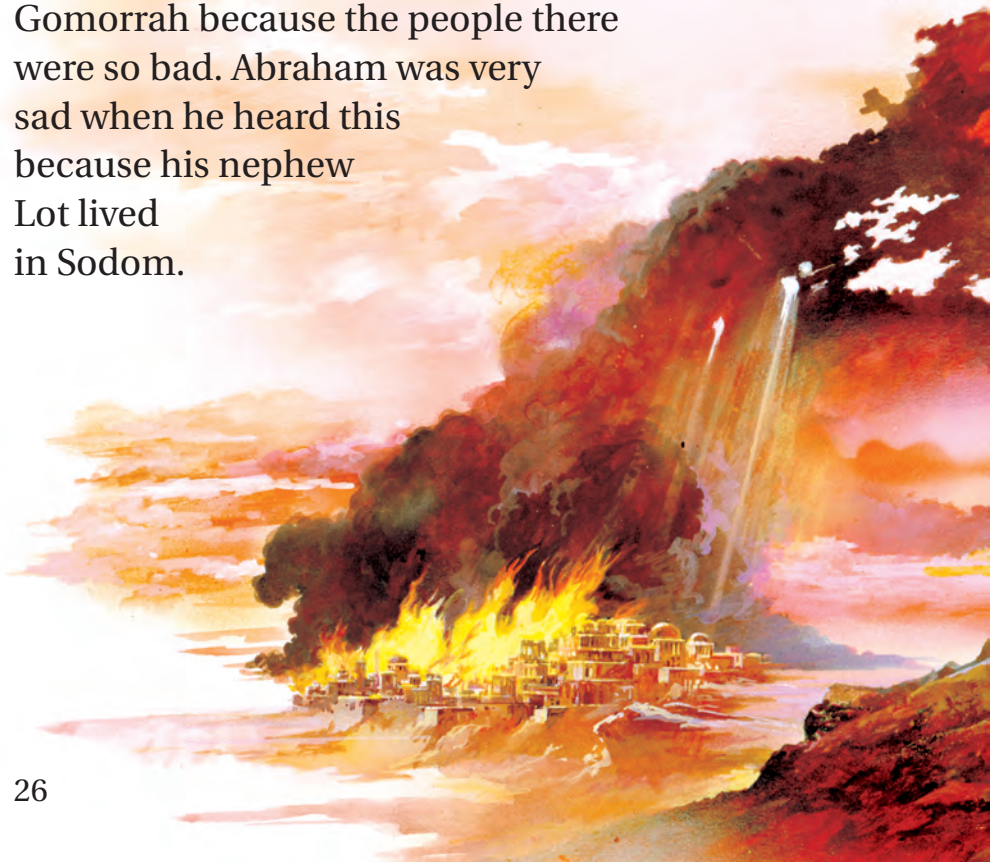
One day three men came to visit Abraham. Now these three men were really not men at all. Two of them were angels, and the other one was God.

Rescues

Lot

God told Abraham that he had decided to destroy the cities of Sodom and

Gomorrah because the people there were so bad. Abraham was very sad when he heard this because his nephew Lot lived in Sodom.



“Perhaps there are some good people living in the city,” he said to God. “Must they die too?”

God listened to Abraham and said, “If there are only ten good people there, I will not destroy the city.”

The two angels went to Sodom. But there were



not even ten good people there. So the angels warned Lot that God was going to destroy the city. Lot was very sad to leave his home. The angels had to drag him and his wife and two daughters out of the city to save them.

“Run to the mountains where the fire won’t kill you,” the angels told them.

“And don’t look back.” Then God sent down fire from heaven and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. But Lot’s wife disobeyed the angels and looked back. So she died right there and became a statue of salt.

Why did Lot’s wife turn into a statue of salt?

GENESIS 18–19

