

I Can Read Bible Stories Set 4
Story 1
Abraham
God is Faithful – Genesis 22

God spoke to Abraham.
“Abraham,” He said, I will bless Sarah.
I will send her a baby.
I will send her a baby boy.”

Abraham laughed. Sarah laughed.
“But Lord,” they said, “we are too old!”
“I can do all things,” said the Lord.
“I will send you a baby boy.”



The next year Sarah had a baby boy.
Abraham and Isaac were so happy.
“We will call him Isaac”, they said.



Story 1 Abraham

Fill in the missing words:

1. God said that he would _____ Sarah a baby.

2. Sarah laughed. She said she was too _____.

3. God said, "I can do all _____."

Answer the question:

4. What did Sarah and Abraham call the baby?

They

_____.

5. How did Sarah and Abraham feel when God gave them a baby?

They _____.

Choose words from the story to rhyme with:

bend ____ s.....

dress ____ b.....

dear ____ y.....

still ____ w.....

6. God says that He will always keep his promises. What was the promise He gave to Abraham and Sarah?

They would have a _____ even when they were _____.

Story 2
A Wife for Isaac
God is Provider – Genesis 24

Abraham was very old. He sent for his servant.

“Promise me,” said Abraham, “that you will go back to the land where I used to live. Go to my father’s people to find a wife there for my son Isaac.”

The servant got ten camels ready. Then he traveled a long way to the place where Abraham used to live.

Late one after-noon he came to the place. There was a well there. The servant made his camels lie down. He prayed to God, “Lord God of Abraham, show me the girl you want for Isaac.

If I say to a girl, “Please put your jar into the well and give me a drink of water.” If she says, “Drink, and I will also bring water for your camels, then I will know she is the girl for Isaac.”

Soon, a lovely girl came to the well. She had a water jar on her shoulder. The servant ran to meet her. He said, “Please give me a drink of water from your jar.”

The girl gave him a drink. Then she said, “I will also give water to your camels.” Then the servant put a gold ring in her nose and two large gold bracelets on her arms. He knew she was the right girl.

“Who is your father?” he asked. “Is there room for me and my men in your father’s house tonight?”

“My father is Bethuel, son of Nahor.” There is a place for you and your men to stay in my father’s house.”

Then the servant said, “Praise the Lord, for He has brought me to Abraham’s relatives. Nahor is the brother of my master, Abraham.”

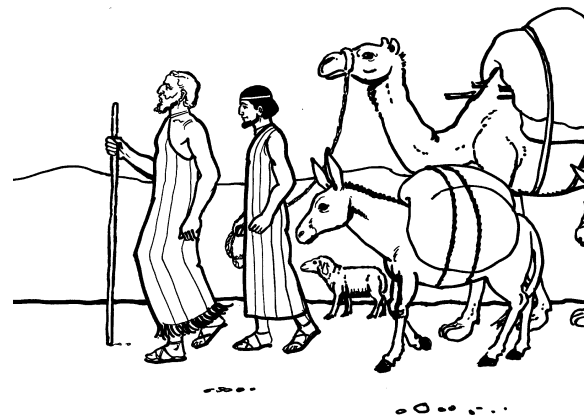
So the servant and his men went into the house. Before he ate, the servant spoke to Laban. Laban was the brother of the lovely girl, Rebecca.

“The Lord led me here. He said I would find a wife for my master’s son, Isaac. He led me to find Rebecca. Please tell me. May Rebecca come back with me to marry Isaac, Abraham’s son?”

“Yes,” said Laban, Rebecca can go with you.”

The servant brought out some lovely gifts for Rebecca, her brother and mother. Rebecca got ready. Then she and her servants got on their camels to go with Abraham’s servant.

They traveled a long way. One evening they came to the land of Canaan. There they met Isaac walking in the field. Rebecca went to meet him. Soon she became his wife.



Story 2 A wife for Isaac

her	brother	lower
serve	mother	water
servant	father	after
master	shoulder	afternoon

Fill in the missing word from the words above:

1. Please _____ your jar to let me get a drink of _____.
2. She had a water jar on her _____.
3. She had gold bracelets on _____ arms.
4. Abraham's _____ had to get a wife for Isaac.

5. Abraham said, "Go to my _____'s people.

6. Laban was Rebecca's _____.

7. We can trust God because He is our _____. He provided a wife for Isaac.

Story 3

David the shepherd

God is our Shepherd – 1 Samuel 16

David sat on a rock in a field. He played his harp and sang softly. Not far away the sheep grazed on the green grass.

Today it was easy to find grass for the sheep. Sometimes David had to work very hard. He was a shepherd and had to look after his father's sheep.

Some days he had to take the sheep a long way to get food. He had to walk over rocky ground, and the sun was very hot. Some-times the sheep got lost. Sometimes they fell down steep places, or they were caught in thorn bushes. But

David was kind and good to his sheep and he loved them.

David loved God. He knew that God took care of him

One night, David was watching the sheep. A big lion got one of the baby lambs. God helped David to fight the lion. He killed the lion and saved the sheep. God helped him kill a bear, too.

When David had time he made up songs and sang them to God. He sang a song that said:

The Lord is my shepherd,
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of fresh
water.

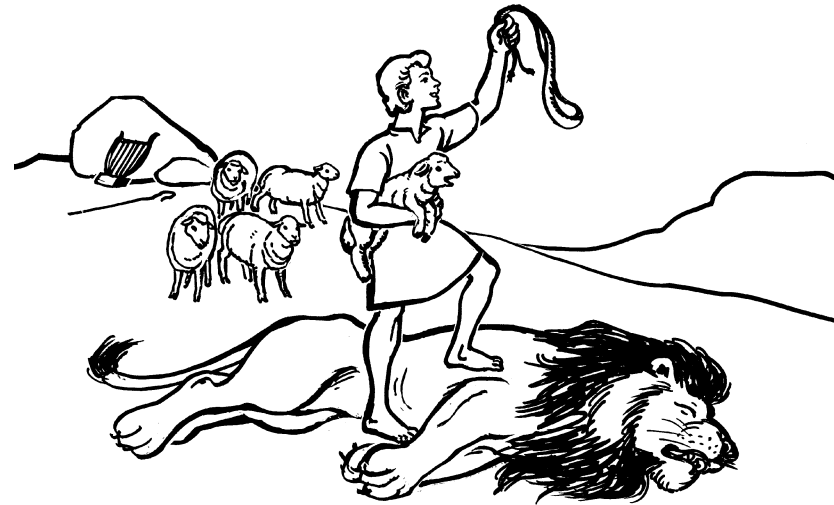
He gives me new strength.
He guides me in the right paths, as He
promised.

Even if I go through the deepest
darkness,
I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with
me.
Your shepherd's rod and staff protect
me.

You prepare a feast for me, where all my
enemies can see me.
You welcome me as an honoured guest
and fill my cup to the brim.

I know that your goodness and love will
be with me all my life.
And your house will be my home as long
as I live.

Psalm 23



Story 3 David the Shepherd

Activity 1

The letters n and g are friends. They often stand together at the end of words.

bang	king	long	lung
gang	sling	gong	hung
hang	wing	wrong	dung
rang	ring	belong	rung
sang	sing	song	sung

1. David _____ as he played his harp.
2. Saul was a _____.
3. David put a stone in his _____.
4. We will sing a _____ to the Lord.
5. David had to walk a _____ way with the sheep.

6. The sling _____ from David's belt.
7. When we _____ to God, He will be our shepherd and always look after us.

Activity 2

'ce' sounds like 's'

ace	grace	spice	dance
face	ice	dice	lance
place	mice	price	prance
race	rice	since	fence
trace	space	prince	once

1. We say g_____ when we thank God for food.
2. David's sheep went to a rocky p_____.
3. A cat can catch m_____.

4. I _____ is very cold.
5. The s _____ ship will go to the moon.
6. Jesus was o _____ a little boy.
7. It has been more than 2000 years y _____ Jesus was born.
8. Jesus is called the p _____ of Peace.
9. God loves your smile and He loves your f _____.

3. What animal tried to kill the sheep?
4. What did David do to the lion and the bear?
5. Who helped David to kill them?
6. What music did David play when he sang his songs?

Activity 3

1. What work did David do?
2. How did the sheep get hurt?

Story 4

Samuel

God is faithful: He keeps his promises – 1 Samuel 19

“Hannah, are you sick? You look so sad.”

“No Eli. I am not sick. I am very sad. I am praying to God. I want Him to give me a baby.”

Eli was the priest. He told the people what God wanted them to do. He put his hand on Hannah.

“Go in peace, Hannah. May God give you your wish.”

Hannah had prayed for a baby. God was good to her. She had a baby boy

the next year.

“I will call him Samuel, for I asked the Lord for him.”

When Samuel was three years old Hannah called him to her.

“Samuel, I made a promise to God when you were born. I promised to give you to Him. I love you my son. I wanted you so much.

So Hannah took Samuel to Eli, the priest. Samuel lived in the temple with Eli.

One night, Samuel was asleep. He lay near the dim lamp in the temple. He woke up. He heard a voice call him:

“Samuel! Samuel!”

Did Eli call? Samuel ran to him.

“Yes Eli, here I am.”

“I didn’t call you, Samuel.
Go back to sleep.”

“Samuel! Samuel!”
Again Samuel ran to Eli.
“No, my boy, I did not call you.
Go back to sleep.”

“Samuel! Samuel!”
Again Samuel ran to Eli.”
You called me, Eli. Here I am.”

“Samuel, it must be the Lord calling
you. Go back and listen to Him.”
Samuel went back and lay down.
“Samuel! Samuel!”
“Yes, Lord. I’m listening to you.”

“Samuel, Eli does not listen to me. I

will talk to you. Tell the people to do
good and right things. Then I will help
your land and your people.”

Samuel listened to God. All his life he
told people what God wanted them to
do.



Story 4 Samuel
God is faithful – He keeps his promises

1. Why was Hannah praying?

Hannah
_____.

2. What did God send to Hannah?

God sent
_____.

3. What was the name of the baby?

The baby's
_____.

Where did Samuel go to live?

Samuel
_____.

4. Samuel heard someone call. Who did he think it was?

5. Samuel thought _____.

6. Who had called Samuel? _____.

7. Why did God call Samuel?
God _____.

Rewrite the following words and mark the syllables:

asking	ask / ing
Samuel	
promised	
asleep	
temple	
listening	
wanted	

Use the words above and write each one in a sentence of your own.

Story 5

Elijah on Mount Sinai

**God is peace: He speaks in a still,
small voice - 1 Kings 19**

Elijah was very frightened. A queen called Jezebel had sent a message to say that she would get someone to kill him.

Elijah went into the wilderness. He sat down in the shade of a tree and said to God, "It's too much, Lord. Take away my life. I may as well be dead."

He lay down under the tree and fell fast asleep.

Soon an angel came and touched him. When he woke up he found a loaf of bread and a jar of water next to him.

"Elijah!" said the angel, "You must go on a long journey for forty days. You must eat

this food to make you strong for the journey."

Elijah ate all the food then set off on his journey.

He walked and walked and walked till he came to

Mount Sinai. There he went into a cave to sleep.

Suddenly the Lord spoke to him: "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

"O, Lord God Almighty," Elijah answered, "I have always served you and you alone. But now the people of Israel have broken their promises to you. They've killed all the other prophets. Now they want to kill me."

"Elijah, Go out and stand before me on top of the mountain." Elijah went out as God told him.

Then the Lord sent a fierce roaring wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks.

But Elijah knew that the Lord wasn't in the wind. Next the whole earth quaked and quaked. There was such a lot of loud noise. But Elijah knew that the Lord was not in the earth-quake.

The shaking of the earth stopped and a big fire started where the rocks fell down. The fire burned fiercely. It crackled and roared. But Elijah knew that the Lord was not in the fire.

Then it became very, very quiet. There was not a sound, just peace and quiet all around Elijah.

"Elijah!" said a soft, gentle voice, "what are you doing here?"

Then Elijah knew that God was not in all the frightening noise, but God was in the peace and quiet.

Again Elijah said, "Lord God Almighty, I have always served you, you alone. But the

people of Israel have broken their promises to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all the other prophets. Now they want to kill me."

So the Lord spoke quietly once more to Elijah.

"Go back to the wilderness, Elijah," He said.

"Do the work I told you to do. Trust Me; I will take care of you."



Story 5 Elijah on Mount Sinai Activities

1. Why was Elijah frightened?

Elijah was _____

2. Where did Elijah go?

He went _____

3. Where did the angel find him?

The angel _____

4. What did the angel give him?

The angel _____

5. For how many days did Elijah walk?

Elijah _____

6. Name three frightening things that the Lord sent.

The Lord sent _____,
an _____ and a _____.

7. Where was the Lord?

The Lord _____

Story 6

Elijah and the widow

God is Provider – 1 Kings 17

There had been no rain for a long time. The brook dried up. God said, “Elijah, I want you to go to the town.”

Elijah did what God said and went to the town.

There he saw a woman. She was picking up sticks.

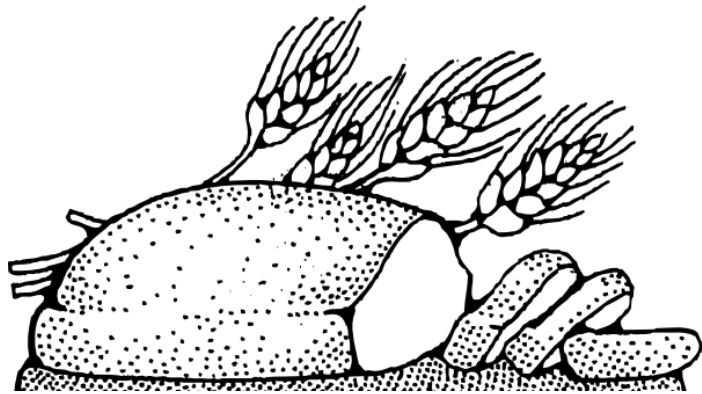
Elijah said to her, “Please get me some water in a jar. And could you please give me a piece of bread to eat?”

The woman looked unhappy “I’m sorry,” she said sadly, “I have no bread. I have a little flour in a bowl and a little oil in a jar. That is all I have. I think my son and I will die. We have no more food.”

“Do not be afraid,” said Elijah. “Make a little bread for me. Then make bread for yourself and your son.”

God spoke and said to me, “The bowl of flour will not be finished. The jar of oil will not be empty, until the day when God sends rain.”

That is what happened. The bowl of flour was never empty; the jar always had enough oil to make bread for each day. God kept His promise to care for Elijah, the woman and her son until at last the rain fell and the grass was green again.



Story 6 Elijah and the widow Activities

Fill in the missing words:

The brook had dried up because there was no _____. God told Elijah to go to the _____.

Elijah saw a woman who was _____ up sticks.

Elijah asked the woman for some _____ and bread.

The woman did not have any _____. She only had a little bit of _____ in a

bowl, and a little bit of _____ in a jar. The woman thought that she would die because _____ had no more _____.

Elijah told the woman to make a little bit of _____ for herself and her _____.

The _____ of flour did not run out and the jar of oil was not _____ until the day God sent _____.

Story 7
Elijah and the ravens
God is Provider

God spoke to Elijah. “Elijah, go to the brook named Cherith. The ravens will bring you food there.”

So Elijah went to the brook. When he got there he lay down to rest. In the morning Elijah looked up at the sky. He could see little black specks in the sky, far off. As they drew nearer he smiled and said, “Here they come!”

Down flew some ravens. Some carried meat in their beaks and others carried bread. They dropped the food on the ground beside Elijah and flew off. Elijah ate the food and drank water from

the brook.

In the evening the ravens came back with more food. For many days the ravens brought food every morning and night for Elijah and he drank water from the brook.

“Thank you Lord for food and water,” he prayed.



Story 7 Elijah and the Ravens Activities

1. What is a brook?

A brook is

2. What is a raven?

A raven is

Fill in the missing words:

There was no rain in the land. There
was no food. God told Elijah to go the
_____ named Cherith. God

told him that the _____
would bring food to him.

Elijah _____ to the brook and
_____ there many days.

In the morning the _____
flew down and gave food to Elijah. The
ravens brought _____ and
_____. In the evening
the ravens _____ again
and brought food.

Elijah _____ water from
the brook. Elijah said "thank you God"
_____ water and food.