

## Story 8

# Elisha and the woman of Shunem

### God is Provider

Elisha was a prophet, a man who told the people what God wanted them to do.

One day he went to Shunem. A rich woman lived there. She invited him to have a meal at her house. After that, every time he went to Shunem Elisha visited the woman and her husband.

One day she said to her husband, "I am sure this man is a holy man of God. Please, could we build a little room upstairs for him. We could put a bed in it, and a table, a chair and a lamp-stand. When he visits Shunem he could sleep there."

One day Elisha came to Shunem again. He said to his servant, "Gehazi, go and see the Shunnamite woman. Ask her if there is anything she really wants, or needs. I would like to help her. She has been very kind to me."

The servant went to her. He said, "My master wants to know if there is anything he can do for you. Would

you like him to tell the king how good you have been?"

"I don't need anything from the king," she said, "I have all I need."

The servant told Elisha what the woman said.

"What can I do for her, then?" asked Elisha

"Well, she has no son and her husband is old," said Gehazi.

"Go and bring her to me," Elisha said.

The woman came to Elisha. "Thank you for being so kind to me," he said. "This time next year, you will be holding a son in your arms."

"Oh!," she said, "Please don't lie to me! You are a man of God!" But Elisha was right. A year later the woman had a baby boy.

One day, some years later, when the boy was quite big, he went out in the field to where his father was working. As he was watching his father, he suddenly cried out, "O! My head! My head! It hurts"

His father called a servant, "Carry him quickly to his mother. His head is hurting."

The boy sat on his mother's lap, but about noon, he died. His mother carried him up to Elisha's room, put

him on the bed and closed the door.

She called her husband, "Quick! Send a servant and a donkey! I must go to the man of God."

"Why?" he asked.

"Never mind. Just let me go quickly!"

As fast as she could she rode to Mount Carmel, where Elisha was. Elisha saw her coming and knew something was wrong.

"O, Elisha," she cried, "my son has died. I didn't ask God for him, did I? Why has God taken him from me?"

"Gehazi," said Elisha, "Hurry. Go to the woman's house. Hold this stick of mine over the boy."

The servant hurried on ahead and held Elisha's stick over the boy. He came back to meet Elisha and the woman.

"It's no use" said Gehazi, "I put the stick on the boy's body, but he didn't wake up."

When Elisha arrived he went up alone to the room and he prayed to God to give the boy his life again. Then he lay down on the boy until he felt the boy's body begin to get warm.

Elisha got up, walked around the room, then lay down on the boy again. Suddenly the boy sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes. God had given back the boy's life to him.

"Gehazi!" called Elisha, "Bring the boy's mother here!"

The woman hurried in and fell on her knees to thank Elisha. Then she took her son and left, thanking God for all he had done through Elisha.



## Story 8 Elisha and the woman of Shunem

1. What is a prophet?

A prophet is \_\_\_\_\_

2. What kind of man is a holy man of God?

A holy man of God is \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is a lamp-stand?

A lamp-stand is \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is a servant?

A servant is \_\_\_\_\_

### Fill in the missing words:

Elisha was a friend of Elijah. Elisha went to Shunem. A \_\_\_\_\_ woman asked Elisha to have a meal at her \_\_\_\_\_ . The woman and her husband decided to build a little \_\_\_\_\_ for Elisha so that he could stay there whenever he came \_\_\_\_\_

Shunem. The room had a bed, a \_\_\_\_\_, a chair and a lamp-stand.

Elisha wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ something for the woman because she had been so \_\_\_\_\_ to him. The woman had no children, so Elisha prayed that the woman would have a \_\_\_\_\_. A \_\_\_\_\_ later the baby was born. Several years later the son became ill when he was working in the \_\_\_\_\_. The servant went to get Elisha. By the time Elisha got there the boy had \_\_\_\_\_.

Elisha prayed to God. Elisha lay down on the dead boy until he felt his body become \_\_\_\_\_. The boy was alive! The woman got down on her \_\_\_\_\_ and said thank you to Elisha, and thank you to \_\_\_\_\_. God had done a miracle!

## Story 9

### Baby Moses

#### God is Protector

“Miriam, we will have to hide our baby.”

“Why, Mummy?” Miriam asked.

“The king says he will kill every baby boy who is an Israelite,” the mother answered. “We live in Egypt but our fathers and grandfather came from Israel many years ago.”

“Come now and help me hide our lovely baby. We must save him from the angry king. God said I must hide him.

They gathered reeds that grew beside the river and wove a strong basket. They floated it on the river among the reeds. It was so thick that the water could not get in the basket. Mother put the baby in the basket and hid it among the reeds.

“Miriam, please stay here and watch over our baby.”

Miriam stayed nearby and looked after her baby brother.

One day the daughter of the king came to swim in the river. She found the basket with the baby in it.

“Come and see!” she called to her maids. “There’s a little baby in the basket. I want to take him home and have him for my own. I’ll call him Moses.”

Miriam came out from the reeds and spoke to the princess.

“Would you like me to get a nurse for him?” she asked.

She ran home to get her mother. The princess was glad to have a nurse for Moses and she went to the palace to

care for her baby.

God was pleased. He wanted Moses to live because He had a special plan for his life.



## Story 9 Baby Moses Activities

1. Why did the mother hide the baby?

She \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did she put him in?

She put \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where did they hide the basket?

They \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who found the baby?

5. Write some words to rhyme with Moses.

r\_\_\_\_\_

h\_\_\_\_\_

n\_\_\_\_\_

cl\_\_\_\_\_

6. Miriam's mother said, "We will have to **hide** our baby". So they **hid** the baby.

hid = short 'i'

hide = long 'i'

Add 'e' to these words to make long 'i'

rid \_\_\_\_\_

bid \_\_\_\_\_

dim \_\_\_\_\_

win \_\_\_\_\_

fin \_\_\_\_\_

rip \_\_\_\_\_

kit \_\_\_\_\_

## Story 10

# Moses in the wilderness

## God is Provider

Moses grew to be a man. God called him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God said, "I will show you the land where you will live."

Now they were in the wilderness, on the way to their new land. The people began to grumble. "Why did God bring us here? We have no water to drink"

Then they found a pool of water but the water was not good to drink. God told Moses to throw a branch into the water, and the water was made fresh. The people could drink it!

"In Egypt we had plenty to eat. There is no food here!" said the people.

"Don't grumble," said Moses, "God will take care of us. He told me He will give us meat in the evening and bread in the morning."

The next evening thousands of little brown birds, called quails, flew into the camp to rest.

"Come and look!" shouted someone.  
"God has sent the quails for food!"

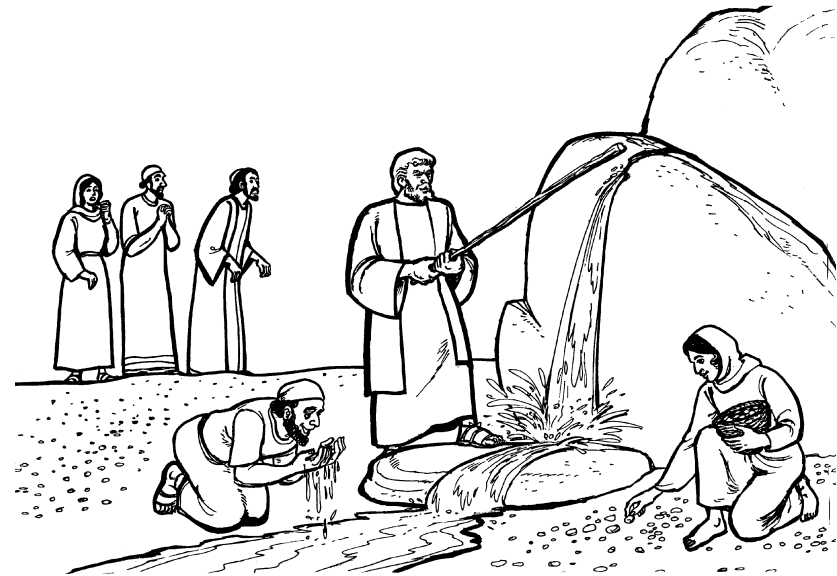
So the people caught the quails and ate them. The next morning there was dew on the ground. When the dew dried there were tiny things like seeds left on the ground. They called it manna. It tasted like honey bread. The people gathered the manna.

Each one picked up just enough for one day. Every day there was fresh manna on the ground.

Moses spoke to the people:  
“God said that on the sixth day you are to gather enough manna for two days. No manna will fall on the seventh day.”

Some people were greedy. They took too much and tried to save it.  
“See what has happened,” they said,  
“The manna has gone bad!”  
“Yes,” said Moses, “God told you not to keep it. He will give you fresh manna every day. You must do what God tells you.”

For forty years God sent manna every day and the people were never hungry again.





## Story 10 Moses in the Wilderness Activities

1. What is a wilderness?

A wilderness is

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did the people grumble?

The people grumbled because

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What food did God provide?

God provided \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Some people were greedy. They took too much food and tried to save it. What happened?

5. When Moses and the people were in the wilderness they had to have water. They found water but it was not good. God told Moses to cut down a tree and put it into the water. What happened to the water?

The water \_\_\_\_\_

6. The people did not get ill. Why not?

The people did not get ill because they \_\_\_\_\_ what God said to do. They obeyed God.

7. Quail starts with 'qu'. Letters 'q' and 'u' always come together.

Here are some other words starting with 'qu'. Add vowels in the middle of each word.

qu \_ ck, qu \_ ck, qu \_ lt. \_ \_ n

8. Draw a picture of a quail.

9. Draw a picture of what manna may have looked like.

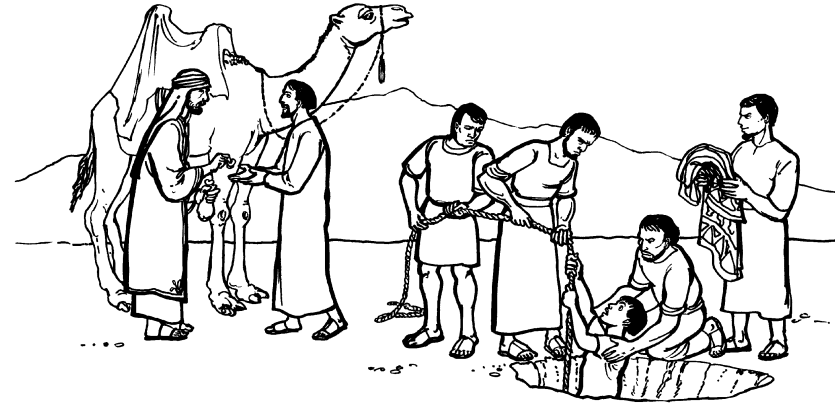
## Story 11

### God made Joseph wise

God wanted Joseph to be His helper. So when He was a young man God made him wise. Joseph could tell people the meaning of their dreams.

Joseph had eleven brothers. One day Joseph had a dream about eleven bundles of wheat bending over as if they were bowing to Joseph. He told the brothers about the dream. It was as if the bundles of wheat were the brother bowing down to Joseph. The brothers did not like this.

They put him in a big pit and waited until some men on camels came by. They took him to Egypt. There he was sold as a slave.



In Egypt Joseph was blamed for something he didn't do. He went to prison. In prison Joseph told people the meaning of their dreams.

One night the king, Pharaoh, had a strange dream.

One of his men said, "Oh King, I know a man who is in prison. He can tell you what

the dream means.

The king sent for Joseph.

“Joseph,” he said, “I had two dreams.

Seven fat cows came up from the river to eat the green grass.”

“Then seven ugly thin cows came up from the river.

They ate the seven fat cows. That was the first dream I had. I slept again.”

“Then I saw seven fat ears of corn on a stem. Then came seven thin ears of corn, burnt by the wind. They ate the fat ears of corn.”

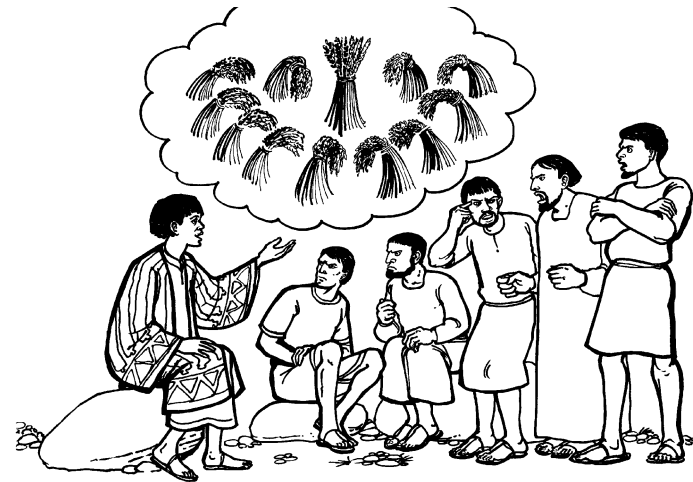
”Joseph, can you please tell me the meaning of my dreams?”

“Yes,” said Joseph, “God has told you what He is about to do. Grain will grow well in Egypt for seven years.”

“Then for the next seven years nothing will grow. There will be no food”  
God says that in the seven good years you

must save the grain. Put it in big barns. Then you will have grain for the seven lean years.”

“Thank you, Joseph,” said the king, “I want you to save the grain for me. I want you to see that all the people have food when the bad years come.”



## Story 11 God made Joseph wise Activity

God made Joseph wise.

\_\_\_\_\_ was going to be God's helper. Joseph could tell people what their \_\_\_\_\_ meant.

Joseph told the King what his

\_\_\_\_\_ dreams meant. In the first

dream the seven \_\_\_\_\_ cows ate

the seven fat cows. In the second dream

seven thin ears of \_\_\_\_\_

ate seven fat ears of corn.

God said that there would be seven

good years when lots of \_\_\_\_\_

would grow. Then there would be

\_\_\_\_\_ bad years when no

food would grow. God said that they had

to save the food in the seven

\_\_\_\_\_ years so that they would

have grain for the seven bad years.

This is very wise. \_\_\_\_\_ made

Joseph wise. Joseph was able to

\_\_\_\_\_ the king.

## Story 12: Jonah

### God is Protector

God spoke to Jonah, a prophet of God.  
“Jonah, go to Nineveh and tell the people to turn and obey Me.”

“Lord,” replied Jonah, “I don’t want to go. I won’t go.”

So Jonah went off to the coast and hid in a sailing ship. It was sailing away from Nineveh.



sailors and Jonah were afraid.  
The sailors threw Jonah into the sea.

God sent a very big fish. He made  
Jonah go into the fish. He was in the  
fish for three days. Jonah prayed to  
God,



“God, I’m sorry I didn’t do as you told me to.”

Please get me out of this big fish and I'll go to Nineveh to tell the people to turn to you."

The big fish spat Jonah out and he landed on the sandy beach. Jonah went to Nineveh and spoke to the people. They listened to him and turned to God.

### Activities

1. Jonah did not want to go to Ninevah because \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jonah was in the big fish for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jonah said sorry for not doing what God had \_\_\_\_\_ him to do.
4. The fish spat Jonah out on to the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What did Jonah do then?
6. Draw a picture for this story.

## Story 13

### Daniel and the king's dream

#### God is Light

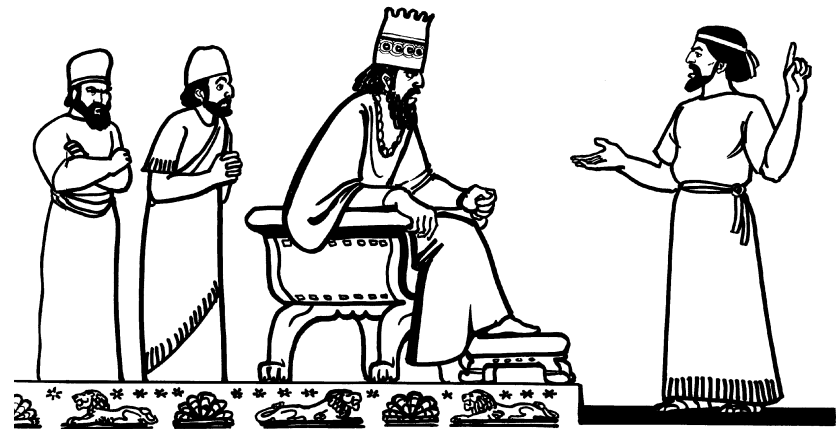
King Neb-u-chad-nez-zar of Babylon had a dream. It was a very strange dream. He could not understand what it meant.

The king sent for the magicians and wizards.

“I had a strange dream,” he told them. “You are so clever, You must tell me what my dream was about. I also want you to tell me the meaning of my dream. If you cannot tell me, you must be killed!”

“No-one can know what you dreamt about, except the gods, and they don't live here on earth,” said the magicians.

Daniel's friends told him about the king and his dream. Daniel said, “We must pray and ask God to show us what the dream was and what it means.”



That night God showed Daniel a vision that told him all about the dream and its meaning.

“Oh God,” he prayed. “You are wise and wonderful and I praise you. You can show us things that are deep and secret. You know what is hidden in darkness, but you have light all around you. You have answered our prayer and you have shown us what to tell the king. I thank you!”

Daniel went to the king. “Your majesty, no wizard or fortune teller can tell you what you dreamt about.

But our God in heaven knows all things and he has shown me what your dream was and what it means.”

King Neb-u-chad-nez-zar was amazed when Daniel told him exactly what he dreamt and exactly what it meant.

“Your God is the greatest of all gods. He is the Lord over all kings!” cried the king. “Daniel, I will make you a head man in my kingdom. I will give your friends parts of the kingdom of Babylon to rule over.



## Story 13 Daniel and the king's dream Activities

1. What was the name of the king?

The king's name

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who did he send for to explain his dream?

He sent

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who showed Daniel the dream and its meaning?

4. The king **dreamt** a strange dream.  
Circle the words that have the 'ea' sound in **dreamt**.

**steam head bread breath dead bead  
thread tread spread health ready  
dead health instead**

5. Fill in the missing 'ea' words to finish these rhymes. (Choose words from the list above).

a) In the water I will not tread, but put my feet on the stones \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Mum cut a slice of bread. Now the jam needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Money is to give us wealth, but God's healing gives us \_\_\_\_\_.

d) If on a tiny ant I tread, it will not live but will be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Story 14

### The birth of baby Jesus

#### God is our Father / God is our Saviour

It was time for Baby Jesus to be born. Mary and Joseph had come a long way. They came to Bethlehem. There were many people there.

Joseph spoke to the inn-keeper, "Have you a room for us, Mr. Inn-keeper? We are so tired."

"I'm sorry," said the inn-keeper, "many people have come to pay their tax. I have no room for you. But wait.

If you would not mind, I can make a place for you in the stable."

He gave Joseph a broom. He gave Joseph some hay. Joseph quickly swept the stable. He put the cows outside. He put his donkey outside also. He put clean hay into the manger. He put clean hay over the floor. Now Mary and Joseph could lie down.

They said, "Thank you, Lord for this good place to rest."

That night Baby Jesus was born. Mary put baby clothes on him and laid him close by in the manger.

"Thank you, Lord, for your son, Baby Jesus."



## Story 14 The birth of baby Jesus Activities

1. Fill in the missing words:

At first Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_ just like you and \_\_\_\_\_. He was born in a \_\_\_\_\_.

He had a \_\_\_\_\_, Mary. He had a \_\_\_\_\_, Joseph.

\_\_\_\_\_ was his Father in Heaven.

God is our \_\_\_\_\_ too.

I \_\_\_\_\_ my Dad who is my father on earth. I love God who is my Father in \_\_\_\_\_.

### *Missing words:*

stable mother Heaven baby me Father  
God love

2. God sent Jesus to be a baby just like you and me. He did things just like we do. Write some of the things that Jesus did, just like you.

3. There was one thing that Jesus did not do. He did not sin. What does this mean?

## **Set 4: story 15**

### **The Wise Men**

#### **God is Protector / Our Saviour**

Three men lived far away in the east. They were very wise. Every night they looked at the stars.

One night they saw a new star. It was very big. It was very, very shiny. They knew a king had been born. They got ready and started out on their camels. They were going to look for the new king. They rode and rode for many nights and days. They followed the big star.

At last they came to King Herod's palace. They said, "Where is the new king?" "There is no new king here," said Herod,

"do tell me if you find him."

The wise men went to look in Bethlehem. They saw the star had stopped. It had stopped above a stable in Bethlehem.

The wise men went into the stable and found a baby with his mother Mary and Joseph. They knelt down to worship the baby and they gave him some lovely gifts. They knew that this baby was the new king.

Then God spoke to them in a dream. He said, "Do not go back to Herod. Go back home another way."

So they didn't go back to Herod. They didn't tell him where to find the baby.

Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to Egypt. God kept him safe there until King Herod died. Then they came back to Nazareth to live.



## Story 15 The Wise Men Activities

1. The wise men lived in the East.  
Circle some words that have the 'ea' sound  
that you hear in 'east'.

**bear feast head mean bean ear cream  
tread dream**

2. Fill the gap with the right 'ea' word

a) The wise men came from the

\_\_\_\_\_.

b) God spoke to the wise men in a

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The wise men went to look for a new baby  
King. The King was Jesus.

Write some words that rhyme with 'king'.

4. The wise men **knelt** down to worship the  
baby.

Here are some other words that begin with a  
silent 'k'. Use them to fill the gaps in the  
sentences.

**kneel knot knife knight know knew  
knelt knee**

a) I \_\_\_\_\_ down to pray.

b) King Herod did not \_\_\_\_\_  
where the new baby king was.

c) The wise men \_\_\_\_\_ down  
and worshipped Jesus.

e) The wise men \_\_\_\_\_ where to  
find the baby by following the star.