

Bible Stories for the Kindergarten Program PART 2

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Jesus as a boy

Wise Week 1

Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth, in the land of Israel. His father Joseph was a carpenter. That meant he made things from wood. Joseph taught Jesus how to make things with wood. Mary, His mother, took care of Him. She taught Him how to help at home, about the plants and animals, and she told Him about heaven and about God.

As Jesus grew up, He learned to read and write. In his free time, He walked with his brothers and sisters through the streets of Nazareth and in the fields, where He learned about people and about God's creation.

He saw the shepherds go into the fields with their flocks and watched the good shepherds who loved and cared for their sheep. He watched the people who worked at growing grapes. He saw them trim the vines that would grow the fruit.

Jesus watched as the farmers plant their seed.

Some seeds fell on the pathway and were quickly eaten by birds. Some fell among thorns; some seeds fell on hard soil and were dried by the sun and some seeds fell in good earth. They grew into good healthy plants.

Jesus learned from everything around Him. God put wisdom in His heart.

Jesus was happy, like any other boy. But He was also different from the others. The greatest difference was He only did what God wanted Him to do. He never did anything wrong. He was like other people, except He had no sin. Sin is when we do things that God does not like. Jesus did not sin.

When Jesus was growing up, the people of Nazareth did not know that Jesus was the Son of God. They only knew that He was "Jesus, the son of Joseph, the son of the carpenter." They did not know that God in heaven was His real father.



Wise Week 1

The Baby Moses Exodus 1 & 2

Wise Week 2

There was a new king over the land of Israel. He was an Egyptian king called a pharaoh, but was not a good king, like the king in the days of Joseph. He was mean, and made the people of Israel do very hard work, with no rest. He did not even want them to have boy babies. The people of Israel were afraid of the mean king.

A lady had a baby boy and wanted to hide him from the king. She had a daughter called Miriam.

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

“Why, Mummy?” Miriam asked.

“The king says he will kill every baby boy who is an Israelite,” the mother answered. “We live in Egypt now, but our fathers and grandfathers 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 long grasses, called 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,” said the mother.

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.



The burning bush Exodus 3 & 4

Wise Week 2

When Moses grew up, he left the palace. He did not like to see how the king made his people work so hard. He went to another land and there he took care of sheep.

One day while he was watching the sheep, he saw a bush covered with fire. But it didn't burn up.

When he went closer to see the bush, God called him.

"Moses, I want you to go to the king. Tell him to let my people, the Israelites, to go free."

Moses was afraid. But God said, "I will be with you. I promise I will bring the people out of Egypt. I will lead them to a special land."

So God said, "Throw down the stick you are holding."

Moses threw it down. It turned into a snake.

God said, "Pick it up again."

Moses picked it up and it turned back into a stick.

God said, "I will use miracles like this to show the king that I am with you."

So Moses went back to Egypt. He told the people that God would take them out of Egypt. He would lead them to a new land.



Wise Week 2

Let my people go Exodus 5 – 15

Wise Week 2

Moses went to the pharaoh King.

“God has sent me to tell you to let God’s people go,” he told the King Pharaoh.

“No! They are my best workers,” Pharaoh said. “I will not let them go.”

So God sent frogs, and mosquitoes and flies and grasshoppers to Egypt to make King Pharaoh change his mind. He also sent a hail storm.

Pharaoh said, “I had better let those people go,” he said, “then all these horrible things might stop happening to me.”

But he changed his mind and wouldn’t let the people go.

God told Moses that He would send a sickness, and the oldest boy in every family would die, but not the Israelite boys. He told the Israelites to kill a lamb, and put the blood above their doors.

When they did this, the sickness would pass over their house. And it did. No Israelite boys died.

But Pharaoh’s son died. He said, “This is enough. “I will let the people go.”

The Israelites were ready. They had packed up all their things. They started moving towards the Red Sea.

But King Pharaoh sent his soldiers to chase after the people.

“Hurry and bring them back. I need them to do all my work!” he said.

The people came to the Red Sea. The water was deep and they could not get across. The soldiers were nearly catching up and the people didn’t know what to do.

God sent a big, strong wind. It blew a path in the sea. Everyone walked safely across the dry path, to the other side. Then the sea rolled back again, and the soldiers who were chasing them did not make it across.



Wise Week 2



Wise Week 2



Wise Week 2

A long journey to a new land Exodus 16 & 17

Wise Week 2

Moses took the children of Israel from Egypt into the desert.

God went ahead, in a tall cloud, every day.

Wherever the cloud stopped, the people stopped and set up their tents, until the cloud moved again.

God was with them, every night, in a tall pillar of fire. God kept them safe.

Sometimes the cloud would stop for a long time. Then the cloud would move. "Follow the cloud," someone would shout.

Everyone would hurry about, packing up their beds

and pulling down their tents. It was a busy time.

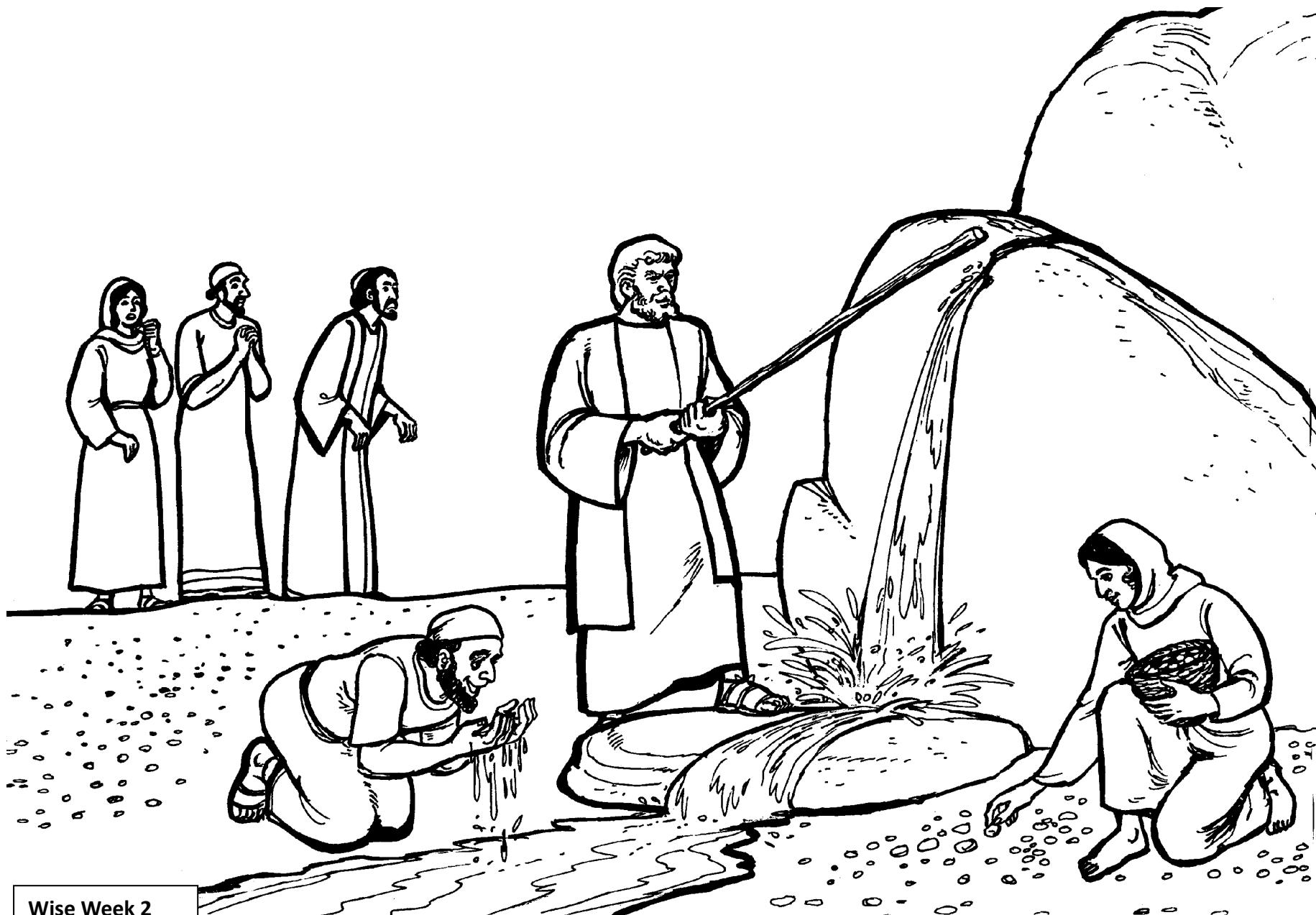
But God's presence, in the cloud, only moved as fast as the old people and the little children could walk.

There was no food in the desert, but God provided food. God sent little birds called quail, they could catch and cook to eat.

God also sent sweet bread called manna. They would find it on the ground each morning.

When they ran out of water, God told Moses to hit a big rock with a stick, and fresh water came out for them to drink, and fill their water containers.

Moses knew that God was always with them and would take them safely, to their new land.



Wise Week 2

The Ten Commandments Exodus 19 - 20

Wise Week 2

The people of Israel were traveling in the desert. They reached a place called Mount Sanai.

Moses climbed up the mountain to talk to God, carrying two big, flat stones, while all the people waited at the bottom of the mountain.

God wrote His rules on the stones. God's rules tell people that God is the only real God to love and trust and how to do what is good and right, to other people. God gave Moses the rules, so that they would know what is the right thing to do and how to live good lives."

God's rules are called the Ten Commandments. Here are the rules He gave to Moses, and to all people who follow Him.

1. No other gods
2. No idols
3. No swearing
4. Keep one day especially for God.
5. Honour your mother and father.
6. Do not kill.
7. Love the person you marry and do not take someone else's wife.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not be jealous of things other people have. Do not want their things for yourself.



Wise Week 2

The Good Shepherd John 10

Wise Week 3

A shepherd takes care of sheep. The sheep know the shepherd's voice, and they follow where he leads them. The shepherd does not follow behind the sheep, but walks in front of them to show them where to go. The shepherd leads his sheep to find good grass to eat and water to drink.

At night he leads them back to the sheepfold, which has a big wall or fence all around it. The sheep are safe inside the sheepfold, safe from wild animals and thieves. The shepherd stays guard at the entrance to the sheepfold and protects his sheep. The shepherd counts his sheep to make sure that not one is lost.

Each sheep is important to the shepherd. All shepherds care about and protect their sheep. Jesus told us that He is the Good Shepherd, the one who takes care of the sheep. Can anyone guess who the sheep are?

That's right, we are the sheep. Of course, we are not really sheep, but sometimes we can be like sheep.

Sheep don't think about whether there might be danger ahead. They just follow other sheep. This means that sheep will even follow other sheep right over the edge of a cliff! Jesus wants us to follow Him, and not just do what others do, without thinking.

Sheep sometimes go the wrong way and get lost. Yes, people can do that too. People can go away from Jesus. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd will forgive us if we go the wrong way and take us back into His family.

Sheep are not good at protecting themselves. If a wolf comes, they cannot fight the wolf. They are not even fast enough to run away from it. But the Shepherd fights the wolf and keeps it away from the sheep. Jesus, our Good Shepherd keeps our enemy Satan away from us too, when we follow Him.

God wants us to make the wisest choice. That is, to listen to the Good Shepherd, Jesus, and to follow Him.



Wise Week 3



Wise Week 3



Wise Week 3

Samuel 1 Samuel 1

Wise Week 4

A lady called Hannah was very sad, because she had no baby. She went to the temple to pray. Eli was God's servant at the temple. He told people about God. Eli prayed for Hannah, that God would give her 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, but now it is time for you to go and live with Eli. I will come and visit you every day."

So Hannah took Samuel to Eli, and Samuel lived in the temple with Eli. One night, Samuel was asleep. He was lying on his mat in the temple. He woke up. He heard a voice call him: "Samuel! Samuel!" said the voice.

"Did Eli call?" Samuel wondered. He ran to Eli. "Yes Eli, here I am," said Samuel.

"I didn't call you, Samuel," said Eli. "Go back to sleep."

But soon the voice came again: "Samuel! Samuel!" Again, Samuel ran to Eli. "Did you call me, Eli?" asked Samuel.

"No, my boy, I did not call you," said Eli. "Go back to sleep."

Then for a third time the voice came again: "Samuel! Samuel!" Again, Samuel ran to Eli and said, "You called me, Eli. Here I am."

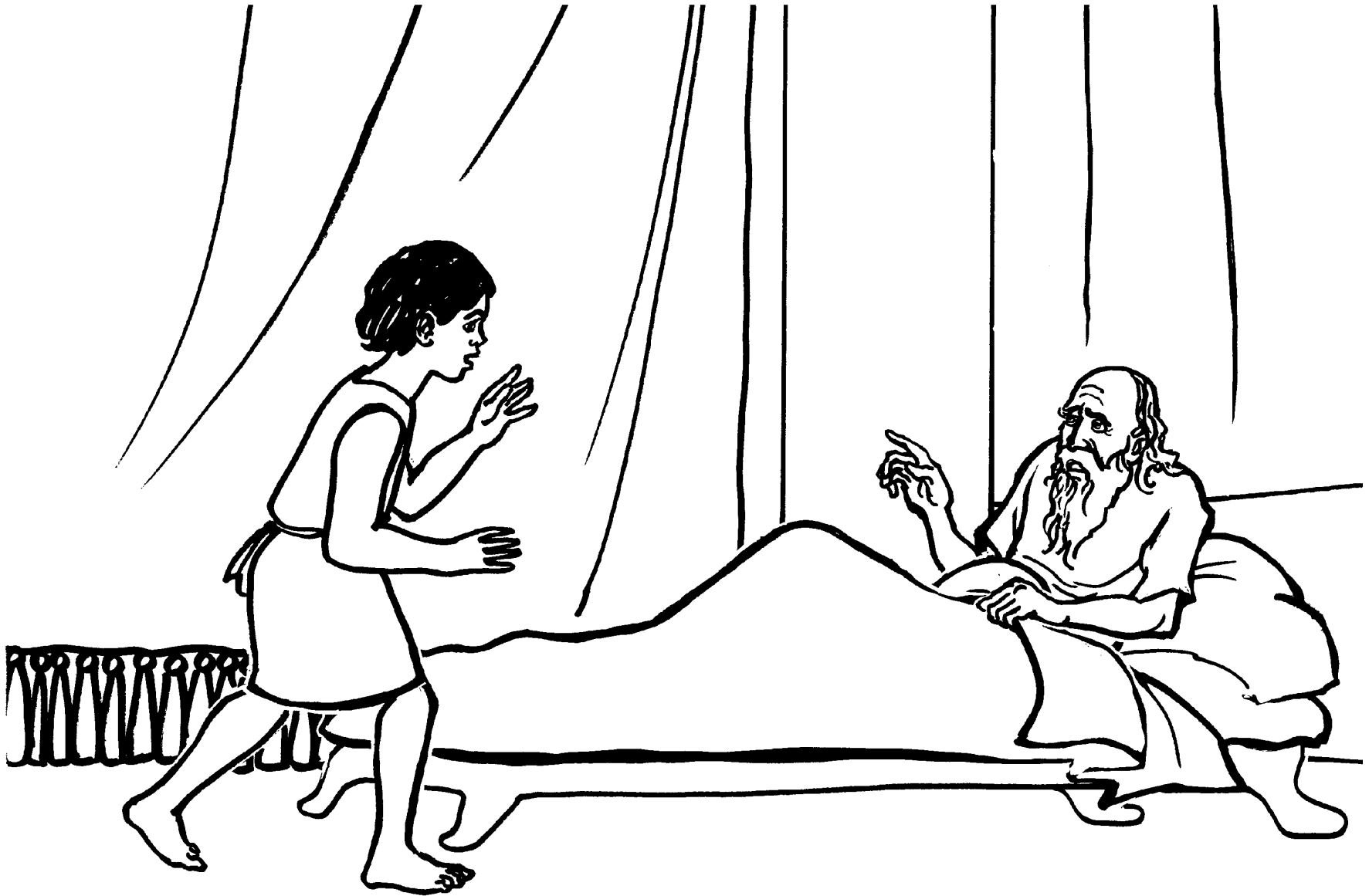
"Samuel, it must be the Lord calling you," said Eli. "Go back and listen to Him."

Samuel went back and lay down. "Samuel! Samuel!" came the voice.

"Yes, Lord. I'm listening to you," said Samuel.

The Lord spoke to Samuel. "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.



Wise Week 4

Mary listened to Jesus Luke 10:38 - 42

Wise Week 4

Jesus loved staying at Martha's home in Bethany, with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. It was a place where Jesus could really relax and rest, away from the crowds of people who followed Him.

Martha loved cooking. As soon as Jesus arrived, she began to prepare a delicious meal for Him and his friends. There was a lot to do and she would need Mary's help, so Martha cheerfully set to work. She hurried back and forth to the table with plates of food, while still making sure that nothing was burning on the stove, or in the oven. But where was Mary? It wasn't fair that she had to do all the work by herself!

Mary was listening to Jesus talk about God's love and His wonderful plan for people everywhere. Mary didn't want to miss a single word. But Martha was getting very annoyed!

"Jesus," Martha said, "Tell Mary not to be so selfish and lazy and make her come and help me. I can't manage so much work by myself."

Jesus loved Martha and He spoke to her gently.

"Martha, Martha, when you serve me, it is your gift to me. Do it because you really want to, with a loving heart and a smile on your face. It is more important that Mary spends time with me, listening to what I have to say."

Martha listened to the wise words Jesus said and went back to her work feeling much happier about what she was doing. She was doing it for Jesus, their good friend that they loved so much.



Wise Week 4

Jesus visits the temple Luke 2:41 - 52

Servant Week 1

When Jesus was twelve years old, He went with his parents, Joseph and Mary, to the temple (church) at Jerusalem, just as they did every year.

Jerusalem was a long way from where they lived. They walked for several days with their family and friends.

When they got to the Jerusalem Jesus went to the temple. He started asking questions and talking about God with the wise old teachers.

Jesus listened to them teaching and asked them questions too. They were amazed at how much this boy understood. He understood everything in the Bible!

When it was time to go home all the families went together. Joseph and Mary thought Jesus was walking with some of his friends.

After a while they went to find Jesus, but no-one had seen him all day.

“He must have been left behind,” said Joseph, and they hurried back to look for him.

At last they found Jesus in the Temple with the teachers!

Joseph and Mary told him how worried they were when they couldn’t find him.

“Didn’t you know I was in my Father’s house?” said Jesus.

He went straight home with them.

Jesus always listened to his parents and obeyed them. And Mary never forgot how much Jesus loved God’s word, even when he was a little boy.



Servant Week 1

Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:46 - 52

Servant Week 2

As Jesus and His disciples were traveling one day, they came across a man named Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road, begging for food. He was blind.

Earlier in his life he could see, so he could do anything anyone else could. He used to be able to see where he was going, what he was doing, and what everyone and everything around him were doing too. Until one day... he couldn't. That meant he couldn't work to get money, so he had to sit with a begging bowl by the side of the road and hope that people would put money in.

When he heard that it was Jesus walking past, he called out, "Jesus, please help me!".

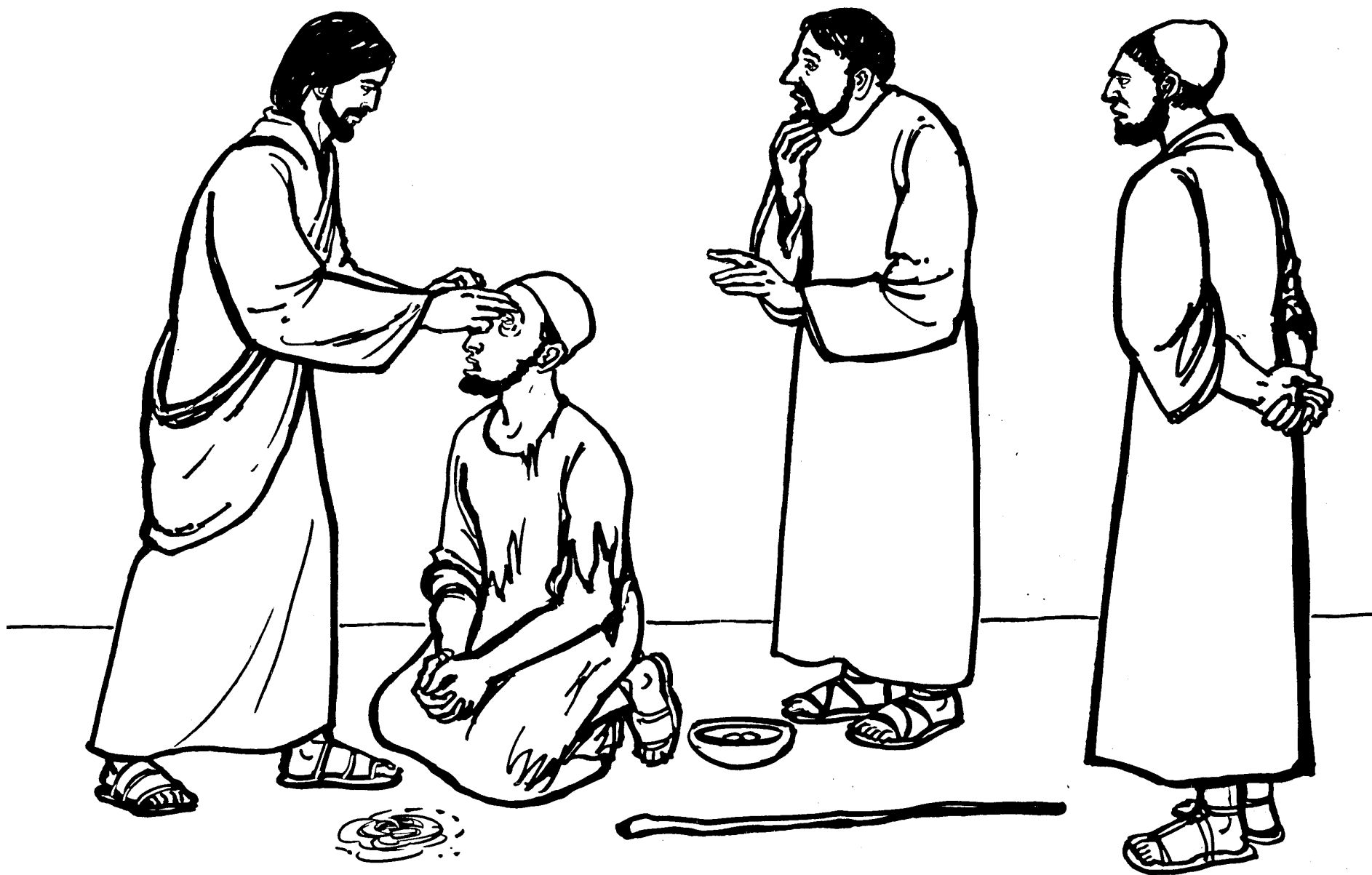
Some people around Bartimaeus told him to be quiet, but he didn't stop. He called out again.

When Jesus heard him, He stopped, and He asked Bartimaeus to come to Him. Bartimaeus was so excited that he jumped up and ran to where he heard Jesus' voice.

Jesus asked him what it was that he wanted, and Bartimaeus said, "I would like to be able to see again."

Jesus said to him, "Because you believed you are healed." And straight away Bartimaeus could see.

Bartimaeus didn't have to be good enough for Jesus to heal him. He just had to believe that Jesus could do it.



Servant Week 2

The man at the pool John 5:5-13

Servant Week 2

In the land where Jesus lived there was a very special pool. The water was calm most of the time, but sometimes it bubbled. People said that the water from this pool could make sick people feel better. They said that the best time to get into the pool was when the water bubbled.

Lots of sick people came to this pool. When the water bubbled, they got into it. They would feel much better.

One day Jesus was walking by the pool. There he saw a man who could not walk. The man had been lame for a long time. He was sitting on a mat near the pool, but could not move his legs to get into the pool when the water bubbled. Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?"

"Yes, I do," said the man. "But I have no one to help me get into the pool when the water bubbles."

Then Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk."

Do you think the man said, "Oh no, I cannot do that, I cannot walk."?

Not he didn't. He just did what Jesus told him to do. Straight away the man's legs became strong. The man stood up and walked!

The leaders of the people were angry. They did not like Jesus. They were jealous that the people liked Jesus more than them. They said to Jesus, "You should not be healing people today because it is the day when everyone should rest."

But Jesus said, "God does not rest. He is always working to help people. So today I am working too."



Servant Week 2

The man who could not hear or speak

Mark 7:31-37

Servant Week 2

Once there was a man who was deaf. He could not hear. He could not speak either, because he had never been able to hear the sounds around him. He could not hear the words that people were saying, so when he was a baby, he did not learn to speak like other children did. Some of his friends came to Jesus. They asked Jesus to heal the man.

Jesus took the man away from the crowd. The man was alone with Jesus. Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. He spat on his hands and then touched the man's tongue.

Then Jesus looked up to heaven. He spoke to the man's ears and said, "Open up!"

At once the deaf man could hear. He opened his mouth and he was able to speak, too.

Jesus said to him, "Please don't tell anyone about this." Jesus knew that the leaders would not be happy. They did not like to see Jesus healing people, because this was something they could not do. They saw that the people liked Jesus more than them. But the people could not stop talking about it.

"See what Jesus is able to do," they said. "He can even make the deaf hear. And He has made this man speak!"



Servant Week 2

Peter and John and the lame man Acts 3:1-10

Servant Week 3

Peter and John were disciples of Jesus. One day, after Jesus had gone back to Heaven, they were going to the temple to pray. They could hear a man calling, "Please give me some money! In those days, money was made from silver and gold. I am lame. I cannot walk."

They saw the man sitting bent up at the gate of the temple. They stopped to talk to the man.

"I'm sorry," said Peter. "I have no gold or silver. But I can give you something better than that."

Peter looked at the man. He took the man's right hand and lifted him to his feet.

"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk."

At once the man's feet and ankles became strong and he jumped up and down. Then he began to walk. He knew that God had healed him.

"Oh, I am so happy" he shouted with joy. "Praise God I can walk! I can jump! Oh, praise God!"

People came running from the temple to look. They asked:

"How did you heal him, Peter? What did you do to make him walk?"

The people were all talking and asking each other what happened.

Peter answered, "I did not heal this man! It was God who made him walk. Even though Jesus has gone back to Heaven, God can still heal people. He was lame but God healed him. He was healed because he believed in the name of Jesus Christ. Didn't you hear me say, 'in the name of Jesus Christ, walk.'?"

The man who had been lame went away leaping and shouting: "Thank you Lord Jesus! Thank you for making me walk again. Oh! Praise God!"



Servant Week 3

Paul prays for a lame man Acts 14: 8-10

Servant Week 3

Do you remember Saul? He had his life changed when Jesus shone His bright light on him on the road to Damascus. Saul had his name changed to Paul. Paul and his friend Barnabas traveled together. They walked from town to town. In every town, they told people about Jesus. Paul and Barnabas helped people who were sick. Many, many people believed in Jesus, God's Son, because of Paul and Barnabas.

Paul and Barnabas came to a town called Lystra. They told the people there that Jesus is God's Son. They told how Jesus made sick people well. Paul and Barnabas told the people that God loved them. As Paul talked, he looked at one man in the crowd. This man had never walked in his whole life. His feet didn't work. The man looked back at Paul. Paul could see that the man believed God could make his feet better!

So Paul said to the man, "Stand up on your feet!" The man jumped up on his feet. He began to walk. He started running around and leaping. He was so happy that his feet had been healed.

The people in the crowd saw the man leaping and jumping! The people got VERY excited! They thought Paul and Barnabas had made the man's feet better! But Paul and Barnabas had not done this. They were just people like everyone else. Paul and Barnabas told the people the truth. They wanted everyone to know that God had made the man's feet better.

Paul said, "We are only here to bring the good news about Jesus." Paul and Barnabas walked to other cities to tell others about Jesus. They wanted to show God's love to everyone!



Servant Week 3

Philip and the man from Ethiopia Acts 8:26-40

Servant Week 4

Phillip and some of Jesus' disciples, were telling people in the small towns of Samaria about Jesus Christ, God's son, and many people believed the good news.

Then God sent an angel to tell Phillip "Go this way into the desert.

God has something for you to do."

Phillip listened and obeyed.

He wondered why God had sent him to such a lonely place, but he knew that God's Spirit was with him.

God wanted Phillip to tell someone about Jesus.

Soon a very important man, from the country of Ethiopia in Africa, came past in his chariot.

He was in charge of the Queen of Ethiopia's treasure and he was reading the words of Isaiah, from the Bible.

Phillip asked the man if he understood the words he was reading.

"I can't understand them," he answered, "and I have no one to teach me."

So Phillip explained to the man from Ethiopia how God had written long ago about his Son and that anyone who believes in Jesus could become a child of God. To show that they really believed, they could be baptized. That meant going into some water as a sign that Jesus has made them clean inside.

"I want to get baptized right now," the Ethiopian man said.

"If you truly believe with all you heart, you can,"

Phillip replied.

"I do believe Jesus is the Son of God," said the man. And so Phillip baptized him in the river.



Servant Week 4

Paul tells people about God the Creator

Acts 17: 16-34

Servant Week 4

Paul traveled to many places telling people about Jesus. One time he was in the country of Greece, in the city of Athens.

As he walked the streets of Athens, he saw that there were idols in the city. Idols are statues that people worship instead of the true God. There were idols everywhere!

What does God say about idols?

Paul must have been very sad to see all those idols. Paul, knew the Ten Commandment. God said not to have other gods, and not to make anything to be an idol.

He went to the marketplace every day and talked to people about Jesus.

Some men saw him talking to the people and asked who Paul was. They heard him speaking about things they had never heard before.

They took Paul to Mars Hill, to a place where he could speak to many people at once. The hill is in the middle of the city, so it was easy for people to see and hear him.

Paul stood at the top of the hill and told them “People of Athens, I see that you have lots of gods. I even found one that said ‘To the Unknown God’. I am going to tell you about the One that you are worshipping that you do not know.”

Paul told them about how God created the world and that He doesn’t like anyone to worship stone or gold or silver statues. He told them that Jesus, God’s son, was killed but came alive again. Some people made fun of Paul but other people said that “We will listen to Paul again about this.”

Not everyone will want to hear about Jesus when you tell them. Some might make fun of you, but then others will want to hear more. We need to learn what the Bible says, so we can answer their questions.



Servant Week 4

Three men in a fiery furnace Daniel 3

Protector Week 1

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were three men who loved God. They knew that bowing to idols was wrong, but it was dangerous to disobey a king!

King Nebuchadnezzar was a very bossy king. "Everyone must bow down and pray to a big gold statue I have made. It will be your god," said the king.

Three men would NOT bow to the big gold statue. "We bow and pray ONLY to God," they said, "We do not bow to a statue that a man has made."

The king was VERY angry. He made another rule. "Throw them into a VERY hot fire," he said. "That will make them change their mind."

The soldiers made a VERY hot fire.

The three men prayed and they asked God to help them. They would not bow down to statues.

The king's soldiers threw the men into the fire. It was very hot but it didn't burn them! God was looking after them! Not even their clothes got burnt!

The King looked into the fire and saw God's angel looking after the men. He knew a statue could never do that. Then the King believed in the true God.

The King made a new rule. "The three men were right and I was wrong. Everyone in my kingdom must pray to the true God and not to statues," he said.



Protector Week 1

The golden calf Exodus 32

Protector Week 1

Moses climbed up the mountain to talk to God, carrying two big, flat stones, while all the people waited at the bottom of the mountain.

God wrote His rules on the stones. God's rules tell people that God is the only real God to love and trust and how to do what is good and right, to other people.

Moses was away a long time.

"Let's make a God we can see, out of gold treasure," they said.

They melted their gold treasure in a hot fire and made it into the shape of a calf. They danced around the calf and prayed to it. But the golden calf could not answer their prayers.

As Moses came down the mountain, he saw the people praying to their idol. He was so angry that he broke the stones that God had written on.

Then everyone remembered how God had saved them from the Egyptian Pharaoh King, and they were sorry.

Moses went back up the mountain again, with two new stones.

God gave Moses the new rules again.

"Tell the people to follow these good rules," God said.

"Now they will know what is the right thing to do and how to live good lives."

God's rules are called the Ten Commandments. If we live the way God wants us to, He will protect us.



Protector Week 1

Daniel and the king's dream Daniel 6

Protector Week 2

Daniel was a friend of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who God saved from the fiery furnace. God blessed Daniel and made him very wise.

King Darius liked Daniel, and allowed him to help rule the land. Now the other wise men were jealous. They tried to find something bad about Daniel. But Daniel was a good man. He always prayed to God. The men could not find anything bad about him. So they made a plan.

They went to the king and said, "Let's make a new law. Let's say that everyone has to bow down and pray to you. If they don't, we'll throw them into the lion's den."

The king liked the idea of being so important. He liked the idea of people bowing down to him. So he made it a new law.

Daniel heard about the new law.

But he went into his room and prayed near the open window. The men saw him through the window and took him to the king.

"Let's throw Daniel into the lions' den," they said.

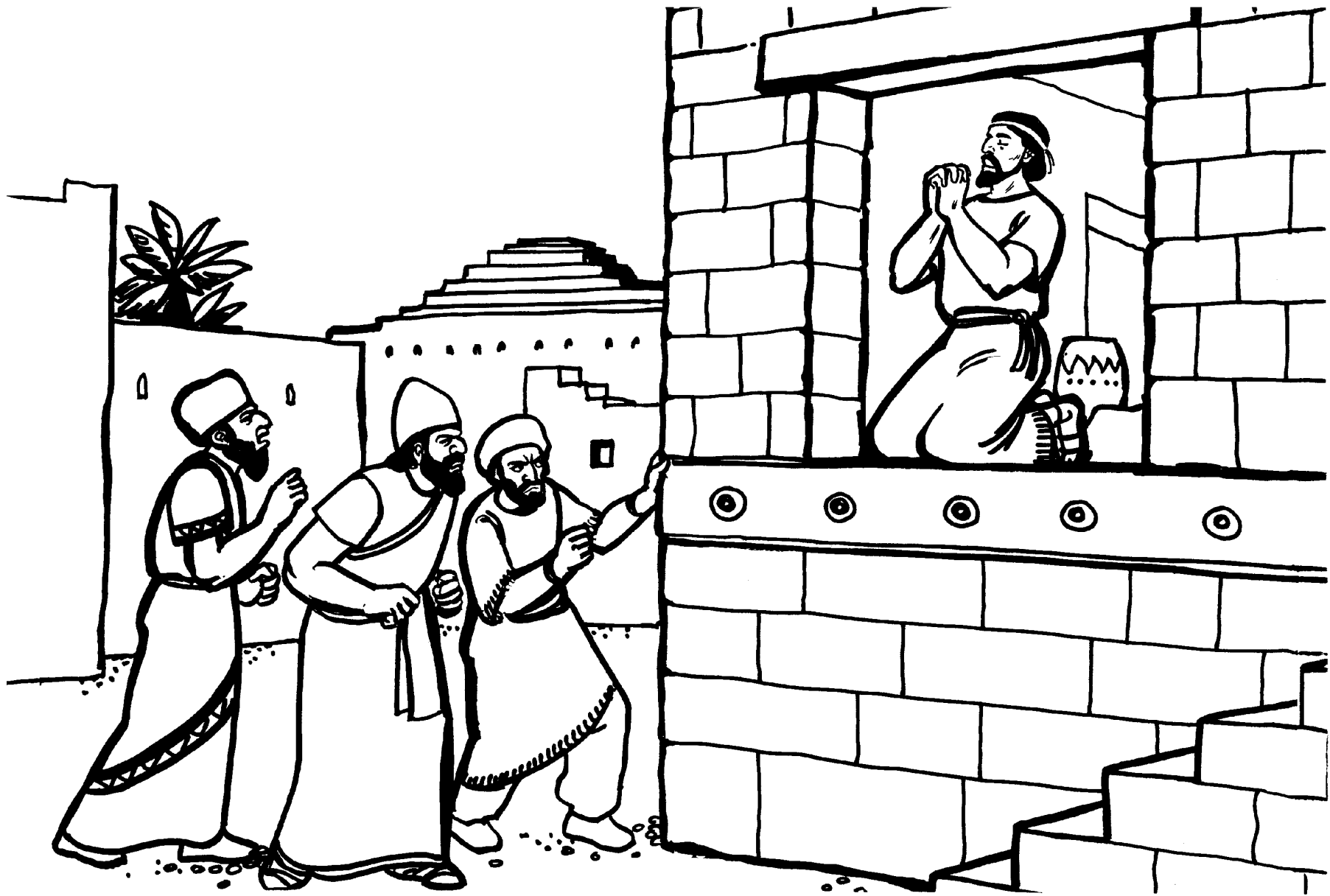
The king was sorry, because he liked Daniel very much. But he had made the law and it could not be changed. The men's plan had worked. They put Daniel in the lions' den.

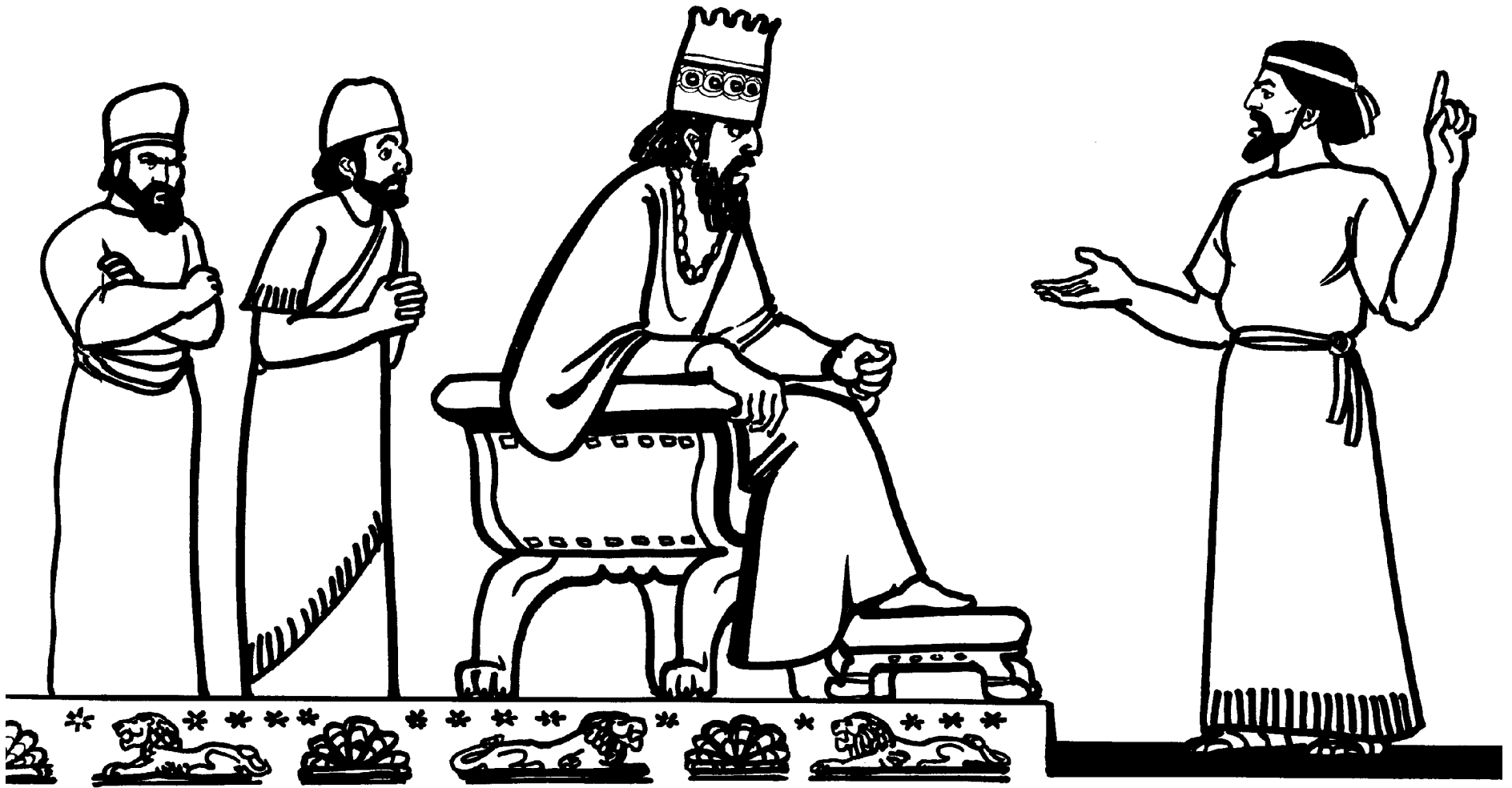
The next morning, the king got up very early. He ran to the lions' den.

"Daniel, are you there?" called the king.

"Yes," called Daniel. "I am here and I am not hurt. God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths."

The king was very happy. He took Daniel out. God had saved him. The king wrote to all the people under his rule. The letter said, "I am making a new rule. Everywhere in my kingdom, people will worship only the God of Daniel, for He is the only God who can save you."





Protector Week 2



Protector Week 2

Saul escapes in a basket Acts 9:19-31

Protector Week 3

Remember the story of Saul, who used to kill Christians? (Saul's name was later changed to Paul.) One day Jesus came to him when he was on the road. Jesus came as a bright light, and He spoke to Saul and said that he had to stop killing Christians. Saul knew it was Jesus, and became a follower.

Now Saul believed that Jesus was sent by Father God and he wanted to tell others about Jesus too. His old 'friends' (who didn't love Jesus) still wanted to stop the Christians and now they were angry with Saul too and wanted to stop him!

The city of Damascus, like most cities in those days was built with the houses and other buildings inside a big tall wall which went all around for protection. There were gates and windows in the wall, but anyone going in or out had to go through the gates in the wall. So, Saul would have been seen if he just ran or walked out of Damascus in the daytime. God gave some of his friends a very clever idea. They found a big basket and tied a strong rope to it.

At night, when no one was looking, Saul got in the basket, and the friends lowered it down over the wall, so no one knew he had escaped. God protected him, and Saul continued to tell many people about Jesus.



Protector Week 3

Paul and Silas in jail Acts 16:16-40 (*revision*)

Protector Week 3

Paul had a good friend named Silas. Paul and Silas went from town to town telling everyone the good news about Jesus Christ the son of God.

It was the rule that no one could talk about Jesus, or they would be put into jail. They soon got arrested.

Paul and Silas did not worry. They knew that God was with them everywhere. Even in jail! At night they sang songs and prayed.

The other prisoners and guards listened to their songs and prayers.

One night there was an earthquake. The chains on the prisoners fell off and all the jail doors opened.

If the prisoners escaped the guards would be in trouble. But Paul and Silas did not run away.

The guard was so pleased that they were still there.

“God is with us and we want you to know about Jesus, God’s Son,” they told the guard.

“Tell me about him,” the guard said.

Paul explained how God sent his son to earth. “He healed and helped people, then died on a cross. Now he is alive again, just as God had promised. Just believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son. You too will become God’s friend.”

“I do believe that Jesus is God’s Son,” said the guard.

The Guard told all his family about Jesus. They all listened to Paul and Silas and they all believed in Jesus too. Like Paul and Silas, they were now God’s children.



Protector Week 3

Jesus is tempted by Satan Matthew 4:1-11

Truth Week 1

As a boy, Jesus was always a good helper to His parents, Mary and Joseph, but He also knew that He must learn what God wanted Him to do. That's why He went to the temple to learn from the Bible. When Jesus grew up to be a man, He still obeyed God.

One day He went for a long walk in the desert. *What is a desert like? (discuss)* He stayed there many days. He did not take food with Him and had no one to talk to. He just wanted to be alone with God.

The bad angel, Satan, was there in the desert too. You cannot see this bad angel, but you can see the things that he does. He makes people do evil things. Satan thought that this would be a good time to make Jesus do something wrong. Satan talked to Jesus.

"Why don't you listen to me?" he said. "If you are hungry, why don't you turn these stones into bread?"

Now Jesus could easily do this, because He was God, and had power to do miracles. A miracle is when God does something to help people – something that no human could do. Jesus knew that Father God had sent Him to the earth to use His power to help others. His power was not for Himself, so He said to Satan, "No, Satan. God tells us that His word is more important than food."

Satan came to Jesus again and said, "You could do some fantastic tricks like jumping from this high point. Everyone would think how great you are if you jumped and didn't hurt yourself. The angels would hold you and stop you from being hurt."

Jesus knew that this was not what God wanted Him to do. Jesus didn't need to jump off a high place to make people think he was important. Jesus must do only the things that God told Him to do. God was His Heavenly Father and He must obey Him only.

"Get away from me Satan," said Jesus. "God's word says that we don't have to do anything to prove that God is powerful. He just IS." Jesus said "no" to Satan.

Satan came again and said, "When you are standing up high you can see the cities of the world. Satan said, "I will give you all these cities if you worship me." Jesus said 'no' again to Satan. He said:" The word of God says, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" After a while Satan left Jesus. Sometimes Satan speaks to us as well. He doesn't speak in a loud voice. He only speaks through our thoughts. Perhaps he might make us think about being unkind to someone, or telling a lie. When we have those bad thoughts, we must say 'no' to Satan, just as Jesus did. We can say a verse that we know from the Bible.



Truth Week 1

The woman at the well John 4:4-26

Truth Week 2

Jesus was tired and thirsty. He sat down by a well and rested while his helpers went into town to buy food. They were all hungry after walking a long way.

A woman from the town of Samaria came to get water from the well and was surprised when Jesus asked someone like her, from Samaria, for a drink of water. In those days, people from Israel where Jesus lived, did not usually speak to people from Samaria.

Jesus said, "If you knew who I am, you would ask me to give you water that makes you new."

"But you don't have a bucket or rope and the well is deep," said the woman to Jesus.

"You soon get thirsty again when you drink water," said Jesus. "I am talking about God's spirit that can make you new and clean inside."

Jesus knew about everything she had ever done, and He knew that she had done things that God does not like.

"Please give me this water," she said.
Jesus told her that God wants everyone, wherever they live, to know him
and to love him with all their hearts.

"I know you are a man of God," she said. "God has promised to send someone one day, who will save us from our sins."

Jesus said. "I am the Promised One."

The woman believed Jesus! She left her water jar by the well and ran home to tell everyone.

"Come and see God's promised Son!" she said,
"He knows everything I ever did!"

The people from Samaria believed too!



Truth Week 2

Nathanael John 1:43-50 (Revision)

Truth Week 2

When Jesus called the disciples to be His followers, He called them by name. The first ones He called were the four fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John. One day, Jesus met Philip walking down a street in Galilee. He knew that Philip would become one of His friends.

"Follow me," Jesus said to Philip. Philip had a friend called Nathanael. He told Nathanael about Jesus. "Come with me," said Philip. "I have found the special One sent by God."

Nathanael went with Philip to see Jesus. When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, He knew that Nathanael too would become one of His friends. He had never heard of Nathanael before, yet Jesus knew all about him. He even knew his name.

"How did you know me? How did you know my name?" asked Nathanael.

Jesus answered, "I saw you, Nathanael, even before Philip asked you to come and meet me. I saw you when you were sitting under the fig tree." Nathanael was surprised and said, "Jesus, you really are the Son of God!"



Truth Week 2

Jesus calls his disciples Luke 5:2-11

Truth Week 3

Jesus was walking along the water's edge by the sea of Galilee. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon. Jesus asked Simon to take the boat a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Take the boat out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they let down the nets, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. They called James and John who were in another boat, to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and knew that Jesus was from God.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So, they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



Truth Week 3

Nicodemus John 3:1-17

Truth Week 3

Nicodemus had fancy clothes. He was rich. Nicodemus was a Pharisee. Pharisees were people from the church at the time when Jesus walked on earth. They knew some of the Bible - about when God made the world, and about Moses, but they didn't know that Jesus was God's Son. In fact, they didn't like Jesus. They didn't really love God. They just followed a lot of rules.

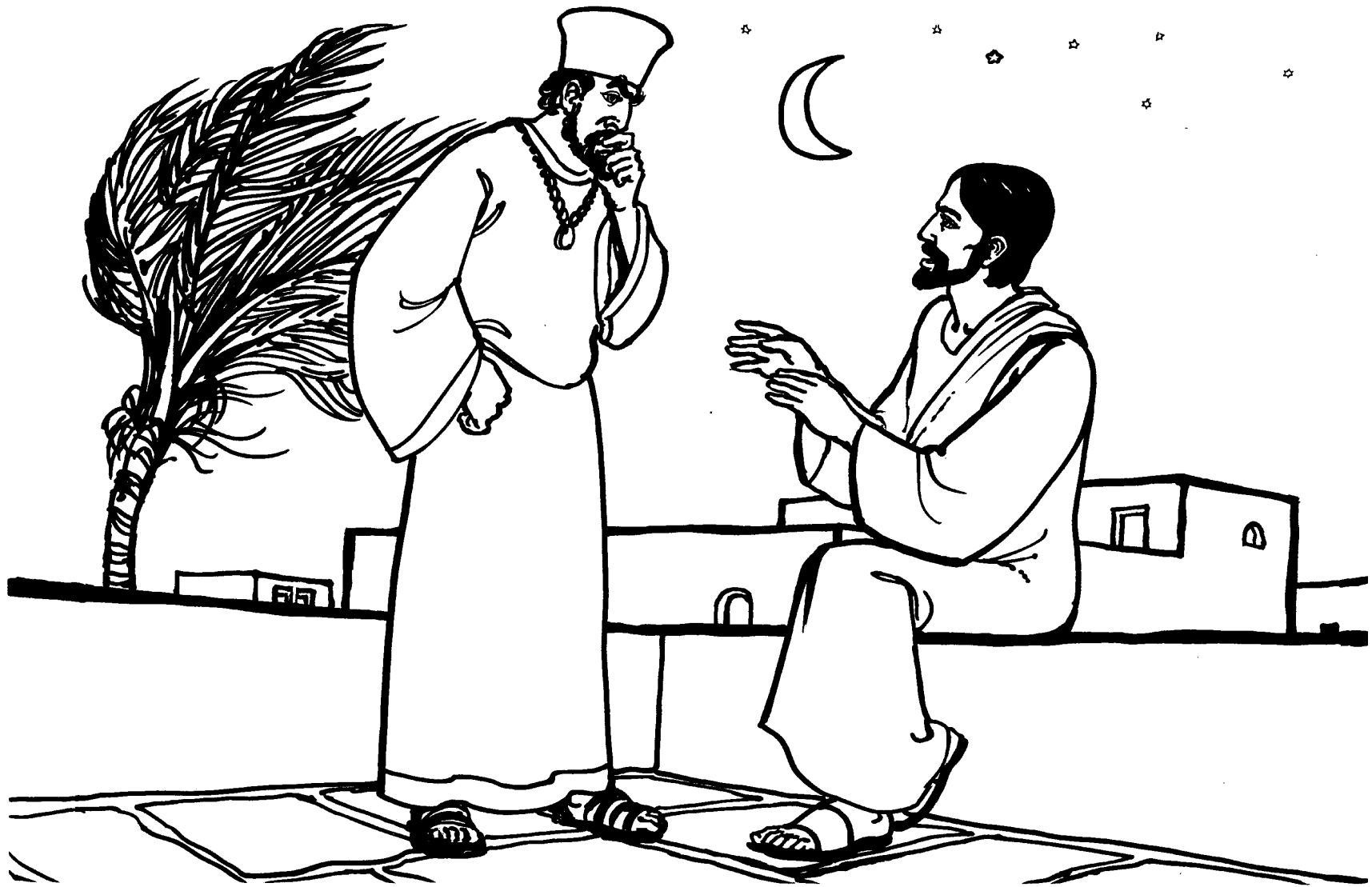
But there was one Pharisee who was different. His name was Nicodemus. He wanted to find out about Jesus. He came to Jesus very quietly at night. Why at night? Probably because he didn't want the other Pharisees to know that he wanted to find out more about Jesus. He might have knocked at the door of Jesus' house, and Jesus would have let him in. Then they sat down and had a talk.

"How can I get to know God more?" asked Nicodemus. Jesus told him that he had to be 'born again'.

"How can I do this?" asked Nicodemus. "I can't get back into my mummy's tummy and be born all over again!"

"No," said Jesus. "But you can have a new start in life, just like a little baby coming into the world has a new start. You have to decide to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love and follow Him forever."

We don't know whether Nicodemus changed because the Bible doesn't tell us, but we hope that he did. And everyone in the world can have a chance to make a new start in life by asking Jesus to come and be their special friend.



Truth Week 3

An angel came to Mary Luke 1:26-56 **(Christmas)**

Lord & King Week 1

For a long time, people had read God's promises, that one day He would send His own Son from heaven to rule the earth and bring hope and peace.

There was a girl called Mary who lived in the town of Nazareth. She loved God with all her heart and was kind and good. God sent the angel Gabriel to tell her she was to be the mother of God's Son.

"Don't be frightened," Gabriel said. "You are special and God has chosen you. God's Holy Spirit will touch you and the baby boy you have will be the Promised One people have been waiting for. You will call him Jesus."

"In three months, your cousin Elizabeth will also have a baby boy, even though she is now far too old to be a mother. With God nothing shall be impossible. Go and see her," said the angel.

"I will do everything God wants me to do," replied Mary, and left as soon as she could to visit her cousin in Judea.

Elizabeth was so happy to see Mary. Elizabeth was also going to have a baby, just like the angel had said!

It was a miracle and the two mothers thanked God!

Joseph had promised to marry Mary one day. He was a good man, but now Mary was having a baby. One night angel Gabriel visited Joseph and said not to be afraid.

The angel said, "Joseph, marry Mary and take good care of her. She is the pure young girl chosen as part of God's wonderful plan to be the mother of the Savior of the world. His name shall be called JESUS.

When the baby was almost ready to be born, there was a special instruction from the government, that all people in their area had to go to the town of Bethlehem to be counted. So Joseph and Mary traveled for several days to Bethlehem. Mary rode the donkey and Joseph walked beside her. It was a long and dusty journey.



Lord & King Week 1



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Jesus is born Luke 2:6-20

Lord & King Week 2

It took about three days to get to Bethlehem and Mary rode on the back of the donkey. It was a bumpy ride and Mary would have been very tired and very uncomfortable. They finally arrived in Bethlehem.

So many people had come to put their name on the list at Bethlehem that there was nowhere for Mary and Joseph to stay, except a smelly stable that animals slept in.

That night baby Jesus, the promised Son of God, was born in a stable in Bethlehem. A very bright star appeared in the sky right above the place where He was born.

Joseph and Mary called the baby Jesus, just like the angel Gabriel had told them. They wrapped him in a soft linen cloth and made him a bed in a manger box of hay.

On the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem some shepherds were staying on the fields nearby. They were sitting down quietly watching their sheep, to make sure that they were safe.

Suddenly, the whole sky was filled with a very bright light and the Glory of God shone all around them. The shepherds were very frightened. Then an angel appeared and spoke to them.

“Don't be frightened,” he said. “I have good news to tell you! In Bethlehem today the Saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord, God's gift to you. When you find a baby wrapped in soft linen cloth lying in a manger bed of hay then you will know that this is true.”

Then the night sky was filled with hundreds more angels who were praising and thanking God, saying, “Glory to God in heaven and may the whole world be filled with peace and kindness towards others.”

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found baby Jesus wrapped in soft linen, sleeping in a manger bed of hay, just as the angel said. They told Mary and Joseph about the angel's good news. After they left the stable the shepherds told everyone they met about the angels and their wonderful news!

The Saviour, the promised Son of God, had come at last!

Lord & King Week 2





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The Wise Men Matthew 2:1-23

Lord & King Week 2

When Jesus was born some wise men, who lived far away to the east, saw a BIG star in the sky one night. These wise men knew all about stars. They knew God had promised that when the special king was born, a big star would be seen.

“We must go and see the new born King,” they said.

It was a long, long journey, and by the time they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were living in a house with the baby Jesus who was now about one year old.

On their way they had gone to King Herod’s palace, to find out where the new baby King was.

“There is no baby king here,” said King Herod. “But if you find him, I would like to see him too.”

The Wise Men promised to come back and tell King Herod where the baby king was. They followed the star, all the way to Bethlehem.

At last they found Jesus, the baby king! They gave baby Jesus special presents - gold, and sweet-smelling frankincense and myrrh.

“We will tell King Herod about the baby,” they said.

But God told the Wise Men, in a dream, NOT to go and tell King Herod. King Herod wanted to be the only king. He would send his soldiers to get the baby.

“Go home another way,” God said.

So, the Wise men went home another way. They were happy because the star had shown the way to the baby king, just as God had promised long ago.



Lord & King Week 2

Mary and Joseph leave Bethlehem Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23

Lord & King Week 3

After the wise men had left, God sent an angel to warn Joseph about some danger.

Joseph fell asleep, and that night, God sent an angel to talk to Joseph in his dream. The angel told Joseph that baby Jesus was in danger!

King Herod had a bad plan and he was sending his soldiers to find baby Jesus and take him away, because he had heard that Jesus would be a new king. Herod was the only king in this land! He did not want another king to take his place.

God told Joseph that the family must escape to Egypt. The angel warned Joseph to get up, take Mary and the baby and go as quickly as possible.

Egypt was another country, far away. God knew that they would be safe in Egypt.

Joseph did what God said to do. Joseph woke up. He did just what the angel had told him to do. He woke up Mary and she picked up baby Jesus from his bed. They left at night and in a hurry. Mary rode the donkey, carrying the young Jesus in her arms. Joseph walked as fast as he could beside the donkey.

The Lord watched over Jesus and His family. Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus were safe in Egypt. They stayed there for several years, until God sent the angel to Joseph again to tell him when it was safe to come back to their own land. When they came back, they went to Nazareth and lived there, and that's where Jesus grew up.



Lord & King Week 3