

I can read Bible stories

Set 4 – Old Testament

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Abraham

God is a Faithful. He keeps His promises.

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.

Activities

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?

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

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



A Wife for Isaac

God is Provider

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 to-night?”

“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.

A wife for Isaac Activities

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 _____.

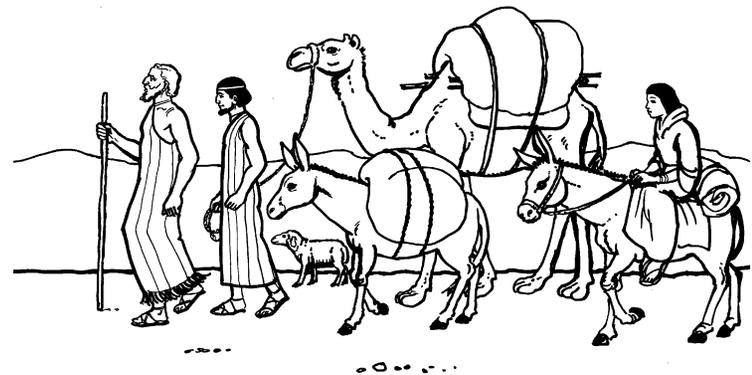
3. She had gold bracelets on _____ arms.

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.



David the Shepherd

God is our Protector

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



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.

David the Shepherd Activity 2

'ce' sounds like 's'

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

1. We say _____ when we thank God for food.
2. David's sheep went to a rocky _____.
3. A cat can catch _____.
4. _____ is very cold.
5. The _____ ship will go to the moon.
6. Jesus was _____ a little boy.
7. It has been more than 2000 years _____ Jesus was born.
8. Jesus is called the _____ of Peace.

David the Shepherd Activity 3

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

Samuel

God is faithful – He keeps his promises

“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.



Samuel

Activities

1. Why was Hannah praying?
2. What did God send to Hannah?
3. What was the name of the baby?
4. Where did Samuel go to live?
5. Samuel heard someone call. Who did he think it was?
6. Who had called Samuel?
7. Why did God call Samuel?

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.

Elijah on Mount Sinai

God speaks in a still, small voice.

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 earthquake.

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.”

Elijah on Mount Sinai Activities

1. Why was Elijah frightened?
2. Where did Elijah go?
3. Where did the angel find him?
4. What did the angel give him?

5. For how many days did Elijah walk?

6. Name three frightening things that the Lord sent.

7. Where was the Lord?

The lord was in the _____



Elijah and the widow

God is Provider

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.

Elijah and the widow

Activities

Fill in the missing words:

1. The brook had dried up because there was no _____.
2. God told Elijah to go to the town. There Elijah saw a woman who was _____ up sticks.
3. Elijah asked the woman for some _____ and bread.
4. The woman only had a little bit of _____ in a bowl, and a little bit of _____ in a jar.
5. The woman thought that she would _____ because had no more.
6. Elijah told the woman to make a little bit of _____ for him, and for herself and her son.
7. The bowl of flour did not run out and the jar of oil was not _____ until the day God sent rain.

Write the missing words in the order they come in the story:
picking, empty, die, water, flour, rain, oil, bread



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.



Elijah and the Ravens

Activities

1. What is a brook?
2. What is a raven?

Write the missing words in the correct order.

1. There was no rain in the land. There was no food. God told Elijah to go the _____ named Cherith.
2. God told him that the _____ would bring food to him.
3. Elijah went to the brook and _____ there many days.
4. In the morning the ravens _____ down and gave food to Elijah.

5. The ravens brought _____ and _____.

6. In the evening the ravens came again and brought food. Elijah _____ water from the brook.

7. Elijah _____ God for water and food.

Missing words:

drank, ravens, flew, brook, thanked, stayed, meat, bread

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 Shunamite 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.

Elisha and the woman of Shunem

Activities

1. What is a prophet?
2. What kind of man is a holy man of God?
3. What is a lamp-stand?
4. What is a servant?

Write the missing words in order:

room miracle table kind rich died warm baby

1. Elisha was a friend of Elijah. Elisha went to Shunem. A _____ woman asked Elisha to have a meal at her house.
2. The woman and her husband decided to build a little _____ for Elisha so that he could stay there.

3. The room had a bed, a _____, a chair and a lamp-stand.
4. Elishah wanted to do something for the woman because she had been so _____ to him.
5. The woman had no children, so Elisha prayed that the woman would have a _____.
6. When the baby became a boy, the boy became sick and _____.
7. Elisha prayed to God. Elisha laid down on the dead boy until he felt his body become _____. The boy was alive!
8. Elisha, and the woman said thank you to God. He had done a _____!

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.

Baby Moses

Activities

1. Why did the mother hide the baby?
2. What did she put him in?
3. Where did they hide the basket?
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



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? In Egypt we had plenty to eat. There is no food here!"

"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.

Another time the people ran out of water to drink. They came across a pool of water, but when Moses tasted it, he knew the water was not good and

would make the people sick. He prayed and asked God what to do.

God told him to put his stick into the water. Moses tasted the water again. The water was now pure and sweet. God had done another miracle!



Moses in the Wilderness

Activities

1. What is a wilderness?
2. Why did the people grumble?
3. What food did God provide?
4. Some people were greedy. They took too much food and tried to save it. What happened?
5. Draw a picture of what manna may have looked like.

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

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

qu _ ck
qu _ ck
qu _ lt
qu _ _ n

Draw a picture of a quail.

7. How did God provide water when they ran out of water to drink?

God made Joseph wise

God is 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.

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 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

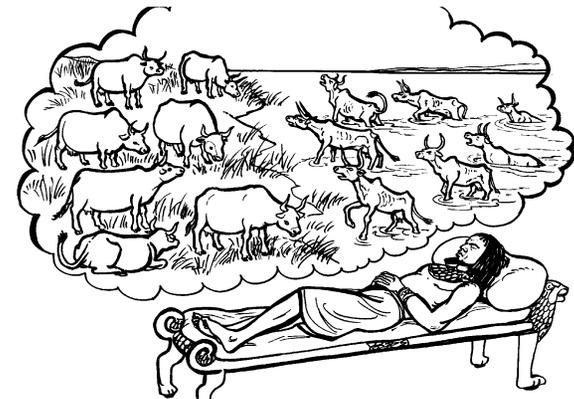
seven lean years.”

“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.”

Activities

1. Joseph could tell people what their _____ meant.
2. The King had some dreams. In the first dream the seven _____ cows ate the seven fat cows.
3. In the second dream seven thin ears of _____ ate seven fat ears of corn.

4. God said that there would be seven good years when lots of _____ would grow.
5. Then there would be seven 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 a very wise thing to do.
6. God made Joseph _____ and he was able to help the king.
Write the missing words in the right order:
grain dreams wise thin corn good



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.

God sent a big storm. The ship was tossed about on the big waves. The 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.



Jonah

Activities

Write the sentences and finish each sentence.

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.

