God gives us everything we need

God is Creator - Genesis 1, Philippians 4:19

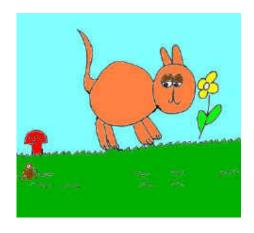
Do you know how much God loves us? He loves us more than anyone. He wants to give us good things.

He made air and water so that we could live. Only the earth has air to breathe and water to drink.

He made the sun to keep us warm and to give us light. He made plants for our food. Did you know that plants need light to stay alive? If we had no light, we would have no food and we could not live.

God put the sun in the sky, just in the right place. It is not too close to us. It is not too far away. It is just right. It is not too hot for us. It is not too cold for us.

God made animals too. He made them so that we would be happy. He made animals to help us. God thought of everything! Which animal do you like best? Can you think of some animals that help us?



Jesus heals a blind man

God is Love - Luke 18:35-43

Jesus loves everyone. He loves people who are sick. He loves people who are well. He loves people who are good. He loves people who are bad.

Jesus was kind to people who had troubles. There was a man who could not see. He was blind. He would sit and beg for money because he could not work to get it.

"Please give me money," he would call out to people passing by. One day Jesus passed by.

"Help me," called the man. Jesus did help the man.

"What do you want?" asked Jesus.
"I want to see," said the man.
Jesus touched the man with His power. At once the man could see.

"I can see! I can see!" said the man. The man said thank you to Jesus. He knew that Jesus loved Him very much. The man loved Jesus very much too. Jesus loves you too, and He cares when you have troubles. He cares about big troubles. He cares about little troubles. Jesus can help you. All you have to do is ask!

The wise man and the foolish man

God is Wise - Matthew 7:24-27

Once there was a wise man. He wanted to build a house.

"Where shall I build my house?" said the wise man. "I know. I will build it in a strong place. A rock is very strong. I will build my house on a rock."

The wise man worked hard. He built his house on a rock.



When a big storm came, he was safe inside his house. His house was very strong because he had built it on a rock.

Once there was a foolish man. He wanted to build a house too.

"Where shall I build my house?" said the foolish man. "I know. I will build it in a place where I can have fun. I can have fun on the sand. I will build my house on the sand."

The foolish man worked very hard. He built his house on the sand. When a big storm came, he was not safe at all. His house fell down. His house went out to sea. The foolish man had no house.

Jesus said, "You should be like the wise man. Build your life on a rock. I am that rock."

Jesus and the storm

God is Protector - Luke 8:22-25

Jesus had twelve special friends. Some of them were in a boat with Jesus.

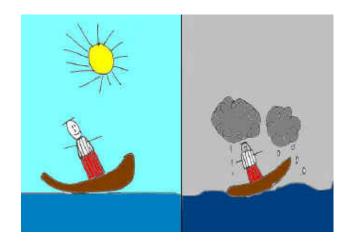
Then a big storm came. There was lots of rain. There was lots of wind.

The boat went up and down.
"Help us! Help us!" said the friends.

"Do not worry," said Jesus. "I will help you. I will look after you." Jesus stood up in the boat. "Peace," he said. The rain stopped. The wind stopped. The boat did not go up and down. They were safe.

"How can Jesus stop a storm?" said the friends. "He must be very special."

Did you know that Jesus is God's Son? He can look after you.



Jesus is our king

God is Powerful - John 12:12-19

The friends of Jesus were at a house. They wanted to find a donkey. They wanted to find a donkey for Jesus. Jesus wanted to ride the donkey.

"Come and see Jesus," said the people.
"He is riding a donkey. He is going into the town."

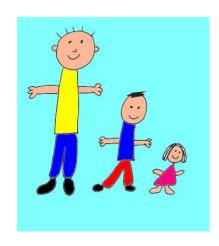
The people waved branches. They shouted, "Hosanna! Jesus is king!"

Some people put their coats on the road, just like a carpet for a king to walk on.

The people wanted Jesus to be the king of their land.

They did not know that Jesus would die and come alive again. They did not know that Jesus would be the King of the whole world.

Is Jesus your King?



The animals went in two by two

God is Truth - Genesis 6:9

God looked at the world that He had made. People did bad things. It made Him sad. "I will send lots of rain," He said.

God looked for a good man. There was Noah.

God said to Noah, "Make a big, big boat. I am going to send lots of rain."
"How big?" asked Noah.

God said, "Make it very big. It will be for your family, and two of every kind of animal."

Noah made the boat. It took him a long time. People laughed. "Why are you making a boat?" they laughed. "There will be no flood!"

Noah finished the boat. His family got in. Then God sent two of every kind of animal... 2 dinosaurs...

2 kangaroos...

2 Tasmanian tigers...

2 giraffes...

2 elephants...

2 zebras...2 cows...2 dogs....2 cats...

And lots and lots more. God shut the door of the big boat. It began to rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights.

There was a big flood. The bad people were drowned, but Noah and his family and the animals were safe.

They stayed in the boat for one year. Then they all got out on to dry land.
God said, "I will never send such a big flood again. This is my promise. I will send a rainbow."

The man who could not walk

God is Pure - Matthew 9:1-7

Once there was a man who could not walk. He sat on his mat every day.

The man's friends took him to Jesus. The man wanted to be healed.

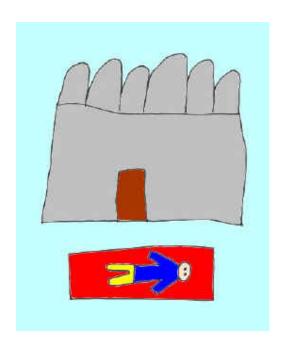
Jesus said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven."

At once the man got up. He could walk!

"That's funny," some people said. "Why did Jesus say, "Your sins are forgiven?"

But the man knew why. He needed Jesus to forgive his sins just as much as he needed his legs to be healed. The man was very happy because his sins were forgiven, and he could walk as well!

Jesus can forgive our sins too. He can make us clean on the inside. Then we feel happy!



A still small voice

God is Patient - 1 Kings 19

There was a man called Elijah. God wanted to give him a message. God wanted him to listen.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

Elijah listened to the wind. The wind blew the leaves on the trees. The wind shook the branches. The wind was very loud. But Elijah did not hear God speak.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.



There was a big noise. It was very loud. It was an earthquake!

"Now I will hear God speak," said Elijah. The earthquake is very loud. God will speak now."

But Elijah did not hear God speak.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

There was a fire. The fire was very bright. The fire was very hot.

"Now I will hear God speak," said Elijah. The fire is very bright and hot. God will speak now."

But Elijah did not hear God speak.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

Everything was still. Everything was quiet. There was no noise at all. Elijah listened. He was very still. He was very quiet. Elijah heard God speak. God gave Elijah a message for the people.

The wedding

God is Servant - John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding. Jesus was at the wedding. So was Mary.

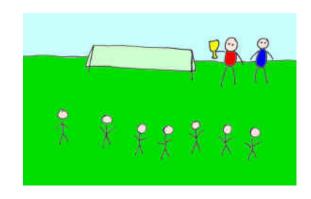
Everyone was having a good time. Then something happened. There were no more drinks left. There was only water.

"This will not do," said Mary. "The people must have some drinks. Can Jesus help? He is a good helper."
Mary asked Jesus to help.

Jesus said, "Get some water in some big pots." Then Jesus said, "Now drink the water from the pots."

The people got a big surprise. The water in the pots had been made into wine! Jesus had done this by His great power.

"Something amazing has happened!" they all said. "Thank you, Jesus!"



Jesus calls his friends

God is life - Matthew 9:9-12

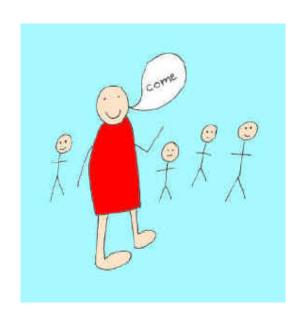
Jesus had lots of work to do. He wanted some friends to help him do the work. Jesus wanted the friends to follow Him. He wanted them to have a new life.

Jesus saw four men fishing. Their names were Peter, Andrew, James and John. Jesus called to the men, "Leave your fishing nets. Come, follow me."

The four men left their nets. Jesus said, "You will have a new life. From now on you will help me to show people the way to God."

Jesus called eight more men to follow Him. They saw Jesus heal people. They saw Jesus forgive sins. They saw Jesus do many miracles. They heard Jesus tell people about God. The friends were called followers.

Jesus wants us to be followers too. He calls us to a new life. He wants us to be His special helpers too.



Oil and Flour

God is Provider - 1 Kings 17

There was no rain. There was no food. There was a man called Elijah. Elijah was God's helper.

"I will look after you," God said. "Go to the town and I will tell you what to do."

Elijah went to the town. He met a lady and her boy.

"Will you give me some food and water?" asked Elijah.

"I have only a little flour. I have only a little oil. I will make some bread with the oil and flour. After that I will have none left," said the lady.

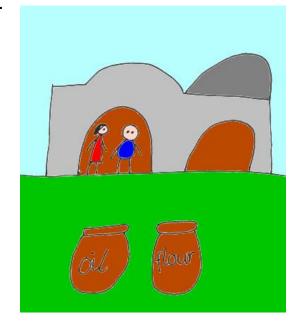
"Go and make the bread," said Elijah. "Give some to me. Give some to your boy, and then eat some yourself. God will look after us."

The lady made the bread. She gave some to Elijah. She gave some to her boy. She ate some herself.

She looked in the flour jar. It was not empty! She looked in the oil jug. It was not empty! God had made more flour and more oil. Every time she made bread, God made more flour and more oil.

God looked after them! Every day He gave

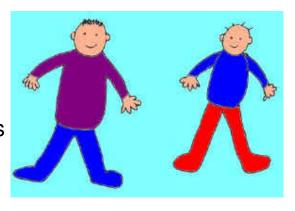
them food.



Jacob and Esau

God is Peace Genesis 5

There were two brothers.
One was called Jacob.
The other was called Esau.
Esau was the older brother.



The older brother was going to be given a special blessing from his father, Isaac. Rebekah was Isaac's wife. She wanted Jacob to have the special blessing.

"I know," said Rebekah to Jacob. "We will trick your father. We will make him think that you are Esau. Then he will give you the special blessing."

They tricked Isaac. Isaac could not see very well. Jacob dressed like Esau. Isaac thought that Jacob was Esau. He gave Jacob the special blessing.

Esau was very angry. Jacob had to run away. Jacob stayed away for many years. One day he wanted to go back home. He was afraid of Esau. "Will he still be angry?" he thought. "I will send some gifts to Esau."

Jacob met Esau. Esau was not angry. He ran to Jacob. He gave Jacob a hug. He was happy to see his brother again. The two brothers made peace.