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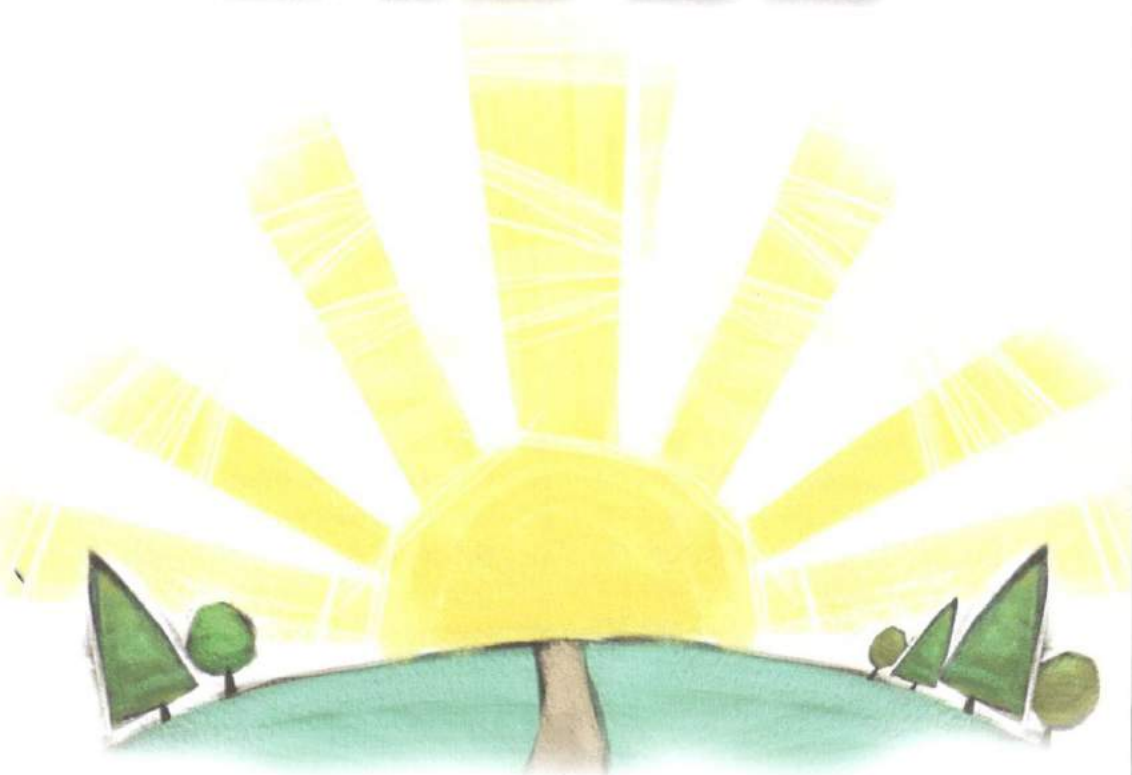
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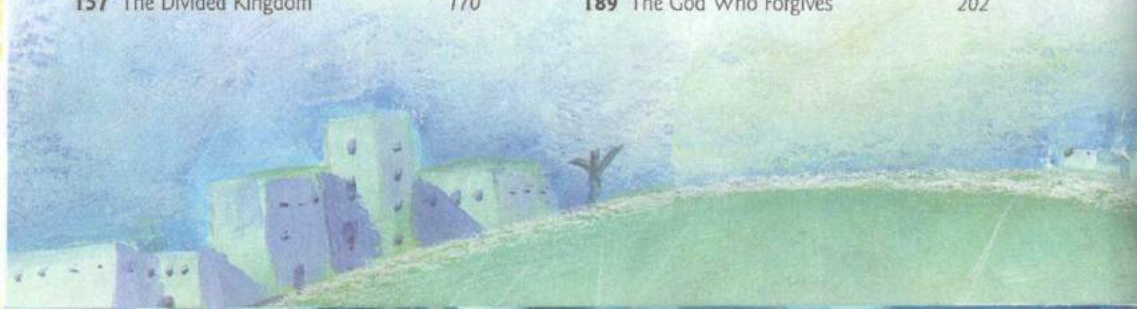
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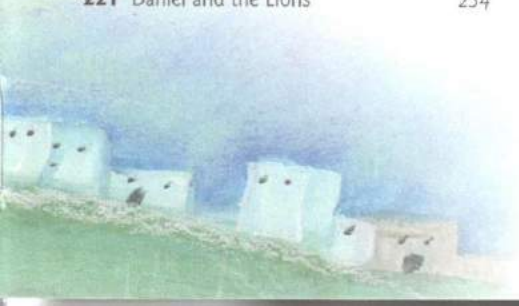


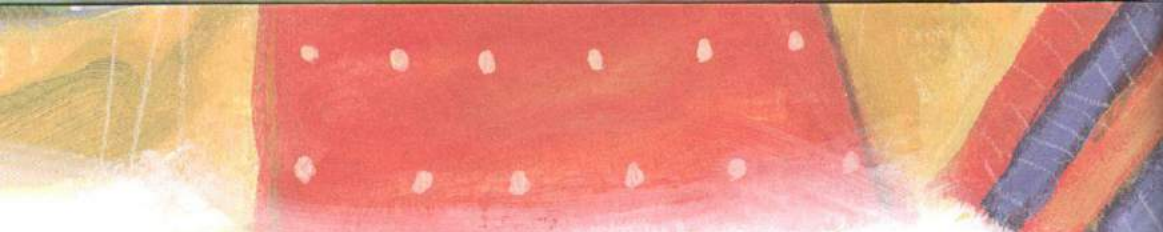


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IN THE BEGINNING

GENESIS 1-2

In the beginning there was nothing. It was dark and empty and shapeless.

"Let there be light!" God said. As soon as he said the words, light came into existence. God saw that the light was good. God divided the light, so that there was day and there was night.

God made the sky and separated it from the waters below.

God made the seas and created dry land.

"Let the land produce plants and trees full of seeds and fruits," God said. Then every variety of green and leafy vegetation filled the land, from tall redwood trees to olives and oranges, acorns and chestnuts. God saw that all he had made was good.

"Let there be lights in the sky to mark night and day, times and seasons, months and years," God said. So the golden sun shone in the day and the silvery moon beamed in the night sky. God saw that all he had made was good.

"Let the waters be filled with living creatures and the skies with birds. Let them multiply and increase in number." Then there were dolphins and sea horses, eagles, owls, robins and wrens, buzzing bees and beautiful butterflies.

"Let the land be filled with creatures," God said. So there were sheep, goats, elephants, giraffe, lions, tigers, and graceful gazelles.

God looked at what he had made and saw that it was good.

Then God made man and woman. He put them in charge of his creation, to care for it and cultivate it for food. God loved the people he had made and he saw that everything he had made was very good. Then God rested.





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THE PERFECT WORLD

GENESIS 2:4-17

God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden to live in. It was full of plants and trees with fruit they could eat. The garden was watered by a river that ran through it. Adam and Eve tended the garden and worked in it.

Adam and Eve were good company for each other. They shared the work and they lived happily together. Adam gave names to all the creatures that God had made.

God told them that they could eat anything that grew in the garden except the fruit of one tree in the middle of the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

GOOD AND EVIL

GENESIS 3:1-8

One of the creatures in the garden was a snake.

He came to Eve and tempted her.

"Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" he asked.

"God told us we can eat from every tree, except the tree in the middle of the garden," said Eve. "If we eat from that tree, we will die."

"You will not die..." said the snake. "God does not want you to eat from that tree because if you do, you will know good and evil just as God does."

Eve looked at the tree. She saw how lovely its fruit looked and thought about what the snake had said. She took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave it to Adam and he ate some too.

As soon as they had eaten, Adam and Eve knew that they had disobeyed God and it was too late to put things right. They felt guilty and ashamed, and when they heard God coming in the garden, they found trees to hide among so he would not see that they were naked.



CAIN AND ABEL

GENESIS 4:1-16, 25 AND 5:3-4

After a time Eve gave birth to two sons, Cain and Abel.

Both boys grew up and they knew how much they depended on God to give them sun and rain for the harvests and to help their animals give birth to healthy lambs and kids. Cain planted seeds and grew crops while Abel kept the sheep and goats.

One day, Cain brought some of his crops as a gift to God, to thank him for the harvest. Abel also brought a gift of the first of his newborn lambs. God saw not only the gift that was brought but the two brothers. He knew that Abel had brought his gift out of faith, because he loved God. God also knew that Cain had brought his gift because he thought he had to, not because he loved God. God was pleased with Abel, but he was disappointed with Cain. And Cain knew it.

"Why are you angry, Cain?" asked God. "Do what is right and I will be pleased with you, too. But beware of your bad temper. Don't let it control you or it may destroy you."

Cain knew that God was right. But he wouldn't listen. He could think of nothing except having revenge on his brother.

Cain asked Abel to go out into the field with him; he planned to wait for the right moment—and kill him there.

Later God asked Cain where his brother was.

"How should I know?" lied Cain. "Is it my job to look after him?"

"I warned you about your anger," said God. "Now your brother's death is on your conscience. You will know what it is to feel guilt for your wrongdoing."

But God was good to Adam and Eve. Because Cain had killed his brother, God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth, and then other sons and daughters.

NOAH'S ARK

GENESIS 6:9–22

Many years passed and the land became full of people. But few remembered who God was. They did as they pleased. They took what they wanted from others. They spoiled the world that God had made and thought only of themselves. God knew that the world had become an evil place, full of greed, hatred, and violence. He decided to wash it clean and start all over again.

There was one man who remembered God. His name was Noah. Noah had a wife and three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

"Noah!" God said one day. "I am going to end all the evil there is in the world. I want you to build an ark—a huge boat that will float on the flood waters that I will send to wash the earth clean. I will tell you exactly how to build it so that you and your family and two of every kind of creature will be safe inside the ark."

God told Noah how to build the ark. He told him how long it was to be, how many decks it should have, and where to put the door. God told Noah to coat the ark with pitch to keep the water out and to fill it with supplies of food.

Noah set about building the ark. He began to make the huge boat miles from any sea.



THE GREAT FLOOD

GENESIS 7:1-24

The ark was ready.

God told Noah to collect two of every kind of living creature, seven pairs of every kind of bird, and seven pairs of every animal that would be used for sacrifice. The animals came to Noah as if they too knew what God had planned, and Noah took them all on board the ark. Then God shut the door.

Outside the rain began to fall. The rain fell steadily until the streams and rivers were full and burst their banks; the rain fell until underground springs broke through the earth; the rain fell until no dry land could be seen anywhere around.

Everything that had lived upon the earth was destroyed by the flood. But the ark that God had told Noah to build floated on the waters. God kept Noah, his family, and all the animals safe inside the ark.



THE RAINBOW

GENESIS 8:1-9:17

Inside the ark, Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives worked to care for the animals. Days passed. Weeks passed, and still the rain fell down.

Then one day it stopped. The ark floated gently.

Slowly, very slowly, the waters began to go down. The ark rested on the Ararat mountains. More weeks passed and the tops of the mountains became visible.

Then Noah took hold of a raven and set it free in the air. The bird stretched its wings and flew, but there was nowhere for it to land. It flew back and forth to the ark until there was food for it on the earth.

Noah waited a little longer, then he sent out a dove to see if the land was yet dry. But water still covered the ground. The dove returned to the ark.

After seven days, Noah sent out the dove again. This time the bird returned with an olive leaf. Noah knew that the waters were going down.

Another seven days passed, and Noah sent out the dove for the third time. When the bird did not return, Noah knew that it had found somewhere to rest. But Noah waited until God told him it was time to leave the ark.

Then they came out, Noah, his family, and all the creatures that had been kept safe.

Noah watched as all the animals went to find their homes on the earth. Then he built an altar and sacrificed some of the birds he had brought for that purpose. Noah thanked God for keeping them all safe.

"I will never destroy all the earth with water again," promised God. "I have put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of my promise."