

Sacred Stories

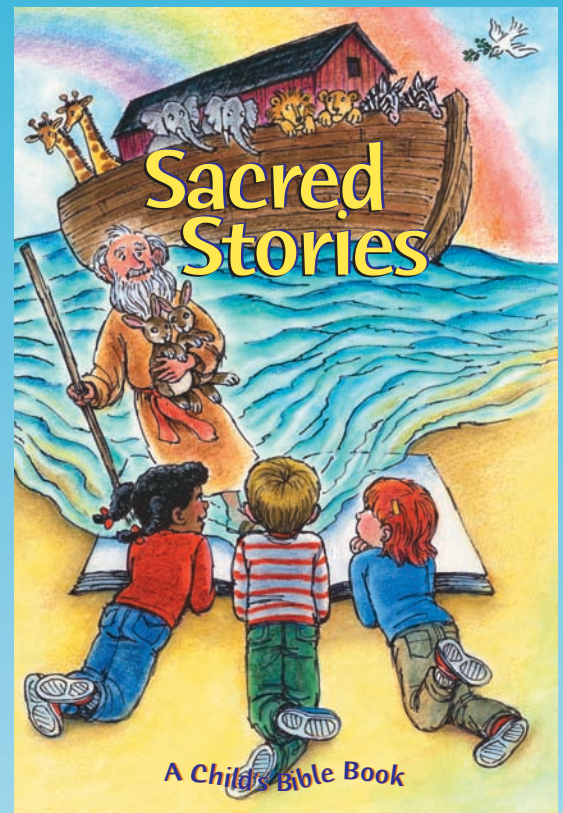
A Child's Bible Book

Introduce young children to some of our most treasured Bible stories in a way that captures their attention and helps them grow in understanding of how their faith began. Each story, drawn from both the Old and New Testaments, is followed by an activity that further explains the story or its significance.

Sacred Stories is arranged in an easy-to-follow format with each story on the left and the activity on the right. Stories preserve the dignity of the original text and convey a healthy, loving image of God. Activities nurture spirituality and develop understanding that faith is a relationship that never stops growing.

The 17 stories, selected to represent a comprehensive view of the Bible, include:

- God Creates the World
- The Ten Commandments
- Jesus Is Baptized
- God Frees the Chosen People
- Proverbs Are Words of Advice
- Jesus Heals a Blind Man



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In this Product Preview you'll find these sample pages . . .

- God Frees the Jewish People (pages 8-9)
- The Letters of Paul (pages 30-31)

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Sacred Stories

Once again, the earth was filled with life. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob began a great big Jewish family. They are called the Israelites, or "God's chosen people." Their story begins in the book of Exodus. The word Exodus means "going out."

God Frees the Jewish People

The Israelites cried out from Egypt. God heard the people cry. The Israelites (the Jews) had been made slaves. The king forced them to do hard, hard work. God chose Moses to help them through these hard times. God made a new promise:

"I will take you as my people, and I will be your God."

In the first Passover, Moses led the Jewish people from slavery to freedom. First, they left Egypt. God showed the way with clouds and fire. Soldiers tried to catch them, but the people escaped! Then they began their journey to the Promised Land.

Soon the people complained. They were thirsty, but the water was bitter! God showed Moses a special piece of wood. He threw it into the bitter water. Then the water was sweet!

Again, the people complained. They were hungry, and there was no food! God told Moses there would be food. Each morning, the dew changed to flakes of bread! Moses told the people to gather the bread—but only enough for each day's use.

And again, the people complained. They were thirsty, and there was no water at all! God told Moses to strike a rock with his walking staff. Moses did, and there was plenty to drink!



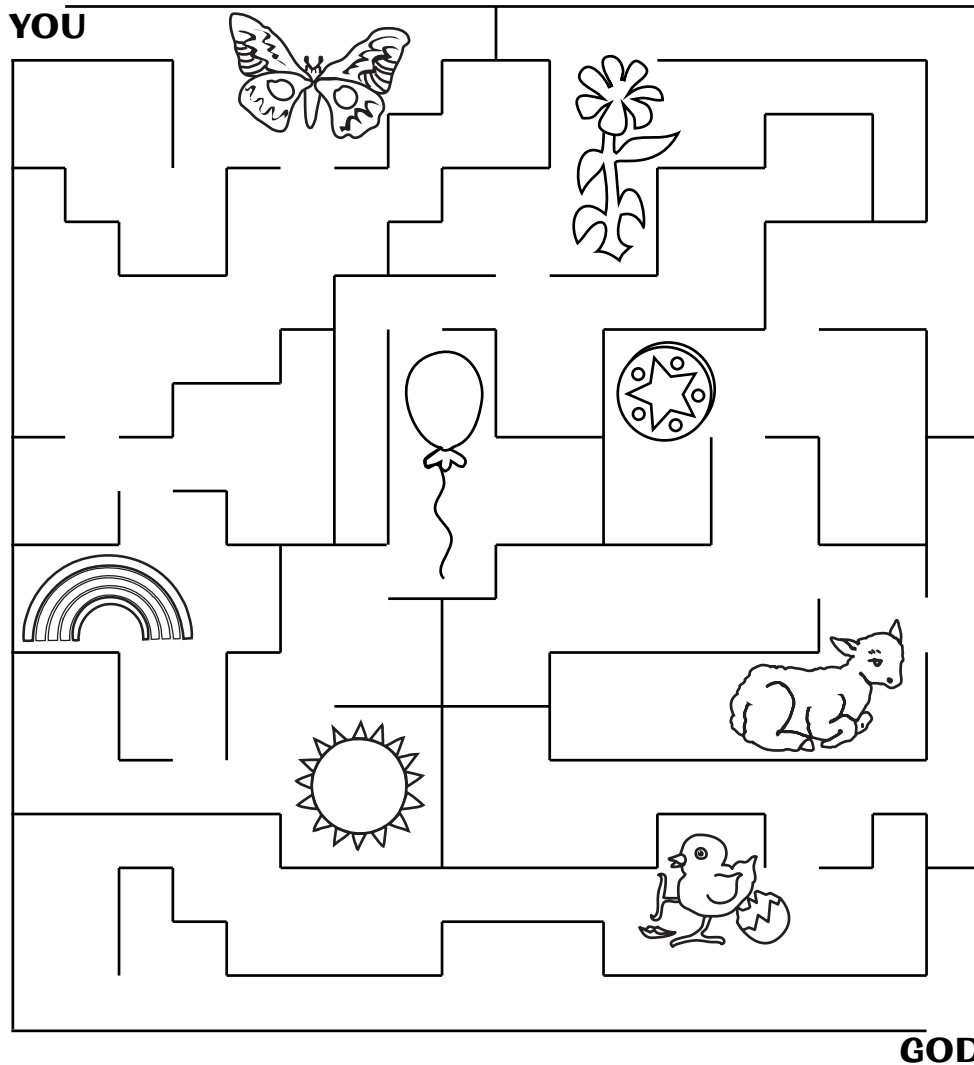
God was faithful. God kept the new promise.

From Exodus 1, 2, 6, 13—17



The Israelites forgot to trust God. Then they thought God forgot the promise. They lost hope. But God stayed very close to them. God stays very close to us, too. God gives us signs of hope every day.

Follow the signs of hope through this maze. As long as you don't



What signs of hope have you seen today?

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Jesus appeared to Paul. Then Paul became a believer, too. He traveled to many places. He told people about Jesus. He helped them start churches. And he wrote to them after he left. This letter is like Paul's letter in the book called 2 Timothy.

From Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus

To Timothy,

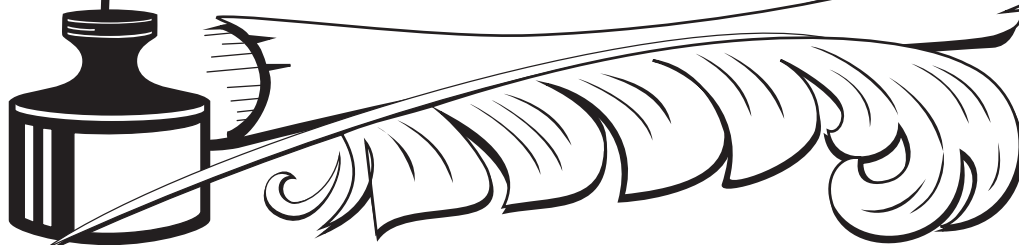
I thank God when I remember you in my prayers.
I miss you. I think about your sincere faith.
Your grandmother had faith, your mother had faith, and now you do, too.

Pay attention to the Good News of Jesus. Follow him in everything you do. You will help others come to know Jesus, too.

It won't be easy. Being a Christian is like being an athlete. You have to work at it. Be honest and kind. You are God's servant.

Remember what you learned as a child. Keep your faith in Jesus. And keep reading the Scriptures.


God be with your spirit. And grace be with you.



Paul's letters are in the back part of the Bible.



Paul loved Timothy like his own child. Who loves you? Imagine that you got Paul's letter from a person who loves you. Read it again. Now imagine sending this letter in return. Fill in the blanks and check off the boxes. Then copy the letter onto writing paper, put it in an envelope, address it, and mail it today!

		
	Dear _____, (person's name)	
	I have been (Check one.)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> thinking about you	
	<input type="checkbox"/> talking about you	
	<input type="checkbox"/> looking at your picture	
	I remember the last time we were together. We did this: _____	
	_____.	
	When I am with you, I feel (Check as many as you want to).	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Happy	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Hopeful
	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe	<input type="checkbox"/> Confident <input type="checkbox"/> Loved
	You help me know what God is like. Thank you for being my	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mom	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandma <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dad	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandpa <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle
	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher _____ (fill in)
	With love from,	
	_____ (Sign your name.)	