

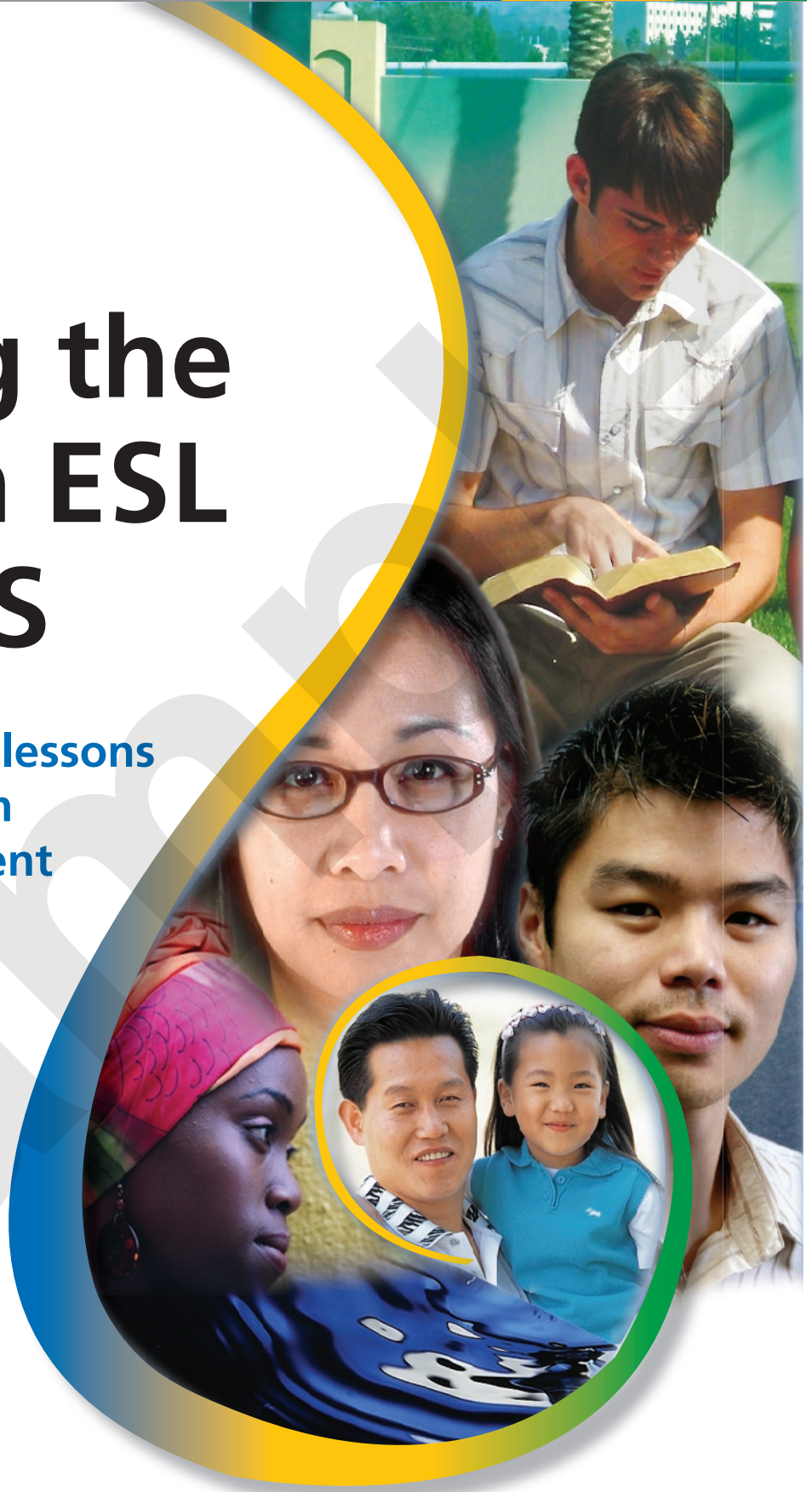
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Reading the BIBLE in ESL CLASSES

15-20 minute Bible lessons
Short readings with
questions at different
levels

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Preface

Reading the Bible in ESL classes has been one of the foundation resources of the Sydney Anglican English as a Second Language Ministry.

Originally produced in Wollongong, this resource has been used in our classes in Wollongong and Sydney since 1995 and has been sold all over Australia and overseas. Teachers have appreciated the short one page Bible passages that have introduced their students to the Bible in 15 minute lessons.

Volume 2 of this resource was produced in 2009 by the teachers of Anglicare ESL ministry and has been welcomed by other church ESL teachers all over Australia. With the Volume 2 work produced the original Reading the Bible was showing its age so it has had a welcome facelift.

It goes forward with a prayer that after doing some of these lessons our ESL students might discover the 'source book' of this resource, a book that they will want to read and learn from for themselves.

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INTRODUCING THE BIBLE

The Bible has been a standard text for centuries, and has acted as a regulator of standard English in the English speaking world, since the inception of the printing press.

The content of the Bible is universal. It is set in the Middle East and Asia. It is translated from Hebrew and Greek, and is now in most languages of the world. The thought patterns and cultures of the Bible are not western, and westerners must take care as they interpret and apply the Bible. Non-westerners often have helpful insights into the meaning of the Bible's message.

The Bible is God's message of life to mankind. It sets out to speak to all nations and every language group. It is truly a book for all peoples, quite like no other book.

READING THE BIBLE IN ESL CLASSES

Reading is one of the four macro skills, and finds a necessary place in most language teaching programs. Using the Bible as standard reading material is the practice of many church-based ESL programs.

Most ESL students are not surprised by the inclusion of reading from the Bible, since the classes are run by the church. They may be more surprised when it is not included. For most students, even non-Christians, the inclusion of Bible reading in a church-based ESL program presents no problem.

We should not be nervous or apologetic about including the Bible in our reading programs. At the same time, we must do whatever is necessary to ensure that Bible reading classes are never used as just cheap opportunities to preach.

Many church-based ESL classes include reading from the Bible as an integral part of their weekly reading program. Other classes keep Bible reading as an optional part, allowing students to choose to attend, or not. Either way, you gain a bit and lose a bit.

Where Bible reading is integrated into the program, all students have some exposure to God's Word. Where the class is an option, the keen students attend, and can go further in understanding, in discussion and in praying together.

The nature of the Bible inevitably raises important questions of life and meaning. You might do well to schedule special out-of-class sessions from time to time, as need arises, inviting someone to address such questions - someone who is capable in theology and communicating with new speakers of English.

Finally, make sure that students have access to a bible for personal use and ownership. You may consider buying a box of CEV New Testaments (very cheap in bulk from Bible Society), that can be made available to your students. You may also consider helping each student to find a bible in their mother tongue.

Reading the Bible in your ESL Class Some Guidelines

- 1 Let the Bible passage speak for itself. It is a reading class, so don't make it a sermon, or try to answer all the questions the passage may present.
- 2 Students should hear the passage well read and understand the general meaning of the passage.
- 3 When you deal with new words and concepts, be concise. Anticipate and prepare carefully. Use only non-religious words to explain. The Contemporary English Version of the Bible is very helpful in this.
- 4 Maybe prepare some questions. You could use the 5 common question words: HOW? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? WHO? Your questions should help students to see the main point of the reading.
- 5 Alternatively with more advanced students, you may have them make questions about the passage, and answer them. Be attentive to what students are really asking.
- 6 Encourage students to read at home, especially if they have questions about the passage. Ensure they have access to a Bible of the same translation you are using in class.
- 7 Stick to time. Don't go over time, even if it is intensely interesting. Be prepared to leave questions open: 'What do **you** think it means? Read a little further at home. Perhaps you will find the answer, and tell us next week.'
- 8 Prepare the reading lesson carefully and prayerfully. Be sure you know the word meanings concisely, and that you know what is the main message and context of each passage. Remember you are handling God's Word. Allow it to do its work.
- 9 The Bible text can form the basis of any number of language exercises, limited only by the teacher's imagination. You can teach pronunciation, sentence structure, tense, grammar, direct and indirect speech, and so much more. At least one class bases its whole teaching program around the Bible (CEV) text, with passages selected to illustrate and practice the lessons taught.

A LESSON PLAN TO FOLLOW

- 1 Give students time to read the passage silently.
- 2 You read the passage, clearly and for meaning.
- 3 Word check: Ask what words are new, then briefly explain.
- 4 Comprehension: Ask prepared questions. Let students answer orally. Have students write the answer after the spoken English is correct.
- 5 If there's time: Have students read the passage to each other.

ANOTHER LESSON PLAN TO FOLLOW

- 1 You set the scene of the passage, then introduce any words thought to be new.
- 2 Read the passage clearly, and for meaning.
- 3 Word re-check.: Ask what words are new, then briefly explain.
- 4 Comprehension: Set or ask questions using the 5 basic question words.
- 5 Reading in pairs or small groups: Let students hear the passage read first and then have students read a sentence or paragraph each, listening to each other.
- 6 Discuss comprehension questions.
- 7 Time permitting, choose one or two sentences from the passage and give as a dictation passage to students.

A LESSON PLAN WHEN THERE ARE NO SET QUESTIONS

- 1 Give students time to read the passage silently.
- 2 You read the passage, clearly and for meaning.
- 3 Word check.
- 4 Ask some questions using the 5 basic question words.
- 5 Get students to prepare a question to ask each other.
- 6 Answer each other's questions.
- 7 Choose one or two sentences from the passage and give as a dictation passage.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR LEARNERS

For Beginner and Intermediate Levels

The Contemporary English Version

Known as *The Bible For Today, Level 66, CEV, Keeping the Family on Track, Level 27, News for Today* and more.

Translated by Bible Society with a basic 850 word vocabulary, pitched at 8 year old reading level. Uses mostly non religious vocabulary.

For Intermediate and Upper Intermediate Levels

Today's English Version

Known as the *Good New Bible, TEV, Good News Australia*, and more.

Translated by Bible Society at a 12 year old (Reader's Digest) reading level.

OTHER BIBLE READING MATERIALS AVAILABLE

There is not a lot of Bible reading material produced specially for adult new-readers of English. However there are a number of books that can be successfully used. Some examples:

Reading the Bible in ESL Classes Vol 2

More readings in the same format. Using both Volume 1 and Volume 2 gives more opportunity for all the class to study the same Bible story at different levels.

Good News for New Readers

Produced with the adult new-reader of English in view:

7 booklets, with cassette, of Gospel stories, in English graded from beginner to intermediate.

Prepared by The Bible Society in Australia, Inc., with advice from the Australian Council for Adult Literacy.

The Beginners Bible - Timeless Children's Stories

Published by Zondervan, here are 95 Bible stories, well told and illustrated in 500 pages. All for around \$20. It is obviously presented for children, but still has good application for adults at Level 2 (Lower Intermediate).

The Children's Daily Devotional Bible

From Thomas Nelson Bible Publishers, here are 300 pages of good value for around \$20.

This book works well for Level 3 (Intermediate) readers, and picks up the major themes and stories from most of the books of the Old and New Testaments. There are some slightly surprising omissions, but you can't include everything. The copyright allowances mentioned in the book are generous.

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No reading sheets included at this level.

We suggest you read directly from the Bible, using the CEV, the TEV or the NIV, according to the ability of the students.

Cassette recordings of the different versions make good listening exercises that can be matched with reading the texts.

IN THE BEGINNING . . . - Level 1 #1

God Made The World

In the beginning
God made the world.

Then God made a man and a woman.

They were just like him.
God gave them his blessing.

Everything God made was good.



from **Genesis 1**

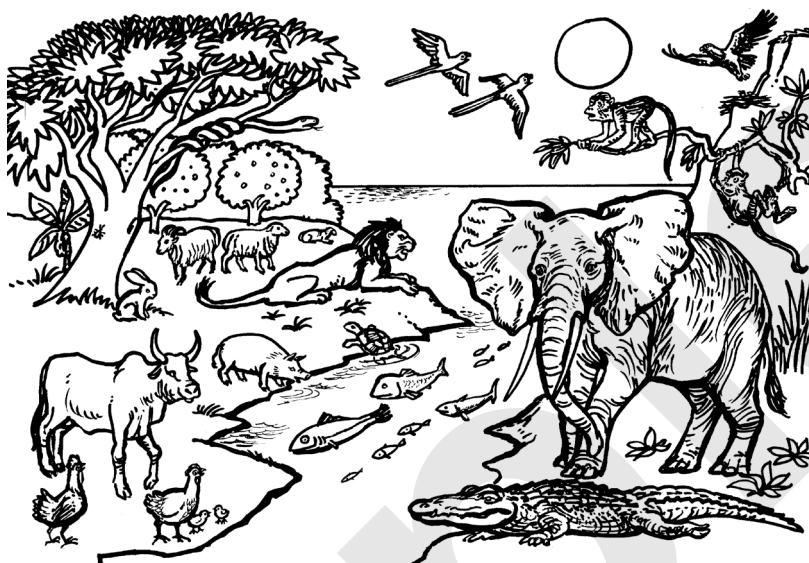
Fill in the missing words.

- 1 God made the
- 2 In the beginning, made the world.
- 3 God made a and a
- 4 Everything God made was

It's God's World

The earth
and everything in it
belongs to the Lord.

The world
and its people
belong to him.



- from **Psalm 24**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 The world belongs to us.
- 2 All people belong to God.
- 3 Animals belong to God.
- 4 We own everything on earth.

The First Sin

God said
to the man and the woman:
'Don't eat this fruit.
If you do,
you will die.'
'No you won't,' said the snake.



The fruit looked good.
The man and woman ate some of it.

They were frightened
and hid from God.

The Lord called out,
'Where are you?'

God sent the man and woman
out of his garden.

from **Genesis 3**

Put in the right order.

- 1 The people hid from God.
- 2 The fruit looked good.
- 3 God said, 'Don't eat this fruit.'
- 4 God sent the man and the woman out of the garden.

More And More People

More and more people were born.

They lived everywhere.

But they did not obey God.

The Lord saw
how bad the people were.

He said,
'I'm sorry I made them.'



from **Genesis 5-6**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 Many people were born.
- 2 They lived in one place.
- 3 The people were good.
- 4 God saw how bad the people were.
- 5 God was sad about the people.

The Lord Chooses Abram

The Lord spoke to Abram.

He said,
'Do what I tell you
and I will bless you.

I will give you a family,
a place to live
and peace.

Then everyone else
will ask me
to bless them too.'



from **Genesis 12**

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 God said he would Abram.
- 2 He said, 'I will give you a,
a place to, and ..!'
- 3 God said, ' what I tell ..!'
- 4 Everyone will ask God to them too.

The Promised Son

The Lord spoke to Abram
and Sarah his wife.
He said, 'I am God.
Obey me, and do what is right.'

God gave Abram a new name - Abraham.
This means 'Father of many nations'.

The Lord was good to Sarah.
She had a baby.

They named their son Isaac.



from **Genesis 17,18 and 21**

1 What did God tell Abram and Sarah to do?

.....

2 What did God give Abram?

3 What does Abram's new name mean?

4 What did they call their son?

A Hard Test

Abraham loved his son Isaac.
God said, 'Take your son
and kill him for me.'



On the way
Isaac said, 'Father,
where is the lamb
for us to kill?'

His father said, 'God will give us a
lamb.'

Abraham tied up his son.
Then the Lord called out,
'Don't hurt the boy.
Now I know you love God.'

Abraham saw a lamb.
He killed it in place of his son.

from **Genesis 22**

Match the parts.

- 1 Abraham loved
- 2 A lamb was killed
- 3 Isaac asked,
- 4 God said,

'Now I know you love me.'

his son Isaac.

in place of the boy.

'Where is the lamb?'

IN THE BEGINNING . . . - Level 1 #8

Twins

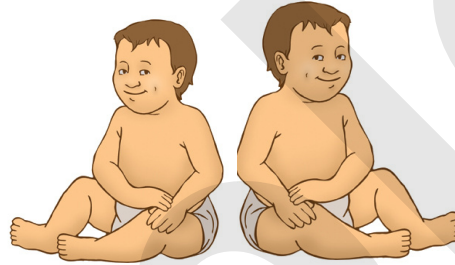
Isaac married Rebekah.
But 20 years later
they still had no children.

The Lord answered their prayers.
Rebekah had twins.
Two boys.

The first baby was named Esau.

The second was named Jacob.

The boys grew up.
Esau liked the outdoors.
Jacob stayed at home.



from **Genesis 25**

- 1 Who did Isaac marry?
- 2 What did they pray for?
- 3 What was God's answer to their prayers?
.....
- 4 Where did Jacob like to stay?

Two Brothers

Esau liked the outdoors.
Jacob stayed at home.

One day Esau came home
very hungry.

He said to his brother,
'Give me some food.'

Jacob said,
'Only if
you let me be
the older brother.'
(He wanted to lead the family.)

Esau said 'yes'. He didn't care.



from **Genesis 25**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 One day Jacob came home very hungry.
- 2 Esau asked his brother for some food.
- 3 Jacob wanted to be the leader of the family.
- 4 Esau wanted to lead the family.

Jacob And His Family

This is the story of Jacob and his family.
(His other name was Israel.)

Jacob had 12 sons.
He loved Joseph the most.
So his brothers hated Joseph.

One night Joseph had a dream.
He told his brothers,
'You will all bow down to me.'

Joseph's brothers hated him more.



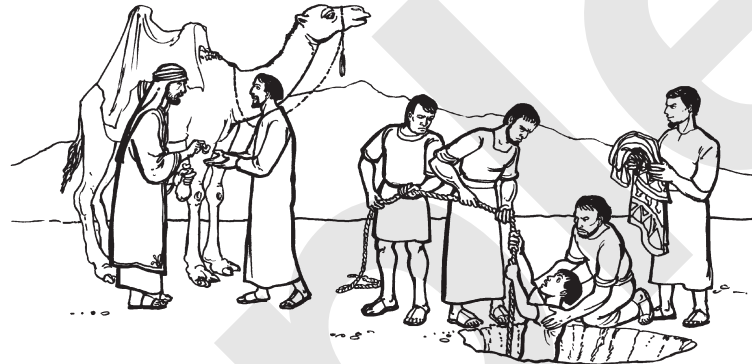
from **Genesis 37**

- 1 How many boys did Jacob have?
- 2 Which son did he love the most?
- 3 What did Joseph tell his brothers?
-
- 4 What did the brothers think of Joseph?

Poor Joseph

The brothers hated Joseph.
They were jealous.

They said,
'Let's kill him.
We will tell our father
a wild animal ate him.'



One brother said,
'No. Let's not kill him.
Let's just sell him.
After all, he is our brother.'

So Joseph's brothers sold him.
Joseph went to Egypt.

from **Genesis 37**

Match the parts.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 The brothers hated Joseph | a an animal ate Joseph. |
| 2 They told their father | b not to kill Joseph. |
| 3 Joseph was taken | c and sold him. |
| 4 One brother said | d to Egypt. |

A New Job

Joseph was a slave in Egypt.

A man bought Joseph.
He worked in his house.
Joseph was very handsome.

The Lord helped Joseph.
The man liked him.

The man's wife liked him too.
One day she asked Joseph
to make love to her.

Joseph said to himself,
'What will I do?'



from **Genesis 39**

- 1 Where did Joseph work?
- 2 Who helped Joseph?
- 3 Why did the wife like Joseph?
- 4 What did she ask Joseph to do?

.....

Trouble At Work

The man's wife said,
'Make love to me!'

Joseph said 'no'.
'I won't sin against God,' he said.

He ran out of the house.

Later, the man's wife said,
'Your slave tried to rape me!
I called for help,
and he ran out.'

The man was very angry.
He sent Joseph to prison.



from **Genesis 39**

Match the parts.

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 The wife said | a to prison. |
| 2 Joseph ran | b the woman said. |
| 3 'I called for help,' | c 'Make love to me.' |
| 4 The man sent Joseph | d out of the house. |

Joseph In Prison

The Lord helped Joseph in prison.

One night, the king had a dream.
He was upset.
He sent for Joseph.

The king said,
'Tell me about my dream.
What does it mean?'

Joseph answered, 'I can't tell you.
But God can.'

The king told Joseph the dream.

Joseph told the king the meaning.
He said what God showed him.



from **Genesis 40**

- 1 Who helped Joseph in prison?
 - 2 How did the king feel after his dream?
 - 3 What did the king want to know?
-

Joseph In Charge

The King had a dream.
Joseph said, "This is what it means:

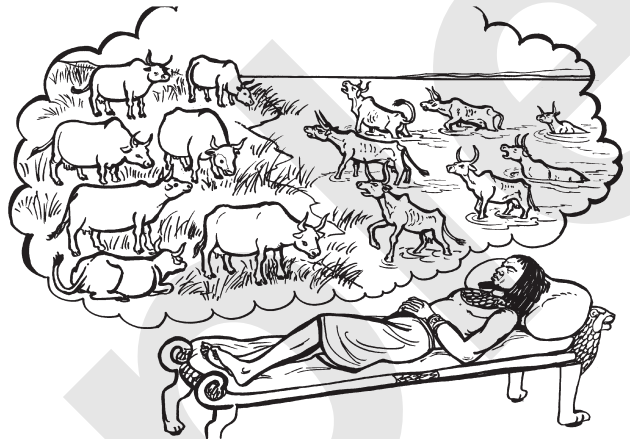
For 7 years,
there will be more than enough food.

Then for 7 years more,
there will not be enough food.

God says,
'Find someone who is wise
to collect food for the bad times.' "

The king said to Joseph,
'You must do it,
because God is with you.'

So Joseph was in charge in Egypt.



from **Genesis 41**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 Joseph told the king about his dream.
- 2 He said there will always be enough food.
- 3 The king knew that God helped Joseph.
- 4 Joseph went back to prison.

Brothers Meet

There was food in Egypt.
Joseph was in charge.



Joseph's brothers came to buy food.
They did not know who he was.

He knew who they were.

He said,
'I am your brother,
the one you sold.
Now go back
and bring my father here.'

The brothers went home.

from **Genesis 42 to 45**

Put in the right order.

- 1 The brothers went home.
- 2 Joseph's brothers came to buy food.
- 3 Joseph was in charge of all Egypt.
- 4 Joseph knew who they were.
- 5 Joseph said, 'I am your brother.'

Together Again

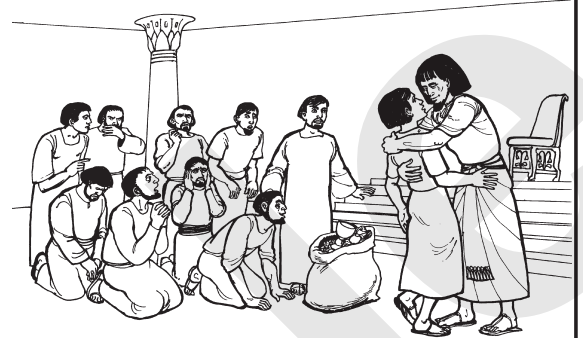
The brothers went home.
They told their father everything.

They moved to Egypt.
They were all together again.

After Jacob died, the brothers were afraid.
'What if Joseph hates us?' they said.

Joseph told them, 'Don't be afraid!
You tried to hurt me,
but God made it all right.
I will care for you.'

After Joseph said this, his brothers felt much better.



from **Genesis 45 to 50**

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 The brothers told everything.
- 2 The family to Egypt.
- 3 The brothers were of Joseph.
- 4 Joseph said, 'I will for you.'

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #1

Trouble In Egypt

All Jacob's family lived in Egypt.
(They were called Israelites.)

The new king hated them.
He made them work hard.

Then he said,
'Throw their babies into the river!'

One mother hid her baby boy
in the grass near the river.

The King's daughter saw the baby.
She took him home.
She called him Moses.



from **Exodus 1 and 2**

Fill in the missing word:

- 1 All Jacob's lived in Egypt.
- 2 The new king the Israelites.
- 3 He threw their babies into the
- 4 One hid her baby
- 5 The king's daughter took the home.
- 6 She him Moses.

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #2

Moses

Moses grew up.
He saw how the king hurt his people.
He was frightened and ran away.

The Lord said to Moses,
'I am God.
I can see how your people are hurting.

Go back to Egypt.
I will save the people from their troubles.'

So Moses went back to Egypt.



from **Exodus 2 and 3**

Match the parts.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 The King was hurting | a my people from their troubles.' |
| 2 Moses ran away | b how his people were hurting. |
| 3 God saw | c because he was frightened. |
| 4 God said, 'I will save | d the people. |
| 5 So Moses went | e back to Egypt. |

Moses and the King

Moses went to the King.
He told him what the Lord said.
'Let my people go.'

The King was angry.
He made the people work harder.

The Lord God told Moses,
'I will keep my promise.'
Nine times God showed his power.
Nine times the king said 'no'.



Then the Lord said to Moses:
'I will show my power one more time.
Then the king will let you go.'

from **Exodus 5 to 11**

- 1 What did Moses say to the king?
- 2 The king was angry. What did he do?
.....
- 3 How many times did God show his power?
- 4 What was the king's answer?

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #4

God's Power

God told Moses what to say to his people:

'Each family must take a lamb.
Put its blood on the door of your house.
Cook the lamb and eat it.'

Tonight,
I will kill the first son in every family.
But where I see blood on the door,
I will pass over you.'

God's people did what Moses said.

That night,
in every other family, the first son died.

The king was frightened.
He said, 'Go. Leave us alone!'

On that day the Lord saved all his people.



from **Exodus 12 and 13**

Fill in the missing word.

- 1 Each must put blood on the door of their house.
- 2 When God saw the he passed over them.
- 3 In every other family, the first died.
- 4 On that day, the saved all his people.

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #5

Saved



Moses and his people left Egypt.

The king changed his mind.
He sent his army after them.

Everyone was frightened.

But Moses said,
'Don't be afraid!
'Today you will see the Lord save you.'

The sea opened up.
All the people walked through on dry land.
The water was on each side.

But the army got stuck.
The sea came in on them.

On that day, the people saw the Lord save them.

from **Exodus 14**

Put in the right order.

- 1 The army got stuck in the sea.
- 2 The king changed his mind.
- 3 Moses and his people left Egypt.
- 4 The people walked through the sea on dry land.

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #6

No Food or Water

God's people were free.
But they were unhappy.
They said, 'We have no food.'

'I will feed you,'
said the Lord.

The next morning
there was bread everywhere.

Once there was no water to drink.
The people were unhappy.
Moses said, 'Trust the Lord.'

Then the Lord sent water
for the people to drink.



from **Exodus 15 to 17**

- 1 Why were the people unhappy? (2 reasons)

.....
.....

- 2 Who gave the people food and water?

- 3 What did Moses tell the people to do?

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #7

Meeting God

The people stopped at the mountain.
They camped there.
Moses went to meet God.
He went up the hill.

God spoke with Moses.
This is what he said.

'In Egypt,
I saved you from the king.
You saw what I did.

Now, obey me.
I am your God,
and you will be my people.'



from **Exodus 19 and 20**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 All the people went up the hill.
- 2 God spoke with Moses.
- 3 God saved his people from the king.
- 4 The people did not see what God did in Egypt.
- 5 God told the people to obey him.

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #8

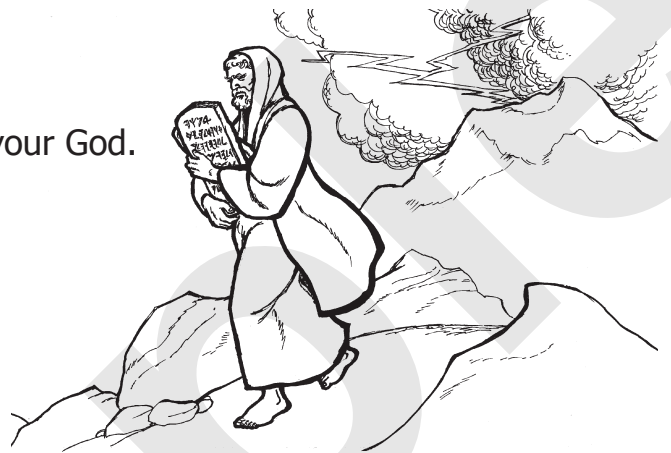
God's Law (The 10 Commandments)

God spoke to his people.

'Do not worship any god except me.
Do not make idols.
Do not misuse my name.
One day of each week belongs to me, your God.

Respect your father and your mother.
Do not murder.
Be faithful in marriage.
Do not steal.
Do not tell lies.
Do not be greedy.'

These are God's laws for all his people.



from **Exodus 20**

Jesus said,

'Love God first.

Then love others
as much as you love yourself.'

from **Mark 12**

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 Jesus said God first.
- 2 Love as much as you love

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #9

God's People

God told his people
how they must live.

Then he said,
'When you disobey me,
you are guilty.'

As soon as you know
that you have done wrong,
sacrifice a lamb.

Then your sin will be forgiven.'



from **Leviticus 4 and 5**

Match the parts.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 God told his people | a you are guilty. |
| 2 When you disobey God | b will be forgiven. |
| 3 Sacrifice a lamb | c when you know you have done wrong. |
| 4 Then your sin | d how they must live. |

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #10

Joshua Becomes The Leader

Moses died.
Joshua was the new leader.
God said to him,
'I am the Lord your God.
I will be there to help you.'

Joshua was a good leader.

One day
he said to the people,
'Listen to God
and obey him.
Get rid of your family idols.'

The people said,
'Once we were slaves,
but the Lord set us free.

Yes, we will follow the Lord.
He is our God.'



from **Joshua 1 to 6**

Fill in the missing words.

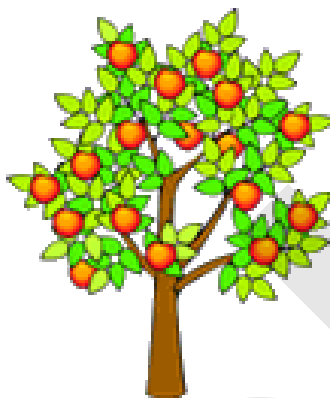
- 1 Joshua became the new
- 2 He said, 'Get rid of your !'
- 3 The people said, 'We will the Lord.'

THE GREAT RESCUE - Level 1 #11

Living As God's People

God said:

'I am the Lord your God!
Keep my laws,
and I will look after you.
Then you will have food to eat.



I will give you peace.
I will be with you.
I will be your God
and you will be my people.

I am the Lord your God.
I rescued you.
I set you free.

Now walk with your heads held high.'



from **Leviticus 26**

What words mean . . .

- 1 do what God says?
- 2 God will care for you?
- 3 there will be no wars in the land?
- 4 saved?
- 5 be proud of God?

CHRISTMAS - Level 1 #1

Jesus is Born

An angel from God came to a young woman named Mary. The angel said she would have a baby boy.

The baby would be God's only Son.

The angel told Mary to name the baby Jesus. He said that baby would grow up to save people from their sins.

Later the baby was born in a stable in Bethlehem. His bed was a box for the animal's food.



from **Luke 1:26-33, 2:1-7**

Fill in the missing words.

baby box sins God's Mary Jesus grow up born Bethlehem

- 1 An angel told Mary she would have a boy.
- 2 The baby would be only son.
- 3 The angel told to name the baby
- 4 He said the baby would to save people from their
- 5 Later, the baby was in a stable in



CHRISTMAS - Level 1 #2

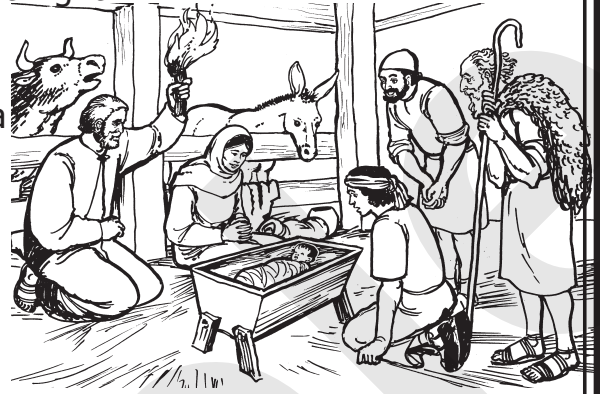
The Angels and the Shepherds

Some shepherds were watching their sheep at night.

An angel came and told them that Jesus was born. The angel said that Jesus was lying in a manger.

The shepherds ran to find Jesus and Mary and Joseph. They found Jesus as the angel had said.

The shepherds praised God.



from **Luke 2:8-16**

Write these words in your own language.

- 1 shepherd
- 2 angel
- 3 manger
- 4 to praise.....

Join the right ending to the sentences.

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 The shepherds were | a Jesus was lying in a manger. |
| 2 An angel told them that | b watching their sheep. |
| 3 The angel said that | c praised God. |
| 4 The shepherds | d Jesus was born. |

Simeon and Anna meet Jesus

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and presented him to the Lord. They took two young birds as a sacrifice. Simeon was living in Jerusalem. Simeon was a good man. He loved God. God had told Simeon that he would not die until he had seen Jesus.

Simeon saw the baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph. He took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God.

Anna was also in the temple. She was eighty-four years old. Anna saw the baby Jesus and praised God.



from **Luke 2:22-38**

Write these words in your own language.

- 1 temple..... 2 sacrifice.....

Answer the questions.

- 1 Who lived in the temple in Jerusalem?

.....

- 2 What did God say to Simeon?

.....

- 3 What did Simeon do after he saw the baby Jesus?

.....

- 4 What did Anna do after she saw the baby Jesus?

.....

The Wise Men See Jesus

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Some wise men came to Jerusalem. They said 'where is the child who will be a king? We saw his star and want to worship him.'

The king in Jerusalem was worried. He said 'Go to Bethlehem and look for the child. Tell me when you find him.'

The wise men went to Bethlehem and found the house where Jesus was. The star was over the house.

The wise men knelt down and worshipped Jesus. They gave him gifts.

God told them not to go back to the king so they went home on a different road.



from **Matthew 2**

Write **true** or **false**.

- 1 Jesus was born in Jerusalem.
- 2 The wise men saw a star.
- 3 The wise men lived close to Bethlehem.
- 4 The king wanted to see baby Jesus.
- 5 The wise men found the baby Jesus.
- 6 The wise men were happy to see Jesus.

MEETING JESUS - Level 1 #1

Four Friends

Jesus told people about God.
He said, 'Now you can turn back to God.'
It was good news.

Jesus walked beside the lake.
He saw Simon
and his brother, Andrew.
They had a boat.
They were fishermen.

Jesus said, 'Come with me!'
Simon and Andrew went with Jesus.

Then they saw James and John in their boat.
They were fishermen too.
And they were brothers.

Jesus asked them to come with him.
James and John went with Jesus.



from **Mark 1**

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 Jesus told people news about God.
- 2 Jesus asked the brothers to with him.
- 3 The were fishermen.
- 4 They all went with

MEETING JESUS - Level 1 #2

A Sick Man

A man was sick.
He came to Jesus.
He said, 'Please make me well.'

Jesus felt sorry for him.
He put his hand on him
and said, 'Now you are well.'

At once, the man was better.

The man told everyone.
Many people came to Jesus.
They came from everywhere.



from **Mark 1**

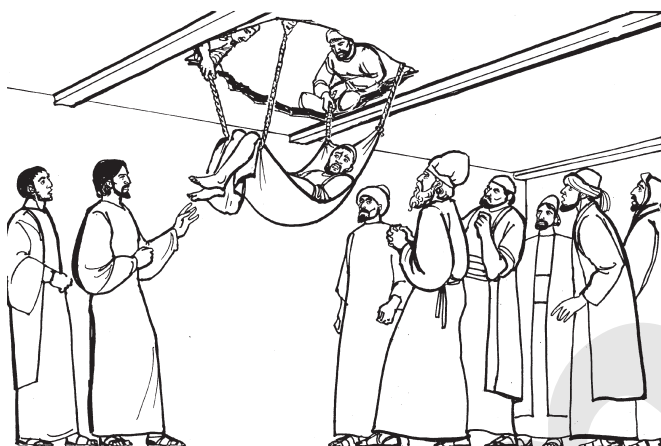
- 1 What did the sick man ask Jesus?
- 2 How did Jesus feel?
- 3 What did Jesus do?
- 4 When did the man get better?
- 5 What did the man do then?

MEETING JESUS - Level 1 #3

A Man Who Could Not Walk

Lots of people came to see Jesus.
He was at home.

Four men came to the house.
They brought their friend.
He could not walk.



There were so many people
they could not get in.

They went up on the roof.
They made a hole in the roof.
The man went down through the hole.

Jesus said to the man,
'My friend, your sins are forgiven.'

Then he said,
'Get up and go home.'

The man got up.
Everyone saw it.
They praised God.

But some people asked,
'Who does Jesus think he is?'

from **Mark 2**

Match the parts.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 There were a lot of people | a in the roof. |
| 2 The men made a hole | b 'Get up and go home.' |
| 3 Jesus said to the sick man, | c at the house. |

MEETING JESUS - Level 1 #4

A Large Crowd

Jesus went to the lake.
His friends went with him.
A large crowd went too.

People came from everywhere.
Some came a long way.

They wanted to see Jesus.
They wanted to listen to him.

Sick people
wanted Jesus to touch them.
Jesus made many people well again.



from **Mark 3**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 Jesus went to the hills.
- 2 Jesus' friends were with him.
- 3 No one else was there.
- 4 People came to see to Jesus.
- 5 Sick people did not want Jesus to touch them.
- 6 People came a long way to listen to Jesus.

MEETING JESUS - Level 1 #5

A Storm

Jesus and his friends
were on the lake.
Jesus was asleep in the boat.

Suddenly there was a storm.
The wind blew.
Water came into the boat.
Everyone was afraid.

They woke Jesus and said,
'Lord, save us.'

Jesus said, 'Trust me.'

He stood up in the boat
and spoke to the wind.
Then he spoke to the waves.

Suddenly the lake was calm.
Everyone was amazed.

They said, 'Who is this man?'



from **Matthew 8**

Put in the right order.

- 1 Suddenly the lake was calm.
- 2 Jesus and his friends were in the boat.
- 3 Jesus spoke to the wind and the waves.
- 4 Suddenly there was a storm.

A Dying Girl

A little girl was sick.
She was 12 years old.

Her father asked Jesus to come.
He said, 'My girl is sick.'

At the house
everyone was crying
and making a lot of noise.
They said, 'The girl has died.'

Jesus said to the man,
'Don't worry. Trust me!'

He went inside
with the mother and father.

He took the girl by the hand.
She got up.

Everyone was very surprised.



from **Mark 5**

- 1 What was wrong with the little girl?
- 2 What did her father do?
- 3 What was everyone doing at the house?
- 4 What did Jesus say to the man?

A Sick Woman

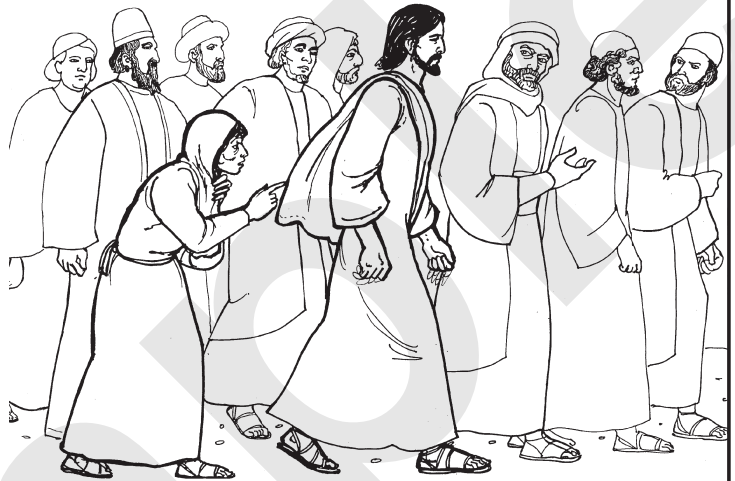
There was a sick woman.
She was bleeding all the time.

She spent all her money
going to the doctors.
But she only got worse.

The woman heard about Jesus.

She came and touched him.
As soon as she touched him,
her bleeding stopped.

The woman was afraid.
But Jesus said to her,
'May God give you peace!'



from **Mark 5**

Tick the right answer.

- 1 What was wrong with the woman?
..... She had no money.
..... She was bleeding all the time.

- 2 Why did she touch Jesus?
..... She liked him.
..... She wanted to get better.

- 3 What did Jesus say to the woman?
..... 'Now your bleeding has stopped.'
..... 'May God give you peace.'

A Hungry Crowd

One day
lots of people
were listening to Jesus.

They were hungry.

Jesus said to his friends,
'I feel sorry for these people.
They have nothing to eat.
How much food do we have?'

'Just a little bread and fish,'
they said.

He took the food
and gave it to his friends.
They gave it to the people.

There were 4,000 people there.
Everyone had enough to eat.
And there was some left over.



from **Mark 8**

Answer **true** or **false**.

- 1 A few people were listening to Jesus.
- 2 Jesus felt sorry for the people - they had no food.
- 3 Jesus and his friends had no food.
- 4 Jesus gave food to all the people.
- 5 No one had enough to eat.

MEETING JESUS - Level 1 #9

A Blind Man Sees

A blind man sat beside the road.
His name was Bart.

He heard lots of people coming.
Someone said it was Jesus.

Bart called out,
'Jesus, help me.'
Some people told him to stop.

Jesus heard him calling.
He asked, 'What do you want?'

Bart said, 'I want to see!'

Bart believed in Jesus.

Right away he could see.
He went down the road with Jesus.



from **Mark 10**

Fill in the missing words.

- 1 The blind sat the road.
- 2 Someone said was coming.
- 3 The man called out, 'Jesus, me.'
- 4 Right away, Bart could
- 5 He went with down the road.

Zak Meets Jesus

Zak was very rich, but he was a bad man.

Jesus came to his town.
Zak wanted to see Jesus.

Zak was very short,
so he climbed a tree.

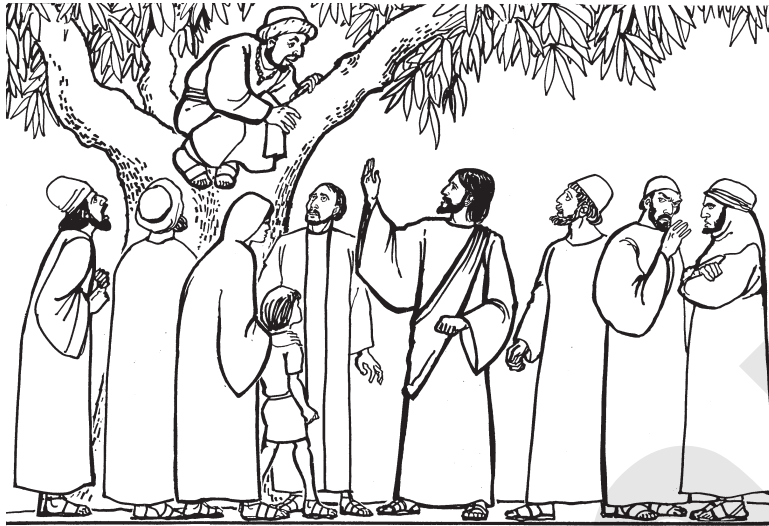
Jesus saw Zak in the tree.
He said, 'Come down.
I want to stay with you.'

Zak was very happy,
but other people were not.

That night, Zak changed.
He said to Jesus,
'I have stolen people's money.
I will give it all back.'

Jesus said, 'Good. Everyone will be happy. And God is happy too.'

from **Luke 19**



Match the parts.

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1 Zak wanted to see Jesus | a with Zak, at his house. |
| 2 Jesus said to him, | b 'I will give back the stolen money.' |
| 3 Jesus went to stay | c so he climbed a tree. |
| 4 Zak said, | d 'I want to stay with you.' |