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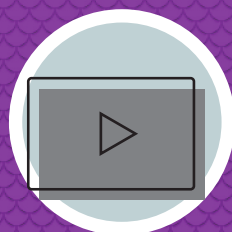
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# A RESCUE PLAN UNDERWAY!

DO YOU KNOW  
WHO GOD IS?

IT CAN BE HARD  
TO GET TO KNOW  
SOMEONE YOU CAN'T  
SEE, RIGHT?



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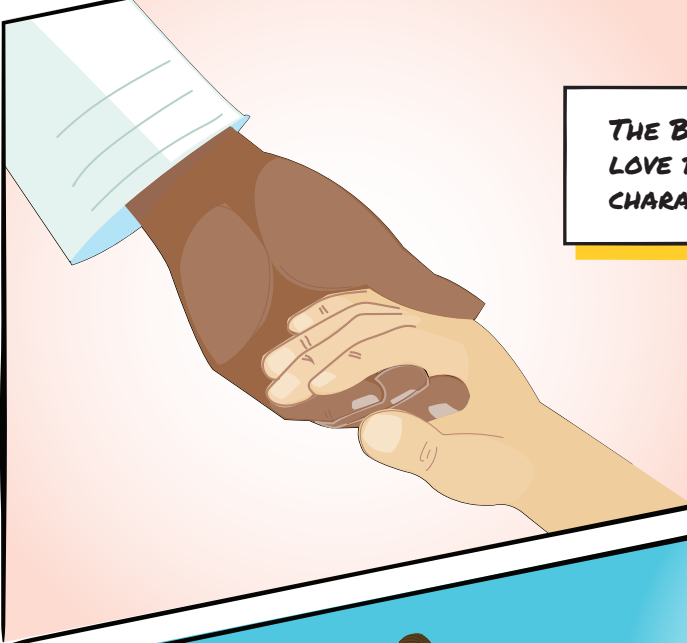
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**THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT  
GOD TELLS US WHO HE IS.**

**GOD CHOSE MANY DIFFERENT  
WRITERS OVER A LONG PERIOD  
OF TIME TO TELL HIS STORY.**



**TODAY, WE CALL  
IT THE BIBLE.**



**THE BIBLE IS A STORY OF DEEP  
LOVE BETWEEN THE TWO MAIN  
CHARACTERS: GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.**



**GOD'S PEOPLE  
AREN'T PERFECT.  
IN FACT, THEY  
OFTEN TURN  
AWAY FROM GOD.**

**BUT GOD KEEPS  
TAKING THEM  
BACK, BECAUSE  
HE LOVES THEM  
SO VERY MUCH.**



**DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE  
PART OF GOD'S STORY TOO?  
WE ARE ALL GOD'S PEOPLE.**



**START YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH  
THE BIBLE NOW AND FIND YOUR  
PLACE IN GOD'S BIG STORY!**



# GOD'S BIG STORY HAS SIX MAIN PARTS.

1

GOD CREATES  
EVERYTHING

2

PEOPLE FALL  
INTO SIN



3

GOD CHOOSES  
A PEOPLE



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GOD SENDS  
HIS MESSIAH



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GOD SENDS  
HIS SPIRIT



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GOD MAKES  
ALL THINGS  
RIGHT AGAIN





# GOD CREATES EVERYTHING

WHO IS GOD? THE BIBLE BEGINS WITH GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.



"IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH" (GEN. 1:1).



GOD CREATED THE WHOLE WORLD, DAY AND NIGHT, LAND AND SEA, BIRDS AND FISH, PLANTS AND ANIMALS.

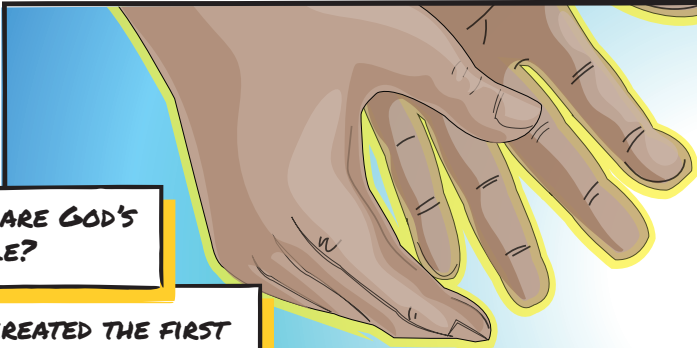


THE WHOLE UNIVERSE BELONGS TO GOD, AND HE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH EVERYTHING YOU SEE, BIG AND SMALL.



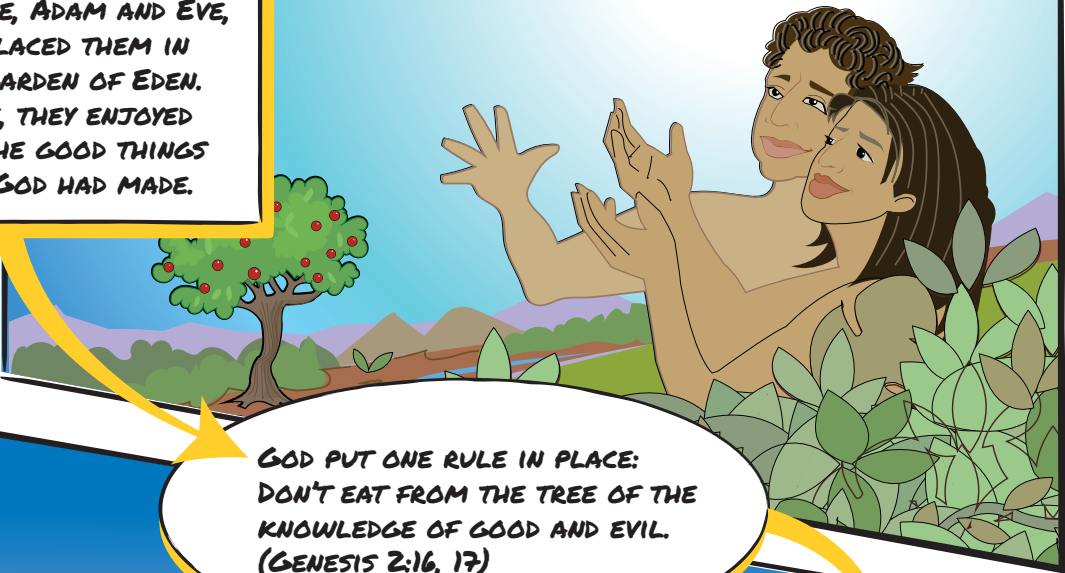
GOD HAS NO LIMITS, NO BEGINNING AND NO END. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE.

AND YET HE KNOWS YOUR NAME, AND YOU CAN TALK TO HIM EACH DAY.




WHO ARE GOD'S  
PEOPLE?

GOD CREATED THE FIRST  
PEOPLE, ADAM AND EVE,  
AND PLACED THEM IN  
THE GARDEN OF EDEN.  
THERE, THEY ENJOYED  
ALL THE GOOD THINGS  
THAT GOD HAD MADE.



GOD PUT ONE RULE IN PLACE:  
DON'T EAT FROM THE TREE OF THE  
KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.  
(GENESIS 2:16, 17)



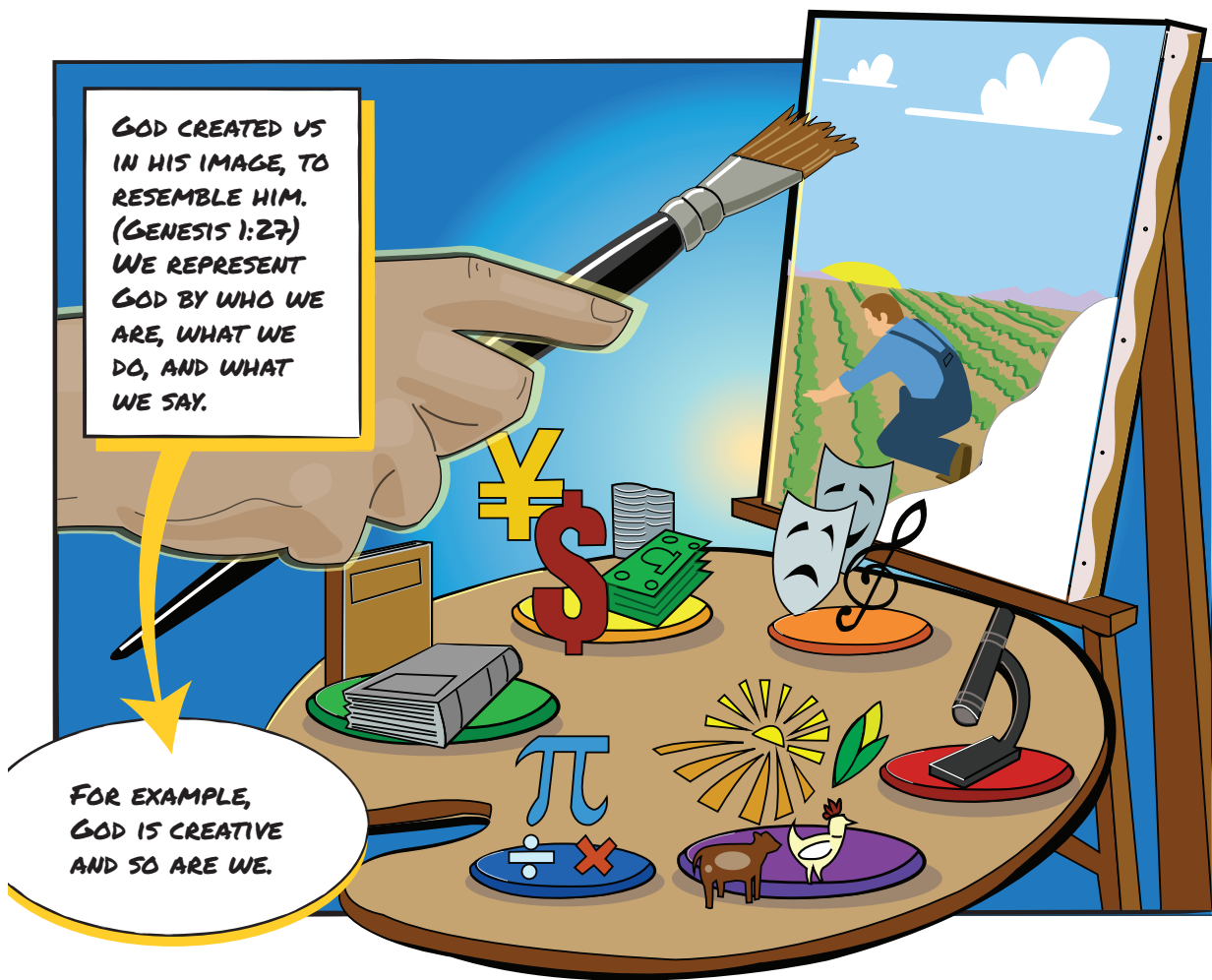
GOD ALSO GAVE EVE  
AND ADAM THE BEST  
JOB, TO WORK WITH  
HIM IN CARING FOR THE  
WORLD AS THEIR HOME.

EVEN TODAY, GOD CALLS  
ALL OF US TO DO THAT  
VERY SAME JOB: TO  
DEVELOP AND PROTECT  
HIS GOOD GIFTS.



GOD CREATED US  
IN HIS IMAGE, TO  
RESEMBLE HIM.  
(GENESIS 1:27)  
WE REPRESENT  
GOD BY WHO WE  
ARE, WHAT WE  
DO, AND WHAT  
WE SAY.

FOR EXAMPLE,  
GOD IS CREATIVE  
AND SO ARE WE.



PEOPLE ARE GOD'S VERY  
FAVORITE CREATION AND  
HE CREATED EACH ONE  
OF US TO BE UNIQUE.  
WE ARE CREATED FOR  
GOD, AND EACH ONE OF  
US IS SPECIAL, CREATED  
IN GOD'S OWN IMAGE.



# PEOPLE FALL INTO SIN

## WHAT WENT WRONG



IN THE BEGINNING,  
GOD MADE EVERYTHING  
PERFECT.

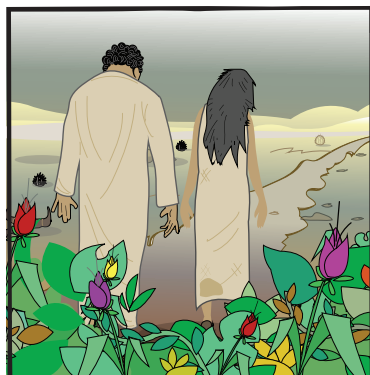


BUT TODAY, LIFE IS  
NOT PERFECT. SO,  
WHAT HAPPENED?  
WHAT CHANGED?

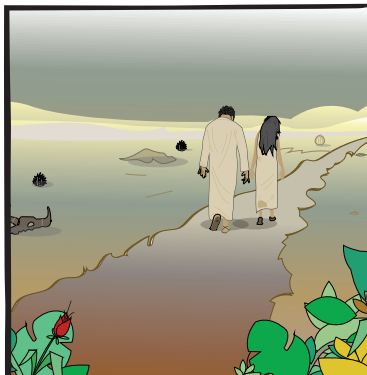


IN THE GARDEN, SATAN, THE ENEMY OF GOD, TOOK  
THE FORM OF A SNAKE. HE CAME TO ADAM AND  
EVE AND TEMPTED THEM TO DISOBEY GOD.

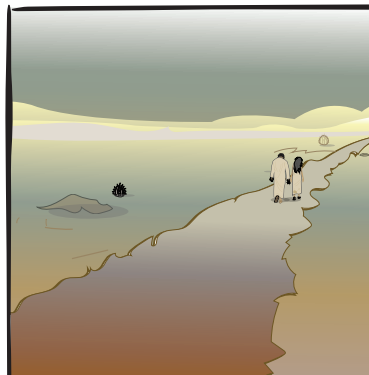
HE TOLD THEM IF THEY ATE  
FROM THE TREE OF THE  
KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND  
EVIL, THEY WOULD BECOME  
LIKE GOD. AND THEY DID IT.



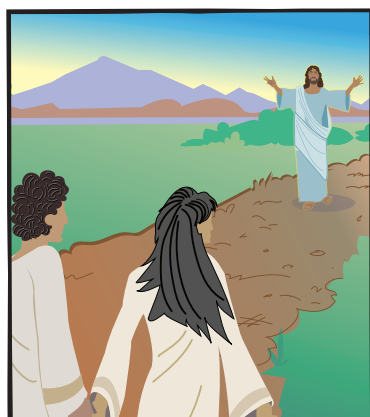
ADAM AND EVE'S SIN CHANGED ALL OF CREATION—IT SPOILED THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND WITH EACH OTHER.



GOD SENT ADAM AND EVE OUT OF EDEN. OUTSIDE OF EDEN, THEIR WORK WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT.



ONE DAY THEY WOULD NOW EVEN DIE. TODAY, WE TOO LIVE IN A WORLD BROKEN BY SIN.



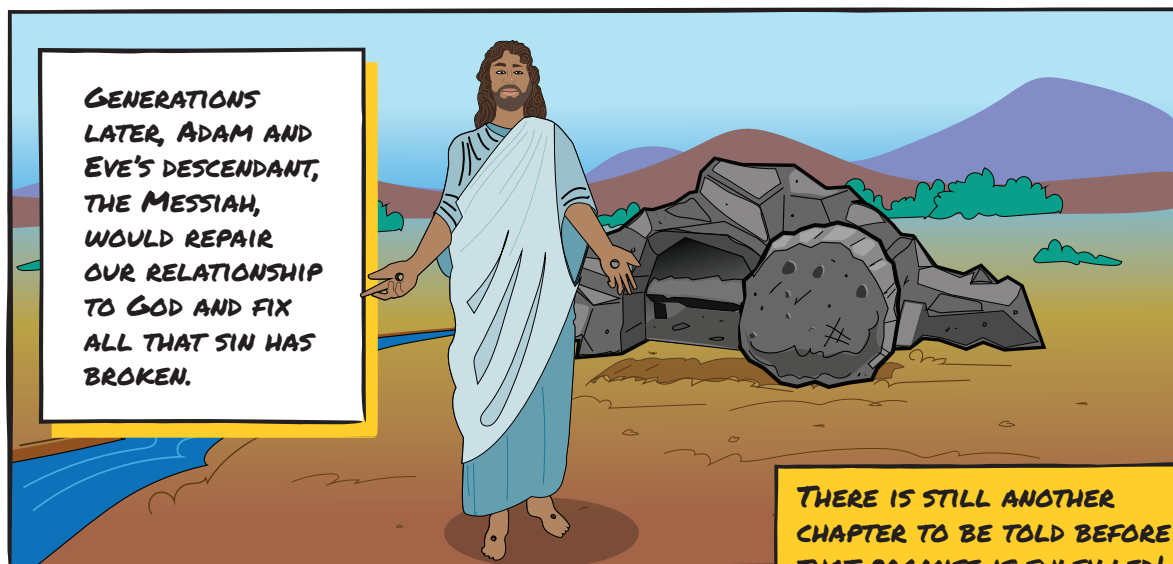
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE STORY DOESN'T END HERE.



GOD CREATED A RESCUE PLAN TO SAVE US, BECAUSE WE COULDN'T SAVE OURSELVES.



ALREADY IN GENESIS 3:15, GOD PROMISES A MESSIAH, A RESCUER, WHO WOULD CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE SNAKE, SATAN, AND DEFEAT SIN.



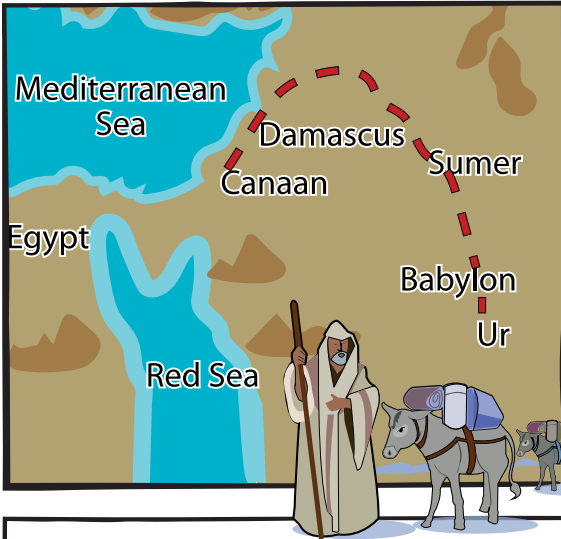
GENERATIONS LATER, ADAM AND EVE'S DESCENDANT, THE MESSIAH, WOULD REPAIR OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD AND FIX ALL THAT SIN HAS BROKEN.

THERE IS STILL ANOTHER CHAPTER TO BE TOLD BEFORE THAT PROMISE IS FULFILLED!

# GOD CHOOSES A PEOPLE

HOW DID THINGS GO AFTER THE GARDEN OF EDEN?

ADAM AND EVE AND THEIR CHILDREN DID NOT STOP REFLECTING GOD'S IMAGE, BUT THEY DID MAKE LOTS OF MISTAKES, HURTING GOD AND EACH OTHER.



TO SET HIS RESCUE PLAN IN MOTION, GOD CHOSE A MAN NAMED ABRAHAM. GOD CALLED HIM TO JOURNEY TO A NEW LAND, GOD'S PROMISED LAND. (GENESIS 12)



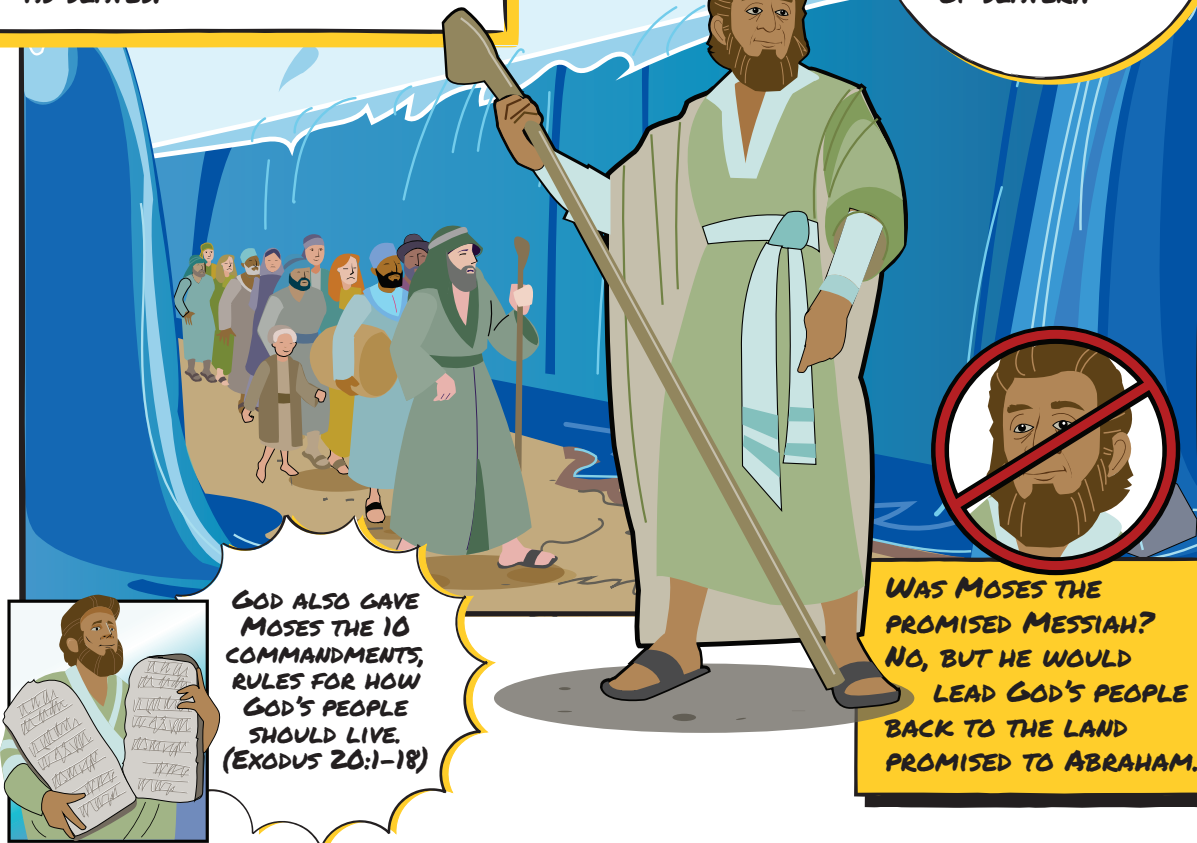
GOD THEN MADE A COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM. GOD PROMISED TO GIVE ABRAHAM THE LAND HE WAS IN AND TOLD HIM HIS FAMILY WOULD BLESS ALL THE PEOPLE OF WORLD.

ABRAHAM WAS NOT THE MESSIAH, BUT ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD BE.



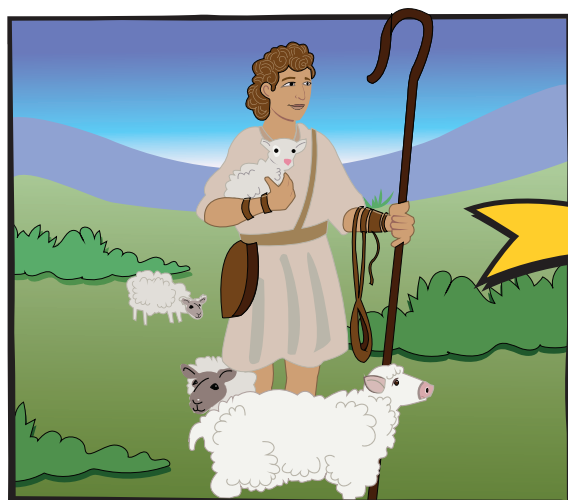
GENERATIONS LATER, ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS LEFT THE PROMISED LAND AND MOVED TO EGYPT. AFTER MANY YEARS, THE EGYPTIAN LEADERS FORCED THEM TO LABOR AS SLAVES.

GOD HEARD THE SUFFERING OF HIS PEOPLE. HE SENT MOSES TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE OUT OF SLAVERY.

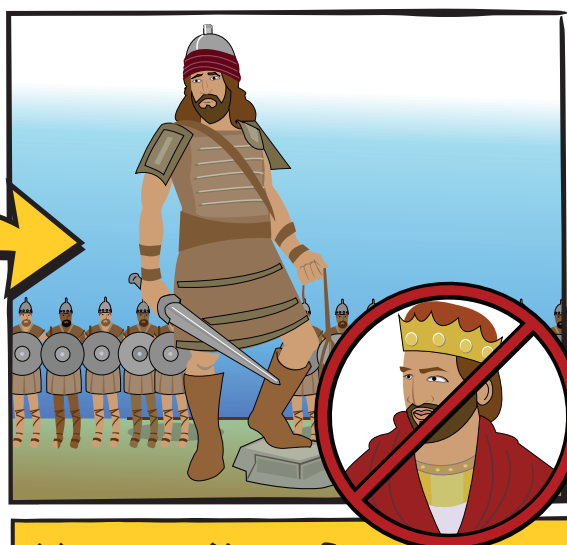


GOD ALSO GAVE MOSES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS, RULES FOR HOW GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE. (EXODUS 20:1-18)

WAS MOSES THE PROMISED MESSIAH? NO, BUT HE WOULD LEAD GOD'S PEOPLE BACK TO THE LAND PROMISED TO ABRAHAM.



AFTER GOD'S PEOPLE RETURNED TO THE PROMISED LAND, GOD CHOSE A YOUNG BOY NAMED DAVID TO GROW INTO A GREAT KING AND WARRIOR TO LEAD THE NATION OF ISRAEL.



WAS HE THE MESSIAH? NO, BUT DAVID'S DESCENDANT WOULD BE THE MESSIAH! AND THROUGH THE MESSIAH, DAVID'S KINGDOM WOULD LAST FOREVER.

AFTER DAVID, THERE WAS A LONG PERIOD OF KINGS IN ISRAEL.



Joash



Ahab



Manasseh



Rehoboam

SOME WERE GOD'S SERVANTS AND FOLLOWED GOD'S LAWS, BUT OTHER KINGS DID ONLY WHAT THEY WANTED AND LED THE PEOPLE AWAY FROM GOD.



Asa



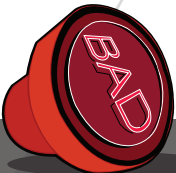
Hezekiah



Jehoshaphat



Zimri



SOON, EMPIRES FROM FAR AWAY TOOK OVER ISRAEL. THEY FORCED MANY ISRAELITES TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES IN THE PROMISED LAND.



AS THEY SUFFERED IN FOREIGN LANDS, THE PEOPLE BECAME HOPELESS. THEY WONDERED IF GOD HAD BROKEN HIS PROMISE TO SEND A MESSIAH. (EZEKIEL 34:23-24)

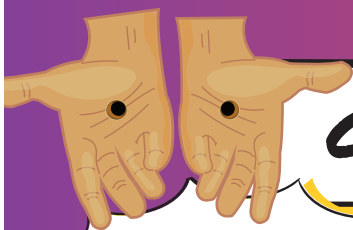
**BUT GOD CONTINUED  
TO LOVE HIS PEOPLE  
BY SENDING PROPHETS.**

**PREACHERS LIKE ISAIAH,  
JEREMIAH, AND EZEKIEL  
TOLD THE PEOPLE THEY  
WERE IN THIS MESS  
BECAUSE THEY HAD TURNED  
AWAY FROM GOD.**



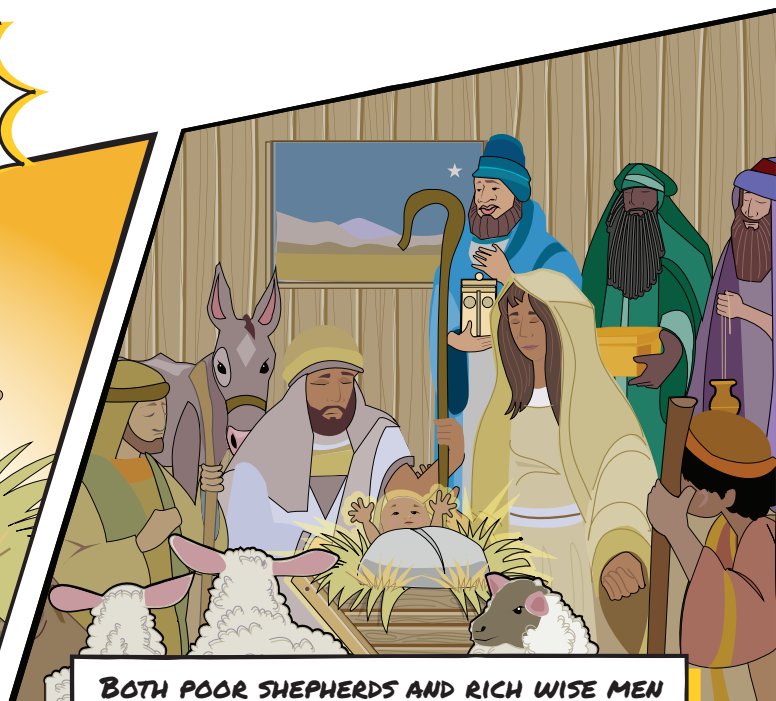
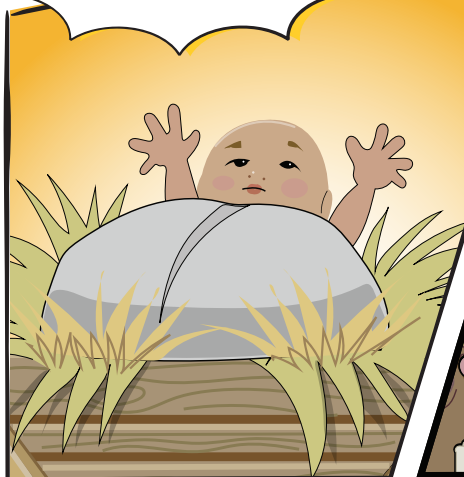
**THROUGH THE PROPHETS, GOD TOLD  
THE PEOPLE THAT HE WOULD BRING  
THEM BACK TO THE PROMISED LAND  
AND FINALLY SEND THE MESSIAH  
THEY WERE WAITING FOR!**





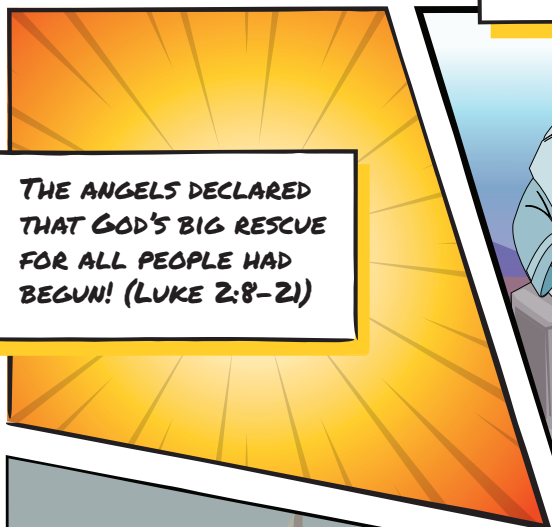
## GOD SENDS HIS MESSIAH

GOD CAME TO EARTH AS A TINY BABY, JESUS OF NAZARETH. JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH THAT GOD HAD PROMISED FROM THE BEGINNING. (LUKE 2:1-7)



BOTH POOR SHEPHERDS AND RICH WISE MEN FROM FAR AWAY CAME TO SEE BABY JESUS.

THE ANGELS DECLARED THAT GOD'S BIG RESCUE FOR ALL PEOPLE HAD BEGUN! (LUKE 2:8-21)



JESUS LED A PERFECT AND SINLESS LIFE.

HE TAUGHT THAT GOD LOVED ALL PEOPLE AND WANTED EVERYONE TO BE INCLUDED IN HIS KINGDOM.



EVEN THE WIND AND WAVES OBEYED HIM. (MATTHEW 8:23-27)



**JESUS ALSO DID POWERFUL  
MIRACLES TO HEAL PEOPLE.**



**SOME PEOPLE BEGAN TO  
RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS  
WAS THE MESSIAH THAT  
HAD BEEN PROMISED SO  
MANY YEARS BEFORE.  
(MARK 5: 37-43)**

**JESUS CHALLENGED MANY OF THE  
INCORRECT TEACHINGS OF THE  
RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF HIS DAY.**

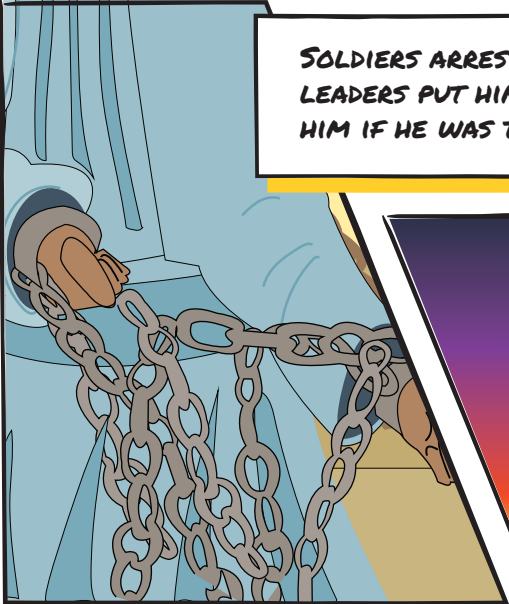
**THE CROWDS LOVED JESUS, BUT THE PRIDEFUL  
LEADERS DIDN'T WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH.**





**THEY WERE ANGRY  
ENOUGH TO KILL JESUS.**




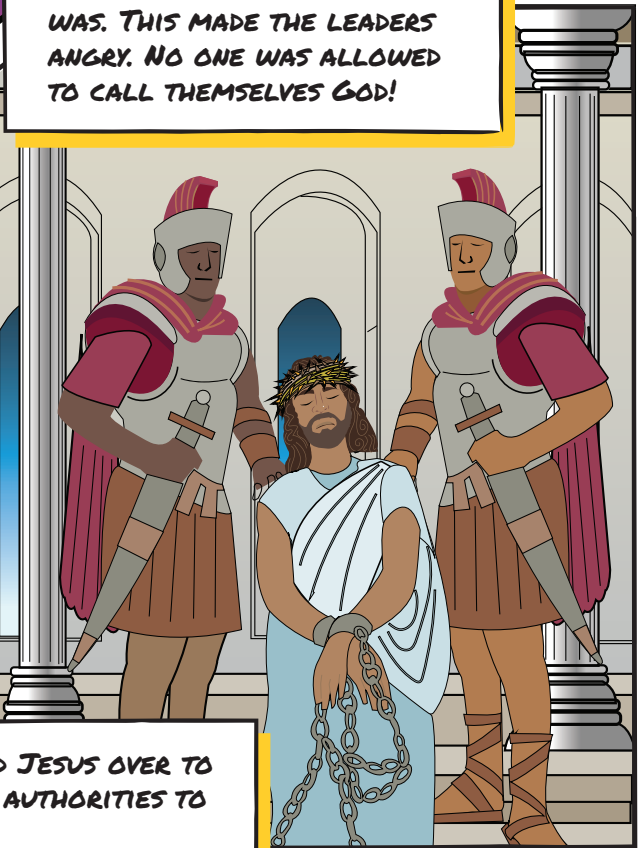
**JUDAS, ONE OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS,  
BETRAYED JESUS AND MADE A DEAL  
WITH THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS. THEY  
GAVE JUDAS MONEY TO LEAD THEM  
TO JESUS.**



**SOLDIERS ARRESTED JESUS. THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS PUT HIM ON TRIAL AND ASKED HIM IF HE WAS THE MESSIAH AND GOD.**

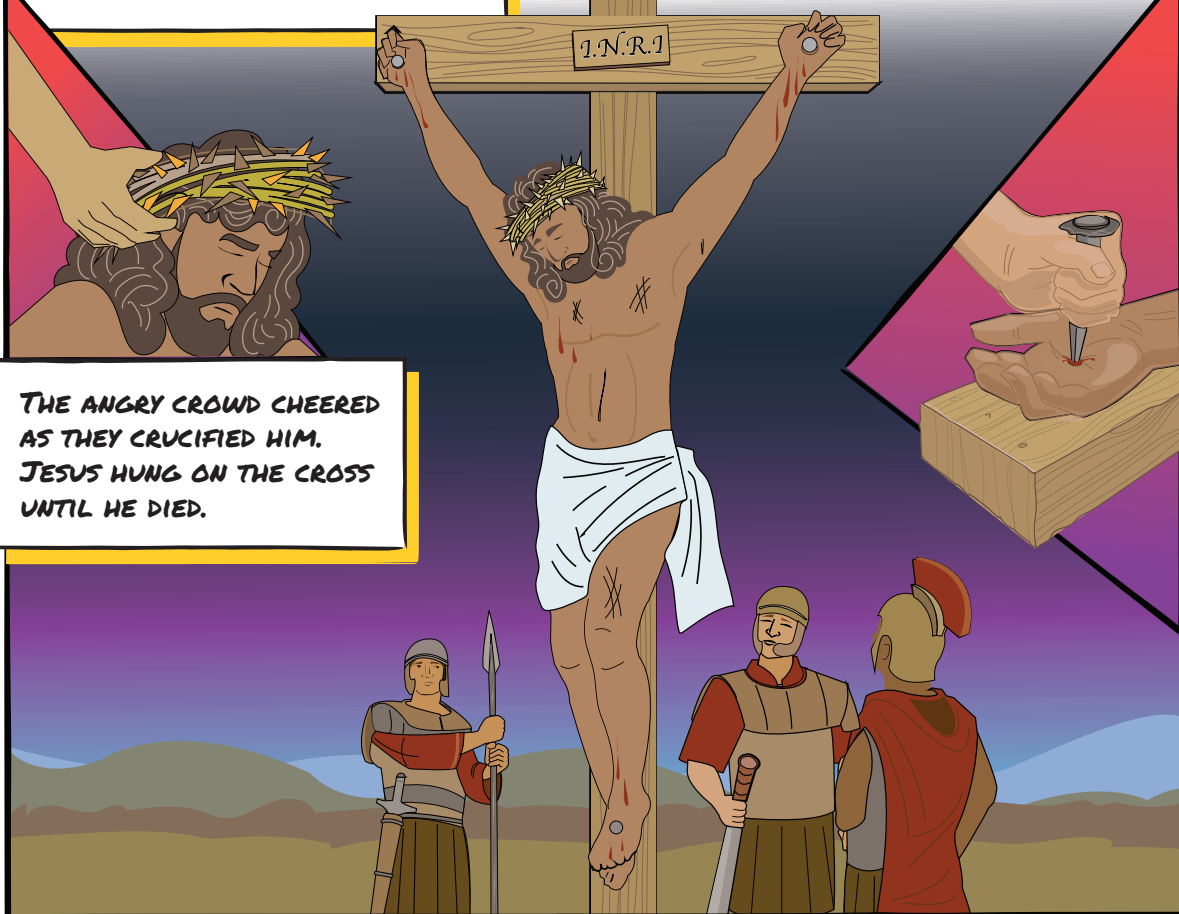


**JESUS COULD NOT DENY WHO HE WAS. THIS MADE THE LEADERS ANGRY. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO CALL THEMSELVES GOD!**



**THEY TURNED JESUS OVER TO THE ROMAN AUTHORITIES TO BE KILLED.**

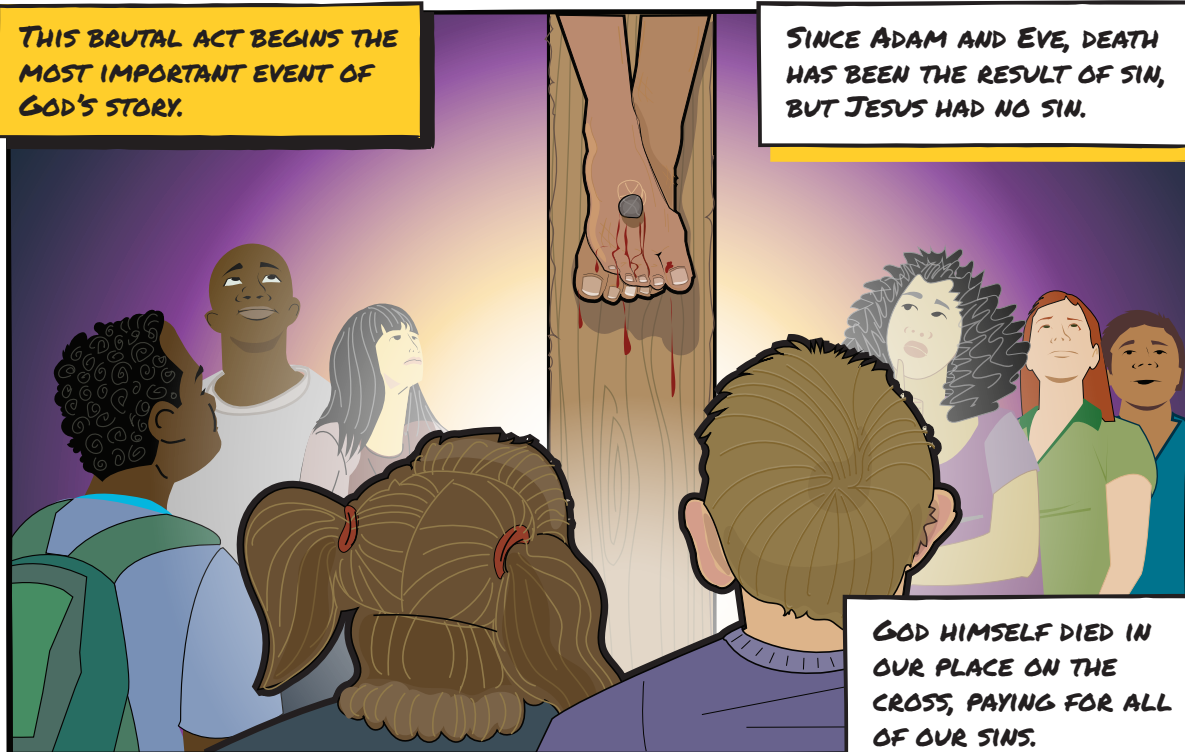
ROMAN SOLDIERS PUT A CROWN  
OF THORNS ON HIS HEAD AND  
NAILED JESUS TO A CROSS.



THE ANGRY CROWD CHEERED  
AS THEY CRUCIFIED HIM.  
JESUS HUNG ON THE CROSS  
UNTIL HE DIED.

THIS BRUTAL ACT BEGINS THE  
MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF  
GOD'S STORY.

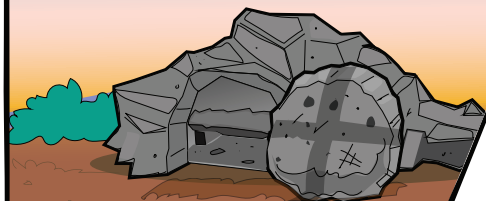
SINCE ADAM AND EVE, DEATH  
HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF SIN,  
BUT JESUS HAD NO SIN.



GOD HIMSELF DIED IN  
OUR PLACE ON THE  
CROSS, PAYING FOR ALL  
OF OUR SINS.

THREE DAYS AFTER JESUS DIED,  
GOD BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE!  
JESUS WON. HE CONQUERED NOT  
ONLY SIN BUT ALSO DEATH.

JESUS CRUSHED SATAN'S HEAD  
ONCE AND FOR ALL! JUST LIKE  
GOD PROMISED IN GENESIS 3:15.



THROUGH JESUS, OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND WE RECEIVE NEW LIFE. WE CAN  
RECONNECT WITH GOD, ONE ANOTHER, AND RESTORE HIS WORLD. (JOHN 3:16)

JESUS STAYED A  
SHORT TIME WITH  
HIS FOLLOWERS  
AND THEN WENT  
UP INTO HEAVEN.



JESUS TOLD THEM TO  
SHARE THE GOOD NEWS  
OF GOD'S MESSIAH WITH  
ALL PEOPLE AND TO  
BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM  
ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
(MATTHEW 28:16-20)



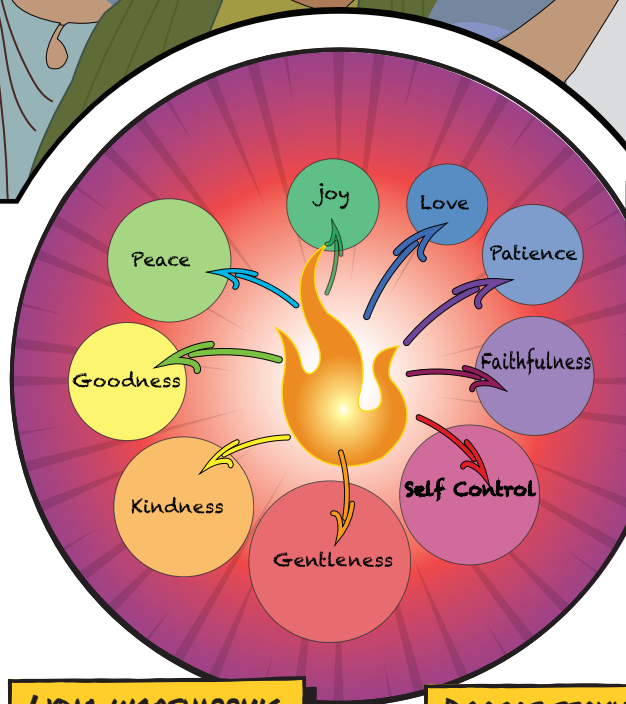
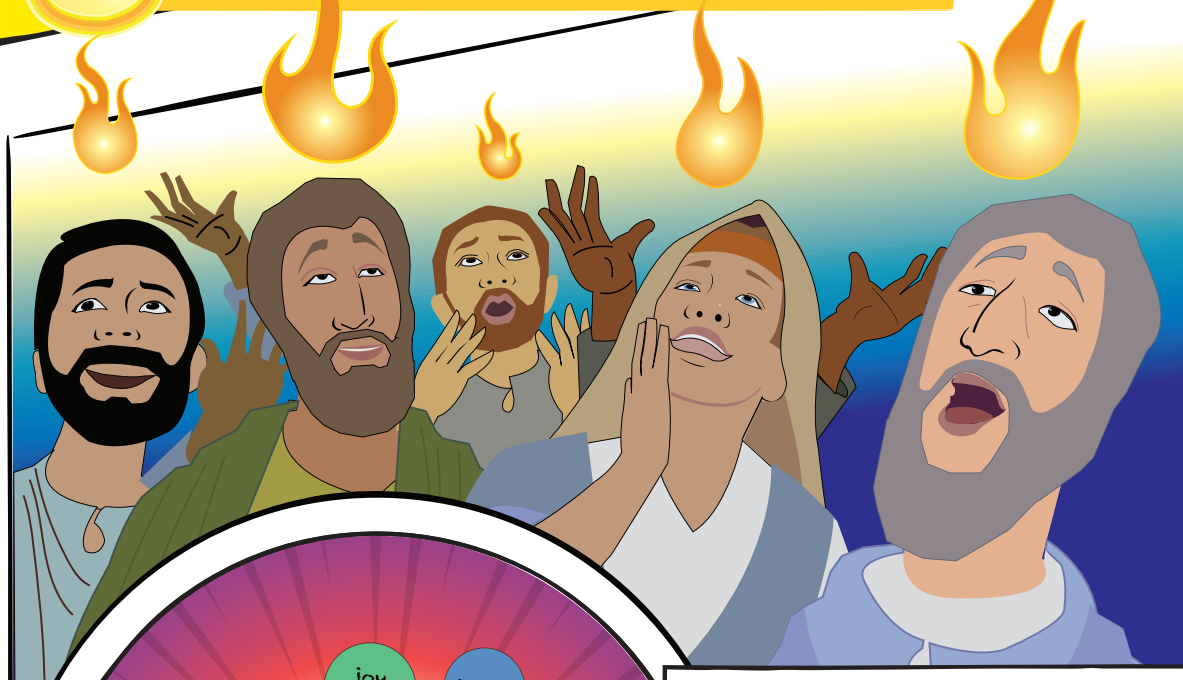
**TODAY, GOD CALLS US TO TELL HIS STORY!**



**GOD USES US TO BUILD  
HIS KINGDOM. WE ARE  
PARTNERS WITH GOD IN  
FIXING ALL OF CREATION.**

**AND GOD'S GOT A PLAN TO HELP US...**

# GOD SENDS HIS SPIRIT



AFTER JESUS RETURNED TO HEAVEN, GOD SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN GOD'S PEOPLE (ACTS 2:1-13).

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (GALATIANS 5: 22-23) HELP US REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE EVERY DAY AND SPREAD THE STORY OF GOD'S RESCUE PLAN TO THE WORLD.

LYDIA WORSHIPPING  
(ACTS 16)

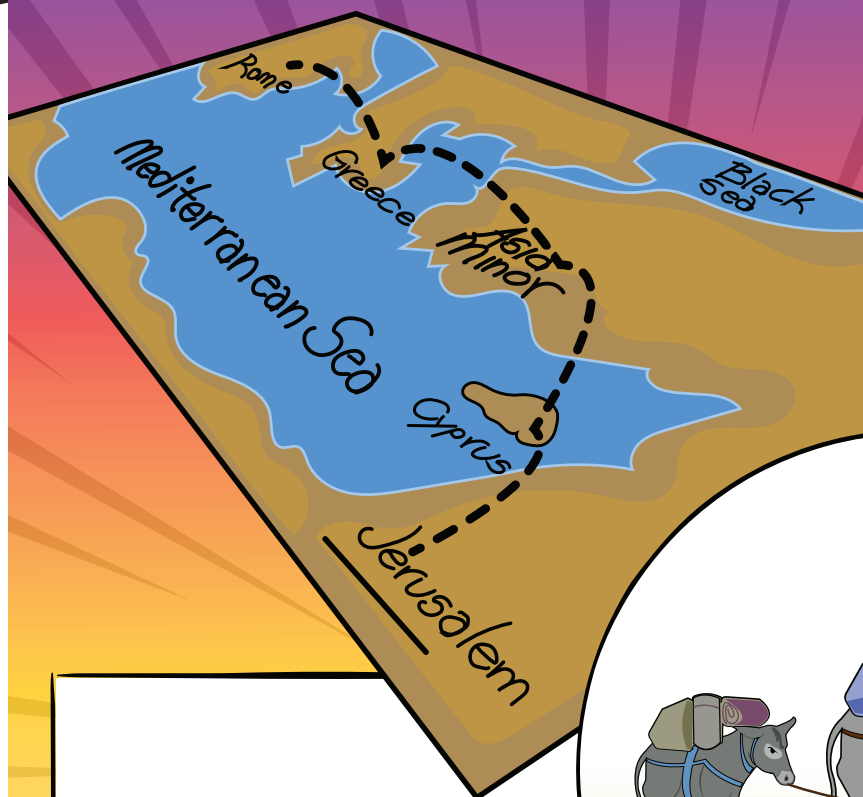


DORCAS SERVING  
(ACTS 9:36-43)

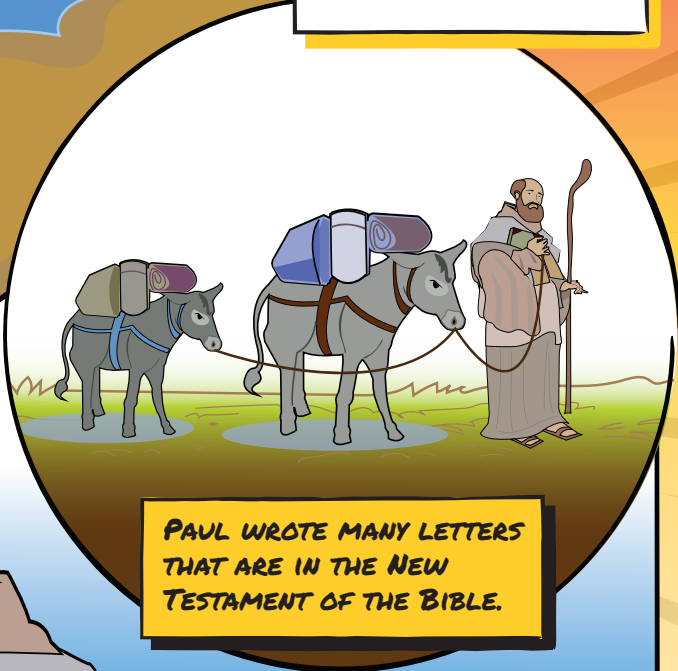


PHILIP BAPTIZING  
(ACTS 8)





WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, EARLY MISSIONARIES, LIKE PAUL, SPREAD GOD'S STORY THROUGHOUT THE ROMAN EMPIRE, STARTING CHURCHES WHEREVER HE WENT.



PAUL WROTE MANY LETTERS THAT ARE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE.



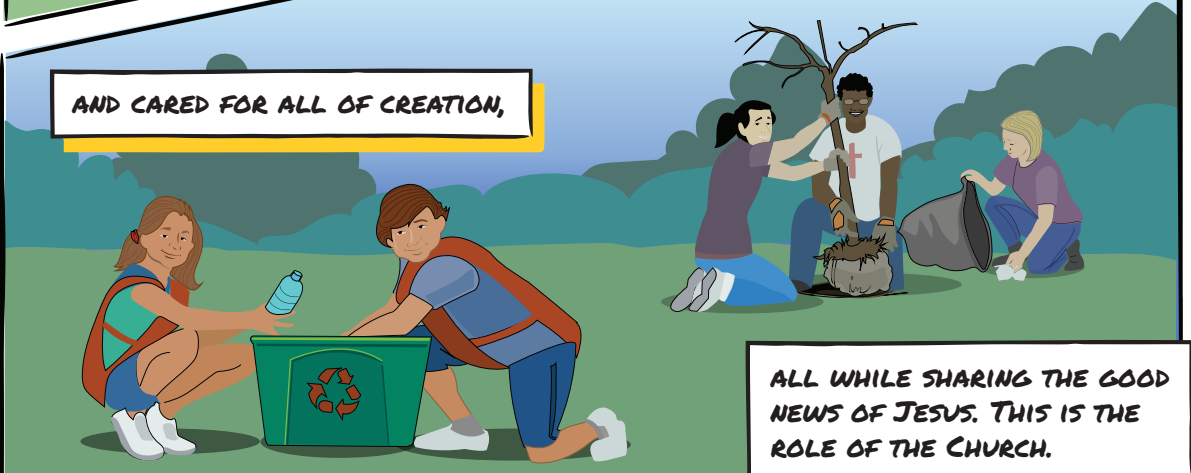
FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS, CHRISTIANS  
HAVE WORSHIPPED GOD,



CARED FOR EACH OTHER,



AND CARED FOR ALL OF CREATION,



ALL WHILE SHARING THE GOOD  
NEWS OF JESUS. THIS IS THE  
ROLE OF THE CHURCH.



HERE'S  
WHERE  
YOU AND I  
COME IN.

GOD HAS ASKED LOTS OF  
PEOPLE BEFORE US TO HELP  
OUT, AND NOW IT'S OUR TURN  
TO BE PART OF GOD'S STORY.





## GOD MAKES ALL THINGS RIGHT AGAIN

THROUGH THE  
HOLY SPIRIT, GOD  
IS ALREADY FIXING  
THE WORLD,



AND THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT ONE DAY  
GOD WILL MAKE ALL CREATION RIGHT,  
AND HE WILL LIVE WITH HIS PEOPLE  
AGAIN. (REVELATION 21).



THE BIBLE ENDS WITH A  
PROMISE THAT JESUS WILL  
RETURN AND ESTABLISH  
GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH.

"NOW GOD MAKES HIS HOME WITH PEOPLE. HE WILL LIVE WITH THEM. THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE. AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AND BE THEIR GOD. HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES. THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR SADNESS. THERE WILL BE NO MORE CRYING OR PAIN. THINGS ARE NO LONGER THE WAY THEY USED TO BE" (REV. 21:3-4 NIV).

TO THIS WE SAY  
"AMEN, COME,  
LORD JESUS!"



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