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# God Made the World



Long, long, ago, at the beginning of time, God said, "Let there be light," and bright, shining light shone in the darkness.

God said, "Let there be land and sea." So he made wide land and tall mountains and deep water in the sea.

God said, "Let there be trees and plants, sun, moon, and stars." And so the plants produced juicy fruits in the hot sunshine. At night they were cool under the silver moon and twinkly stars.

God said, "Let there be fish and all sorts of winged creatures." So the sea swam with fish, and the sky was filled with birds and butterflies.

God said, "Let there be all kinds of animals." And so snakes slithered and giraffes galloped over the land. Monkeys swung through the trees, and





hippos bathed in the rivers.

God said, "Now let there be people to look after my beautiful world." And there were.

God looked at his wonderful creation and saw that it was good. Then he rested. GENESIS 1-2



# Noah Builds a Boat

God told Noah it was going to rain very hard. So Noah built a boat. Hammer, hammer, bang, bang! It was a very, very big boat called an ark. God told Noah to take his family and two of each kind of animal into the ark. Plod, plod, clip, clop! They went



into the ark, two by two  
by two by two.

Once God had closed  
the door of the ark, the  
rain started to fall. Splish,  
splash, splosh, splash!

The water covered  
the ground. The water covered the trees. The water covered the  
mountaintops. But the ark bobbed along on the waves, with  
Noah and the animals safe inside. Days and days and days  
passed before the rain stopped raining.



Noah opened a window to let a dove fly out. Flap, flap,  
coo, coo! Then at last the dove came back with a leaf in  
its beak.

After the water went down, God told Noah it was safe for  
his family and the animals to come out of the ark. Then God sent  
a beautiful rainbow.

“There will never be a flood like this again,” God promised.

GENESIS 6-9



# Under the Stars



A very long time ago, a man named Abram (who later became Abraham) lived in a big city called Ur.

God told Abraham to leave Ur. Abraham was to go from place to place, living in a tent, until God gave him a new home.

Abraham trusted God. He knew it would be a difficult journey. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, traveled across dry, rocky hills. It was hard for both of them. It was hard for their servants and their sheep and goats.

“Come and look at the stars,” God said to Abraham one dark and twinkly night. “You are just the beginning. There will be many, many people in your family. There will be many, many children born to the people in your family. There will be many—just like the stars you see in the sky.”

Abraham was confused. He and Sarah had no children, and they were getting old. How could this be?

But Abraham knew God. He knew that God always keeps his promises. GENESIS 12:1-8; 15





# Three Visitors

One sunny day, three visitors came to Abraham as he sat in the shade near his tent.

This was a surprise. It was very hot for traveling.

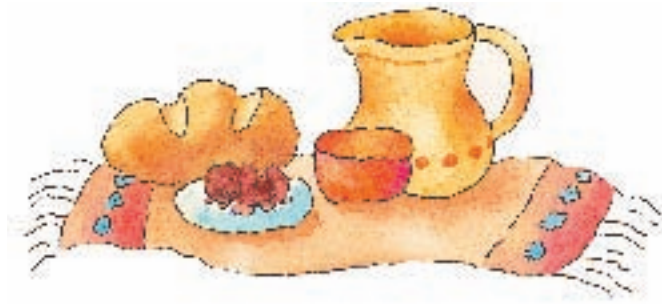
“Here’s water for washing and drinking,” said Abraham. Then he served them a meal that Sarah cooked for them. They ate bread and meat and yogurt and milk under the cool trees.

Sarah stayed in the tent. She hid there and listened to the men talking.

“You will have a child quite soon,” said one of the men to Abraham. “Sarah will give birth to a baby boy.”

Sarah laughed. “I’m much too old to have a baby! I’m old enough to be a grandma!”





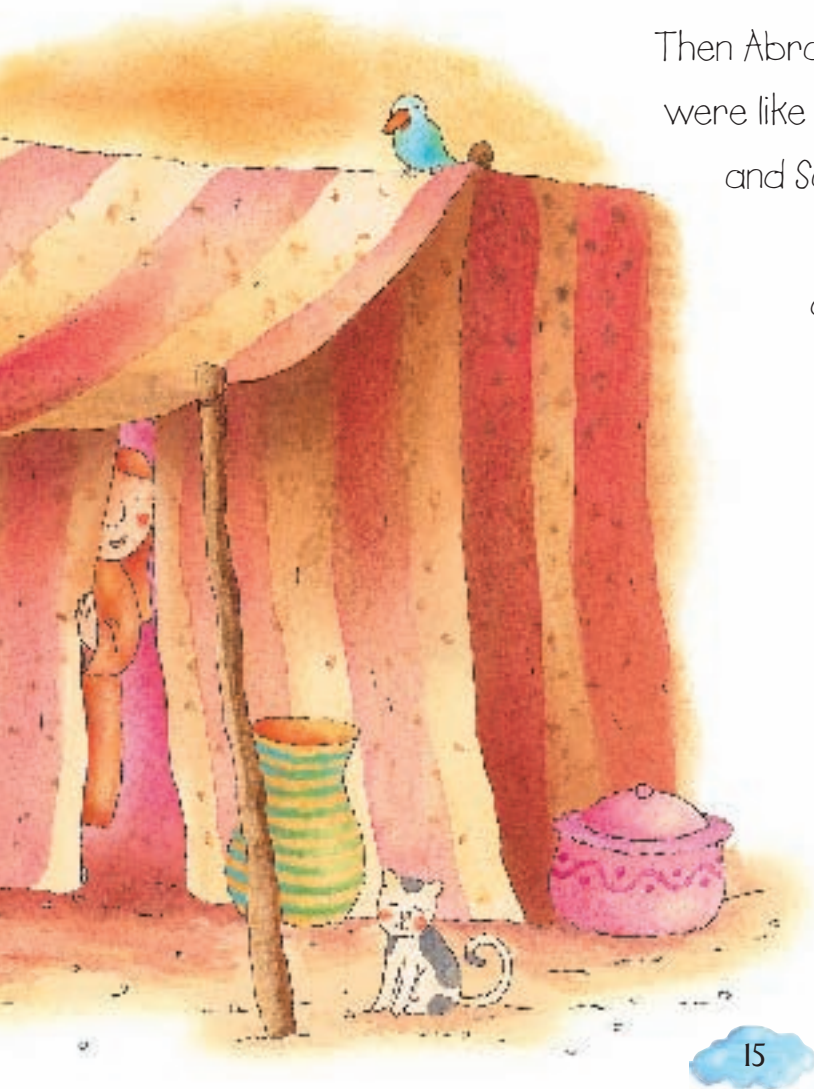
“Why did you laugh?” asked the visitor.

“I didn’t—not really,” said Sarah, feeling rather silly.

“Oh, yes, you did!” said the visitor. “But nothing is too hard for God to do. You wait and see.”











Then Abraham knew that the visitors were like angels from God and that he and Sarah would have a son.

So they did wait, and they did see, because one day quite soon after that, Sarah’s baby boy was born. His name was Isaac. GENESIS 18:1-15; 21:1-7





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