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A journey from Creation to the promise of all things made new

Scripture quotations are from the King James Version.

A Bible Storybook for Reading Together

This illustrated edition retells a selection of the Bible's great stories in clear language for children, while preserving carefully chosen words from the King James Version.

The retellings are not a replacement for Scripture. They are a doorway into it. Each chapter ends with a short KJV passage and a simple thought to carry away.

Some stories are enormous: seas divide, giants fall, storms become still. Others are quiet: a child in a manger, bread broken at a table, women standing before an empty tomb. Together they tell one long story of creation, promise, rescue, faith, Jesus, and hope.

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How God Made Everything

Genesis 1

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In the beginning, there was God. Then God spoke, and creation began. Light shone into the darkness. The sky stretched above the waters. Dry land appeared, and plants began to grow. God made the sun for the day, the moon for the night, and filled the heavens with stars.

The seas filled with living creatures, birds flew across the sky, and animals walked upon the earth. At last, God made people in His own image. God looked upon all that He had made, and it was very good.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” — Genesis 1:1
> “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” — Genesis 1:31

What We Learn

Creation is God’s work, and human beings have a special place within it.



Noah and the Ark
Genesis 6-9

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The world had become full of violence, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. God told Noah to build a great ark and bring his family inside. God also commanded him to bring living creatures into the ark so that life would be preserved through the flood.

Rain fell for forty days and forty nights. When the waters finally began to go down, Noah sent out birds to search for dry land. A dove returned with an olive leaf. Later, Noah came out of the ark, and God set a rainbow in the cloud as the sign of His covenant.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.” — Genesis 6:8
> “I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.” — Genesis 9:13

What We Learn

God remembers His promises, even after the storm.



Moses and the Burning Bush
Exodus 3

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Moses was tending sheep in the wilderness when he saw something astonishing: a bush burned with fire, yet it was not consumed. As Moses came nearer, God called his name from the midst of the bush.

God told Moses that He had seen the suffering of His people in Egypt and heard their cry. Moses was afraid that he was not strong enough for such a task, but God promised to be with him. The shepherd in the wilderness was being called to lead a people toward freedom.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush.” — Exodus 3:2
> “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM.” — Exodus 3:14

What We Learn

God sees suffering, hears His people, and can call ordinary people to brave work.



Crossing the Red Sea
Exodus 14

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Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, but Pharaoh’s army came after them. Ahead was the sea; behind were the chariots. The people were frightened.

Moses told them not to fear. He stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD caused the waters to divide. The people crossed on dry ground, with the waters like a wall on their right hand and on their left. The way that had seemed impossible became the way forward.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD.” — Exodus 14:13
> “And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground.” — Exodus 14:22

What We Learn

When there seemed to be no way forward, God made a way.



David and Goliath
1 Samuel 17

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For many days the Philistine champion Goliath challenged Israel’s army. He was enormous, heavily armed, and feared by the soldiers. Then David, a young shepherd, came to the camp.

David would not measure the battle by Goliath’s size. He remembered how God had helped him protect his sheep. Refusing Saul’s armour, David took his staff, his sling, and five smooth stones. He went out to meet the giant trusting not in sword or spear, but in the LORD.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts.” — 1 Samuel 17:45
> “The battle is the LORD’S.” — 1 Samuel 17:47

What We Learn

Courage is not pretending that danger is small. It is trusting God when the danger is great.



Daniel and the Lions
Daniel 6

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Daniel served faithfully in a foreign kingdom. Jealous men persuaded the king to make a law forbidding prayer to anyone except the king for thirty days. Daniel knew about the law, but he continued to pray to God as he had always done.

Daniel was thrown into a den of lions. The king spent a sleepless night, then hurried to the den at dawn. Daniel answered him from inside: God had sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths. Daniel was lifted out unharmed.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." — Daniel 6:22
> "No manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God." — Daniel 6:23

What We Learn

Daniel remained faithful when faithfulness was costly.



Jonah and the Great Fish
Jonah 1-3

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God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and warn the city to turn from its wickedness. Jonah ran in the opposite direction and boarded a ship. A terrible storm rose, and Jonah knew he could not run away from God.

After Jonah was cast into the sea, the storm became calm. The LORD prepared a great fish to swallow him, and Jonah prayed from inside it. Three days and three nights later, the fish brought Jonah back to dry land. God called Jonah again - and this time Jonah went to Nineveh.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah.” — Jonah 1:17
> “And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time.” — Jonah 3:1

What We Learn

God’s call did not end with Jonah’s failure. He was given another chance to obey.



Jesus Is Born
Luke 1-2

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Luke 1-2

The angel Gabriel came to Mary with astonishing news: she would have a son and call His name Jesus. In time Mary travelled with Joseph to Bethlehem.

There was no room for them in the lodging place. Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger. Outside the town, shepherds heard an angel announce good tidings of great joy: a Saviour had been born, Christ the Lord. They hurried to Bethlehem to see the child.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.” — Luke 1:31
> “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” — Luke 2:11

What We Learn

The birth of Jesus was announced as good news and great joy.



Jesus Teaches the People
Matthew 5-7

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Crowds came to hear Jesus. He taught them about the kingdom of heaven and about the kind of life that pleases God. He spoke of mercy, peacemaking, forgiveness, prayer, trust, and love.

Jesus taught that goodness is more than looking right on the outside. It reaches into the heart. He told His hearers to love their neighbours, to pray sincerely, and to treat other people as they themselves would wish to be treated.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” — Matthew 5:7
> “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

What We Learn

Jesus taught people not only what to believe, but how to live.



Jesus Calms the Storm
Mark 4:35-41

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Jesus and His disciples crossed the sea in a boat. A great storm of wind arose, and waves crashed over the vessel until the disciples feared they would sink. Jesus was asleep in the stern.

They woke Him. Jesus rose and rebuked the wind, saying to the sea, “Peace, be still.” The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. The disciples looked at one another in awe. Even the wind and the sea obeyed Him.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.” — Mark 4:39
> “What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” — Mark 4:41

What We Learn

The disciples discovered that the One in their boat had authority even over the storm.



Jesus and the Children
Matthew 19:13-15

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People brought little children to Jesus so that He would put His hands on them and pray. The disciples tried to send them away.

Jesus stopped them. Children were not an interruption to Him. He welcomed them and made clear that they belonged near Him. Then He laid His hands on them before continuing on His way.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” — Matthew 19:14

What We Learn

Children were welcomed by Jesus, not pushed to the edge.



Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11

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As Jesus approached Jerusalem, He sent two disciples to bring a donkey. Jesus rode toward the city, and a great crowd spread their garments in the road. Others cut branches from the trees and laid them before Him.

The crowd went ahead and followed behind, crying out in celebration. Jerusalem was stirred, asking who had come. The peaceful King entered the city not on a war horse, but riding on a donkey.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass.” — Matthew 21:5
> “Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” — Matthew 21:9

What We Learn

Jesus entered Jerusalem as a King, but in humility and peace.



The Last Supper
Luke 22:14-20

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On the night before His death, Jesus sat at the Passover table with His apostles. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them. He told them to do this in remembrance of Him.

After supper He took the cup and spoke of the new covenant. The meal became a sign His followers would remember: Jesus was giving Himself for them.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.” — Luke 22:19
> “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” — Luke 22:20

What We Learn

At the table, Jesus prepared His friends to remember the meaning of what was about to happen.



Jesus on the Cross
Luke 23; John 19

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Jesus was taken outside Jerusalem and crucified. The day grew dark. His friends stood nearby in grief, and soldiers watched beneath the crosses.

Even in suffering, Jesus spoke words of mercy. At last He cried with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. His body was placed in a new tomb cut into the rock. A great stone was rolled across the entrance. For His followers, it seemed that hope itself had been buried.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” — Luke 23:34
> “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.” — Luke 23:46

What We Learn

The cross is told with sorrow and reverence. Christians remember it as the place where Jesus gave His life.



He Is Risen
Matthew 28:1-10

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At dawn on the first day of the week, women came to the tomb. There had been a great earthquake, and an angel of the Lord had rolled back the stone.

The angel told them not to be afraid. Jesus, who had been crucified, was not there. He had risen, just as He had said. The women left the tomb with fear and great joy, running to tell the disciples. Death had not had the final word.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” — Matthew 28:6

What We Learn

The resurrection is the great announcement of Easter: Jesus is risen.



Pentecost
Acts 2

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After Jesus had ascended, His followers were together in Jerusalem. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind, filling the house where they were sitting.

Tongues like fire appeared and rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost. People from many nations heard the wonderful works of God in their own languages. Peter stood and spoke boldly about Jesus, and that day thousands received the message.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.” — Acts 2:2
> “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.” — Acts 2:4

What We Learn

At Pentecost, Jesus’ followers were given courage and power to carry the good news outward.



A New Heaven and a New Earth
Revelation 21-22

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Near the end of the Bible, John describes a vision of all things made new. He sees a new heaven and a new earth. God dwells with His people, and the long story of tears, death, sorrow, and pain comes to an end.

The final pages of Scripture are filled with life: a river clear as crystal, the tree of life, light, healing, and the promise that God will be with His people. The Bible begins with creation and closes with creation renewed.

God's Words from the Bible (KJV)

> “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth.” — Revelation 21:1
> “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.” — Revelation 21:4

What We Learn

The Bible’s final vision is not of darkness, but of renewal, life, and God dwelling with His people.

The Story Continues

The Bible contains many more people, poems, prayers, journeys, warnings, promises, parables and letters than any single storybook can hold.

When a story here makes you curious, open the Bible and read the chapter named beneath its title. There is always more to discover.

> “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
> — Psalm 119:105


From the beginning - to all things made new.