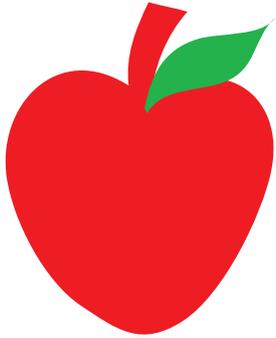


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Adam and Eve: Do not eat the fruit

[Genesis 2:7, 18-22, 3:1-3](#)

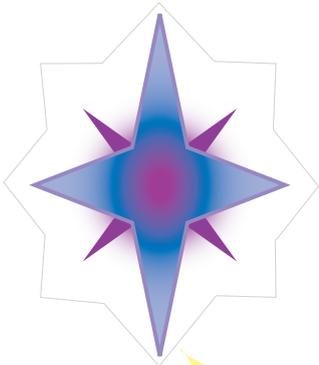
The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into him the breath of life. Then he said, 'it is not good for man to be alone, I will make a partner for him'. So he caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he slept, he took a rib and from this made a woman. Now the serpent was crafty and said to the woman, 'Did God really say you shall not eat from any tree in the garden?' The woman said, 'God said, that we can not eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, or even touch it, because if we do, we shall die.'



Noah: Build an Ark

[Genesis 6:9-19](#)

Noah was a good man and he walked with God. But the earth was filled with violence. God said to Noah 'I am going to destroy everything on the earth. Build an ark, and take with you, your wife, your sons and their wives, and two of every living thing, male and female.'



Abraham: Count the Stars

[Genesis 15:1-2,5](#)

God spoke to Abraham "Do not be afraid, Abraham, I am your shield and your reward will be great." But Abraham said, "O Lord God, what shall you give me, for I am childless"; The Lord took him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars if you can. You shall have as many descendants as there are stars."



Isaac: The Lord will provide

[Genesis 22:2-13](#)

God tested Abraham. He said, 'Take your son, Issac, whom you love, and offer him as a burnt offering to me'. So Abraham cut the wood for the burnt offering and took Issac to the mountain that God showed him. There he built an altar and tied Isaac to the wood. But before he could kill him, an angel of the Lord called to him 'Do not harm your son, for now I know that you fear God.' Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in a thicket. So he took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering to God. So Abraham called that place, 'the Lord will provide', because the Lord provided the burnt offering.

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Jacob: I am with you wherever you go

[Genesis 28:11-15](#)

When Jacob came to the place, he stayed there for the night using a stone for a pillow. While he slept, he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on earth and reaching to heaven. The angels of God were going up and down on it. The Lord God stood beside it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham and Issac. The land on which you lie, I will give to you and your children who will be many. Know that I am with you and wherever you go, I will bring you back to this land."

Joseph: Here comes the dreamer

[Genesis 37:2-4,9,18](#)

Jacob loved Joseph more than any other of his children and he made him a long robe with sleeves. Joseph had a dream, in which the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to him. When his brothers heard this, they hated him and planned to kill him. But his brother Reuben said, 'Do not kill him, throw him into this pit instead.' So they took Joseph, stripped him of his robe and threw him into the pit in the wilderness, without water. When some traders came by, they sold him as a slave and he was taken to Egypt.

Moses: The two tablets, written with the finger of God

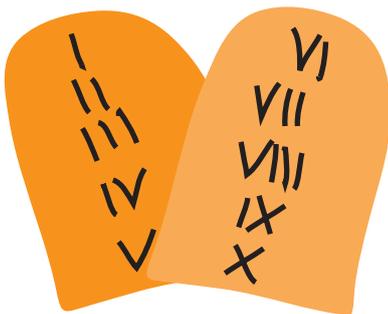
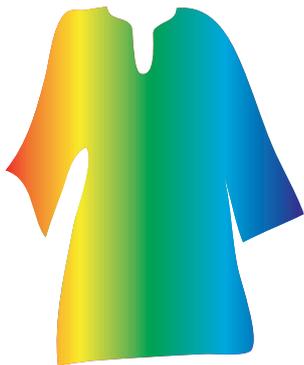
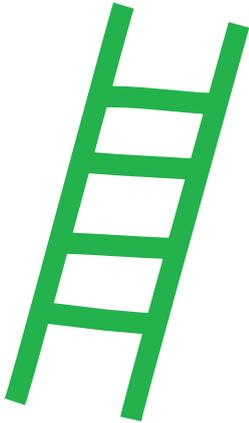
[Exodus 19:20, 20:1-17 31:18](#)

God summoned Moses to Mount Sinai. God spoke these words, "I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other Gods before me. You shall not worship idols. You shall not misuse my name. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Honour your father and mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not lie. You shall not covet what does not belong to you. When God finished speaking, he gave Moses the two tablets of the covenant, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Jesse: A shoot shall come from the stump of Jesse

[1 Samuel 16:1,4,5, 11-13. Isaiah 11:1](#)

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and set out to Jesse, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' So Samuel went to Bethlehem where he offered a sacrifice and invited Jesse and his sons. Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?'. Jesse replied, 'The youngest is keeping the sheep'. Samuel said, 'Send for him'. When David arrived the Lord said 'Rise up and anoint him, for this is the one'. So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.



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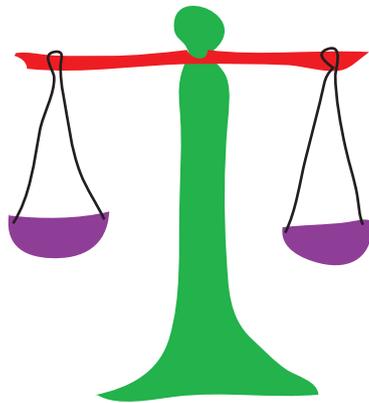
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David: I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts

[1 Samuel 17:1-9,40-49; 2 Samuel 2:4](#)



The Philistines gathered their armies for battle. From the Philistines, a champion named Goliath came and shouted, 'Choose a man for yourselves and let him fight me. If he kills me, we will be your servants; but if I kill him, you shall serve us'. When David heard Goliath, he said to Saul, 'I will fight him'. David was a boy with no armour or weapons except his staff and his sling. Goliath said, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field'. But David replied, 'You come to me with sword and spear; but I come to you in the name of the Lord.' David took out a stone, slung it, and it struck Goliath on the forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. When Saul died, David was anointed king of Israel.



Solomon: Give your servant an understanding mind

[1 Kings 3:3,5-9](#)

Solomon loved the Lord. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream 'Ask what I should give you'. And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant, my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness. And now, you have made me, your servant king, although I am only a little child. Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil'.

Daniel – all people should tremble before the living God

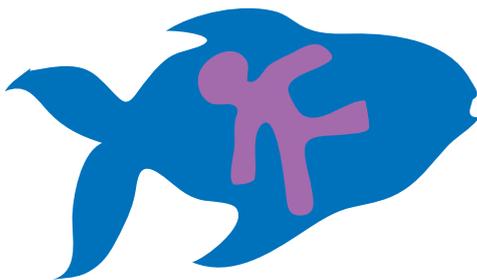
[Daniel 6:21-22](#)

Daniel was favoured by King Darius, but others were jealous of him. They convinced the King to pass a law forbidding anyone from praying to a god other than himself. Daniel, to prayed every day to the Lord, so they arrested him and threw him into the lions den. The King was distressed but could not save him. At dawn, the king called to the lion's den and Daniel replied, 'My God sent his angel and shut the lions mouths so that they could not hurt me.' The king declared 'I make a decree, that in my kingdom, all people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God'.

Jonah: From the belly of Hell I cried and you heard my voice

[Jonah 1:1-2:2](#)

The Lord came to Jonah saying, 'Go to Nineveh and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come before me'. But Jonah fled the Lord and joined a ship and set for Tarshish. The Lord sent such a great storm, that the ship threatened to sink. The sailors came to Jonah asking why such a terrible thing was happening. Jonah told them to throw him into the sea and when they did, the storm stopped. A large fish swallowed Jonah and he prayed in the belly: 'I called to the Lord in my distress and he answered me'. After three days, the Lord made the fish spew Jonah onto dry land. Again, the Lord called Jonah to take a message Nineveh. And Jonah went.



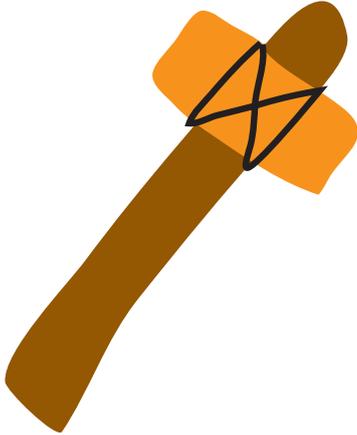
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Joseph – do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

The birth of Jesus happened like this. His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, Mary became pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary, so he planned to dismiss her quietly. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, the child in her womb is from the Holy Spirit. She will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins.' When he awoke, he took Mary as his wife.



Mary – Let it be done to me according to your word

[Luke 1:28-38](#)

The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary. 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid for you have pleased God. The Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will conceive in your womb a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be called Son of God.' Mary said, 'I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word.'



John the Baptist - I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals

[Luke 3:15](#)

People were asking if John might be the Messiah. John answered, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'



Jesus – Glory to God in the highest heaven

[Luke 2:1-20](#)

Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem to be registered for the census. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to a son, wrapped him in cloth and laid him in a manger for there was no room for them in the inn. Then the angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds in the nearby fields, 'I bring you good news of great joy: to you is born this day, a saviour.' Suddenly, a multitude of angels sang, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth, peace among those he favours.' The shepherds went with haste to see the child lying in a manger and all who heard what they had seen were amazed. Mary treasured these words and pondered them in her heart.

