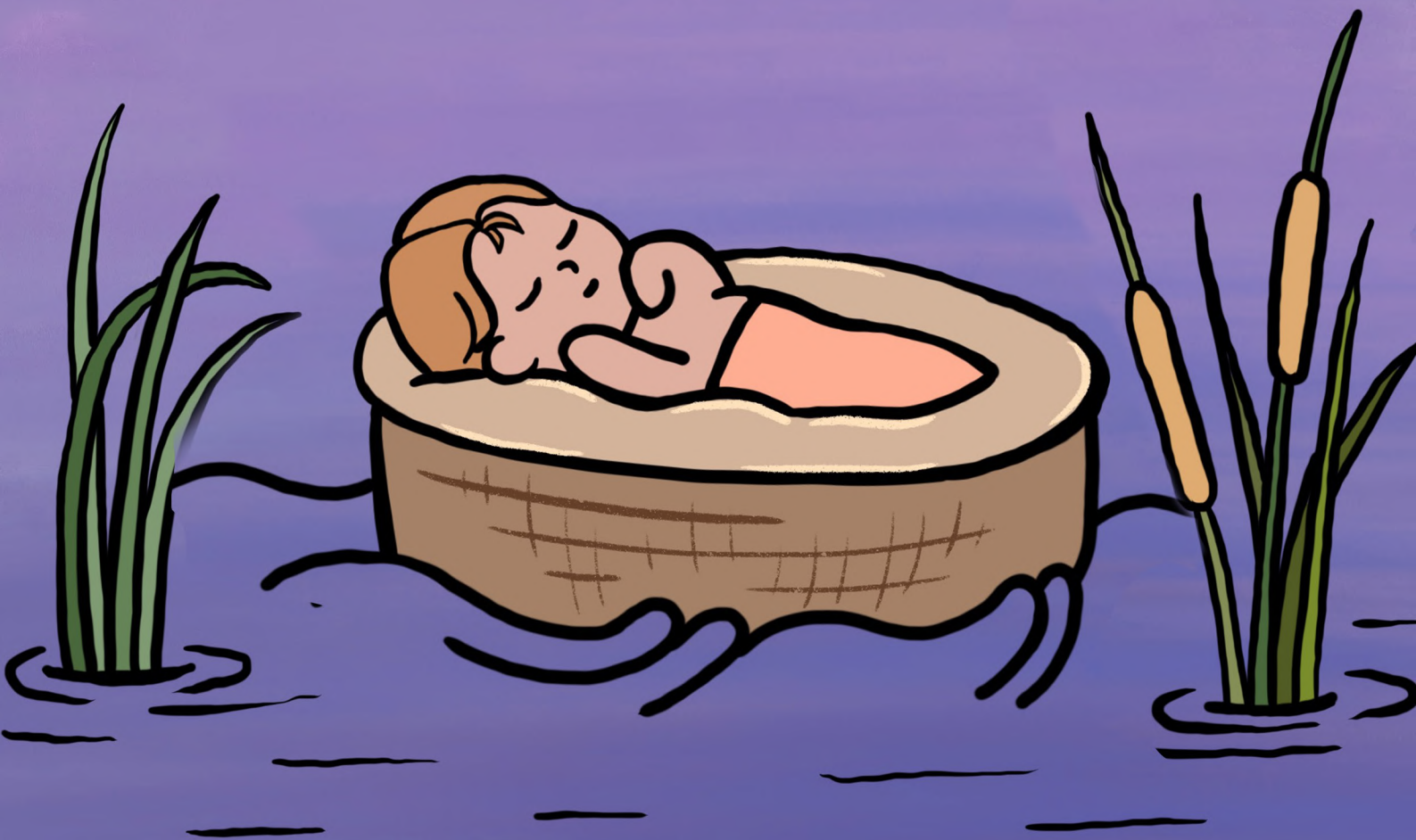


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# **1. Israel, Jacob's new name**

## **(Genesis 32:1~33:20)**

Jacob went on his way home where his father Isaac lived. The servants of him said to Jacob.

"We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two groups

"If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."

Then Jacob prayed,

"O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' Please, God, save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me and my family."

So he spent the night there. Then he selected from what he had with him a present for his brother Esau. He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants,

"Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds. When you meet my brother Esau, you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.' "





He also told the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds. Jacob thought to himself in this way, perhaps Esau would accept him.

So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

That night Jacob got up and took his family and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

"Let me go, for it is daybreak."

"I will not let you go unless you bless me."

"What is your name?"

"Jacob,"

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

"Please tell me your name."

"Why do you ask my name? I will bless you."

The sun rose above him as he passed there, and he was limping because of his hip. Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men. He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

"Who are these with you?"

"They are the children God has graciously given to me."

"What do you mean by all these droves I met?"

"They are the gifts of mine,"



"I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself."

"No, please! Accept these gifts from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably."

"Okay, okay. I will Let us be on our way. I'll accompany you."

"Brother! The journey was hard. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die. So you go on first, I move along slowly and Let's meet in Seir."

So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir and Jacob moved along slowly. Then God said to Jacob,

"Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him

"Come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone."

Jacob and all the people with him came to Bethel. There he built an altar and God appeared to him again and blessed him.

"Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body."

Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering and also poured oil on it and he called the place Bethel.

*And God said to him, "I am God Almighty ; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. (Genesis 35:11)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Now finally Jacob went back to his hometown where his father Isaac had lived. Do you remember Jacob means 'Cheating'? With this name, he couldn't be a thoroughly different person. So I gave him a new name, Israel. It means "Wrestling with God." Do you think he was so strong that he can beat me? No he wasn't. I let him win for he was praying so hard. I was really moved.

When you have some problems, remember him. Like Jacob, cry out to me hard. So that I can't help showing myself to you.

I love you my children.

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Father! Jacob finally met Esau today! God, I can't imagine how he felt nervous about that. Even though 20 years had passed, still he didn't know if Esau forgave him. However, you God, always had been with Jacob so he was renamed after and became a father of Israel.

What a great blessing he got! Of course there was a consequence to that name. I would choose hurt my hip rather than the life of lies.

I want to be blessed like Jacob, endless blessing of yours.

I love you God. Bless me too!

Yours forever. I



## **2. Joseph, the dreamer**

### **(Genesis 37:1~37:24)**

After Jacob and Esau made peace, Esau lived in Seir, Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

Jacob's son, Joseph, the 11<sup>th</sup> child, became seventeen. He was tending the flocks with his brothers.

"Father! Naphtali said bad words!"

"Father! Dan is not doing his work! He is just hanging around!"

Joseph told to his father Israel about everyting what his brothers did.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age and he made a fancy colorful cloth for Joseph.

"Hey! Don't hang out with Joseph. He is so annoying. Father is always his side."

One day, Joseph told his brothers.

"Hey guys! Listen! Listen!"

"What! We are busy."

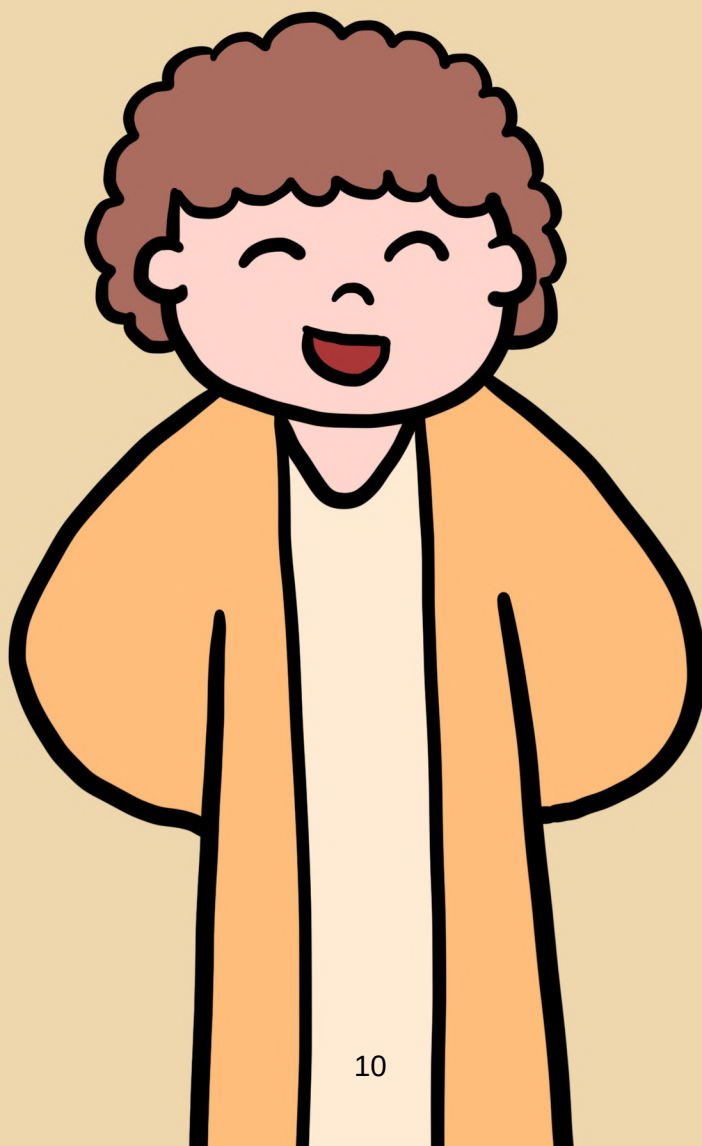
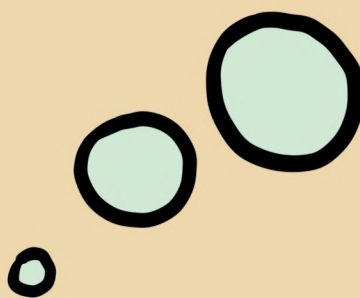
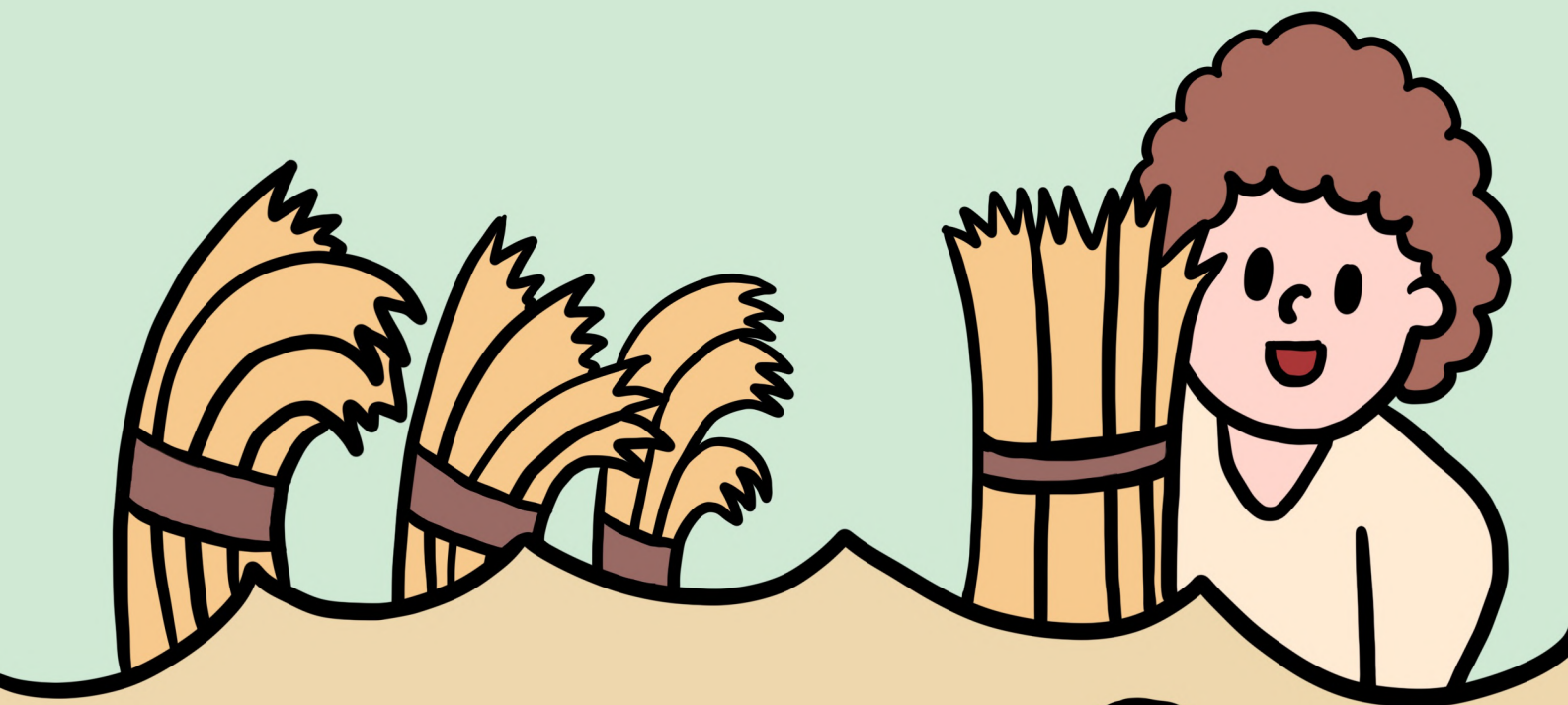
"I had a dream last night. We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright!"

"So what?"

"while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

"What are you saying! Huh? "

"Do you intend to be king over us? Will you actually rule us?"





And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

“Hey guys!”

“What is it now, dream again?”

“Ho! You got it! I had another dream last night!”

“Now what, we bowed again? That’s what you want to talk about it?”

“Wow, You got me again! But this time, the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

“Gosh.. Hey! You!”

he told his father about dreams he had as well as his brothers.

"Joseph! What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"

his father rebuked him but kept the saying in mind.

Then his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

Israel said to Joseph,

"Are not your brothers pasturing the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them."

"I will go."

"Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me."

Joseph arrived at Shechem,

“Where are they? I can’t find them anywhere. They may move to somewhere else.”

A man found him wandering around in the fields and asked



him,

"What are you looking for?"

"I am looking for my brothers; please tell me where they are pasturing the flock."

"Oh I have seen them. They have moved from here. I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!"

"Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say to our father, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said,

"Let us not take his life. Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this pit here in the desert, but don't lay a hand on him."

Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his fancy cloth he was wearing and they took him and threw him into the pit.

"Hey guys!! My brothers!!! What is this all about?"

"Silence!"

"You are my brothers! Please let me out of here! There is no water in here. Please. I am so scared. Please..."

*One time Joseph had a dream. When he told his brothers about it, they hated him even more. (Genesis 37:5)*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Joseph got all of his father's love. He was the son of Rachel whom Israel loved the most and also he was the son of his old age. Moreover he was an obedient child. But most important, he was afraid of me, he was with me. When Israel heard of his dream, he kept it in his mind. Do you know why? Because Israel also met me in a dream. So he remembered his dream and sure that Joseph's dream must happen. I want you to keep my words and bible stories in your mind.

Then you will have my dream, A fantastic heavenly dream of mine.

I love you my children.

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Maybe Joseph was good boy not like me. I am more like his brothers. I do bad words sometimes, I do hang around not doing my homework. If I were Joseph when his father asked him to look for his brothers, I wouldn't want to go. Because their relationship was not good.

They wanted to kill Joseph, I think he felt that hatred from them. I would be really afraid of looking for them. But Joseph was really obedient child like you said. I try harder. I will be a good child.

So that I will dream your dream!

I love you father.

Yours forever. I





### **3. Joseph sold as a slave to Egypt** **(Genesis 37:25~37:36, 39:1~39:20)**

After they threw Joseph into the pit, they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

Judah said to his brothers,

"What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood."

"Yeah, that's better."

While Reuben was not there, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the pit and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes and cried out.

"Joseph isn't there! What should I do now? How can I see my father's face? Oh no! "

Then they got Joseph's fancy cloth, slaughtered a goat and dipped the cloth in the blood. They took the fancy cloth back to their father and said,

"Father! Father! Look at this cloth! "

"We found this in the road. See whether it is Joseph's cloth."

He recognized it and said,



"No!!! It is my son's cloth!! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces. No! No!"

Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and cried for his son many days.

All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted.

"No, surely I go down to the grave to my son. I don't want to live without my Joseph"

Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

The LORD was with Joseph, so whatever he was doing, it went well. When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did,

"Joseph! I see that the LORD is with you. I trust you and I will put you in charge of my household and of all that I owned."

From that time on, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So he left in Joseph's care everything he had;

"I won't concern with anything except the food I ate. Now take in charge of my house."

Now Joseph was a very handsome and a good looking young man.

Potiphar's wife had a crush on him.

One day, his wife took notice of Joseph and said,

"Come to me Joseph! You are so cute! Come with me."





“No! I can’t. My master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has allowed me everything except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?”

Even though he refused her, she came on to Joseph day after day. But Joseph kept refusing her and tried to avoid her. One day he went into the house to do his work.

“Joseph! Now nobody is here except you and me. We are alone in here. Come to bed with me. Come!”

She caught him by his cloth and pulled him. But he left his cloth in her hand and ran out of the house.

Then she called her household servants and said,

"Look, this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloth beside me and ran out of the house."

She kept his cloth beside her until his master came home.

Then she told him this story. He burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison.

Joseph was imprisoned, but God was with him. He was given the opportunity to interpret dreams in prison, and he even interpreted Pharaoh's troubling dream. As a result, Pharaoh appointed Joseph to govern the country during seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Although Joseph was sold into Egypt, God protected him.

*From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.(Genesis 39:5)*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

I was so sad when Jacob cried. He lost his wife Rachel whom he loved and less than an year, he lost his son, Joseph as well. Can you imagine how awful it was to him? He might feel guilty of his death, for he let him go to his brothers. And the blood of wild beast, it made him broken down. But I knew what he didn't know. His Joseph was alive and he was in my hand. With me, nothing would harm you. Trust me on this my children. I love you so much.

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Father! I also cried when Reuben cried and Jacob cried. It was so sad. But Joseph was alive. He went to Egypt where he knew nothing about. Still, he was awesome. Because you were there with him, he was unbeatable person! I wonder what he looks like. I am so proud of him. After those horrible happens, he grew up wonderful man. Pastor told us that we who believe in you, must win the world. I didn't understand the victory he meant before, now I think I know what victory he meant. In Joseph's life, there is a victory. I get victory in my life, too.

I love you father!

Yours forever. I



## **4. Joseph, second in command of Egypt (Genesis 41:41~42:12)**

Pharaoh set Joseph over all the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger. It was the ring used to make important decisions. He put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him,

"Make way! This is a second in command of Egypt."

Thus Pharaoh put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,

"I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."

Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah, the savior of the world, and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, to be his wife.

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph traveled throughout Egypt. During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully.

"Each city must collect all the food produced and store the food grown in the fields surrounding it."

"Yes, sir. It is so much that we stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure."

"Right. It is like sand of the sea! Ha Ha!"

Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by his wife.





"Name him Manasseh. It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

"Name youger one Ephraim. It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. When all Egypt began to be lack of food, the people cried to Pharaoh for food.

"Pharaoh, our king! Give us food to eat! We are all starved to death!"

"Don't ask me about this. Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, and all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.

Canaan where Jacob had lived also was famished. Jacob called his sons.

"Haven't you heard that there was grain in Egypt? Why do you just keep looking at each other? "

"What do you want us to do, father?"

"Go down to Egypt and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."

Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that he might lose Rachel's last son.



“Are you going to Egypt for food, too?”

“Yes, we are. We are heading to Egypt.”

“Let’s go together.”

So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain from Canaan.

Now Joseph was the governor of the land. He sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.

“Oh my, there are my brothers! Let’s pretend to be a stranger”

"Where do you come from?"

"From the land of Canaan to buy food."

"You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected."

"No, my lord, we have come to buy food. We are all brothers, not spies. “

"No, you have come to see where our land is unprotected. “

Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him.

Joseph gave grain to his brothers and instructed them to bring his younger brother Benjamin. Despite being sold by his brothers, Joseph did not harbor hatred towards them.

When the brothers returned with Benjamin to receive more grain and go back home.

*Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected."  
(Genesis 42:8-9)*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Did you remember the dream Joseph had when he was young?

The dream that his brothers were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when his sheaf rose and stood upright while their sheaves gathered around his and bowed down to it.

This dream exactly came true when his brothers bowed down to Joseph to buy food. Of course Joseph did remember the dream. After he passed through all the painful happening in his life, I finally made the dream come true. Eventually, it was the invitation to his brothers that the famine was in Canaan. I design the details in your life for achieving my perfect dream for you.

Remember that I love you so much my children!

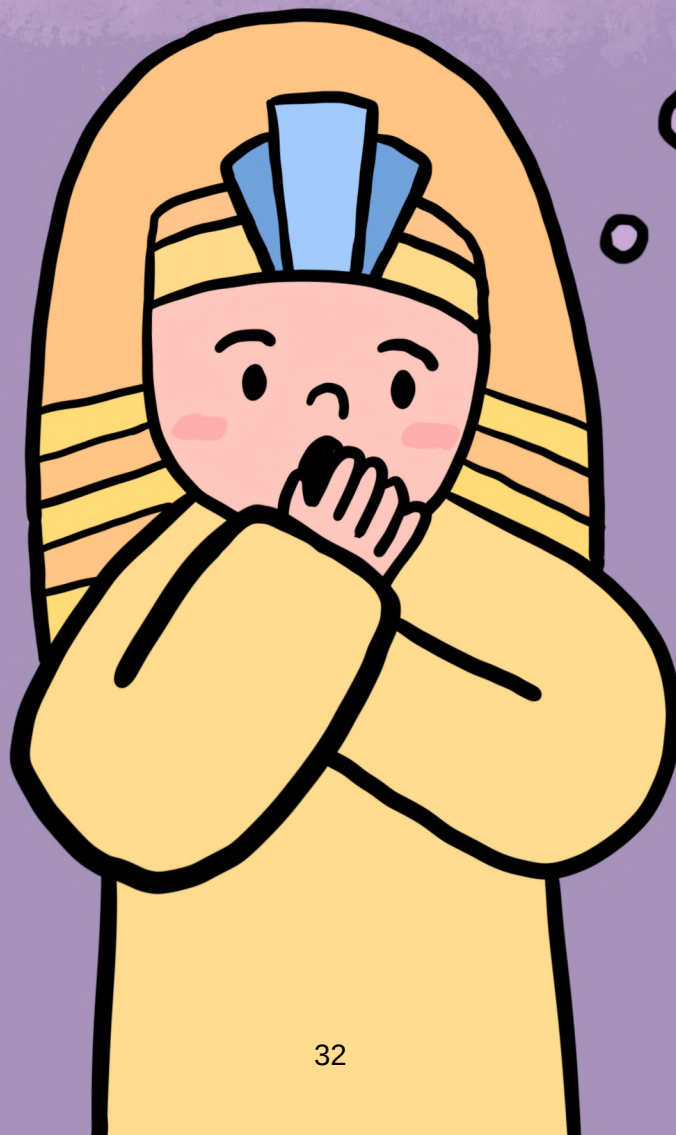
Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Wow! Father! Of course I remembered too, the dream Joseph had when the brothers bowed down to him. It was so good to see his dream came true. They didn't even dare to look on him, right? Only Joseph knew and scanned the expression of their faces. I'm so proud of Joseph. He was only 30, but he ruled over not just Egypt but all the people around it. God, I love you. I am also your child, you know that? I love you! I'm looking forward to my life as well!

Yours forever. I





## **5. Joseph! Reveal yourself!**

### **(Genesis 44:13~45:13)**

When the cup was found in Benjamin's beg, the brothers of Joseph tore their clothes. Then they all loaded their donkeys and returned to the city.

Joseph was still in the house waiting for them and they threw themselves to the ground before him.

"What is this you have done? Don't you know that a man like me can find things out by divination?"

Then Judah replied,

"What can we say to my lord? What can we say? How can we prove our innocence? God has uncovered our guilt. We are now my lord's slaves--we ourselves and Benjamin who was found to have the cup."

"No need for that! Only the man who was found to have the cup will become my slave. The rest of you, go back to your father in peace."

"Please, my lord, let your servant speak a word to my lord. Do not be angry with your servant, though you are equal to Pharaoh himself."

"What do you want to say?"

"We told you before that we have an aged father, and there is a young son born to him in his old age and his brother is dead, and he is the only one of his mother's sons left, and his father loves him. Then you said bring him down to you so you can trust us. When I told my father this, he said to me, If harm comes to him, he would get killed. Your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father, now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers."



Then Joseph could no longer control himself and cried out,  
"Have everyone leave my presence!"

So there was no one with Joseph except his brothers.

"I...Sob...Jo... Joseph! Boohoo! "  
And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and  
Pharaoh's household heard about it.

"I am Joseph! Is my father still living?"

"....."

But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they  
were terrified.

"Come close to me. I am your brother Joseph, the one you  
sold into Egypt!  
And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with  
yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives  
that God sent me ahead of you For the next five years there  
will be still famine.

"Joseph!"

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made  
me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of  
all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say all these to  
him,"

He continued with crying

"Say to him that his son, Joseph to whom God has made lord  
of all Egypt. So come down to me and live in the region of  
Goshen and be near me, all his children and grandchildren,  
his flocks and herds, and all he has. I will provide for him  
there, because five years of famine are still to come.  
Otherwise he and his household and all who belong to him  
will become destitute."

"....."





"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

When the news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased. Pharaoh said to Joseph,

"Tell your brothers that load their animals and return to the land of Canaan and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt. Never mind about belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be theirs."  
"

So the brothers of Joseph went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan.

"Father!! Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt."

When they told Israel everything, he said,

"It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Afterwards, all the family and brothers went to Joseph, and they lived together happily.

*Now don't be worried. Don't be angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me here ahead of you to save people's lives.  
(Genesis 45:5)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Do you remember I changed the name of Jacob into Israel? From Israel, there were twelve tribe. They became the twelve tribe of the Israel named after his sons. Therefore sons of Israel also represent all the people of Israel. My blessing became true that "I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you." Joseph was the son that I prepared for saving the people of Israel from hunger. He grew up into faithful son who feared me and worship me with all his heart even though he was in Egypt where people worship other Gods. I hope you become like him. I love you my children!

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

God! You are so awesome God! How could you plan that kind of huge and amazing and drive Joseph to wonderful life!

I struggle with planning even a daily routine. Even I planned again and again, I couldn't keep it that way! I feel like I have been seeing a movie! You know, the dream of Joseph, becoming a ruler of Egypt and saving his whole family at last! You are a great director! God, I love you

Yours forever. I



## **6. Moses in the basket**

### **(Exodus 1:1-2:10)**

Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.

Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.

"Look, the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. Come, we must deal wisely with them. If war breaks out, they will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

So they plan to bully Israelites.

"Let's make them slaves and give them hard work."

"Then put Egyptian rule over them so that they can't do nothing but hard working."

"Yeah! Make them to build the palaces for Pharaoh."

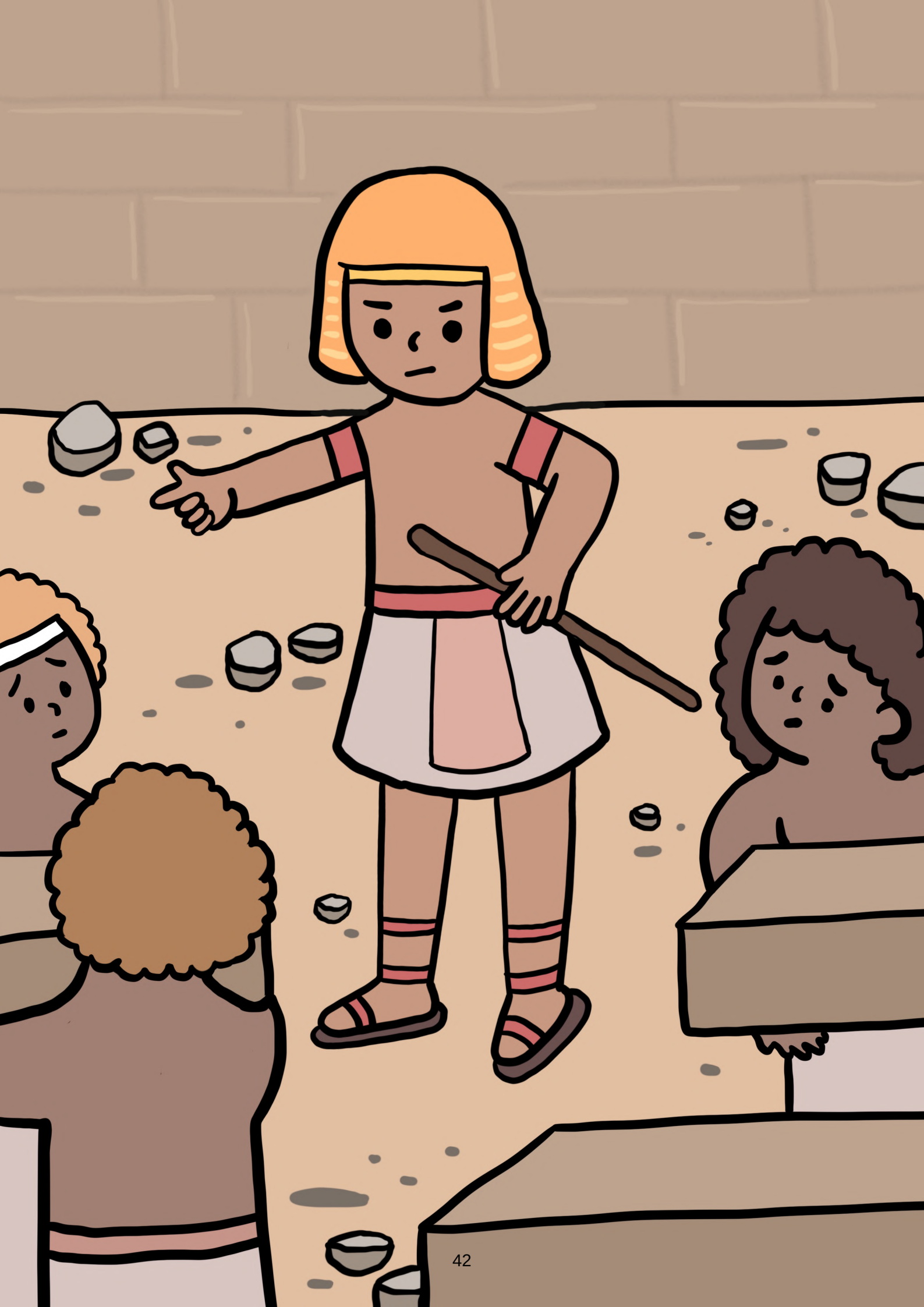
But the more they bully, the more Israelites multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.

"Make bricks with mortar."

"No time to sleep! Make the waterway! "

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah,

"When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."



The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do;

"Why have you done this? You disobeyed me! I told you clearly that kill the boys!"

"We meant to do that but Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are so strong and give birth before we arrive."

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people:

"Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman,

and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

When she saw that he was so beautiful, she hid him for three months.

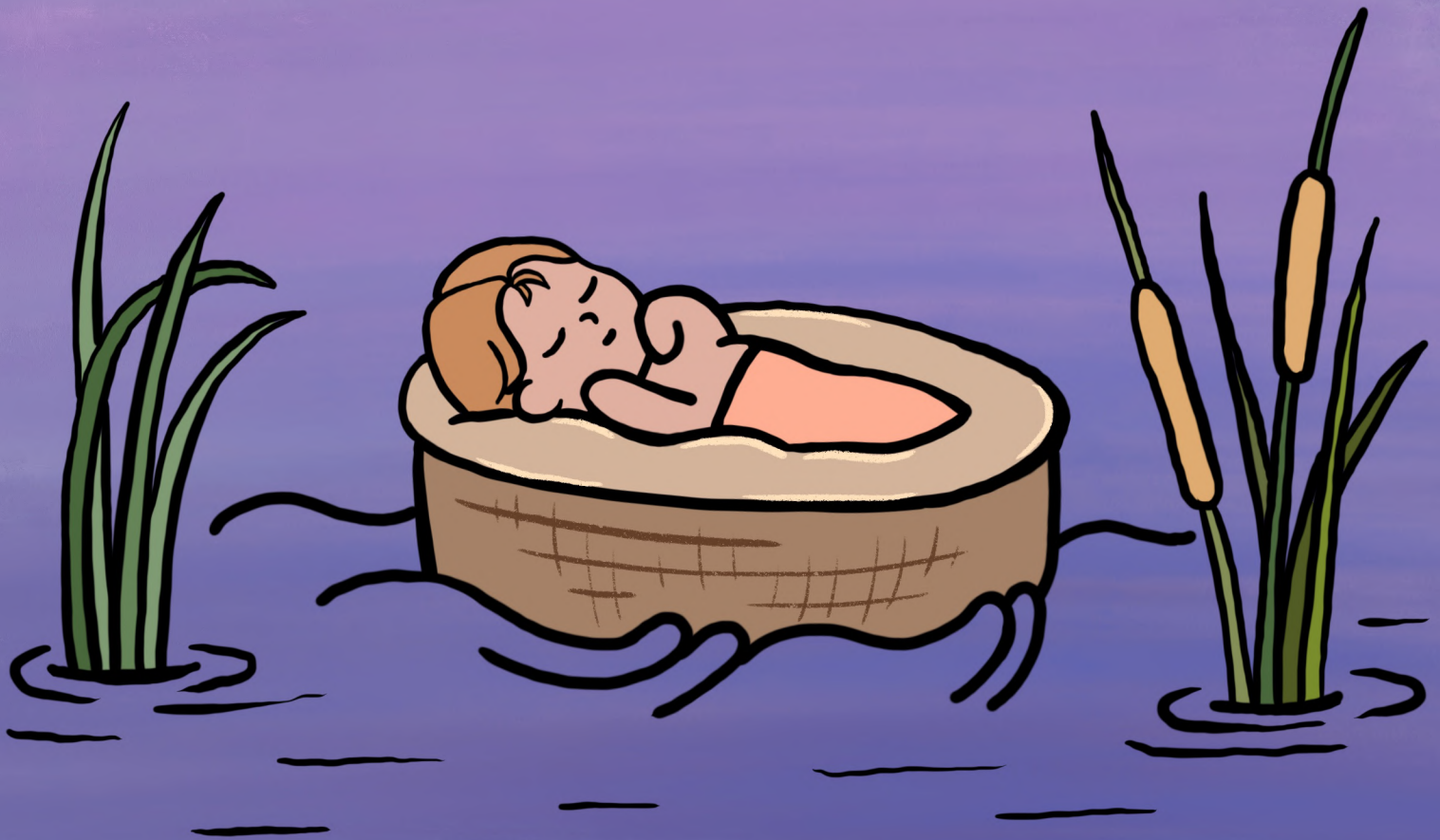
"He grows up quickly and becomes very loud, now I can't hide him any longer. My baby! It's time to say goodbye. Boohoo."

She got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.

His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank.





"There is a basket among the reeds! What is it?"

"Where? Oh! I see it too."

"Bring it to me."

"My lady! There is something inside the basket."

"Let's open it! Oh no! It's a boy! He is so beautiful!"

"Oh boy.."

She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying,

"Wah ! Wah! "

"The baby is crying! I'm so sorry for him. This is one of the Hebrew babies,"

Then his sister who watched all this came and asked her

"My lady! Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

"Yes, yes, go,"

And his sister went and got the baby's mother.

"Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you."

So the woman took the baby and nursed him.

When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son.

"I drew him out of the water. So he will be called 'Moses'"

*When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying,  
"I drew him out of the water." (Exodus 2:10)*



# Dear my sons and daughters!

Leader of Exodus, Moses!

The new king, Pharaoh who didn't know Joseph at all erased all his works and made the Israelites slaves. He took advantage of them and killed every boys to stop their fruitful blessing. Do you think he could stop my plan? Absolutely not!

Jochebed, the mother of Moses came into the palace as his nanny. So Moses could learn the faith and promise of God. Look intently at him more because he would grow up to be great and be trained as my soldier and friend. I love you my children.

Much Love. God

## Dear God

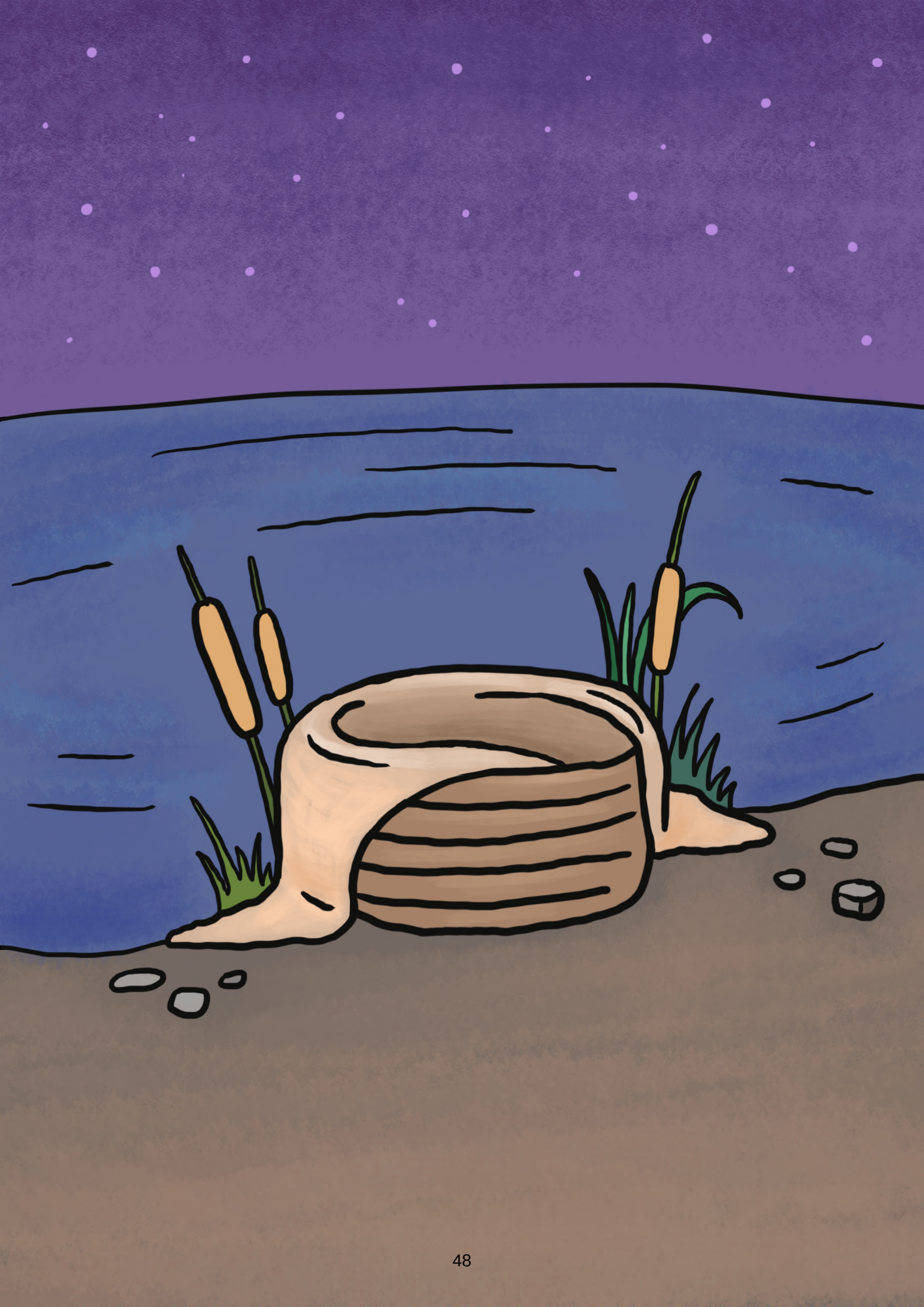
Father! Do you know the Jochebed's song? I heard it from Youtube. I listen to this song a lot these days. I don't know why but I felt sad and wanted to cry.

“Watched the basket floating further away  
Down the flow of water destined to unknown  
Imagined her baby she could see  
Even her eyes closed  
She surly sheds many tears to the ground  
The master of your whole life  
Your father and creator  
In the mighty hand of God  
I entrust your life to Him

I love you Father!

Yours forever. I





## **7. Moses, A runaway**

### **(Exodus 2:11~2:25)**

Moses was saved from the water and had grown into a fine young man.

One day, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard working. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.

“Hey! You! Two can play at that game!”

he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

The next day he went out there again and saw two Hebrews fighting.

“Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew? You are brothers! ”

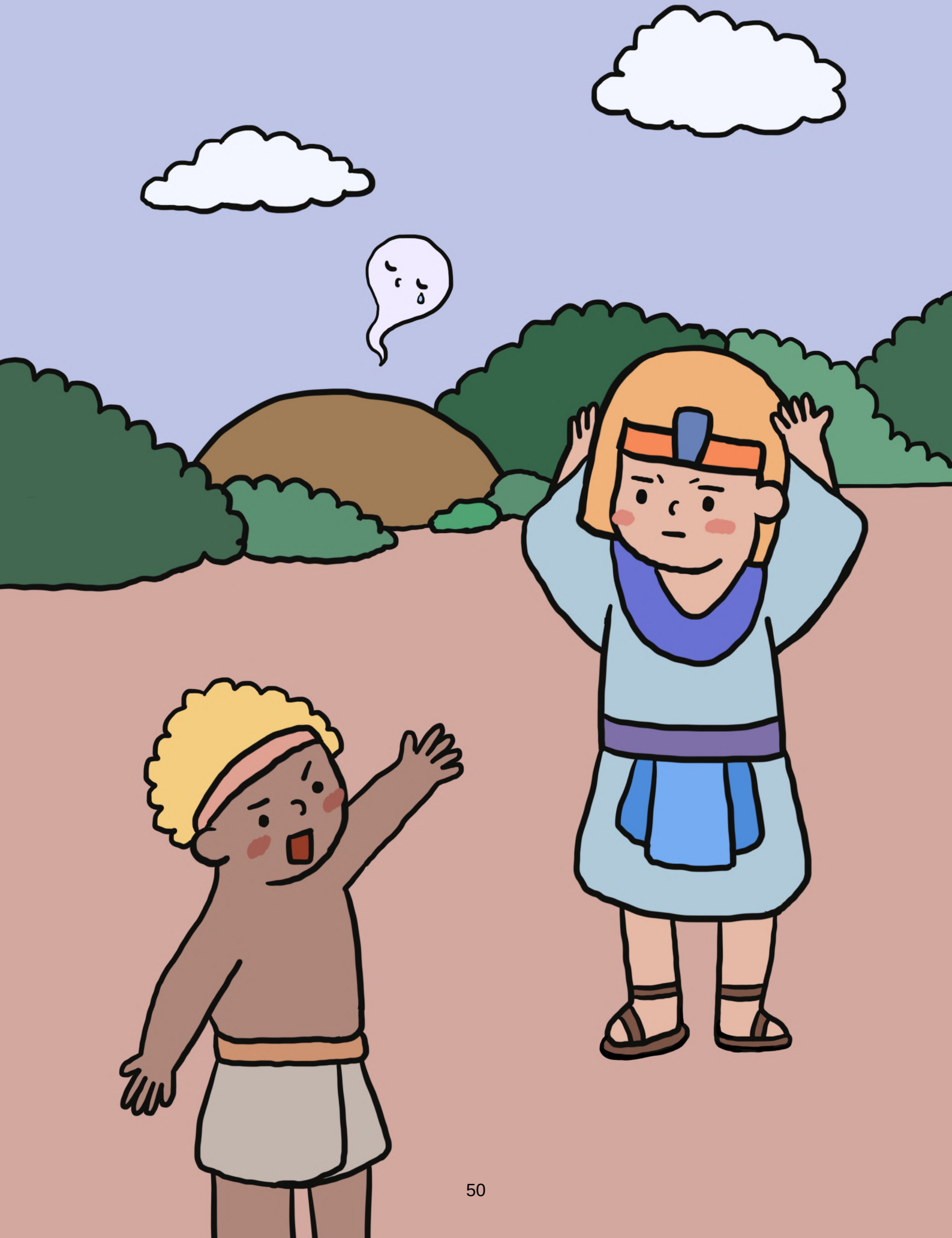
He yelled at the one in the wrong and he said,

"Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?"

Then Moses was afraid and thought,

"What I did must have become known. I thought there was no one! “





When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.

Some shepherds came along and drove them away,

“Hey! This is our spot! For our Sheep.”

“What are you talking about! We arrived first!”

“Get out of here. Find somewhere else!”

Moses got up and came to them.

“I have been watching. These ladies came first to water their flock. So get off you now, or you would be in trouble.”

Moses rescued the daughters so they could water their flock.

When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them,

"Why have you returned so early today?"

“Father! The bad shepherds came again when we watered the flock! ”

"An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. “

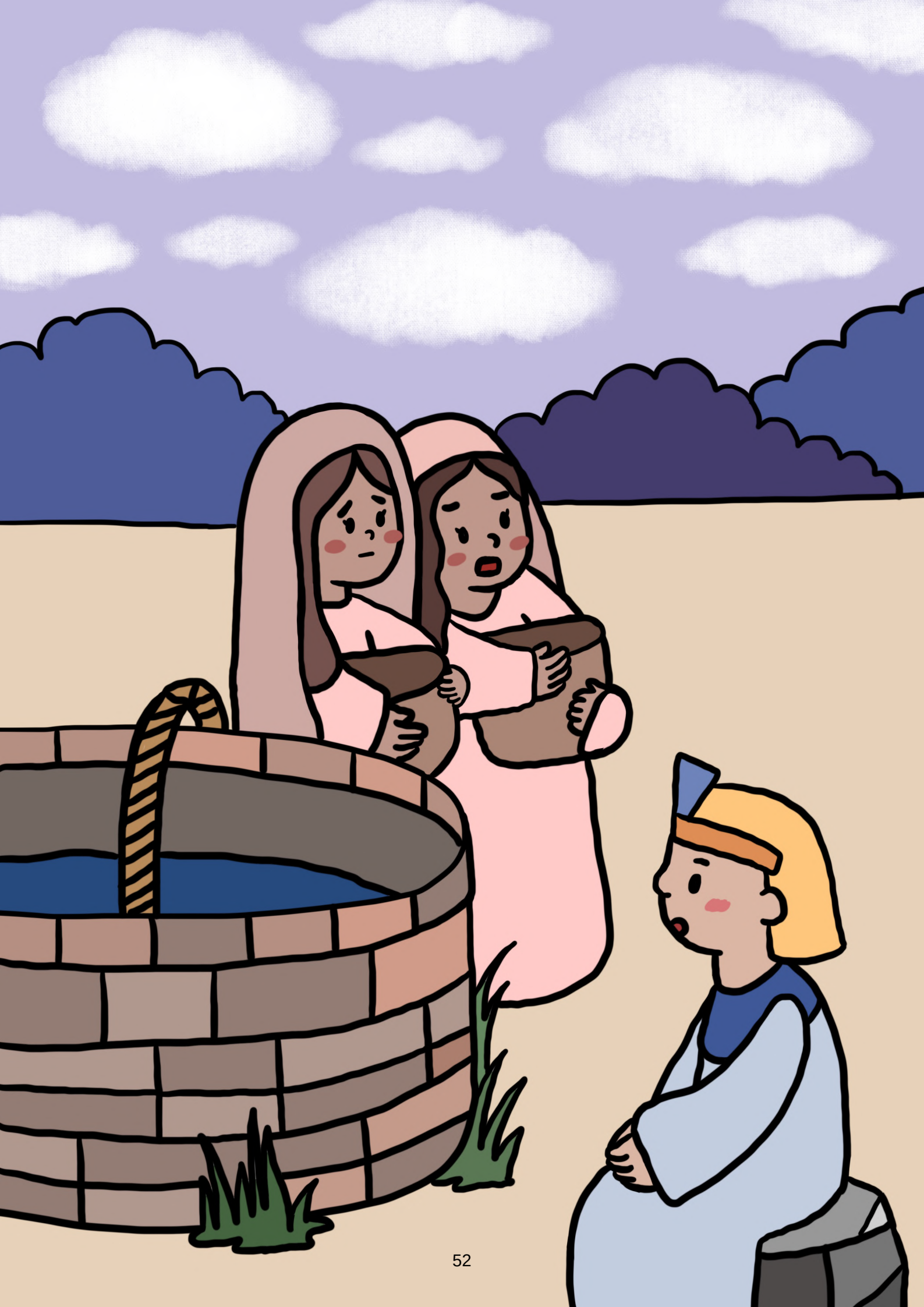
“It was so cool! They couldn’t say anything to him and fled! ”

“He even drew water for us and watered the flock.”

They kept saying about the Egyptian

"And where is he? “

“Huh?”



"Did you leave him who rescued you from the bad shepherds? "

"Oh no! He must be still there! We should get him now!

"Invite him to have something to eat. "

Moses was invited to Reuel's house.

Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

Zipporah gave birth to a son,

"Name him Gershom, for I have become an alien in a foreign land."

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. But The Israelites' had to work more and more. They groaned in their slavery and cried out,

"God Almighty! Please help us"

"We can't take it anymore."

"Save us Father in heaven. We are all dying here."

"This isn't a life"

and their cry for help went up to God.

God heard their groaning

"I remembered the covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob."

So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

*God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them  
(Exodus 2:24-25)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Now the training begun to make Moses into the leader of Exodus.

Moses the killer of an Egyptian! He could say for his own people but actually he couldn't control his feeling.

A prince became a murderer and again wanderer in the wilderness for 40 years.

Don't worry It was just the training for him. He needed this.

If you have a trouble with friends or family don't worry alright? It is just the training to be a great leader for kingdom of God.

Don't forget that I love you so much my children.

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Father! I think Moses wasn't happy even in a palace of Pharaoh. Of course, he was a prince but actually he was a Hebrew. Inside, he was a Hebrew but outside, Egyptian. How hard it would be? But thank God that his mother was his nanny so that he could be loved by his real mom.

Now I wonder how can this Moses become a leader of Israel.

I love you Father.

Yours forever. I



## **8. Moses, Moses!**

**(Exodus 3:1~4:17)**

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law.

One day, he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.

"It's odd. Why does the bush not burn up? I will go over and see this strange sight."

Moses had gone over to look, God saw his coming and called to him from within the bush,

"Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am."

"Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."

At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

"I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers,

So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land of Canaan. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."



"..Me?? Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

"I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

"God! Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

"Tell them I am who I am . This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

God also said to Moses,

"Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob--has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered. Gather the elders of Israel and go to Pharaoh and tell him that you should take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God.

Of course, the king of Egypt will not let you go easily. So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; so that when you leave, you will not go empty-handed.

Moses answered,

"What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?"

"What is that in your hand?"

"This one? A staff,"

"Throw it on the ground."





"Like this?"

"Oh my! It becomes a snake!"

"Reach out your hand and take it by the tail."

"Ugh, gross"

So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

The LORD said,

"This is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob--has appeared to you."

"Moses! Put your hand inside your cloak."

"Ow! I took it out, it was leprous!!"

"Now put it back into your cloak,"

"Wow. it was restored,"

"If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second."

"What if they don't?"

"Then take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

"O Lord, I'm not good at speaking, neither in the past nor since. Even though you have shown these miracles I am slow of speech and tongue."

"Who gave man his mouth? Is it not I, the LORD ? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

*"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (Exodus 3:5-6)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

When the crying of Israel most severe is the time Moses was 80 years old.

After he has no vigor left I called him at last.

“Moses, Moses!”

I encouraged him with three miracles the staff, leprosy, turning water into blood. But he still begged me to send someone else.

Because of his flaws he avoided his calling. But I would fix his flaws with my holy name and work through him.

So remember I am always with you and help your weaknesses. I want to work through you, not anyone else.

I love you my children!

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Father! When I read the old testament, I feel a little envy. Just like those days I want to see you face to face and talk with you in person!

Then I would be a good child as you want me to be. But it's odd. People in those days didn't do as you said.

Well, maybe even today you might call me but I might not hear you.

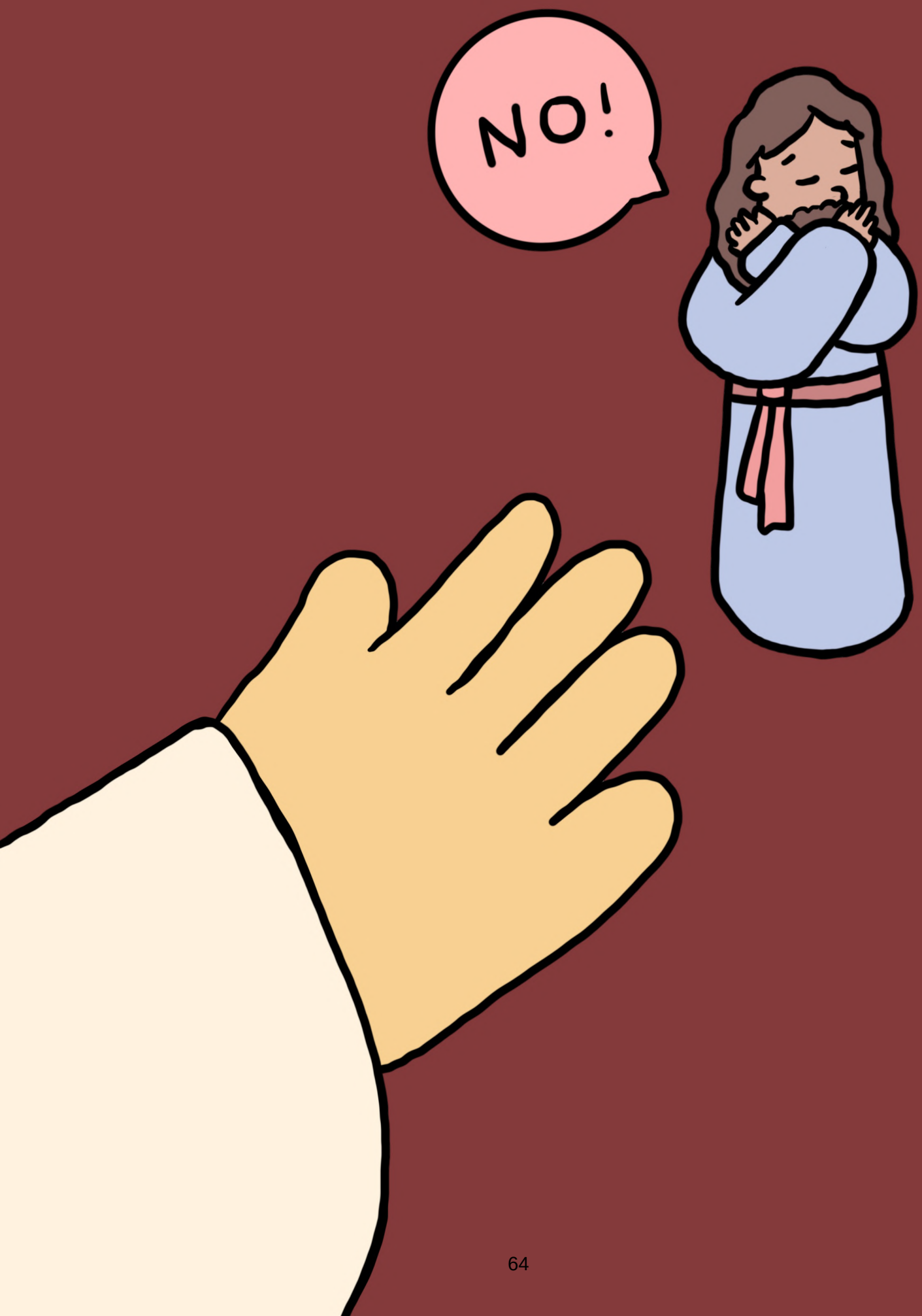
Whew.. Moses kept saying no to you but still you wanted to work through him.

So maybe I have a hope then! I want you to work through me!

Please use me for your wonderful works!

I love you God!

Yours forever. I





## 9. Ten plagues of Egypt

### (Exodus 8:16~12:36)

The LORD said to Moses

"Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,' and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats."

Pharaoh promised that he would let Israelites go if the frogs are gone. But he didn't keep his promise. So the third plague came upon them.

All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. Gnats came upon men and animals. But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. The magicians said to Pharaoh,

"My king! This is the anger of God. Just let them leave!"  
"No! I would never do that!"

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, let my people go, If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. But on that day, I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there,

Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh's palace and into the houses of his officials, and throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

Then Pharaoh promised that he would let Israelites go if the flies are gone. But this time also Pharaoh didn't keep his promise.

"Moses! This time, I will kill all the livestock of Egypt, not of Israel."



Yet Pharaoh still didn't let the people go.

"Moses! Aaron! Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on men and animals throughout the land."

But Pharaoh would not listen to Moses and Aaron.

"Moses, get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him. This time I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now. Give an order now to bring the livestock and everything in the field to the house, because the hail will fall on every man and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die.' "

Just like the LORD said, hail fell, and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation.

Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields--both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were.

But Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go,

The LORD had brought the locusts. They invaded all Egypt and settled down and covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail--everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees.

But Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go,

Now it was the ninth plague. Total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.



“Oh no! I can’t see a thing! I can’t even leave my bed. I must fumble around.”

Now the LORD had said to Moses,

"I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and in Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely.

Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold. “

Moses went to Pharaoh.

"This is what the LORD says, every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt. But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal. All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you!' After that I will leave."

The Israelites went slaughter the lamb and with its blood, put some of it on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. That night, they ate the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. With their cloak tucked into their belt, their sandals on their feet and their staff in their hand. They are it in hurry. At midnight, the plague will pass seeing the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe. Except them, The LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

*Then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. (Exodus 12:27)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

I wonder how you feel about The ten plagues of Egypt and Pharaoh..

Water turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, death of the livestock, festering boils, hailstorm, locusts, the darkness, death of the first son.

Through these plagues I distinguished the Israelites and the Egyptians to show myself as God, the only true One.

Through the last plague, I saved the Israelites with the blood of the lamb. That is why the Israelites celebrate the passover. For the angel of God passed over the house with where the blood of the lamb was. You know the holy communion, right? That is for remembrance of me in the New Testament. The passover is just like that. It's remembrance of me in the Old Testament. I want you to remember me all the time as I do. I love you so much!

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Father! As I look at Pharaoh the king, I look at myself through him. When he couldn't take the disaster, he promised to let them go. But when the disaster was over, he changed his mind. I am just like him. When I can't handle something, I pray to you wholeheartedly but after the problem is gone, I forgot everything and don't even think about you. Jeez..

But just as you distinguished the Israelites and the Egyptians, still you are doing it, right? I know you know that I believe in you. So you will protect me, right?

I believe and thank you for that. I love you so much!

Yours forever. I



## **10. Exodus of the Israelites**

**(Exodus 12:36~14:31 Numbers 9:15~23)**

There was loud wailing in Egypt on the night.

“Our oldest boy was dead!! Our firstborn cow, sheep, goat, donkey as well!”

It happened in Pharaoh’s palace, too.

“My king, your son, prince is dead.”

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said,

"Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Now! “

The people of Egypt wanted the Israelites to go as soon as possible. So they gave everything they required.

“Give us the articles of silver and gold and for clothing of yours.”

There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. The Israelite people lived in Egypt for 430 years. At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, they left Egypt. God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.

“By day the LORD makes a pillar of cloud so within its shade, it’s not too hot. ”

“By night a pillar of fire protects us so that we could go forward.”





“God keep us day and night and lead us so we could travel safely.”

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue you. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD."

Just like he said, Pharaoh changed his mind.  
Pharaoh said to his servant,

“Make my chariot ready and took army with me. Let’s take them!”

He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. The Egyptians--all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops--pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea. As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses,

"Moses! Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? “

“It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”



In front of them was the Red Sea, back of them was the army of Pharaoh.

Moses answered the people,

"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see how the LORD will save you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land.

"Look! The waters were divided. Let's go through the Red Sea on dry ground,"

"The waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen. That had followed us."

That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

*The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen--the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. (Exodus 14:29)*







## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Finally, the people of Israel set free from their slavery and went for the land of the promise, Canaan,. After the passover, they got out of the land and reached Sukkoth where I ordered Moses to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread for the Israelites to keep it for sure.

Also, I protected them by day in a pillar of cloud from the blazing Sun and by night in a pillar of fire from the cold. I wanted them to know that I am the Lord, the commander of the 60 thousand men of Israel.

As I protected them, I will protect you from all the evil ones. So trust me on that. Okay? I love you my children!

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

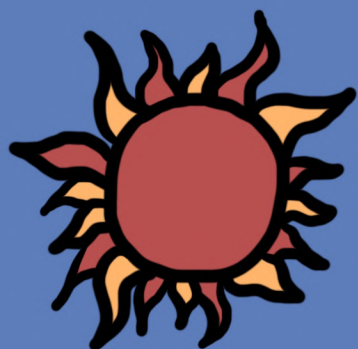
Father! The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread is too hard for me.

Is it the Passover that the angel of God passed over the house with where the blood of the lamb was? And after the passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins lasting 7 days, right? During these days they shall eat bread made without yeast. Thank God! I remember all! I am so proud myself now.

I was so nervous when the Egyptians followed Israel. But I knew you would win. The miracle of the Red Sea! It was the best part! I love you God!

Yours forever. I





# **11. God feeds the Israelites**

## **(Exodus 16:1~16:36)**

On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. The whole Israelite community came to the Desert of Sin. There, they grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

"If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire people to death. "

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my law.

On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,

"In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning, you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"



Moses also said,

"You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

Then Moses told Aaron,

"Aaron! Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.' "

While Aaron was speaking to them, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning, there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

When the Israelites saw it, they didn't know what it was. Moses said to them,

"It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer which is two liters for each person you have in your tent. "

The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.

And when they measured it, each one gathered as much as he needed.

"No one is to keep any of it until morning."





However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much

“Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.”

So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.

"Eat it today, because today is a Sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today.“

Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. Then the LORD said to Moses,

"How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my law? Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no one is to go out, so that they may rest on the seventh day."

The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

Moses said them to take two liters of manna and keep it for the generations to come. Aaron put the manna in front of the Testimony, that it might be kept. The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they reached the land of Canaan.

*The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.  
(Exodus 16:35 )*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Don't you think the people of Israel was going too far? They set free only just a month ago, but they kept grumbling against me. But I am a merciful God. I hear their cry and will satisfy them. Take a look at Moses. Watch him how he led the people of Israel to the land of the promise.

I felt bad because I protected them in a pillar of cloud and fire, showed them the miracle of the Red Sea and even I gave them the quails to eat, they didn't stop grumbling against me. I was so sad, my children. I hope you wouldn't do just like they did. I love you children.

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

Father! I am so mad at them and can't understand them at all! But I can't blame them because I do the same things. I always grumble against you even I am living in your grace. I want to live with the words of your mouth just like the Isratelites ate manna and quails every day. To me, the daily bread is your word and love of Jesus. I love you God!

Yours forever. I



## **12. God gives The Ten Commandments**

**(Exodus 19:1~20:26, Deuteronomy 5:1-21)**

The Israelites came to the Desert of Sinai.  
The LORD said to Moses

"Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people."

On the morning of the third day,  
there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast.

Everyone in the camp trembled.

Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

"Moses, come to the top of the mountain."

So Moses went up to the top of the mountain.

"Go down and bring Aaron up with you and Put limits around the mountain. The priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the LORD, or they will die."

So Moses went down to the people and told them and went up to the mountain again.





And God spoke all these words within the fire on the mountain.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



The LORD proclaimed in a loud voice to them there on the mountain from out of the fire, the cloud and the deep darkness;

Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to Moses.

Moses stood up between the people and the LORD.

The Israelites were afraid of the fire, so they didn't come closer to the mountain. all the leading men of the tribes and the elders came to Moses and said.

"Moses! We have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live even if God speaks with him. But we will die if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer. Go near and listen to all that the LORD our God says. Then tell us whatever the LORD our God tells you. "

"That's right, Moses. Do it for us. There is no one but you who speaks with God and survives!"

Moses said to the people

"Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning. "

*Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."  
(Exodus 20:20)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

I appeared myself to the Israelites. Because I wanted to make sure to them that I, the Lord led them out of Egypt where they were in slavery. I promised them if they kept my laws, out of all nations they would be my treasured possession. So I gave them The Ten Commandments. From the first to the fourth are the laws for me and from the fifth to the tenth are the laws for one another. Remember and keep them for yourself. I love you, my children!

Much Love. God

## **Dear God**

I learned that Jesus gave a new command which was to love God and love each other. Eventually, The Ten Commandments and Jesus' new command is the same, right? If I love you and love people around me then I would keep your laws.

So God's words and Jesus' words are the same. I'll keep that in mind.

Father! I want to listen your voice and see your face in person. Just like you did to the Israelites, please come to me as well. I am looking forward to it, okay?

I love you, Father!

Yours forever. I



# 13. Samuel

(1 Samuel 1:9~28, 3:1~4:1)

Samuel's mother, Hannah, prayed and made a vow to God. "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give me a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

While Hannah was praying a long time, Eli the priest observed her mouth. She was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

"Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

"Go in peace and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him," Eli said.

Afterward, Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son, naming him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." She told her husband, "As soon as the boy is weaned, I will take him to appear before the Lord and stay there forever."

Her husband replied, "Do what seems best to you. Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word." So, Hannah stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him.



When the boy was weaned, she took him with her to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. Young Samuel ministered to the Lord under Eli the priest. In those days, the word of the Lord was rare, and there were not many visions.

One night, Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call you, go back and lie down." So, he went and lay down.

Again, the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Eli said, "I did not call you, go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord; the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So, Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."





The Lord said to Samuel,

"Behold! I am about to do something that will make the ears of all the people of Israel tingle. I have warned Eli about his household, and I will fulfill all that I have spoken concerning it. I told Eli that I would judge his family forever because of the evil his sons were committing, even though he failed to restrain them. Therefore, I declared to him that the sins of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering."

Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

"What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you."

So, Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable. And all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, recognized Samuel as a prophet of the Lord.

And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

*The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word. (1 Samuel 3:21)*



## **Dear my sons and daughters,**

Samuel had never heard the voice of God before, so when God called, he didn't recognize it until the fourth time. I called him four times to make him aware and then shared what I wanted to say.

My dear children!

I have been calling you and waiting for you to recognize me. I will not give up on you.

I love conversing with you, so always be attentive, listen for my voice. I love you, my children!

Your loving God

Much Love. God

## **Dear God,**

I also want to have many conversations with you, God. Prayer is a way to have a conversation with you, right? God, please call my name too. I want to hear the voice you call me by.

God, during worship and prayer, help me meet you.

I'll be now so excited to go to church hoping to hear you just like Samuel did.

God, I love you.

Yours forever. I





# 14. David defeating Goliath

( 1 Samuel 17: 1-54 )

In the midst of the Philistine army, a commander named Goliath challenged the Israelite army to battle. He was a giant, standing about 3 meters tall. One of his guards came forward with a large shield as Goliath shouted towards the Israelite army.

"Why have you come out and lined up for battle? I am a Philistine, and you are Saul's servants. Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he can fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us. Choose a man and let him come down to me. Am I not defying the armies of Israel? Give me a man and let us fight each other! Hahaha!"

Goliath mocked the Israelite army, and Saul and his army were terrified, trembling in fear. For forty days, Goliath came out morning and evening, challenging the Israelites.

One day, Jesse sent his youngest son David to the battlefield to check on his brothers. David, who was tending sheep, arrived at the camp with provisions from his father. As David was talking with his brothers, Goliath once again insulted and mocked the Israelites. Everyone in the Israelite camp was scared.

"Hey! Have you seen such a giant before? He's come to insult us. The king promises great rewards for the one who kills him like wealth, the king's daughter in marriage, and exemption from family taxes."



David asked those around him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

They told him about the rewards, and when Saul heard of David's questions, he sent for him.

"Do not be afraid, David; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

But David said to Saul, "I was been keeping my father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it, and rescued the sheep from its mouth. If it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it, and killed it. I killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

Saul dressed David in his own tunic and put a coat of armor on him. But David, not used to them, said, "I cannot go in these because I am not used to them." So, he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag, and approached Goliath.



The approaching Goliath, seeing a handsome little boy in David, scoffed,

"Am I a dog that you come at me with sticks?" Then, in the name of the Philistine gods, he cursed David, saying,

"Come here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals."

At that moment, David shouted to Goliath,

"You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Almighty Lord, the God of the armies of Israel whom you have defied.

Today, the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I will strike you down, cut off your head, and give the bodies of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals. The battle belongs to the Lord, and He will give all of you into our hands!"

As Goliath moved closer to attack, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. So, David triumphed over Goliath with just a sling and a stone, without a sword in his hand.

After Goliath's death, the Philistine army fled, and the Israelites celebrated their victory.

*"The Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47)*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

I chose David as a new leader, rejecting Saul who had sinned. David defeated the Philistine army not in his own strength but in the name of the Lord.

Through this battle, I wanted to emphasize that David, who is with me, is the true savior of Israel.

So, no matter how difficult it may be, do not let go of my hand.

In such times, you can overcome and become the heroes of the world.

I love you, my children!

Much love. God

## **Dear God,**

God! When David went out with a loud cry, I was really nervous inside. Could he really win? Even David's brothers mocked him. I felt the same way. Please forgive me for not trusting in you.

Wow! He defeated that giant in one shot! Surely God helped him, right? Now I will also face any difficulties with courage, calling on the name of the Lord like David.

God! I love you.

Yours forever. I



# 15. Wisdom of Solomon

( 1 king 3:1-28 )

King Solomon went to Gibeon and offered a thousand burnt offerings. That night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream.

"Solomon, ask me for whatever you want, and I will give it to you."

Solomon replied,

"Lord, you have shown great kindness to my father David, and he walked before you faithfully, with righteousness and integrity of heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your people are numerous, and the tasks ahead are overwhelming. Give me wisdom and knowledge to lead your people properly, to discern between good and evil."

God was pleased that Solomon asked for wisdom, and He said to him,

"Solomon, because you did not ask for wealth, riches, or the death of your enemies but for wisdom to rule my people justly, I will give you a wise and discerning heart. There will be no one like you before you, and after you, there will be no one like you."



Moreover, God promised Solomon wealth and honor beyond what anyone had ever received if he remained obedient to God's laws and commands.

When Solomon woke up, he returned to Jerusalem, offered sacrifices before the Ark of the Covenant, and hosted a great feast.

Later, two women came to King Solomon with a dispute.

"O king, we both live in the same house, and we each gave birth to a son within a few days of each other. One night, this woman's son died because she laid on him. So, she secretly took my living son and replaced him with her dead son. In the morning, I discovered the dead baby, but when I looked closely, I realized it wasn't mine."

The other woman insisted, "No! The living son is mine, and the dead one is hers."

They argued before the king, each claiming the living child as her own.

Then Solomon said, "You are proclaiming alive child is yours and dead child is other`s son!"

Solomon then called for a sword and declared,

"Divide the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other."





Upon hearing this, the real mother fell at Solomon's feet, pleading,

"O my lord, give her the living baby. Please do not kill him."

But the other woman said, "Neither of us will have him. Cut him in half!"

Solomon, perceiving the true mother's love, ruled,

"Give the living baby to the first woman; she is his mother."

The people marveled at Solomon's wisdom, recognizing that God had given him extraordinary discernment.

*"Behold, I have done according to your words. See, I have given you a wise and understanding heart so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you." (1 Kings 3:12)*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Solomon's prayer teaches you something important. He remembered the grace I had shown in the past and praised Me in his prayer. Solomon acknowledged his limitations and humbly sought wisdom, focusing on what was truly important.

Follow Solomon's example in your prayers, seeking the right things. I will fill in even what you didn't ask for.

I love you, my children!

Much love. God

## **Dear God,**

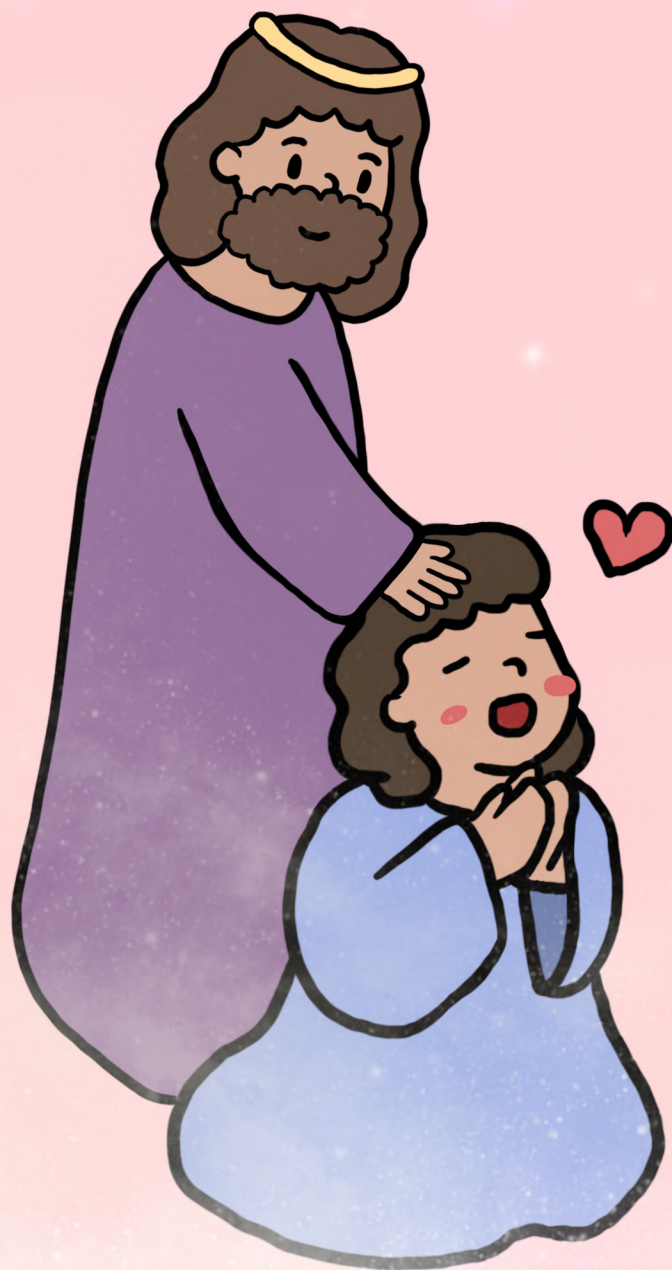
I used to think that Solomon received more than just wisdom because he asked for it. However, Solomon prayed in a way that pleased you, Lord. I will remember Solomon's prayer, praising God and reflecting on myself.

I will pray in a way that brings joy to You. Additionally, I will continue to pray using the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught us.

God, I understand that the prayer that brings the most joy to You is the one for the salvation of souls. From now on, I will pray more for the salvation of my parents' souls.

God, I love You.

Yours forever. I



## 16. Esther, saving her people

(Esther 1:1~8:17 )

Mordecai, a descendant of Benjamin, a Jew, raised his niece Esther like his own daughter after her parents passed away. In the kingdom, beautiful maidens were gathered from all over to select a queen. Esther was also taken to the palace and placed under the care of the eunuch in charge of the harem.

Before going to the king, the maidens underwent twelve months of beauty treatments. Esther, without seeking anything special, was naturally beautiful. The king, loving Esther more than the other women, crowned her with the royal crown, making her the queen.

The king elevated Haman's position to that of a prime minister, and all the king's servants bowed and paid homage to Haman at the king's command. However, Mordecai refused to bow down or pay homage to Haman.

This angered Haman, and learning that Mordecai was a Jew, he decided not only to kill Mordecai but all the Jews throughout the kingdom. Haman devised a plan and obtained a royal decree to exterminate the Jews on the 13th day of the 12th month.

When Mordecai learned of this, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and cried loudly in front of the palace. Esther, concerned, sent clothes to Mordecai, but he refused them.





Esther called for Hathach, the king's eunuch, and asked him to find out why Mordecai was mourning. Mordecai explained everything and gave Hathach a copy of the decree.

"Esther, go to the king and plead for the salvation of our people."

"Mordecai, I cannot go to the king without being called. I have not been called for thirty days."

"Esther, don't think that you will escape because you are in the king's palace. If you remain silent, relief and deliverance will arise from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Perhaps you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. Hathach, convey this message to Mordecai."

Esther responded, "Gather all the Jews in Susa and fast for me. I and my maids will also fast. After three days, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. If I perish, I perish."

On the third day, Esther went to the king, who extended his golden scepter to her, granting her permission to speak. Esther invited the king and Haman to a banquet she had prepared.

At the banquet, the king asked Esther, "What is your petition? Even half the kingdom will be granted."

"If it pleases the king, would you come to my party with Haman? And I will reveal my request."

Then, King attended her party with Haman.

King asked Esther again, "What is your petition? Even half the kingdom will be granted."



"If it pleases the king, would you come to my party again with Haman tomorrow? And I will reveal my request."

Esther revealed at the second banquet that Haman was plotting to annihilate the Jewish people. Then a eunuch spoke to the king,

"Haman has prepared a seventy-five-foot gallows in his courtyard to hang Mordecai, who exposed the plot to assassinate you."

"Hang Haman on it immediately!"

Enraged upon hearing Esther's words, the king ordered Haman to be hanged on the gallows that had been prepared to execute Mordecai. Only then did his anger subside. On that day, the king gave Haman's wealth to Queen Esther and granted Mordecai the position Haman had held because he realized Mordecai's role in saving him.

Esther, prostrating herself before the king, tearfully pleaded for the reversal of Haman's wicked plot to exterminate the Jews. In response, the king said to Esther and Mordecai,

"You may write in the king's name whatever pleases you concerning the Jews and seal it with the king's signet ring.

The 13th day that was supposed to bring destruction became a day of joy and victory for the Jews, as they defended themselves against those who sought to harm them.

Esther's courage and Mordecai's wisdom saved the Jewish people from destruction.

*"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:16*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Esther, despite her frailty, bravely walk through for the salvation of her people.

I praise her heart that was willing to risk everything for the sake of her nation.

May you also be like Esther, unwavering in any situation, wholly trusting and relying on me. I love you, my children.

Much love. God

## **Dear Loving God,**

We praise You for empowering the frail woman Esther. We heard in today's sermon to walk according to the mission You have given each of us.

I reflected on what I can do well, and it seemed like there wasn't much.

However, I will gather courage to share about God, Jesus, and the kingdom with my family and friends.

God, I love You.

Yours forever. I





# 17. Daniel

## (Daniel 1:1~3:30 )

"King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem and brought with him young men from the descendants of Israel who were flawless in appearance, beautiful, and talented in every way. The king taught them the Chaldean language and literature and provided them with the food and wine he designated. Among these young men were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the tribe of Judah.

Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself with the king's food and wine.

'I am a Jew, and I cannot be defiled by the food and wine the king provides.'

Daniel spoke to the chief official in charge of him.

'I won't eat the king's food. My friends and I will eat only vegetables and drink water.'

'Please don't do this! If you look worse than the other young men your age because of this, my life will be in danger.'

Daniel approached the supervisor who oversaw him and his friends.

'Test us for ten days. Give us only vegetables and water, then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the king's food. Make your decision afterward.'

The supervisor accepted Daniel's proposal and tested them for ten days. Their appearance was even more beautiful and radiant than the young men who ate the king's food. From then on, Daniel and his three friends chose to eat vegetables instead of the king's food and wine.



One day, the king issued a command.

'When you hear the sound of trumpets, flutes, harps, and other musical instruments, everyone is to bow down and worship the golden statue. Those who refuse will be thrown into a fiery furnace immediately.'

Upon hearing the music, everyone bowed down before the statue. Some people reported to the king about the Jews who didn't obey.

'Your Majesty, may you live forever! There are Jews Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; who deny your command. They do not worship your gods or bow down to the golden statue.'

'What? How dare they disobey my command?'

'Indeed, they do not worship your gods or bow down to the statue you set up.'

'Bring them to me immediately!'

The king questioned Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

'Is it true that you do not worship my gods or bow down to the golden statue?'

'We will not worship your gods or bow down to the statue you set up.'

'Get the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual! Bind them and throw them into the furnace!'

Strong soldiers bound Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and threw them into the fiery furnace.

However, the fire was so intense that even it killed the soldiers who threw them in.





They fell into the middle of the furnace. Suddenly, the king rose up with surprises.

'Wait! Did we not throw three men bound into the fire?'

'Yes, Your Majesty.'

"But I`m seeing four men walking in that fire."

"No Way, Your Majesty. It is impossible."

'But now I see four men, unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt. And the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'

The king approached the furnace and shouted.

'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!'

They came out of the fire unharmed. Their clothes were not scorched, and they didn't smell of fire.

The king declared,

'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent His angel to deliver His servants who trusted in Him.'

The king praised God and promoted three friends to higher positions in Babylon.

*Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. (Daniel 3:28)"*





## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego must have thought they would live happily with high positions after gaining the king's approval. However, I brought unexpected challenges to them.

Despite that, they did not betray me and went so far as to risk their lives for their faith. I not only protected them but also clearly showed my power and living presence as the Lord God.

I hope you, like Daniel's three friends, will keep your faith strong so that you can believe in God for those who do not know Him.

I love you, my children!

Much love. God,

## **Dear God,**

Daniel resisted the temptation of delicious food and relied on faith, choosing to eat only vegetables, bearing witness to the living God. I, too, will be a testimony to God.

Additionally, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were always together, even in death. They experienced God's protection and shared an unchanging friendship. I envy not only their faith but also their unwavering friendship. I will love God and get along well with my friends, attending church together. I love you, God.

Yours forever. I



## 18. Jonah

### ( Jonah 1:1~3:10 )

"Jonah! Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim that the city will soon be destroyed because their sins have reached up to the heavens."

God spoke these words, but Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. Instead, he tried to escape to Spain and went down to Joppa. There, he found a ship bound for Spain and boarded it. However, God caused a mighty storm in the sea, and the ship was almost breaking apart. The sailors, frightened, prayed to their gods and cast lots to determine who was responsible for the disaster. The lot fell on Jonah.

"Why are you sleeping at a time like this? Get up and pray to your god! Maybe he will help us and save us from disaster."

The sailors suggested casting lots to find out why the disaster had come upon them.

"Let's draw straws to find out who is to blame for this trouble."

Jonah was chosen by the lot.

"Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do for a living? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

Jonah answered, "I am a Hebrew, and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land. I am running away from the Lord's command."

"Why have you done this? Look, the storm is getting worse! What should we do to make the sea calm down?"





"Throw me into the sea, and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is my fault."

Despite their efforts to row the ship to shore, the sailors couldn't overcome the raging waves. They cried out to God.

"Lord, don't let us die for taking this man's life. Don't hold us accountable for killing an innocent man. You, O Lord, have done as you pleased."

Then they picked up Jonah and threw him into the raging sea. Immediately, the sea became calm.

Witnessing this, the sailors feared the Lord greatly and offered sacrifices to Him, making vows to serve Him.

God had prepared a large fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. From there, Jonah prayed to God.

"When I cried out to the Lord in my distress, He answered me. As I pleaded for help from the depths of the grave, You, O Lord, heard my voice. As my life was slipping away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer reached You in Your holy temple. Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to You. What I have vowed, I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord."

When God heard Jonah's prayer, He commanded the fish, and Jonah was vomited onto the shore.

God spoke to Jonah again.

"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim the message I give you."





"Yes, Lord. I will do as You say."

Nineveh was a huge city that took three days to walk across. Jonah entered the city and proclaimed, "Forty more days, and Nineveh will be overthrown!"

The people of Nineveh believed Jonah's message, and they declared a fast, putting on sackcloth from the greatest to the least. The news reached the king of Nineveh, and he issued a proclamation.

"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from His fierce anger so that we will not perish."

God saw what the people did. He saw that they stopped doing evil things. So God changed his mind and did not do what he had warned. He did not punish them.

*When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways,  
He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had  
threatened. (Jonah 3:10)*



## **Dear my sons and daughters!**

The calling of a prophet is to fully obey My words. Jonah, however, did not fulfill his mission due to disobedience. Even though he knew there was no place to hide from My eyes, Jonah thought he could escape from Me. When I sent a stormy wind to rebuke him, Jonah realized his mistake and repented, and I saved him from the belly of the fish.

My beloved children, I forgive those who acknowledge their mistakes and repent. If you turn back to Me in repentance, I will always welcome you. I love you, My children.

Much love. God

## **To my beloved God,**

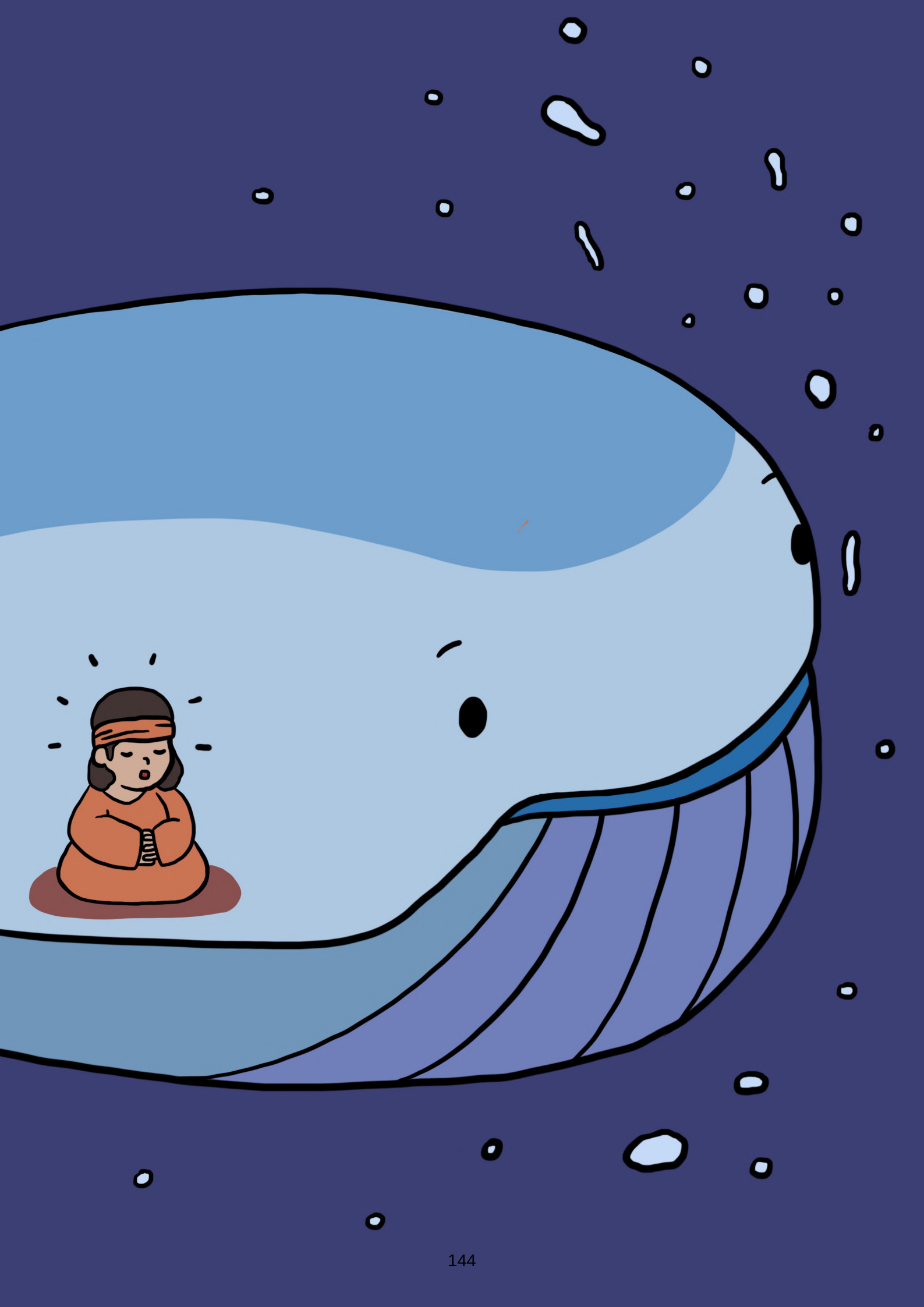
I have reflected on what it would have been like to be Jonah. I might have resisted more deeply and argued against Your commands. Observing Jonah praying sincerely to You while inside the fish, I wondered if I could pray to God in such circumstances.

God, still, Jonah repented and obeyed Your word.

Through Jonah's repentance and obedience, I learn that You really want to save people rather than perish them.

Thank You for sending Jesus, who spent three days in the ground and rose again for our salvation. I love You, God.

Yours forever. I





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