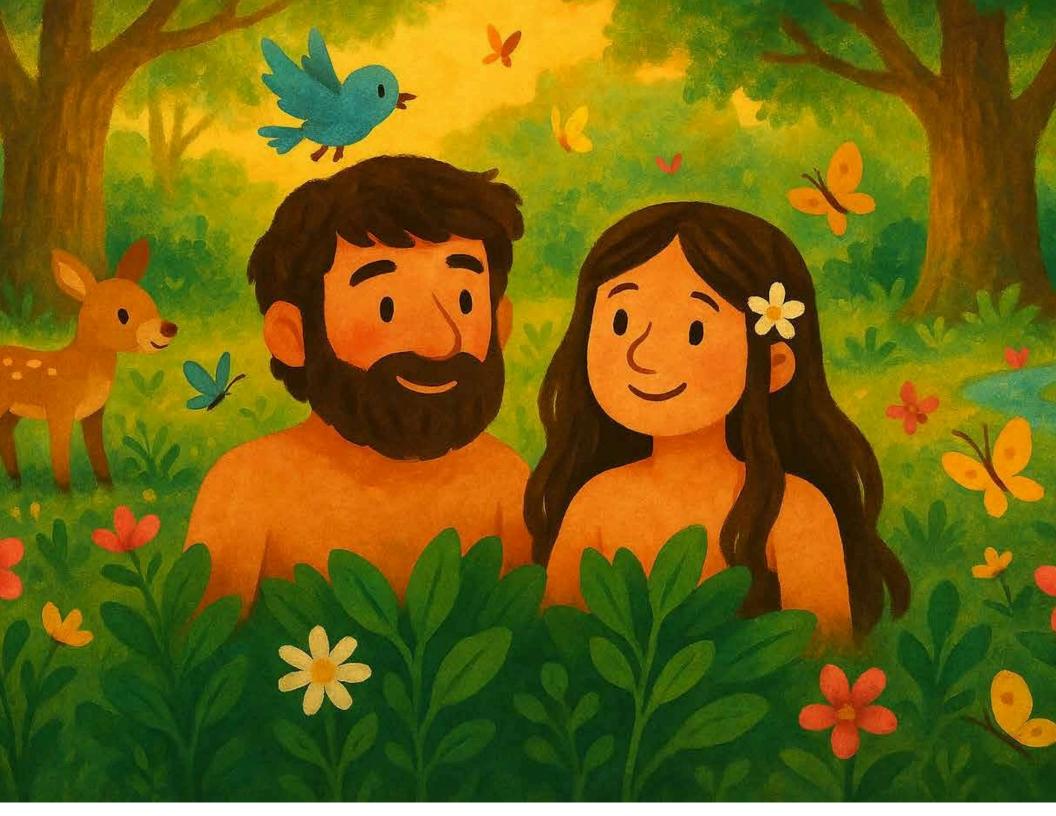


Hello, friends! I'm [YOUR NAME], and
I can't wait to tell you a true story
from the Bible.



"Today's true story from the Bible begins with the very first two people God made. Their names were Adam and Eve. "Can you say, 'Adam?""

Everyone: "Adam!"

"Can you say, 'Eve?""

Everyone: "Eve!"

"That's right! Adam and Eve! When God made the world, God made Adam and Eve and put them in a beautiful garden. God loved Adam and Eve, and they loved God. God wanted Adam and Eve to take care of the garden and everything in it. Now let's think together. Adam and Eve lived in a garden. What kinds of things grow in a garden? Shout out something that grows in a garden! (*Listen*.) Fruits, vegetables, grains, herbs, flowers... So many wonderful things grow in a garden! Let's keep thinking together. Since Adam and Eve lived in a garden where so many wonderful things grow, what do you think one of the good things was that God had Adam and Eve do? (Listen.) You are so smart! Yes! Part of God's plans was for Adam and Eve to work and care for the garden! What a good thing they got to do! They got to take care of things like orange trees and blueberry bushes. They got to grow things from the ground like potatoes and carrots! Raise your hand if you like oranges and orange juice. (Raise your hand and look around.) Raise your hand if you like blueberries. (Raise your hand and look around.) Raise your hand if you like potatoes. (Raise your hand and look around.) Raise your hand if you like carrots. (Raise your hand and look around.) Me too! You can put your hands down now. God made everything in the garden, and God wanted Adam and Eve to work and care for the things He made. Did you know that God asked Adam to name the animals? What a fun job!



"God brought each animal to Adam, and whatever Adam called them, that was their name! What did Adam name this animal: Moo! (*Listen and nod "yes."*) A cow! That's right! Let's moo together, like a cow!

Everyone: "Moo! Moo!

"What did Adam name this animal: Cock-a-doodle-doo! (*Listen and nod "yes.*") "Yes! A rooster! Let's say cock-a-doodle-doo together, like a rooster!

Everyone: "Cock-a-doodle-doo! Cock-a-doodle-doo!

"What did Adam call this animal: Roarrrr! (*Listen and nod "yes."*) "A lion! That's right! Let's make our loudest lion roar together!

Everyone: "ROARRRR!!!

"God had good things for Adam and Eve to do, like work and care for the garden and give the animal names and care for them. And guess what! God has good things for us to do too! Good things like... "Being kind and loving to each other. "Helping our neighbors. "And taking care of the things God made. "God had plans for Adam and Eve, and God has plans for you and me too! So, every time you hear the question, who has plans for you, I want you to say [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me! Let's try that together. Who has plans for you?

Everyone: [BOTTOM LINE] "God has plans for me!

"Yes! [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me, and God has plans for you! Our story time is over, but we're not through.

Let's talk to God, because God loves you!"

<u>Prayer</u>: "Dear God, Thank you for all of my friends here today. Thank You that we are learning that You have plans for us.

Please help us do the good things You have for us to do. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen".





"For I know



the plans I have for you,'



says the Lord,"



Jeremiah 29:11





"Hello, friends! I'm [YOUR NAME], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible!



""Today's true story from the Bible begins with a baby. (Pretend to gently rock a baby.) Can you pretend to rock a baby with me, like this? (Continue rocking the baby.) The baby in our story was named Moses, and his mommy loved him very much! Give your pretend baby a kiss on the head, like this. (Kiss the pretend baby's head.) Shhh...baby Moses is sleeping now. Let's lay out pretend babies down so they can sleep. (Pretend to lay a baby down on the floor.) Moses and his mommy were a part of God's people, the Israelites, and they lived in a place called Egypt. Now, there was a mean king named Pharaoh in Egypt where Moses and his mommy lived. "Pharaoh was in charge of everything (SPREAD ARMS WIDE) in Egypt, and you'll never guess what he wanted to do. Pharaoh wanted to hurt all the baby boys who were Israelites! That meant Pharaoh wanted to hurt baby Moses! Oh no! (Place hands on sides of face when you say, "Oh, no!") "Everyone, say, "Oh, no!"

Everyone: "Oh no!"

"Moses' mommy trusted God's plans for her and for Moses, and she did her very best every day to keep Moses safe."



"When Moses' mommy could not hide Moses in her home anymore, she made a special basket for him. She made sure no water could get in it so Moses would be safe. "Then, she put baby Moses in the basket, and she carried Moses to some tall grass by the river and hid him there. Moses' big sister, Miriam, stayed to watch baby Moses.



"While Miriam was watching baby Moses, the mean Pharaoh's daughter came to the river. "What do you think she did when she saw the basket with baby Moses inside? (LISTEN.) Pharaoh's daughter wanted to help baby Moses, so she decided to take care of Moses and keep him safe. "And then . . . Miriam, Moses' sister, walked up to the her! Miriam told her that she knew someone who could help her take care of baby Moses. "Can you guess who it was? (*LISTEN*.)



"It was Moses' mommy! Baby Moses' mommy got to take care of him while Pharaoh's daughter kept them safe! "Wow! Moses' mom trusted God's plans for her and God's plans for Moses. Hooray! (*Clap and cheer*.) "Everyone say, 'Hooray!'

Everyone: "Hooray!

"God had plans for Moses, and God has plans for you too! It's true! That's why every time you hear the question, who has plans for you, you can say [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me! Let me hear you say it! Who has plans for you?

Everyone: [BOTTOM LINE] "God has plans for me!"

"Yes, God has plans for you, and [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me!"

Prayer: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Moses' mommy and how she trusted Your plans for her and for baby Moses. Please help us trust Your plans for us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."





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"Hello, friends! I'm [YOUR NAME], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today's true story from the Bible begins with a child named Josiah. "Raise your hand if you are a child. (Look around.) Yes, all of you are children, just like Josiah! Can everyone say, "Josiah!"

Everyone: "Josiah!"

"Now, Josiah had a very important job. Josiah was a... KING!



That's right! Josiah became a king when he was just a young boy. "Everyone, put your pretend crown on, like this. "Good job! Now we can all pretend we are a queen or a king, like Josiah! Now, King Josiah loved God, and he wanted to follow God's plans. And part of King Josiah's job was to help his people love God and follow God's plans too. "One day, King Josiah had a great idea that would help his people follow God's plans. "King Josiah decided to repair the temple so the people could go and worship God! "Wow! What a great idea! Give Josiah two thumbs up and say, 'Great idea, Josiah!'

Everyone: (TWO THUMBS UP) "Great idea, Josiah!"



"While the people were working, they found some very special scrolls. Scrolls were long pieces of paper, with words on them. And these scrolls had special words on them. "Do you think the words were about birds? (LISTEN.) No, the words were not about birds. "Do you think the words were about making bread? (LISTEN.) No, the words were not about making bread. "The words were VERY special, because they were God's words! That's right! The scrolls of paper had God's words on them! "The builders quickly took the papers to King Josiah, because it had been a long time since anyone had read God's words. "Stand up and run in place with me! We have to take these special papers to King Josiah! Hurry! (Run in place.) "Run to King Josiah! Run! Run! Run! (Stop running.) "Whew! You can stop running and sit down now. We made it to the king. "When King Josiah heard God's words, he had another great idea!"



King Josiah called all the people together so they could hear God's words too! "Wow! That is another great idea! Give Josiah two thumbs up and say, 'Great idea, Josiah!'

Everyone: (TWO THUMBS UP) "Great idea, Josiah!"

"King Josiah wanted ALL the people to hear God's words. "Old people. Young people. Tall people. Short people. ALL the people! "It did not matter where you lived or what job you had. King Josiah wanted ALL the people to hear God's words because Gods' words were his plans for how people should live. "After everyone heard God's words, King Josiah and all the people promised to follow God's plans, because they knew that God's plans are best! It was such an amazing day! "Everyone, clap and say, 'Hooray for God's plans!'

Everyone: (CLAP) "Hooray for God's plans! Hooray for God's plans! (Remove the crown from your head.)

"King Josiah knew that God had plans for him and that God's plans are best. And guess what! God has plans for you too! "I want everyone point to yourself and say [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me!

Everyone: [BOTTOM LINE] "God has plans for me!

"Who has plans for you?

Everyone: [BOTTOM LINE] "God has plans for me!

"You got it! (TWO THUMBS UP) God has plans for you, and [BOTTOM LINE] God has plans for me!"

Prayer: "Dear God, Thank You that we can read Your words in the Bible and know Your plans. Please help us do what You say, like Josiah did, because Your plans are always best. In Jesus' name. Amen.





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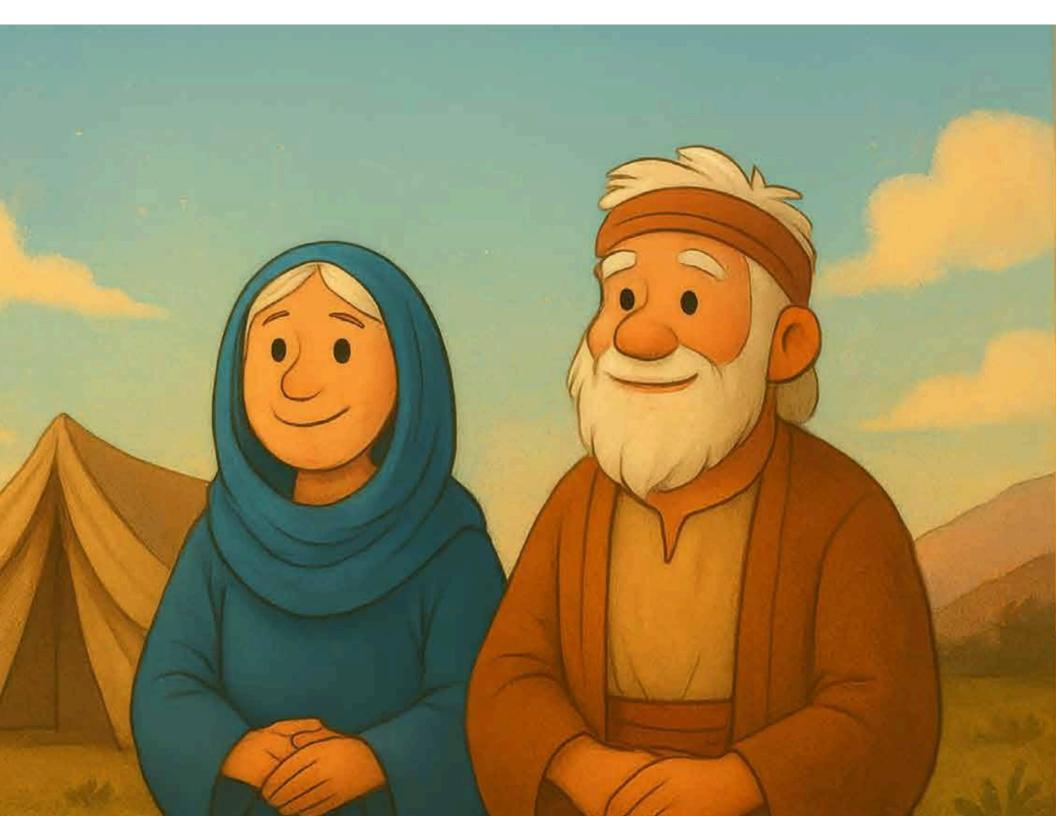




"Hello, friends! I'm [YOUR NAME], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.



"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Abraham "One night, God told Abraham, 'Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can. That's how many children will be born into your family." (GENESIS 15:5 NIRV) "Woah! Count the stars? There are a lot of stars in the sky! Put your hands in the air and twinkle them like stars in the sky. (Twinkle hands in the air as you look around at the children.) "You look like twinkling stars in the sky! You can put your hands down now. "Now think about it. If there were as many children in your family as there are stars in the sky, that would be a BIG family!



"Abraham and his wife Sarah were excited about God's plans for their family, and they knew that God always keeps His promises. So, they began waiting to have a baby to start their family. "Let's tap our toes, like this, like we are waiting with Abraham and Sarah. (Begin tapping your toes with one foot.) "Abraham and Sarah waited...and waited...and waited...and waited...but they still did not have a baby. "Okay, we can stop tapping our toes now.



"A LOT of years went by, and Abraham and Sarah became very old. And they still did not have a baby. They knew God had plans for their family, but they were so old they weren't sure how the plans would happen.



"Then, one day, God sent three visitors to give Abraham a message. They told Abraham that in one year Sarah was going to have a baby boy. "Wow! A baby was coming! It's the baby Abraham and Sarah had been waiting for! "But when Sarah heard what the men said, she laughed. Let's pretend we are laughing, like Sarah.

Say, 'Ha, ha, ha!'

Everyone: "Ha, ha, ha! Ha, ha, ha!

"Why do you think Sarah laughed when she heard she was going to have a baby? (*LISTEN*.) Sarah laughed because she was very old, and she didn't think she could have a baby anymore. But God can do anything! "So, guess what happened!



"One year later, Sarah had a baby boy, just like God said she would! Aww! "Abraham and Sarah had waited... and waited...and waited for God's plans, and they had a little boy named Isaac. "Everyone, say, "Hello, baby Isaac!

Everyone: "Hello, baby Isaac!

"God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah, and their family grew . . . and grew . . . and grew! "Their family had more people than stars in the sky! Just like God said it would!"Have you ever had to wait for something before? (*LISTEN*.) Waiting can be hard sometimes. "Like when we have to wait to open a birthday present. Or when we have to wait for a flower to grow. But today's story shows us that we can wait for God's plans. "God had plans for Abraham and Sarah, and God has plans for you too! Who has plans for you?

Everyone: [BOTTOM LINE] "God has plans for me!"

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Prayer: "Dear God, it's exciting to know that You have plans for us. Please help us wait for Your plans, because Your plans are best. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."





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