

A Description of
THE OLD TESTAMENT
beginning with
Genesis

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Dear reader, the world did not just happen. Nothing happens without a cause, except God. He alone had no cause because he has always existed. That is a great mystery, but the world is filled with great mysteries. God wrote the Bible so we could understand some of the mysteries about him and about ourselves, and to know that he loves us.

God is a supernatural being, and he lives in a different world. It is a world that is vastly superior to ours. We cannot even imagine how wonderful it is. It is called heaven because it is far above us. Ours is a world with many troubles and sorrows and evil things. But there are no troubles or sorrows or evil things in heaven. And if we trust him and live the way he wants, after we die he will take our spirit there, and will give us a new body to live with him for eternity.

The Bible says the earth was first covered with water. It was also dark, so God brightened it up with light. Then he made the air and the clouds in the sky. And he moved some of the water out of the way so there would be land. After that he made all of the grass and trees and plants. Then he made the lights in the sky that we call the sun and moon and stars. That way we can have a lot of light in the sky during the day, and a little light in the sky during the night. The first light must have been a special kind. Next God made all the animals that swim in the water, and fly in the air, and move on the land. And he gave them plants for food. So at the beginning they did not eat each other.

Finally, God said, **“Let us create man in our image”** (Genesis 1:26). Therefore, God made people. And now we know what God looks like, because he made us to look like him. Of course, he is much more beautiful and wonderful than we are. If you go to heaven when you die you will be able to see him.

It only took God six days to make the world because he is so powerful. God can do fantastic things very quickly. His Son Jesus could heal people in an instant. However, creating this whole world was a very big job. So it took him six days. Then he rested on the

seventh day. He rested because making this huge world took a lot of work.

When God made people he said we should have babies to bring new people into the world. That is the main job of women. He also said we should work to improve the world and make it a better place. That is the main job of men. What God created was very good, but it was not finished. He wants us to help him keep improving the world to make it better. You see, we are his children. And because we are his children, we should act like him. We should keep making and improving things. And remember, if we live the way he wants, when we die he will take us to heaven to be with him.

The first man that God made was Adam. And he made a beautiful garden for him to live in. It was called the garden of Eden. It was filled with good fruit that Adam could eat. There was only one fruit that Adam was not supposed to eat. That was the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God warned Adam that if he ate of it he would die. Adam's job was to take care of the garden. However, God also wanted him to have a helper. None of the animals were good enough. So he took a rib out of Adam, and created the first woman from it. Adam was very happy to have her.

Everything was wonderful in the garden of Eden. God even walked in the garden with them. However, the evil serpent came into the garden to see Adam's wife. And he lied to her. He tempted her to eat of the fruit that God said not to eat. He said if she ate it she would not die, but would be like God. So she ate, and gave some to Adam too. They both sinned against God who made them, and who was so good to them.

Therefore, God punished all three of them. He told the evil serpent he was condemned to go on his belly, and eat dust all his life. The Bible says the serpent was the devil (see Revelation 12:9). God told the woman she was going to suffer a lot of pain when she had children. And he told Adam that from now on he would have to fight against thorns and thistles for his food. And he would work with sweat on his face. He also told them they were both going to die, just as he had warned them.

The garden of Eden was such a wonderful place that Adam and Eve did not even wear anything. And they were so innocent of evil they were not ashamed to be naked. However, after they sinned, and gained knowledge of good and evil, they were ashamed of being

naked. Therefore, God made clothes of animal skins for them. Then he sent them away from the garden of Eden, and they could never come back. They would have to work hard to survive in the world until it was time for them to die. It was so sad. That is what listening to the devil does. He lies until it is too late, and we have to suffer for our sins.

Adam named his wife Eve. His first son was named Cain, and his second was named Abel. Abel took care of sheep, but Cain tilled the ground to grow crops. A time came when both of them made an offering to God. However, God only accepted Abel's offering because it was the kind God wanted. Instead of making the right kind, Cain became angry with God. God told Cain he would accept his offering too if it was the right kind.

But Cain was hateful and rebellious. So he went out and murdered his brother. When God asked Cain where his brother was, Cain said, "**I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?**" (Genesis 4:9). God knew what Cain had done, so he punished him. He could no longer be able to grow the crops he loved, and he would have to wander around to survive.

People lived a long time in those days, over nine hundred years. The oldest man the Bible tells about was Methuselah. He lived for 969 years. But God gradually made our ages shorter, and now nobody can live more than 120 years. However, the Bible says that most people will die when they are about 70 or 80 years old.

After a while more and more people were born into the world. Yet they began to be more sinful. The Bible says, "**And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth**" (Genesis 6:5). Jehovah is God's name. Because men made themselves so bad, Jehovah was sorry he made them. Therefore, he decided to wash the earth clean with water.

However, there was one good man. His name was Noah. So God told him to build a big floating ship called an ark. That would save him and his family. He also told Noah to put a male and a female of each kind of animal in it. When everything was ready God brought a great flood. It covered the whole world. And all the birds and animals on the ground died except what was in the ark. Noah was in the ark about a whole year. He waited until the flood was over and the land was dry again. Then they all came out, and mankind began all over again.

God promised to never again destroy the world by a flood. And

he made the rainbow in the sky as a sign of that promise. So now every time we see a rainbow, we can remember God's promise. God also said this time that all the animals would be afraid of men. When God first made people he gave them plants for food. This time God said they could also eat animals.

Sometime after the flood men decided to work together and build a great tower of Babel. They wanted its top to be in the heavens. However, Jehovah did not want them to become so powerful so quickly. Men can be very cruel and evil, especially if they have too much power. Therefore, he went down and changed their language so they could not understand each other. That made them split up and go away to different lands. And now we have many different languages in the world. That still makes it hard for us to work together.

Sometime afterward Jehovah spoke to a man named Abram. He later named him Abraham. Jehovah wanted to make him the father of a new race. God knew that most people in the world want to live sinfully. And he did not want the whole world to become wicked like it was before the flood. Therefore, he was going to have a special people he would use to preserve righteousness in the world. They would keep the world from becoming completely wicked again.

Abram was a very good man, so God chose him to start this special people. Those people were first called Hebrews. Later they were called Israelites. But now they are called Christians. I am one, and we are the spiritual descendants of Abraham. He is our spiritual forefather, because we believe and obey God like he did.

Jehovah told Abram to go to the land of Canaan, because that was where his nation was going to be. Abram trusted God, and so he went. Abram made his living by raising livestock. His nephew Lot decided to go with him. However, their flocks and herds became too large for them to stay together. Therefore, Lot went to live where the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were. He went there because it was good land for his animals.

Later Jehovah appeared again to Abram. Abram still did not have any children. So he asked God how he could be the father of a great nation if he did not even have a son. However, God promised him a son. Then in a dream he told him about the future of his people. He said they were first going to be slaves in a foreign country four hundred years. However, God was going to punish that coun-

try. And he would set his people free to go to the promised land.

Sarai was Abram's wife. When she saw that she was not having a baby, she was sorry. She loved Abram so much that she gave her handmaid to him. Her handmaid's name was Hagar. Sarai hoped that Hagar could give him a son. Abram agreed with the idea, and so Ishmael was born.

However, that did not work, because God said Ishmael was not going to be the one to make his nation. Besides, Hagar began to hate Sarai. Hagar must have thought she was better than Sarai because she could have babies and Sarai could not. And that caused trouble, because she was Sarai's servant. We can see why God did not want her to be the mother of his special people. The Arabs say that Ishmael is the father of their race.

Later God appeared again to Abram. And he promised again that his race would become a great nation. This time God changed his name to Abraham. He also changed his wife's name to Sarah. And he gave Abraham the rite of circumcision. Jehovah said, "**... it shall be a sign of a covenant between me and you**" (Genesis 17:11). From that time on, every male in the household of Abraham and his offspring was to be circumcised.

Then Jehovah said that within a year Sarah would have a baby son. When Abraham heard that, he fell on his face and laughed. He laughed because he was ninety-nine years old, and Sarah was ninety years old. Later when Sarah heard that she was going to have a baby she laughed too. However, as soon as God left, Abraham circumcised all the men of his house.

When God appeared to Abraham next, he told him he was going to examine Sodom and Gomorrah. The men of those cities were acting very wickedly. Therefore, he sent two of his agents to see what they were like. God was going to destroy them if they proved to be so bad.

However, Abraham asked Jehovah not to destroy the good men with the bad ones. He asked God if he would save the cities for the sake of fifty good men. God said he would. So Abraham asked him if he would save them for the sake of forty-five good men. And God said he would. Abraham asked him if he would save them for the sake of forty, then thirty, then twenty. And each time God said he would. Finally, Abraham asked him if he would save them for the sake of ten good men. And God said he would. You see how patient God is?

When the agents of God came to Sodom, Lot wanted them to stay with him. He did not know who they were, but Lot was a good and kind man. During the night all the men of Sodom surrounded his house and asked Lot to give them the two agents. They wanted to molest them homosexually. Lot went out and asked them not to act so wickedly. When they were about to attack Lot, the two agents brought him back into the house. Then they made the men of Sodom blind that night to keep them from hurting Lot. That was proof enough how bad those men were.

So the two agents of God took Lot with his wife and two daughters. And they brought them out of the city early the next morning. Before they left them, they warned Lot and his family not to look back. But Lot's wife looked back, and she turned into a pillar of salt. When Abraham arose that morning he saw smoke rising up like the smoke of a furnace. It was from the fire and brimstone that Jehovah rained down from the sky to destroy the cities.

Later, just as God had promised them, Sarah bore Abraham a baby boy. Abraham named him Isaac. When Isaac was growing up Ishmael began to persecute him. So Hagar and Ishmael were sent away, but they got lost on their journey. God was kind to Hagar too. Therefore, he had one of his agents speak to her out of heaven to help her.

After that God tested Abraham. God commanded Abraham to take Isaac to a mountain, and use him as a burnt offering. Nobody knows exactly how old Isaac was when it happened. It was probably before he was a grown man. People used to kill animals and burn them as a way to worship God. Only evil men burned people that way. Yet God told Abraham to do that to Isaac. God can do anything he wants, because he made everything.

That must have been very hard for Abraham. He had waited so many years for a son. And now he was very old. Yet God told him to kill his son for a burnt offering. Could you think of a harder test for Abraham? However, Abraham had learned to trust God. He trusted him so much that he quickly began the journey.

It took three days for him to get there. Then he took his son up on the mountain, and raised his knife to kill him. Abraham's eyes must have been filled with tears. He loved Isaac very much, but he loved God more. God loved Abraham and Isaac too. So before he could hurt Isaac, the agent of Jehovah called to him out of heaven. He told Abraham to stop. It had been a test. Abraham did not know

it was a test until it was all over. He really thought he had to kill Isaac. The Bible later says Abraham thought God would bring Isaac back to life.

Do you think it was cruel for God to command Abraham to do that? Never think that way about God. Remember, he stopped Abraham before he could hurt Isaac. Did you know that God has a son too? His name is Jesus. And because God loves us so much he sent him here from heaven to help us. God even let evil men kill his son while he was here helping us. God had to do that so we could be saved. So you see how much God loves us? If you keep studying, you will understand better. Then you will want to love God more, because he is so good. Only the most evil and wicked souls, like the devil, hate God. He is better to us than the best father and mother anyone could ever have.

Abraham passed the test, and proved that he trusted God completely. Therefore, God blessed him, and he became the forefather of the Hebrew people and the Israelite nation. They are the ones who wrote the Bible. And Jesus our Savior was an Israelite. Abraham is an example for us to see how faith in God is always best. God will never again tell a man to kill his son for a sacrifice. When you find it hard to always live right, then think of Abraham, and try to trust God like he did. If you do then you can live in heaven with him some day. And maybe God will even make you famous too.

One day Sarah died, and so Abraham buried her in the cave of Machpelah. He bought it from one of the men of that land. After that Abraham sent his chief servant to the land where his kinfolds were. His job was to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham did not want him to marry one of the women of Canaan. They were not good people. Abraham's servant took with him ten camels, some other men, and many treasures.

After he arrived at his destination, he prayed that God would show him who to bring back for Isaac. He said if a young woman offered him a drink of water, and gave some to his camels also, that would show she was the one. And the young woman who did that was Rebekah. She was even the daughter of another nephew of Abraham.

Abraham's servant gave Rebekah some jewelry. Then he went and told her family what his mission was. He also told them about his prayer. So the next day Rebekah agreed to go with him to be

Isaac's wife. And after giving her and some of those in her family many gifts, he took her back with him.

Sometime later Abraham died. He was 175 years old when he died. Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah with Sarah his wife. Isaac's wife Rebekah could not have children for almost twenty years after they were married. Finally, God answered Isaac's prayers for her, and she was expecting. Instead of one baby, however, she had twins. The one who was born first was Esau, and the second was Jacob. Esau was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt, but Jacob preferred staying in the tents. The Bible says that Isaac loved Esau most, but Rebekah loved Jacob most.

One day when Esau was very tired from being out in the field he asked his brother Jacob for some of his pottage to eat. Jacob asked him if he would sell his birthright for it. Esau said he would. The birthright was given to the firstborn son. He was supposed to get twice as much inheritance. So you see, Esau was very foolish. All he wanted to do was eat. He did not care about his birthright, but later he was very sorry he sold it.

When Isaac became old he was unable to see clearly. And he did not know how much longer he was going to live. Therefore, he told Esau to go out and prepare some venison for him. Isaac loved the venison that Esau cooked for him. Isaac wanted to bless him before he died. Isaac's blessing was a very special thing. Somehow God gave him power to give a blessing for the future, but it could only be for one person.

When Rebekah heard what he told Esau, she decided to trick Isaac. She persuaded Jacob to pretend that he was Esau. It was a sinful thing to do. Yet the trick worked, and Isaac blessed Jacob instead. Jacob got the blessing, but he too was often deceived later in his life. And those deceptions made him suffer. God always finds a way to recompense us for our sins.

When Esau came back to his father they both learned what had happened. Esau was so angry that he planned to kill Jacob as soon as their father died. When Rebekah heard about that she was afraid. So she asked Isaac to send Jacob back to her brother Laban. She said he could find a good wife there too. She was hoping that Esau would cool off before he came back.

On the way Jehovah appeared to Jacob in a dream, and said he would bless him. When Jacob arrived at his destination he came to a well and met Rachel there. She was the beautiful daughter of

Rebekah's brother Laban. He helped her and some others water their flocks. Then he went to meet Laban, and he lived with him for a month.

Then Laban offered to hire him. And since Jacob loved Rachel, he said he would work seven years for her. However, after the seven years, Laban tricked Jacob. Without knowing it Jacob married Rachel's older sister Leah, who had "weak eyes." Weak eyes may have meant she was not very smart. Jacob did not discover he had been tricked until the next morning.

Laban made Jacob work another seven years to marry Rachel. Laban had deceive Jacob, and cheated him of the woman he wanted. I believe God let it happen because Jacob had deceived his father Isaac and cheated his brother Esau. God has ways to repay both our good and our bad deeds. Laban let Jacob have Rachel after the marriage week with Leah. Nevertheless, Jacob had to work fourteen years for his two wives. He only wanted one, but he was tricked just like he tricked his father.

Rachel and Leah both wanted Jacob's love. Consequently, they competed with each other. Jacob loved Rachel, but thought of Leah as inferior. God felt sorry for Leah, and so he gave her sons for Jacob. But Rachel could not have any. Rachel became desperate. So she took her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to have children. That way Rachel could have sons. It is like women today who are paid to have children for someone else.

Later Leah stopped having babies. And when Leah saw that she was not having any more, she gave Jacob her handmaid. Finally, after Leah had born six sons and one daughter, God gave Rachel a son. She had a second son later. The Bible tells how Jacob eventually had twelve sons and one daughter from his four wives. The handmaids were considered second class wives.

When the fourteen years were over Jacob asked Laban if he could go back to his father. Laban saw what a great worker Jacob was. Therefore, he asked him to keep working for him. Jacob said he would. However, he said this time that he would not work for wages. He said he would work for profit sharing. Jacob said he would work for all of the livestock of a certain coloration. Laban thought that was a good idea. However, he cheated Jacob by rushing out and taking all of those animals before Jacob could get them.

Jacob did not fight about it. He just used his skill with livestock to raise big herds. God blessed him so much that his herds became

greater than Laban's. So Laban and his sons began to resent Jacob. Then Jehovah told Jacob to return to his homeland. By that time he had been with Laban for twenty years. Both Rachel and Leah agreed that Laban had not treated them fairly. So Jacob left secretly, but Laban went after him when he found out. When he caught up with him, they criticized each other, but finally separated in peace.

As Jacob came near to the land of Canaan he sent messengers to tell his brother Esau that he was coming. When the messengers came back they said Esau was coming with four hundred men. That made Jacob afraid. Remember, Jacob left his father and mother because Esau wanted to kill him. Therefore, Jacob took 580 animals from the big herds that he had. And he sent them as gifts for Esau, hoping that would persuade Esau not to attack him. He also divided his family into separate groups so that if one were attacked the others might escape. Then he spent the night in the camp alone.

Although Jacob planned to spend the night in the camp alone, the Bible says he wrestled with a man there. The man was an agent of God (see Hosea 12:4), and he changed his name to Israel and blessed him. There is a lot of mystery about the man Jacob wrestled with.

The next day when Esau met Jacob they hugged and kissed each other, and wept for joy. Esau did not want to take the animals from Jacob. He said he had plenty, but Jacob insisted. So they left each other in peace. Jacob went to Bethel where God first spoke to him in the dream. God appeared to him again, and changed his name to Israel.

Then after Jacob left Bethel, his wife Rachel died in childbirth. He named his new son Benjamin. She was buried at Bethlehem. Jacob went back to Isaac his father for a while. Then Isaac also died. Isaac had lived a hundred eighty years. Jacob's mother Rebekah must have died before he came back. So they never saw each other again after they deceived Isaac. God has ways to repay both the good and the bad that we do.

Joseph was the first son of Rachel. The Bible says that Israel loved Joseph more than all his brothers. And he made him a special coat of many colors. Joseph's brothers resented him. The Bible says, "**... they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him**" (Genesis 37:4). However, the Bible shows later that Joseph was worthy of being loved more than the others. Maybe he had already proven his worthiness to his father. For he would tell his

father about the evil things his brothers did. There is a difference between tattling and giving important information.

When Joseph was seventeen years old he had a couple of dreams. Those dreams seemed to predict he was going to rule over his father, mother, and brothers. When he told his brothers about the dreams, they hated him even more. Then a day came when Israel sent Joseph to where his brothers were feeding the flock. When they saw him coming they decided to kill him. They first threw him into a pit. Then they decided to sell him for twenty pieces of silver to a caravan of Ishmaelites. After that his brothers killed a goat, and dipped his coat in the blood. Then they gave it to his father. Jacob thought a wild beast had slain him. That was very sad news to Jacob. He mourned about his son for many days.

Joseph was purchased by an officer of Pharaoh in Egypt. The man was a captain of the guard in that land. Joseph was made a slave. However, the Bible says that Joseph **“was a man who succeeds”** (Genesis 39:2). He did so well that his master made him manager over his house. Joseph was also a handsome man. And his master’s wife wanted him to commit adultery with her. When he kept saying no, she got angry. Then she accused him to her husband of attempting to molest her. Therefore, he had Joseph thrown into prison. Joseph was in prison unfairly, but he continued to be a faithful worker. He was such a good worker that the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners.

Joseph’s freedom finally came a few years later. Two of Pharaoh’s officers had been cast into prison. They both had dreams that troubled them. So Joseph told them what the dreams meant. The butler was going to be released, but the baker was going to be hanged. Joseph asked the butler to help him be released, but he forgot Joseph.

Two years afterward Pharaoh had two dreams that nobody could interpret. The butler remembered how Joseph had interpreted his dream, so he told Pharaoh. Then Pharaoh called for Joseph, and asked him if he could interpret his dreams. Joseph said to him, **“It is not in me. God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace”** (Genesis 41:16). Joseph always honored God.

Pharaoh told him what was in the dreams. The first dream was about seven well-fed cows. They were followed by seven skinny ones. The skinny ones ate the fat ones, but they remained skinny. The second dream was about seven full ears on one stalk. They

were followed by a second stalk with seven thin ears. And the thin ears swallowed the full ears.

Joseph said that God had revealed the future to Pharaoh. God was going to bring seven years of great abundance. After them would be seven years of great famine. And the famine would be so bad it would consume all the abundance. Then Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint a wise ruler to prepare for the famine. Pharaoh and his servants were very impressed by Joseph. Therefore, Pharaoh made him that ruler.

So you see, Joseph finally could understand why all the terrible things had happened to him. They were part of a great plan God had to prepare him for greatness. That should be a lesson for us all. God wants to prepare us all for great things. However, he cannot unless we trust and obey him, even when we suffer wrongfully.

During the seven years of abundance **“Joseph laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left off numbering, for it was without number”** (Genesis 41:49). Then came the seven years of famine. And all the other countries came to Egypt to buy grain. Jacob also sent his sons there because they needed grain for bread. However, he would not send Joseph’s brother Benjamin. He was afraid harm might come to him too. When they came to Egypt Joseph recognized them, but they did not recognize him. And he spoke to them by an interpreter.

Joseph decided to test them, to see what kind of men they now were. He accused them of being spies. And he asked them about their family. Then he said in order to prove they were not spies they had to go and bring their younger brother to him. And to make sure they came back he kept one of them, Simeon, in prison. When they heard those words, they said to each other, **“We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul when he besought us, and we would not hear. Therefore this distress has come upon us”** (Genesis 42:21). Their consciences were bothering them because of what they had done to Joseph.

However, when they came back to Jacob, he refused to let Benjamin go with them. He said **“Ye have bereaved me of my sons. Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away. All these things are against me”** (Genesis 42:36). Eventually they ate all of the grain they had bought in Egypt. So Jacob told his sons to go buy more. They told him they could not return to Egypt without bringing Benjamin with them. And Judah promised

his father they would bring him back safely. Finally, Israel relented and let Benjamin go with them.

When Joseph saw Benjamin he brought them all into his house to dine with him. After that he sent them all on their way with grain. However, he had his servant hide his silver cup in the bag of grain that Benjamin was carrying. After they had gone a short way, the servant caught up with them. He accused them of theft. When the cup was found in Benjamin's bag, they all went back to Egypt very sorrowful.

Joseph told them that only Benjamin would be imprisoned. The rest of them could return to the land of Canaan. Then Judah pleaded with Joseph. He told him about how their father felt toward Benjamin. Judah even offered to become a slave to him instead of Benjamin.

When Joseph heard that, he could not control himself any longer. You see, his brothers remained loyal to Benjamin even in danger. And they worried about their father. They showed Joseph they were not cruel and selfish anymore. Therefore, after ordering all of the Egyptians out, he revealed himself to his brothers. And he wept aloud for joy.

His brothers were so surprised they could not answer him. But Joseph reassured them. He said, **“I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. And now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life”** (Genesis 45:4-5). Joseph always gave God honor. And he proved that he was better than his brothers by the way he lived.

Joseph sent his brothers back to Jacob with wagons and other things. He wanted them all to come to Egypt. He warned them there were five more years of famine left. When they came back they told their father Israel that Joseph was still alive. They said he was ruler of all the land of Egypt. The Bible says when he heard that **“his heart fainted, for he did not believe them”** (Genesis 45:26). However, when he saw the wagons he decided to go with them. Then at Beersheba, on the way to Egypt, God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night. He encouraged him, and told him he would make of him a great nation in Egypt.

Jacob lived to be 147 years old then he died. Joseph took a very great caravan into the land of Canaan to bury his father in the cave of Machpelah. Joseph prophesied that God was going to bring the

Israelites back to their promised land. And he asked them to bring his bones with them. Then when Joseph was 110 years of age he died. And he was embalmed and put in a coffin in Egypt.

A Description of **Exodus**

The sons of Israel multiplied greatly in Egypt. There were so many that the land was filled with them. Therefore, the Egyptians became afraid, and they made them slaves. Yet they kept multiplying. That caused the Egyptians to treat them even worse. They were very cruel to the people of Israel. The Egyptian king Pharaoh even made them drown all their baby boys in the river.

Moses was born when that was happening. The Bible says he was a pretty baby. So his mother hid him for three months because she did not want to kill him. She finally had to take him to the river, but she did not throw him in. She made a tiny little boat for him. Then she put it in the reeds of the river. When Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe she saw the little boat, and she told her handmaid to go get it.

When she saw the baby crying she felt sorry for him. So she decided to take him for herself. Moses' sister saw her, and she offered to find a woman to nurse him. Pharaoh's daughter thought that was a good idea. So she hired Moses' mother to nurse him for her. God not only saved little Moses, but he brought him back to his mother until he was old enough to live with Pharaoh's daughter. It was Pharaoh's daughter who named him Moses.

Moses grew up as a prince in the palace of Pharaoh. However, he knew that he was a Hebrew. When he was forty years old he decided to visit his people. He saw an Egyptian attacking one of the Hebrew slaves, and he defended the man. When he did the Egyptian died, so Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses. However, Moses escaped far away to the land of Midian, which was in Sinai.

When he came to that land he found a well, and helped some women there. They were the daughters of a man named Jethro. They were trying to get water for their father's flock, but shepherds were driving them away. Therefore, Moses defended them too. Moses was a good man, and he tried to help people who were being mistreated. After they returned to their father they told him what Moses had done for them. He made them go back and invite Moses to his house. Jethro was the priest of Midian, and Moses lived with