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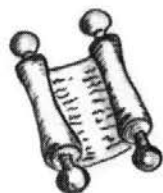
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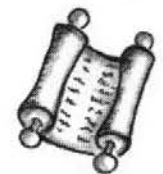
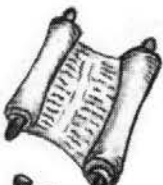


1. The Bible Is From God

2 Peter 1:20, 21



We are glad God gave us the Bible. We call it God's Word because it tells us the things He wants us to know. God wants us to know that He made us. He wants us to know how to do what is right and how to worship Him. God wants us to know about heaven and that we can live with Him there after we die. Everything the Bible tells us is true.



God wants us to know so many things that we cannot remember them all. But He told holy men to write His message. These men listened and wrote just what God said. The words they wrote are in the Bible. Now we can read it and learn it. We can read it again and again. God wants us to obey it too.



Many years ago there were no books with pages like we have today. Often scribes copied the Bible words on scrolls for the people to read. A scroll was made from a long, long piece of parchment or paper that was rolled on a stick. When a person read the scroll, he would roll it from one stick to another stick.



Sometimes God's people did not do what the Bible said. They did not even want to hear the Bible words. Then God punished them. He wants all people to hear and obey His Word.



We are glad our parents read the Bible stories to us today. We want to listen quietly and hear God's words at home and at church. We want to learn more about God and obey Him.

We can sing about the Bible too. Here is a song for you to sing.



I have a wonderful treasure, The gift of God without measure,



And so we travel together, My Bible and I.



Questions and Answers

1. Who gave us the Bible?

God gave us the Bible.

2. What does the Bible tell us?

(Various answers are correct.)

3. Should we be glad to hear the Bible stories?

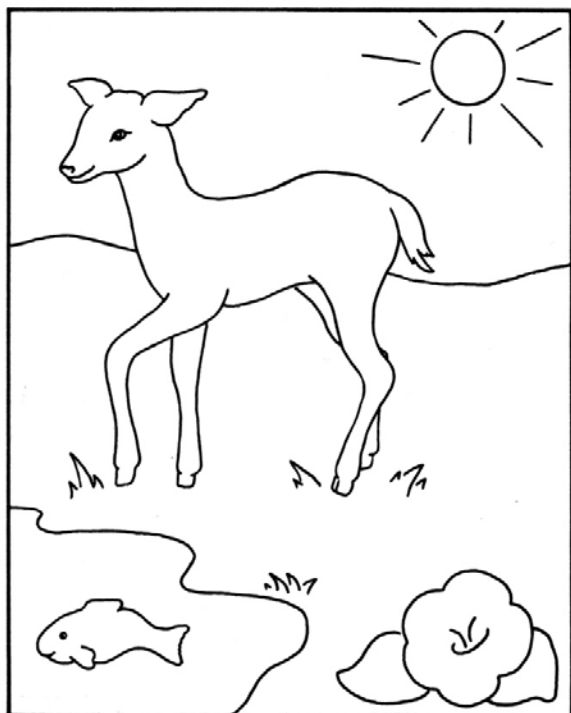
Yes, we should be glad.

Bible Verse to Learn

“Thy word is truth.” John 17:17



2. God Created the World



Long ago there was no beautiful world. There were no people. There was just darkness.

God was in heaven. He saw the darkness, and He made the earth and sky. He made it all out of nothing. He made everything in six days.

God just spoke the word, and whatever He said was made. He said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night.

That was the very first day.

The next day God spoke and made the beautiful blue sky. He made the fluffy clouds in the sky.

Then He told the waters to gather in certain places on the third day. In this way He made the dry land between the streams, the rivers, and the oceans. But nothing grew on the land. So God spoke and made the plants. Green grass and pretty flowers and vegetables grew. Bushes with berries and trees with fruit grew. Everything was good, but God was not finished.

He spoke on the next day, and the sun shone in the blue sky. The moon and stars shone at night. The earth and sky were beautiful in the daytime and at night.



On the fifth day God made the fish and the birds. Great sharks and small goldfish went swimming through the water. Bright red cardinals and tiny hummingbirds flew about. Owls and peacocks and doves appeared.

At last on the sixth day God spoke once more and made the animals. There were big, gray elephants and small chipmunks. There were many, many different animals, but there were still no people.

Then God took some dust of the earth and made a man. He breathed into the man, and the man became a living soul. God called the man Adam. God knew that the man needed a helper. So God made Adam sleep. God took a bone out of Adam and made a woman to help him.

God looked at everything that He had made. It was all very good. On the seventh day God rested. He had finished creating the beautiful world.

Questions and Answers

1. What happened when God spoke?

The things He said were made.

2. What did God make to shine at night?

God made the moon and stars to shine at night.

3. Who did God make out of dust?

God made Adam out of dust.

Bible Verse to Learn

“God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

