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CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



Genesis



LEVEL 3
LESSON 1

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Imagine a world that is very different from the one you wake up to and see each day. A place without blue skies or green grass.

It is messy and dark—just like the planets in outer space. We could not live in a place like that even if we wanted to.

This is how the Earth was before God began His wonderful re-creation. But how did it get to be this way?

Satan Rebels

Before God created the universe and all physical life, He created millions of angels and three “archangels.” These archangels were the leaders of the other angels. Their names were Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel. Together, they took care of the Earth and the universe.

Just like He does with you and me, God let angels decide if they would listen to Him and obey His laws.

Lucifer did not like the way that God said to do things. Lucifer wanted to be in charge. He let these thoughts

grow in his head until he decided to try to become better than God!

Lucifer also convinced a third of all the angels to join him, and they began a war with God. The war was so big and so terrible that it destroyed all beauty on Earth. Because Lucifer rebelled, his name changed to Satan the devil. “Satan” means opponent or enemy. His angels became demons.

God Creates Man

After Satan rebelled, God decided to create another being that could one day become an actual God-being. This is man!

Before He created man, God knew He had to create a place for him to live and food for him to eat.

On the first day of the creation week, He allowed light to shine again on Earth and divided it into day and night.

On the second day, God created the space between the clouds and land. He filled it with clean air to breathe and called it the first heaven.

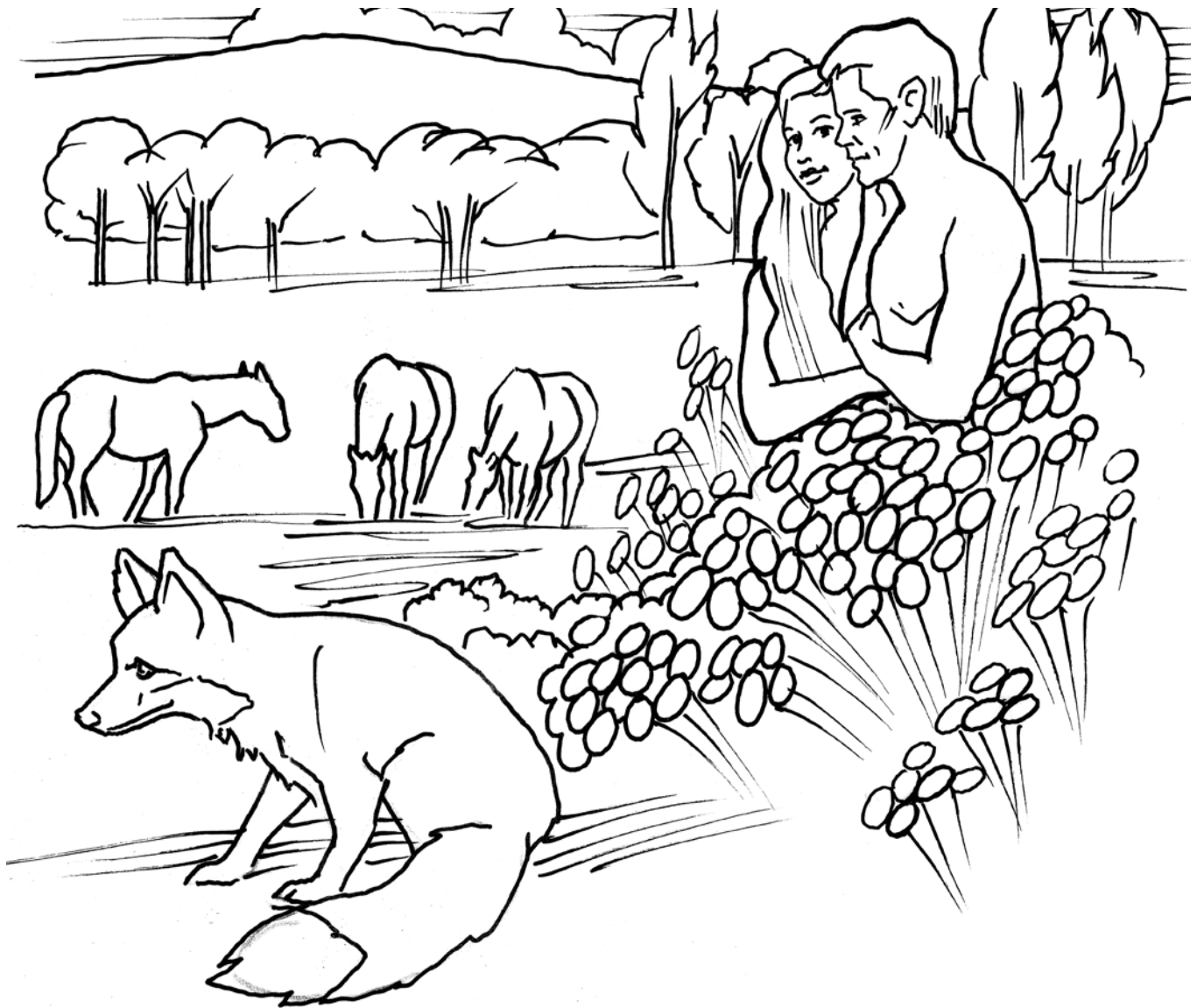
On the third day, God caused water to gather in places He called the seas. This allowed land to appear, which God called earth. God also created grass, trees and all kinds of flowers and plants.

On the fourth day, God made the sun, moon and stars to shine and twinkle in a place He called the second heaven. We call this “outer space.”

On the fifth day, God created whales, fish and all the creatures in the sea. He also created birds that could fly and soar in the sky.

On the sixth day, God created mammals, reptiles and insects of every kind. They included cows, bears, lizards and many more!

When He finished with the animals, God created man and woman to rule over them. The man, named



Adam, was created from the dust of the ground. Then God put Adam to sleep and took one of his ribs to create the woman, named Eve, to be his wife. God created Adam and Eve in His image. They looked like their Creator, just as we each look like our parents.

Finally, on the seventh day, when God had completed His work, He created the Sabbath by resting. But God, as the most powerful Being in the universe, was not tired! He wanted people to rest after six days of school and work. He showed us how to keep the Sabbath by resting Himself.

The Sabbath is a very special day for man. God taught Adam and Eve to remember it each week and to think of His wonderful creation and the many blessings that He gives us. The Sabbath also reminds us of the Kingdom of God, which we will continue to learn about in later lessons.

Garden of Eden

When God made Adam and Eve, He also created the Garden of Eden for them to live in. This was a lovely

garden with lots of trees and plants for shade and food.

God put two special trees in the garden: the Tree of Life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

God told Adam and Eve which tree was good for food, but they had a choice. He said, “You can eat from any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because, if you eat from it, you will die.”

Why would this tree cause pain, sadness and death for Adam and Eve? Because it pictured Satan’s selfish way of life.

But the Tree of Life pictured God’s way of life—giving to others and practicing the fruits of God’s Spirit. Eating the fruit from this tree would have given Adam and Eve the chance to be a part of God’s Family and live forever!

Satan Deceives Eve

Because he was jealous, Satan did not want Adam and Eve to live forever. He hated God and wanted his own way.

One day, when Eve was walking in the garden, Satan spoke to her,

disguised as a serpent. He told her that she would not die if she ate from the forbidden tree. But this was a lie!

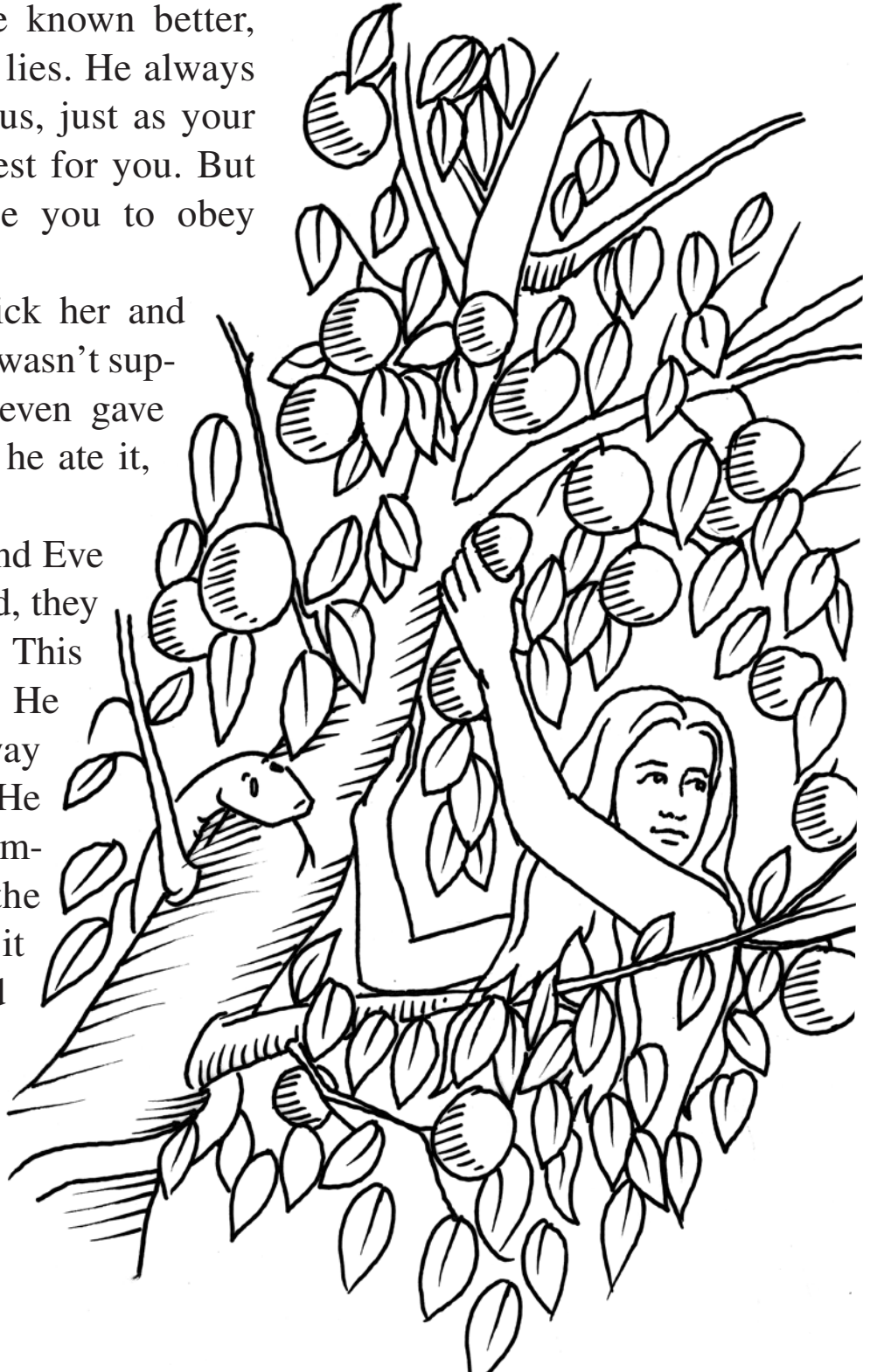
Eve should have known better, because God never lies. He always wants the best for us, just as your parents want the best for you. But God will not force you to obey Him.

Eve let Satan trick her and she ate the fruit she wasn't supposed to eat. She even gave some to Adam and he ate it, too.

Because Adam and Eve did not listen to God, they had to be punished. This made God sad, but He had to send them away from the garden. He put angels and a flaming sword at the entrance to guard it from any who tried to enter.

Adam and Eve chose to listen to Satan instead of obeying God. Because of this, they lost the chance

for future blessings. Try to remember what they lost the next time you do not want to listen to your parents!





Cain and Abel

When Adam and Eve left the garden, they found a new place to live.

Before long, they had two sons, Cain and Abel.

Cain did not like to listen to his parents. He caused trouble and mischief and did not share with his brother.

Abel was different. He obeyed his parents. He also tried to get along with Cain, and he listened to his parents teach about God's way of life.

Sometimes he made mistakes, but he was always sorry and did better the next time.

When the boys grew into men, Cain liked to plant crops, so he became a farmer. Abel liked to take care of

sheep, so he became a shepherd.

God approved both of these jobs, just as He wants each of us to find our own hobbies and interests. You

can be different from your brothers and sisters, but you must still obey God and listen to your parents.

Cain thought that he did not have to listen, because he grew plants on his own. He did not realize that his beautiful crops were a blessing. He quickly gave God an offering of some of his crops without making sure they were the best he had to offer.

Abel, on the other hand, took time to look over his flock for the very best lamb. He understood that all his blessings came from God.

He carefully gave his offering in the way God told him. God was pleased to see that Abel obeyed Him. He also saw that Abel was happy to give his best lamb.

Cain saw God's reaction to Abel and was very jealous. He thought his offering was just as good.

One day, Cain and Abel were in a field and Cain got so angry that he hit Abel and killed him! After realizing what he had done, Cain was scared and tried to hide from God.

But God can see you wherever you go!



Because Cain did such a horrible thing, God put a mark on him so everyone would know. God also told Cain that he could not grow crops anymore and would have to wander the Earth until he died.

Noah's Ark

Years passed until there were many men living on the Earth. Like Cain,

most did not obey God. Evil and violence were everywhere because men followed Satan instead of God.

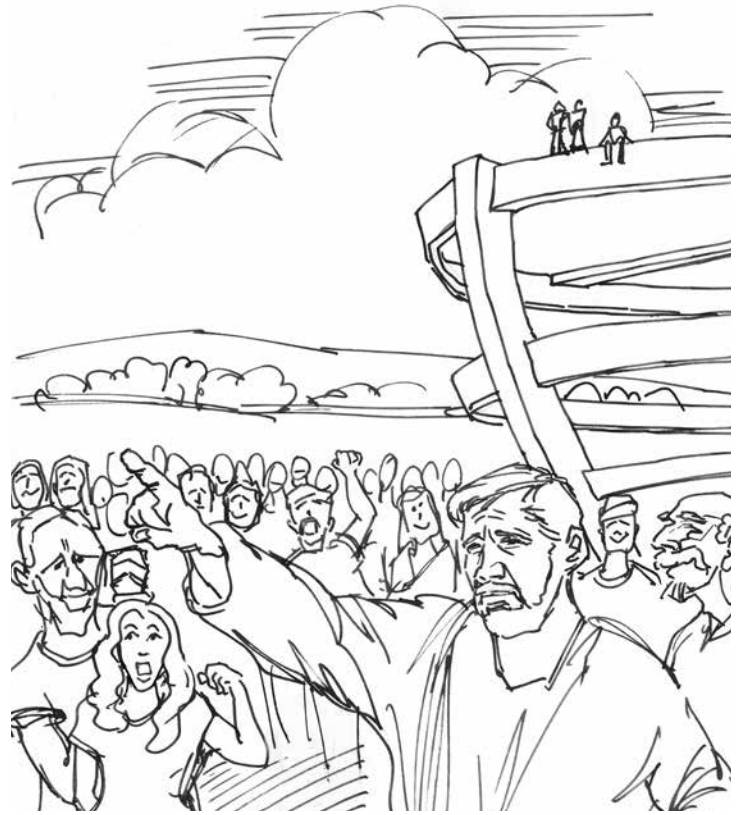
God was sad to see what men had done. Friends did not care for each other. Children misbehaved and disobeyed their parents. God knew He had to do something. He decided to wash away all the evil with a great flood.

But there was one man who did please God. His name was Noah and he had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. Because Noah obeyed God, he and his family would be protected from the Flood.

God told Noah, “Build an ark three stories high with many rooms. Make sure it is waterproof, with a window on top and a door on the side. Also, warn others that a flood is coming!”

Noah followed God’s orders and began to build the ark. Many thought Noah was crazy. He was building a huge boat where there was no water! But Noah knew God’s plan, and he believed God’s promise.

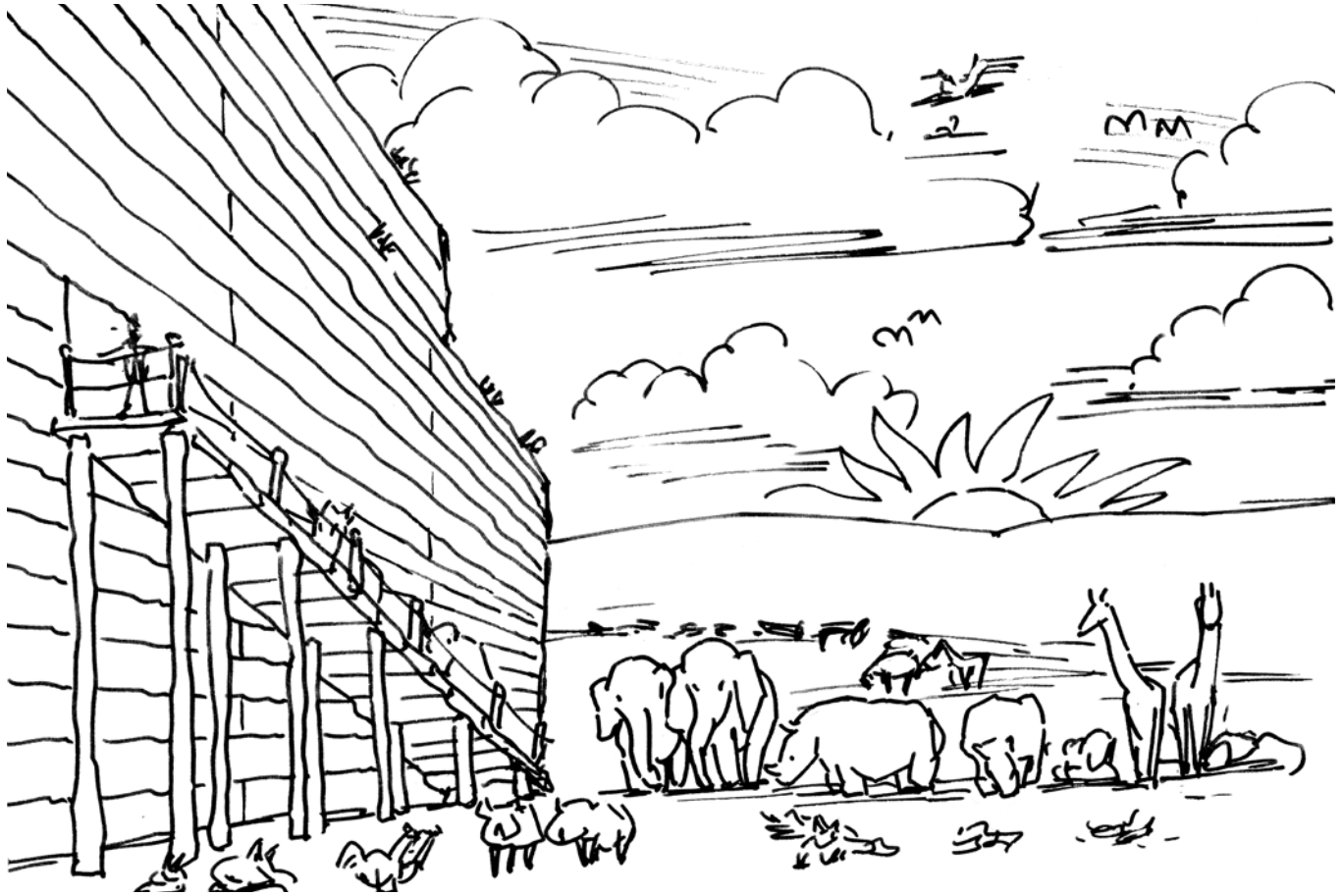
When Noah finished the ark, he filled it with enough food for his family to eat and they went inside. Then, an amazing thing happened!



Every kind of living creature were lined up and entered the ark! One pair of all unclean animals came, and seven pairs of all clean animals came. Then, seven pairs of every bird also came to the ark. By keeping these animals alive on the ark, God made it possible to fill the Earth with animals again after the Flood.

When the last creature had come inside, God told Noah to shut and seal the door. Noah did and then waited. Six days passed while God waited to see if any would be sorry and repent. Instead, all made fun of Noah and his family!

Then, on the seventh day, thunder cracked and lightning streaked across



the sky. The rain had begun! It rained for 40 days and 40 nights, until the trees, hills and mountains were all covered with water. Only Noah, his family, the animals on the ark and the creatures in the seas lived.

When the rain stopped, 150 days passed as the ark floated on the water. Because Noah had followed God's directions, he and his family stayed dry and had plenty to eat.

After 150 days, God caused the water to disappear. The ark settled on the mountains of Ararat. A couple of months passed and Noah sent a dove from the ark. The first time, the dove returned because she could not find a place to land. The second

time, she returned with an olive leaf in her beak. The third time, she did not return!

Noah knew it would soon be time to leave the ark. Shortly after, God spoke to Noah and told him to open the door and let the animals go free.

When Noah finally stepped off the ark, he and his family were very excited to walk on the ground again. They had been on the ark for a whole year!

Noah was so thankful for God's protection that he gave God a large offering. Noah's right attitude pleased God very much. He blessed Noah with many things and promised never to flood the Earth again.

To remind us of this promise, God put a rainbow in the sky over Noah and his family. Now, each time we see a beautiful rainbow, we can remember that God keeps all of His promises!

Nimrod and the Tower of Babel

After the Flood, Noah's sons had many children. Noah tried to teach God's way to his children and grandchildren, but most did not listen.

One great-grandchild, Nimrod, became a mighty hunter and leader. Stories about him spread across the land until he was filled with pride.

Nimrod thought he was greater than God!

To prove this, he convinced the people to build a huge tower in the

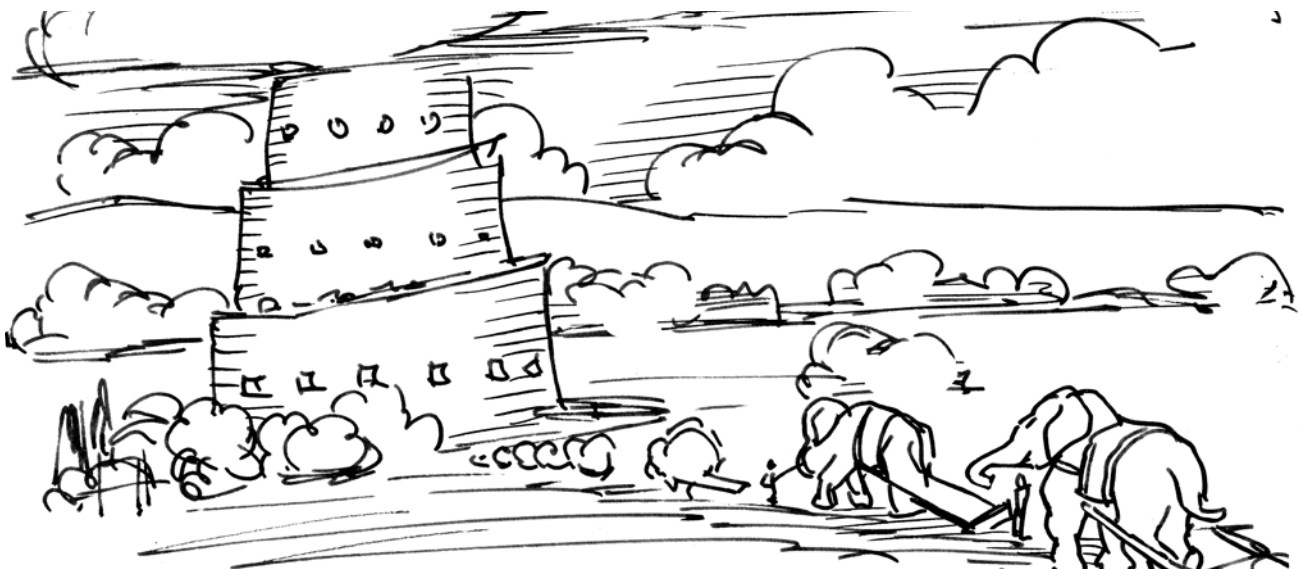
city of Babel. Nimrod used this great building project to get people to worship Satan and the sun.

Since all people back then spoke one language, they were able to begin building at once. But God knew He had to put a stop to this before man was out of control.

To stop the building, God caused the workers to speak in different languages. People could not understand each other anymore, so the Tower of Babel was never completed.

Abram's Travels

Many more generations passed and a man named Abram was born. Abram was a relative to Noah's son Shem, and he served God.



One day, God spoke to Abram and told him to “leave your home and family and go to a place that I will show you.” God also promised that He would make of Abram “a great nation, and bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you: and through you, all families on Earth will be blessed!”

Abram was surprised that God would speak to him. He wasn’t sure what God was going to do, but he obeyed because he had faith. Abram, his wife Sarai, and his nephew Lot all left their home.

After a time, they arrived in the land of Canaan. God promised to give Canaan to Abram and his family. Abram was so thankful to God that he built an altar to Him.

Then Abram, Sarai and Lot set out again. After traveling through many lands and even living through a famine, they settled near a place called Bethel. Because Abram and Lot had many cattle, they could not live on the same land. It was too crowded.

So, Lot and his family journeyed east near Sodom, a very evil city we will learn more about in our next lesson.



After Lot left, God came to Abram again and spoke to him. He told Abram to turn in a circle and look at the land as far as he could see. God promised that all that land would belong to Abram and his family some day. Then God promised that Abram’s descendants would be so many that they would be as the dust on the ground!

Abram was very happy and thankful to God for all these promises. He went to the town of Hebron and built an altar to thank God for all these blessings.

In Lesson 2, we will learn more about these great promises and about what God has in store for Abram.

BIBLE MEMORY: Genesis 12:1-3

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and _____.
3. God created a _____ for man on day six.
5. The three _____ were the leaders of the other angels.
7. Nimrod thought he was _____ than God.
9. Abel gave his very best _____ as an offering to God.
11. God created roses, daisies and tulips on the _____ day of creation.
13. The dove returned to the ark with an _____ leaf.
15. Eating from the Tree of Life would have given man the chance to be part of God's _____.

DOWN

2. God commands us to _____ on the Sabbath.
4. Satan's name was _____ before he became the devil.
6. God's creation took _____ days.
8. God created this large, gray animal with a trunk on the sixth day.
10. The first woman's name was _____.
12. God put a _____ in the sky to remind us of His promise to never flood the Earth again.
14. The Tree of _____ pictured God's way of living.
16. Abram believed God's promises because he had _____.
17. God was pleased that Abel _____ Him.

