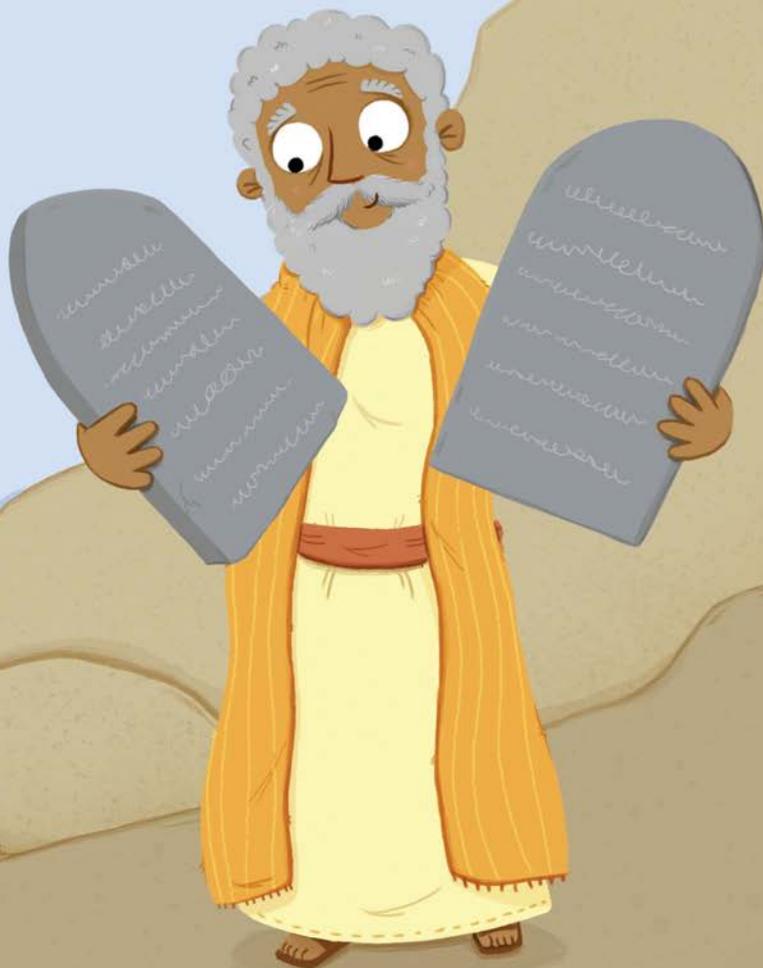




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Preschool Bible



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WELCOME TO THE FROLIC PRESCHOOL BIBLE!

Look inside these pages to find 40 Bible stories written especially for preschoolers. As you enjoy these stories together, try these tips to build your child's reading skills and biblical literacy.

READING LITERACY TIPS

- Help develop a love of reading by planning cozy, unhurried reading time together.
- When you reread stories, ask what your child remembers about the story from the last time.
- Ask your child to point to words they can recognize.
- See if your child can use picture cues to figure out what's happening in each story.

BIBLICAL LITERACY TIPS

- Point out that the charming Frolic animal characters introduce stories in two parts of the Bible—the Old Testament and New Testament.
- Make connections between Bible stories and things in your child's world, like animals, bodies of water, and foods they recognize.
- At the end of each story, read the simple takeaway to help your child make connections between the story and their faith community.

When you read these Bible stories together, you are building a foundation of faith and a love of God's Word that can last a lifetime!



Naomi and Ruth

Naomi and Ruth had hungry stomachs, but no food. There was no grain to make bread.

Naomi frowned. "Go back to your family," Naomi told Ruth. "They'll give you food."

Ruth hugged Naomi. "You're my family now," Ruth said. "Your God is my God. I'll stay with you." Naomi smiled. Ruth smiled too.





Ruth saw a field with plenty of grain. A farmer named Boaz called to Ruth. "You can collect leftover grain from my field," Boaz said. "Take as much as you need."

"Thank you, Boaz," Ruth said. She gathered pieces of grain. Ruth and Naomi used it to make bread. No more hungry stomachs!

God gives us family to care for us.

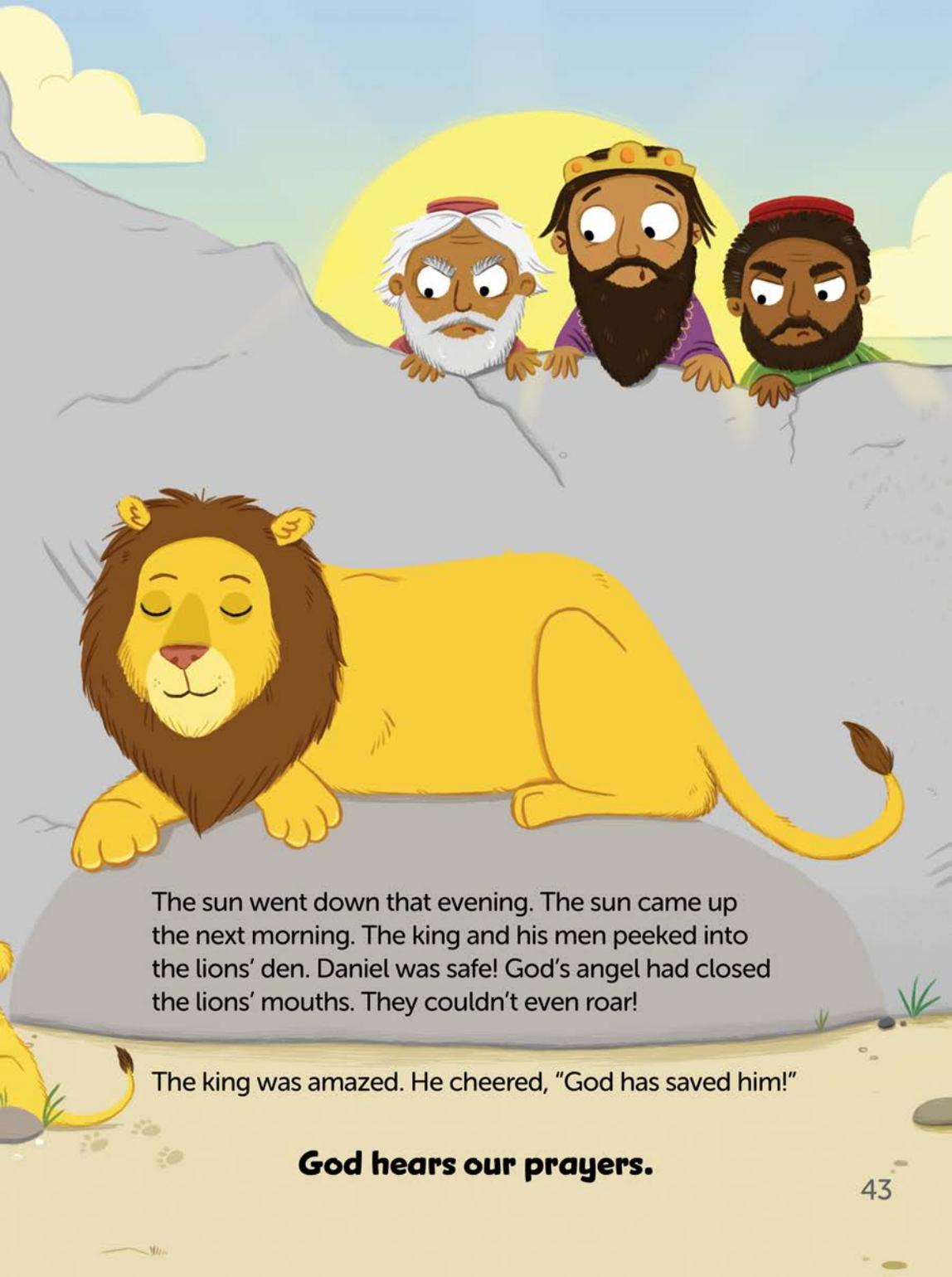
Daniel

"Pray to the king," the king's law said, "or be thrown to the lions!" But Daniel prayed only to God.

The king's men heard Daniel praying. "To the lions!" they shouted. Daniel tumbled down into the lions' den. Lion eyes blinked. Lion tongues slurped. Lion voices rumbled.

"Dear God," Daniel prayed, "have mercy on me."





The sun went down that evening. The sun came up the next morning. The king and his men peeked into the lions' den. Daniel was safe! God's angel had closed the lions' mouths. They couldn't even roar!

The king was amazed. He cheered, "God has saved him!"

God hears our prayers.

Jesus Is Born



"The baby is coming soon!" Mary told Joseph.
Joseph was worried. They were traveling away from home.
The town of Bethlehem was still far away.
Where would Jesus be born? Would anyone have room for them?

Mary and Joseph found a stable where they could stay.
Baby Jesus was born! They laid him in a manger.

In a field nearby, an angel appeared to some
shepherds and said, "A Savior is born!" Then angels
filled the sky and sang, "Glory to God! Peace on earth!"

The shepherds hurried to visit the new baby.



**We celebrate Baby Jesus
at Christmas!**

Mary and Martha

Two sisters heard the news—Jesus was coming to their house!

“We need to get ready for our friend!” Martha told Mary.

Martha wanted the best for Jesus. The cleanest floor.

The most delicious food. Martha hurried to cook and clean.

Jesus arrived at their home with some disciples. Martha called to her sister, “Mary, come help me!”

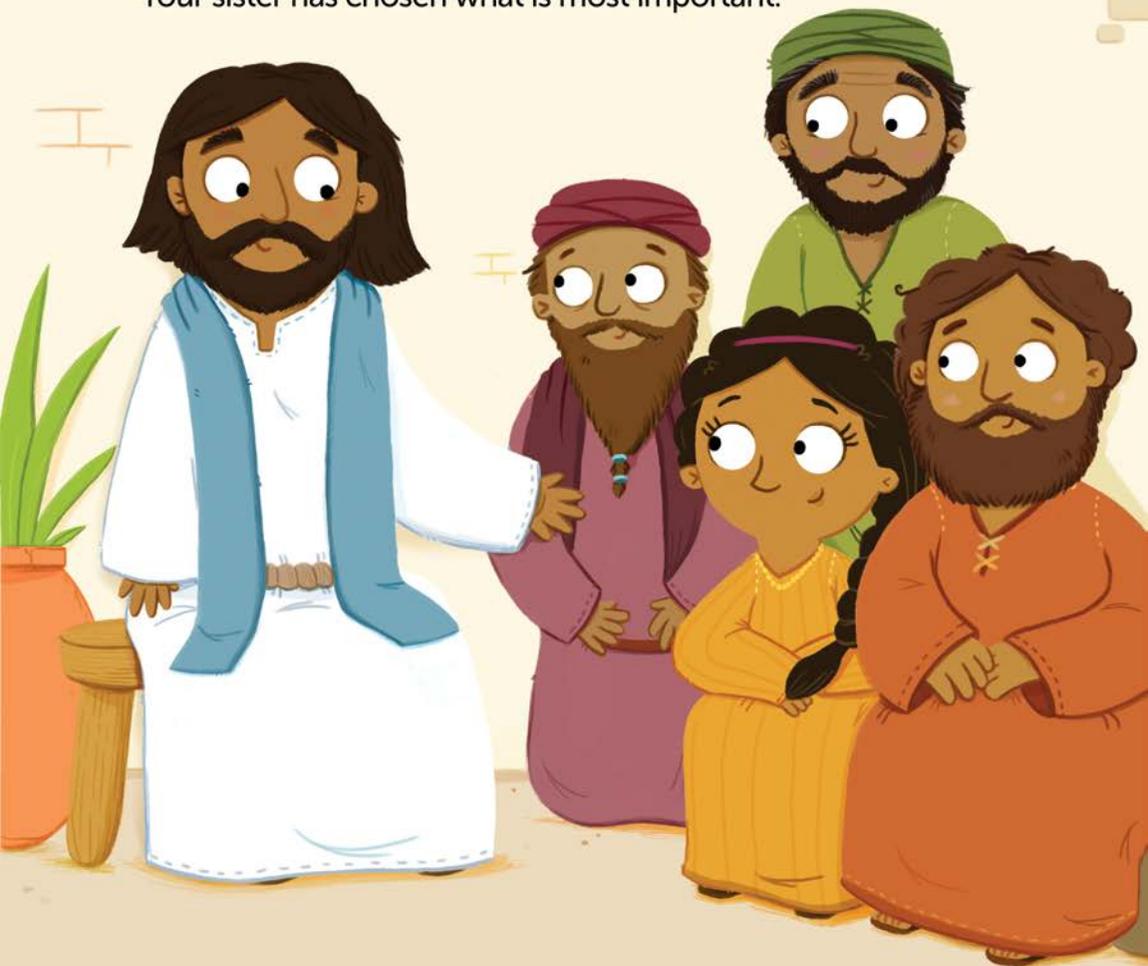


But Mary wasn't hurrying. She was sitting. Sitting with Jesus!
Sitting with the disciples!

"Jesus," Martha said, "tell my sister to help me."

"Martha, don't worry about those things," Jesus told her.

"Your sister has chosen what is most important."



**Paying attention to Jesus is the
most important thing for us.**

Jesus Feeds a Crowd

A big crowd of people gathered to hear Jesus teach.

They were very hungry, but there wasn't any food for them!

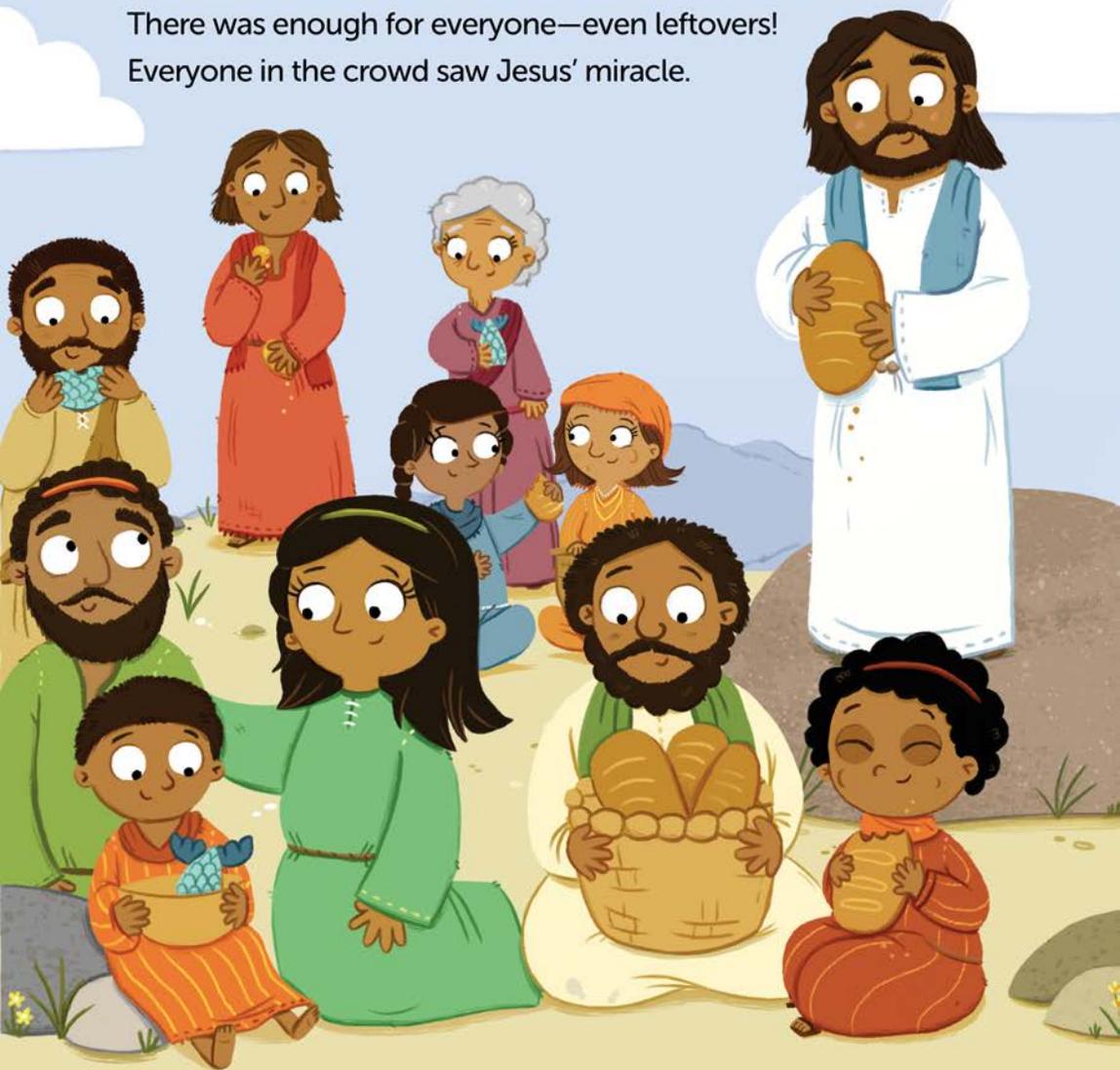


"What will we do?" one disciple asked Jesus.

"I can share my lunch," said a boy. "I have five loaves of bread and two fish!"

"That's not enough for all these people!" another disciple said.

Jesus smiled at the boy and held the food.
He blessed the five loaves of bread and two fish.
Then the disciples began to pass out the boy's lunch.
There was enough for everyone—even leftovers!
Everyone in the crowd saw Jesus' miracle.



Jesus' miracles teach us about sharing.