

The Big story of the Bible



The Bible is all about God's friendship with people.

It tells the story of God's plan to fix the world.

We can be part of this story too!

1 God makes the world



God made the world and everything in it.

Everything God made was good.

God made people too. He loves us very much.

2 People turn away from God



God told people the best way to live.

But people turned away from God. They did what God said not to do. This is called sin.

The world is broken because of sin.

3 God chooses a family



God chose a special family to help him fix the world.

The family began with Abraham and Sarah.

They were called the Israelites.

4 God saves his people



The Israelites were slaves in Egypt.

God saved them. He chose Moses to lead them.

The Israelites lived in the desert. They learned how to live God's way.

5 A land for God's people



God gave the Israelites a new land.

But they forgot about God. They stopped living his way.

When things went wrong, they asked God for help. God sent judges to save them.

6 The first kings of Israel



The Israelites wanted a strong king.

The first king was Saul. He turned away from God. So God chose David to be the next king.

David was a good king. But his son Solomon turned away from God too.

7 Wisdom from God's people



Wisdom is being able to make good choices.

God's people wrote wisdom books. They help us stay close to God and live his way.

The wisdom books are like tools for different jobs. They help us at different times.

8 God's people split apart



The Israelites split into 2 kingdoms.

Israel in the north had bad kings. They turned away from God.



Judah in the south had good kings and bad kings. But in the end they turned away from God too.

9 Messengers from God



God sent prophets to tell Israel and Judah to turn back to him. The people did not listen.

So God let enemies attack his people. They lost their land.

The prophets had some good news too. One day God would send a saviour king to help his people.

10 God punishes his people



Some of the people of Judah (the Jews) were taken to live in Babylon.

They had lost everything. But God was still with them.

They were sorry for the bad things they had done.

11 God's people come home



After 70 years, the Jews were allowed to go home.

Nehemiah went home. He started to build God's special city again.

The Jews promised to live God's way.

12 God becomes a man



God came into the world as a baby called Jesus.

Jesus was the saviour king! He was going to fix the world.

When Jesus grew up he chose 12 men to be his disciples. They learned from him.

13 Jesus teaches God' people

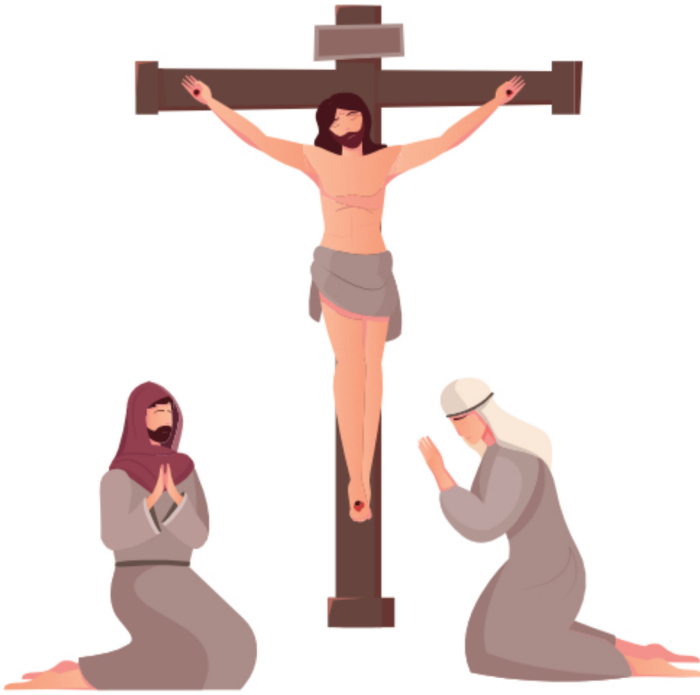


Jesus told the people all about God.

He did amazing things too. He made sick people better.

But the leaders of the Jews did not like Jesus.

14 Jesus dies for everyone



Jesus had a special meal with his disciples. He knew he was going to die.

The leaders of the Jews arrested Jesus.

They nailed him to a wooden cross. Jesus died on Good Friday.

15 Jesus comes back to life



On Easter Sunday some women went to look after Jesus's body. But it was gone!

2 angels told the women that Jesus was alive!

Then Jesus appeared to his disciples! He helped them understand why this had happened.

16 The Holy Spirit comes



Jesus went back to heaven.

The Holy Spirit came to live inside Jesus's disciples. He helped them tell everyone about Jesus.

Lots of people started following Jesus. Saul wanted to arrest them. But then he started following Jesus too!

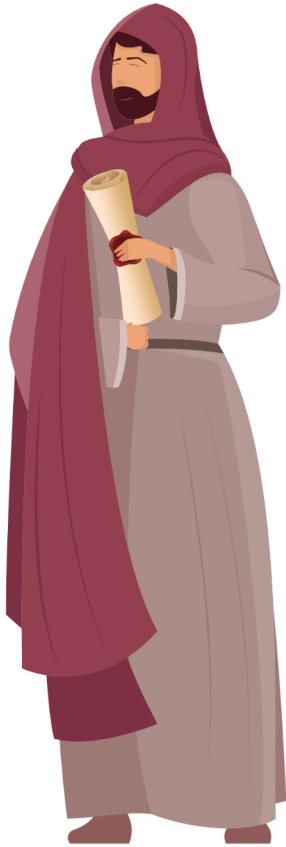
17 Good news for the world



Saul changed his name to Paul. He went to lots of places. He told everyone about Jesus and started lots of churches.

Paul was put in prison. But he kept following Jesus.

18 Letters to God's people



Paul and other Christians wrote letters. The letters teach us more about Jesus.

We live God's way by trusting Jesus and following him.

The Holy Spirit helps us love each other and work together. He makes us more like Jesus.

19 God's promise for the future



God gave a vision to John. John saw that Jesus will come back one day.

Then God will make everything good. We will live with him forever.

We are still waiting for this day.

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God's special book

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