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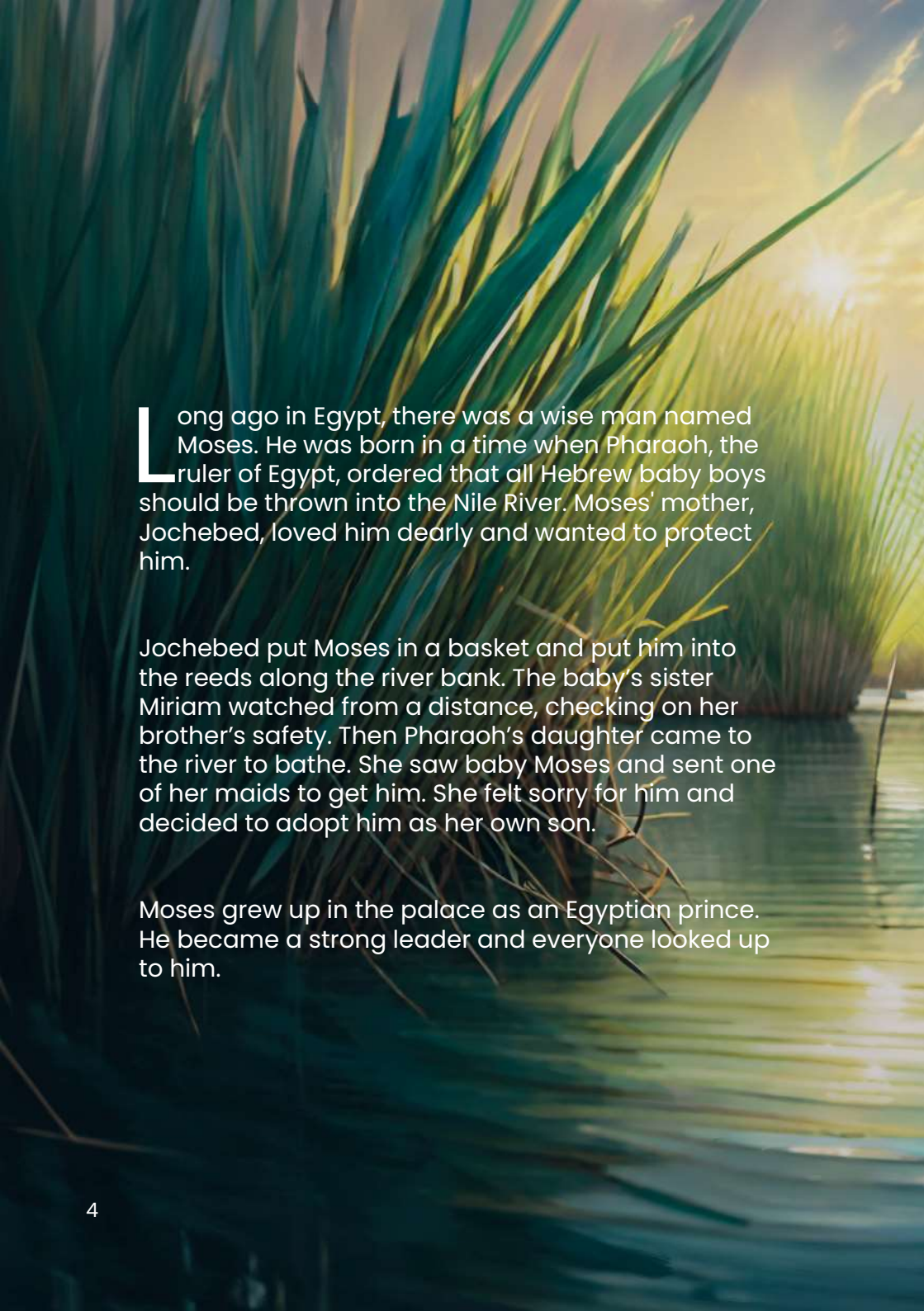
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Long ago in Egypt, there was a wise man named Moses. He was born in a time when Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, ordered that all Hebrew baby boys should be thrown into the Nile River. Moses' mother, Jochebed, loved him dearly and wanted to protect him.

Jochebed put Moses in a basket and put him into the reeds along the river bank. The baby's sister Miriam watched from a distance, checking on her brother's safety. Then Pharaoh's daughter came to the river to bathe. She saw baby Moses and sent one of her maids to get him. She felt sorry for him and decided to adopt him as her own son.

Moses grew up in the palace as an Egyptian prince. He became a strong leader and everyone looked up to him.



One day, Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave and he couldn't watch any longer. He stepped in to defend the Hebrew and accidentally killed the Egyptian.

Fearing for his life, Moses fled into the desert. He went to the land of Midian. He saw some Midianite shepherds mistreating some young women. Moses helped the women. Their father, a priest named Jethro, was very grateful. He offered Moses a home and gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as a wife.

While looking after Jethro's flock, Moses saw a burning bush that was not destroyed by the flames. The bush spoke to him and said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Then, God told Moses to bring His people out of Egypt.



Moses was worried at first, but with God's help, he returned to Egypt to face Pharaoh. God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go. Each time, Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he refused to release the slaves.

During the tenth plague, the firstborn sons of Egypt were struck down, including Pharaoh's firstborn son, so Pharaoh gave up and told the Hebrew people to leave Egypt.



They had to hurry, packing their things for the journey. They were worried that Pharaoh might change his mind.

When the Hebrews left Egypt, they were led by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night, guiding them through the desert.



Pharaoh did change his mind, and he went with chariots to bring the Hebrews back. When the Hebrews saw the Egyptians and their chariots, they were afraid.

They were in front of the Red Sea and God told Moses to lift his staff. Then God parted the sea so the Hebrews could escape to dry land. God swept the Egyptian army into the sea.

When the Hebrews saw the mighty hand of the Lord against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in Him and in Moses, his servant.





Prayer

We praise you Lord for fighting for us and for saving us from our enemies. There is no one as powerful as you.

Questions

1. How did Jochebed protect baby Moses?
2. Why did Moses flee to Midian?
3. Why did Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?
4. How did God lead the Hebrews on their journey day and night?
5. What did God do to the Egyptians when they chased the Hebrews?
6. What would you do if you could not cross the Red Sea?

Chief Letšatši the Giver

Chief Letšatši ruled the village of Mphe batho where there were two large shopping centers. They were called the Maboneng center and the Gafane center. The people from Mphe batho shopped at Gafane because it was nearby, while Maboneng's was further away, across the river.

At Gafane the electricity was always out, and they did not have backup power. When the electricity came back on, the staff were forced to do more work, in less time. They were not happy about this, so many of them left.

When the staff left Gafane, there was no one to keep the center clean. Dust was everywhere and mice came into the shops. Even so, the managers at the Gafane center decided to raise their prices.

The chief was informed of the matter. The teachers told him that when they sent the children to buy books and pens, the children refused, because the prices were too high, and it was not a nice place to shop anymore.



The teachers went to the royal kraal and they said, "You are Chief Letšatši. Give us light, as your name Letšatši means light."

Chief Letšatši knelt down and prayed, "God the Father, give me wisdom to help the people. People cannot walk in the dark. They will fall behind. How then shall I lead this nation with these problems?"

A few days later, Chief Letšatši came up with a plan. With royal funds, he made an agreement with Polokwane Tours to take people to Maboneng shopping center, where things were less expensive, the lights were always on, food did not rot, the center was clean and the staff were happy.

To thank him, the people of Mphebotho brought grain to Chief Letšatši during the summer harvest. One even managed to buy a tractor for him to farm with!



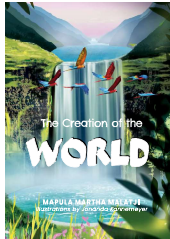
Prayer

Father God, we ask you to give us leaders who love to worship you with all their heart. Thank you that wisdom and everything else comes from you.

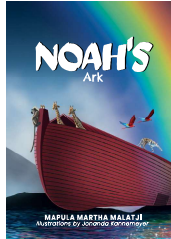
Questions

1. Where did Chief Letšatši rule?
2. What was wrong with the Gafane center?
3. How did Chief Letšatši solve the problem?
4. Can you say the prayer of Chief Letšatši?
5. Would you continue to shop at Maboneng?

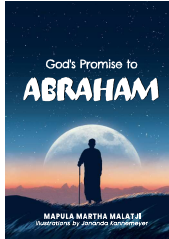
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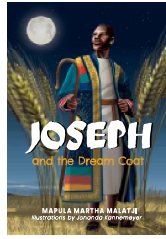
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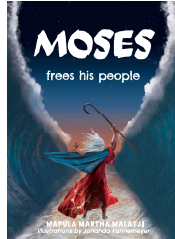
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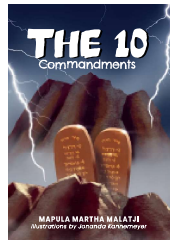
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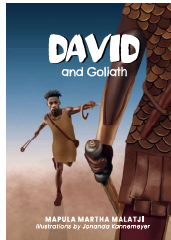
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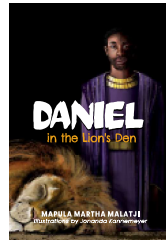
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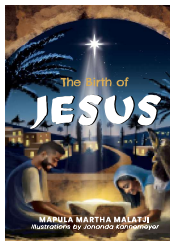
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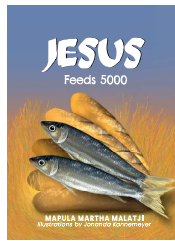
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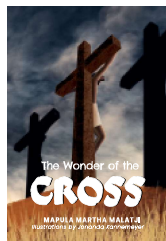
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In this story, we will learn about a great man named Moses, and how God protected him from birth, so Moses could lead his people out of slavery. We will also learn how God can save us from our enemies.

Chief Letšatši the Giver

This story teaches us that God chooses leaders. He chose Chief Letšatši to take his tribe out of darkness and into the light.



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