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LOST SHEEP



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LOST SHEEP

Jesus was a very good storyteller and told many stories to His disciples and to others. One day He told a story about a shepherd who had a flock of 100 sheep.

The shepherd loved all of his sheep, and the sheep followed the shepherd wherever he went. One day, as the shepherd was counting his sheep, he noticed that one little sheep was missing. He had 100 sheep, but now there were only 99. He knew he had to find the lost sheep and bring it back to the flock.




The shepherd left the 99 sheep in a safe place on the mountain and started to search for the lost one. He walked through fields, climbed hills, and called out for the missing sheep.



Finally, after a long search, the shepherd spotted the lost sheep. It was stuck in a thorny bush, scared and lonely. The shepherd gently picked up the sheep and carefully removed the thorns from its wool. The sheep was so relieved and happy to see the shepherd!





The shepherd held the little sheep close to his heart and said, "I found you! You were lost, but now you are safe." He put the sheep on his shoulders, carried it back to the flock and all the other sheep were overjoyed to see their shepherd again.

Then the shepherd called his friends and neighbours together and said, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'



Jesus said, "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, he will leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went missing.

And if he finds it, he will truly rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went away."





Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You that even if we wander away from You, You will always come and find us. Help us to stay close to You, our Shepherd.

Questions

1. How many sheep did the shepherd have?
2. What did the shepherd do when he found one missing?
3. Where did the shepherd leave the other sheep when he went looking for the lost one?
4. What did the shepherd do when he found the lost sheep?
5. What did the shepherd say to his friends when he found his lost sheep?

Motlanalo and Sebothoma

The mountain of Modimolle is near Kranskop. No one thinks about climbing this mountain because they are afraid they will never come back.

Motlanalo and Sebothoma live in a nearby town called Mookgopong. Motlanalo had sores on her face, and children bullied and made fun of her.

One day, Sebothoma said to Motlanalo, "Come, let's walk along the road. There is a river you can wash your face in, and maybe it will heal." Motlanalo agreed. Then, Sebothoma pushed his sister into the river, and did not tell anyone what he did. Everyone thought she disappeared.

A crocodile saw that Motlanalo was in trouble, and hurried to carry her on its back. When they were in the middle of the river the crocodile asked Motlanalo, "Why do you have sores like our crocodile skin?" Motlanalo responded that she did not know why. The crocodile said, "Don't worry. When I take you to shore, take a reed and climb that mountain in front of you.



When Motlanalo was on the mountain, she fell into a deep sleep. An angel of the Lord appeared to her. In a dream, the angel was washing her with a white cloth. The next day, when she touched her face, it was as clean as a baby's.

The mayor of Mookgopong knew all the girls in the township. He was trying to understand how Motlanalo went missing. The community was also searching for her.

Sebothoma, went back to the river to try to find his sister. When he looked up to the mountain, he saw Motlanalo. He ran to call the mayor who came to the mountain with the community. They found Motlanalo and brought her home.

Motlanalo told them all what happened. When the people wanted to discipline Sebothoma, Motlanalo stopped them. She told them that it was Sebothoma who had helped her because if she hadn't gone to the mountain she would not have been healed. She said to them, "You all know how my skin looked and now you can see that I am well, and I am back home."

Sebothoma arranged with the mayor for a day of celebration.



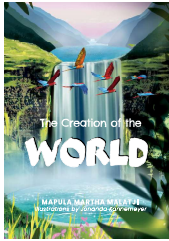
Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to be kind to our brothers and sisters and not to want to do them any harm.

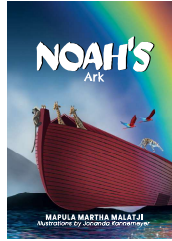
Questions

1. What was the problem with Motlanalo's skin?
2. Why do you think Sebothoma pushed Motlanalo into the river?
3. What happened to Motlanalo in the river?
4. What happened to Motlanalo on the mountain?
5. Did the mayor and community know what happened to Motlanalo?
6. What happened after Motlanalo returned home?

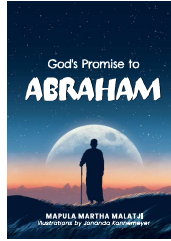
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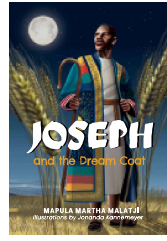
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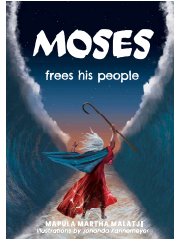
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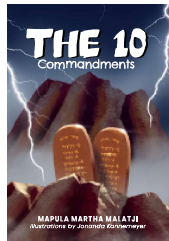
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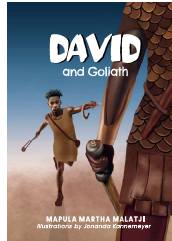
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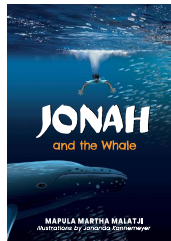
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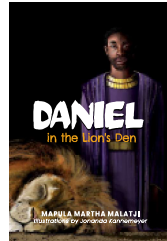
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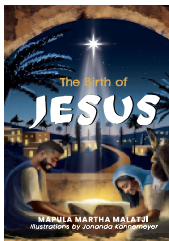
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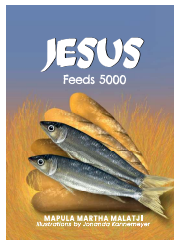
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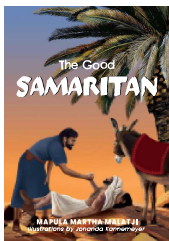
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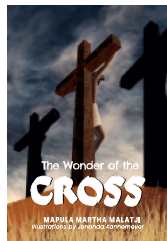
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The Lost Sheep

In this story we will learn about a shepherd who had a big flock of sheep. When one of the sheep went missing, the shepherd left the others to go and search for the missing sheep. When he found the little lost one, he brought it back to the flock and celebrated with his friends.

Motlanalo and Sebothoma

In this story we will learn about a brother and sister named Motlanalo and Sebothoma. Motlanalo suffered from a skin problem and went missing after her brother pushed her into a river. But an angel of the Lord visited her and she ended up returning home safely.



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