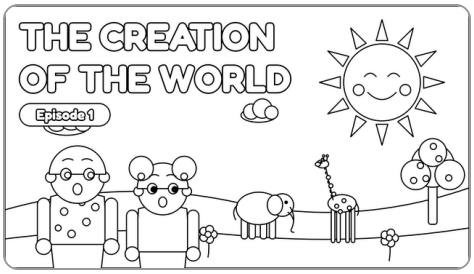
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The Creation of the World

Genesis 1 and 2 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 11 min 08



The story in brief

In the Beginning. Before the mountains, before the light, there was God. In six days he made the light, the sky, the land, the sun and the stars, the fish, the birds, the animals, and last of all Adam and Eve. On the seventh day, he rested. Grandma Adjoua tells Kofi and Nia how it all began.

Let's talk about it

1. What does God make on the first day?
2. What does God do on the seventh day?
3. Of all the things God made, which is your favorite? Why?
4. How can we take care of what God made?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Light. He rests.

To remember

God made everything, and he saw that it was good.

The song: Thank you for the world

Day one, the light.
Day two, the sky so blue.
Day three, the land and flowers too.
Day four, the sun and stars at night.
Day five, the fish, the birds up high.
Day six, the animals, and you and I.
Day seven, we rest, and all is good!

To do

Draw your favorite animal, then thank God for it.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-creation-of-the-world/
From the book of Genesis, chapters 1 and 2. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 2

Adam and Eve and the Serpent

Genesis 2 and 3 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 53



The story in brief

The Garden and the Serpent. God plants a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve, with hundreds of yes and just one no. Then the serpent comes along. Grandma Adjoua tells Kofi and Nia why it is better to listen, and how God goes looking for those who hide.

Let's talk about it

1. What is the one rule God gives Adam and Eve in the garden?
2. What do Adam and Eve do when they hear God, after eating the fruit?
3. Have you ever hidden after doing something wrong? What helped you come back?
4. God calls, "Where are you?" Why do you think he goes looking for Adam and Eve?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Not to eat the fruit of one tree in the garden. They hide among the trees.

To remember

Even when I hide, God comes looking for me.

The song: Listen to the voice of God

Listen, listen, hear God's voice.
It wants your good, it makes your heart rejoice.
When I hide, when I do wrong, God keeps calling all along.
Where are you?
Here I am!

To do

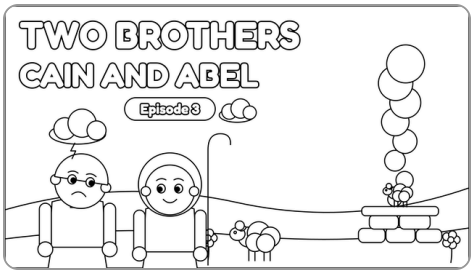
Play hide-and-seek. The seeker calls "Where are you?" and whoever is found answers "Here I am!"

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/adam-and-eve-and-the-serpent/
From the book of Genesis, chapters 2 and 3. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 3

Cain and Abel: Two Brothers

Genesis 4 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 53



The story in brief

Two Brothers. Cain works the fields, Abel keeps the sheep. When jealousy knocks at Cain's door, God warns him: you can rule over it. Grandma Adjoua tells Kofi and Nia a serious story about anger, and about watching over each other.

Let's talk about it

1. What work does Cain do? And Abel?
2. What does God tell Cain when he sees him angry?
3. What makes you angry? What can you do when anger comes?
4. What does it mean to be "your brother's keeper"?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Cain works the soil, Abel keeps the sheep. God tells him that sin is crouching at his door, and that he can rule over it.

To remember

Anger knocks at my door, but I do not have to let it in.

The song: I am my brother's keeper

When anger comes knocking at my door, I won't let it come in.
My brother, my sister, I watch over you.
I am my brother's keeper!

To do

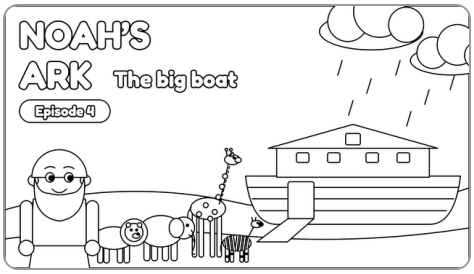
Write or draw one kind thing you will do this week for your brother, your sister or a friend.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/cain-and-abel/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 4. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 4

Noah's Ark

Genesis 6 to 8 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 9 min 46



The story in brief

The Big Boat. God asks Noah to build an ark, far from the sea, under a bright blue sky. The animals come two by two, the rain falls for forty days, and God does not forget Noah. Grandma Adjoua tells Kofi and Nia what it means to trust.

Let's talk about it

1. What does God ask Noah to build?
2. Which bird comes back with an olive leaf? What does that mean?
3. Noah builds a boat far from the sea. Is it easy to trust when you do not understand everything?
4. When did you have to wait a long time for something? What helped you?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** An ark, which is a very big boat. The dove: the water has gone down and dry land is back.

To remember

Even when the rain goes on and on, God does not forget us.

The song: God does not forget us

Tap, tap, tap, Noah is building his big boat.
Rain, rain, falling down, God does not forget us!

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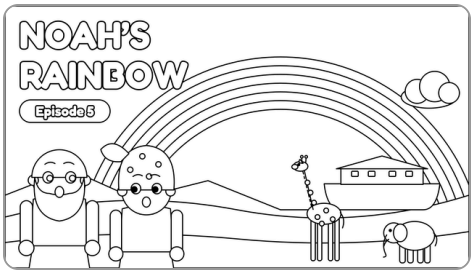
Act out an animal going into the ark. The others guess which one.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/noahs-ark/
From the book of Genesis, chapters 6 to 8. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

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Noah's Rainbow

Genesis 9 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 04



The story in brief

The Bow in the Sky. After the flood, Noah and his family step out into a brand new world. God blesses them, makes a covenant with them and with every living creature, and sets a sign of his promise in the clouds: the rainbow. Grandma Adjoua tells Kofi and Nia why it comes back after the rain.

Let's talk about it

1. What promise does God make to Noah and to every living creature?
2. What sign does God set in the clouds as a reminder of his promise?
3. Have you ever made a promise? Is it easy to keep?
4. What will you think about the next time you see a rainbow?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Never again will a flood destroy the earth. The rainbow.

To remember

God always keeps his promise.

The song: God always keeps his promise

Red, orange, yellow, green, a bow shines in the sky.
Blue, indigo, violet, God always keeps his promise!

To do

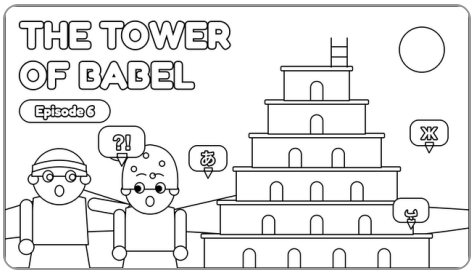
Draw a rainbow with its seven colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/noahs-rainbow/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 9. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 6

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 19



The story in brief

The Tower That Was Too Tall. On the plain of Shinar, everyone speaks the same language. The people bake bricks and decide to build a tower that reaches the sky, to make a name for themselves. God comes down, mixes up their language, and they are scattered over the whole earth. Grandma Adjoua tells Kofi and Nia why there are so many languages, and why God understands them all.

Let's talk about it

1. What do the people use to build the tower?
2. Why do they want a tower that reaches the sky?
3. Do you know any words in another language? Which ones?
4. What can we do to understand someone who does not speak our language?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Bricks and tar. To make a name for themselves and not be scattered over the earth.

To remember

In every language on the earth, God understands us.

The song: God understands every language

One brick, two bricks, the tower climbs to the sky.
In every language on the earth, God understands us!

To do

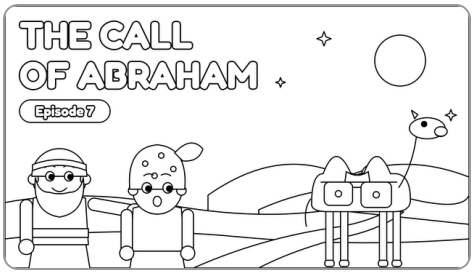
Learn to say "hello" in three languages, and say it to someone today.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-tower-of-babel/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 11. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 7

The Call of Abraham

Genesis 12 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 29



The story in brief

Go to the Land. In Haran, Abram lives quietly with Sarai, his tents and his flocks. One night, God speaks to him: “Go to the land that I will show you.” Abram folds the tents, loads the camels and sets out without knowing the way. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi, who leaves for the city tomorrow and feels a little scared.

Let’s talk about it

1. What does God ask Abram to do?
2. Does Abram know the way when he sets out?
3. Have you ever had to go somewhere new? How did you feel?
4. What helps you when you are a little afraid?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** To leave his country and go to the land God will show him. No, he sets out without knowing the way.

To remember

God walks ahead of me.

The song: God walks ahead of you

Go, go, don’t be afraid, God walks ahead of you.
One step after another, he shows us the way!

To do

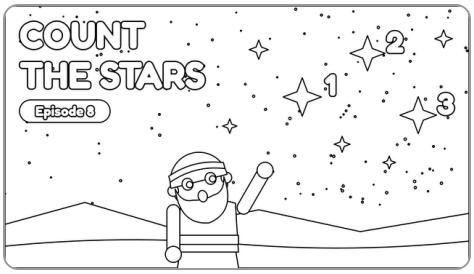
Draw what you would pack in your bag for a long journey.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-call-of-abraham/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 12. Later in the Bible, Abram receives the name Abraham. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 8

Abraham Counts the Stars

Genesis 15 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 57



The story in brief

Count the Stars. Abram lives under the oaks of Mamre with Sarai. The years go by and they still have no child. One night, God tells him: “Do not be afraid, Abram.” Then he leads him out of his tent: “Count the stars, if you can. That is how many children you will have.” Abram trusts God, and a flame crosses the night as the sign of a covenant. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi, just back from the city, and to Nia, who wants to count every star.

Let’s talk about it

1. What makes Abram sad?
2. What does God tell him to count? What does it mean?
3. Abram trusts God before he sees the promise come true. Is it hard to wait?
4. Whom do you trust? Why?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** He has no child. The stars: his descendants will be as many as the stars.

To remember

God keeps what he promises.

The song: Count the stars

Count, count the stars, God keeps what he promises.
One, two, three, a thousand stars, his word is true!

To do

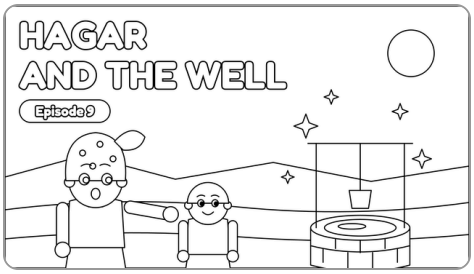
On a clear night, look at the sky and try to count the stars.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/abraham-counts-the-stars/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 15. Later in the Bible, Abram receives the name Abraham. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 9

Hagar and Ishmael in the Desert

Genesis 16 and 21 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 44



The story in brief

Hagar and the Well. Hagar is Sarai's servant, and nobody pays attention to her. One day, she runs away into the desert. By a spring, the angel of the Lord calls her by name, and she discovers "the God who sees me". Years later, lost with her son Ishmael and without a drop of water, she cries. God hears the boy and shows her a well, very close by. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Nia, who felt that nobody ever saw her.

Let's talk about it

1. Who is Hagar?
2. What name does Hagar give to God?
3. What does God show Hagar when the water is gone?
4. Who around you needs someone to notice them? What can you do?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Sarai's servant. "The God who sees me." A well.

To remember

God sees me, God hears me, he knows my name.

The song: God sees me, God hears me

God sees me, God hears me, even deep in the desert.
Never alone, never alone, he knows my name!

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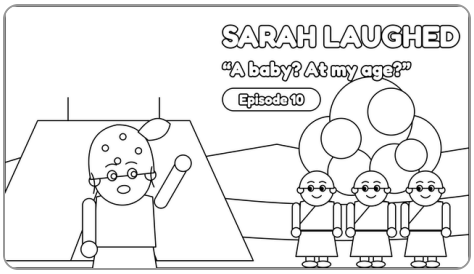
This week, greet by name someone people do not often talk to.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/hagar-and-ishmael-in-the-desert/
From the book of Genesis, chapters 16 and 21. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 10

Sarah Laughed

Genesis 18 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 8 min 43



The story in brief

Sarah Laughed. Abraham is ninety-nine years old. At the hottest hour of the day, three visitors stand in front of his tent, under the oaks of Mamre. Abraham runs, bows down, and has flatbreads and a meal prepared. Then one of the visitors says: “Next year, Sarah will have a son.” Behind the entrance of the tent, Sarah laughs quietly. “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi, who made fun of the mango seed Nia planted.

Let’s talk about it

1. How many visitors come to Abraham’s tent? What does he do for them?
2. Why does Sarah laugh?
3. Is there something that seems impossible to you?
4. Have you ever waited a long time for something you hoped for?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Three. He runs to meet them, bows down and has a meal prepared. Sarah thinks she is too old to have a child.

To remember

Nothing is too hard for God.

The song: Nothing is too great for God

Nothing is too great for God, nothing is too late for him.
Sarah laughed so quietly, soon she will laugh with joy!

To do

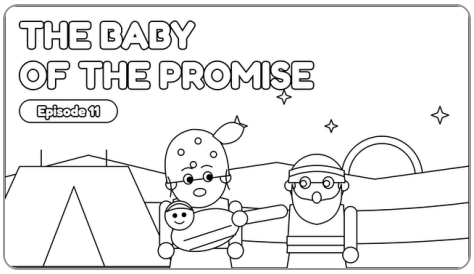
Plant a seed in a pot, water it, and wait.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/sarah-laughed/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 18, verses 1 to 15. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 11

The Baby of the Promise

Genesis 21 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 9 min 08



The story in brief

The Baby of the Promise. Under the oaks of Mamre, the seasons go by, and God does for Sarah what he had said. At ninety years old, she gives birth to a son. Abraham, who is a hundred, gives him the name God has chosen: Isaac, “he laughs.” Sarah laughs again, but with joy this time: “God has brought me laughter!” And on the day the child is big enough to eat like everyone else, Abraham holds a great feast. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Nia, whose mango seed has just sprouted.

Let’s talk about it

1. What name does Abraham give his son? What does the name mean?
2. Why does Sarah laugh this time?
3. What makes you laugh with joy?
4. Have you ever received something you had been waiting for a long time?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Isaac, which means “he laughs.” Sarah laughs with joy, because God has done what he promised.

To remember

God said it, and God did it.

The song: God has said it, God has done it

God has said it, God has done it, he never forgets.
Laugh, Sarah, laugh with joy, the baby is here!

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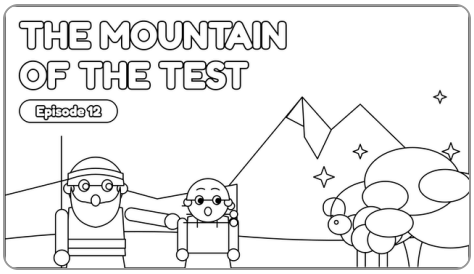
Draw a star and write inside it the name of someone you love.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-baby-of-the-promise/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 21, verses 1 to 8. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 12

Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 22 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 7 min 49



The story in brief

The Mountain of the Test. God tests Abraham: he asks him to offer his son Isaac on a mountain in the land of Moriah. Abraham does not understand, but he trusts. For three days, father and son walk together. “Where is the lamb for the offering?” asks Isaac. “God will provide, my son.” At the top, the angel of the Lord stops Abraham: “Do not harm the boy!” A ram is there, caught in a bush. Abraham names that place “The Lord Will Provide.” Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi and to Nia, who keeps her hand in Grandma’s.

> **Note for parents.** This story is told gently. No rope and no knife are shown, and Grandma says from the start that it ends well.

Let’s talk about it

1. What does Abraham answer when Isaac asks where the lamb is?
2. What does Abraham find in the bush?
3. Have you ever trusted someone without understanding everything?
4. What do you need today? Who can you ask?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Abraham answers: “God will provide, my son.” In the bush he finds a ram, and he offers it to God in place of Isaac.

To remember

The Lord will provide.

The song: On the mountain, God provides

On the mountain, God provides, God will provide.
Trust in him, give him your hand, he is there!

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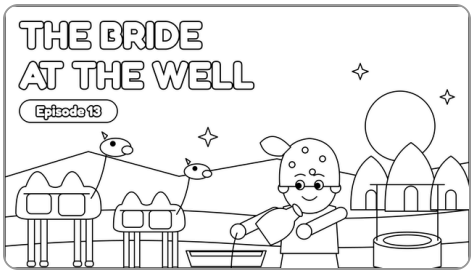
Draw a mountain. At the very top, write: The Lord will provide.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/abraham-and-isaac/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 22, verses 1 to 19. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.

The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 13

Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 24 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 7 min 45



The story in brief

The Bride at the Well. Abraham is very old. He sends his oldest servant to his own country, to find a wife for his son Isaac. The servant sets out with ten camels. When he reaches a well, he prays: may the young woman who gives him a drink, and waters his camels too, be the one God has chosen. Rebekah comes, with her jar on her shoulder. “Drink, my lord. I will draw water for your camels too.” She belongs to Abraham’s family. “Will you go with this man?” “I will go.” Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi, who thought his calabash of water was very heavy.

Let’s talk about it

1. What does the servant ask in his prayer, by the well?
2. What does Rebekah do for the servant and for his camels?
3. Have you ever helped someone without being asked?
4. What could you do this week to give more than you are asked for?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** He asks that the young woman who gives him a drink, and waters his camels too, be the one God has chosen for Isaac. Rebekah gives him a drink, then draws water for all the camels.

To remember

A heart that gives without counting,
God sees it from afar.

The song: A heart that gives without counting

Drink, and your camels too, said Rebekah.
A heart that gives without counting, God sees it from afar!

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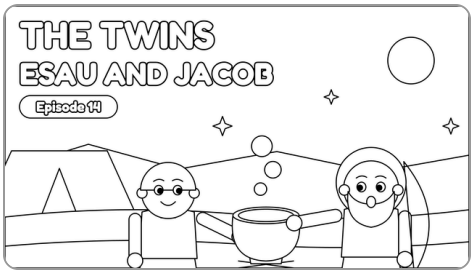
This week, do something kind for someone before they ask.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/isaac-and-rebekah/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 24. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.

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Esau and Jacob

Genesis 25 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 6 min 59



The story in brief

The Twins. Isaac and Rebekah have been waiting for a child for twenty years. Isaac prays, and Rebekah gives birth to twins: Esau, all red, and Jacob, who is holding his brother's heel. Esau becomes a hunter, Jacob stays near the tents. One day, Esau comes back from the fields, worn out and starving. Jacob is cooking lentil soup. "First, sell me your birthright." For a bowl of soup, Esau gives up his treasure as the firstborn son. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Nia, who is ready to trade her mango tree for a flatbread.

Let's talk about it

1. How are Esau and Jacob different?
2. What does Esau trade for a bowl of soup?
3. Have you ever been sorry about a trade or a choice you made too fast?
4. What matters a lot to you, that you would never want to trade?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Esau is red-haired, a hunter, always outdoors. Jacob is quiet and stays near the tents. Esau trades his birthright: his place as the oldest son and a special blessing from his father.

To remember

Do not sell your treasure for a bowl of soup.

The song: Do not sell your treasure

Do not sell your treasure for a bowl of soup.
What matters forever, keep it in your heart!

To do

Draw your treasure: what matters most to you and what you want to keep.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/esau-and-jacob/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 25, verses 19 to 34. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.