

There is only One God.

God was always alive before anything else.

Before there was the earth or any people, there was God.

Everything else started when God made it. God is the only One who never started because He has always been alive.

No one made God.

God never started.

God never had a birthday.

God was never born.

God has always been God.

God is holy.

Holy means God is the only God, and He is perfect.

Perfect means everything is right, and nothing is wrong.

We do things wrong a lot, but God never does anything wrong.

God is always right.

God is always good.

God is the only One who is holy.

God is Three in One.

God is Three Persons in One God.

(You are only one person, but God is Three Persons because He is amazing!)

God is Father, Son, and Spirit.

(A spirit is someone who does not have a body that we can see.)

The Father is God.

The Son is God.

The Spirit is God.

Together, They are One God - Three in One!

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God is everywhere.

We can only be in one place at one time. But God is so big and amazing that He is everywhere at the same time!

God is invisible.

(Invisible means we cannot see God.)

God the Father is spirit.

(He does not have skin and bones for us to see.)

God the Spirit is spirit, too.

God the Son did not have skin and bones until He came down from heaven into Mary's tummy. Then He became the God-Man, Jesus.

God is love.

What was God doing before He created the heavens and the earth?

The Father was loving the Son.

And the Son was loving the Father.

And the Father and Son were loving the Spirit.

And the Spirit was loving the Father and Son.

And, They were having fun!

I love my son, Jordan, and he loves me. So we talk to each other and play games and hug and kiss and have fun. It makes us happy to love each other.

Everything God the Father does, the Son does with Him because They love Each Other and have fun together!

God knows everything.

God is the smartest.

God knows how many stars there are.
He even named every star!

God knows how many hairs are on your head.
He even gives a number to every hair!

God can see everything.
He knows what everyone is thinking and doing.

God even knows what will happen tomorrow!
He knows everything!

God created the heavens.

The Father, Son, and Spirit were loving Each Other and having fun with Each Other. So, They decided to create things together! Only God can create things.

The first thing God created was the heavens.
There are three kinds of heavens.

The first heavens are the sky and outer space.

The second heavens are spiritual and invisible. We can't see the second heavens, but they are real. They are all around us.

The third heaven is the highest heaven.
The third heaven is where God lives.

God created the heavens to show how strong and smart and beautiful He is!

God created angels.

Angels sometimes look kind of like humans. But angels are spirits, so they don't have skin or bones like we do.

Angels have wings, and they can fly!

Angels live in the second heavens (the spiritual heavens).

Usually, angels are invisible, but sometimes God helps people see angels. Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and His disciples are some people who have seen angels. They said angels were bright and shining!

God created angels to show how strong and smart and beautiful He is!

Angels do whatever God says.
One thing God tells angels to do a lot is sing.
They sing songs like, "Holy, holy, holy!"

God created the earth.

When the angels saw God create the earth, they shouted for joy and praised God.

The earth is like a big, round rock that is floating in space.

The earth does not fall because God the Son is holding up the earth with His words! The earth is big and heavy, so God must be even bigger and stronger to create it and hold it together!

The earth is more beautiful and special than the other planets. The earth is the only planet with people on it.

God created the earth to show how strong and smart and beautiful He is.

Lucifer and the Bad Angels

God is light – light comes shining out of God that is really bright and beautiful. One of the angels was named Lucifer. His name meant Shining One (because God made him).

Lucifer was perfect and beautiful, and he always did what God said. But then Lucifer stopped looking at God, and he started to think about himself before God. He decided that he was beautiful enough and smart enough to take God's place. That was a really bad sin.

God is the only One who is holy and always right. So God is the One to tell us what is right.

Sin is thinking or doing something that is wrong because God says it is not right.

Lucifer tricked some of the angels into treating him like he was God. But most of the angels did what was right and kept worshiping the real God. So, then there were good angels and bad angels.

The Bad Angels in Trouble

Sinnyng against God is the worst thing. Lucifer and the bad angels had to get in big trouble. They couldn't stay in heaven anymore.

God started a fire in Lucifer and then took away his light. God threw Lucifer and the bad angels from the heavens down to the earth.

And the earth became ruined and dark and flooded with water.

You couldn't see land – no grass, no trees, no pretty sky. It was all dark and covered with water because of Lucifer.

The name Lucifer meant Shining One. But God took away Lucifer's light, so now he is dark. Now his name is Satan. Satan means enemy. An enemy is someone who is mean and always argues and fights against you. Satan is God's enemy, and Satan always wants to sin against God.

But God always wins against His enemies.
God will make everything perfect again!

The First Day

When God threw Satan and the bad angels down from heaven, the earth became ruined and dark and flooded with water.

But God still wanted the earth to show how strong and smart and beautiful He is.

So, God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light!
When God says something, it happens!

And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and He called the darkness Night. And there was night, and there was morning, and that was the first day.

Where did the light come from? Did it come from the sun?
No, because God had not created the sun yet.
The light came from God! God is light! He wanted His light to shine onto the earth because He was starting to fix everything.

The Second Day and the Third Day

God said, "Let there be Sky!"
When God says something, it happens!

God separated the waters below from waters above, so there would be air in between, and He called it Sky. And there was night, and there was morning, and that was the Second Day.

Then, on the Third Day, God said, "Let there be dry land!" And so He separated the waters from the waters, and made the oceans, so that dry ground would stick up above of the waters. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let there be grass and plants and trees that grow out of the ground!" So God planted seeds that would grow into grass and plants and trees, and God saw that it was good. And there was night, and there was morning, and that was the Third Day.

God kept fixing the earth, so that it would show how strong and smart and beautiful He is.

The Fourth Day

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky." And God made the sun and the moon and the stars.

God named all of the stars and put them in their places. A galaxy is like a city of stars. There are billions of stars in each galaxy. Stars shine beautifully to teach us that God is beautiful.

The moon is made of rock and dust. The moon does not have light of its own, but the light from the sun bounces off of it.

The sun is kind of like fire. It is really, really hot, and it is so much bigger than the earth. God made the sun and the earth the perfect space apart, so that we do not get too cold or too hot. God uses the sun to keep us warm and make plants grow food for us.

So, God saw that the lights were good. And there was night, and there was morning, and that was the Fourth Day.

The Fifth Day and the Start of the Sixth

On the Fifth Day, God said, "Let the waters be filled with animals, and let birds fly in the sky!" And God created different kinds of fish and whales and seals and dolphins to live in the oceans! And God created different kinds of birds for the sky. And God saw that it was good.

At the start of the Sixth Day, God said, "Let there be animals on the earth!" God created different kinds of animals like lions, tigers, bears, elephants, monkeys, giraffes, and snakes! And God saw that it was good.

God was having fun showing how strong and smart and beautiful He is!

God Created Man

Later on the Sixth Day, God said, "Let Us create Man!"
Man was the most special thing God had created.

The first man's name was Adam. God created Adam by taking the dust of the earth and shaping his body! Then God blew into Adam's nose to give him the breath of life, and Adam came alive!

God's invisible breath is His Spirit, who keeps all of us alive.

Then God made all the animals and birds come to Adam, so that Adam could name them. God was sharing His job with Adam.

God created you, too! He creates every person! But He didn't create you out of dust like Adam. Now God does a different miracle to create babies inside their mommies' tummies.
We thank God for making you!

God Created Woman

Adam was the only human, and God said, "It is not good for man to be alone, so I will make a helper for him."

God made Adam fall asleep, and while Adam was really asleep, God took out one of Adam's ribs. Then God closed up the hole in Adam's side, so that it was all skin again. Then with that one rib, God built a whole woman! A miracle!

Then God made Adam wake up, and God brought the woman to Adam. Adam knew that the woman was extra special because of how God made her, and he loved her. Adam named his wife Eve.

That is why boys and girls grow up and get married. God did not want men to be alone, and He made women to be their helpers.

Man in God's Image

Humans are so special because they are created in God's Image. An image is like a picture. The picture on a TV is an image. Light comes out of our TV to show us the pictures of a movie. Humans were created so that God could shine through them to show what He is like.

God said, "Let Us make Man in Our Image, in Our Likeness." Who is the *Us*? Why did God say, "Let *Us*"? The *Us* is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit talking to Each Other. They agreed on a plan to make Man to show what God is like.

God created the heavens and angels and the earth and everything in it to show how strong and smart and beautiful He is. But God does a lot of things that the heavens and the earth and the animals can't do. The earth doesn't think. The ground isn't happy. One tree does not love another tree. Animals can't talk with words.

God thinks and talks and loves and has fun, so He created people to be like Him and show that He is glorious.

God Blessed Them

Genesis 1:28 says, "And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth; and subdue it, and rule it.'"

Blessed means that God gave Adam and Eve the power to do what He wanted them to do.

Be fruitful and multiply means to have babies. God made Adam and Eve able to have kids, so they could *fill the earth* with humans in God's Image.

Subdue means to get something under control. There were bad things on the earth: bad angels and darkness and waters everywhere. God was the first one to start subduing. And God wanted to share His job of subduing with humans in His Image. God blessed Adam and Eve with the power to subdue the bad angels (to get them under control) and fix the earth.

To *rule* means to be in charge. God is in charge of everything that He made in the heavens and the earth. God wanted to rule Adam and Eve, so that they could rule the earth with Him.

God and Man in the Garden

God planted the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful place with all kinds of trees for food, and rivers bringing water, and gold rocks and other pretty rocks.

God the Son would come down to earth and walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve!

God told Adam to do two things:

1. *Guard* the Garden, which means God wanted Adam to keep the enemy out of the Garden and not let them come in.
2. *Serve* in the Garden, which means God wanted Adam to take care of it, to help make sure everything was growing right, and to make the Garden of Eden bigger!

If Adam and Eve had kids, and their kids had kids, then their growing family would make the Garden of Eden bigger and bigger until it filled the earth! God wanted the whole earth to be like the Garden of Eden – full of His glory, with no darkness, no oceans, and no enemy in it. Then God the Father would come down and live on all the earth with all the people!

Trees in the Garden

On the Seventh Day, God saw that everything He made was very good, and He rested. God never gets tired, so He did not need to rest. But He was showing Adam and Eve that they need to rest every week.

In the Garden of Eden, there were all kinds of trees that were pretty and good for food for their bodies. And there were two special trees in the middle of the Garden. The first was the Tree of Life. It fed their spirits. If Adam and Eve ate the Tree of Life every day, then they would live forever with God!

The second special tree in the middle was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. *Knowledge* means you know something and understand it. *Evil* means really bad. If Adam and Eve ate that tree, then they would know Good things, and they would know Evil things. But God did not want them to know Good or Evil. God just wanted them to listen to Him. God would walk with them and tell them the Good things to do.

God told Adam and Eve, "You may eat all of the trees in the Garden, except for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, because if you eat it, you will surely die."

Heaven or Hades

We are alive because God is keeping us alive. If Adam and Eve kept believing God and ate the Tree of Life every day, then they would live forever with God!

But, if they ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, God said, "You will surely die." That means, because of sin, their hearts would stop beating; their lungs would stop breathing; their eyes would stop seeing; their minds would stop thinking.

What happens after you die? If you believe in Jesus and do what He wants you to do, then when you die, your body stays dead and is buried in the ground, but your spirit goes to heaven to be with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

But if the person did not believe in Jesus and did not do what He wanted, then his spirit will not go to heaven. He will go to a bad place called Hades. It's really dark and really hot like fire, and it hurts and makes you feel bad because God is not there, and nothing good is there. It is the place to be in trouble forever for being God's enemy.

Satan in the Garden

Adam did not guard the Garden, and Satan got into a snake and came to trick Eve. The snake said to Eve, "Did God really say that you can't eat from any tree in the Garden?"

Satan said something that wasn't true, because he was trying to get Eve to argue with him. But Eve should have gotten Adam, and they should have told Satan to leave because God didn't want him in the Garden.

But Eve started to talk to the snake. She said, "We can eat fruit from all of the trees, but not the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and we can't even touch that one, or we will die."

Satan lied and said God was wrong (but God is never wrong). "You will not really die, but if you eat it, then you will be like God, because you will know Good and Evil."

Eve already was "like God." She was created in His Image, in His *likeness*. She didn't need to know Good or Evil. She just needed to know God and walk with God, and He would tell her what to do and what not to do.

Adam and Eve Sinned

Satan (in a snake) was lying to Eve. She started to listen to him, and she was tricked. She started to think that the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was pretty and that it would taste good. And she wanted to know Good and Evil, even though God said not to. So, Eve ate some of its fruit. And she gave some to Adam, and he ate it, too.

They sinned. Sin is doing something that is wrong because God says it's not right. Adam and Eve sinned like Lucifer and all the bad angels had sinned. Now Adam and Eve were God's enemies, too.

They heard the sound of God walking in the Garden, and they hid from Him behind trees. They used to be able to walk with God, but now they were scared of getting in trouble for sinning.

When God asked, Adam said, "The woman you gave me - she gave the fruit to me, and I ate it." And Eve said, "The snake tricked me." Adam and Eve kept sinning by making excuses. They should have said, "It was my fault that I sinned. I'm sorry! Please forgive me!"

God's Answers to Man's First Sin

God said to Satan, "A Man who is born from Eve's family is going to beat you." God said to Eve, "Now it's going to hurt when you have babies." God said to Adam, "Now it's going to hurt and be hard to work for food. And you will die and be buried. I made you from dust, and you will be buried in the dust."

Then God said they couldn't stay in the Garden and keep eating the Tree of Life, because now they couldn't live forever. Now they had to die to be punished for their sins. So God made them leave the Garden. And He put two good angels with a sword that was on fire to keep them out. Adam and Eve lived for a long time and had lots of kids. But then they died and were buried in the ground.

Sin is the reason that people die. Because Adam sinned, everyone who was born after Adam is a sinner. (A sinner is someone who sins.) All of us have done lots of sins, and so we can't live with God forever. We need God to do something to help us!

Cain and Abel

God gave Adam and Eve their first son named Cain. Then God gave them a second son named Abel.

When the sons were older, they both gave presents to God. Abel gave God some animals, and Cain gave God some plants. But Cain wasn't believing God or loving God, so God did not take His present. And Cain got really mad.

God warned Cain: "It is like sin is crouching down, ready to jump on you. Be careful and do not sin by being mad. If you do what is right, I will be happy with you, and you will be happy, too!"

But Cain didn't listen to God, and he kept getting mad at his brother, because God liked Abel's present. And Cain murdered Abel. Murder means to kill somebody on purpose who should have lived. Satan was the one who talked Cain into murdering his brother.

God had mercy on Cain. Mercy means God did not make him get in trouble right away as much as he should because of his sin. Cain deserved to die right away, but God let him live for awhile before he died. God made Cain leave and go far away from his family.

Seth, Enosh, and Yahweh

God's Name is not "God." God is a title. A title is a word to describe *what* He is. "Dad" is my title, but Spencer is my name. Dad is *what* I am, but Spencer is *who* I am.

God's Name is *Yahweh*. God explained Yahweh by saying, "I AM WHO I AM." No one makes God be God. God just *is*. God never started being God. He has always been God and will always be God. God has never changed, and He will never change, because He is perfect.

After Cain murdered Abel and God sent Cain away, God gave Adam and Eve another son named Seth. Seth married a wife and became the father of Enosh. The Bible says, "At that time, people began to call upon the Name of Yahweh."

To call upon God's Name means that they would pray to Yahweh, asking for help. Since they were sinners, since they didn't have all the power they needed, since they didn't know everything they needed, they would call out God's Name in prayer: "Yahweh, please help me!"

We can't do anything without God's help!

Enoch

Adam and Eve had Seth and many other sons and daughters, and then Adam and Eve died, because of their sin.

Adam's kids had kids, too. The seventh from Adam was Enoch. Even though all of the fathers grew old and died because of sin, the Bible says that Enoch walked with God. And God was so happy with Enoch that before he died – all of a sudden – they couldn't find Enoch, because he wasn't on earth anymore! God made Enoch fly up into heaven to be with Him!

The same kind of thing is going to happen when Jesus comes back. Jesus will be flying on the clouds, and if you believe in Him, then God will make you fly up to meet Him in the air! And those people will never die; they will always live with Jesus. Then Jesus and everyone who believes in Him will come down to earth, and Jesus will make everything perfect. Then God the Father will come down and live on earth with us forever!

Noah and the Ark

Satan kept tricking people to sin. As more people were born and grew up sinning, the world became worse and worse. It became a really bad place where people were always doing bad things to each other and sinning against God. (Every sin is against God.)

There were so many people sinning that it made God sad. And God was sorry that He even made people. So God decided that He was going to flood the earth again. He was going to make it rain for so long that water would cover the whole earth, and every animal and person would die.

God was right. (He's always right!) Every person did deserve to be punished for their sins by dying in the Flood.

But God had mercy on a man named Noah. Noah believed in God, and he told God he was sorry for sinning, and he tried to do everything God wanted him to do. And Noah walked with God.

God told Noah to build a really big boat, called an ark. When God made it flood, Noah and his family would be safe in the ark!

Noah and the Flood

People on all the earth were so evil that God decided to make them all die in a flood. But God had mercy on Noah and his family. He told them to build an ark (a really big boat) to be safe from the flood.

God also told Noah to take two of every kind of animal into the ark to save them (like a boy elephant and a girl elephant). It was like a zoo in a boat!

God told Noah what day it was going to start raining, so he could get his family and the animals in the ark. Then Yahweh shut the door to the ark, so that it was tight, and no water would get in!

Then it rained and rained and rained for forty days and forty nights! And the earth was flooded with water! The water went all the way up and covered the mountains and the trees! And all of the sinful people died, and all of the animals died, except for Noah and his family and the animals in the ark. God had mercy and saved them.

Noah after the Flood

God gets to decide who lives and who dies, because He is God, and God is always right. Everybody who sins should die. So it was not a sin for God to kill everybody by the Flood. God never sins. He is perfect. When God made it flood, He was right that everybody deserved to die for their sins.

It took a long time for all the water to sink into the ground, but then Noah and his family and all the animals went out of the ark on dry ground. They were the only ones on the earth because God had mercy on them and saved them!

Noah made God happy because he obeyed God. So Yahweh promised that He would never flood the earth again. And God made a rainbow to be a sign of His promise. So every time we see a rainbow, we remember that God has promised never to flood the earth again!

Then the Bible says that God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." After all the other sinful people died, God was starting over on the earth with Noah – like a new Adam!

The Tower of Babel

Noah's three sons and their wives had kids, and their kids had kids. God told them to fill the earth. But people were still sinners, so instead of filling the earth, they stayed together in one place. They said to each other, "Let's make bricks and build a city and a tower that goes all the way up into the heavens. Let's do that so we make a name for ourselves."

They were disobeying God by staying in one place. And they were sinning to want to be famous, instead of wanting everyone to think God's Name is the greatest.

They all had one language, so they could work as a team. So God said, "Let Us go down and confuse their language." Then there were lots of different languages, and they couldn't understand each other. They couldn't work as a team. So they stopped building, and they finally did what God wanted: they spread out and filled the earth. One language group went one way, and other language groups went other ways.

The people called the place where they were building the tower "Babel." The word "babel" means confused about what people are saying. But God kept having mercy on sinners.

The God of Abraham

The earth was filling up with sinners again, just like before the Flood. But God had promised not to kill everyone again. God decided to choose one man to keep Eve's family going, so that One of the sons in that family could beat Satan and make everything perfect. God chose Abraham.

Yahweh said, "Leave your family and your father's house and go to the place I will show you." At first, Abraham didn't know where God was sending him. He just said to leave and start walking, and then He would show Abraham where to go.

God had to tell Abraham to leave his family because they did not believe there was One God. They believed there were lots of gods. But there is only One God in Three Persons!

Yahweh promised, "I will bless you and make you into a great family! In you, all the families of the earth will be blessed." When God blesses, He gives you the power to do what He wants you to do, and that makes you happy.

But how would Abraham and his wife Sarah become a big, famous family, since they did not have even one son?

The God of Abraham and Isaac

Yahweh said, "Leave your family and your father's house and go to the place I will show you. I will bless you and make you into a great family! In you, all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Abraham and his wife Sarah were old, and they had never had any kids. Even after God promised, they had to wait 25 more years before God gave them a son! Sometimes we have to wait patiently for God and trust Him. God will do good to us when He knows it's the right time.

Because Abraham believed God's promise, God did not count Abraham's sins against him. God said that Abraham could be His friend instead of His enemy. One time Yahweh even came down and ate dinner with Abraham and Sarah!

When Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old, God gave them a baby boy named Isaac!

Then God promised Abraham again that one of his sons would beat Satan and bless all the families of the earth.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Yahweh chose Abraham. Even when Abraham and Sarah were old, God did a miracle to give them a son named Isaac.

Isaac married Rebekah, but she wasn't having any babies. So, Isaac prayed to Yahweh and asked Him to make a baby in her tummy. Then she had two sons at the same time! Twins!

God was still choosing the families that would come from Eve and from Noah and from Abraham. God was still choosing who would have the Son to beat Satan and bless all the families of the earth. So, before the twins were born, before either one of them had done anything good or bad, God chose the younger one.

Esau came out first. Jacob was the younger one, who came out second. God chose Jacob to have the family Jesus would come into.

When Jacob grew up, Yahweh came down and promised him, "I am Abraham's God and Isaac's God. I will bless you and make you a great family. I am with you, and I will protect you everywhere you go. And One of your sons will beat Satan and bless all the families of the earth."

The God of Judah and Joseph

God gave Jacob a new name: Israel. And Israel had twelve sons! Their names were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Remember, God was still choosing who would be the family for the Man who would beat Satan and make everything perfect. God chose Abraham. Then God chose Isaac. Then Isaac had twin boys, but God chose Jacob and renamed him Israel. Out of Israel's twelve sons, God chose Judah. The Bible says that One of Judah's sons will beat Satan, and all the people of the earth will obey Him!

Jacob loved Joseph more than his first ten sons (which was wrong). Jacob made Joseph a robe with many colors, and it made his brothers jealous of him. Jealous means that instead of the brothers being happy for Joseph, they were mad because they wanted the robe and didn't want Joseph to have it. It is a sin to be jealous.

Joseph's brothers also hated him. Hate is the opposite of love. Hate means they really didn't like Joseph, and they wanted bad things for him, instead of good things. Joseph's brothers would do something really bad to him, but God had a plan to save everybody!

Joseph and His Brothers

When Joseph's brothers were already jealous, God gave Joseph two special dreams. God used the dreams to say that Joseph would rule over his brothers. That made his brothers hate him even more. So they made plans to murder Joseph. Murder means to kill somebody on purpose who should have lived.

Satan was trying to get them to murder Joseph, but his brother Reuben talked them out of it. Reuben gave them the idea to throw Joseph down a big hole in the ground. Reuben's plan was to come back and pull Joseph out of the hole and bring Joseph back to their dad. Reuben was trying to save Joseph!

So the brothers threw Joseph down the hole, and Reuben left. But then the brothers saw some people traveling along the road, and Judah had the idea to sell Joseph to them as a slave. A slave is owned by another person (a master), and the slave can't do anything he wants; he can only do what the master says.

So Joseph's brothers sold him to be a slave far away, and then they lied to their dad that Joseph had been killed. But God had a plan to save everybody!

Joseph, a Slave in Egypt

The people who were traveling sold Joseph again as a slave in Egypt. Yahweh was with Joseph and blessed everything Joseph did. So Joseph's master put Joseph in charge of everything he had! And Yahweh blessed everything the master had because of Joseph. Even when bad things happen, God is still with us and can turn the bad things into good things.

But, then the master's wife lied about Joseph. She said that Joseph did something really bad, even though he didn't. And so Joseph's master threw him into prison! That means Joseph was put into a room that was locked, and he wasn't allowed to get out.

Yahweh was with Joseph, even in prison, and He showed Joseph that He loved him. Yahweh made the guy who was in charge of the prison like Joseph a lot. So the guy in charge of the prison put Joseph in charge. And Yahweh blessed Joseph and made everything Joseph did work out right.

Even when bad things happen, God is still with us and can turn the bad things into good things.

Joseph and More Dreams

Two of the guys in the prison with Joseph each had a special dream. And God made Joseph able to understand the dreams, so that those two guys would know what would happen to them. In three days, one of the guys got out of prison, just like Joseph said! But Joseph was still in prison for another two years!

Then the king of Egypt had two dreams. The king of Egypt was called a Pharaoh. The Pharaoh ruled over all of Egypt. Pharaoh wanted to know what his dreams meant. And the guy who got out of prison, just like Joseph said – he told the Pharaoh that Joseph would be able to understand his dreams. So the Pharaoh brought Joseph out of prison and asked him if he could understand his dreams. Joseph said, “I can’t, but God can!” And then God made Joseph able to explain Pharaoh’s two dreams, and so Joseph didn’t have to go back to prison. He was free!

Joseph was 17 when he was sold as a slave. Yahweh was with him, turning all the bad things into good things. And so Joseph was let out of prison when he was 30.

Joseph, the Ruler in Egypt

Pharaoh asked if Joseph could explain his dreams. Joseph said, "I can't, but God can!" Then God helped Joseph understand what the dreams meant.

God was about to give Egypt seven good years followed by seven bad years. In the first seven years, it would rain, and they would be able to grow lots of food – even more than they needed. Then in the seven bad years, it wouldn't rain, their food wouldn't grow, their animals would get sick, and everybody would be really, really hungry. That's called a famine, when there is not enough food for hungry people.

God was going to cause a famine in Egypt. So, Joseph told Pharaoh to choose a smart man to be in charge, so that during the seven good years, they could save up some of their extra food in special places. Then in the bad years, when they couldn't grow any food, then they would be able to eat the food they had saved in the good years.

Pharaoh decided Joseph should be the guy in charge because the Spirit of God was in Joseph, making him so smart! So Joseph didn't have to go back into prison because he was in charge of everything in Egypt!