

December 9



Ten Good Rules

Read Exodus 20:1-21

After the people escaped from slavery in Egypt they wandered in the desert for many years. The people grumbled although God provided them with quails and manna to eat and water to drink.

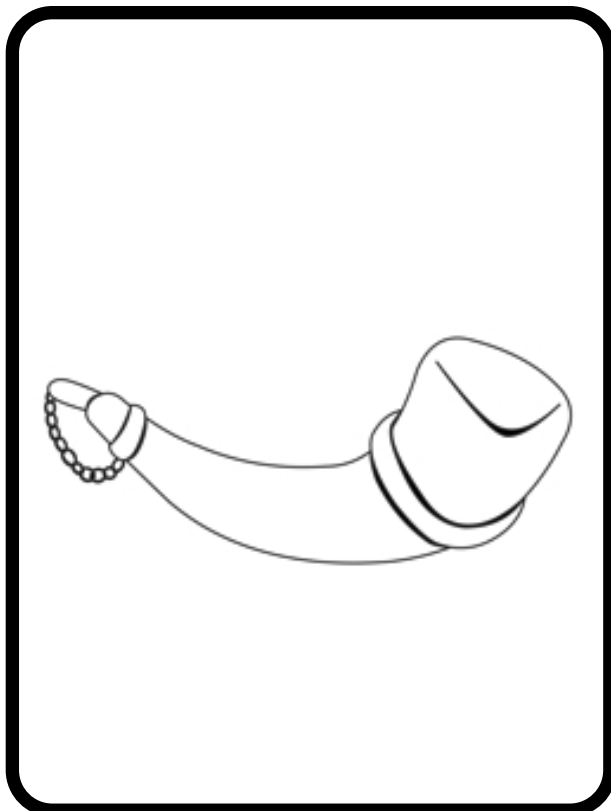
During the day God guided them by means of a pillar of cloud. By night the people followed a pillar of fire. While they were in the wilderness God called Moses to the top of a mountain and gave him ten rules to help God's people live a good and happy life. They were written on tablets of stone. But the people still moaned - read about them in the Storyteller's Bible p36-37

Talk Is there something that you are unhappy about? Do you moan sometimes?

Pray Thank God for all the things you enjoy.

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December 10



Joshua

Read Joshua 6:1-5

After Moses died Joshua led the people into a new and wonderful land that God had promised them. There was a big city called Jericho with huge thick walls. Find out how Joshua and the people were able to capture that city in the Storyteller's Bible p38-39

Talk What might it have felt like to be living in Jericho?

Pray for people who are living in countries where there is war today.

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December 11



Gideon

Read Judges 7:13-23

Gideon was a brave and mighty man. With God's help he won a victory over the Midianites with only 300 Israelites and not a sword in sight! You can read the story of how he did it in the Storyteller's Bible p40-41.

Talk What does it mean to be brave? Are there any times when you have had to be brave?

Pray for courage to live the way God wants us to live.

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December 12



Ruth

Read Ruth 4:13-17

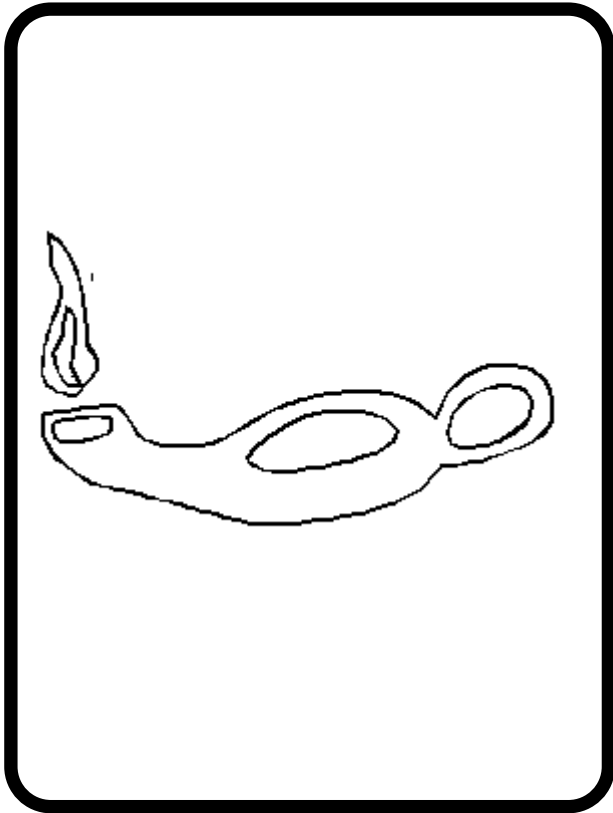
Ruth was a foreigner - she came with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to live in Bethlehem after her husband fell ill and died. While out gathering corn for Naomi and her to eat Ruth met Boaz who looked after her. Ruth and Boaz were married and they had a son called Obed and a grandson called Jesse - that's right this tree is named after Ruth's grandson. You can find out more about Ruth in the Storyteller's Bible p48-49.

Talk How do you think Ruth felt when she had to move away from her family and friends?

Pray Give thanks for all the friends you have.

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December 13



Samuel

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10

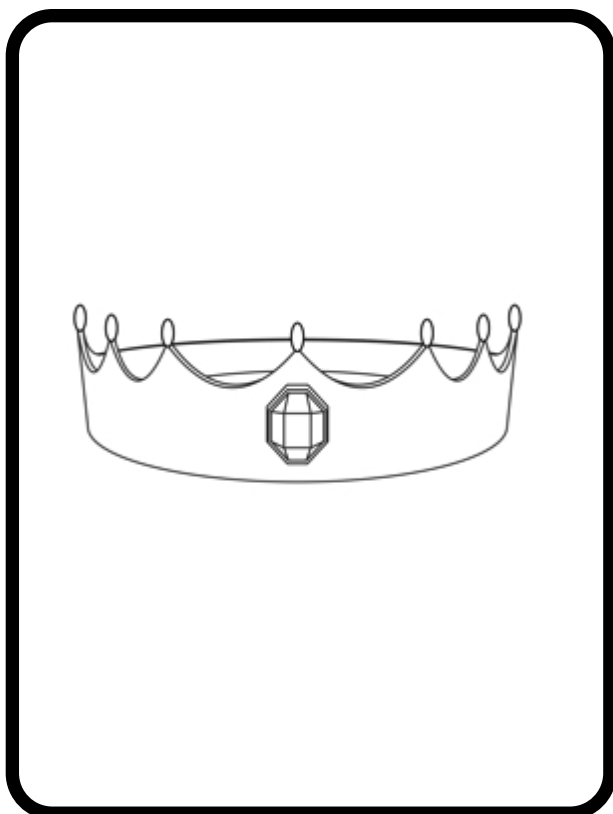
God wanted someone to speak to the people for him. Eventually he found someone who would listen - a young boy called Samuel. One night God called to Samuel. To begin with Samuel thought it was Eli the priest who was calling him but Eli told him that it must be God. Samuel listened that night and he spent the rest of his life listening to God and passing on messages to the people from God. Read the story of how God spoke to Samuel in the Storyteller's Bible p50-51.

Talk About listening to other people and listening to God

Pray that God would help us to listen to Him.

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December 14



Jesse

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

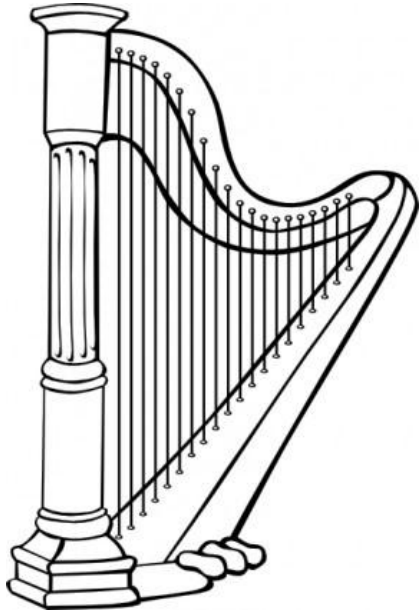
With God's help Samuel led the people. But when Samuel grew old the people asked him to give them a king. Samuel did not want to do this because he believed that God was their king. However God told him to go and make a man called Saul king. To begin with Saul was a good king but he stopped listening to Samuel and he stopped obeying God. God told Samuel to go and find another king. Samuel went to Bethlehem to see Jesse. God told him that Jesse's youngest son would be the next King. His name was David. You can find out how this happened in the Storyteller's Bible p52-53.

Talk about Kings and Queens - do you think they have an easy job?

Pray for our Queen, that she would be wise and care well for all the people.

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December 15



David

Read 1 Samuel 16:17-18; Psalm 23

David was a song writer. Some of the songs he wrote are in the Bible. They are called psalms. David was also a great warrior. When Goliath, a great giant of a man made the people very afraid, David volunteered to fight him. Read what happened in the Storytellers Bible p54-55.

Talk What is your favourite song?

Pray Thank God for the way in which music can help us feel better.

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