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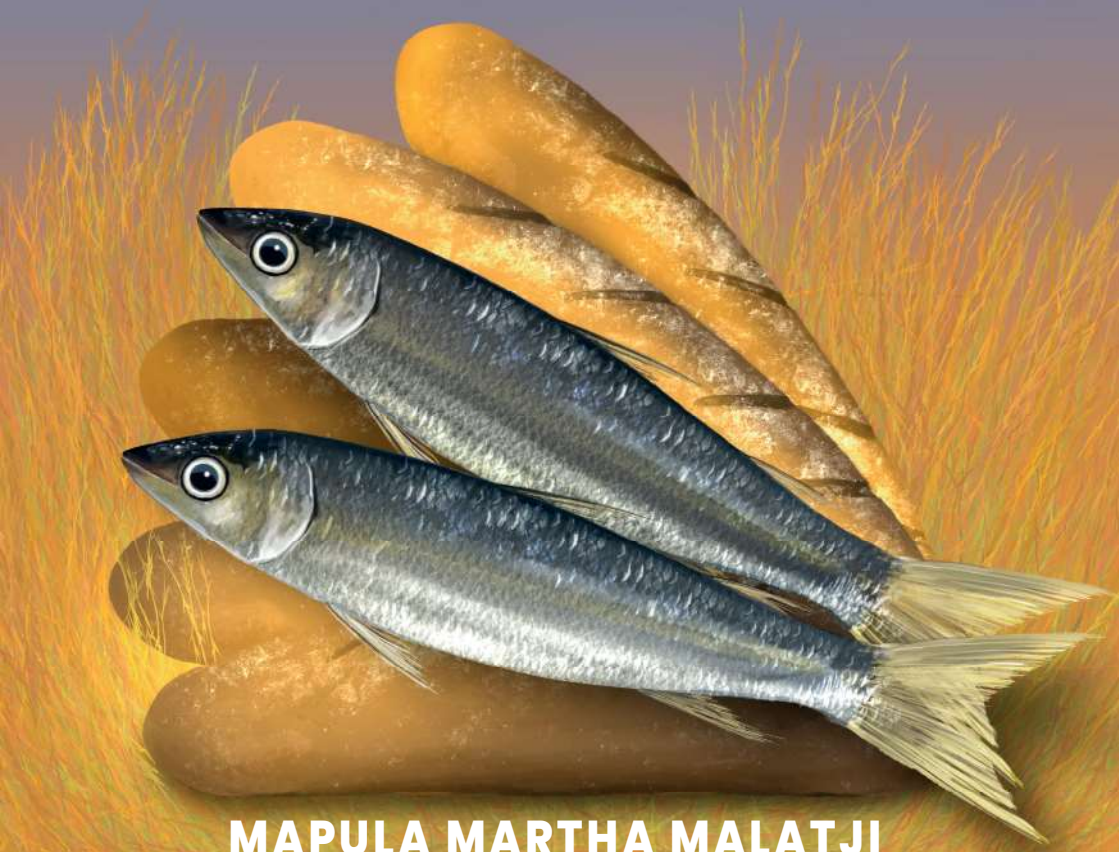

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MATTHEW 14 and JOHN 6

In the time of King Herod, Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was killed by Herod. Jesus' friends went and told Him what had happened.

So He got into a boat and crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee, to a solitary place.

Hearing that Jesus was there, a big crowd of people followed Him on foot from the towns.

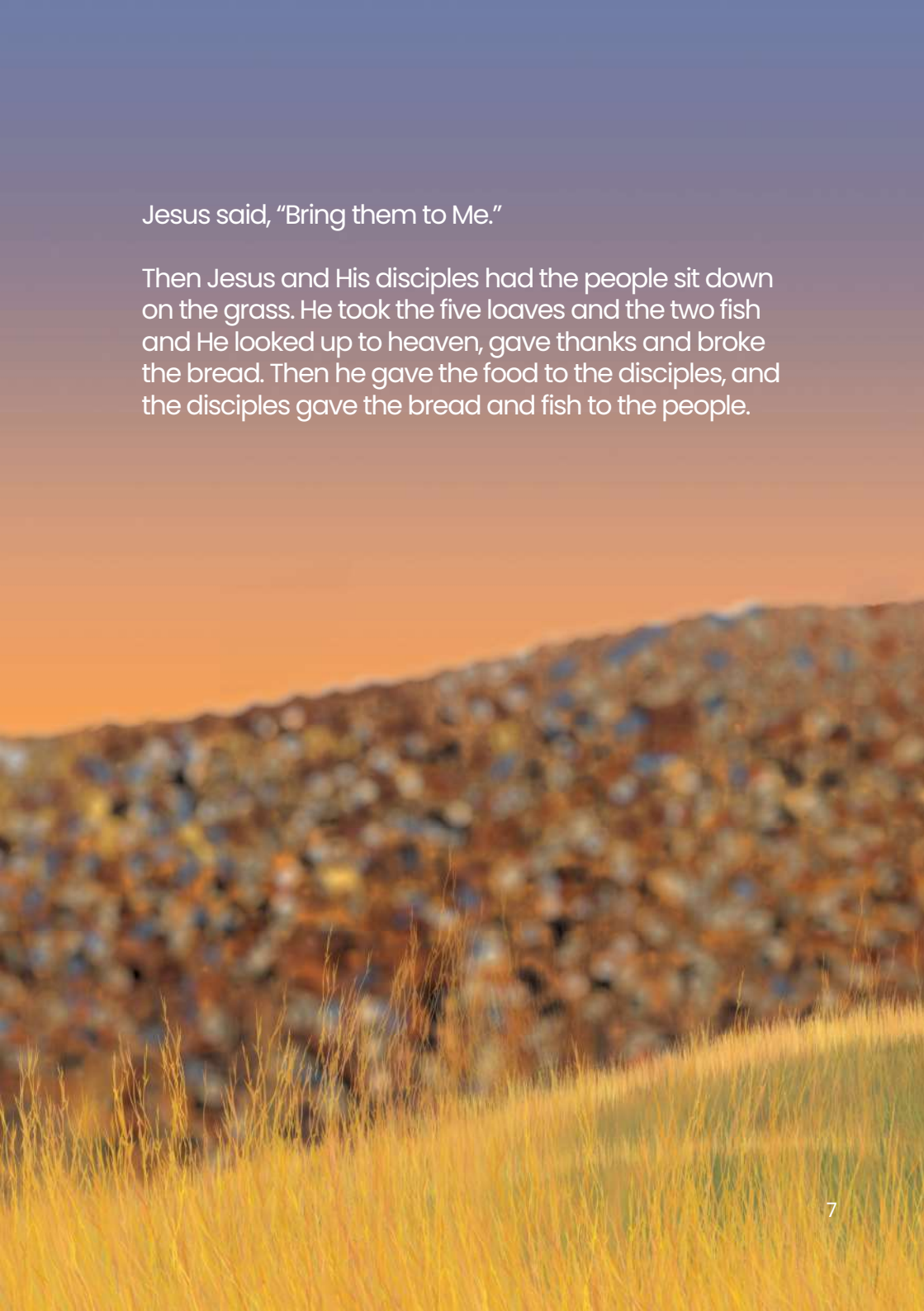
When He saw the crowd of people, He felt compassion for them and started to heal those who were sick.

In the evening Jesus' disciples said to Him, "This is a remote place, and it's getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go home and get food."

Jesus said, "They don't need to go away. You can give them food." Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples, said, "There is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Bring them to Me."

Then Jesus and His disciples had the people sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish and He looked up to heaven, gave thanks and broke the bread. Then he gave the food to the disciples, and the disciples gave the bread and fish to the people.



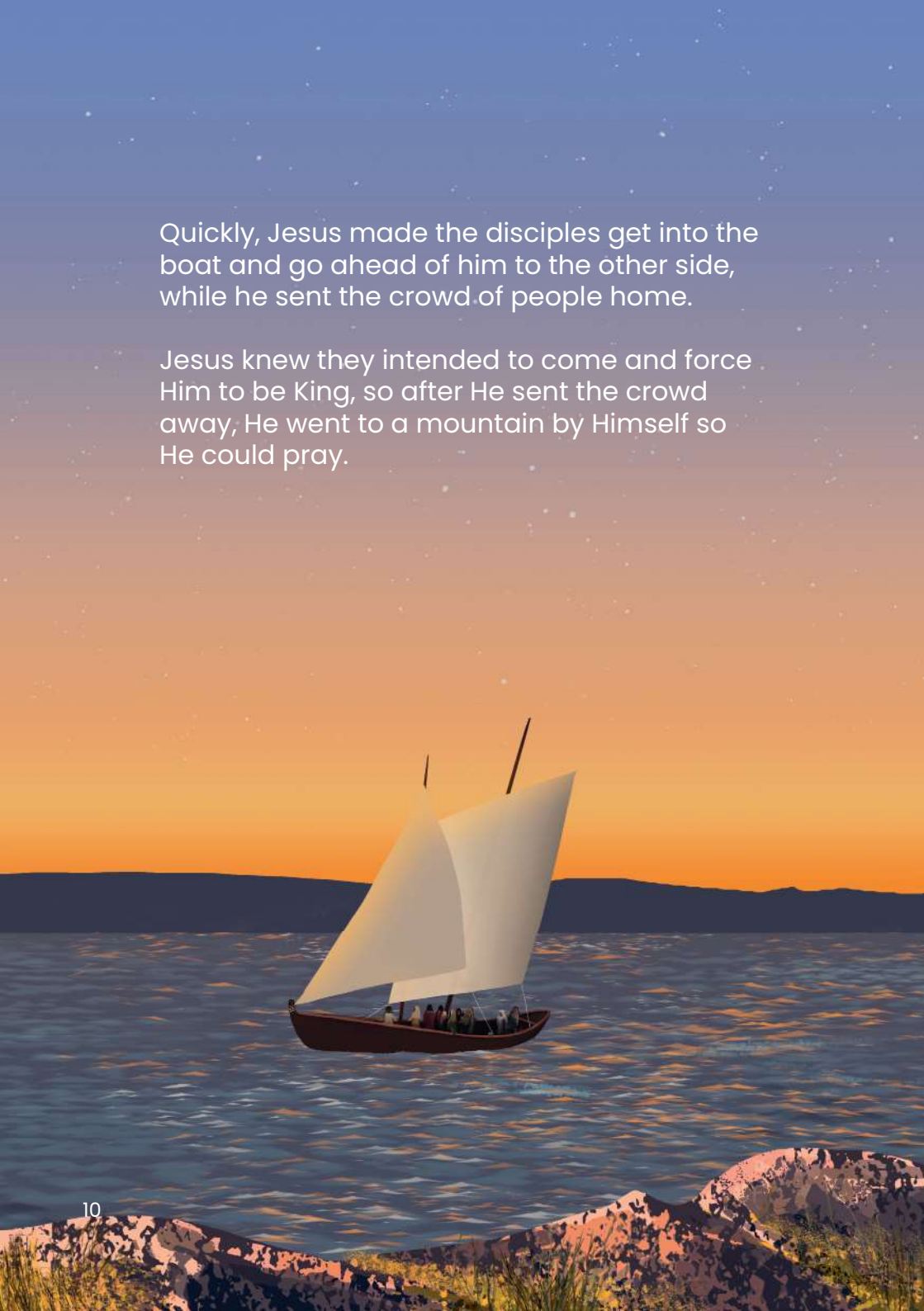
When they had all eaten enough, Jesus said to His disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Nothing must be wasted.”

So the disciples went and collected twelve baskets of broken pieces that were left over after everyone had eaten. There were about 5,000 men, as well as women and children who ate.

After the people saw what Jesus had done, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who has come into the world.”

Quickly, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent the crowd of people home.

Jesus knew they intended to come and force Him to be King, so after He sent the crowd away, He went to a mountain by Himself so He could pray.



Prayer

Dear God, thank You for providing for us, even when there seems to be very little. Help us to accept what You give us.

Questions

1. What was the problem with Jesus' disciples?
2. How many people came to listen to Jesus?
3. How did the crowd have enough to eat?
4. Would you enjoy being in this crowd?
5. Why did Jesus feel sorry for them?
6. Is Jesus good for children? Discuss why.

Mapogo and the Taxi

Mapogo was a farmer who bought a single-seater tractor for his farm. Farming helped him support his wife Lethabo and their three sons: Kaisha, Theko and Mperekeng. But Lethabo and the three children could not fit in the tractor.

Lethabo was a cake seller but she could not get to the market to sell her cakes because it was too far away. The children also had to walk to school in the rain and lightning during the rainy season. This did not please the family.

Lethabo's market permit, issued by the municipality, expired, and she needed a new one. The children said to their father, “Rush our mother to the municipality.” He said no because his tractor carried only one person. They asked him to give the tractor to their mother so she could get a new permit from the municipality. He refused, saying she did not have a driver's license, so Lethabo lost her job.

Mapogo decided to buy a two-seater car for himself and his wife. The tractor was still kept for the fields. One day when he returned from the fields, the family held a meeting with him. They told him that a car with only two seats is of no use to the children.

While he was thinking of answering them harshly, he came up with the idea of selling the two-seater car and buying a bigger car for all of them. The children were half-pleased because they wanted to attend football matches with their friends.

In the evening they advised their father to stop farming and buy a taxi. He agreed. He sold the car and the tractor, and he bought a taxi which could help everyone. It was fun in the taxi. During the week he took people to work. He was able to take the children to soccer games and on Sundays, he took people to church. In the end, the whole community thanked God for Mapogo and his taxi.

Prayer

Father God, we thank You for giving us wise counsel.

Help us to always be willing to help others.

Questions

1. Why was the tractor unhelpful for the family?

2. What was the tractor used for?

3. How do we know the boys loved their mother?

4. Why did Mapogo leave farming?

5. How did Mapogo share his taxi with people?

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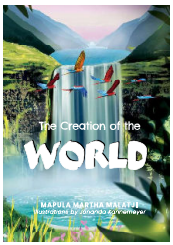

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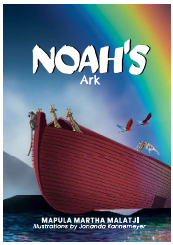

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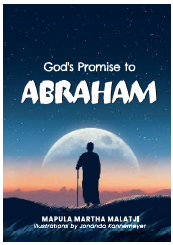

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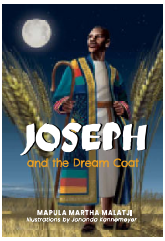

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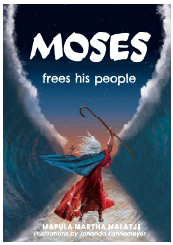

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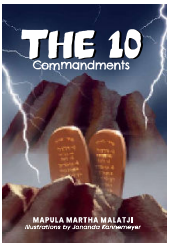

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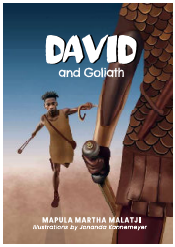

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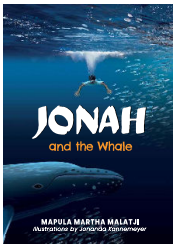

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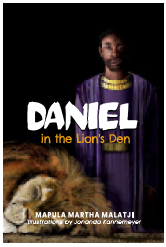

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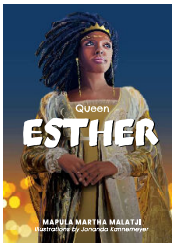

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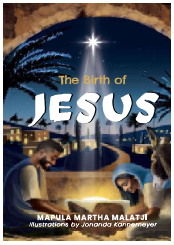

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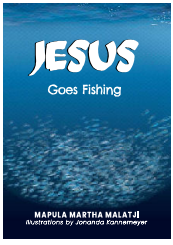

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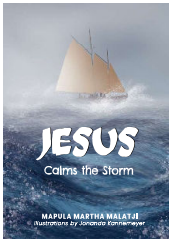

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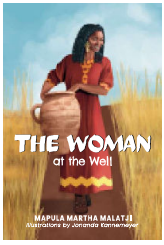

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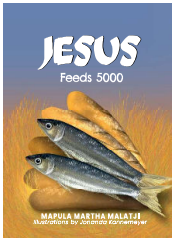

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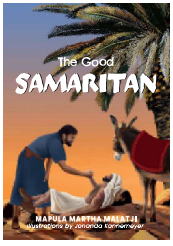

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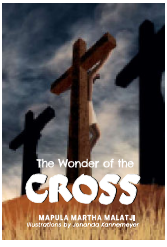

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In this story we learn that even if we have very little, God can multiply it and provide for us.

Mapogo and the Taxi

In this story, we are taught that if family members guide each other, they can reach agreement in the end.

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