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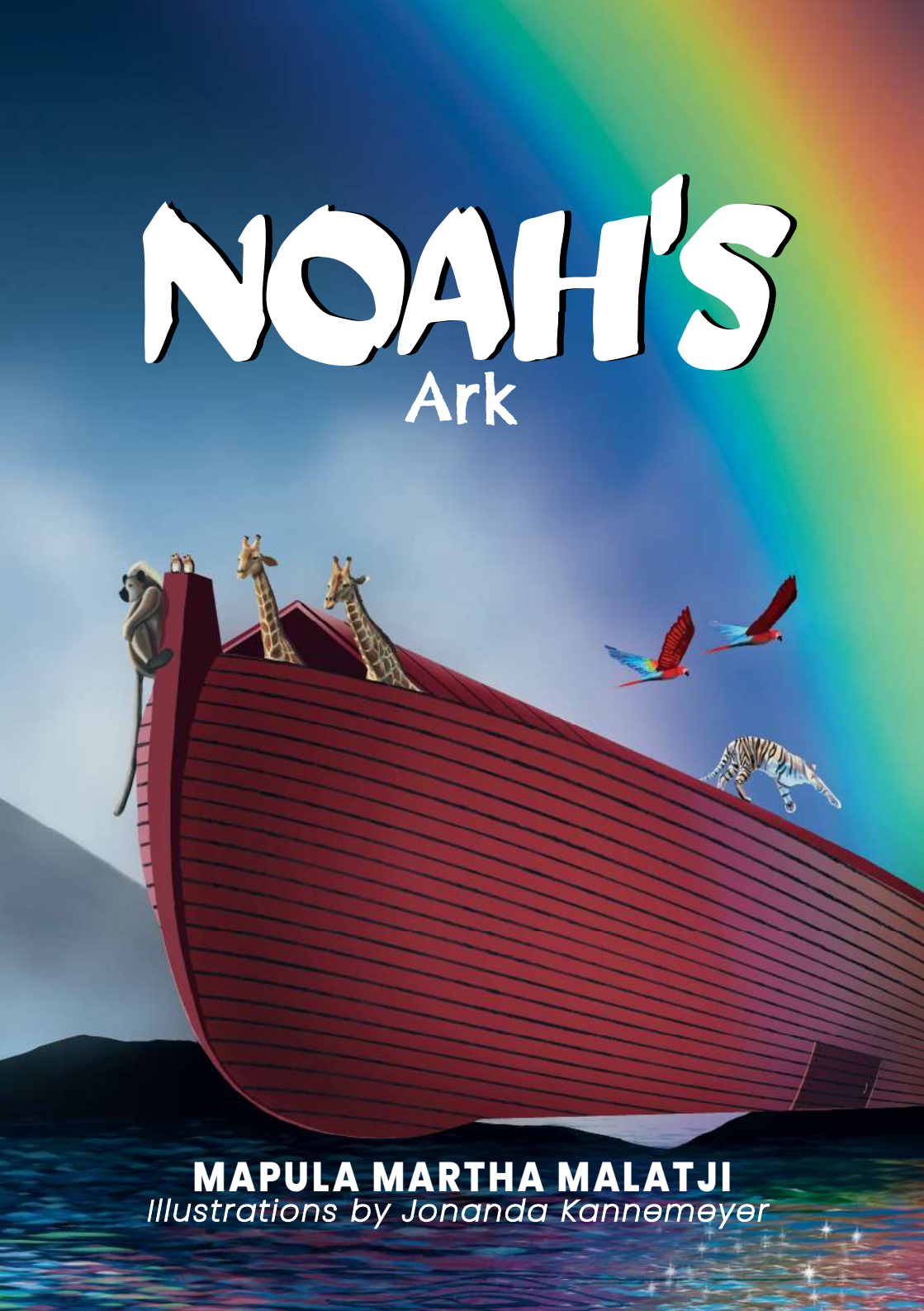

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NOAH'S Ark

Long ago, in a time when the world was filled with people who didn't follow God, there was a man named Noah. Noah was a good man and he walked faithfully with God.

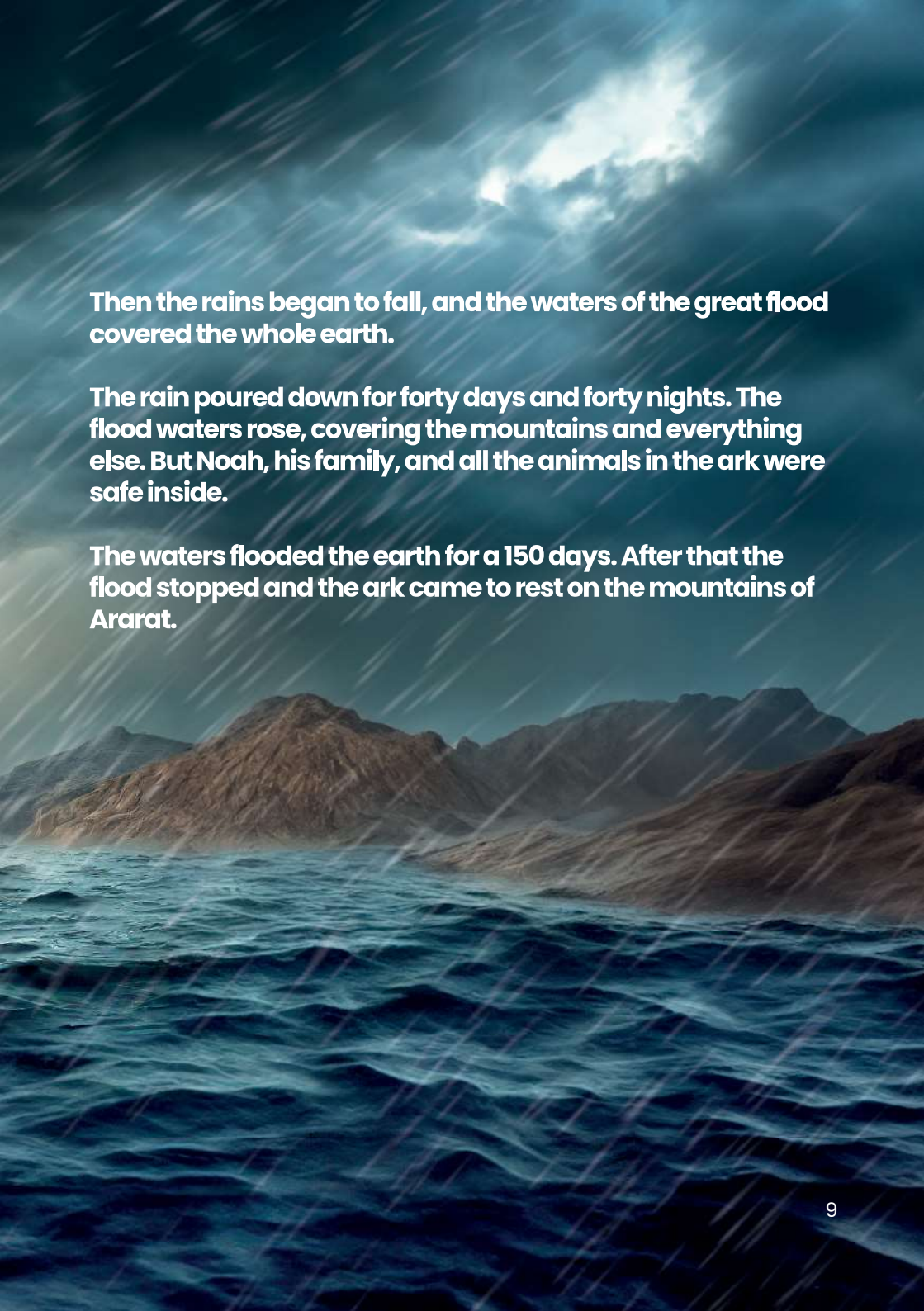
God saw that the world was filled with wickedness and decided to send a great flood to cleanse the earth.

God spoke to Noah and told him about the flood that was coming. He told Noah to build a huge boat and to gather his family and two of every kind of animal, male and female, so they could be saved from the flood.

The Lord said to Noah, “I will make a promise with you. You will enter the boat which is called an ark. You and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives will enter with you."

God also said, "You will bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female. Two of every kind of bird, animal and creature, and you will take food for you and for them.”

The animals came in pairs, just as God instructed. Noah and his family also went into the ark, and the Lord sealed them inside.



Then the rains began to fall, and the waters of the great flood covered the whole earth.

The rain poured down for forty days and forty nights. The flood waters rose, covering the mountains and everything else. But Noah, his family, and all the animals in the ark were safe inside.

The waters flooded the earth for a 150 days. After that the flood stopped and the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

After forty days Noah opened a window and sent out a raven. Then he sent out a dove, but the dove could not find anywhere to land, so it returned to Noah in the ark.

He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him, there was a freshly plucked olive leaf in his beak! Then Noah knew that the water had gone down. He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time the dove did not return to him.

Noah and his family left the ark and gave an offering to God to thank Him for their safety. God was pleased with their offering. He put a rainbow in the sky, saying that it was a sign of His promise that He would never flood the earth again.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You that you want to save us. Help us to listen to You, like Noah did, so we can be saved.

Questions

1. Who built the Ark?
2. Why did God love Noah?
3. Why did God send a flood to the earth?
4. How many days did it rain?
5. Name the birds that Noah sent out to see if the flood was over.

The Baobab Tree

In the Vuwani land in Venda, there is a large Baobab tree. Its trunk is the size of four elephants side by side. It is said that this tree is one of the oldest Baobabs in the world.

The tree is loved by the locals, and it is so famous that people come from distant lands to visit it. The locals want to attract visitors because the visitors bring money and this also helps to create jobs.

The base of the tree has large natural openings in the trunk, and people love to go inside and see the wonder of the big tree. There is even a door at the entrance, but it is said that only those who love the tree and treat it with respect are able to enter.

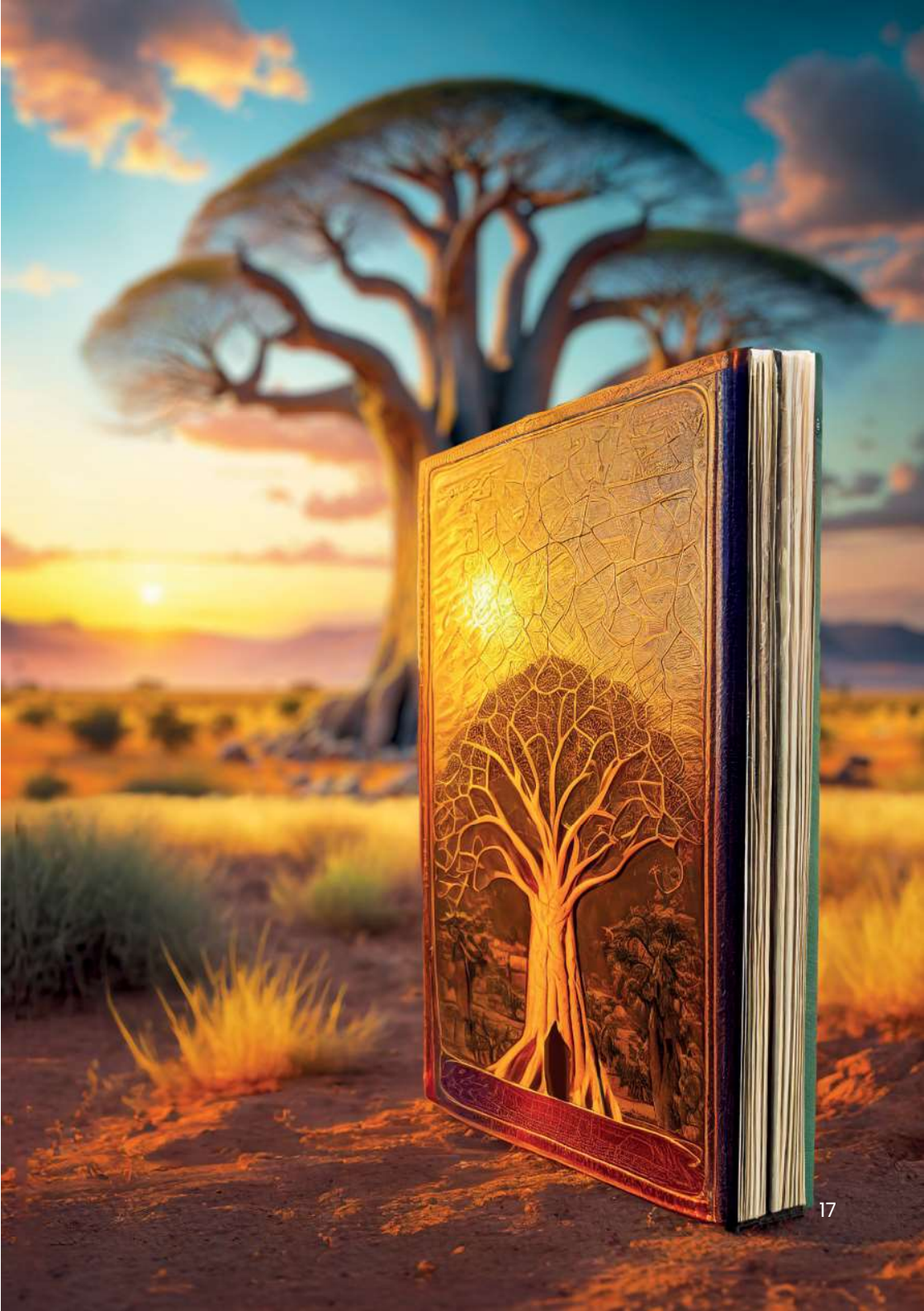
There are also small benches to rest on. Others stay inside, dancing, praising and singing songs like this:

O, Baobab
O, Baobab tree of wonders
You grow up to the highest clouds
You've been around since time was young
When are were afraid
We take refuge in your trunk.

In the same village, there was a man called Korong sitting in his hut near the Baobab tree. He made a window in his hut so he could see the tree clearly, because it was so beautiful.

Others in Vuwani were not interested in the Baobab tree. They looked down on it and they didn't like the visitors. They didn't care about learning from people who came from far away.

One day they decided to visit the tree but their names were not written on the list of regular visitors. They tried to open the door and it wouldn't open. They cried and said, “Our God, forgive us!” Only those who asked for forgiveness and treated the tree with respect were allowed inside.



Prayer

Dear God, please teach us to respect Your creation and be careful with nature. Thank You for the beautiful earth, plants and trees that You have given to us.

Questions

1. Where was the Baobab tree?
2. Why did visitors come from far away to see the tree?
3. Would you be happy to be inside the Baobab? Why?
4. What did Korong do so he could see the tree better?
5. What happened to the people who disliked the tree?

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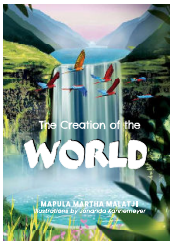

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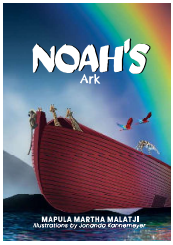

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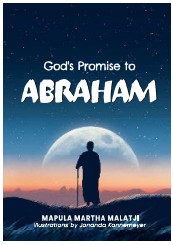

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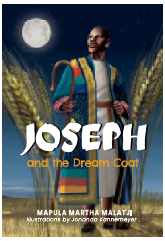

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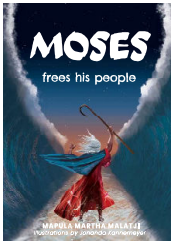

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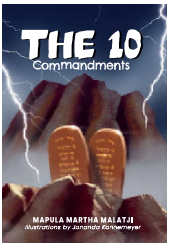

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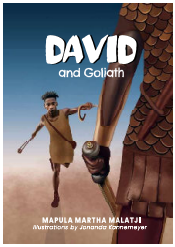

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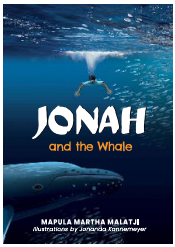

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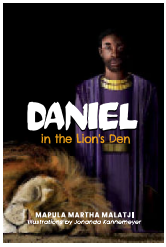

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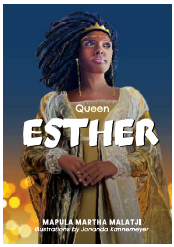

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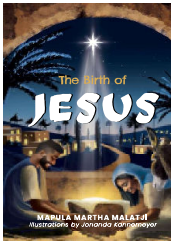

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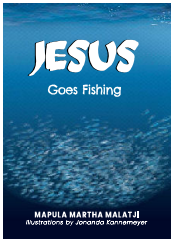

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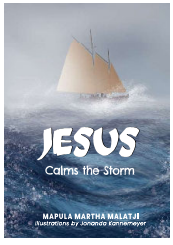

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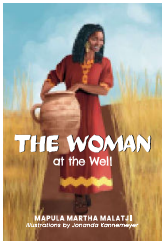

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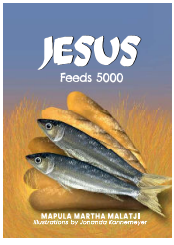

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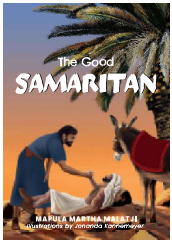

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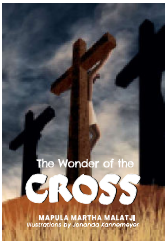

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Noah's Ark

In this story, we will learn how God punishes evil, and how He protects those who are good. We will also learn how God told Noah to build an ark to save his family, and every kind of animal, from a flood that covered the earth.

The Baobab Tree

In this story we will learn about a huge famous Baobab tree and why people from all over the world come to visit it. We will also learn how those who respect and take care of nature are rewarded.

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