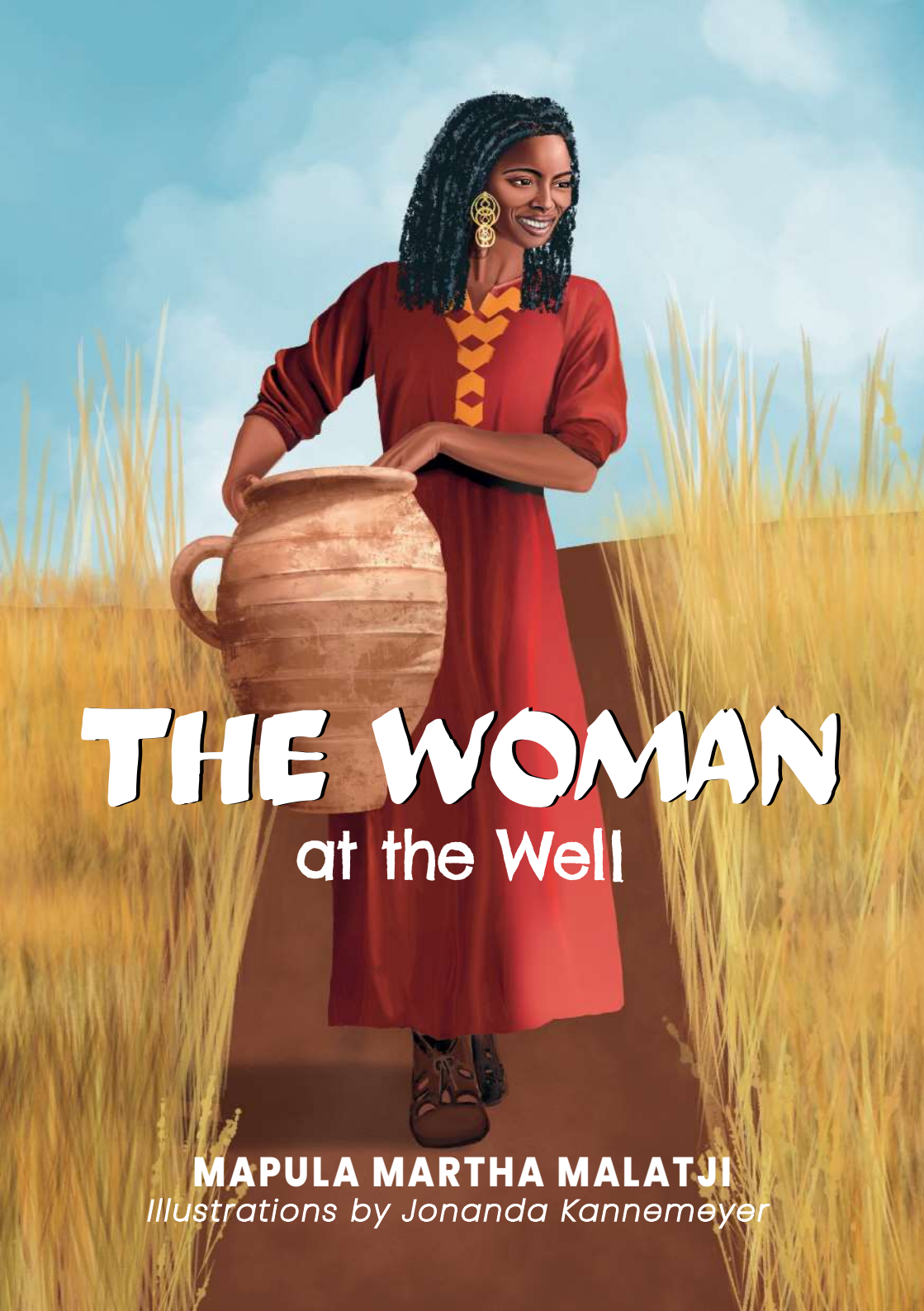

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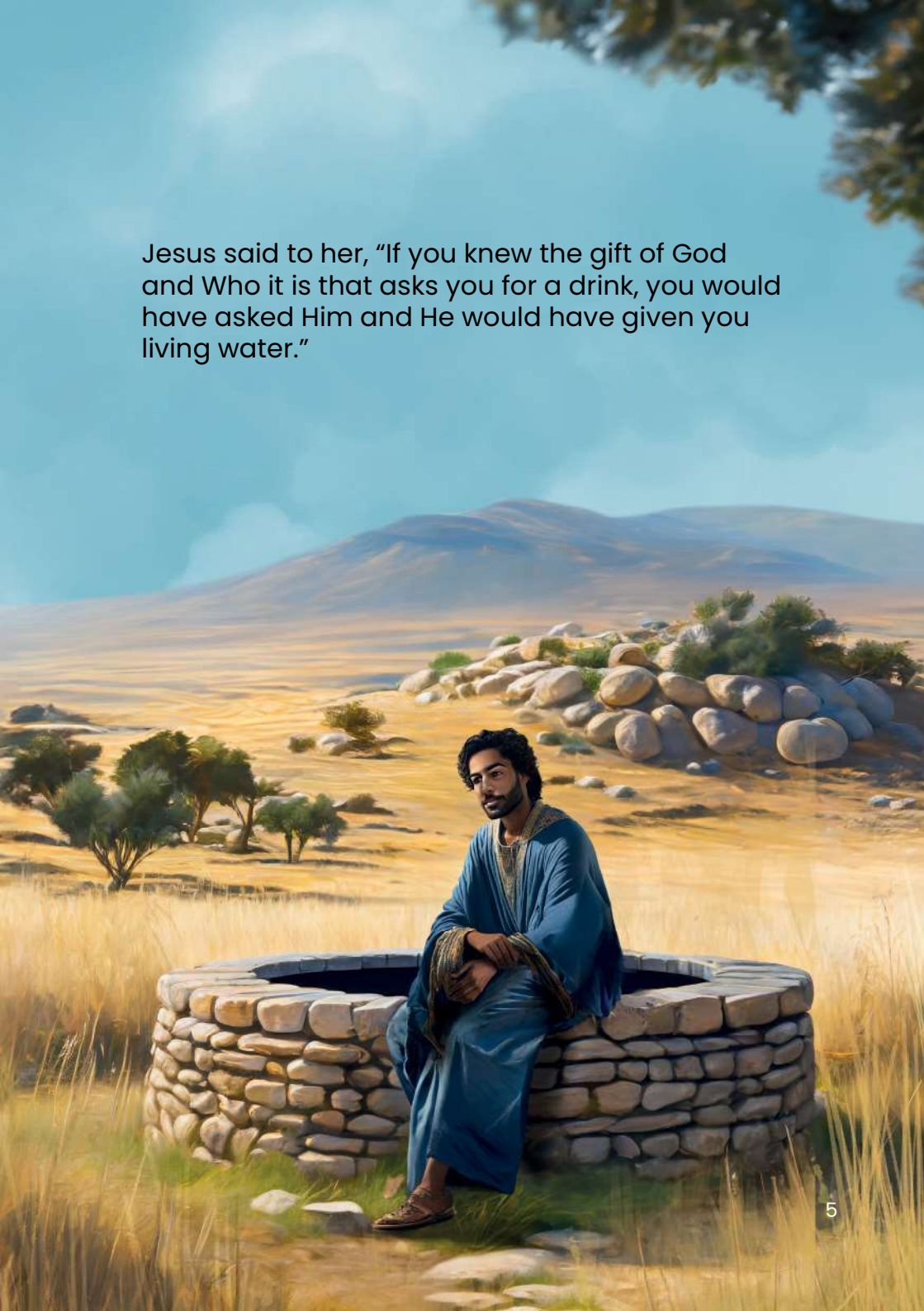
THE WOMAN

At the Well

When Jesus was traveling from Judea to Galilee, He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, and Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired, so He sat down by the well.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" At that time the Jewish people didn't like the Samaritans, and the woman said to Jesus, "You are Jewish and I am a Samaritan. Why would you ask me for a drink?"

Jesus said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and Who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”



The woman said “Sir, you have nothing to draw the water with, and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?”

Jesus replied, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. The water I give them will become a spring of water, leading to eternal life.”

The woman said, “Sir, please give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to the well.”

Jesus said, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

The woman replied, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. What you say is true.”

The woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say we must worship in Jerusalem.”

Jesus replied, “You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. But a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, because they are the kind of worshipers God seeks. He is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth.”

The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you — I am He.”

Then Jesus’ disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman.

The woman left her water jar, went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” So the people left the town and went to find Jesus.

Many of the Samaritans believed in Jesus because of the story they heard about him. When they came to Jesus, they asked Him to stay with them, and He stayed with them for two days. Because of his words, many more became believers.

The people said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to believe in You like the Samaritan woman did, and help me to share the good news of how You save us.

Questions

1. Who was talking at the well?
2. What was Jesus' first question?
3. What answer was given?
4. What kind of water does Jesus promise?
5. After the woman left the jar, where did she go and why?
6. How do you know that the Samaritans started to believe in Jesus?

The Preaching Cows

A man with a two-coloured face named Sekgaila had nine cattle. The names of the cattle were love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, righteousness, loyalty, gentleness, and the bull was called morality.

One day Sekgaila drove his cart to the local pond with his cattle to fetch water. When he arrived, he pushed away those who had come before him. The people were afraid of Sekgaila, and they were surprised that his heart was not like the names of the cattle. Sekgaila filled all of his buckets with water, then he started his journey home.

The road was long and had lots of potholes. As the cattle were pulling, the cart's four wheels fell off and broke into pieces. Sekgaila put his hands on his head and wondered what he was going to do. He left his cattle and went off to get help in the city. But the people in the city refused to help him because he was not a nice man.

When Sekgaila returned to the road where he had left his cart, he found his cattle were gone.

While he was in the city, some men had been passing by. They saw the broken cart, and they took the cattle. They pushed the cart aside and left the buckets of water behind. The cows grew thirsty and began to call out for Sekgaila. The men who stole the cows felt guilty because they knew the names of all of them. Even though Sekgaila was unfriendly, they realized they should not have stolen his cows.

When Sekgaila was crying over his loss, the thieves came back to the cart with the cows, and begged Sekgaila's forgiveness. The cows were very happy because now they had water to drink.

Sekgaila was so surprised by the actions of the thieves, that even he was sorry for being so mean. The thieves helped Sekgaila fix his cart and they all became known as the men who shared the good news of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, righteousness, loyalty, gentleness, and morality with others.

Prayer

Dear Lord, please help me to be full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, righteousness, loyalty, gentleness, and morality, like the names of Sekgaila's cows.

Questions

1. How many cattle did Sekgaila have?
2. Where did Sekgaila take the cows?
3. What happened to Sekgaila's cart?
4. What happened when Sekgaila went to the city for help?
5. Did the cattle get water in the end?

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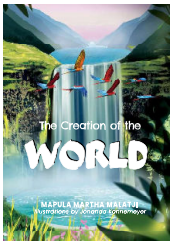

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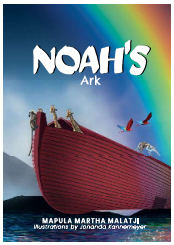

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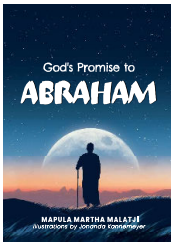

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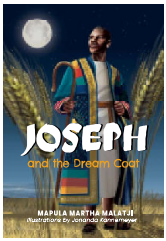

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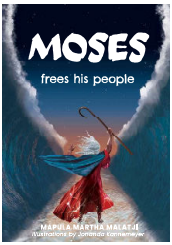

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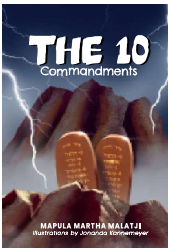

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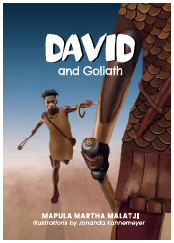

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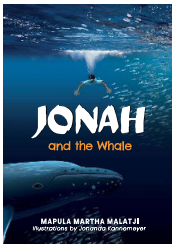

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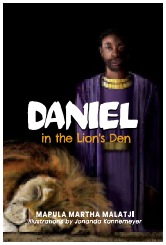

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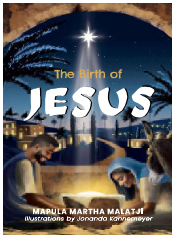

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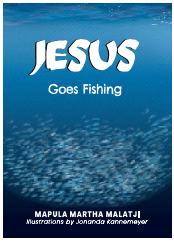

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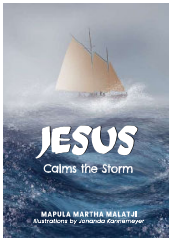

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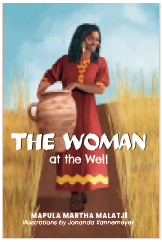

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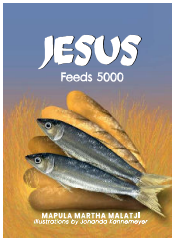

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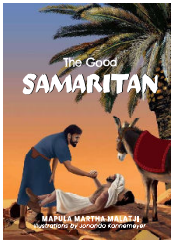

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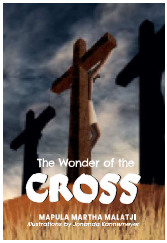

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The Preaching Cows

In this story we will learn about Sekgaila and his nine cows. When Sekgaila takes the cows to collect water, some bad men steal the cows. We will also learn how Sekgaila and the others learn a lesson from the names of the cows.

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