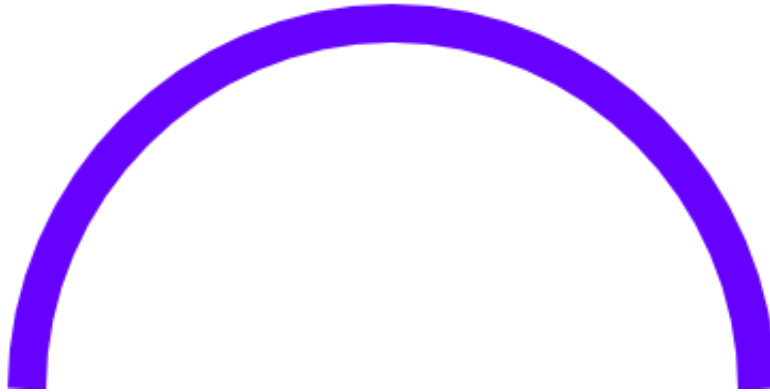


God's Promises



God was unhappy because the people he had made were doing evil things, so he decided to send a flood to destroy the world.

God told Noah to build a big boat so that Noah's family and some animals would be safe during the flood.

After the flood God promised Noah that he would never again destroy the world with a flood. God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise.

(Story from Genesis 6-8)



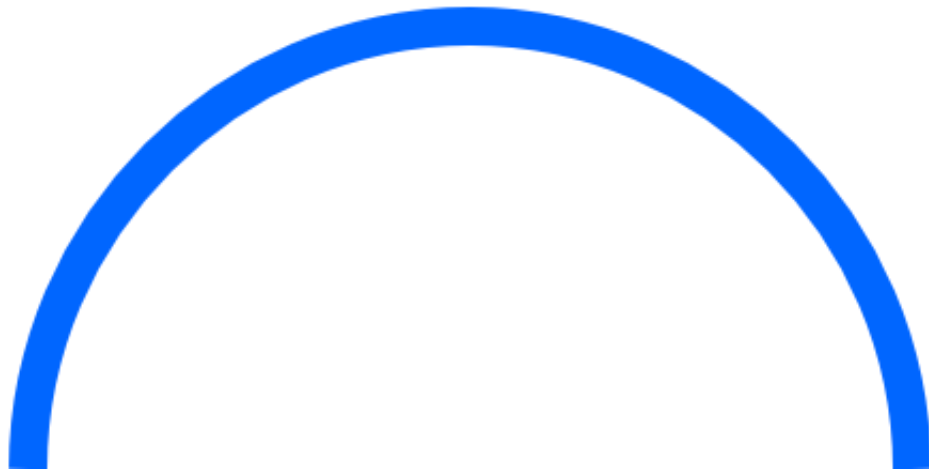
God asked Abraham to leave his home and move to a new place that he would show him.

God promised Abraham that he would have many children and grandchildren. They would become a great nation that would help others learn about God.

Abraham and his wife Sarah didn't have any children for a long, long time. Finally when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90, they had a son, Isaac.

Abraham's family became the nation called the Israelites.

(Story from Genesis 12, 21)



Jacob cheated his brother Esau, so he had to run away from home.

On his trip he had a dream. He saw a stairway reaching from heaven to earth with angels walking on the stairway.

God promised Jacob that he would be with him wherever he went and that he would bring him back home some day.

God did help Jacob, and years later he returned home and made up with his brother Esau.

(Story from Genesis 28, 33)

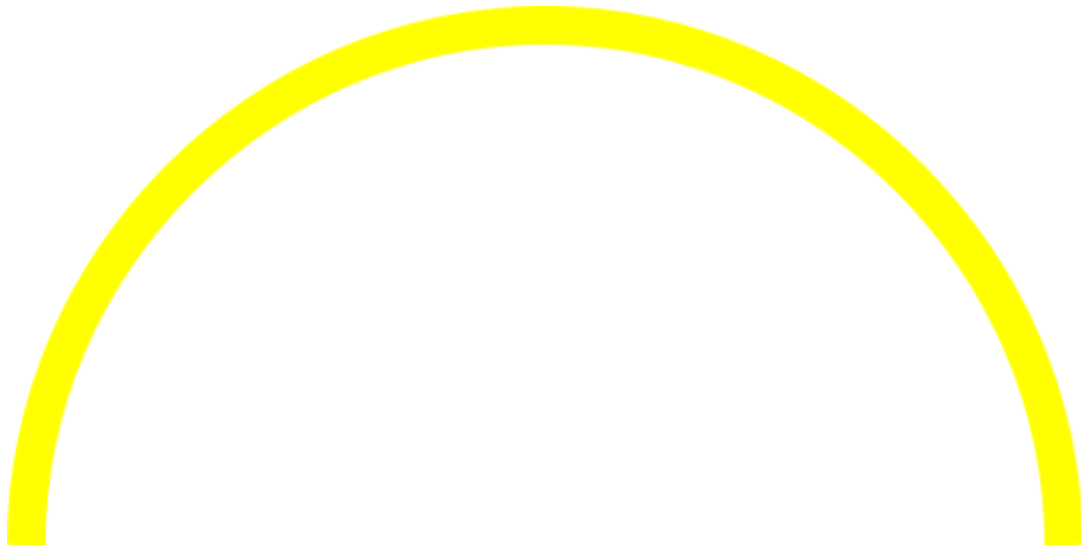


Isaiah and other Old Testament prophets spoke God's message to people. God told them what would happen in the future.

God promised Isaiah that a baby would be born and that he would be a king like King David. He would be called the Prince of Peace.

400 years later, God's son Jesus was born. Jesus did not have an earthly kingdom, but he taught about his heavenly kingdom.

(Story from Isaiah 9 and Luke 1)



Before Jesus went back to heaven, he told his friends to tell people about him wherever they went.

They were to teach people to be followers of Jesus and to obey everything he had taught them.

Jesus promised that he would be with his friends forever. If we are friends, he has promised to be with us forever too.

(Story from Matthew 28)

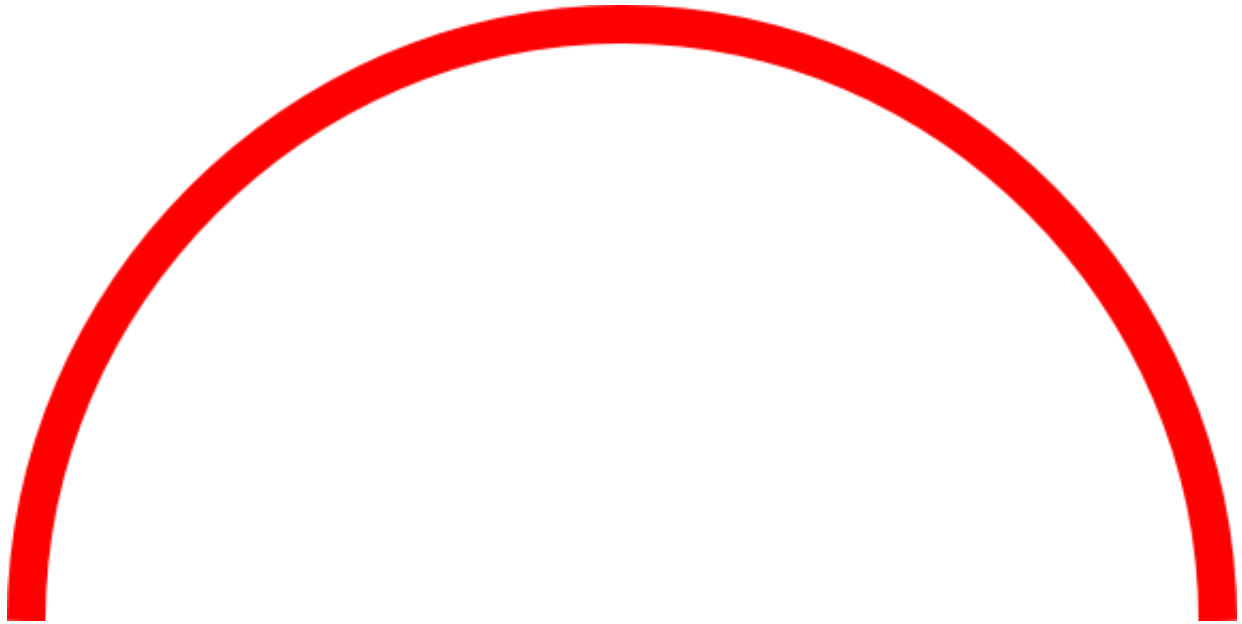


While he lived on the earth Jesus did many miracles to show God's glory.

Jesus said that his friends can do great things too. He promised if we ask for anything in his name, he will do it.

What does this mean? It means that if we are thinking about what Jesus wants when we pray, we will ask for the right things and he will answer our prayers.

(Story from John 14)



Jesus knew that he was going to die on the cross, come back to life, and then go back to heaven.

He promised his friends that he would prepare a place in heaven for them (and us) to live with him forever. Jesus also promised to come back and bring his friends to heaven.

Jesus is in heaven now. Some day he will return and take all of his friends to live in heaven with him.

(Story from John 14)