## Beresheet In the Beginning Genesis 1:1-6:8

In the beginning, Elohim made the heavens and the earth.

He made everything by just speaking.

He made everything in six days.

On day one, He made light and dark.

On day two, He made the air and the water.

On day three, He made dirt and rocks. He made plants and trees.

On day four, He made the sun, moon, and stars.

They tell us when the new month starts. They tell us when to celebrate the feasts.

On day five, He made fish and birds.

On day six, Elohim made animals and bugs. He also made a man.

People are special to Elohim.

He blessed them and told them to fill the earth with more people.

On day seven, Elohim rested.

That was the first Shabbat.

We keep Shabbat every week, just like Elohim.

Elohim planted a beautiful garden.

He planted trees for food. He called one the tree of life.

Another was called the tree of knowledge of good and bad. That tree was not for food.

Elohim called the first man Adam.

Adam worked hard in the garden and protected it.

Adam gave names to all the animals and birds and bugs.

But Adam was lonely.

So Elohim made him a wife, a special helper. Her name was Eve.

One day a bad serpent got into the garden.

He tricked Eve into eating from the tree of good and bad.

Adam ate from it, too.

Elohim knew that the tree was bad for them, but they did not listen to Him.

He made them leave their beautiful garden.

Adam and Eve now lived outside the garden.

They began to have children.

Their first boy was named Cain. He liked plants.

Their second boy was named Abel. He liked sheep.

They both brought a gift to Elohim.

Elohim liked Abel's gift of sheep, but He did not like Cain's gift of plants.

Cain got angry and killed his brother, Abel.

Adam and Eve were happy when Elohim gave them another son.

His name was Seth. Elohim was pleased with Seth.

Seth had children, and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

One of them was named Noah.

Elohim was pleased with Noah.

But many other people did very bad things. This made Elohim very sad.

He decided to destroy all the earth that He had made.



Adam and Eve

## Noach Noah Genesis 6:9-11:32

Elohim decided to destroy the whole earth.

But He had special plans for Noah.

He told Noah to build an ark, a big boat.

He told Noah to bring lots of food on the ark.

Noah and his family would be safe.

Two of every kind of animal would be safe.

Seven pairs of all kosher animals would be safe.

Kosher animals are good for you to eat.

Noah did everything Elohim said.

Rain came over the whole earth.

The rain lasted forty days and forty nights.

The rain covered the whole earth.

The rain went above the highest mountain.

After five months, the ark landed on Mount Ararat.

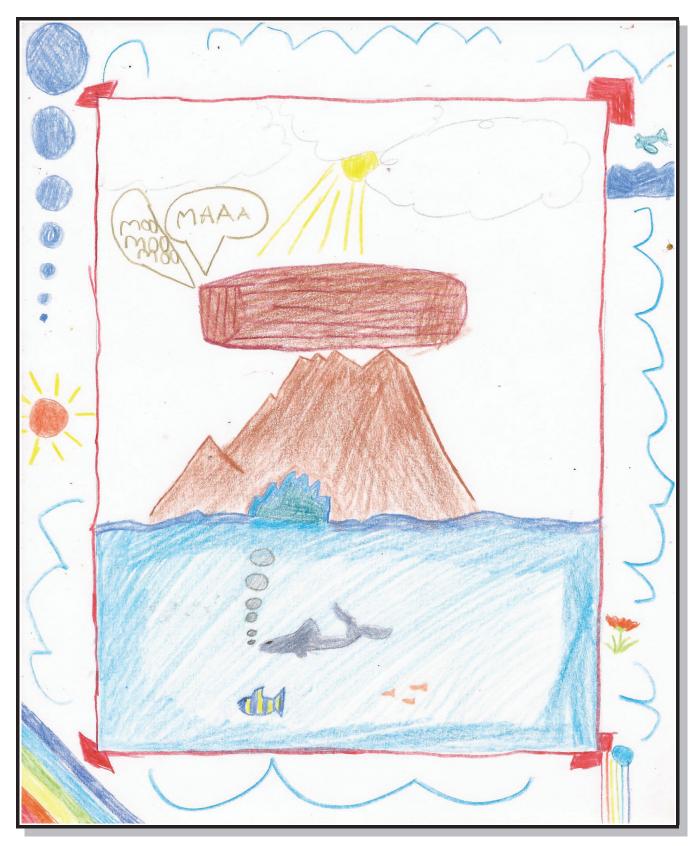
Noah sent a raven to check for dry land.

The raven never came back.

Noah sent a dove to check for dry land.

The dove came back because there was no dry land.

Noah sent the dove again to check for dry land.



Noah's ark

The dove came back with an olive leaf.

Noah sent the dove one more time to check for dry land.

The dove didn't come back.

Noah and his family finally came out of the ark.

They had lived in the ark a whole year.

All the animals were happy to find new homes.

Noah gave a gift to Elohim, called an offering.

He wanted to say thank you to Elohim for keeping his family safe.

Elohim blessed Noah and his family.

He told Noah they could eat plants and kosher animals.

He made a special promise to Noah.

He promised to never destroy the earth with water again.

He sealed His promise by putting the first rainbow in the sky.

Noah had grandchildren and great grandchildren.

They traveled and started many cities.

They went to the land of Shinar and decided to build a city all together.

They built a tower in the center.

They wanted to show Elohim that they did not need Him anymore.

This made Elohim very sad.

So He gave all of them different languages.

They could not understand each other.

They could not build the tower anymore.

So they spread out and started new cities and countries.

This is where all our languages came from.

The families kept growing.

There were more children and grandchildren.

One important grandchild was Abram.

He had a wife named Sarai.

She did not have any children yet.

But Elohim had special plans for Abram and Sarai.