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01 SELECTED BIBLE STORIES

01-01 The Origin of Mankind

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 1-2

Description: The story of the creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God created Eve out of Adam's rib. The story highlights God instructing them to be fruitful and multiply but not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Application: The children talk among themselves, saying God has created humankind in His image. The children ask why God told Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and the Mr Naqi, their Mentor replies, the next time he will be explain this. Mr Naqi says, "this is the beginning."

01-02 The Story of Job

Bible story/Bible passage: The story of Job

Description: Two children go out to gather food. Anuo is working hard while Tuotuo is being lazy and resting and a bee stings him. Anuo decides to use the secret password to enter into the other dimension for a good rest. Mr Naqi and Tuotuo go to look for Anuo. They see the story of Job happening before them. At the end of the story, Tuotuo told Anuo to work hard and not be lazy so he will not be stung by bees. When Tuotuo asks how Anuo knew he was sleeping rather than working, Anuo replied that God knows everything, and He will tell him the truth too.

Application: Don't complain even when bad things happen to us like when Anuo was stung by bees. God alone has all the wisdom and knows everything.

01-03 Joseph Sold as a Slave

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 37

Description: This video highlights the story of Joseph and his brothers. Two naughty children steal An Nuo's special pen that opens the door to the other dimension, and they use this to enter into the story of how Joseph was sold by his brothers. These children cannot get back home on their own and were very worried. Mr Naqi and Anuo from Rainbow Village come to their rescue. These children apologize and ask for forgiveness. They ask why An Nuo came to save them despite the bad things they did to him.

Application: Don't say words that cause pain to others and bring trouble to self. When a person is influenced by jealousy, anger and hatred, he or she should not allow these negative emotions to control them.

01-04 The Burning Bush

Bible story/Bible passage: Moses in the wilderness

Description: Mr Naqi of Rainbow Village is speaking to his audience. He explains how by travelling through a tunnel into the Biblical world, we can learn exciting lessons. When we finish watching these episodes, we should not forget to discuss them with the teacher.

Tuotuo complains to Anuo about collecting and eating mushrooms every day. They find a king's crown and start to fight over it. Tuotuo takes the crown and goes into the Biblical dimension. The other children follow to find Tuotuo. They see the sufferings of the Hebrews under the rule of Pharaoh.

The narrator explains the story of Moses as follows: The person who wears the crown which belongs to a bad king will eventually become a rock. Within this time that the children follow Moses' story, they were in this biblical realm for 40 years. Tuotuo becomes a rock for 40 years.

Application: To be great, we need to begin from small. Moses had to wait for 40 years. He was a shepherd for a long time. When he tried to help his people by killing the taskmaster, he ended up running away from Egypt.

Note: In these videos, the children who are wearing animal costumes represent different animals. They come from Rainbow Village. The children are taken by Mr Naqi into the biblical dimension where they see the Bible stories happening. The characters in this Biblical dimension can't see these children or communicate with them.

01-05 The Golden Calf

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 32 - The Golden Calf

Description: Tuotuo continues to play digital games despite promising Anuo that he would stop. Anuo wanted to eat lots of sweets but remembered that Mr Naqi had told him that too much sugar is not good for his health. He starts taking one and eventually eats the whole bowl of sweets. Shasha comes along and drags them into the Biblical world.

The Narrator explains that Moses is leading his people. The voice of God is telling them that apart from Him, there must be no other gods.

The story shows that the Hebrews asked Moses to meet with God, himself. They could no longer wait for Moses and start to make their idol. As Tuotuo and Anuo complain about how unfaithful these Hebrews were towards God, Shasha reminds them that they cannot judge these people because they too do not listen to the instructions of Mr Naqi.

Application: All sins are the same. There are no big or small sins. Idols are made by our own hands. They can't move or speak. We can make many idols ourselves.

01-06 The Story of Ruth

Bible story/Bible passage: The story of Ruth

Description: Shasha wants to win the title of Rainbow Girl. To win she has to be the prettiest. She asks if Mr Naqi can make her the most beautiful dress. Mr Naqi takes her to see the story of Naomi. They see the beauty of Ruth and her faithfulness to Naomi. They also see the kindness of Boaz.

Application: True beauty comes from good character.

01-07 Esther Saves Her People

Bible story/Bible passage: The story of Esther

Description: Anuo's enemy finds the time pencil that he had dropped and decides to enter into the Biblical dimension on her own. She sees the story of Esther. Mr Naqi explains that Esther did not become queen because of her beauty but that it is the will of God. Esther became the deliverer for her people.

Application: We must be like Esther and take action at the right time to fulfil the plans of God.

01-08 The Loaves and the Fishes

Bible story/Bible passage: Mark 6:30-44 - Multiplication of the loaves and the fishes)

Description: Today is Xi Xi Miao's birthday. She eats up her birthday cake before her guests arrive. She becomes very embarrassed when her guests complain that there is no more birthday cake to share. Mr Naqi takes them to the Biblical world to encourage Xi Xi Miao. Together they learn the story about Jesus receiving the news of the death of John the Baptist.

They also see Jesus giving thanks for the fish and bread that God multiplies. Jesus also teaches that He is the Bread of Life. All who come to Him will not be hungry. Believe in Him and they will not thirst.

Application: We should give thanks for the little that we have. In this world, many unpleasant things might happen, but if we give thanks in all situations, we will see the goodness of God. God is amazing and can perform miracles that humans cannot perform. We should trust God.

Note: At the end of this episode the girl who acts as Xi Xi Miao shows her audience that she is an ordinary girl with a happy life. It is important to let the children know that these characters are only acting.

01-09 Story of the Prodigal Son

Bible story/Bible passage: Luke 15:7-32 - Story of the Prodigal son

Description: Anuo and Xi Xi Miao are arguing when Shasha turns up. They will not reconcile, and Mr Naqi decides to take them to the Biblical world so that they can learn a lesson.

Jesus teaches his disciples about the forgiveness of God. All have fallen short of the glory of God. He tells the story of the prodigal son. Mr Naqi explains the meaning of the robe, ring and slippers which the father gave to his son. The robe represents honour and respect. The ring represents authority.

Application: Do not judge others when they do wrong. When we stand before God, no one is pure. God rejoices when we repent of our sins.

01-10 Jesus Arrested, Peter Denies the Lord

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 26: 36-75

Description: Mr Naqi and two children see the story of Jesus' betrayal and the prayer of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

Application: When we do wrong like Peter, we can come to Jesus to ask for forgiveness. Jesus chose to do the will of the Father. The thoughts of God are higher than ours. Trust God even when we do not understand.

01-11 The Empty Grave

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 28 – The Resurrection of Jesus

Description: Shasha and Anuo are concerned that the sunflowers are withering away. Mr Naqi shows them that there are seeds from these sunflowers. They plant the seeds and are told to wait patiently for them to grow. Anuo says he believes that Jesus has been resurrected and requests to go back to the Biblical world to see the resurrection of Jesus.

Application: Like Thomas, we can have questions but if we allow our doubts to become a determination not to believe then it will not be good for us. There are some questions that we can find answers to but not all doubts can be explained.

02 OLD TESTAMENT CLASSICS

02-01 Adam and Eve Sin

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 3 – The fall of man

Description: The video starts with God blessing Adam to be fruitful and instructs him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Mr Naqi goes through what the three children say to enter the “old world” (or the Biblical dimension) and gives them each a pencil that is the key to enter in. They leave him before he has finished giving all the important instructions because they are in a hurry to go to a birthday party.

Shasha and Anuo entered into the Biblical world on their own for the first time. They see how the snake put doubts in Eve’s mind, how both Adam and Eve sin against God and the response of God in the Garden of Eden to humankind and the snake.

Shasha & Anuo want to return to earth but cannot because they do not know what to do and start to panic. Tuotuo and Mr Naqi come to look for them and explain that they did not learn the password to return to earth before entering into the Biblical world.

Mr Naqi tells them that if the descendants of Adam & Eve are willing to repent, they too can go back to Father God who is waiting for them.

Application: Repentance from our sins will bring about reconciliation with God.

Note: This video did not show that Adam was with Eve when the snake spoke to Eve, giving the impression that Eve made the decision all on her own. This implies that all responsibility for the entrance of sin into the world was Eve’s alone.

02-02 Jacob & Esau

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 25:21-34 – Jacob & Esau

Description: Tuotuo is hungry and wants to eat his little sister, Shasha’s cake. She asks for him to swap his cartoon magazine with her cake and he agrees. Later he wants his magazine back, but his sister would not give it back because of their previous agreement and because he has already eaten her cake. Shasha escapes to the Biblical world with another friend. Together they see the story of how Esau gave his inheritance away to Jacob for a bowl of food.

They realise that Esau being the oldest should have received the inheritance from his father. There was a competition between Esau and Jacob for the inheritance from their father. They see how Jacob uses a bowl of food to trick his older brother to give up his inheritance. Shasha’s friend comments that no matter who receives the inheritance, they should still be brothers, no matter what. This is the most important value.

Application: Don’t take advantage of the situation of others’ to selfishly get what we want.

02-03 Joseph & the Prime minister of Egypt

Bible story/Bible passage: Joseph in prison

Description: Little Grape has a nightmare and is frightened. She wonders what her dream means. Anuo asks if our dreams talk to us? Mr Naqi introduces Joseph, who understands the interpretation of dreams, to them. He says Joseph has finally humbled himself after all the trials he faces.

They see the story of Joseph as he interprets the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker of Pharaoh in the jail.

Application: Learn to wait for God’s timing and plan to be established.

02-04 The Birth of Moses

Bible story/Bible passage: Exodus 2:1-10 – The Birth of Moses

Description: Tuotuo wants to know from Mr Naqi if in future he will become a good player for their carrot game. Mr Naqi says he cannot help Tuotuo, but he can take him to see someone who can.

They see in the Biblical world Pharaoh killing all the male children and Moses as a baby being put in the basket by his mother on the river of Nile. Mr Naqi explains to Tuotuo that Moses' mother and sister are two women who were courageous and trusted God. They can help Tuotuo.

The story shows how during the moment of crisis Miriam stepped out with courage to talk to Pharaoh's daughter offering to help get a nanny for baby Moses. She trusted God to look after her little brother, Moses.

Mr Naqi tells Tuotuo and Anuo that this is the way that God can fulfil his will on Moses. His mother will teach Moses about God and how to obey him. He explains that Moses will be the deliverer of the Israelites. He asks what Tuotuo has learnt from this.

Application: Do our best in all things. Even if we are doing enough, God will help us like he helped Moses' mother and sister.

02-05 The Story of Samson

Bible story/Bible passage: Judges 14-16 - The story of Samson

Description: Little Grape spends the whole night inventing a special pill. While he is napping, Tuotuo finds the pill and swallows it thinking that it would give him great strength, but instead, it takes strength away from him.

The narrator tells of the rebellion of the Israelites and that God allowed the Philistines to oppress his people but would raise a deliverer for them. Little Grape and Anuo are looking for Tuotuo and see the story of Samson and Delilah.

Mr Naqi says even though Samson rebelled against God's commands, God did not forget him. He just needed to return to God and repent.

Application: We need to be careful who we trust. Do not listen to lies and temptations. When we sin, we should quickly repent and ask God for forgiveness.

02-06 God Calls Samuel as a Child

Bible story/Bible passage: 1 Samuel 1-3 – Story of Samuel as a child

Description: Xi Xi Miao decides to be a good person. Tuotuo and Anuo take Xi Xi Miao to see what a good person looks like. They see Hannah's story. She dedicated Samuel to God and brought him to serve in the temple. God and men love Samuel as he grew up. He was helpful and obedient. Samuel learns to respond to the voice of God.

Application: When God calls us, we should respond positively and not run away from Him.

02-07 David Avoids Saul

Bible story / passage: David Avoids Saul

Content: San San goes around asking if her brother and friends know which day it is today? No one seem to be able to tell her what she wants to hear. Mr Naqi finds her sitting on her own crying because no one seem to remember today is her birthday. She thinks she is not important in their hearts. Mr Naqi encourages her to give her friends another chance. They will learn what a good friend is like.

This story talks about David growing as a young man and becoming good friends with Jonathan, the son of King Saul. Jonathan told David that he is very important to him. He gave David his robe and his bow as a covenant with him.

Saul was becoming more and more jealous of David. He told Jonathan that he wanted to kill David. Jonathan tried to change his father's mind but was not able to. David went to Jonathan one day telling him how his father had tried to kill him. Jonathan promised David that if he should find out that his father is wanting to kill David, he will let him know and help him escape. He asked that David would do the same for him. Should he die, David will look after his son. They made this covenant with one another before God.

This story went on to show how Saul plotted to kill David but Jonathan informed David of his father's plan so he could escape.

After they returned to Rainbow Village, San San confesses to Mr Naqi that she is a little disappointed that her friends have forgotten about her birthday, but she will not reject them. At this stage, her brother and Ah Nuo came out with a birthday cake and sing Happy Birthday for San San. Tor Tor tells her that she is very important to them.

Application: Accept your friends and be gracious to them.

02-08 Elijah & the Poor Widow

Bible story/Bible passage: Elijah's trust in God

Description: Tuotuo is not willing to go to the picnic because he is afraid that bad things will happen to him. Mr Naqi takes him, Shasha and Anuo to see someone who has faith in God in the Biblical world. That person is the Prophet, Elijah. It is a time of famine, but God sends the raven to bring food daily to Elijah. They see the widow feeding Elijah despite that this was her last meal for her son and herself. They see that the oil and flour did not finish but continues to multiply for as long as Elijah, this widow and son need food. This story showed Elijah raising the widow's son from dead and announcing his faith in God in the presence of King Ahad.

Application: When we need provision, God will supply in ways we cannot imagine. We should trust God in all circumstances. Whatever we do, we should be like this widow and have confidence that God will help us.

02-09 The Story of Naaman

Bible story/Bible passage: 2 Kings 5 – The story of Naaman

Description: Mr Naqi and Tuotuo go to the Biblical world to see the story of Naaman. General Naaman needed healing from leprosy. Tuotuo asks why General Naaman listened to his servant's advice to see Prophet Elisha? Mr Naqi explains that as long as a person is faithful to God, the Lord can use even a poor servant like Naaman's maid to speak to them.

Application: Be obedient to God's way just like General Naaman.

02-10 The Story of Jonah

Bible story/Bible passage: The story of Jonah

Description: Tuotuo and Anuo argue about who lost the soccer game. They will not play because they are offended by each other. Mr Naqi asks if Tuotuo would reconcile with Anuo if he ended up in the belly of a fish? He takes Tuotuo and Shasha to see something that seems impossible became a possibility. They see the story of Jonah running away from delivering the message of repentance to Nineveh because Jonah does not want the people of Nineveh to be saved. After Jonah is swallowed up by the whale, he repents and realises that God is merciful.

Application: To rebel against God is foolishness and it is impossible to escape from God. Do not try to escape from what we need to face. God will be there to help us.

02-11 John the Baptist

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 3:1-12 - John the Baptist

Description: The children see the story of the refusal of a Pharisee and a Sadducee to give to a beggar. Another man comes along and shares his food with this beggar because he was taught by John the Baptist to share what he has with the poor. John preached about repentance. The beggar asks if he is the Messiah. John answers that there is one greater than him who will come to baptise them with water and fire. Jesus comes to John and asked to be baptised. The narrator explains that Jesus did not sin but went through the water baptism as a sign of obedience to the Father. This story shows how the Holy Spirit came on Jesus like a dove and the voice of Father telling everyone present that Jesus is his beloved son.

Application: To show our sincerity in a matter we need to take the appropriate action; not just speak words.

03 CHARACTER CLASSICS

03-01 The story of Rebekah

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 24:1-67 - The story of Rebekah

Description: The crow tells his minions, Xi Xi Miao and Bo Lou to steal the password for the entrance to the Biblical world. Accidentally, Anuo brings these three into the Biblical world where they see the story of the servant of Abraham looking for a wife for Isaac. The servant asks for a sign from the Lord to reveal who will be the wife for Isaac. The crow and the children hear this servant's prayer. When Rebekah appears in the scene, Black Crow began to scheme how to sabotage the will of God. He used his black magic to call Rebekah and keeps tipping over her jug of water. Anuo tries to stop him. Black Crow says he will do whatever he desires. Mr Naqi appears scolding Black Crow for doing that and tells him that he cannot change the history of God by his own will. Mr Naqi makes him disappear.

Application: Have faith like this servant about God's leading. Be kind like Rebekah and courageous like Anuo.

03-02 Jacob marries Rachel

Bible story/Bible passage: Genesis 29 - Jacob marries Rachel

Description: Anuo waits for Tuotuo so that they can go mountain climbing but Tuotuo is relaxing at home and did not turn up for his appointment with Anuo. He has forgotten about Anuo until his sister Shasha reminds him. Tuotuo runs to meet Anuo and apologises for forgetting their appointment. Anuo called him an untrustworthy person and breaks his friendship with Tuotuo. Both are very angry with one another.

Suddenly there is an explosion in the time tunnel and Mr Naqi explains that this does not happen frequently but when it does it might cause a person entering into the Biblical world to be lost. While they go to check, Mr Naqi can sense that Anuo is there.

They see Jacob fleeing to his uncle Laban and the story of how Jacob has to work for Laban for seven years before he can marry Rachel.

Mr Naqi tells the children that someone who knows Anuo must remain in that place to wait seven years for him to find Anuo and help him get out of this world. The time in this world will go by quickly and maybe the friend of Anuo does not have to wait for seven years if the time tunnel is repaired. Shasha and Mr Naqi leave Tuotuo to wait for Anuo.

Tuotuo is excited for Jacob when the seven years are up for him to marry Rachel, but he sees that the woman presented to Jacob on the wedding day was Rachel's older sister, Leah instead of Rachel. He also sees that Laban makes Jacob work for another seven years if he wants to marry Rachel.

Just as Tuotuo was wondering where Anuo is, Mr Naqi appears to tell him that he will have to wait for another seven years for Anuo to appear. To Mr Naqi's surprise, Tuotuo agrees to wait. Tuotuo has learned from Jacob that he too can be a trustworthy person.

Application: We must treat others the same way we want them to treat us. Jacob has changed over the fourteen years he had to work for Laban just to marry Rachel.

03-03 David will not kill King Saul

Bible story/Bible passage: 1 Samuel 24 - David will not kill King Saul

Description: Shasha wants her brother, Tuotuo to be punished for breaking something that she owns. Mr Naqi decides to take them and Anuo to the Biblical world to learn another way to deal with a person's wrongdoing.

They see the story of King Saul chasing after David wanting to kill him. David and his men hid in a cave. Saul went into the same cave to rest. David and his men saw him, and David's men told him that it was a God-given opportunity to kill Saul. David showed Saul how close he got to him physically – so close that he had cut out a small piece of his robe. David said he could have killed Saul but that he had chosen not to do that. Saul praised David for his kindness.

Mr Naqi explains to Shasha that because David honours and obeys God, he also honours the king that God has chosen. David was very brave. On many occasions, he could have killed Saul, and many had advised him to do so, but he did not because he knows that revenge is not a good thing. David was determined to follow his principles in life.

Shasha learns not to keep the holding on to the wrong of her brother but forgive him. Mr Naqi tells Tuotuo that he should take responsibility for breaking his sister's belonging. He decides that Tuotuo should go and pick mushrooms for dinner while they all go for a swim.

Application: Our actions can bring consequences. Do not take it upon ourselves to take revenge when someone wrongs us. We can choose to forgive.

03-04 Moses Flees to the Wilderness for 40 years

This is the same story as 01-04 except this video does not have Mr Naqi in the beginning explaining.

03-05 God Provides Manna for the Israelites

Bible story/Bible passage: Exodus 16 - God's provision of Manna to the Israelites

Description: Little Grape makes a concoction of something liquid that is edible. She shares it with Shasha and Anuo and they drink the liquid. Little Grape was disappointed because she was hoping that this invention is a kind of drink that will never run out. Anuo and Shasha think of a supernatural food in ancient days that never ran out. They all enter into the Biblical Old Testament world and see the Israelites in the wilderness after they have left Egypt.

The Narrator explains how the Israelites followed Moses out of slavery. They complained about leaving Egypt because their food ran out. The children question amongst themselves why these people have forgotten that it was Moses who led them into freedom. Why are they blaming Moses now that we are having problems?

Moses told his people that God has heard their complaints and will provide them with food, but they are to remember how God has delivered them from Egypt. The next morning, they saw God send Manna as food to them. The story continues to show that on the 7th day God taught them about Sabbath. God gave them a double portion of manna on the 6th day as he would not send any on the 7th day as it is a rest day for his people. God provided 40 years of food to his people until they entered Canaan.

After they return to Rainbow village, the children asked Mr Naqi why did God continue to provide for the Israelites despite them not believing in God and complaining? Mr Naqi asks them for their thoughts about these questions. Anuo thinks that it is because God is a merciful God.

Application: Do not blame others when we face challenges. God is a faithful God. He will do what he promised and provide for us.

03-06 Daniel Eats Vegetarian

Bible story/Bible passage: The story of Daniel and his friends making the right decisions

Description: Little Grape invents a special chair that will run away when someone tries to sit on it. Shasha does not know this and tries to sit on this chair twice falling onto the ground. When Little Grape laughs because she was excited that she was successful, Shasha gets angry and leaves without helping Little Grape to cook as promised.

Shasha vents her frustration and anger to Mr Naqi. Mr Naqi understands that she is tempted to not go mountain climbing with her brother and Anuo because she is upset with Little Grape. She needs to know how to choose correctly. Mr Naqi takes her to see how Daniel and his three friends had to make correct choices while in exile in Babylon. They decided not to drink the wine and eat the meat from King Nebuchadnezzar. Instead, they only eat vegetables, but they were very healthy – healthier than those who ate the meat and drank the wine the palace sent to them. Daniel explained that it is God who was looking after them as they obey the laws of God.

The next decision Daniel's three friends had to make was when they were told to bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's statue. They refused, as God's law has written clearly that they will have only one God and no other. They were thrown into the furnace of fire, but God was with them and saved them.

Shasha now has to decide what to do. She chooses to go back and help Little Grape to cook, but Little Grape had decided to go mountain climbing with the other two together with Shasha.

Application: When making decisions, we should consider that is right to do.

03-07 Daniel in the Lions' Den

Bible story/Bible passage: Daniel in the Lions' den

Description: Tuotuo refuses to go running. He prefers to do nothing and stay indoors. He says he is too busy to exercise. Mr Naqi takes him and Anuo to the Old Testament Biblical world to see the life of Daniel in Babylon. The favour of the king over Daniel had drawn envy from the other two leaders of Egypt. They plotted to have Daniel killed. They influenced the king to give a command that no one is allowed to worship or pray to anyone except this king. Anyone who disobeyed this decree would be thrown into the lions' den. The decree was issued, but Daniel continued to open his window and pray. King Darius had to throw Daniel into the lions' den even though he liked Daniel. God protected Daniel the whole night and he was not eaten by the lions.

King Darius found Daniel still alive the next morning and was greatly touched by his trust in God and the power of God that kept him safe.

Tuotuo learns that even Daniel in his most challenging time would take time to pray, therefore, he too should take time to exercise.

Application: We need to pray in all circumstances because prayer is talking to God. In times of trouble, God will direct us and give us strength.

03-08 Jesus Aged 12 at the Temple

Bible story/Bible passage: Luke 2:42-42 - Twelve-year-old Jesus

Description: Shasha asks Tuotuo to do the cleaning in their house but her brother does not agree. Shasha reminds him that he has not helped with any cleaning for many weeks. She comments that he is a person who does not know who he is and what he is supposed to do. His friend, Anuo says the same thing about him. That puzzles him, and he goes to Mr Naqi for advice. Mr Naqi tells him that they can go into the Biblical world to meet a child who might be able to give Tuotuo the answer.

They see the young Jesus who was growing in favour with men and with God. Tuotuo cannot understand why Jesus looked like an ordinary young person when He was meant to be the Lord. Mr Naqi explains that we should observe what is going on in the world around us. This story showed that Jesus was a helpful young man. He did need his sleep and he learned carpentry from his father, Joseph, just like an ordinary person.

One day, Jesus and his family left for Jerusalem and Jesus was left behind. His earthly parents were very anxious. When they found Jesus, they were told by him that he was in the temple where his Father's house is. Jesus knows that he is the son of God. Although Jesus knew who he was, he did not reject Mary or Joseph as his earthy parents. Everything that happened in Jesus' life, Joseph and Mary kept in their hearts. They nurtured Jesus as they would nurture and train any ordinary child. Only in this way, could Jesus understand our pain and can bear our sins and save us.

Application: We need to know who we are and what we are meant to do.

Note: The part of the story about Jesus helping Mrs Balai to find her animal is not taken from the Bible. This should be explained as something that Jesus may have done.

03-09 The Good Samaritan

Bible story / passage: Luke 10: 25-37

Content: San San lies to Ah Nou that she is sick because she does not like his cooking and does not want to go to his house for dinner. Tor Tor and Mr Naqi also give excuses over the phone so that they don't have to eat Ah Nuo's cooking. They went to the Biblical World to see what Jesus is teaching.

As Jesus was teaching, a Pharisee stood up to asked what he must do to receive eternal life. Jesus asked him what the Law tells him. This Pharisee replied, "Love the Lord, your your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind", and "Love your neighbour as yourself." He asked who is his neighbour? Jesus taught the crowd the story about the Good Samaritan.

At the end of his story, Jesus asked who is his neighbour in this story? The Pharisee replied that it is the one who had mercy on the man who was robbed and left to die. Jesus explained that the Samaritan man helped this man. He knew how to love his neighbour as he loves himself. You too should do the same.

Ah Nuo told Mr Naqi that he learns from this story that "love is not just words but has to be backed up by actions."

Mr Naqi felt very bad after they have returned to Rainbow Village. Ah Nuo announces to him, Tor Tor and San San that he has decided to cook all the meals for them daily. He wants to show his love for them by his actions.

Application: We should help those who need our help. This is how we show our love to God.

03-10 The Precious Perfume

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 26 - Mary's priceless gift to Jesus

Description: Mr Naqi's birthday is coming up soon and the children are discussing what gift to give him. They want to know what the most precious gift in the world is. Mr Naqi wanted to show them a precious gift in the Biblical world.

They overhear Martha and Mary's conversation about the disciples wanting to be great. The disciples each wanted Jesus to establish a kingdom on earth and were wondering who amongst them will have the highest position.

Mary was preparing to give Jesus a special gift. She found some costly fragrant oil for Jesus that costs a whole year of wages to buy. The story shows Mary pouring the oil over Jesus' feet and wiping them with her long hair. The fragrance filled the room where Jesus and his disciples were, yet one of them pointed out to Jesus that Mary who was wiping his feet was a sinner. Jesus told them the parable of two men who owed the Master money. He asked which one should be more grateful after the Master cancelled their debts? The reply was that the one who owed more has been forgiven more, and so should be most grateful.

Jesus said Mary has given him her greatest love—all that she owns, she spent it on Jesus. He declared over Mary that God has forgiven her sins.

Judas was indignant about the cost spent and asked why not use the money to give to the poor? Jesus explained that they will always have the poor and that what Mary did for him will be remembered by all who hear the Gospel.

The children decide to give their best for Mr Naqi's birthday. Shasha makes him some biscuits, but they taste awful. Tuotuo gives him withered flowers from his garden and Anuo is going to sing him a song. In the end, Mr Naqi runs away.

Application: The most precious gift we can give is love from our own heart.

03-11 Lazarus

Bible story/Bible passage: John 11 - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Description: Xi Xi Miao sends a letter to Shasha declaring a competition between them for the next day. Shasha is worried. Mr Naqi requests that she delay the appointment by five minutes so that he can give her a surprise.

The next evening Xi Xi Miao turns up but does not see Shasha. Xi Xi Miao sees the time tunnel pencil on the ground and decides to go into the time tunnel in search of Shasha.

Xi Xi Miao sees the death of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary. Although Jesus heard about how sick Lazarus was before he passed away, he knew that it was for the glory of the Father that Lazarus would die and be resurrected later. Jesus knew the timing of Father when to go to Lazarus and how long to wait.

All over Bethlehem, people were talking about how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. But all the religious leaders were plotting on how to get rid of Jesus. Xi Xi Miao could not understand why they wanted to cause trouble for Jesus who only do good for everyone. Xi Xi Miao was convicted not to cause trouble for Shasha just because she was doing good.

Application: Do not be envious of people who are doing better than we are.

03-12 The Last Supper

Bible story/Bible passage: Mark 14 - The Last Supper

Description: Judas betrayed Jesus by selling information about where Jesus would be to those who wanted Jesus dead. The children learn that the betrayal and death of Jesus is something that no one can change. Mr Naqi explains that Christ had to sacrifice his own life to save us.

Application: Christ had to sacrifice his own life to save us.

ication: Consider what is right and do what is right.

04 NEW TESTAMENT CLASSICS

04-01 The Birth of Jesus

Bible story/Bible passage: The Birth of Jesus

Description: Little Grape and Shasha find Anuo wondering about Christmas. They all have no idea why they are thinking about Christmas. Mr Naqi takes them to the Biblical world to show them the reason.

The Narrator explains that everyone wants to be delivered from suffering. God loves mankind. He sent his Son to the earth to deliver mankind from sin.

This is the story of the birth of Jesus through the virgin Mary, the shepherds seeing baby Jesus and the Wise Men travelling to look for Jesus with and give their gifts.

The children ask why the Lord born was in a manger? This place is dark, cold and very dirty. Mr Naqi replies that this was the plan of God so that Jesus will live a normal life. He will understand the things we go through and save us. He will comprehend why we laugh and why we cry.

Application: We celebrate Christmas because it is the day of Jesus' birth. We should remember this day. God has given mankind a gift and that gift is Jesus Christ. Knowing Jesus will make our lives wonderful.

Note: This would be a good point to explain to how we can come to know Jesus as our own personal Lord and Saviour.

04-02 Jesus Calls his Disciples

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 4:18-12 - Jesus calls his disciples

Description: Tuotuo receives an invitation to represent Rainbow Village to compete as the most adorable animal model. He is not sure if he wants to participate.

Tuotuo, Anuo and Mr Naqi enter into the biblical world and see the fishermen in Galilee. Jesus often preached the Gospel to the people in Galilee. These fishermen included Thomas, Peter and John. One day Jesus came to them and called each one of them by name. When these fishermen asked how Rabbi Jesus knew them, Jesus replied that he knew them even before they met him. One of the fishermen, Simeon, would be named Peter. Jesus asked them all to follow him. He wants to send them out to fish for people.

Anuo asks what does "fish for people" mean? Mr Naqi replies that just like fishermen catch fish, God wants Peter and the others to bring people to him.

One day Peter and the other fishermen are coming back home without catching any fish. Jesus sends them back out to try again. They listened to Jesus despite being tired and disappointed about not catching any fish the whole night long. They catch so many fish that their boat could not hold them all.

The story goes on to show Matthew the tax collector meeting Jesus. He gave up being a tax collector and followed Jesus. A man judged Jesus for hanging out with sinners. Jesus told him that healthy people do not need a doctor. Only sick people need a doctor. Jesus selected his twelve disciples

Mr Naqi reminds Anuo and Tuotuo that no matter what these men in the story were doing when Jesus calls them, they were willing to lay down everything and follow Jesus. This is the call to obedience.

Tuotuo was able to lay down everything to enter the competition.

Application: When Jesus calls us, we should lay everything down and follow him.

04-03 The Samaritan Woman at the Well

Bible story/Bible passage: John 4:3-42 - The Samaritan woman at the well

Description: Tuotuo and Anuo see Mr Naqi having a picnic with Xi Xi Miao and Bo Lou (the troublemakers). They were not happy that being a friend of Rainbow Village, Mr Naqi would spend time with these two naughty children.

Mr Naqi wants to show them what a good friend is like. They see in the Biblical world how Jesus shared with a Samaritan woman. Samaritans were considered as unclean to the Jews. They do not mix.

Jesus told her that she needed living water. He revealed himself to her as the Saviour. She believed and went and told everyone she came across about Jesus. All the people around went to listen to Jesus and believed in him too.

Application: Just like Jesus we should be friends to everyone and bring them to him.

04-04 The Faithful Servant

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 25:14-29 – The faithful servant

Description: Tuotuo was too lazy to work so Mr Naqi sent him to the Biblical world to teach him a lesson. He saw a king that went away to fight to expand his kingdom. The King gave his servant each some money and told them to buy and sell until he returns. As these servants were wondering why they were given this money. A man representing their country came to tell them that they do not like their king because he is too perfect. He made me look stupid. They would prefer that he does not return.

Most of the servants were faithfully making more money with the amount that the king gave them. One particular servant was not doing anything with the money as he wondered daily if the king would return to them as this king had been away for a long time.

Finally, one day the king returned. Every servant was able to show him how much more they have made with the money he had given them. However, the lazy servant told him that he did nothing with the money. He just hid it. Whatever the servant had, the king took away from him and gave it to another servant. When he asked why the king said that this servant should have at least put the money in the bank so that he could receive the money with interest when he returned. The money given is not to be buried away but to be used faithfully.

In the end, Tuotuo admits that he has been selfish and did not care for others. He promises that he will pick all the mushrooms today.

Application: The one who is faithful with little will be given more. We should be faithful in managing all that God has given to us, so we can expand his kingdom. Whether it is money, time, talents or health we should care for the things that God has given to us.

04-05 Jesus Heals the Blind Beggar

Bible story/Bible passage: John 9 - Jesus heals the blind beggar

Description: Mr Naqi passes a fruit that looks like an apple to Xi Xi Miao, Shasha and Little Grape. He asks them what they smell. Only Shasha did not smell anything but she dares not tell the others that. She was about to say that she smelled apple since the fruit looks like an apple. Shasha was afraid that they might say that there is something wrong with her ability to smell. But before she can answer, Mr Naqi tells her that he wants to take them to see someone in the Biblical world.

They see Jesus healing the blind beggar on the Sabbath. When others found out that Jesus healed this man on the Sabbath, which means Jesus broke the Law of Moses, there were not happy. The Pharisees heard what had happened and went to question the beggar's parents and to find out how this man was healed. The Pharisees conclude that Jesus is a sinner. The man who was healed by Jesus replied that all he knows is that he was blind but now he can see. He believes that Jesus is from God.

Application: Jesus has come to save sinners. Stand on the truth you know, don't waver.

04-06 The Rich Man and Lazarus

Bible story/Bible passage: Luke 16:19-31 - The rich man and Lazarus

Description: Shasha and Anuo are fighting over sharing some money they have raised. Shasha takes all the money for herself and Anuo leaves feeling very angry. Mr Naqi asks Shasha if she likes money and she replied that money can buy many things. So, yes, she loves money. Mr Naqi takes her to see a wealthy man in the Biblical world.

Jesus was teaching his disciples and they asked if he would tell them about the rich and the poor. Who can enter into the Kingdom of God, the disciples asked? Jesus told them the story about a rich man and a beggar. Although this rich man had everything, he did not help the poor. One day this beggar, named Lazarus died and went to heaven. The rich man also died but went to hell where he was tortured day and night. This rich man called out to Father Abraham for help. He recognised Lazarus who used to be a beggar outside his big house and asked why Lazarus is in heaven? Father Abraham explained that when they were alive, he had everything but did not care about Lazarus. Heaven and hell are separated, they cannot go over to the rich man and neither can he come to them.

This rich man asked that Moses be sent to his five brothers who are still living on earth and are were equally selfish like him, to tell them that riches cannot take them to heaven when they die. The rich man wants to warn them to use their riches to help the poor so that they will not end up as he did.

Shasha decides to share the money with Anuo and tells him that friends are more important to her than money.

Application: Irrespective of being rich or poor, if we are not willing to help others, we are all being selfish. How we use what we have is more important than how much we possess.

04-07 The Unfaithful Manager

Bible story/Bible passage: Luke 16:1-13 – The unfaithful manager

Description: Tuotuo complains about doing small things when he is dreaming about doing big things. Tuotuo was meant to be helping Shasha and Anuo to pick fruit but he refused to do that because that was too small a matter to him. He wanted to do “big things.”

They went to listen to Jesus telling a story about an unfaithful manager. The master of the unfaithful manager came back early from his trip and wanted to see his accounts. His master was not happy with him for being dishonest with his money and decided to remove him from his position and give it to another servant. The manager had the idea to use the master's money to pay some of the money owed to his master's debtors and to settle all the debts.

His master complimented him for doing well. By cancelling some of the debts, the people have become this manager's friends. Even if he has to leave one day, these people will continue to be his friends and will help him in time of need.

After Jesus finished telling the story, one of the disciples asked why did the master compliment his manager despite him being cunning and merely doing what benefited him alone? Jesus replied that money and talents are given to us by God, we should use them wisely and this was what the manager did. God wants us to take care of small matters so that we can manager of bigger matters. Treasure from heaven is more precious than that from the earth. If we cannot manage our small matters, how can God give us responsibility for heavenly treasures?

Application: Money and authority are given to us by God and we should use them wisely. To care about big matters, we need to first learn how to take care of small matters.

04-08 The Wise Virgins

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 25:1-13 - The wise virgins

Description: Jesus was teaching at the Mount of Olives about the coming of the kingdom of heaven. Mr Naqi tells the children that we need to prepare ourselves for the day of the kingdom of heaven arrives. On that day, we will meet with God and he will inspect everyone's soul.

Jesus' disciples asked when that day would arrive, and Jesus replied that no one knows. Jesus said that only our Heavenly Father knows. Therefore, we must all be alert because when you least expect it the kingdom of heaven will arrive. Jesus gave an example in the story of the ten virgins. Five virgins were ready with their lamps filled with oil waiting for the bridegroom to arrive, whilst the other five were not. The wise virgins met the bridegroom and attended the wedding, but the ones that were not ready had no oil in their lamps to receive the bridegroom. They were left outside the door and could not get into the wedding.

Application: Always do good and be ready for the day when we will meet God.

Note: More explanation will be needed to explain this story to the children.

04-09 Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 12:1-13 - Jesus heals on the Sabbath

Description: Xi Xi Miao is drawing on the walls of the park when Little Grape catches and scolds her for doing this. Xi Xi Miao says she does not care what Little Grape is saying. She just wants compliments from the public who will see her drawings. Little Grape challenges her that whichever one of them receives the first compliment, the other person will clean the graffiti up. Mr Naqi tells Little Grape we cannot judge someone's heart by what we are seeing on the outside of that person. He tells her about the Pharisees in the Bible who tried to show others that they are holy by doing the right thing, but they forgot to follow the real truth themselves.

Together they see Jesus in the Biblical world being judged by a Pharisee for picking up grain to eat on a Sabbath. Jesus told this man that he is the Lord of the Sabbath and he desires mercy not sacrifice. If this Pharisee understood this truth, he would not judge others.

Jesus was healing the sick on Sabbath and was again judged by the Pharisees. Jesus asked the people gathered around him if any one of them had a lamb that had fallen into a hole would they not pull it out to save it? People are more important than lambs. To do good on the Sabbath is permitted. In front of all of them, Jesus healed a man restoring his withered hand.

Little Grape asked why do the Pharisees not like Jesus even though Jesus was helping so many people? Mr Naqi said it was because of their sins. The Pharisees might be showing all the good work they did, but they are not as holy as they seem to be. No matter how good a person is, he or she still needs Jesus to save them.

Application: God sees our heart. We should have a heart of love and mercy. Do not do good just for others to see.

04-10 Jesus Dies on the Cross

Bible story/Bible passage: Matthew 27:1-51 - Jesus dies on the cross

Description: Here we see Jesus being taken by the soldiers, judged, and nailed onto the cross. The children ask why can't Jesus help himself? Why are the people persecuting him? Jesus loves us and is willing to sacrifice himself for us. They see Jesus being buried into a tomb with a huge stone rolled in front of the entrance. The children ask if Jesus did resurrect from the dead. Mr Naqi tells them they will return to see what happened on another day.

Application: Repent of our sins and ask Jesus to help us not to sin again.

04-11 The Apostle Paul

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 17 – The apostle Paul

Description: The Apostle Paul and those guarding him on the boat encounter a storm. Paul encourages them to trust in God to save them because Paul's was called by Jesus is to go to Rome to preach the gospel. Paul tells them that they will not die but that they will lose the boat. Just as Paul told them, they survive the storm and land on an island. Paul was bitten by a poisonous snake and everyone expected him to die but he did not. Paul tells everyone the Gospel and performed many miracles.

Application: Our life is in God's hand. He has the best plan for us and at the right time, it will be fulfilled.

05 WISDOM CLASSICS

05-01 The Wisdom of Solomon

Bible story/Bible passage: 1 Kings 3:16–28 - The wisdom of Solomon

Description: Anuo loses his hat and he thinks that another boy wearing the same looking hat has taken his. But this boy insists that the hat is his own. Tuotuo suggests that they all go to the Biblical world to find a wise man who might be able to teach them how to solve this problem.

They see the story of Solomon and how God gave him wisdom to Solomon to rule the kingdom. One day two women were brought before Solomon with a dispute about a baby. Both women told King Solomon that the baby was theirs. Neither of them was willing to relent. Only one of them can be the actual biological mother. King Solomon had an idea and told his soldier to cut the baby into two and give half of the baby to each woman. One of the women upon hearing this told him that she does not want the baby anymore because she does not want the baby to be killed or harmed. Solomon can see that this is the real mother of the baby because she loves the baby whilst the other woman did not care if the child lived or died.

End the end, Anuo remembered that he had placed his hat in a box.

Application: We can ask God for wisdom to handle all matters in life.

05-02 Do Not Repay Evil with Evil

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 20:22 – Revenge or Trusting God

Description: Bao Lou and Xi Xi Miao steal all the mushrooms that Anuo had collected for the day. Anuo complains to Mr Naqi about what happened and says that he wants to teach them a lesson. He wants to beat them up. Mr Naqi suggests that he can take Anuo to a place to see other ways they can learn to solve this problem.

In the story they see two friends leaving for a journey. Before they leave the friends went to their Rabbi asking for advice. He told them to remember this: “do not take revenge on anyone who might do them wrong but wait for God’s deliverance. Only God can punish evil people and save the good people.”

These two young men left their teacher and went on their way. They were lost in the desert and were running out of food and water. During the night, the one called Shammar stole the last biscuit and water bottle from his friend, Benjamin and left. Benjamin had almost died of thirst and hunger when a hunter found him and gave him food and water. God saved Benjamin by sending this hunter his way. Benjamin thanks the rock that was near him the whole time he was in the desert and was about to walk away without it when the hunter told him to take it with him because inside there were treasures. The hunter said that possessing this rock will make you as wealthy as a king.

Benjamin sold the rock and gave half of what he received to the hunter. The other half was enough to take care of his needs for the rest of his life. One day he went to another town and found Shammar begging for money. Shammar told him that he was too afraid to go home because he had betrayed Benjamin and he thought that Benjamin had died in the desert. God had punished him for his wicked deeds. Benjamin invited Shammar to return home with him. Shammar asked if Benjamin hates him for betraying him? He is reminded that their Rabbi advised them to not take revenge into their own hands but to wait for God’s deliverance.

Anuo changes his mind about beating Xi Xi Miao and Bo Lou. Instead, he takes a basket of biscuits to feed them. He learnt later that these two friends who had eaten his mushrooms had been having diarrhoea because the mushrooms were poisonous.

Application: Do not take revenge against those who do us wrong. Allow God to do what is right.

Note: This is not a Biblical story but does show principles from the Bible.

05-03 Do Not Boast About Tomorrow

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 27:1 – Do not boast about tomorrow

Description: Shasha and Anuo fail a test but Tuotuo passes with a perfect score. Tuotuo stops attending classes because he thinks that he is a genius. Mr Naqi asks if he thinks he can continue to receive full marks if he stops going for classes. Tuotuo is very confident that he will. Mr Naqi suggests that they go to a place to see two people – Malachi and Yueya. Yueya was a lazy man, but Malachi is very wise.

In the story they see Malachi telling Yueya that the villagers are making a report about the appearance of a wolf. Yueya comments that he is not afraid because he is a hunter. Malachi cautions him that we should all live with alertness. Only God knows what is going to happen day-by-day. The wolf might return, or it might not, but they should be prepared to protect their sheep.

Malachi prepared himself by making a bow and arrow just in case the wolf came to attack his sheep. Yueya was very confident that no wolf would come near his sheep because he is such a good hunter. He preferred to rest and relax rather than waste time making weapons to fight the wolf. The wolf did come but Yueya was not ready to fight it and protect his sheep. Just as he thought, all his sheep were eaten by the wolf. Later he met Malachi and found out that Malachi had frightened the wolf away. Malachi's sheep were rescued. Yueya agreed with Malachi that we should not boast about our future because only God knows what will happen.

Tuotuo learnt that he should continue to study and work hard because if he does not, he might not get a 100% pass in his exam. He should prepare himself the best he can.

Application: Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

05-04 The Beginning of Knowledge

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge

Description: Anuo wants to know if he can be smarter. Mr Naqi takes him to another place to see how people can be smarter.

Two friends leave their village to start a business in another place. After many years they prosper in their business and decide to go back to see their families. Before leaving a leader gives them this counsel: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." These two friends, Banna and Lijia ponder what this advice might mean. Banna thought of an example being a tree that must have roots to stand up well. In the same way, if we honour God, we will have wisdom.

As they were approaching their village, a man runs into them looking very fearful. The man drops a bag full of gold. Lijia wants to keep the gold, but Banna cautions his friend that it might be stolen. Lijia knows this but he does not care. Banna reminds him that no one might know but God knows everything. They should not keep the gold.

As Lijia was arguing with Banna about why he should keep the gold, they hear someone crying. They go to investigate and find a young man who was just about to jump into the river to drown himself.

They save this young man and asks why he wanted to drown himself. He explains that his father has gone away and his mother was sick. He was going to buy medicine for his mother, but someone had stolen all their money.

Banna whispered to Lijia that they should give the money they had picked up earlier to this young man. Initially, Lijia was very reluctant, but eventually gave their money to him. When this young man saw the bag of money, he recognised that it is his and asks how his money ended up with Banna and Lijia? Banna replies that they had picked it up and were looking for the owner to this bag of money.

This young man was very happy and invites them back to see his mother. When they met his mother, they discovered that this young man was Lijia's son, John and his mother, Elizabeth was his own wife.

Lijia agrees with what Banna said to him. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Application: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

05-05 If You Faint in the Day of Distress

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 24:10 - If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength

Description: Shasha participates in a cooking competition with Little Grape which she loses. The prize for Little Grape is that Shasha will cook for her for one whole month. Shasha wants to run away to avoid cooking for Little Grape. Mr Naqi tells her that she might find a better solution if they have a visit to the old world.

There was a man called Ah Ni An. He was born into a rich family and so has no concerns in life. He asks his servant why people are calling him a useless man? His servant tells him that there are 3 reasons. (1) He does not look wise (2) He is rich (3) He has a beautiful fiancé. The servant has never met Ah Ni An's fiancé but had heard that she is very beautiful.

One day a young lady with her face and head covered came to him begging for food. He laughed at her and instead of giving her food, he offered to give her lots of money. The young lady told him that he cannot just spend money without earning more. What if one day, he loses all his money? What is he going to do? He replies that he might become a beggar like her.

This lady turns out to be his fiancé. She tells her companion that she will not marry this rich young man. One day she is told that Ah Ni An's house has burnt down and that he has lost everything. Just as he said, Ah Ni An and his servants become beggars. His former fiancé and companion come to them in disguise asking for food. This time, Ah Ni An gives them the only thing that he had and that was the bowl he was using to beg. This young lady tells him that there are many words written on the bottom of his bowl. She hands the bowl back to him. As he checks the bottom of the bowl, he reads "If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength!" As he ponders these words, he begins to take time to start making bowls to sell. When his ex-fiancé hears about this, she starts to buy Ah Ni An's bowls with the money that he previously gave her. She respected him for what he is doing to make ends meet. She again becomes his fiancé.

The narrator says 'Ah Ni An has learnt that hardship can be good. God allows us to face challenges so that they can make us stronger.'

Application: Do not be fearful of challenges. Allow God to give us the strength to face them.

05-06 Motives

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 16:2 - Motives

Description: Mr Naqi and Shasha see a story about three brothers. Salong, the eldest brother is a farmer. The second eldest brother, Ximali is a hunter. The youngest brother is Sangfan, who is responsible for selling the families produce and animals to make a profit for the family. They are very happy and satisfied.

One day the three of them find a precious stone. They fight over who should own this precious stone. They decide to find a wise man to resolve this problem. The wise man advises them not to measure what they have each done for the family, but to love one another unconditionally. Only God can judge fairly. Before you rebuke others, consider if you have made the same mistake.

Application: Do not judge others according to our standard. Only God can weigh our motives correctly.

Note: This is not a story from the Bible but has principles from the Bible.

05-07 Greed

Bible story/Bible passage: Jeremiah – 51:13 - Greed will destroy a person

Description: Shasha tells her brother Tuotuo that he is a glutton because he will not allow her and Anuo to pick any strawberries. Tuotuo tells them that all the strawberries in the garden belong to him.

Mr Naqi shows Tuotuo a story of a big city where many young people are very busy working hard. Xili and Yitai are two of these young men. They want to earn lots of money, buy a big house and marry a beautiful wife. Then, they think, they will be the happiest people in the world.

Xili is not happy with what he earns at the end of each day. Yitai encourages him with a word from his mother – whatever we need, God will provide. That night they find a cave to shelter in while it was pouring with rain outside. They find a box of treasure in the cave. Xili wants to take all the other treasures he finds inside the cave, but Yitai advises him not to be like a glutton. God has provided them with what they need.

After they have taken the box of treasure and as they were leaving, Xili decides to go back to the cave to take more treasure, despite Yitai telling him not to. They had no idea that this same cave was used by robbers to hide their treasures.

These robbers come back and discover the one box of treasure is missing and became very angry. Xili, blinded by his greed, goes straight into the trap that the robbers set. As they are about to deal with Xili, they hear a sound and think that it is a bear coming into the cave. The robbers run for their lives and leave Xili behind. It is Yitai who makes the noise to save Xili from the robbers.

Application: Do not be greedy.

Note: This is not a story from the Bible but has principles from the Bible.

05-08 Make Diligent Plans

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 21:5 – Make diligent plans

Description: The children want to know how to help the seedlings they have planted to grow and bear fruit. Mr Naqi tells Tuotuo not to be impatient. There is a person in the old world who was impatient too.

In a Hebrew village, there IS an old man who IS dying. He gives his two sons the teaching from Proverbs 21:5. After his burial, his son, Majie wants to leave and be independent. His older brother asks if he is ready to do that? Majie takes half of everything that his father left behind and leaves home.

Both brothers seem to be living well in their separate lives. Majie slaughters a cow his father left for him and cooks it for food. His brother scolds him for doing that because that cow was meant to be used to plough the fields for growing crops. Majie does not want to worry about his future. He just wants to live for now.

In a year, Majie has used up all the money he had received as his inheritance. Finally, he sells all the seeds that will be needed for planting. While the other farmers are watching their plants flowering in the fields, Majie had none. His older brother brings some seeds and gives them to Majie for planting. His older brother has been working for a rich man and can save money to help Maci.

After a hard day's work, Majie rides the horse that his father had left him. This horse was never trained to carry people. Majie cannot wait for the horse to be trained. As a result, he falls off the horse and is injured.

Tuotuo decided to stop trying to make his seeds grow faster.

Application: We should follow God's plan and be diligent in what we need to do. Don't do anything in haste. We need to be patient.

Note: This is not a story from the Bible but has principles from the Bible.

05-09 Faithful Words

Bible story/Bible passage: Proverbs 27:6 – Faithful words

Description: Shasha, Little Grape and Mr Naqi go into the old world to see two special friends. Sila and Shuya are great friends. They are often together discussing a place called Wisdom. They decide to find this place. After walking for a long time, Sila is angry and complains that his leg is swollen. He blames Shuya for taking him in the wrong direction. They find a tree they can rest under.

They come across a stranger who sees that they have money in their bag. He begins to make friends with Sila and Shuya. They tell him where they were going. He mocks them and asks if they know what Wisdom is? He will not tell them the answer until they give him all of their food. After doing this the stranger tells them that wisdom is happiness. Do whatever you want to do. He tells them he knows of a place call Happy Mountain and invites them to join him. Sila is keen but Shuya says "no." However, Sila thinks that to be wiser is to be happier so why not just go to Happy Mountain? Shuya reminds him that they were on their way to wisdom so that they can find the truth. Sila breaks his friendship with Shuya and follows the stranger to Happy Mountain.

Sila and the stranger did a lot of bad things. They have money and Sila is very happy. Sila asks is this wisdom? The stranger tells him that he is the wisest man in the world now. While Sila was very drunk, the stranger steals his money and everything he had and runs off.

Sila regrets not listening to his good friend. Shuya was looking for him because he is concerned for Sila since he has left. He finally understands the saying, "faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Application: Warnings from a good friend might not sound good to us, but they are for our good. They are better than flattery from an enemy who is out to harm us.

06 THE STORY OF THE DISCIPLES

06-01 Peter Preach the Gospel

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 3 – The Book of Acts

Description: Little Grape, Mr Naqi and Anuo go into the Biblical world. They see a beggar who sits outside the temple every day. He cannot walk. Peter, a disciple of Jesus encounters the beggar who asks for money from him. Then Peter says, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." The gospel was preached to many people because of this miracle.

Mr Naqi explains to the children that Jesus has given Peter faith and boldness. We too should be like him, be bold and give our testimonies about Jesus.

The second scene in the story is about Simeon who practised witchcraft but wanted to move in greater power like Peter. Simeon sees the disciples moving in signs and wonders and wants to pay Peter to receive this power. Peter rebuked him saying the Holy Spirit who is from God is Holy. Money cannot buy the Holy Spirit. Peter tells Simeon to repent, so he will not be destroyed by sins. Simeon asked Peter to pray for him.

Application: Repent of our sins, come to God and allow His Holy Spirit to fill us.

06-02 Saul was Chosen

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 9: 1-30 - The story of Saul

Description: Xi Xi Miao picks up a pair of sunglasses from the ground and decides to keep them. Little Grape is looking for her sunglasses and is angry when Xi Xi Miao runs away with them. She tells Mr Naqi to kick Xi Xi Miao out of Rainbow village because she has stolen the pair of sunglasses. He says that he can't do this because Xi Xi Miao is a member of this village. No matter what she has done, one day she will become a righteous person. He recommends that they go to the old world to see a story. After that Little Grape can decide what do to.

After Jesus went back to the Father, his disciples were persecuted. Stephen was stoned to death. Saul was involved in this. Before Stephen was killed, he prayed that God would forgive these people.

Saul was responsible for persecuting the disciples of Jesus. Saul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind. Ananias, another disciple of Jesus, was sent by Jesus to heal his eyes. Saul became a believer of Jesus and changed his name to Paul. and went about preaching the Gospel.

Mr Naqi explains to Little Grape that after Saul believed in Jesus, his life was transformed. Jesus did not reject Saul when he was persecuting his church. Little Grape realises that although Ananias was afraid of Saul, he went to pray for Saul and accepted him as a brother.

Application: We should accept others with a loving heart and share the Gospel with them.

06-03 Peter & Cornelius

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 10 - Acts & Cornelius

Description: Mr Naqi takes Little Grape and Anuo to the Biblical world to see how God spoke to Peter in an unusual way. They see the generosity of Cornelius to the poor. One day, while Cornelius was praying, the angel of the Lord came to him instructing him to send for the Apostle Peter. The angel even told him where Peter was.

Peter was praying and was feeling hungry. He saw a bag of food falling from the sky. There were all sorts of food. He heard God telling him to eat this food, but he refused because he has never eaten any unclean food before. Jesus told him that he is not to consider what God has cleansed as unclean. As Peter was considering that all this means, the servants of Cornelius come looking for him. Jesus told Peter audibly that three people are looking for him and that he is to follow them as they

were sent by Jesus. Peter later realised that the gospel is not only just for the Jews, but it is for everyone to hear. Jesus has sent him to teach Cornelius his truth. These Gentiles were water baptised by Peter.

Application: We are all children of God. The gospel is for everyone. We should share our happiness with others so they may hear and be saved.

06-04 Peter Miraculously Released from Prison

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 12:4-18 – Peter miraculously released from prison

Description: Shasha wants to be a good chef, but her cooking is very bad. She is very discouraged. Mr Naqi takes her and Anuo to the Biblical world to be encouraged by a story.

The disciples of Jesus were hiding from the Roman soldiers. They heard that Peter had been imprisoned. They started to pray for Peter. Shasha complains that these disciples are only praying for Peter but not doing anything else. Will their prayer help Peter she asks?

They see an angel sent by God came to set Peter free from the jail.

Application: When we pray according to the desire of God, we should believe that God will hear and answer us.

06-05 Paul and Barnabas Preach the Gospel

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 13 - Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel

Description: Paul healed a man who could not walk. The people in this city began to worship Paul and Barnabus thinking they are gods. Paul and Barnabus explained the truth to these people instructing them to give thanks to God instead and worship Him.

These people started to listen to the Jews who are against Paul and Barnabus. They stoned the apostles and threw them outside the city gate.

Application: Remember that all we have, our talents, gifts are from God. Live for the delight of God; not men.

06-06 Paul Preaches the Gospel in Prison

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 16: 22-40 – Paul is delivered from prison

Description: Little Grape and Anuo do not study for their exams. They go to Mr Naqi for help. He takes them to the Biblical world to see Paul and Silas worshipping Jesus in jail. There was an earthquake, and their chains were broken and the door to the jail was opened. The soldier in charge was afraid because he was thinking that he will have to take the blame for the prisoners' escape. Just as he was about to kill himself, Paul stopped him and showed him that all the prisoners are still there. Paul led this soldier and his whole family to accept Jesus.

Paul was told that he is free to leave the prison, but he refused. The magistrate was afraid when he found out that Paul and Silas were citizens of Rome. He went to appease Paul and Silas.

Application: Do what is right.

06-07 Demetrius the Silversmith and the Riot

Bible story/Bible passage: Acts 19: 24-41 – Demetrius the silversmith and the riot

Description: Little Grape is preparing to attend the “Best Invention” competition when she hears from Mr Naqi that this event will be cancelled. Their neighbouring village needs help because of recent damage caused by the storm. Mr Naqi persuades Little Grape to go with him to the Biblical World to watch a story.

They see a silversmith, Demetrius stirring up the people at Ephesus against Paul. People were becoming believers of Jesus and turning away from their idols. This has caused Demetrius and his friends a huge loss because fewer people are buying the idols they have made.

Application: Consider what is right and do what is right.