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# God's Peaceful World

The people of Israel had been at war for a long time. They were tired and weary. They needed a leader who would help them. God promised to send them a leader. The leader would be a strong and wise child who would show them how to live in peace.

God promised that the child would come from King David's family and that he would be an ancestor of Jesse, King David's father.

God promised to lead the child. "I will always be with him," God said.

God promised to make the child wise. "A good leader must know all kinds of things. He must be able to make good decisions. The child will be very smart and teach others too," God said.



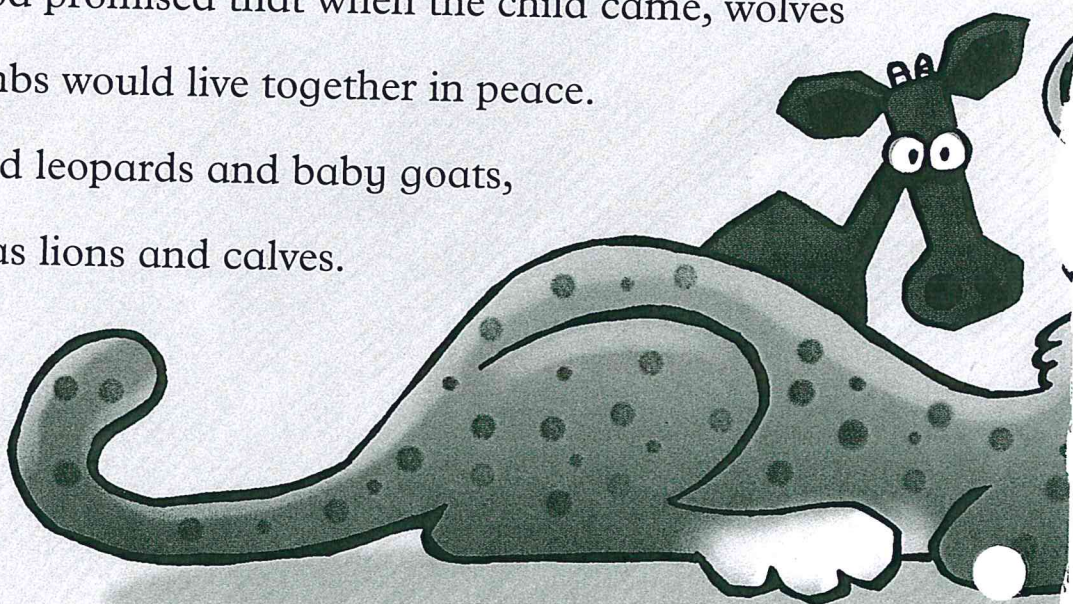




"I love you more than all of creation," God told the people. "I want you to love me too. The child will know and love me. He will show you how to love me."

God knew the child could bring peace to the world. He would be a wise judge who would bring justice to the poor. "I love all people. I want you to learn to love all people. Whether the people are rich or poor, I want you to love them. Whether they are hungry or full, love them. Whether their skin is the color of chocolate, snow, butterscotch, roses, or anything in between, love them. Then you can live in peace."

God promised that when the child came, wolves and lambs would live together in peace. So would leopards and baby goats, as well as lions and calves.





If animals who are natural enemies can live together in peace, then people can too. The child would show them how to live in peace and love each other.



~~Pretend to be like an animal in the story; maybe a wolf, lamb, lion, calf.~~

## The Words of the Lord

