



SHEPHERDS

Their duty was to guard the sheep from thieves and wild animals. God sent an angel to announce Jesus' birth to shepherds in a field near Bethlehem. They got to hear a group of angels praising God the night Jesus was born.

POWER VERSE

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born."
Luke 2:10-11 NLT

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BABY JESUS

The Son of God and Son of Man born of the Virgin Mary. His birth in Bethlehem was predicted by the prophet Micah hundreds of years earlier. He was born in a manger, a place where animals eat and sleep. Jesus lived with His mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph.

POWER VERSE

God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son.... as a sacrifice for our sins.
Romans 8:3 NLT

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KING HEROD

King Herod was a cruel man who loved to build great cities throughout his empire. He tried to trick the wise men into telling him when they found Jesus. When that didn't work, he ordered that all baby boys in or near Bethlehem be killed.

POWER VERSE

You hide them in the shelter of your presence, safe from those who conspire against them.
Psalm 31:20 NLT

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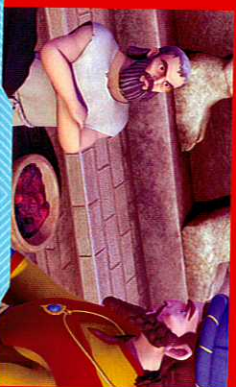
ESTHER

Originally named Hadassah, Esther was a Jewish orphan raised by Mordecai. She concealed her religion when King Xerxes chose her to replace Queen Vashti, but revealed it when she boldly asked him to save her people from being killed.

POWER VERSE

Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?
Esther 4:14 NLT

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MORDECAI

Mordecai, Esther's relative, raised her after her parents died. He reported a plot to kill King Xerxes and was later honored for saving his life. When Haman plotted to kill the Jews, Mordecai advised Esther to act as she had become queen for "such a time as this."

POWER VERSE

So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials.
2 Peter 2:9 NLT

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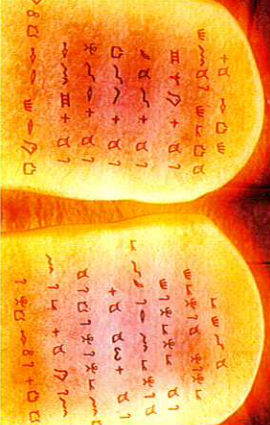
HAMAN

Haman wanted to kill all the Jews in the Persian Empire, but he especially hated Mordecai for not bowing to him. He built a gallows to hang Mordecai, but eventually Haman died on it instead.

POWER VERSE

For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.
Psalm 1:6 NLT

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

God gave these rules to guide and protect His people.

1. Do not worship any other gods besides me.
2. Do not make idols.
3. Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not testify falsely.
10. Do not covet.

See Exodus 20:3-17 NLT

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IVANIS INNOW

The Israelites camped at Mount Sinai in the rocky Sinai Desert on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. There, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. God also made a covenant or agreement with the Israelites: He promised to care for them, and they promised to keep His laws.

POWER VERSE

Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so all will go well with you.
Deuteronomy 6:18 NLT

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GOLDEN CALF

While Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, the Israelites became impatient and convinced Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship.

POWER VERSE

You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.
Exodus 20:3-4 NLT

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