

In the Russian, Kyrgyz and German version we added the following story, which is not in ST4T and Magdalena:

The Delivery of the descendants of Abraham through Moses Exodus 12:1-33 Deuteronomy 18:15

I now want to tell you a true story of how God through Moses delivered the descendants of Abraham from slavery.

Abraham had a son, and his son had sons. In time God had made Abraham's family into a big people, as he had promised. They lived in a different country and were enslaved. God chose Moses to save his people from slavery. Moses went to the king and said: "God sends me to you to tell you: Let my people go!" But since the king wouldn't listen to Moses, God sent 10 punishments to the people of the king. During the first punishment the king promised to let them go. But when all was over, he did not keep his word. That was repeated nine times over. Before the tenth punishment God told his people: "Each family should take a lamb without fault and kill it and put some of the blood on the sides and the tops of the doorframes of your houses. In that night I will pass through Egypt. The blood is a sign on the houses you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you. Don't leave your houses until the morning." The people agreed and worshipped God. Each family took a lamb without fault, killed it and put the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes of their houses. The descendants of Abraham did everything exactly as God had told them.

At midnight God killed all firstborn sons, from the firstborn of the king, the heir to the throne, to the firstborn sons of the prisoners in jail, he even killed every firstborn animal. The blood of the lambs saved the descendants of Abraham and protected them from the punishment. Then the king let the descendants of Abraham go to a different country. During the journey Moses told the descendants of Abraham: In many years God will send you a prophet like me. Hear him!"

This story is true and you can find it in the Holy Scriptures.

This is an example how a crafted story might look like in English:

God saves the descendants of Abraham through Moses. Exodus 12:1-33 Deuteronomy 18:15

I now want to tell you a true story of how God used Moses to rescue the descendants of Abraham from slavery.

Abraham had a son, and his son had sons. They went to live in Egypt and later were enslaved. God made Abraham's descendants very numerous, as he had promised. God chose Moses to save his people from slavery. Moses went to the king of Egypt and said: "God has sent me to you to tell you: Let my people go!" But the king wouldn't listen to Moses, so God sent ten natural disasters on Egypt.

When the first disaster hit, the king promised to let the people go. But afterwards, he did not keep his promise. He did this nine times. Before the tenth disaster God warned his people: "Each family take a lamb without defect and kill it and put some of the blood on the sides and the top of the doorframe of your house. In the night I will go through Egypt. The blood will be a sign on your houses. When I see the blood I will pass over you. Don't leave your houses until morning." The people agreed and worshipped God. They took lambs without defect, killed them and put the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes of their houses. The descendants of Abraham did everything exactly as God had told them.

At midnight God killed all firstborn sons in Egypt, from the firstborn of the king, the heir to the throne, to the firstborn sons of the prisoners in jail, he even killed the firstborn of every animal. The blood of the lamb saved the descendants of Abraham and protected them from the punishment. Then the king let the descendants of Abraham leave Egypt. During the journey Moses told them: In many years God will send you a prophet like me. Listen to him!"

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Words/ Phrases to consider

Under the protection of the blood of the lamb:

Today's story lays the foundation for understanding that we as friends of Jesus are under the protection of the blood of Jesus, that Jesus is our sacrifice (John1:29), that Jesus redeemed us with his blood (1Peter1:18-19). Many statements of the New Testament about communion, the sacrificial death of Jesus and the redemption of men are only understood through this story.

King: to make it easier we used the word king. Considering the audience one could also use Pharaoh.

Egypt: to make it easier we used "in a different country". Considering the audience one can also use "Egypt"

Punishment: many bible translations use "plague". In this story we used "punishment" See also under the section Worldview

Worldview

The reason for the punishments is twofold: firstly the punishment of God for the long exploitation and slavery of Abraham's descendants (Exodus 6:6). On the other hand God shows his Greatness. The king, the whole people, the descendants of Abraham and the whole world shall see the greatness and power of God (Exodus 9:14-17; 10:1-2) It is also a judgement over Egypt's Gods, because the God of the descendants of Abraham is the true God (Exodus 12:12).

See Glossary for:

Prophet/ God's speaker

Intra-tory-Cohesion

Use the same words for Sacrifice and Descendants as in the preceding stories.

Story Crafting

Today's story is very much condensed. Actually, it begins with Exodus 5:1, then the punishments of Exodus 7: 14-10:29. From chapter 12 also only some keyverses were used, to have a good flow of the story. 12:5, 12:12-13, 12:22-23, 12:27, 12:29-31.

Deuteronomy 18:15 builds the bridge onto Jesus. In the coming of Jesus the Promise of Moses is fulfilled. Make sure, that you stress that each family should sacrifice a lamb.

Principles

Character and Nature of God:

God speaks to men; God spares his people; God punishes the sin of the Egyptians; God shows his Greatness; God wants obedience

Assurance of salvation

Here the foundations of understanding the sacrificial death of Jesus are laid. Everyone under the protection of the blood of the lamb was saved

Devotional life

Being obedient to God saves