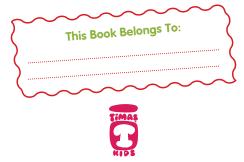


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The children of the first humans on earth, Adam and Hawwa, increased in number. They spread out over the land and set up villages so that they could live together. The children of Adam learned to do the things required to live.

They took advantage of many plants and animals. They farmed the land and hunted.





The children of Adam also figured out how to make things from wood, stones and clay. They carved these things, giving shape to them. They made things that they could use.

Allah made the earth for the children of Adam. Everyone knew that and thanked Allah for all of these blessings. They prayed only to One God, exactly like Adam did. However, Shaitan came to earth with Adam. He refused to obey Allah and bow to Adam. As a result Allah threw him out of Paradise. Shaitan had great hatred for humans because of this. He desired for everyone to become evil like him. He always thought of ways to trick and misguide people.







Allah loves to help people. He is most-forgiving. However, He never forgives one thing: our worshipping any other thing besides Him. This was something Shaitan always tried to get people to do.

There were many holy people in those ancient times. These men and women worshiped Allah night and day. Their hearts were full of love and kindness. They taught people to pray to One God and be good.

Because of this, everyone loved these people very much.



But like everyone, the special people died. People felt very sad when they left this life. They cried and cried. They forget the good advice they gave or their kindness. To remember these holy men and women people began to draw pictures of them. They made statues of them too.

But Shaitan was watching.

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tor!" he thought.



The people started talking to these statues. Some even bowed and prayed 🖌 to them! Shaitan was happy. He knew that if people kept on doing this they would soon forget Allah. And after many years, Shaitan's wish came true. Most people stopped praying to One God. They now believed in the idols that they made with their own hands. Shaitan was able to cheat the children of Adam. But there were a few people who kept their faith strong. They remembered Allah and they obeyed His commands. Shaitan had no power over them.



Shaitan knew that he could never cheat the believers. Their hearts were filled with Allah's love and their thoughts were pure. They never did bad deeds, only good.

Nuh was one of these righteous people. He believed only in Allah. He stayed away from badness. The fact that people forgot the One God and instead worshipped idols made him very sad. Because of his goodness Allah gave Nuh the job of being a prophet. He was to teach his pe-

• ople.



Nuh told people that he was a prophet. He called them to the right way.

"O my people! Worship Allah," Nuh declared. "You have no god except Him. I'm afraid that you will be punished one day!"

The people were shocked. Nuh was telling something unusual. He was disrespecting the idols to which they had prayed for a long time.

"Ah!" said the leaders of the people. "You have clearly lost your mind!"



These leaders were especially angry with Nuh. They were arrogant because they had a lot of power and money. How dare Nuh tell them that they were doing wrong **2**

*"O my people!" said Nuh

"Fear Allah, and follow me. No reward do I ask of you. My reward is only from the Lord of the Worlds."