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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:
A1463 ~ Cities of Refuge.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Did you know the very first baby born into this world became a murderer? Cain was jealous and angry and he killed his younger brother, Abel. Then after the Great Flood, God said to Noah, 'whoever murders a man will himself be killed by his fellowman.' And under the Law of Moses, the punishment for murder also was death.

But it is often very hard to know for sure, just who committed a murder. In our days, many nations have a jury system. About twelve fellow-citizens have to listen carefully to all the evidence given in a court of law. They must decide if the accused person **really** wanted to kill the victim.

Long ago in Israel it was the duty of someone in the victim's family to hunt down the murderer and put him to death. The killer's own death would pay for the death of the man he had murdered. The debt was paid and justice had been done. For both families life went on. In our own time, this sort of thing still happens in some countries. But instead of one life for one life, the murderer's family then kills another from the victim's, and they in turn pay back again. Each keeps on 'paying back' the other. It never ends. People live in fear and justice is not done.

Of course if the killer did not mean to kill the victim, the 'payback' system is even worse. Innocent people die because of an accidental death.

God wants His people to act justly. He does not want evil-doers to get away with their wrongdoing. Neither does He want anyone to suffer punishment they do not deserve. Today's story tells how God gave innocent people a place of safety.

DRAMA - The Bible In Living Sound.

When our Creator God made the first man Adam, God gave him life. Adam was different from all the animals in that he had a spirit to worship God. God made humans able to express thoughts in words but God did not give animals that ability. The animals cannot worship God because the Scriptures say everyone who worships God must worship Him in spirit and truth.

Not everyone accepts the Bible as God's instruction book to people for living life. A worldwide group called Evolutionists deny that God even exists and say that the world made itself over millions and millions of years.

They try hard to prove their case using fossils left after Noah's worldwide flood.

Unfortunately for them, science over the last century has proved the amazing complexity of all forms of life. It is a mathematical impossibility to say this good thing and that good thing happened by chance. If we want a house built we go to a designer. A house does not just happen without someone working to build it. What storm ever produces buildings? In fact the opposite is true. Buildings not maintained properly fall to pieces in a storm.

The Bible book, Exodus, Chapter 20, tells us the Lord made the heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is in them. And in the book of Job, Chapter 38, God demanded Job tell Him where Job was when God laid the foundations of the earth. There are just so very many things people don't know the answers to. And anyone who calls our holy God a liar is not wise and could regret doing so later when the time of God's judgment comes.

Part of the millions and millions of years' story is a life and death struggle with the assumption that everything was getting better all the time. People were considered to be the most advanced form of life but no different from the animals. When an animal is badly injured or old and sick, it is taken to a vet to have it put to sleep. This is the gentle term for killing it with an injection so it won't have a lingering death. And if people are no different from animals why can't elderly and very sick people be put to death too? Sadly, in a few countries they are.

But God says NO! In Genesis Chapter 9, He told Noah after he and his family had come out of the Ark, that if anyone takes human life, he will be punished because human beings were made like God. We are to respect the elderly and take good care of them. Human life is sacred and set apart for God.

In the Bible book Revelation, Chapter 21 gives a long list of people who will not be going to heaven to be with the Lord Jesus. Murderers are included. Of course, if a murderer goes to jail for his crime and there comes to his senses, he can beg God to forgive him for all his past wrongdoing. If he is genuine in his request, God will forgive. The prisoner still has to finish his sentence time but can have heart-peace that he is right with God.

A medical discovery brought amazement to Christians involved in treating diseases in the human body. Scientists had long known that millions and millions of cells make up the flesh in any human body. These cells are so small they cannot be seen without strong magnifiers. However, these cells do not roll around like tennis balls in a carry basket.

Each cell is glued in place by a family of proteins like scaffolding membranes and is shaped like a cross. Who would have believed that each person carries around millions of tiny invisible crosses in their body every day?

If God made us that way, we need to heed His book The Bible and what He says in it.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our refuge from God's judgment: He conquered the power of death for us, and is now at God's right hand. He is our refuge as we follow in His steps. The Bible book Hebrews, chapter 6, says this, "...we who have fled to Him for refuge have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us." It is a sure and safe anchor for our lives.

MUSIC - Integrity Music.

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