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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

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

Very many people in our world have had to leave their own home and country. They have fled because of persecution, or wars and other violence. Sometimes they are able to settle down in another country, but they often ache for their own homeland with their own people.

Jacob's grandfather, Abraham, had obeyed the One True God, our Creator. He had left his homeland with its false idol-worship. He had travelled, with all his household, to the land God had promised him. His son Isaac was born there, as well as Isaac's twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Over the years, Jacob had learned to love and obey the God of his father and grandfather, and things had gone well for him.

But, later, Jacob's jealous older sons had sold his favourite son – their brother Joseph – into slavery in Egypt. They thought that would be the end of him, but in Egypt, the Almighty God had brought Joseph to great power. He had become the king's right-hand man.

Joseph had not forgotten his home and his family, and when severe famine came, he had been able to bring everyone to safety. He had saved them from starvation, and had settled them in the land of Goshen, a fertile part of Egypt.

But this land was not the land God had promised to faithful Abraham. Jacob believed God; Jacob knew he belonged in the land of God's promise, not in Egypt. So when he was dying, he asked his beloved son, Joseph, to take his body back to the land of promise, to rest beside his father and grandfather.

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It was important for Jacob to show his trust in God's promises. And it was important to him to rest in the land God had promised to Abraham's children. Most of us, nowadays, also like our last resting place to be with family, although many different things can stop that happening.

It is very important for us to understand the All-mighty, all-knowing Creator God knows all about each one of us. He knows when and where our life begins, and He knows when, and where it ends. But most important of all, is for us to be right with God, and ready to meet Him, whenever, and wherever our life ends.

In the Bible book Revelation, chapter 20, John, the disciple of Jesus, saw a great vision about the end of this world. He said this, “I saw a great white throne, and the One Who sits on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence and were seen no more. And I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened .... The dead were judged according to what they had done (- that is – what they aimed to do, and what they actually did) and .....Whoever did not have his name written in the book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

This is terrible to think about; we like to think that everything will be alright for us after our bodies die. But the God of mercy is also the holy and righteous God. He tells us He will finally punish all those who continue in their wrong thinking and wrongdoing, - all those who refuse to come to Him through His One and Only Son, Jesus. The Almighty and Holy God will not allow evil and rebellion into His everlasting home.

The Bible book 2 Peter, Chapter 3, says this, “The Lord....does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins.” And 1 John, chapter 4, says this, “God showed His love for us by sending His only Son into the world... This is what love is; it is not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.”

It is terrible for us to know there is eternal punishment for people who refuse God's way; but it is also terrible that people despise God's love. They despise God's way of forgiveness. They think God should accept them on their terms. They think what they do to pay for their wrongdoing should be enough – after all, we are only human.

But God Himself provided the Way to make us right with Him, just because we are only human. He knows we cannot pay. Psalm 49 in the Bible says this, “A person can never redeem himself; he cannot pay God the price for his life, because the payment for a human life is too great. What he could pay would never be enough ... to let him live for ever.”

God's One and Only Son made the payment for our wrongdoing because we were not able to pay for it, ourselves. The Almighty God, Our Creator, wants you to turn from your wrong ways and ask His forgiveness, through what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you. However hard you try, you will never earn God's forgiveness by your own efforts.

The Lord Jesus told a story about two men who went to the temple to pray. One was proud of his good works, and recited all that he had done. But the other one prayed, “God be merciful to me, a sinner.” Jesus said, “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went to his home forgiven, and in right standing with God... for whoever humbles himself will be made great.”

If you humble yourself and confess to God your wrongdoing – if you come to Him through the great sacrifice Jesus made, He will forgive you. He will help you live as His child and will give you eternal life.

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That was Perry Coleman singing “His Own Love for us.”

*The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.*

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