

# **Bible Study Lessons For Kids**

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# Missionary Story

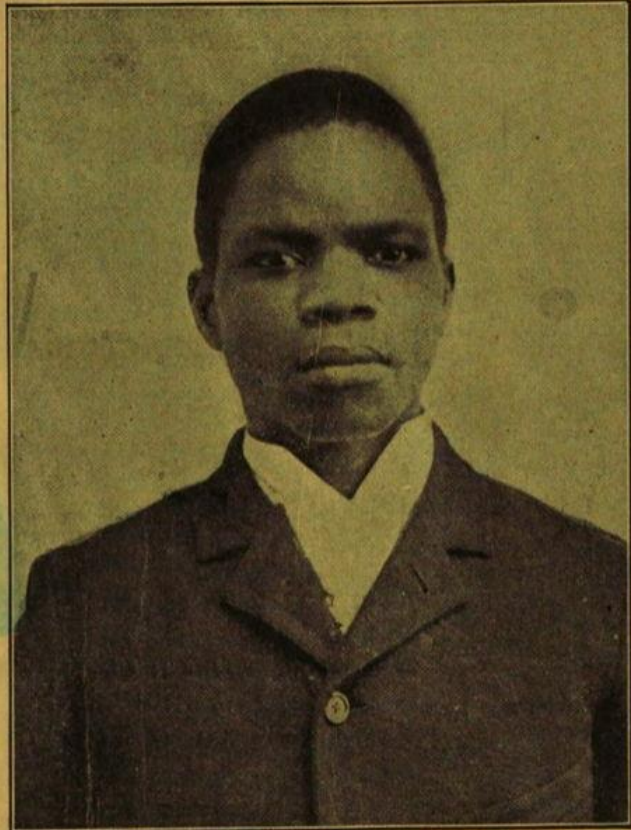
# Who is a missionary?

A missionary is a person who loves God and is sent by God to different places to tell other people about Jesus Christ.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15



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SAMUEL MORRIS



A Spirit Filled Life

# African Missionary

*Samuel Morris*  
*(Kaboo)*

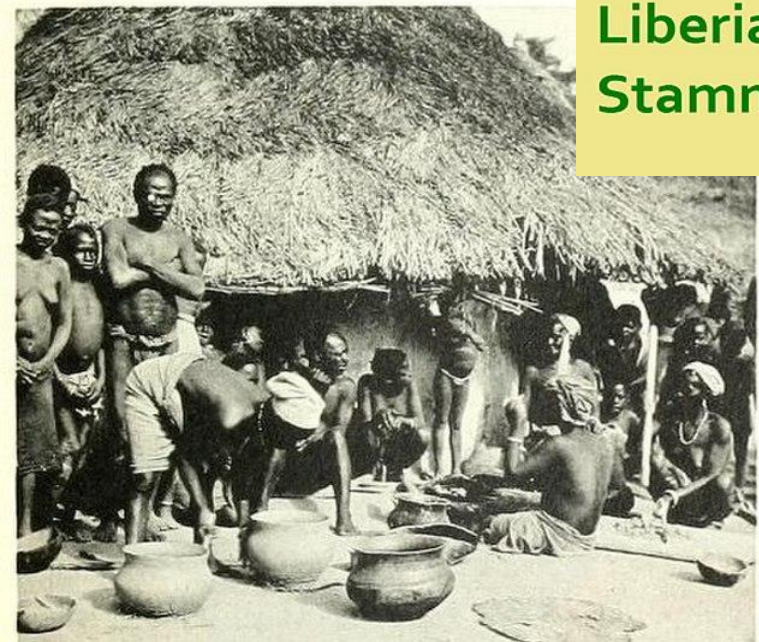
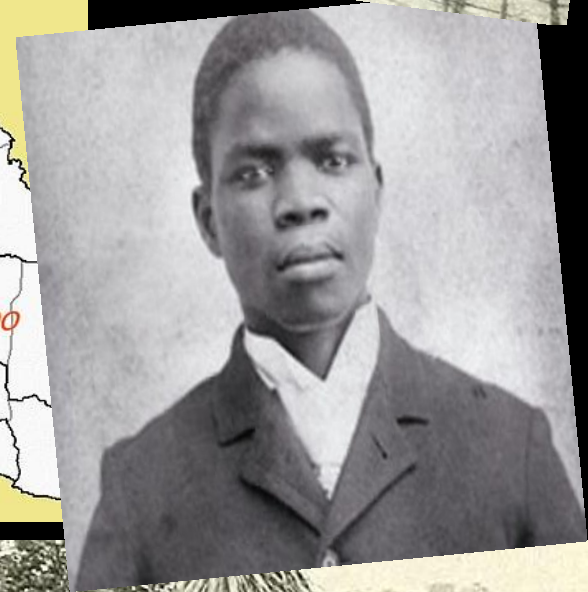
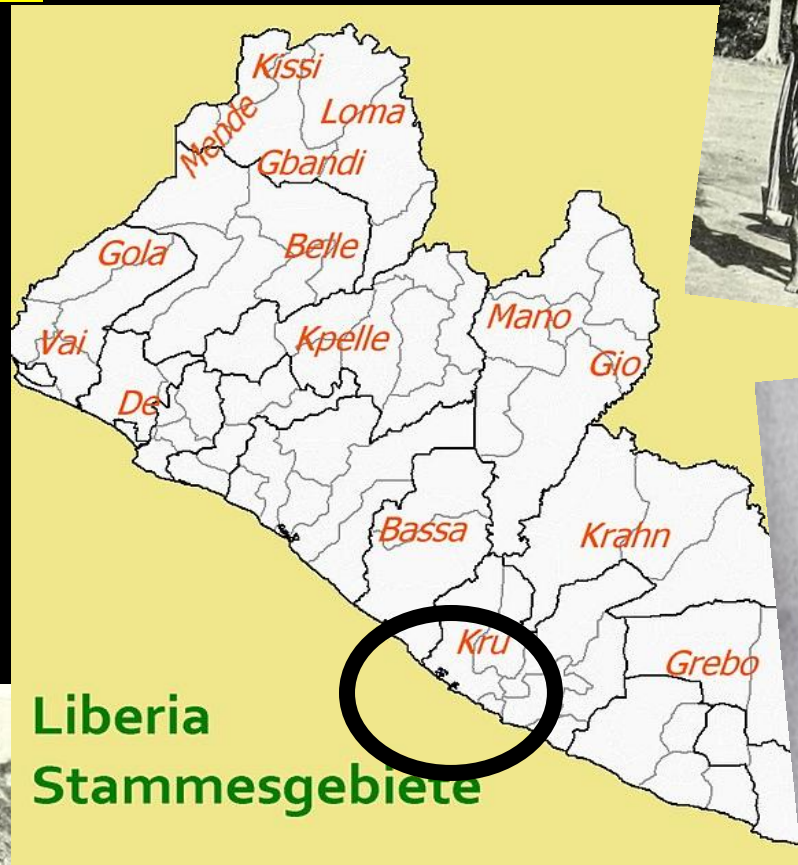
**Born: 1873 in  
Liberia (West Africa)**

**Died: May 12, 1893  
in Indiana, USA**



# Biography

- His name was Prince Kaboo, because he was born as the son of the Village Chief.
- He was born into a tribe called Kru, in a small Liberian Village in West Africa.



# Kaboo's Kidnap



- The people from the Grebo tribe used to fight with Kru tribe for food and resources.

- Sometimes they used to kidnap people from the other tribe and ask for a ransom.

- And one day they kidnapped Prince Kaboo!! 😞



# Kaboo's suffering

- Grebo people treated Prince Kaboo very badly and asked his father to pay ransom for his son's return.
- Prince Kaboo was tied in the middle of the village, he was beaten and tortured.
- Kaboo's parents and tribe people were poor so they could not help him much.
- That's why Kaboo was going to be killed. ☹️





# **Kaboo's Encounter with GOD**



- One day when Kaboo was going to be beaten and finally killed, suddenly a bright light appeared.

- Then a loud voice thundered and told Kaboo to run!



- The ropes with which Kaboo was tied, fell down by itself!



- Kaboo's wounds got healed and he got strength to run!



# Kaboo's Miraculous Rescue

- **God saved Prince Kaboo from being killed, but Kaboo does not know God yet...**



- **He ran as fast as he could into the jungle and away from his village. The light showed the way to Kaboo and God protected him.**



# New Beginnings



- **Kaboo ran and reached a coffee plantation in Monrovia. There he met a boy from his own tribe who used to work there.**
- **That boy understood Kaboo's language and helped him. Kaboo started living and working there and also started learning English language.**

- **At night Kaboo saw the other boy praying and asked him, "What are you doing?"**
- **The boy replied, "I'm talking to God. He is my Father."**





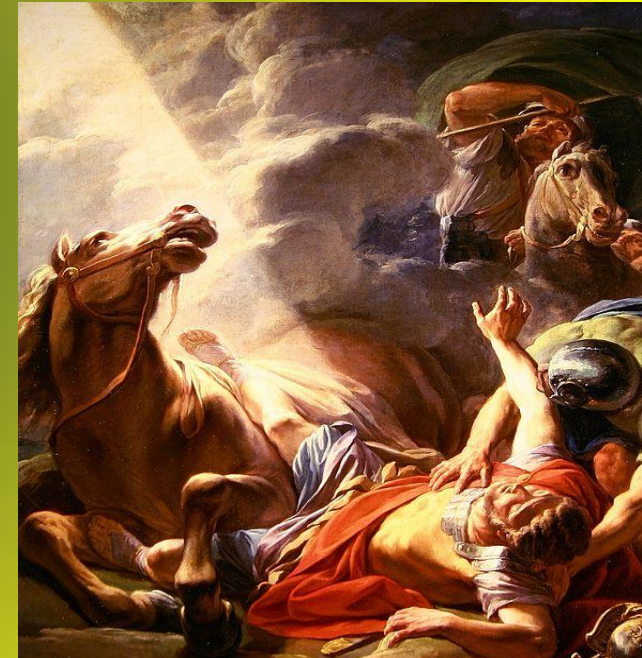
# Kaboo receives Jesus as Saviour



- The next day, Kaboo goes to church with the boy.
- He hears a woman tell the story of Saul's conversion and the great bright light that Saul saw from heaven.  
(Acts 9:1-19)



- When Kaboo heard the story he shouted, "This is what happened to me! I have seen that light!"

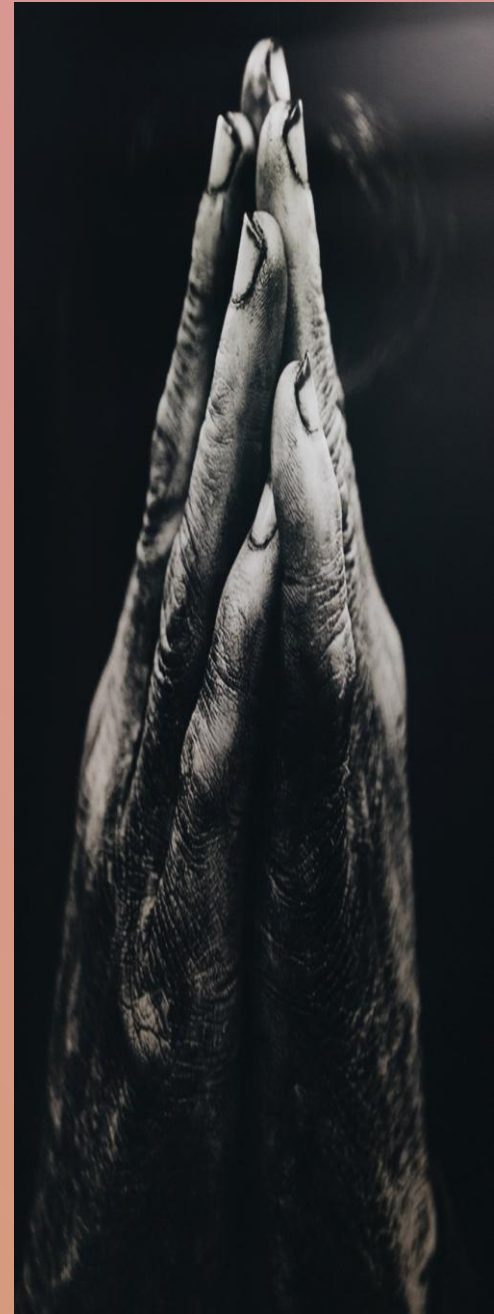


- Kaboo soon believed that it was God who saved him and he gave his life to Jesus! 😊

# From Kaboo to Samuel Morris



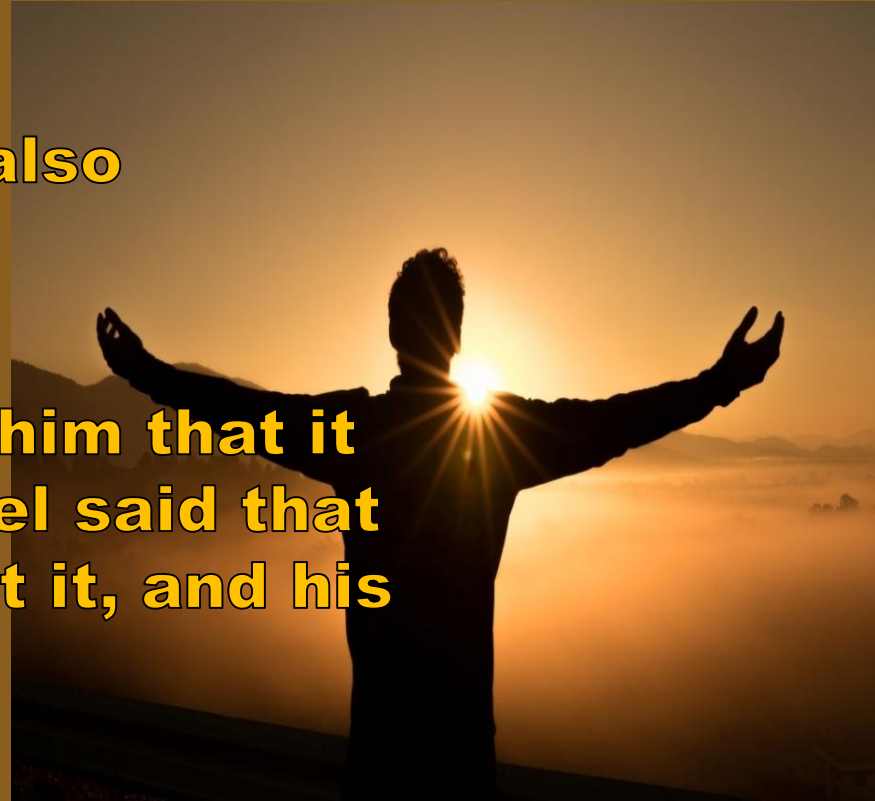
- **Kaboo soon gets baptized and receives a new name: Samuel Morris**
- **The Sunday school teachers of the church, started teaching the Bible and English language to Samuel Morris**
- **Samuel loved God, always read the Bible and prayed for hours everyday, just like scriptures teach us:**  
**Pray Without Ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**
- **He wanted to learn more and more about God, so he used to always ask his Sunday School teachers to teach him more about Jesus.**





# Eager to Learn More...

- Samuel Morris always used to pray loudly and he used to call God, 'His Father'.
- One day he heard from his missionary teacher Lizzie McNeil, that he could learn more about the Holy Spirit from a man named Stephen Merrit in New York.
- Samuel decided, "Then I'm also going to New York!"
- Even after she explained to him that it was a difficult journey, Samuel said that he had asked his Father about it, and his Father told him to go!



**Will Samuel, a poor tribal boy from Africa be able to go to New York to learn about the Holy Spirit?**





# Samuel travels to New York to learn about the Holy Spirit



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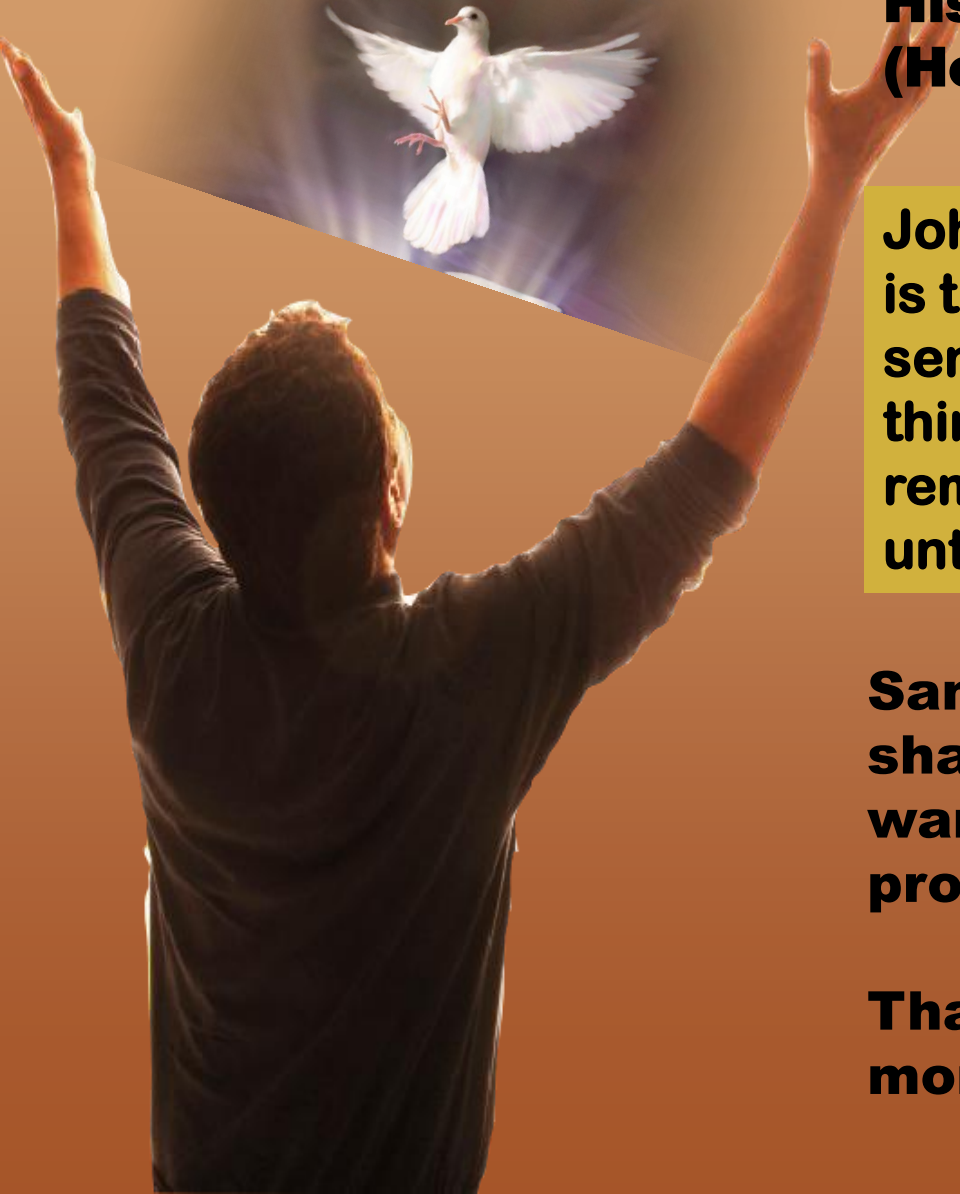
# **Holy Spirit is promised by Jesus**

**Samuel learnt how Jesus taught His disciples that another Helper (Holy Spirit) will be sent to them.**

**John 14:26 'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.'**

**Samuel desperately wanted to share the gospel to people and he wanted the Helper that Jesus promised.**

**That's why he wanted to learn more about the Holy Spirit.**





# Samuel decides to travel to New York



**As soon as he heard from his Sunday school teacher Lizzie about the man Stephen Merritt, who could teach him more about the Holy Spirit, Samuel immediately decided to go to New York by ship.**

# **Samuel strongly believed that God will help!**

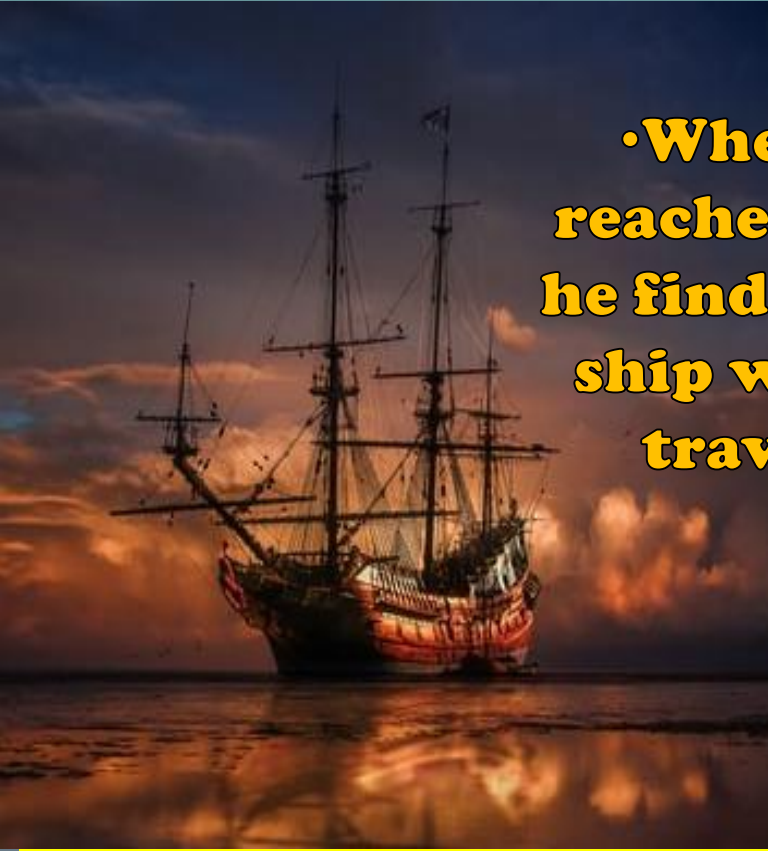


**His teacher Lizzie explained to him that it's a difficult journey, there is a big ocean that he would have to cross to reach New York and that he will have to go by ship for months.**

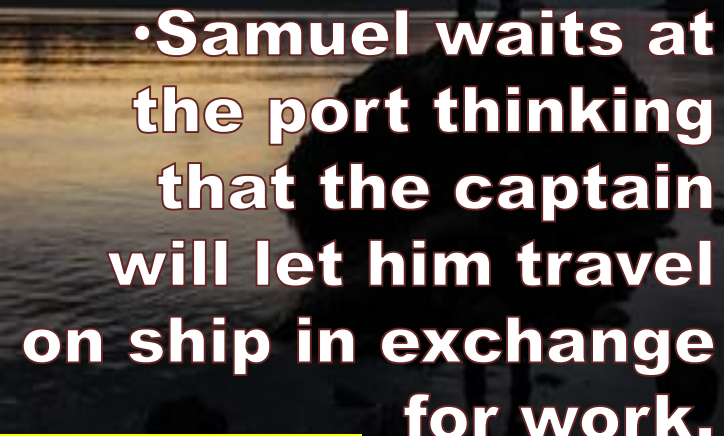
**He thought that New York was just another village, and he believed that God would help him reach New York!**



# Samuel is ready to sail to New York



•When Samuel reaches the port he finds a sailing ship which will travel to New York.



•Samuel waits at the port thinking that the captain will let him travel on ship in exchange for work.

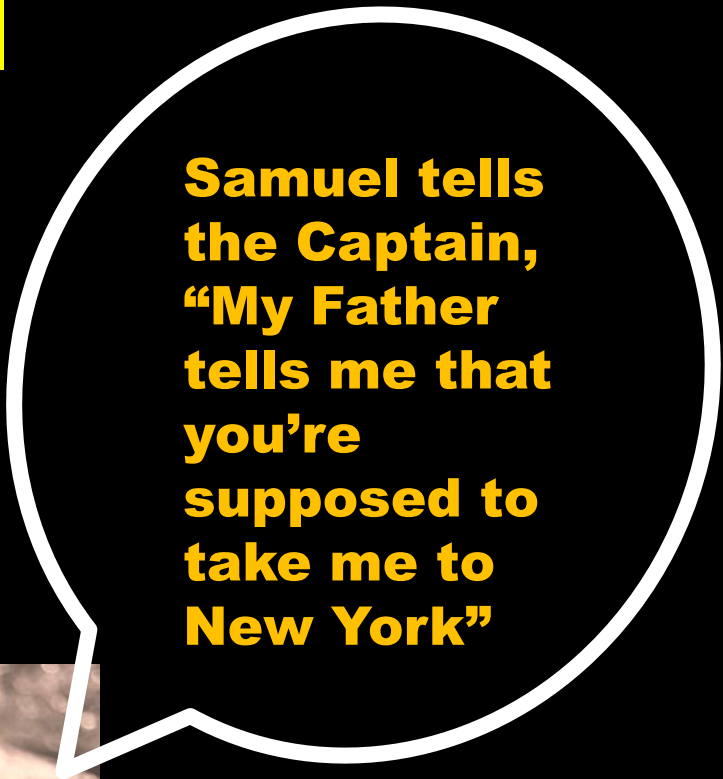
**Samuel believed that God who once saved him from death, could do anything for him!**

**Just like how God protected him from his enemies and brought him to the Christian village, where he learned the word of God, God will also help Samuel reach New York to learn more about him.**

# Samuel meets the Captain



Soon Samuel meets the captain of the ship who was a very short tempered man..



**Samuel tells the Captain, "My Father tells me that you're supposed to take me to New York"**



**But the captain kicks Samuel, asks him to leave and goes away 😞**



# **Captain declines but God changes his mind**



**Even though the Captain asked Samuel to leave, Samuel continued to wait there without getting discouraged and prayed to God.**

**Finally God heard Samuel's prayer and the Captain changed his mind.**

**The captain fell short of people to work on the ship, and he thought that since Samuel was from the Kru tribe, he would know how to sail a ship well and could help out with the rigging!**



# **Samuel begins his journey on ship**



**Samuel was very happy to start his journey to New York on ship.**

**He was going far away from his homeland for the first time, to learn more about the word of God.**

**Samuel's tribe people were very good at sailing and rigging, but Samuel never knew how to sail...**

**When the crew of the ship started climbing up to do the rigging and adjust the sails, they expected Samuel to work too.**





# **Samuel switches his job with another boy**



**Samuel was very scared of climbing on the rigging mast, especially when the stormy weather and strong waves hit.**

**He almost fainted.**



**Suddenly a cabin boy who always wanted to be part of the rigging crew asked Samuel to switch jobs with him.**

**Samuel and the cabin boy made a deal!**

# God uses Samuel to change Captain's heart

**Samuel went to work as the Captain's cabin boy.**

**When the captain saw Samuel in his cabin, he became very furious and Samuel knew that the Captain was going to beat him!**



**Samuel kneeled down to pray to God to calm the anger of the captain.**

**As soon as the captain was going to hit Samuel, he froze!**





# Captain becomes a believer

**When the captain saw Samuel kneeling in prayer, something changed inside him!**

**He suddenly remembered his childhood in a Christian home where his mother had taught him the scriptures and how to pray.**



**When Samuel continued to pray, the Captain's anger was replaced by a desire for God!**



**Over the days, God changed the captain's heart and the Captain became a believer! 😊**

# Crew members influenced by Samuel's faith

**Life on the ship was not easy. The crew members were very rough and they abused and beat Samuel many times.**

**Still Samuel endured it with patience.**

'And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;' Romans 5:3



**They always saw Samuel praying and many of them were amazed by his faith in God and wanted to know God too.**

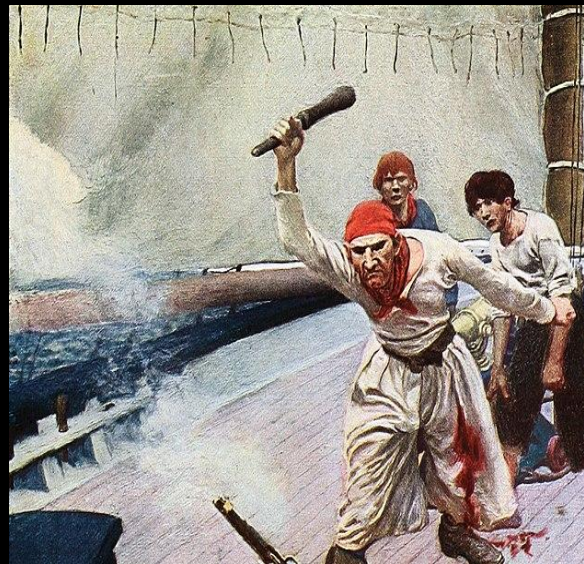




# An incident on the ship

Fights were very common on the ship and sometimes there would also be bloodshed.

Once an aggressive Malaysian crew member who had a sharp weapon, threatened to kill another crew member during a fight.



Suddenly Samuel courageously came forward and told the man to drop his weapon.

The man was so angry that he was about to use the sword against Samuel, but miraculously, the man's arm froze!

# Change in the crew members

**Many crew members witnessed the miracle and trusted in Samuel's faith and in Christ!**

**By the time the long journey of 5 months to New York ended, most of the ship crew members believed in Jesus because of Samuel and became believers!**

**What happens when Samuel reaches New York, we will learn in the next class..**





# Samuel Morris in New York



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**Part 3**

# **Samuel goes to meet Stephen Merrit**

**When Samuel reached New York, the Captain thought of taking him home, because he felt Samuel would be vulnerable to go alone into such a big city.**

**But Samuel wanted to meet Stephen Merrit, so he went alone.**

**Samuel then meets a man in the city and tells him, "Take me to Stephen Merrit, do you know him?"**

**It would be God's miracle if the first man whom Samuel met, knew Stephen Merrit out of the 2 million people who live in the city.**



# Samuel believed that God will provide

When Samuel asked the man about Stephen Merrit, he replied, “Yes I know Stephen Merrit, in fact I’ve been to his mission on 8<sup>th</sup> street. I will take you there, but it will cost you 1 Dollar”

Samuel replied, “ 1 Dollar? Don’t worry, my Father will pay you! ”, even though he did not have even one cent..



# **Samuel meets Stephen Merritt**

**Stephen Merritt was a preacher and the secretary for Bishop William Taylor. He met Samuel Morris when he was about to go for a prayer meeting.**

**Samuel told Stephen Merritt, “ I’ve just come from Africa because Miss McNeil told me that you will tell me about the Holy Spirit. ”**

**Stephen Merritt asked him, “ Do you have any letters of introduction? ”**

**Samuel replied, “ No, I had no time to wait..”**

**Since Mr. Merritt was in a hurry, he asked Samuel to wait till he comes back from the prayer meeting.**



# The Payment

As soon as Stephen Merritt was about to leave, the other man asked Samuel, “What about my dollar?”

Samuel replied, “Stephen Merritt pays all my bills now!”

Without thinking, Stephen Merritt immediately paid the dollar...

*‘Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.’ Mathew 6:26*



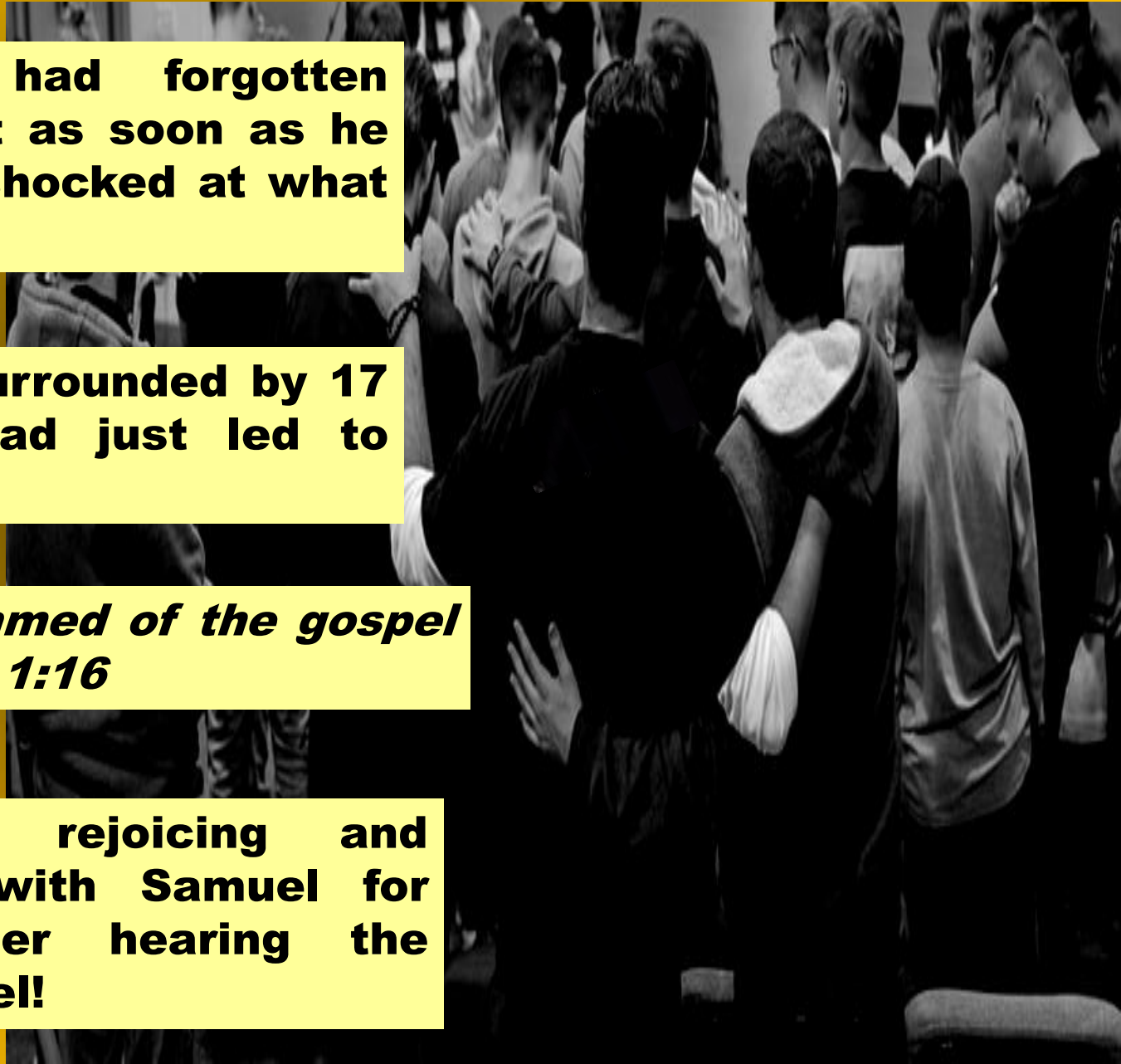
# Samuel leads 17 men to Christ

**Stephen Merrit had forgotten about Samuel, but as soon as he returned he was shocked at what he saw!**

**He saw Samuel surrounded by 17 men whom he had just led to Jesus Christ!**

***'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ' Romans 1:16***

**They were all rejoicing and worshiping God with Samuel for God's grace after hearing the Gospel from Samuel!**





# **The making of Samuel Morris Missionary Society**

**Once day Mr. Merritt took Samuel to Sunday School to introduce him to people in class, but they all started laughing at him when they saw him.**

**When Samuel started telling the story of his conversion, Mr. Merritt had to leave the class, but he was shocked when he returned !**

**He saw that after hearing Samuel speak, the entire class started weeping and the room was filled with the presence and glory of the Holy Spirit.**

**The people in class were so affected that they made a Samuel Morris Missionary Society to collect funds, clothes and everything needed to send Samuel to Taylor University in Indiana !**

***'The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.'***  
***Psalms 34:10***

# Praying in a Horse Buggy

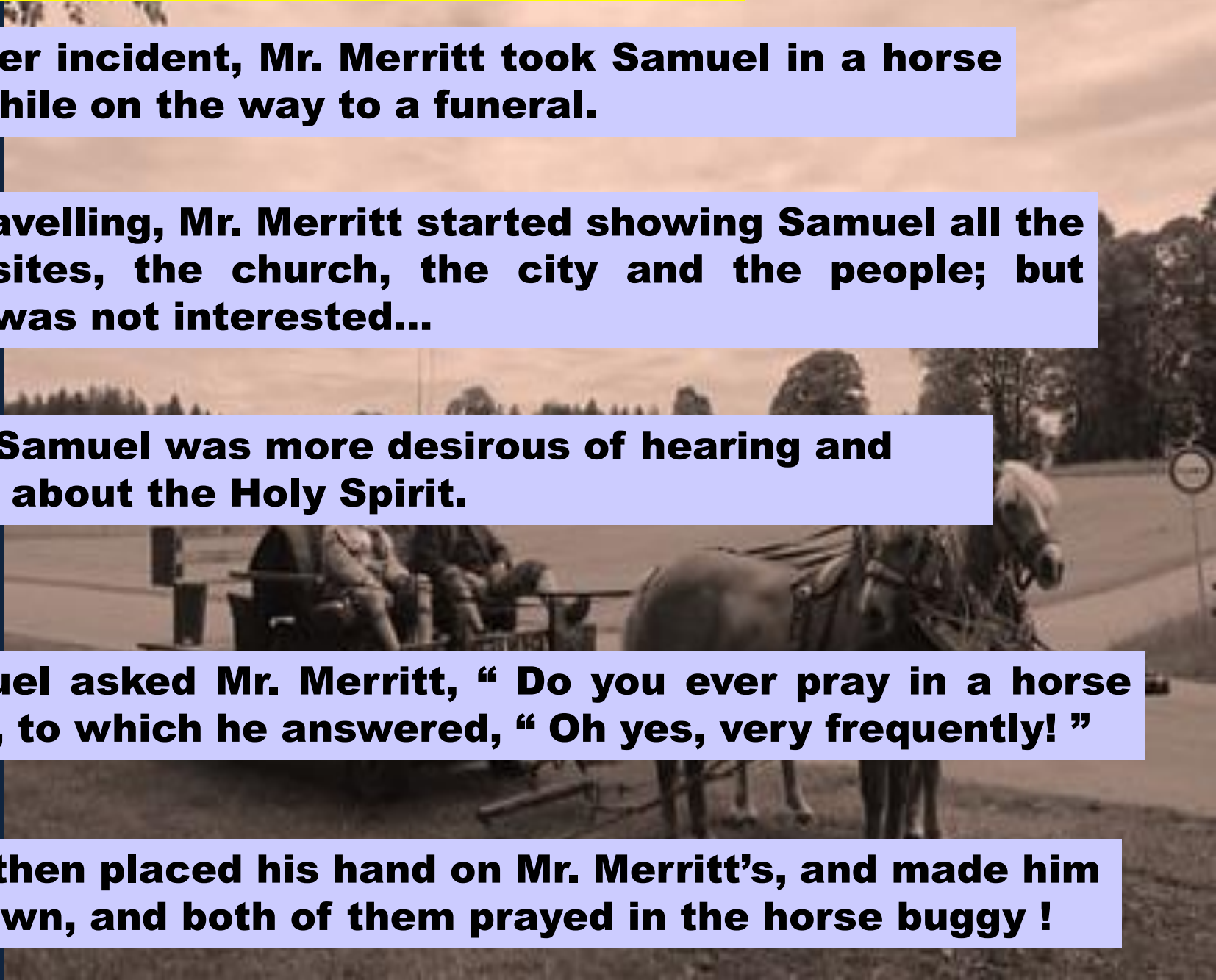
In another incident, Mr. Merritt took Samuel in a horse buggy while on the way to a funeral.

While travelling, Mr. Merritt started showing Samuel all the tourist sites, the church, the city and the people; but Samuel was not interested...

Instead Samuel was more desirous of hearing and knowing about the Holy Spirit.

So Samuel asked Mr. Merritt, “ Do you ever pray in a horse buggy?”, to which he answered, “ Oh yes, very frequently! ”

Samuel then placed his hand on Mr. Merritt's, and made him kneel down, and both of them prayed in the horse buggy !






# The Prayer

**In that buggy, Samuel prayed: “Dear Holy Spirit, I have come from Africa to learn from Mr. Merritt about you, but he is talking about everything else....**

**Please take out of Mr. Merritt’s heart other things, and fill his heart with you, so that he would never write or preach or talk about anything else except the Holy Spirit !”**

**Stephen Merritt soon realized, that this young African boy who came to New York to know more about the Holy Spirit, already knew more about him than Merritt ever did.**

**And it was Samuel who was actually teaching Mr. Merritt about the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**



**‘I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.’  
Psalms 119:99**

# Decision to send Samuel to Taylor University

Shortly Mr. Merrit decided to write a letter to the President of Taylor University, Thaddeus Reed about admitting Samuel to his school to pursue his studies.

It was a time when the University was financially weak, under large debts and at a situation where they might have to shut the University.

Even then Thaddeus Reed had a vision of the future of the university, that it would continue to prosper, a place where students from all over the world would come to prepare for ministry.

How God will use Samuel in Taylor University, we will find out in the next class...





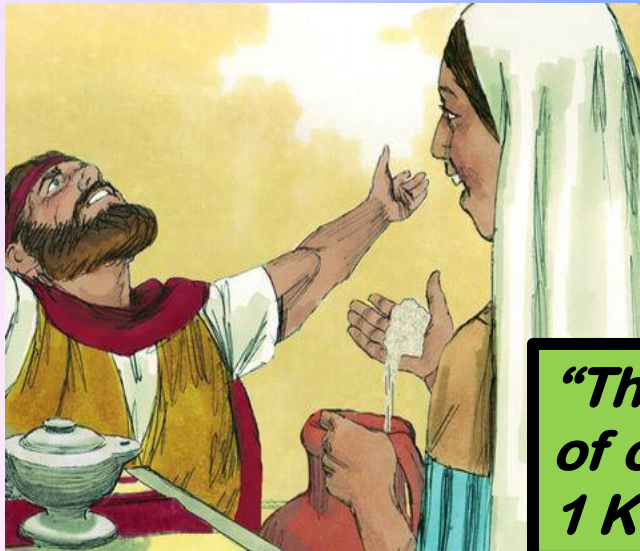
# Samuel Morris in Taylor University



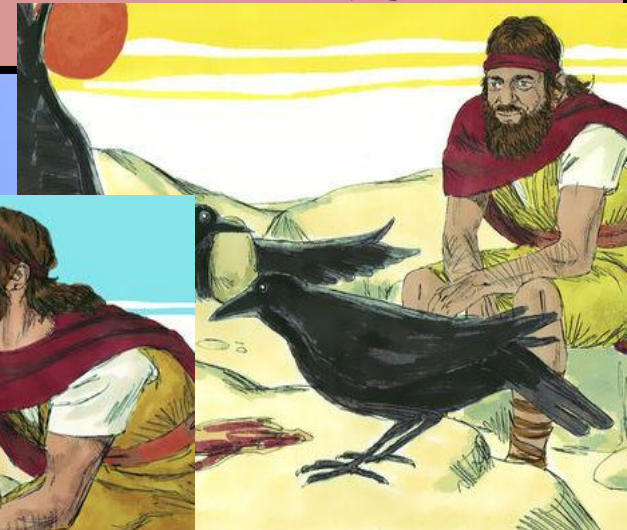
# God will provide for Samuel in Taylor University

When Thaddeus Reed received the letter from Stephen Merrit, telling him to expect the arrival of Samuel Morris, an unusual African boy, he knew that they were financially weak to take the responsibility for another student, but he still believed that God will provide, just like God provided for Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-15)

*“The brook will supply you with water to drink and I have commanded ravens to bring you food there” 1 Kings 17:4*



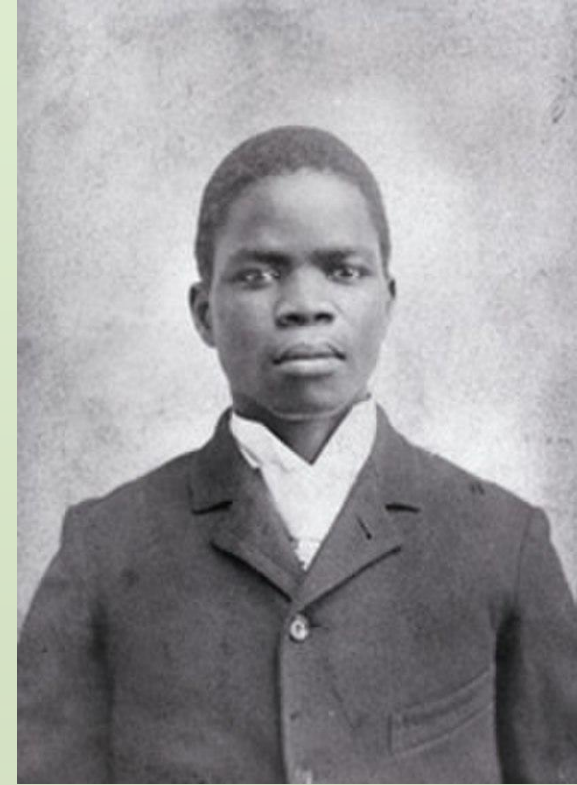
*“The bowl will not run out of flour or the jar run out of oil before the day that I, the Lord will send rain” 1 Kings 17:14*





**“Which room shall I give you?”**

**When Samuel reached Taylor University, Mr. Thaddeus Reed, asked him, “Sammy, which room shall I give you?”**



**Samuel replied, “Mr. Reed any room is good enough for me. If there is a room that nobody else wants, give that to me”**



**When he heard Samuel’s reply he turned his face away because his eyes were filled with tears.**

**In all the years of experience he had, he never met someone like Samuel who wished to have something nobody else wanted. That’s how humble he was!**

# **A Child of Prayer**

**Samuel always used to pray aloud to his Father in Heaven and talk to Him.**

***Pray Without Ceasing***  
***1 Thessalonians 5:17***

**Even early in the morning before other students woke up, and late at night after every student slept, Samuel was always heard, talking to God loudly in prayer.**



**Sometimes students used to knock on his door to talk to him while he was praying, but Samuel never got distracted and never paid attention.**

**He used to open the door smilingly, when his soul was satisfied after talking to God, and tell them, “Now come in, we done talking for this time!”**



# **Wish to become a missionary to his people in Africa**

**Samuel was a very good student who studied hard, because he wanted to complete his education and go to preach the gospel in Africa.**

**Many people in the university helped him to learn English and gave him remedial lessons.**

**Samuel used to say that after his studies when he will return to his village in Africa, he wants to tell all the children and people there about Jesus.**



# **Samuel Prays for Atheist Student**

**Samuel loved to read and study the Bible. Whenever a student visited Samuel, he used to ask them to read a passage of the Bible with him.**



**One day a student who was not a Christian, visited Samuel in his room, so Samuel requested him to read a chapter of the Bible for him.**

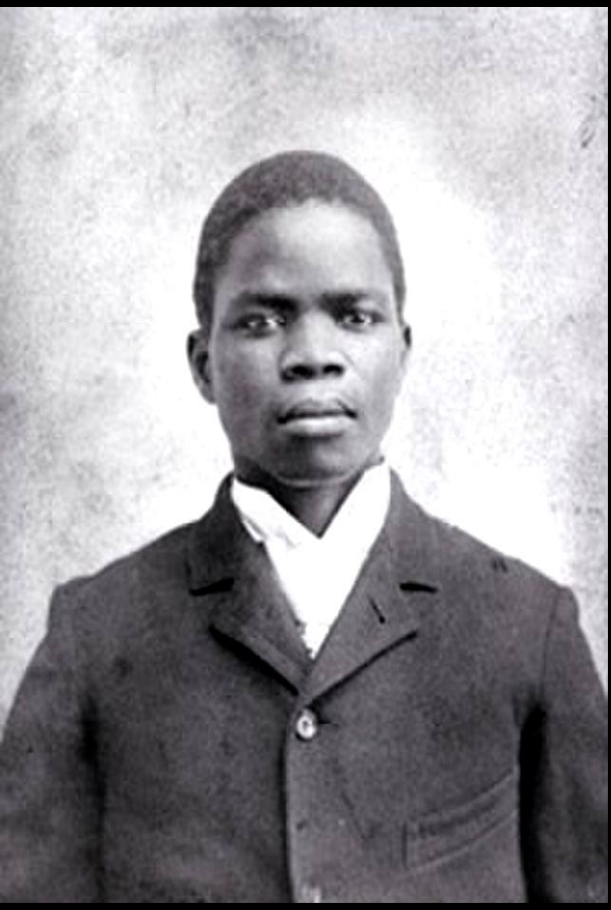
**But Samuel was surprised when that student refused to read the Bible and said that he is an atheist and does not believe in the Bible.**

**Samuel replied, "What?! You no believe the Bible? Your Father speak to you, you no believe? I pray for you!"**

**He continued to pray for him daily...**



# **Samuel wishes to work**



**One day Samuel met Mr. Reed and asked him, “Mr. Reed may I quit school and go to work?”**

**Mr. Reed asked, “Why Sammy? Are you dissatisfied with this school?”**

**Samuel replied, “Oh no, I love this school but I want to work to get money to bring Henry O’ Neil to this school. He is my brother in Christ, I led him to Jesus in Africa. He is a good boy and better than Sammy. I want him to come here and get education”**

**Mr. Reed said, “If he should come to America, God will open a way for him. You talk to your Father about it”**

**Samuel prayed for it and soon Henry also could come and study at Taylor University.**

# Letter from Africa

**Samuel always used to pray for his people in Africa and wanted them to know about Jesus too!**

**One day he got a letter from his brother in Christ in Africa to whom Samuel had shared the gospel.**

**Young Samuel was used mightily by God and this letter from the young Liberian in 1893 was the evidence.**

Samuel,  
I love you very dearly because you are the one who helped me find my precious JESUS. Oh how I love him more everyday since I have found him and I am getting new light all the time and growing in grace. God is making me a strong soldier and I am going to fight the devil.



# Samuel in prayer meetings

**In a student's prayer meeting Samuel once said, "Bread is one thing and stone is another. I once saw a stone with gold in it and they told me that the stone is worth more than a barrel of flour. But when I am hungry I cannot eat that stone, I need bread, So my soul cannot be satisfied without JESUS, the bread of life.**

**"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall not thirst." John 6:35**



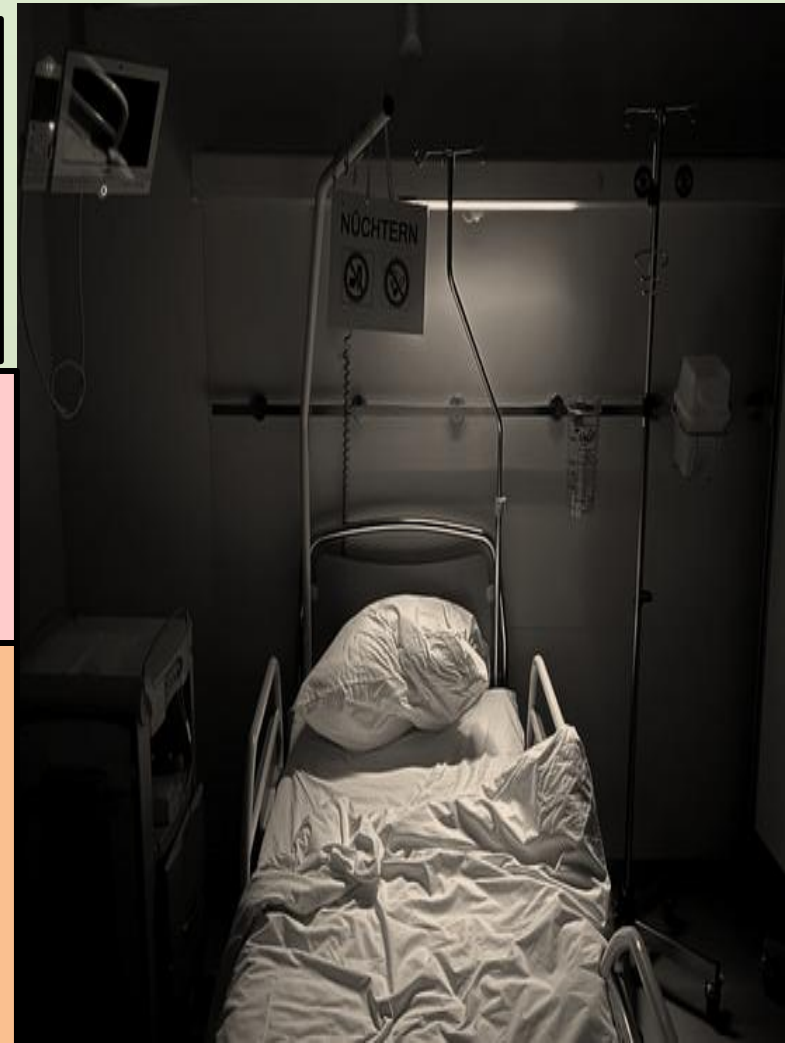
# Rejoicing in Christ even in sickness

One night during winter Samuel decided to go to a prayer meeting, but he was not well covered. Since he could not withstand the cold temperature, he got a severe fever.

After he was admitted to a hospital many people came to visit him, but he told them that he heard his Master call him and he must go.

When others encouraged Samuel that he will get well soon and reminded him about the work he wanted to do in Africa, he said, "Its not my work, its Christ work, He must choose His own workers"

Samuel was not afraid of death and even in sickness, he always thanked God and never complained of pain or suffering. He was happy to die because he will get to meet Jesus. Samuel soon died happily...

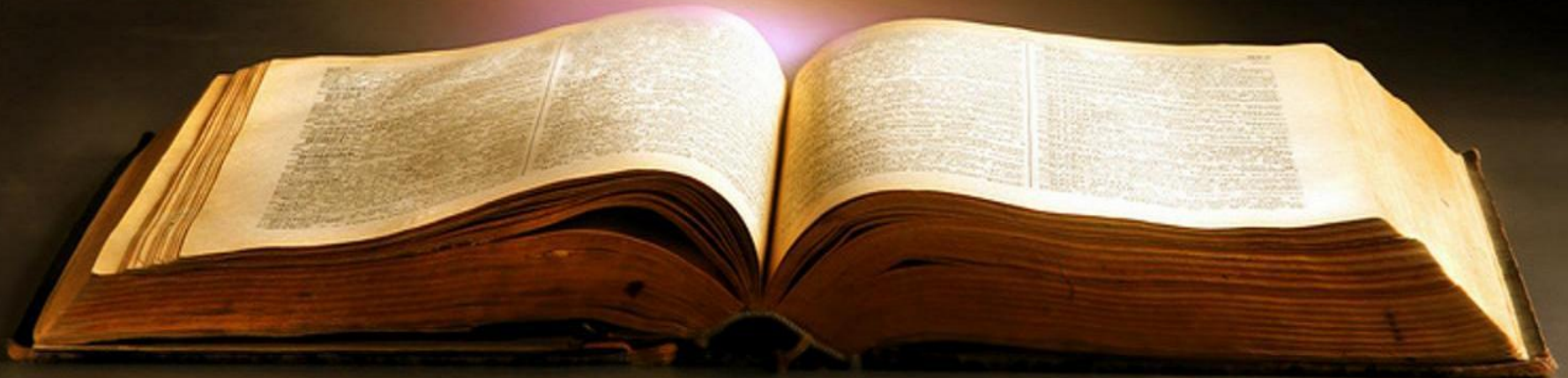




# **Samuel inspired many to become missionaries**

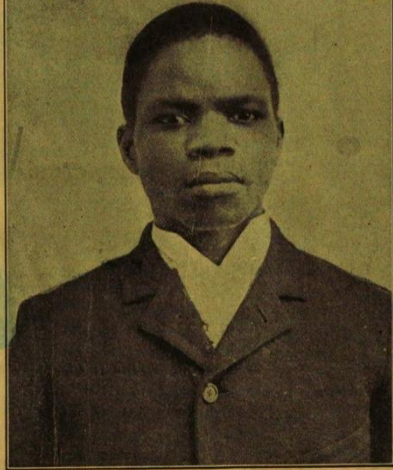
**Samuel wanted to learn about the Holy Spirit and share the gospel to his people in Africa, but he did not realize that God already filled him with the Holy Spirit, and through his life, God inspired many young people in Taylor University to go to Africa as missionaries.**

**“As the heavens are higher than the earth so are My Ways higher than your ways, and My Thoughts higher than your thoughts” Isaiah 55:9**



# Samuel's short yet fruitful life

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A Spirit Filled Life

**Inspiration of Samuel's life stories were written in many booklets and published, which brought income to the University and also helped to pay the debts.**

**Even though Samuel's life was very short, it was a very fruitful Christian life.**

**His testimony led many people to Jesus and also led many young people to become missionaries.**



**“A branch cannot bear fruit by itself. It can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.” John 15:4-5**



# Prayer

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for helping us learn the missionary story of Samuel Morris. Help us also to love you and have a desire to serve you, like Samuel. Help us to always read the Bible and learn more and more about you. Help us also to become missionaries and share with others about You, as per your will. Thank you for hearing our prayer. In Jesus' name.**

**Amen**



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**Thank you Jesus**



**God bless you!!**