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We begin at the very beginning,
before the world itself was made.
In the beginning there was God.
He made the world and everything in it.
He made the first people.
And when things began to go wrong,
God planned a way out.
He chose one man,
and through him a nation,
and from that nation a Saviour.
The Bible contains a marvellous collection
of stories.
It is also one story . . .