



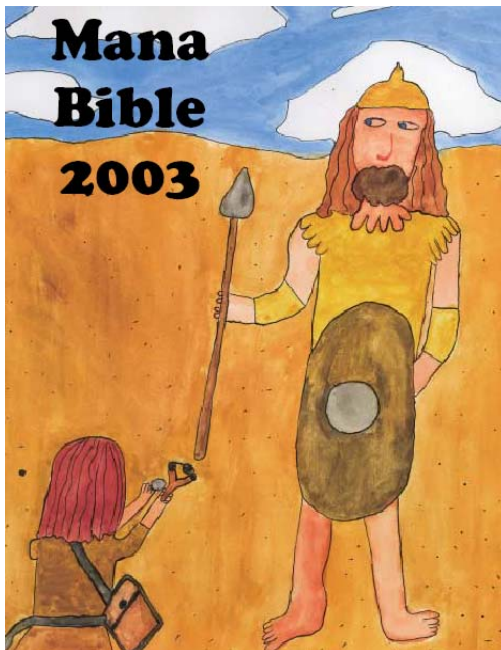
## I have set my rainbow in the clouds ...

Genesis 9:13 (NIV)

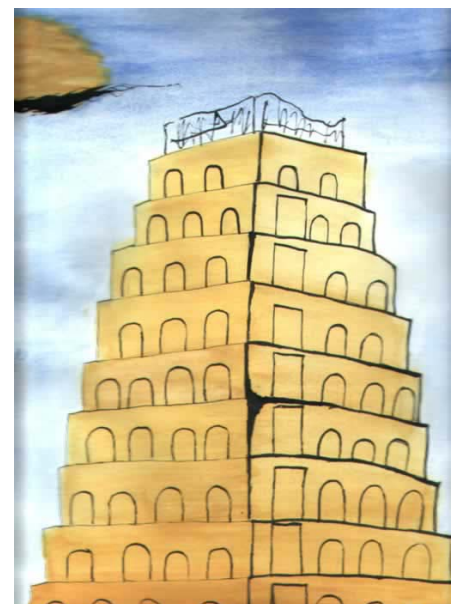
The picture of nine months earlier: bridges washed out, villages swept away, and historic Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, under stormy river waters. During this crisis, IBS provided *Living New Testaments* and *When your whole world changes* booklets to comfort and give hope to the flood victims.

Life has continued. The floodwaters subsided, bridges have been repaired, and the tourists have returned.

IBS Czech seeks to reach not only people in crisis, as during the flood, but also other groups, such as Czech youth. To reach young people for Christ, there is an outreach project to Czech schools called the *Mana Bible* project. Interestingly, one school that was reached had been seriously affected by last year's flood. The students' favorite story was "Noah's ark", perhaps because they knew firsthand about floods!



As teachers read Bible stories to the students, they were encouraged to draw pictures of what they heard. These became the illustrations for the new edition of Mana Bible. Hundreds of pictures were collected and the best ones were selected to be printed to illustrate each Bible story. All of the other pictures are displayed on a website that the children can access. The students in all of the participating schools received a personal copy of the book when they were distributed during an exhibition and cultural program.



Our Manna Bible contains sixty key Bible stories. The Bible text is from the IBS Living Bible translation, the most comprehensive one available in the Czech Republic.

***Here are some of the teachers' and children's responses to the project:***

“All of the children are enjoying reading the book. The stories are short yet comprehensive. The language of the Mini Bible is very high quality. The children look forward to listening to the stories over and over again. Overall, the project gave pleasurable lessons to my students.” *Elementary School Teacher*



“There are wonderful stories in The Bible. I enjoyed reading them. They are almost nicer than fairy tales.” *Andrea, 7 years old*

“It is a pity that animals don't live with people as they used to in the garden of Eden. I wish that Adam and Eve had not spoiled the world” *Veronica, 9 years old*

“These stories were almost as exciting as ghost stories to me. But it is nice that God protects and helps the obedient.” *Rudolph, 10 years old*

“I enjoyed reading the story about Noah's ark the most. We also learned to sing a Christian song, ‘Cockleboat’, and it was really funny.” *Gabriela, 6 years old*



“I enjoyed making pictures for the stories of Mana Bible.”  
*Barbara, 8 years old*

“I was afraid when I heard about Daniel going into lions' den”  
*Jakub, 8 years old*

“I knew that Jesus was born on Christmas, but I didn't know that He died and rose from death on Easter. It was really new and for me, and I am glad I know it now.”  
*Kristina, 7 years old*

***Today, as in the day of Noah, we need to depend on God's grace. May His “Rainbow of grace” message of salvation through Jesus Christ continue to spread in the Czech Republic. May God bless the efforts of IBS Czech staff and volunteers as they share God's message of grace throughout their atheistic country.***