Sojourner Truth

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Sojourner Truth, whose name was originally Isabella, was the daughter of slaves in the state of New York. The slaves all slept in one room, a damp cellar under the master's house. Men, women, and children slept on boards covered with straw. They were treated no differently than the animals on the farm. Her mother, whom they called Mau-mau Bett, taught her about God and instilled a faith and trust which would grow as the years passed. She taught her children to pray and to be good and honest. Isabella was sold for \$100 to John Nealy. She was nine years old. Her master beat her cruelly. Isabella grew up and was married to a fellow-slave named Thomas. Her master promised to give her freedom, but he went back on his word and refused to let her go. She decided she would spin his wool, then she would just leave. And so she did. Isabella had a special place where she prayed daily. It was a little island in the middle of a small stream in an idyllic setting. She promised God if He would give her better circumstances, she would be good. Her life did get better-- then she forgot God. One day she had a religious experience that changed her life. She said she saw Jesus and knew he was her friend who could reconcile her to God. She changed her name to Sojourner. In December 1851 Sojourner delivered an address at the Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio which has become famous. It is known as the "Ain't I a Woman?" speech.

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