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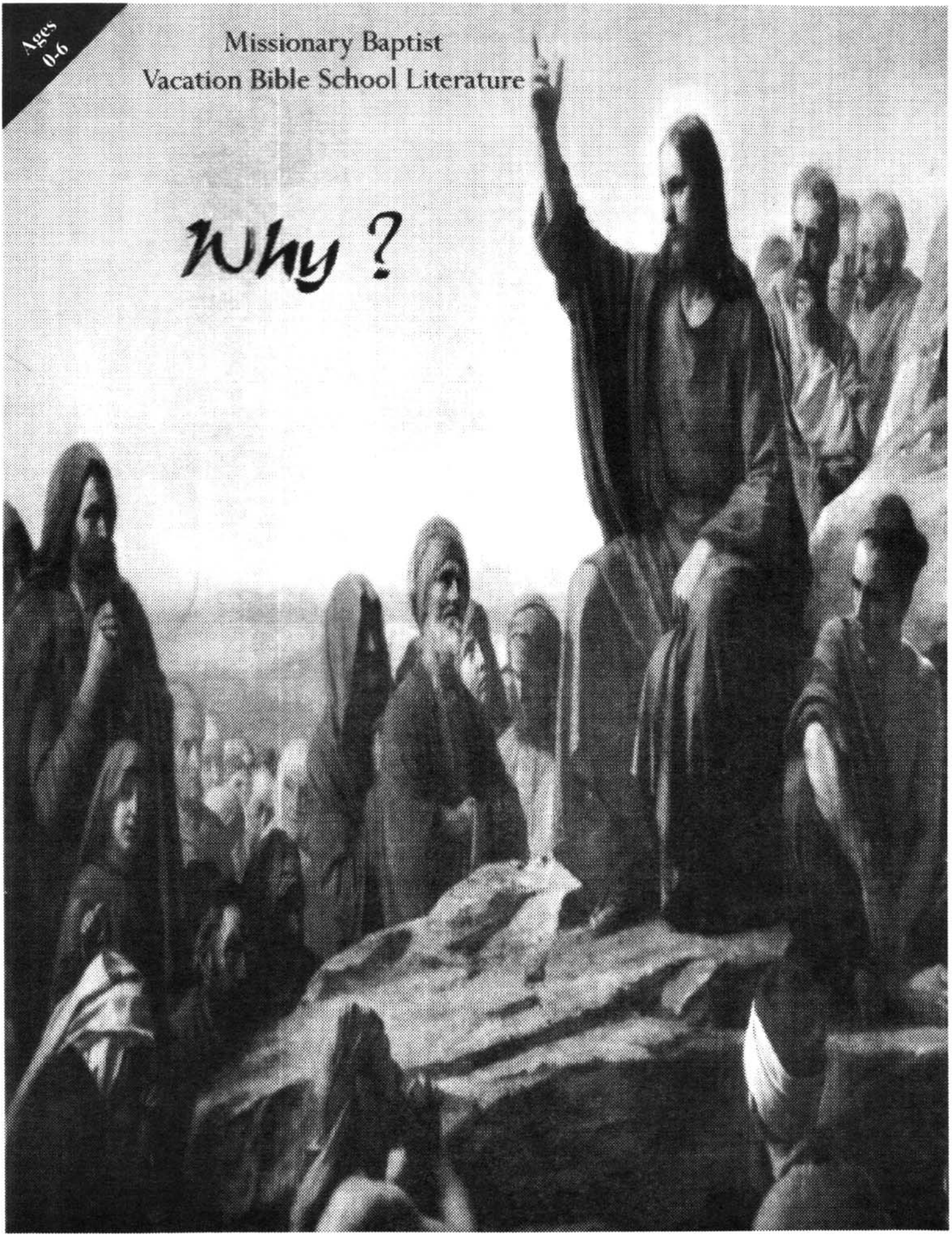

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FOR THE TEACHERS

Introduction:

We hope that our 1999 Vacation Bible School literature will help you in your classes. We have worked to put together age-appropriate lessons to go along with the theme for this year. We hope that you can take our suggestions and add your touches to make your classes the best that they can be. If you have used our literature before, you may be able to take some of the previous ideas and incorporate them into this year's lessons. We have tried to be as thorough as possible for those of you who have not used the literature before. We have tried to include activities to fit all children in the 0-6 age category. Each lesson contains a story about a person from the Bible, a coloring page, a writing activity page, and a hands-on activity. We hope that our materials are sufficient for the needs of your class. Good luck to everyone and God bless.

Special Projects:

We decided to arrange the book a little differently this year. The special projects for each lesson are located in the back of the book. They are not in the order of the lessons because some of the pages need to be cut out. We arranged the pages so that nothing will have to be photocopied before it can be used. We intended for the children to be able to take home a nice book of lessons and coloring pages with out having cut pages in the middle of them. When you do the project, you may wish to cut the whole page out of the book to allow the children to be able to cut their pictures out more easily.

Wall Pockets:

We decided to not include a specific pattern for wall pockets this year. If you wish to have a pocket on the wall for your students to place their work in, you can modify one of the previous pockets or follow these simple instructions.

1. Cut a full-size piece of poster board in half.
2. Fold up the bottom one-third.
3. Punch holes through the sides of the folded piece and the back.
4. Lace the holes together with yarn to create a pocket.
5. Decorate with pictures or the memory verses from the lessons.

Daily Supply List:

Here is a list of the supplies that you need for each day. Please look through the lessons to make sure that our list is complete. We hope that we did not omit anything.

Day 1

- Crayons
- Construction Paper
- Child Scissors
- Glue
- Poster Board*
- Hole Puncher*
- Yarn*

* These supplies are only needed if you are making a wall pocket

Day 2

- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- 20 ounce or 1 liter bottles
- Fun Foam
- Glitter

Day 3

- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Yellow Paper Plates
- Brown Paper Sacks or Construction Paper
- Black or Brown Pipe Cleaners
- 1-inch Black Pompoms

Day 4

- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Different Colors of Construction Paper

Day 5

- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Small Craft Sticks
- Ribbon or Yarn

LESSON 1 – WHY MOSES OBEYED GOD

Moses lived a long time ago in a country called Egypt where an evil king ruled. His name was Pharaoh. Moses was born a Hebrew, of The Children of Israel, who were servants to the Egyptians. The harder Pharaoh worked them, though, the more the Hebrews grew in number. Pharaoh was afraid that the Hebrews would turn against him in times of war, so he made a rule that all newborn male babies of the Children of Israel be killed. It was so sad and cruel. But Moses' mother knew he was a special child and she had faith in God; so she hid him three months after he was born. She then made a small ark or basket, put him in it, and laid it by the river's edge.

Pharaoh's daughter found him crying and felt sorry for him. So she called her maid (who was Moses' sister) to find a Hebrew woman to nurse him. The maid called Moses' own mother, who took care of him, then gave him to Pharaoh's daughter to raise as her son so that he would be safe.

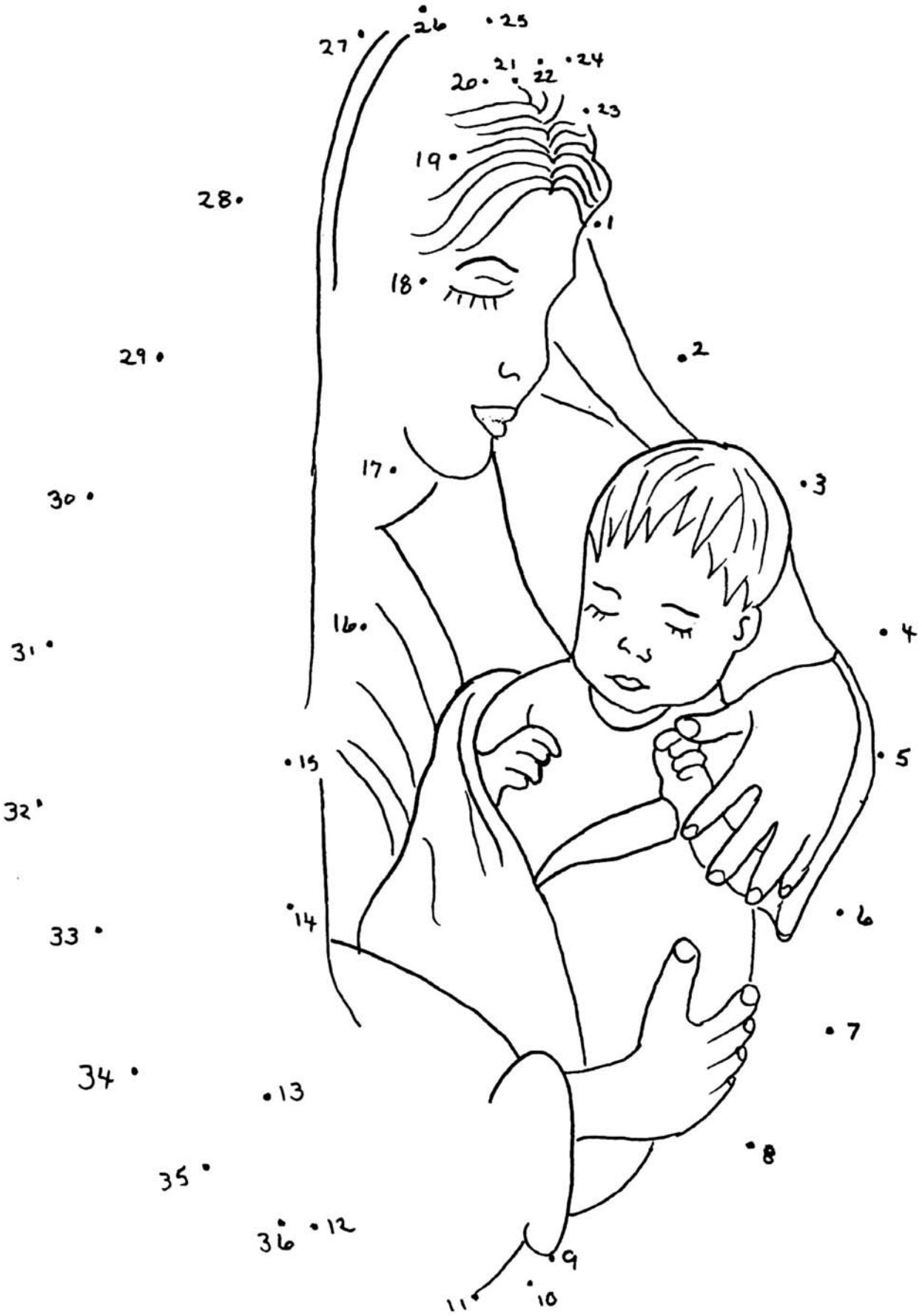
When Moses grew up he became a shepherd and led his flock to a mountain called Horeb. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a burning bush. God spoke out to him and said, "Moses, Moses." And Moses said, "Here am I." He was afraid, but he did not run away. God chose him as the leader to bring the Hebrews out of slavery. He obeyed God and received great blessings.

One of the main reasons we must obey God is that He uses us to teach others. When Moses followed God to Mount Sinai, he was given some of the most important rules ever made that we still live by today. Those rules are called the Ten Commandments. We should learn them, memorize them, and keep them in our hearts always.

Memory Verse: Exodus 3:4

"And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I."

Moses and the Burning Bush



Connect the dots to see who is holding Baby Moses.

LESSON 2 – WHY JONAH SURRENDERED TO GOD

When God asks us to do something, He expects us to obey Him. God will never ask anyone to do anything that they cannot do. Although the task that God asks us to do may look hard or uninteresting, we must do it. We may not want to do what God asks us, but we must obey Him. He will bless us for obeying Him. There is a good example in the Bible about obedience. It is the story of a preacher named Jonah.

God asked Jonah to leave his home and go to a city called Nineveh to preach. The people of Nineveh were evil, and they needed to hear the word of God so that they could become better people. God expected Jonah to obey Him. But, Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh to preach. He thought that the people were too evil to listen to him and that they would not change their ways whether he preached to them or not. So, Jonah decided to go to Tarshish instead. He disobeyed God.

Jonah got on a ship heading to Tarshish. He hoped that he could flee from God's presence. But God is everywhere. Jonah could not run from Him. God caused a great storm to begin over the ocean. Jonah's ship was tossed, and the other men on the ship were very scared. Jonah knew that God was punishing him for disobeying. Jonah did not want the other men to get hurt in the storm, so he had them toss him overboard.

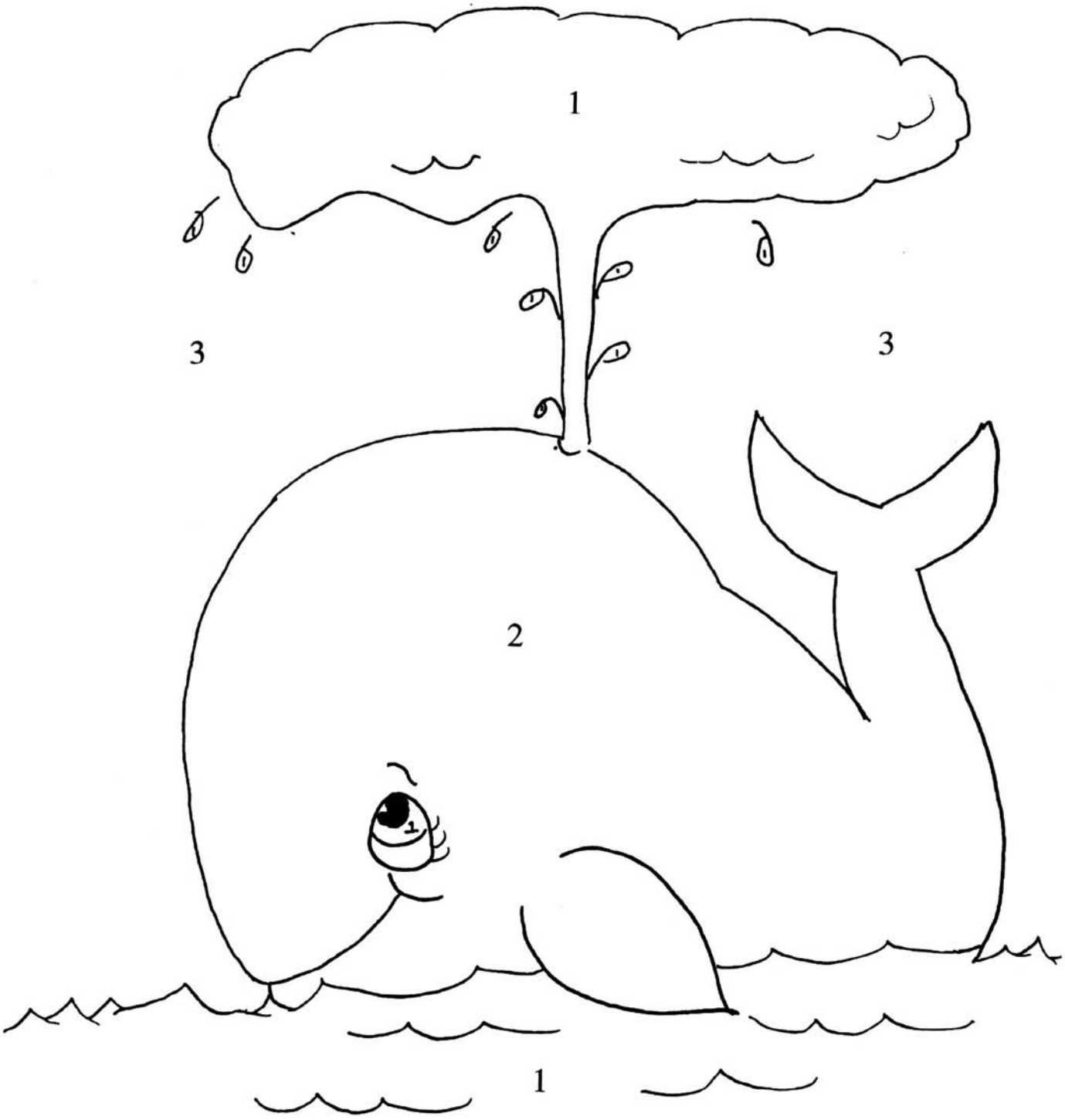
When Jonah was in the water, a big fish came and swallowed him. Inside the fish, Jonah prayed to God to forgive him for disobeying. Jonah promised God that he would do whatever He wanted him to do if He would let him out of the fish's belly. He stayed in the belly of this fish for three days and three nights. Then the fish vomited Jonah up onto dry land.

The Lord again asked Jonah to go to Nineveh to preach. This time Jonah obeyed. He went to the city of Nineveh and preached. The people listened to the words that the Lord gave Jonah to say. Jonah had thought that they would not change, but the people did. They listened to Jonah's messages and repented unto the Lord.

Memory Verse: Jonah 1:17

"... And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

Jonah is Back on Dry Land



Color this whale according to the numbers.

1 = dark blue

2 = gray

3 = light blue

LESSON 3 – WHY DANIEL PRAYED TO GOD

The Bible tells us of a man named Daniel who was a faithful servant of God. In his service, he prayed to God three times a day.

There were many men who were jealous of Daniel because of his friendship with King Darius. These men tricked the king into making a law that said that no one could ask God or other men for anything. If the law was broken, the person would be thrown into the lion's den.

Daniel knew about the law, but that did not keep him from serving his God. He went into his house and opened his windows and prayed. He did not try to hide his faithfulness to God. The jealous men went to Daniel's house when he was praying, and they took him to the king to be thrown to the lions.

King Darius was very upset that he had been forced to throw his friend into the lion's den because of a selfish law that he had made. He worried about Daniel the night that he was in the lion's den. Early the next morning, King Darius went to check on Daniel. When he asked Daniel if God had kept him safe, Daniel answered him saying, "My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths..." (Daniel 6:22).

Daniel was kept safe in the lion's den because he served God. He had faith and prayed that God would take care of him. It is important for us to pray to God everyday. We should thank Him for what He has given us and ask Him for what we need. God can and will provide for us if we ask Him.

Memory Verse: Daniel 6:22

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me..."

God was with Daniel in the Lions' Den

Finish the picture of this lion.

LESSON 4 – WHY HANNAH GAVE TO GOD

In Old Testament days, there was a woman named Hannah. She was one of the wives of a man named Elkanah. It was a tradition for Elkanah and his wives to go to Shiloh every year to worship there in the tabernacle.

On one trip, Hannah wept and prayed for something that she had never had: a son. She promised God that if He granted her a son, that in return, she would give her son to His service. She would be sure that her son followed God. Hannah knew God and trusted in Him; she believed that He would answer her request.

A year later, Hannah received her answer from God. A son was born to her, and she named him Samuel. Hannah had not been on the family's yearly trip since Samuel had been born. She kept her son until he was weaned, then she knew that it was time to fulfill her promise to God. She knew that it was time to make the journey with her husband again.

When the family arrived at the tabernacle, Hannah found Eli, the priest. She told him that she had prayed and asked God for a son, and that God had given her Samuel. Now, she was giving Samuel back to God. She told him that she was going to leave Samuel with him in the tabernacle to grow up in the service of the Lord.

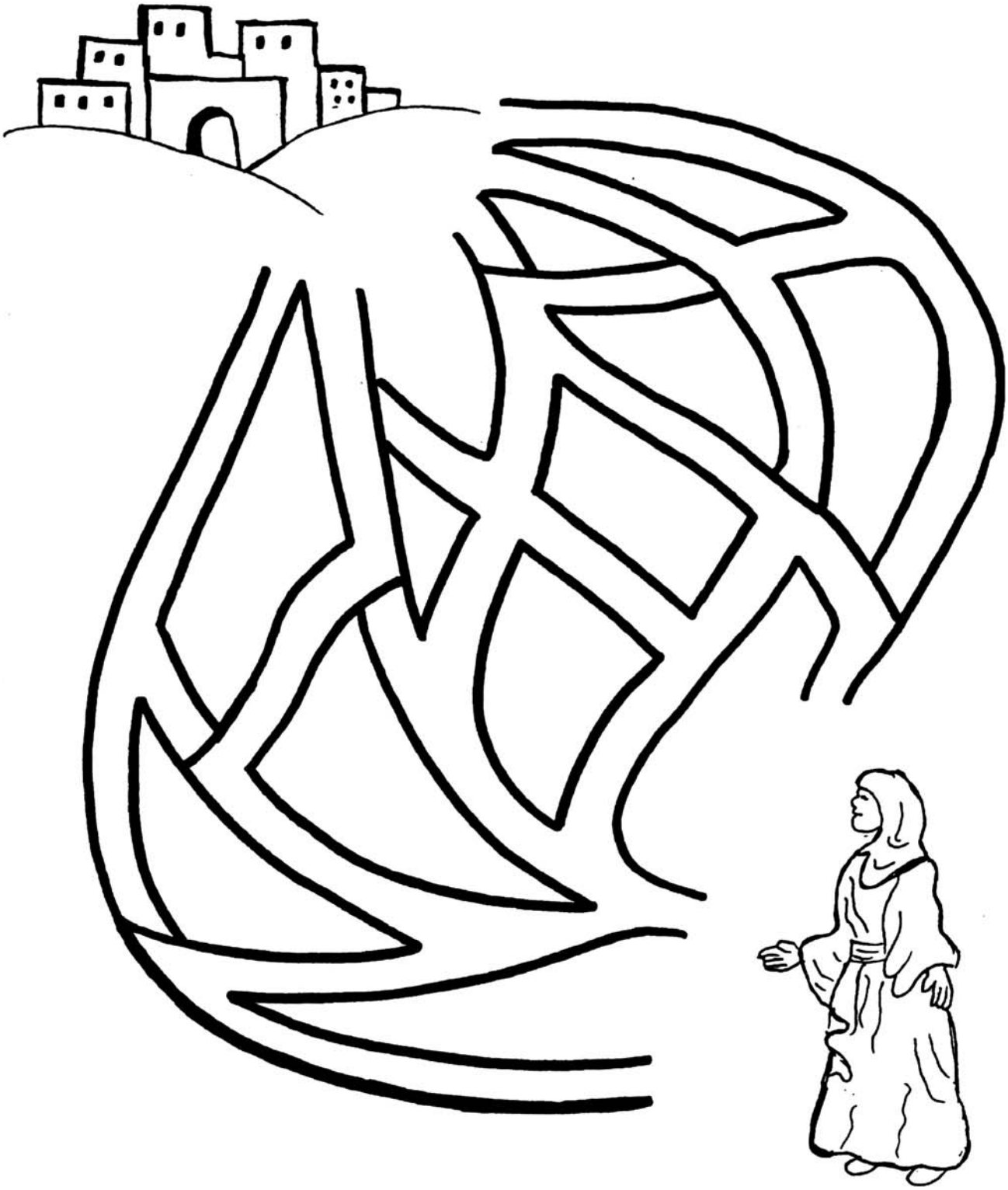
From that year on, Hannah only saw Samuel when the family made their yearly trip to Shiloh. But Hannah was not sad. She knew that she and Samuel were doing what God wanted them to do.

We should all be like Hannah. We should not be selfish, but rather give to God. We cannot give other people to God, but we can devote our own lives to Him and we can support His work with our money. Also, like Hannah, when we make a promise to anyone, especially God, we should always keep it. God will bless us when we keep our promises and give to Him.

Memory Verse: I Samuel 1:20

"...she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord."

Hannah Prayed for a Son



Help Hannah find her way to Shiloh.

LESSON 5 – WHY JOSHUA WORSHIPPED GOD

The Bible teaches us that we are to worship God. If we do as He commands, then we are worshipping Him. This makes God happy and He blesses us. However, there are people who choose not to worship God. This makes God angry and He punishes them.

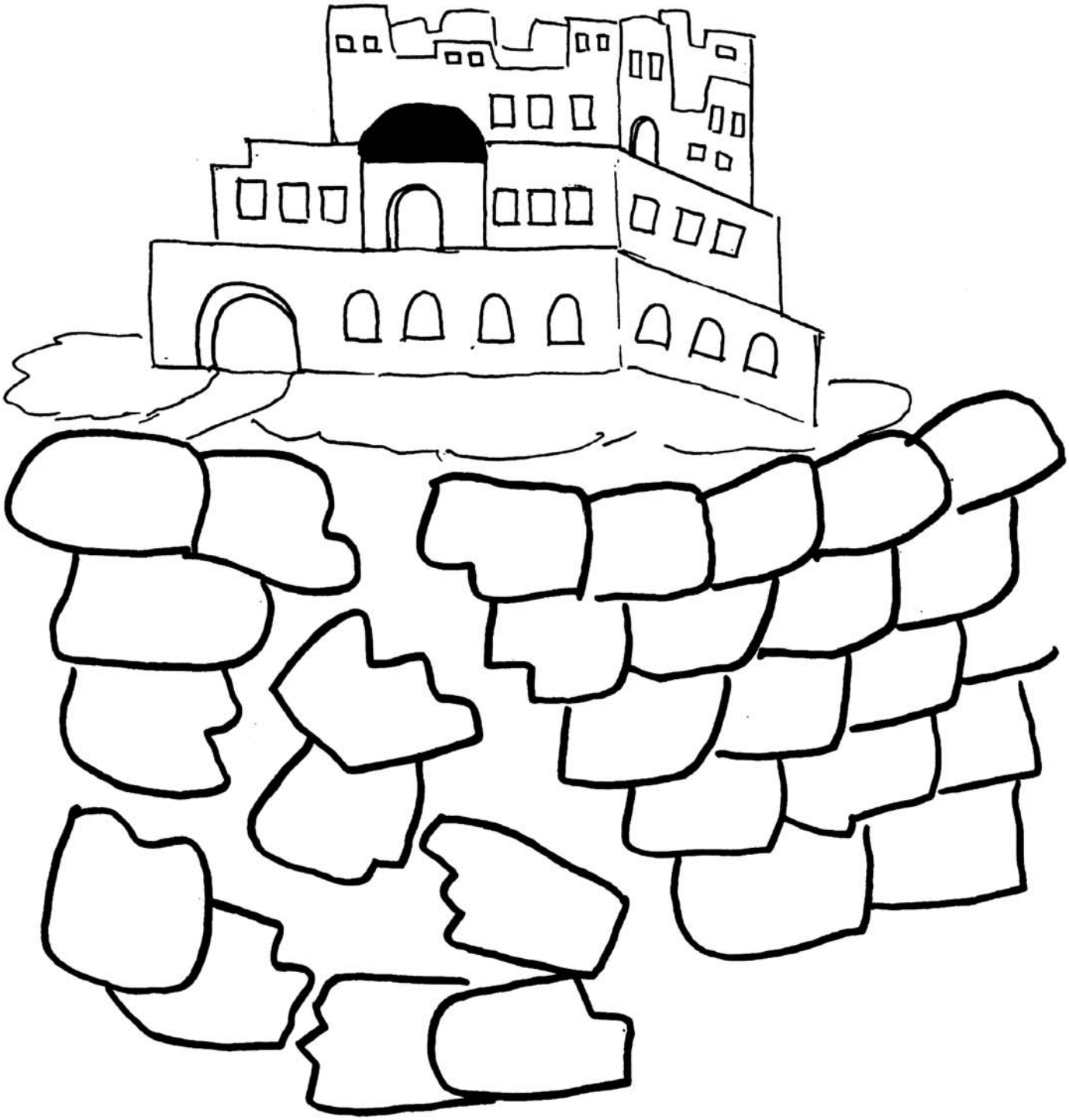
Joshua was a man who worshipped God. Because he did what God asked him to do, Joshua was chosen as a leader of God's people when Moses died. He was to lead God's people in a battle against the city of Jericho. The people of Jericho did not worship God. They built a wall around their city so that none of God's people could go inside.

God commanded that Joshua have his people march around the city of Jericho once a day for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times while blowing trumpets and shouting. God promised that if they followed His command the walls of Jericho would fall down.

Joshua told the people of God what had to be done. They did as God commanded them and He kept His promise. The walls of Jericho fell. Everything inside the city was destroyed. The people had been punished for not worshipping God. Joshua and God's people had faith in God and did as He had commanded. They pleased God and were blessed for their worship of Him.

Memory Verse: Joshua 6:20

"... when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat..."



Down Came the Wall of Jericho

Match the person with the object from his/her story.

Hannah

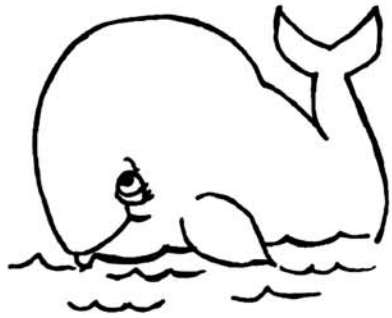
Jonah

Moses

Joshua

Daniel

Whale



Wall

Journey to Shiloh

Lion

Burning Bush

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Ten Commandments

1. Color the Ten Commandments.
2. Cut out the Ten Commandments.
3. Glue the Ten Commandments onto a piece of construction paper.
4. Write "The Ten Commandments" at the top of the paper.
5. Read the Ten Commandments to the students and discuss the importance of following them.

Jonah Water Bottle

1. Take a 24 ounce or a 1 liter bottle and peel off the label.
2. Cut a man from the fun foam using the pattern at the bottom of page 21.
3. Cut a fish from the fun foam using the pattern at the bottom of page 21.
4. Fill the bottle about two-thirds full of water.
5. Put the man and the fish into the water.
6. You may also wish to put glitter and small pieces of fun foam confetti in the water.
7. Put a layer of glue around the mouth of the bottle.
8. Screw on the lid.

Tell the children that the little man is Jonah and the fish is the whale that swallowed him. The water represents the ocean after Jonah was thrown overboard. When the children shake their bottles, it looks as if the whale is chasing Jonah.

Paper Plate Lion

1. Take a yellow paper plate.
2. Cut strips of brown paper sacks or brown construction paper about 4 inches long and half an inch wide.
3. You may wish to pull the sharp edge of the scissors along the strips to give them a curled effect.
4. Glue the tips of the strips on the edge of the back of the plate.
5. Have the children color the circles to make the eyes - Leave the larger circles white and color the smaller circles black (located on page 23).
6. Glue the circles onto the plate where you think that the eyes should be located.
7. Have the children color the triangle brown.
8. Fold the triangle in half to make the nose (if you have trouble gluing the nose on, make tabs to stick to the plate).
9. Glue a 1-inch black pompom under the nose.
10. Draw the lion's mouth as illustrated.
11. Cut 3 brown or black pipe cleaners in half.
12. Push 3 of the pipe cleaners through the plate on each side of the nose to make whiskers.

Giving Flower

Hannah gave her son to God. What can we give to God and others?

1. In the center of each child's flower, write his/her name and "Giving Flower" for example, Ashley's Giving Flower.
2. Next, ask the child what he/she could give to God or other people.
3. Write each response on a separate petal of the flower.
4. Allow the children to color their flowers.
5. Cut out the flowers.
6. Glue the flowers on a piece of construction paper.

1 Thou Shalt have no other gods before me.

2 Thou Shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

3 Thou Shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

5 Honor thy father and thy mother.

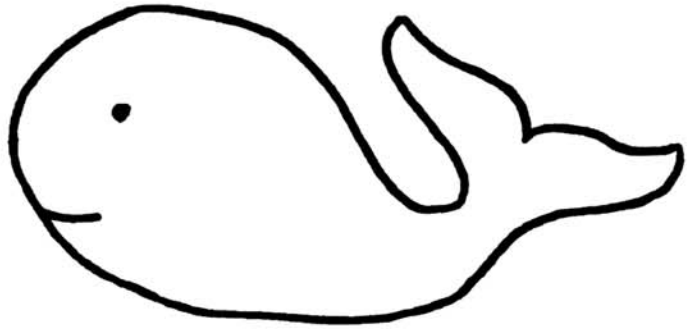
6 Thou Shalt not kill.

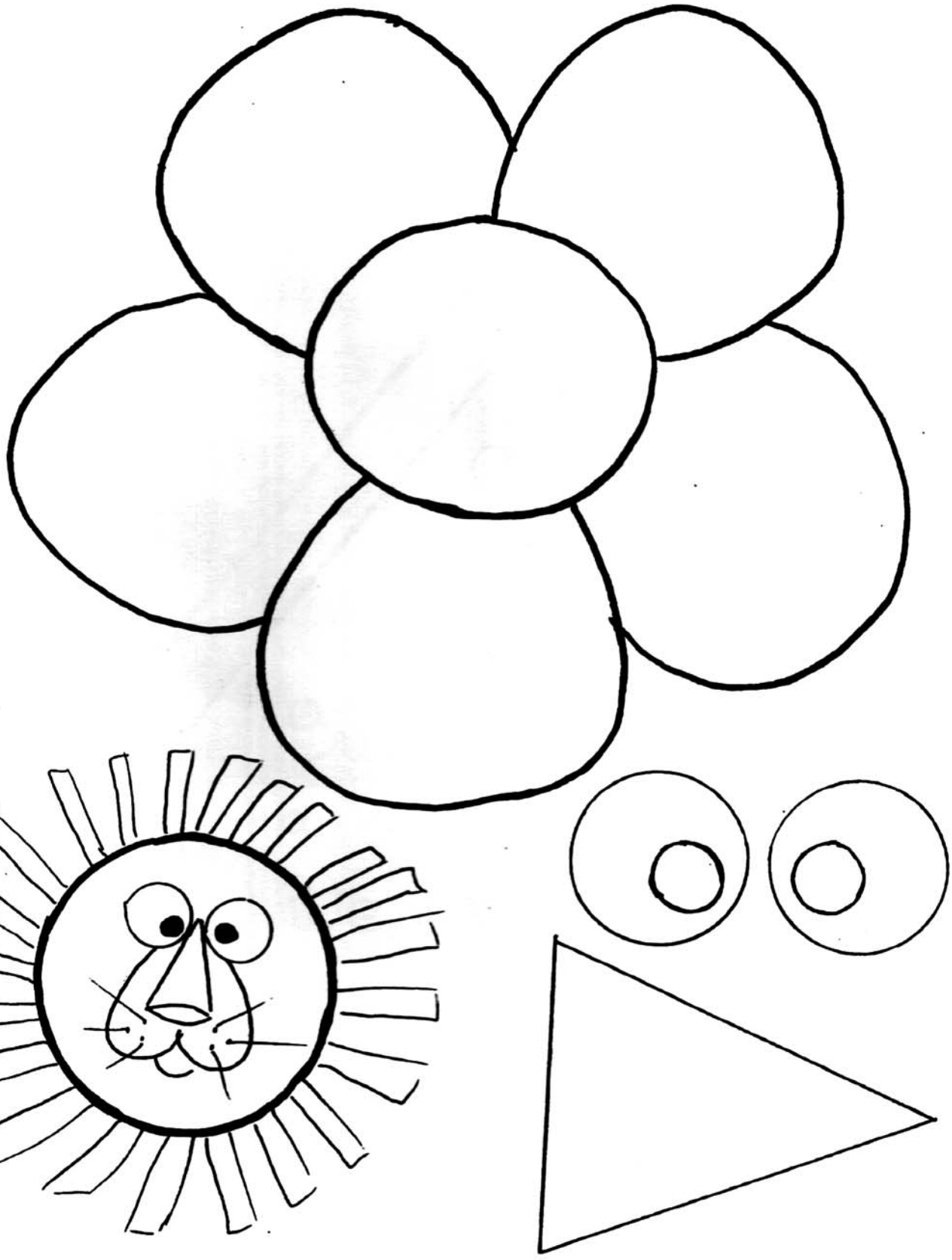
7 Thou Shalt not commit Adultery.

8 Thou Shalt not Steal.

9 Thou Shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10 Thou Shalt not Covet.





Frame House

1. Color the house.
2. Cut out the house.
3. Glue craft sticks on the pattern.
4. Make sure to overlap the sticks as illustrated.
5. Glue ribbon or yarn to the back of the roof to make a hanger.
6. Talk with the children about the verse.