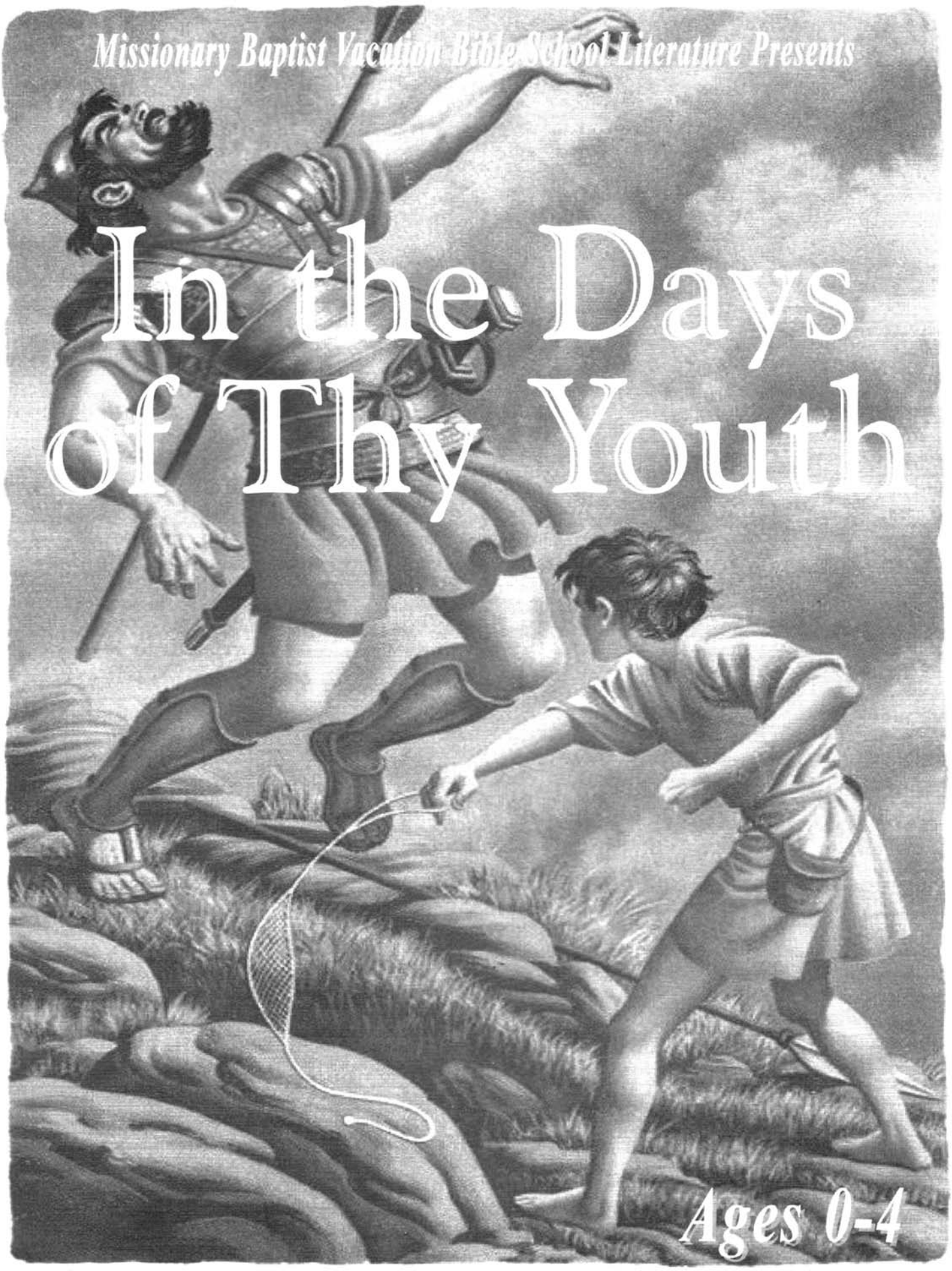
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LESSON 1: LITTLE SAMUEL LISTENS

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Key Verse: 1 Samuel 3:9

Do you know what it means to hear something? What about to listen? Many people think "hearing" and "listening" are the same when actually, their meanings are quite different. "Hearing" is when your ears pick up on sounds; "listening" is when you not only hear something, but you also pay attention to it.

A good story about how important it is to listen can be found in the Bible. The story is about a young boy named Samuel. Samuel stayed with a man named Eli. One night when Samuel was sleeping, he heard someone call his name. Samuel ran to Eli and said, "You called for me. Here I am!" But Eli told Samuel to go back to bed because he had not called him.

Samuel went back to sleep and soon he was awakened again to someone calling, "Samuel, Samuel." Just like before, Samuel ran to Eli and said, "You called for me. Here I am!" Again, Eli told young Samuel to go back to bed because he had not called for him.

Samuel returned to bed and soon the same thing happened again! When Samuel heard someone call his name, he quickly ran to Eli to see what he wanted saying, "You called for me. Here I am," but again Eli had not called for him. By this time, Eli started thinking that the voice Samuel was hearing was the voice of God. Eli told Samuel to return to bed and if he heard someone call his name again that he should not jump up and come running back to him; instead, he should be still and listen, asking the Lord to speak.

Eli was right! The voice calling for Samuel had been the voice of God! Soon after Samuel returned to bed, the Lord called out for him again. This time, Samuel did as Eli told him; when the Lord called, he finally listened. Instead of just hearing the voice and running to Eli, Samuel stopped and listened. When he did so, he was blessed.

It is always good to listen to others. However, when it is God who is speaking to you, listening is the most important.

Key Verse
"Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."
1 Samuel 3:9

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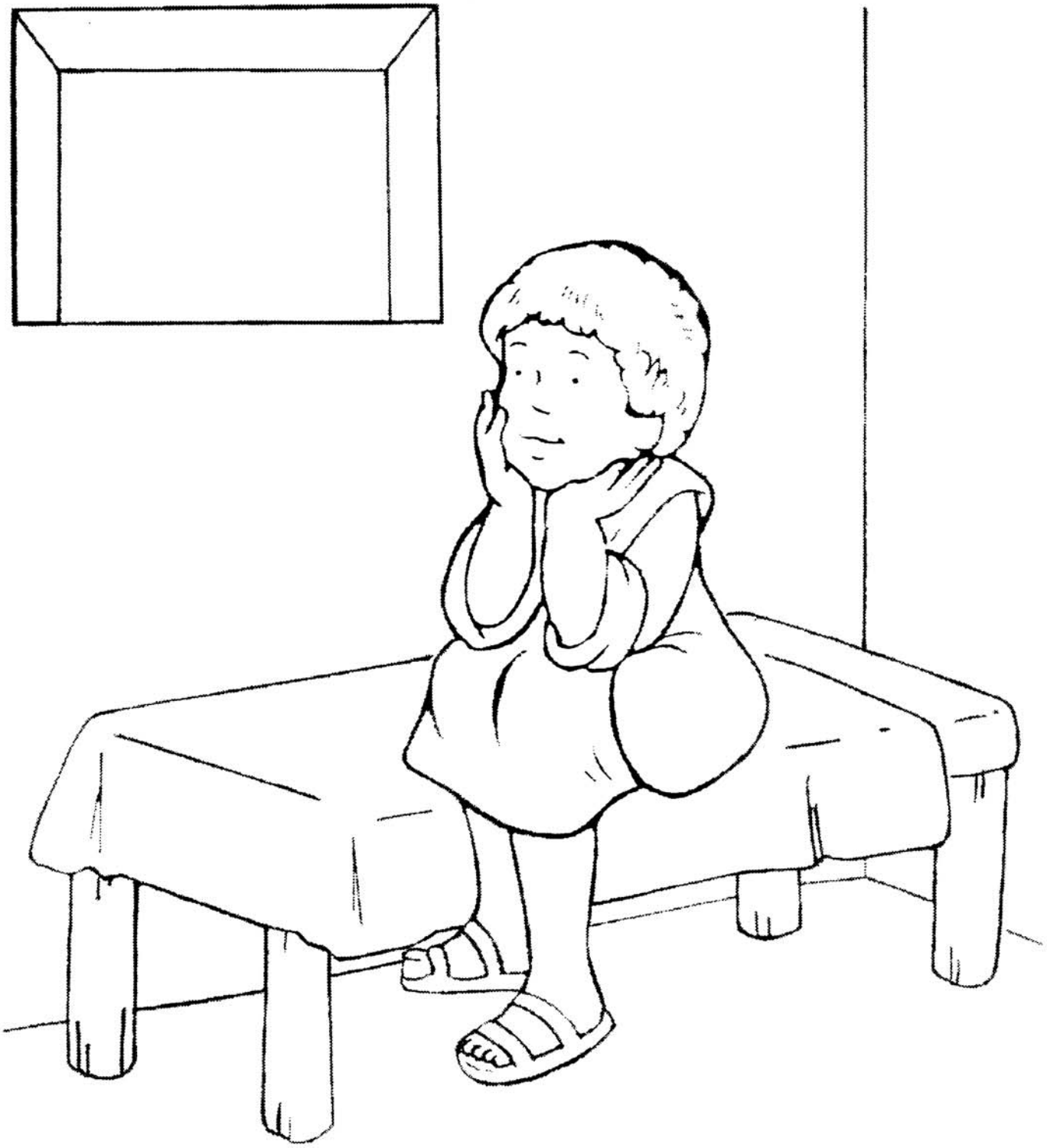

Samuel listens to God.

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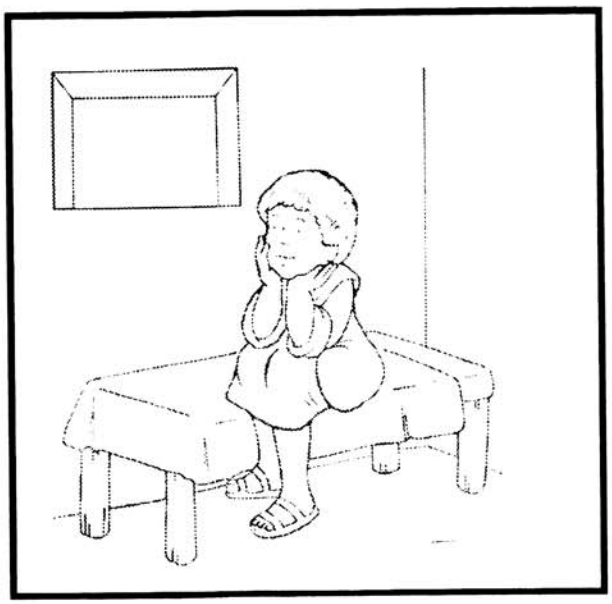

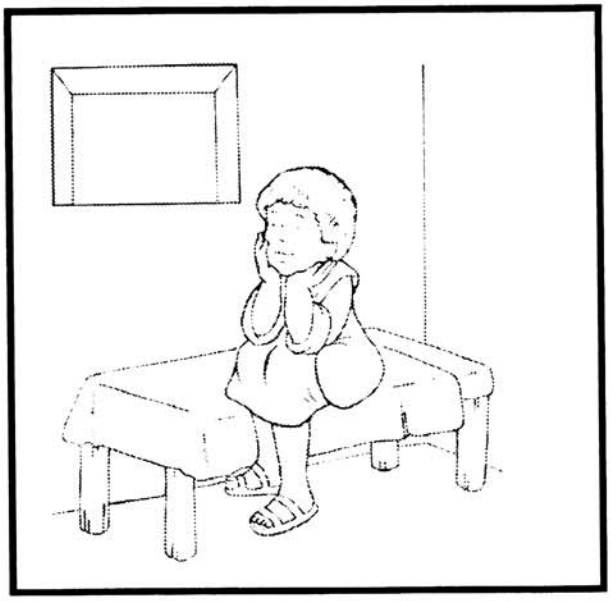

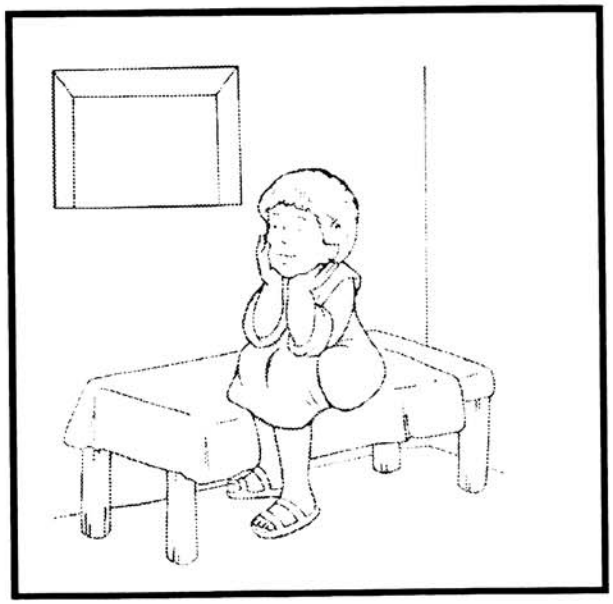

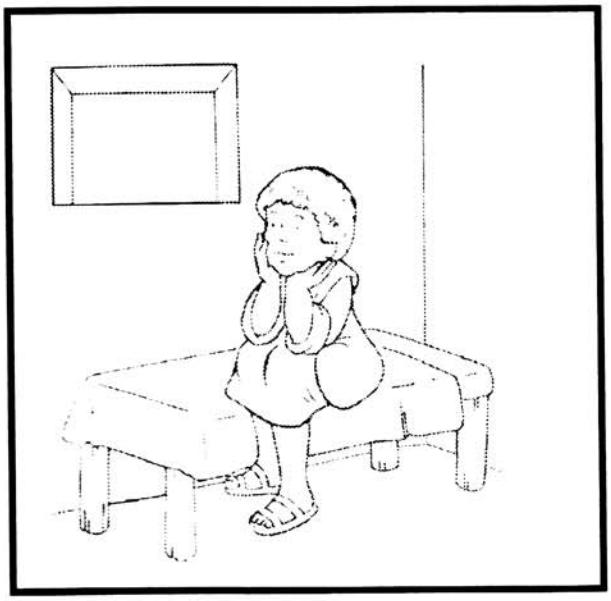

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How many times did Samuel hear his name called?
Count the pictures then color the box with the correct number.

LESSON 2: TIMOTHY LEARNS

Lesson Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-9; 3:14-17
Key Verse: Isaiah 1:17

If you listen carefully and really pay attention, something exciting happens-you learn. In the Bible it says, "Learn to do well..." You are never too little to learn, but just as your body grows bigger, so does your mind.

Who can help you learn? The Bible says to listen to your mother and father and learn from them. It tells the story of Timothy who first learned about God from his mother and grandmother. They told him the same Bible stories you are learning. They especially told him about Jesus who was born to be his savior. He also learned by watching his mother and grandmother. Have you ever watched someone in your family work? As you were watching them, you were learning just as the Bible says to do.

The Bible is the most important book from which you can ever learn. God gave us this book so we could learn about Him, and God wants us to learn all we can about Him. It teaches us that we are wise if we listen and learn more about God. Timothy was made wise by the Bible; he learned he would need to be saved one day.

When you go to church, you can learn all about the Bible by listening to your pastor as he preaches from the Bible. You can also learn from your Sunday school teachers. Timothy learned many things by listening to a preacher named Paul.

One of the most wonderful things about learning about God's word is sharing His word. After we learn about Him then we can tell everyone about Him. It can be so much fun learning and then sharing what you have learned. Timothy grew up to be a preacher who shared all he had learned about God with many people.

Have you learned any stories from the Bible? Would you like to share any of the stories with us?

Key Verse

"Learn to do well..."
Isaiah 1:17

Coloring

Timothy learns about God from his mother.

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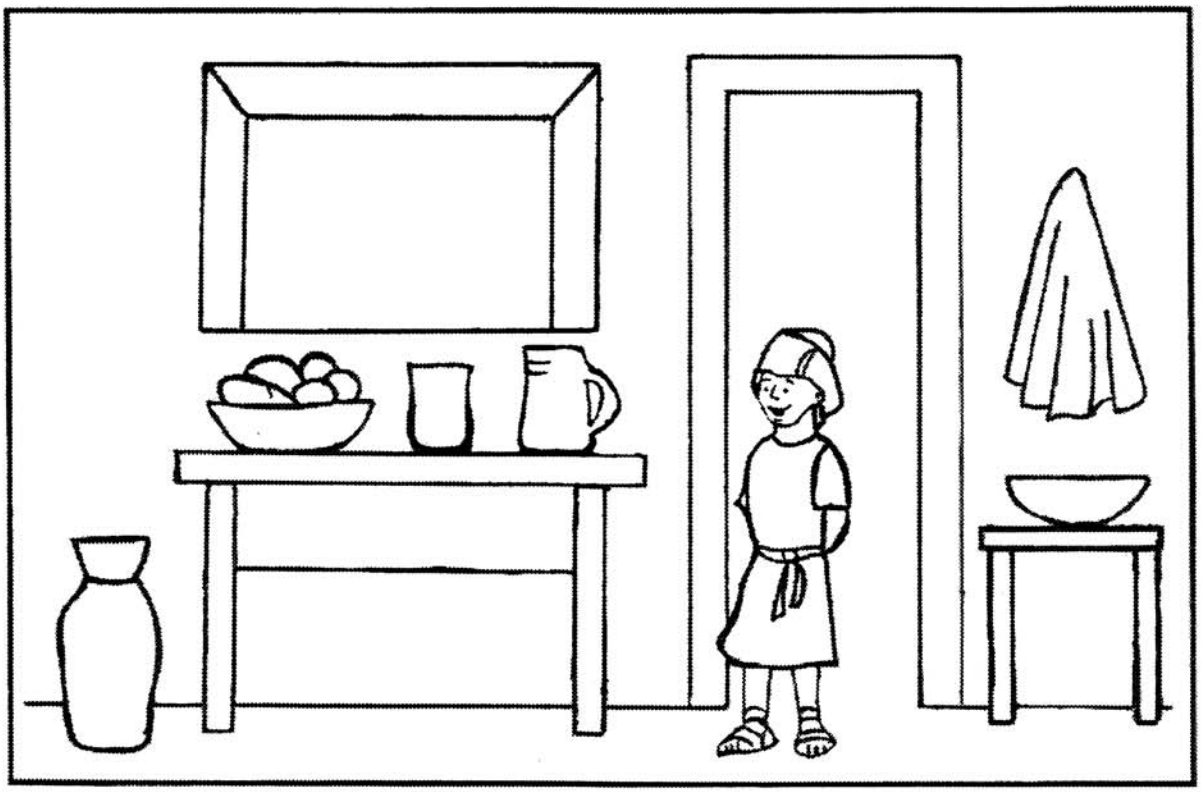

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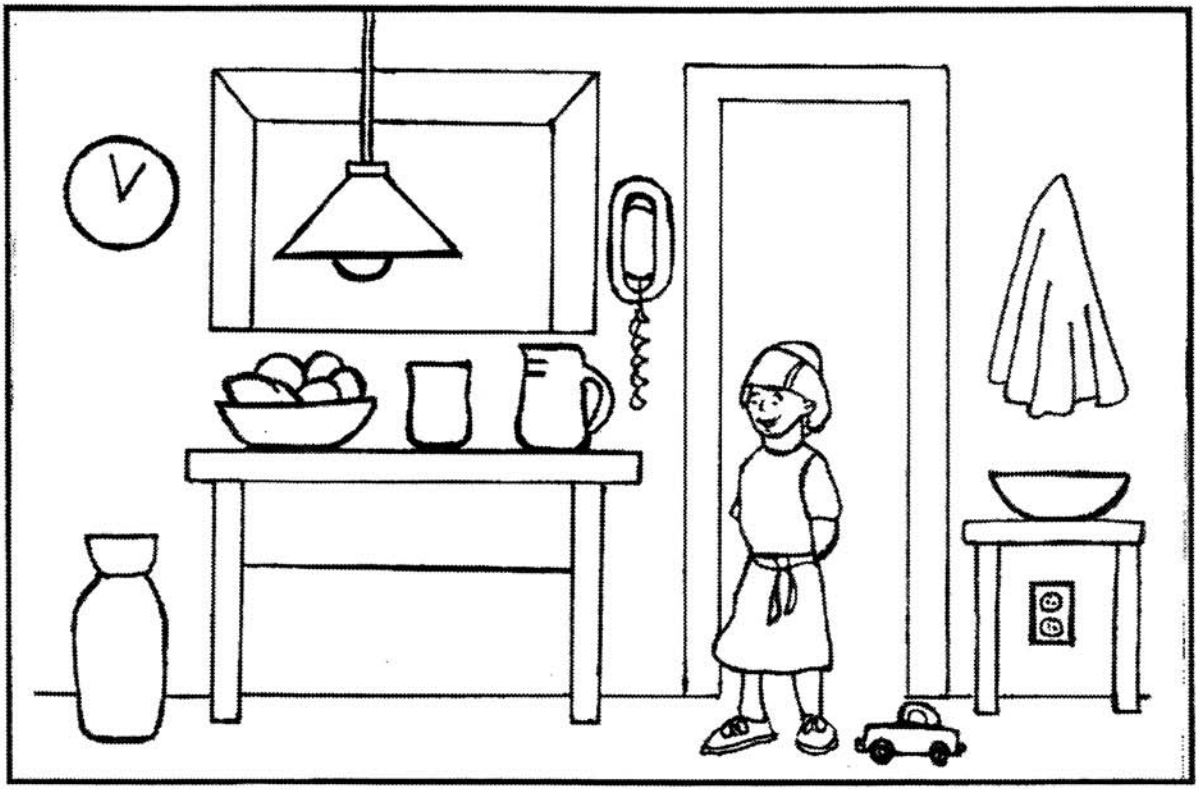

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LESSON 3: THE HEBREW CHILDREN OBEY GOD
Lesson Text: Daniel 3:8-18
Key Verse: Jeremiah 7:23

Listening is important (Samuel listened to both Eli and God) when we need to learn something; learning is important (Timothy learned about God from his family) when we need to know what to do. This story is about three young men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who were good listeners and learners.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived many years ago in a place called Babylon. The king of Babylon told his workers to make a big gold statue and put it in a field where everyone could see it. The king told all the people in Babylon to bow and pray to the statue every time they heard music made by cornets, flutes, or other instruments. If they did not do this, the king would put them inside a furnace hot with fire.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had learned to obey (mind) the people who helped them and took care of them-like you obey your parents, your teachers, your policeman, and others. But they had also learned to obey God first. They listened when God told them not to bow down and pray to
anything or to anyone but Him.

One day in Babylon, music was heard all over the town. All the townspeople bowed down to the golden statue, but not Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They stood tall. They obeyed God instead of the king. This was a brave thing to do because they knew what the king would do to them for not obeying.

When the king found out what they had done, he was very angry with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He said they must obey him or he would have them put into the hot furnace. But they were not afraid of the king or his hot furnace. They knew that God is bigger and stronger than a king. Because they obeyed God, God kept Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego safe.

This story happened a long time ago, but God still helps people who obey Him. It is important that you obey your parents, and that you listen and learn about God at home and at church. If you are a good listener and a good learner, you will know how to obey God when you grow up. He will do great things for you.

Key Verse
"...Obey my voice, and I will be your God."
Jeremiah 7:23

Coloring

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego obey God.

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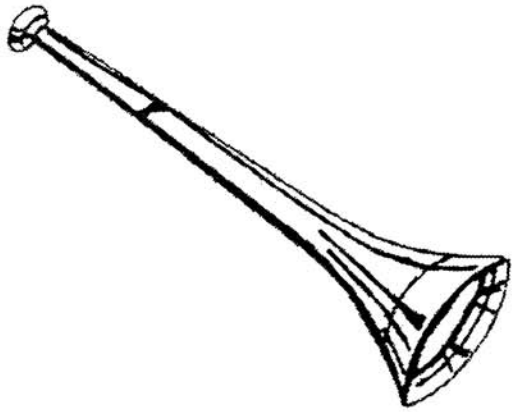

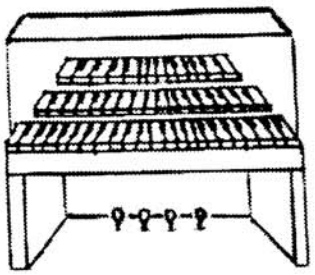

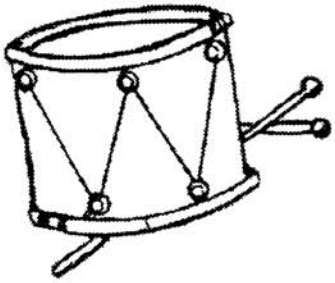

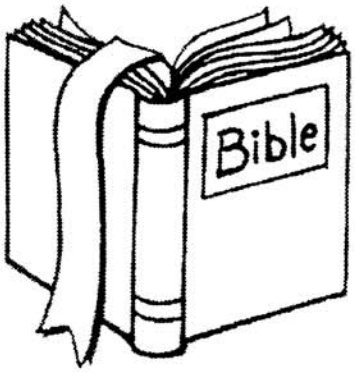

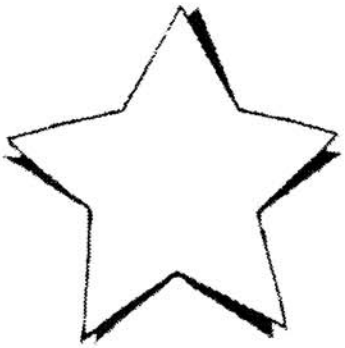

Can you find the musical instruments?
Put an X on the picturesthat are <u>not</u> musical instruments.
Color the instruments.

LESSON 4: THE DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS

Lesson Text: Matthew 4:17-22

Key Verse: Luke 9:57

Have you ever played the game "Follow the Leader?" If you have, you know that everyone playing must go wherever the "leader" goes. When Jesus lived on earth, He was a leader to men who were known as his disciples. They followed Him wherever He went, helping Jesus teach others about God. This story explains how some of the disciples came to follow Jesus.

Not long after Jesus began preaching, he took a walk by the sea. While He was walking, He saw two brothers fishing. The brothers named Peter and Andrew, were throwing out big nets and trying to catch fish inside them. Jesus went over to the brothers and said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to leave their jobs as fishermen and to help Him teach other people about God. Peter and Andrew put down their nets and followed Jesus.

Soon after, Jesus saw two more brothers, James and John. James and John were also fishermen. They were sitting in a boat with their father fixing their fishing nets when Jesus called to them. James and John went with Jesus too. They told their father goodbye and followed Jesus.

Not only did Jesus' disciples follow Him wherever He went, they also tried to follow His example and live their lives like Him. We should all try to follow Jesus' example today, too.

Key Verse

"...Lord, I will follow thee..."
Luke 9:57

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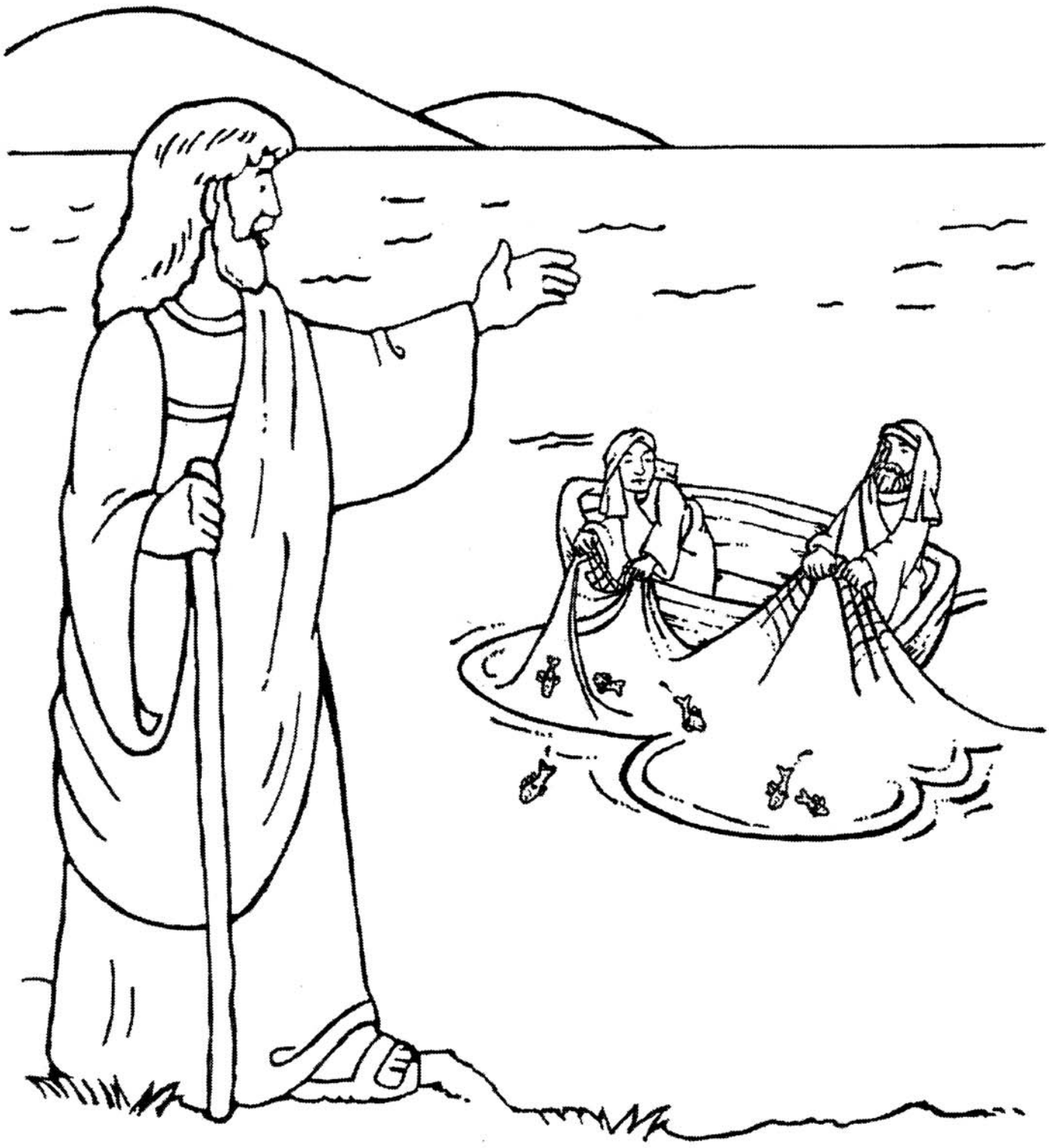

Jesus said, "Follow me..."

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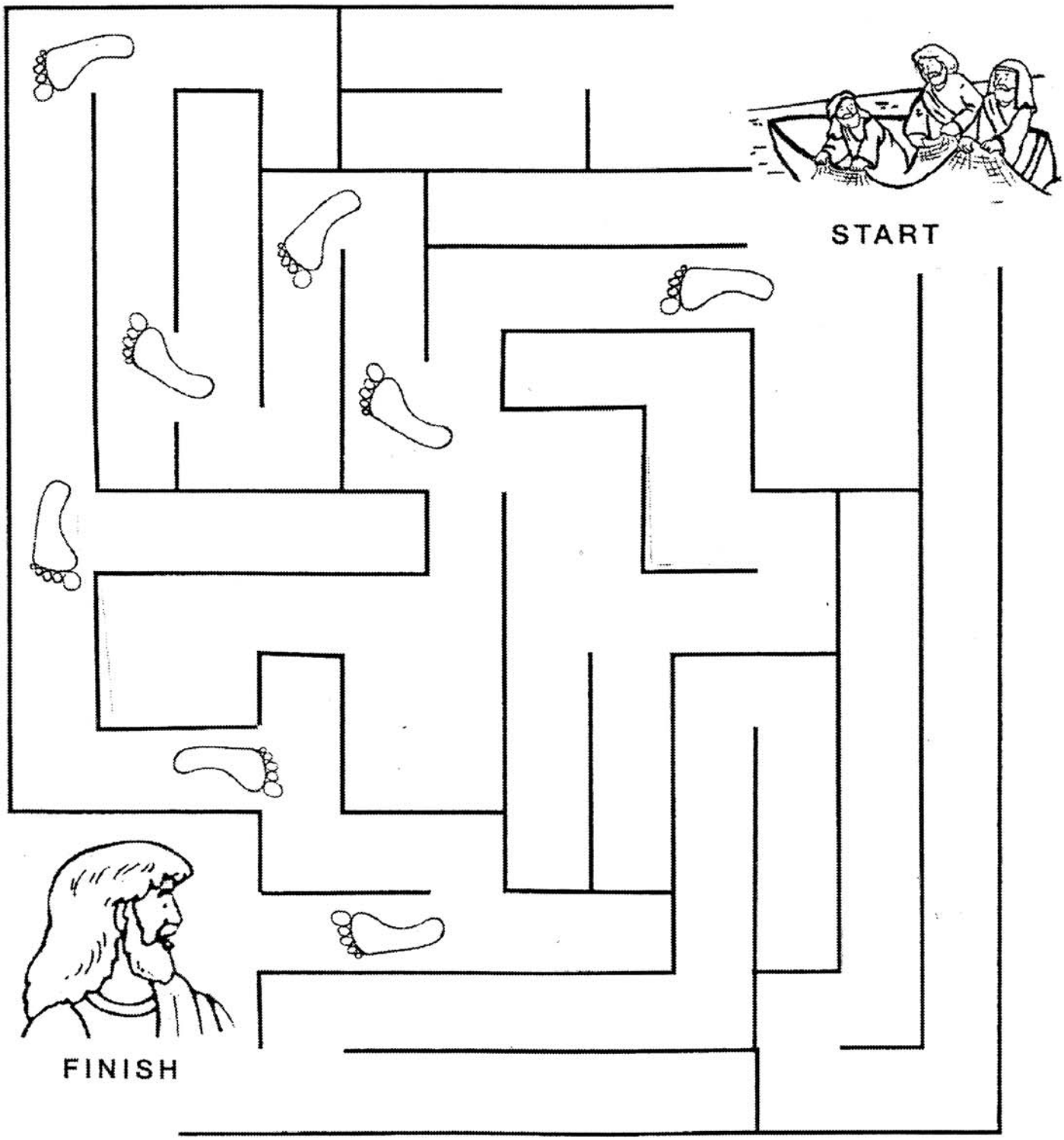
Can you help the disciples follow Jesus? Color Jesus' footsteps to show them the way.



LESSON 5: DAVID TELLS ABOUT GOD

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 17:25-37

Key Verse: Acts 5:20

We have learned this week that God wants us to listen to Him and learn all we can about Him, too. Sometimes, God will have special jobs for us to do for Him. One special job is to tell others about Him. In the Bible, we can read about a young shepherd boy who did a very special job for God. His name was David, and he told about great things that God had done for him.

David lived in Israel, a country that loved and obeyed God. One day, David's father told him to take food to his big brothers in the army. While he was talking to his brothers, a giant named Goliath came to pick a fight with Israel. David's brothers and all the other men were scared because there was no man as big as Goliath to fight against him. David was upset because he knew that Goliath did not love God.

David's big brother was mad at him for being in that dangerous place. But David knew in his heart that he was there for a special reason. God had brought him there to fight the giant. When he told Saul, the king of Israel, he was not so sure of the idea. King Saul said to David, "You're just a child and Goliath knows a lot more about fighting than you do. You can't fight Goliath!" David told Saul that God had helped him kill a lion and a bear and that he was sure that God would help him kill the giant too.

David knew that he served a strong God and that He would help him kill the giant in the same way that He had helped him before. When David told King Saul and the others, he was also telling them how strong God is. It is important that we tell others about God and the good things that He has done for us. That is how they learn that they need God's help, too.

Key Verse

"Go, stand and speak..."

Acts 5:20

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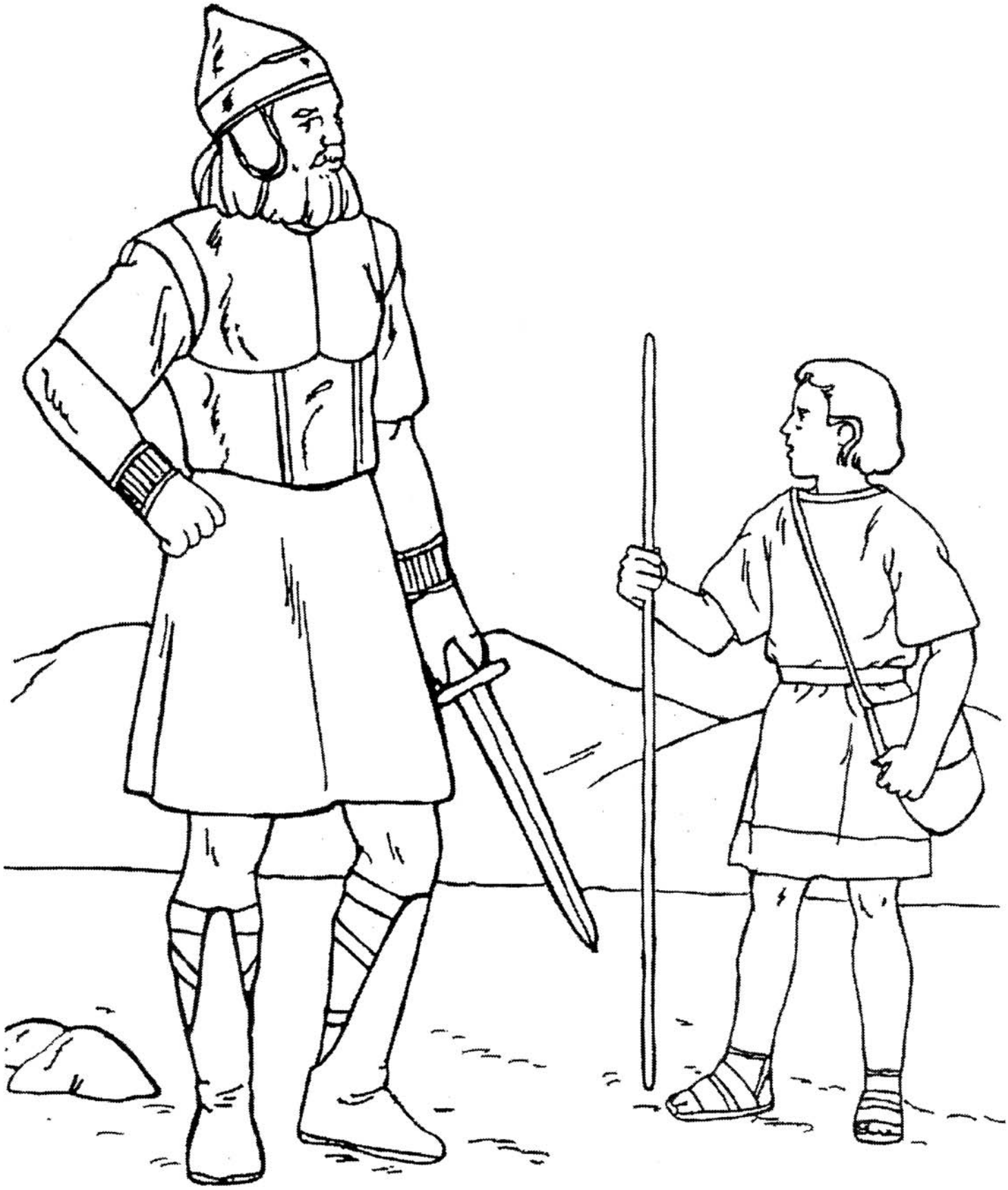

David tells Goliath what God will do.

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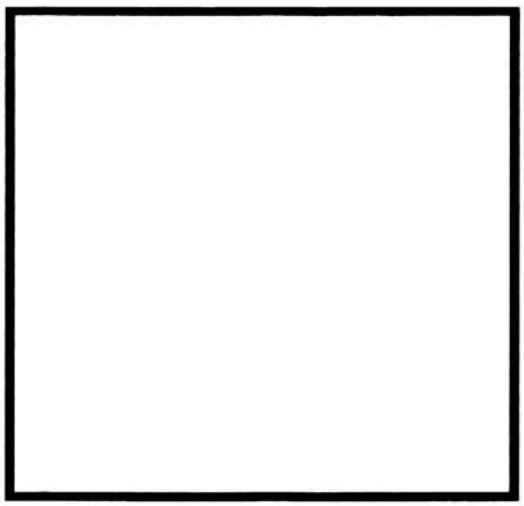
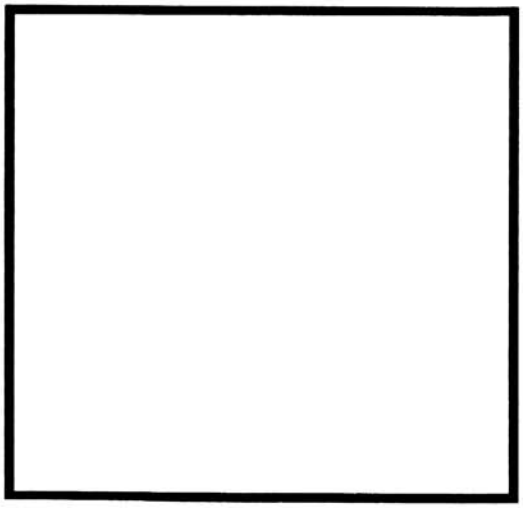
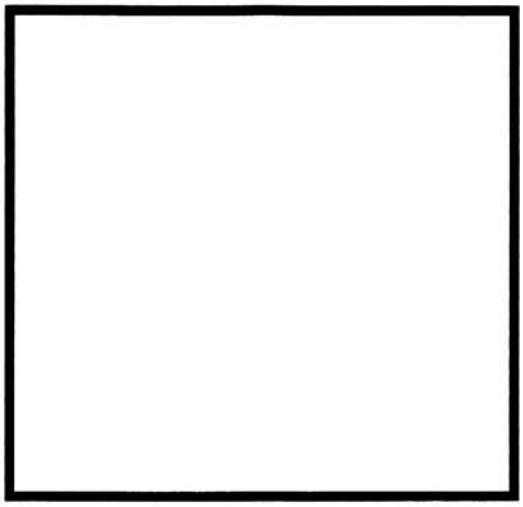


Samuel listened to God.

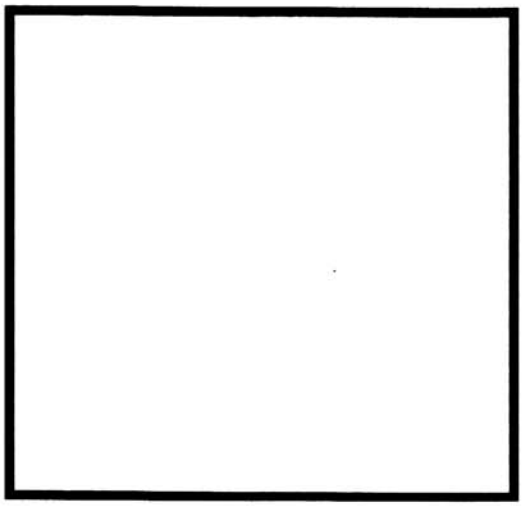
Timothy learned about God.





Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego obeyed God

Jesus' disciples followed Him.



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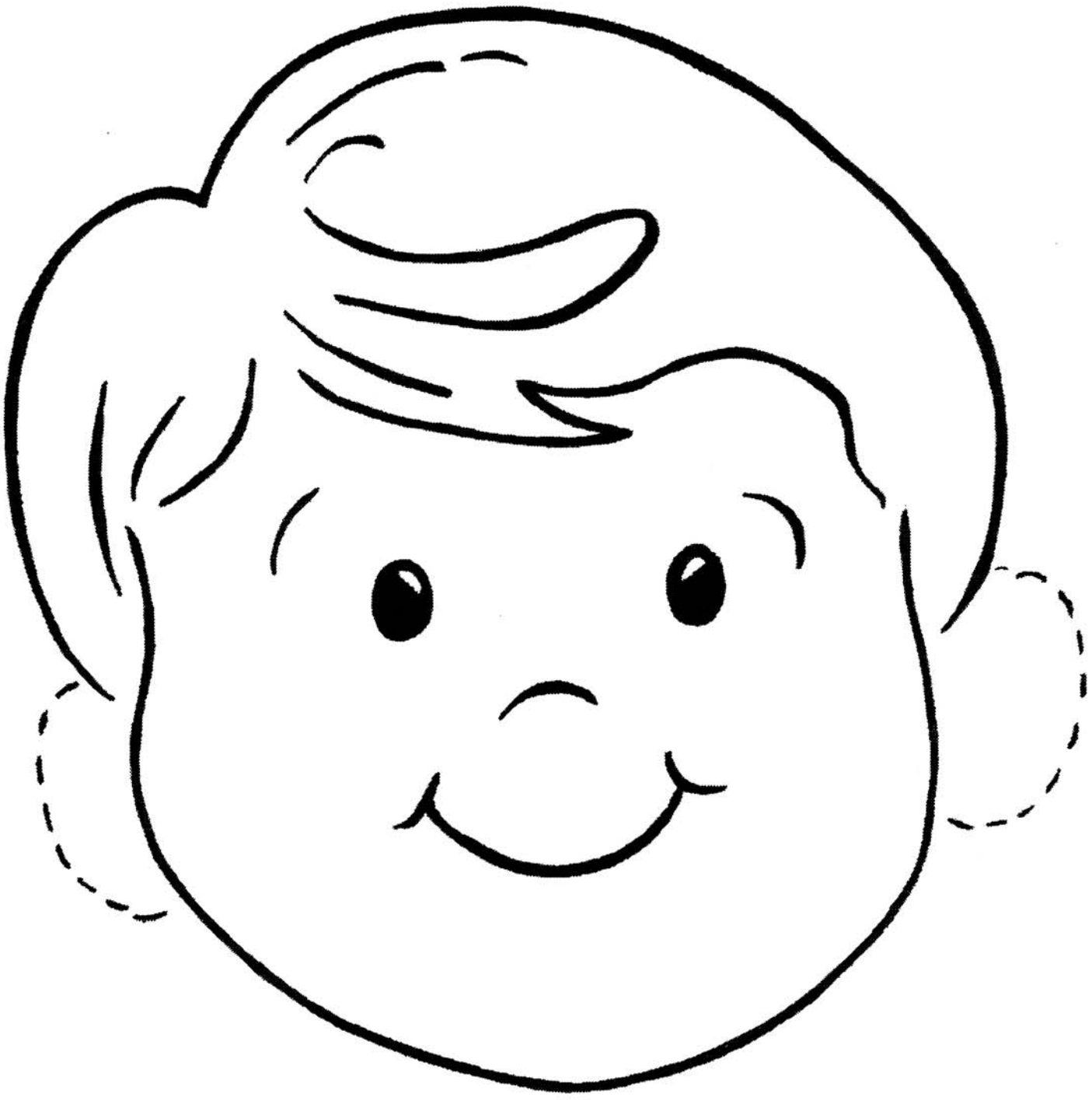

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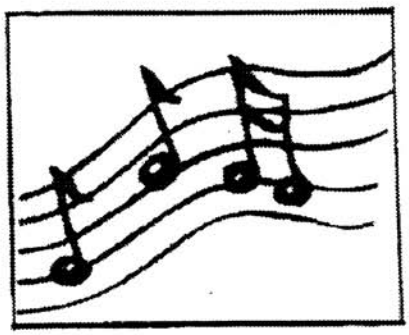

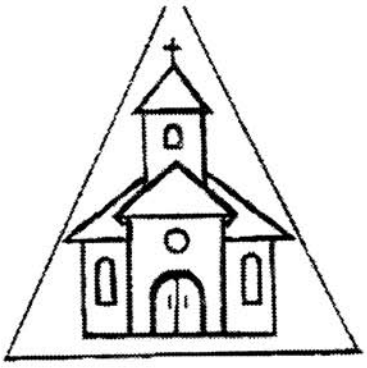

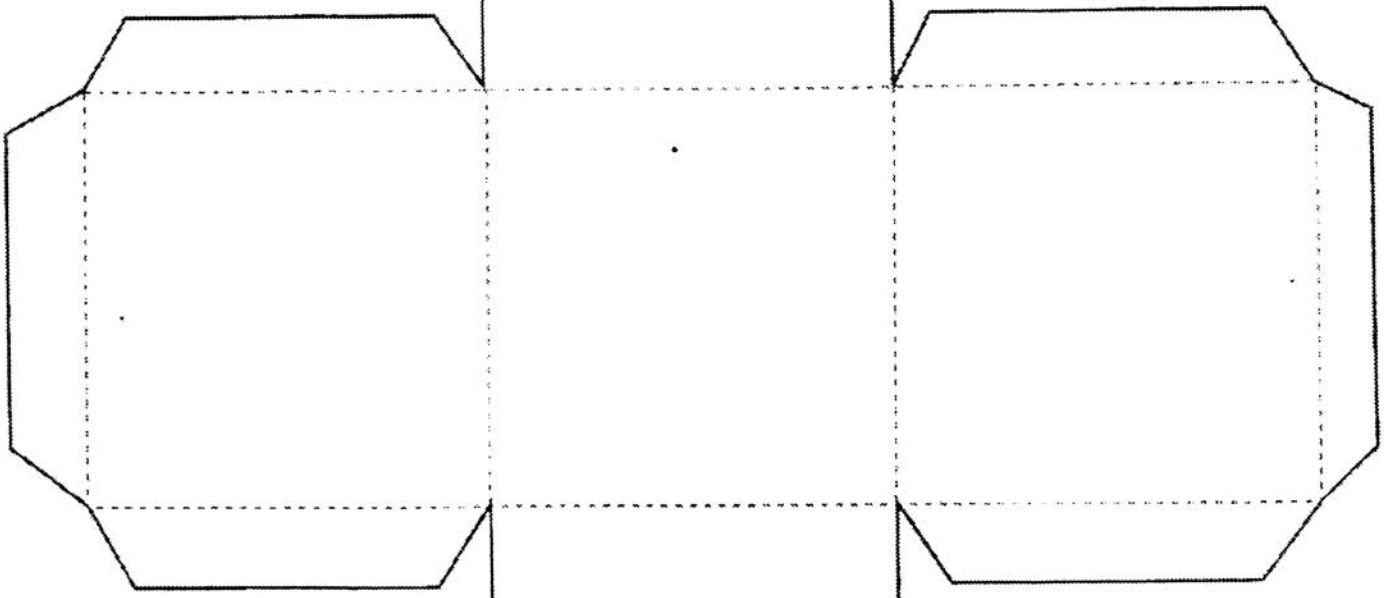

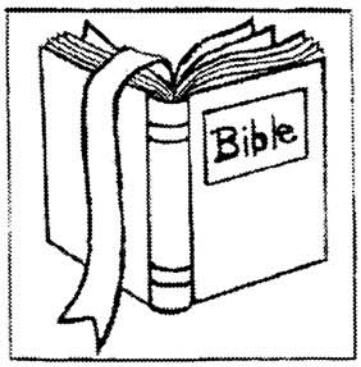

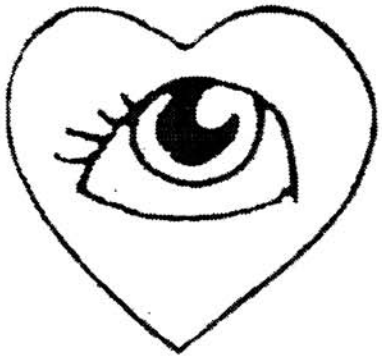

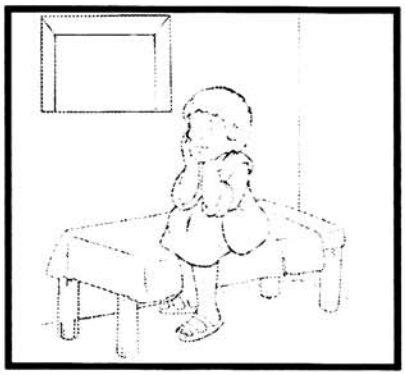

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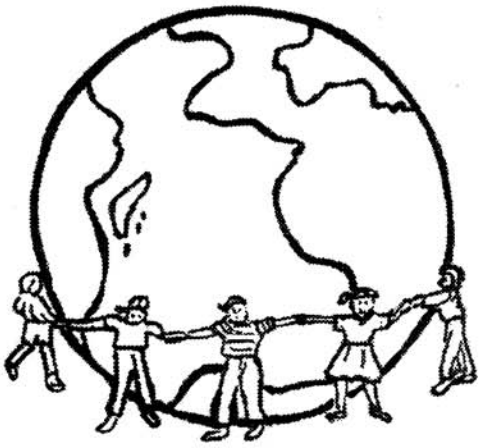

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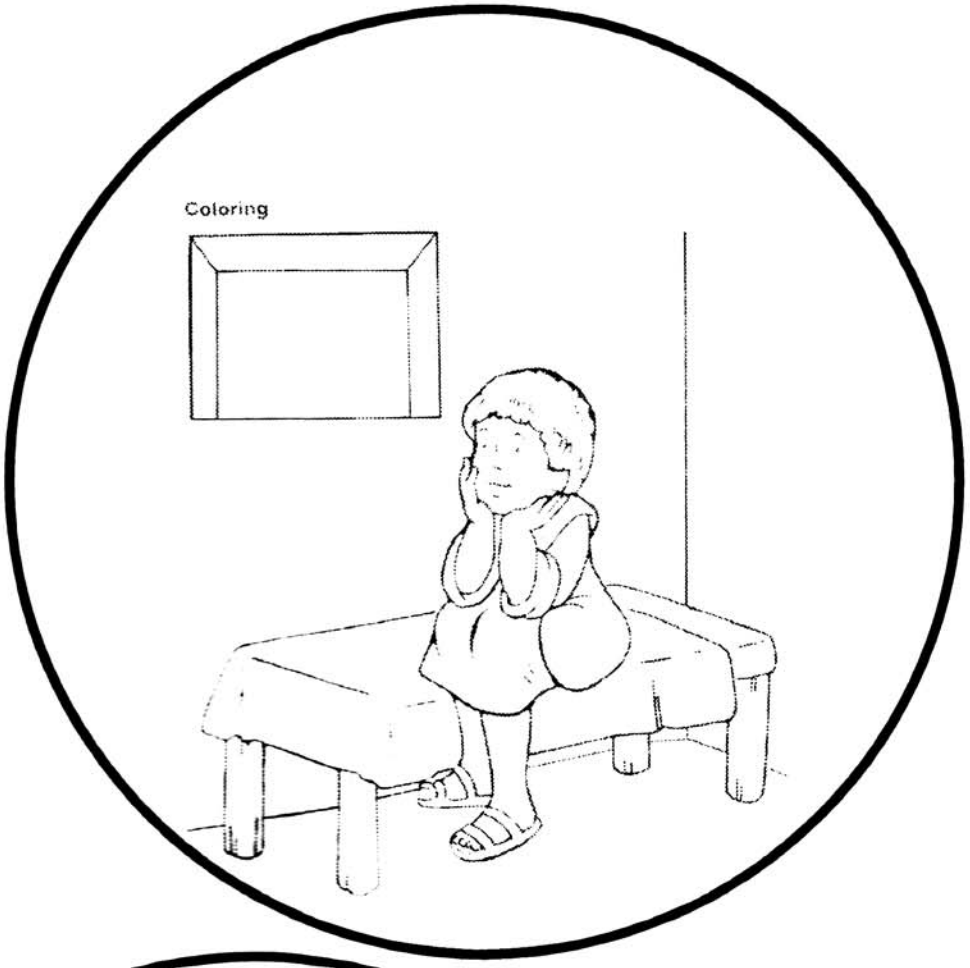
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