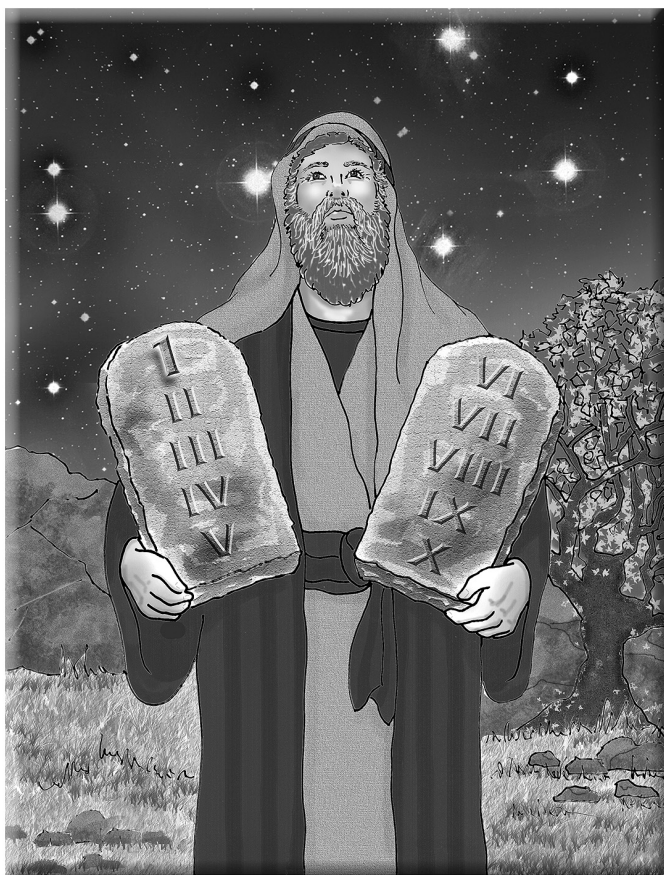


The FIRST Commandment

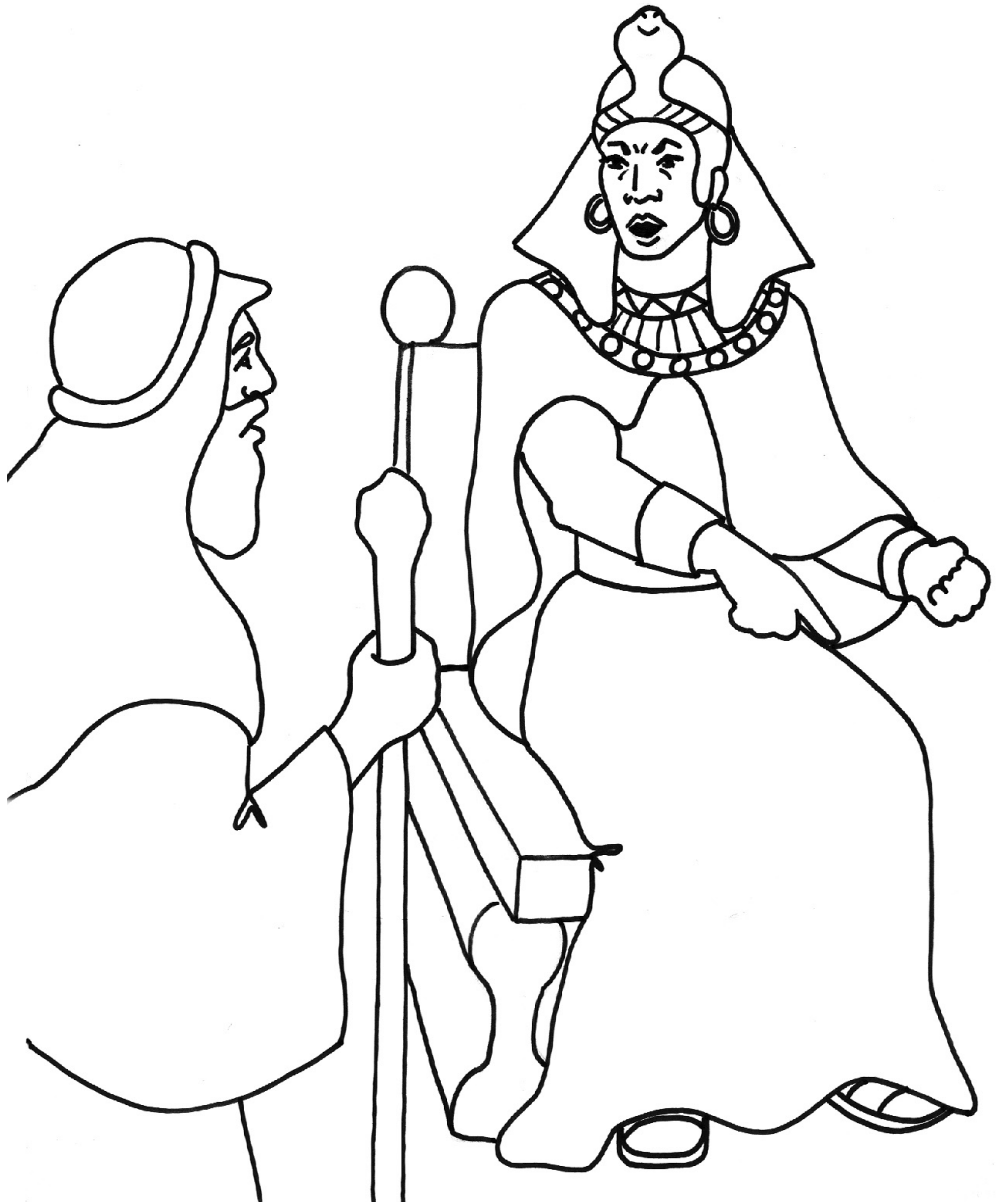


**“Thou shalt have
no other gods before Me.”**

Exodus 20:1-3

Long, long ago, the Jews were slaves in Egypt.
They suffered under the cruel Pharaoh.
When Moses was 80 years old, God
told him to go to Egypt to deliver the
Nation of Israel out this bondage.

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With Moses as their leader, the children of Israel left Egypt and traveled to Mt. Sinai. It took them three months to reach the wilderness of Sinai, and they camped in front of the mountain.



After reaching Mount Sinai, Moses
went up into the mountain to
seek the Lord's instructions.



There, God called to Moses
and said to him,
“Tell the children of Israel . . .”

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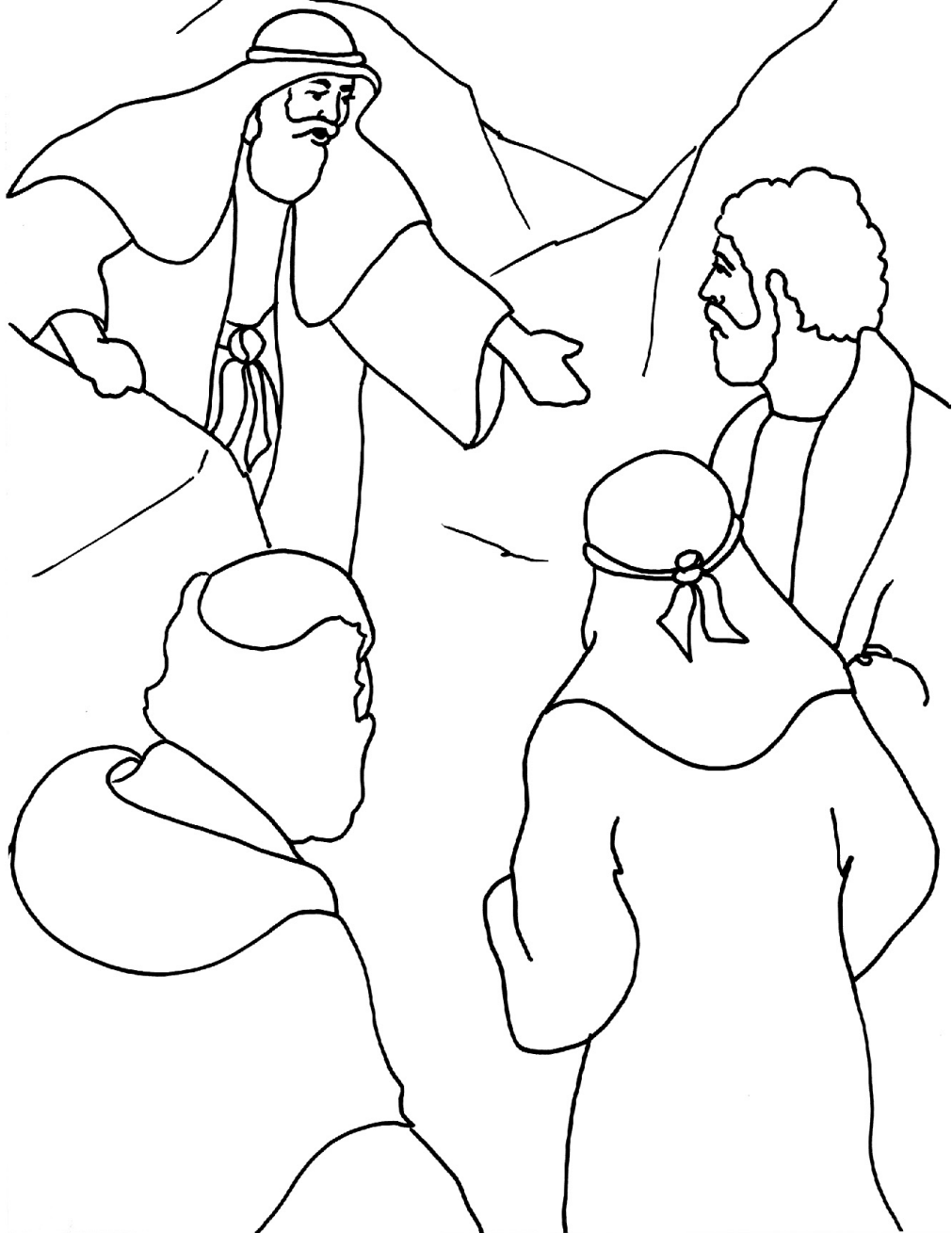
When Moses delivered the message,
the children of Israel said . . .

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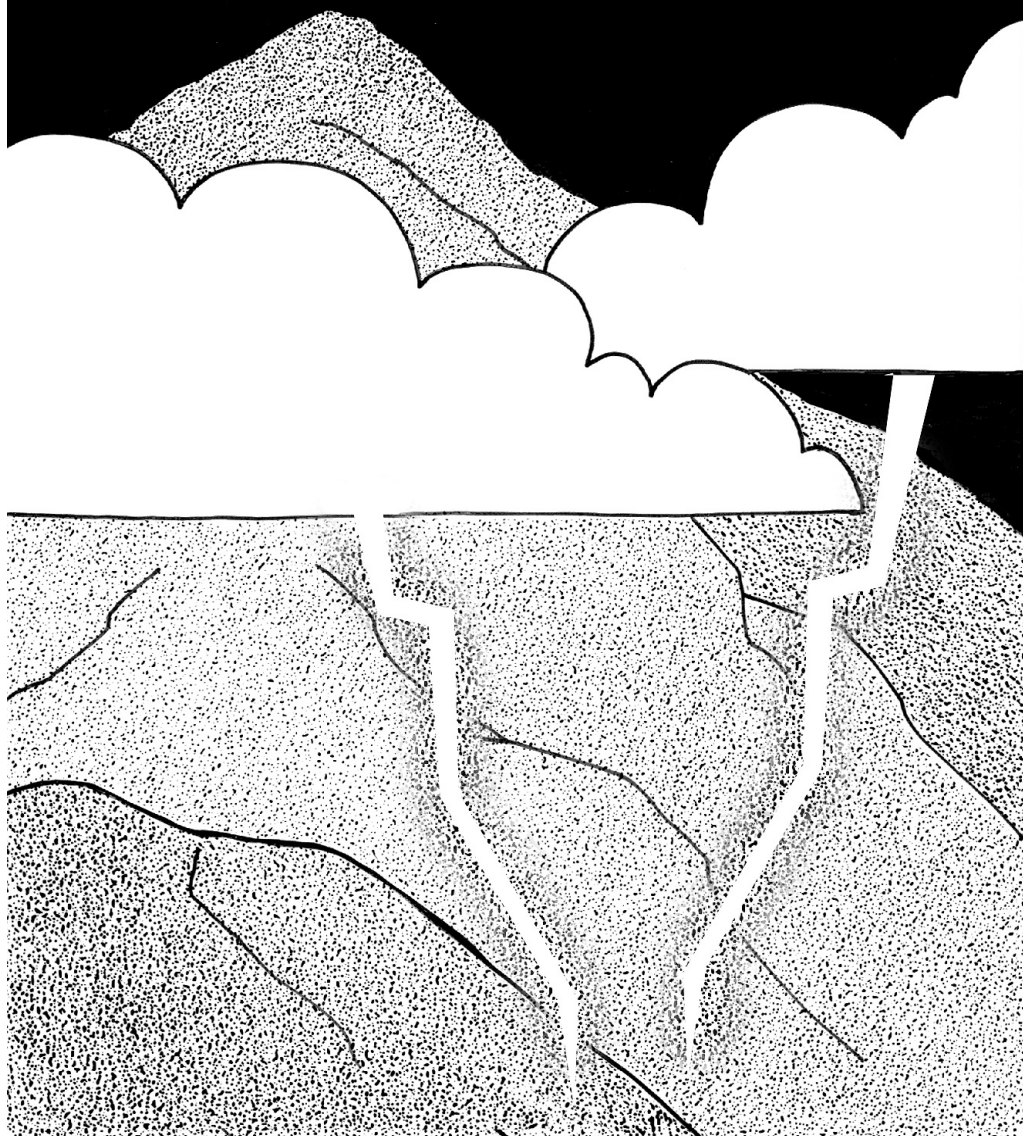
Moses went back to the Lord to tell Him the people's answer. Then, God told Moses to tell the people to wash and be clean, for on the third day He would meet them.



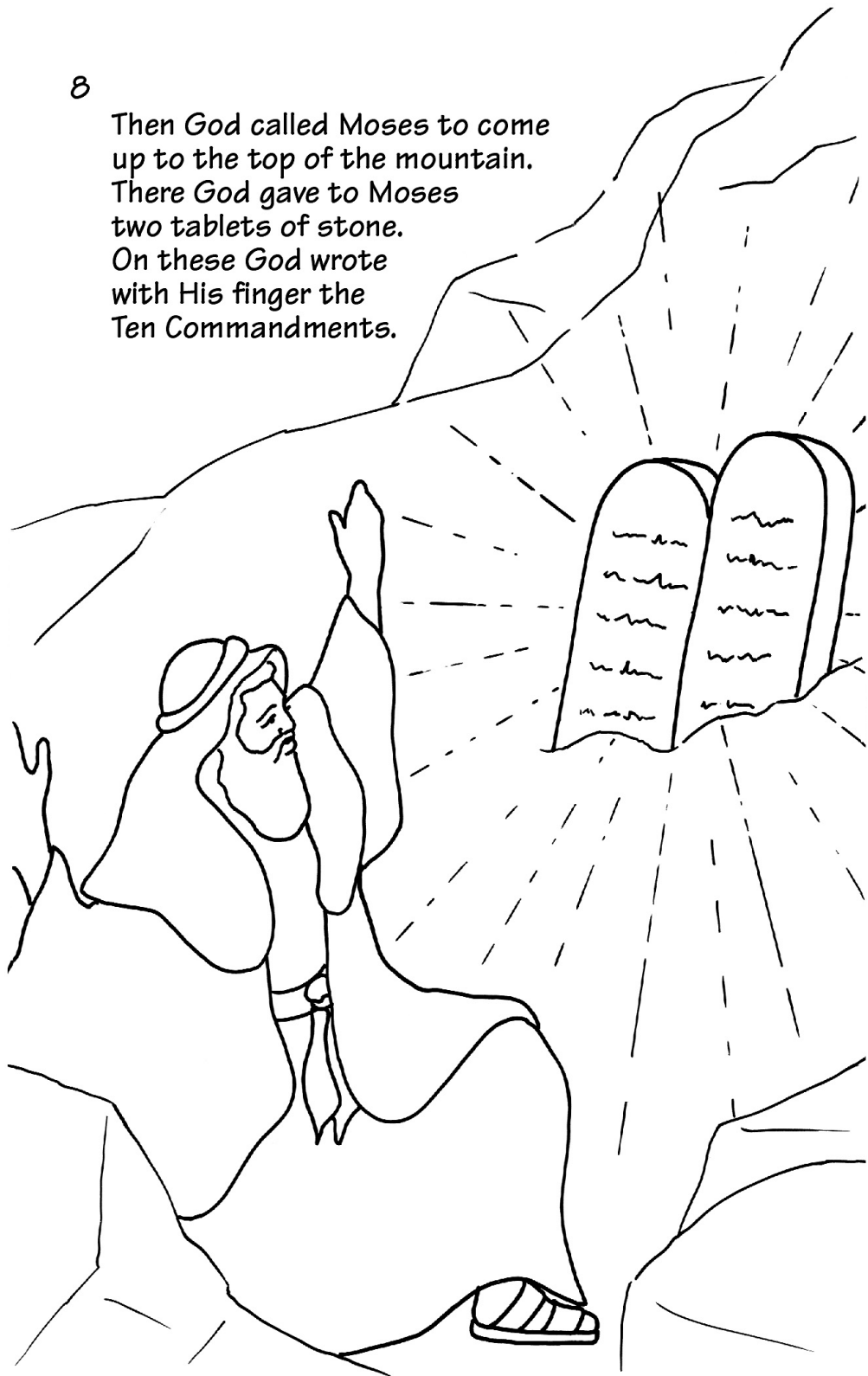
So, three days after reaching Mount Sinai,
the people came to the foot of the
mountain in the morning.



There was thunder and lightning and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and the people trembled. God wanted the people to know that He chose Moses especially from among all other Jews to be His mouthpiece and their leader.

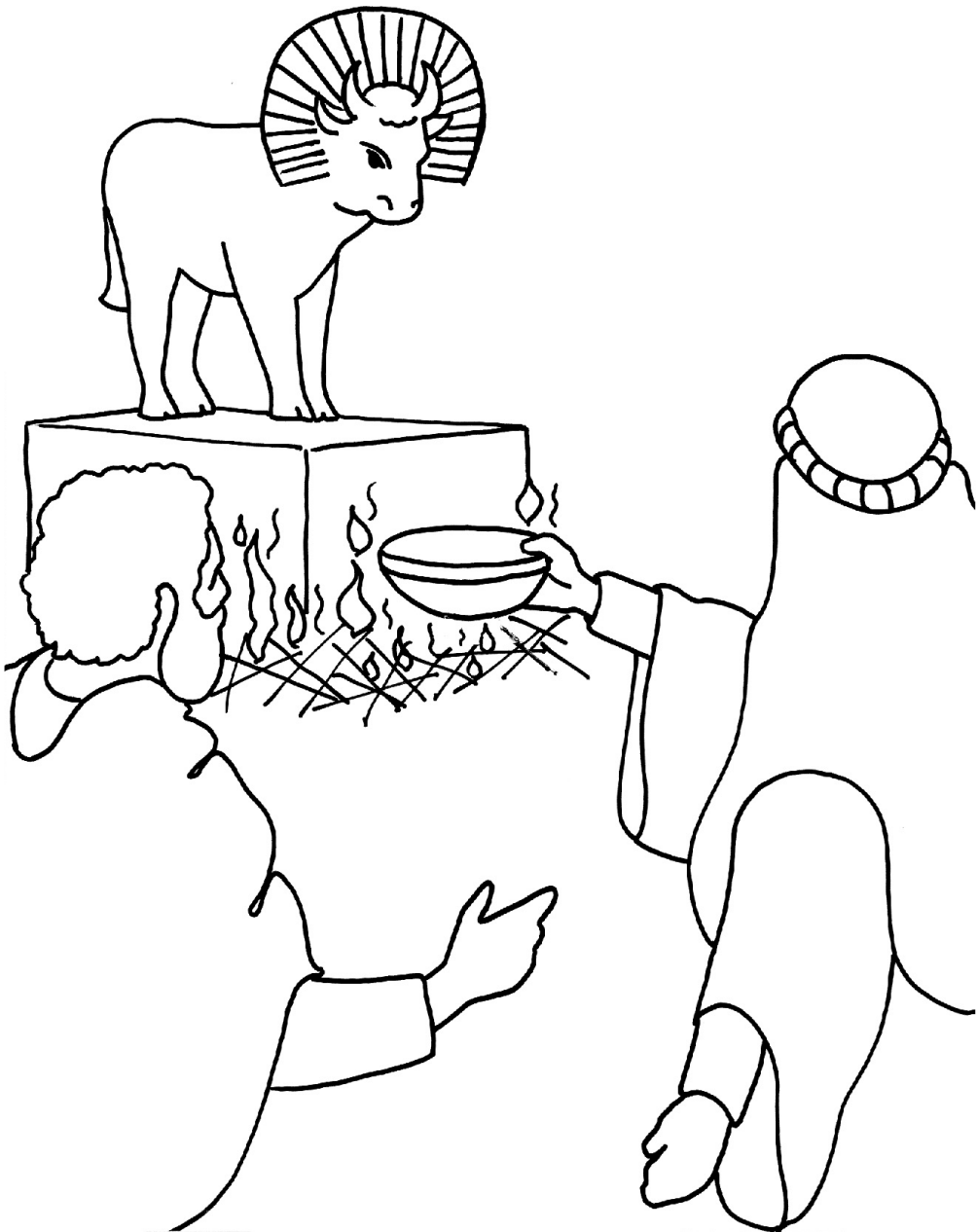


Then God called Moses to come up to the top of the mountain. There God gave to Moses two tablets of stone. On these God wrote with His finger the Ten Commandments.



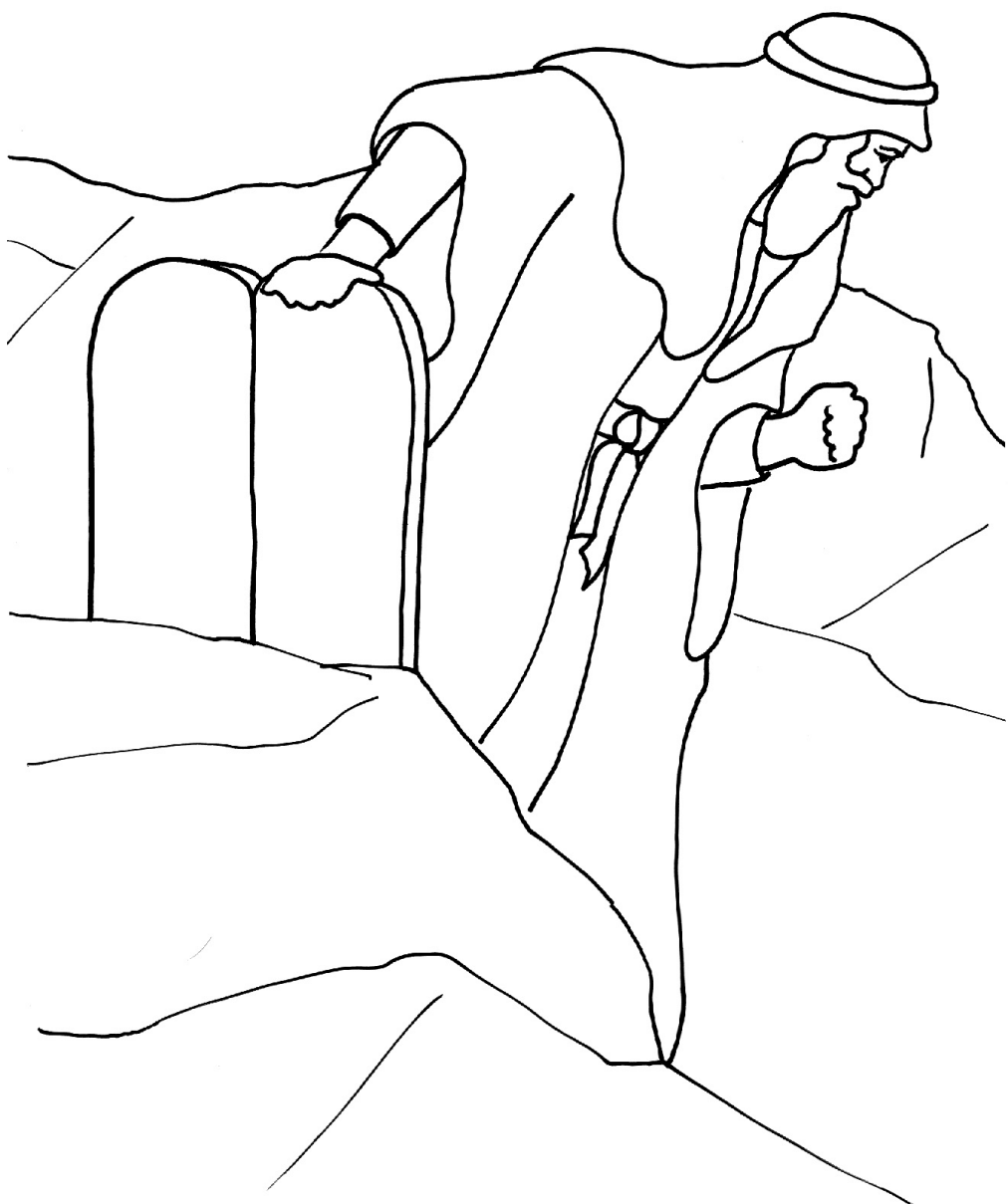
Moses was in the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights. The children of Israel got tired of waiting for Moses to come back. They asked Moses' brother Aaron to make them an idol of gold for them to worship.

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10 When God was finished instructing Moses
with the Law and the Commandments,
He said, "Go down at once, for your
people . . . have corrupted themselves."

How quickly the people forgot the promise
they made to God and all His goodness to them.



When Moses came down from the mountain
with the two tablets of the Law, he saw the
people dancing around the golden calf.

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Moses became very angry! His people
were breaking the 1st Commandment:
"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."



Moses threw the tablets down and they shattered at the foot of the mountain.

Then those who still didn't respect and obey Moses were killed that very day because of their rebellious hearts.



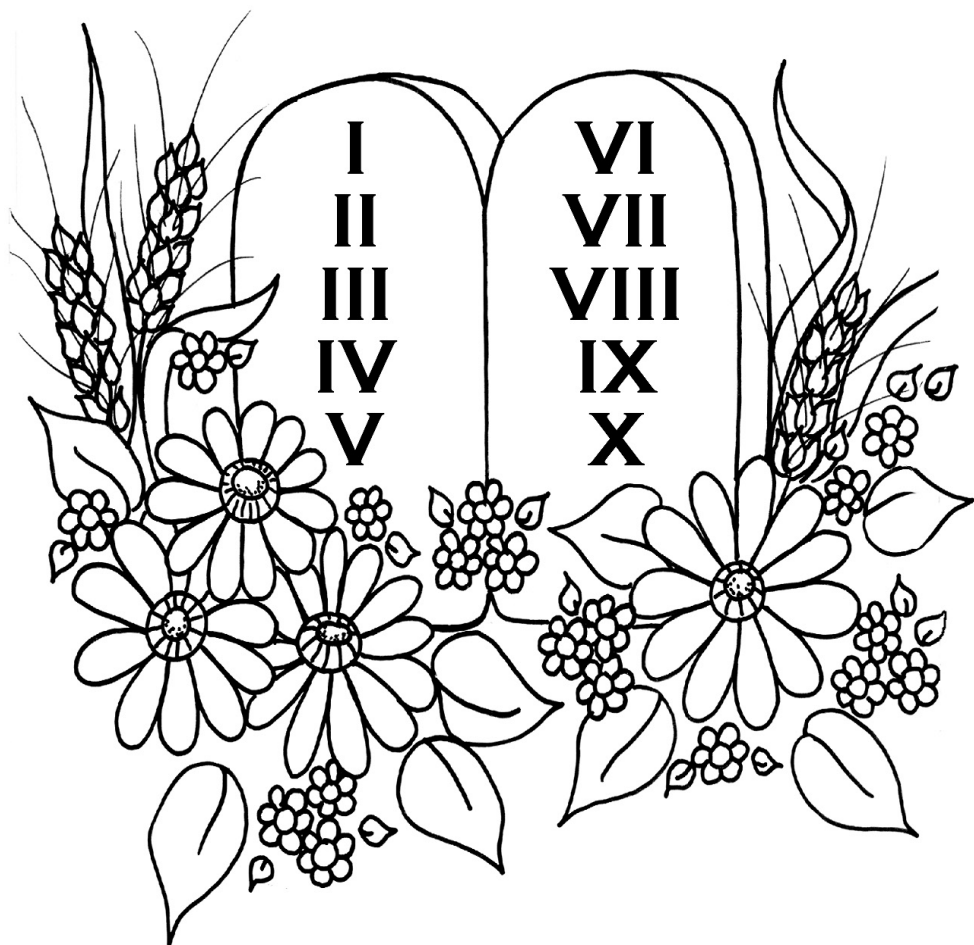
The children of Israel broke
the First Commandment . . .

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They worshipped a . . .

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When the Nation of Israel saw that they had made God angry, they were very sorry. They promised never to disobey Him again. God forgave them and provided Moses two new tablets of stone to take back to the people.

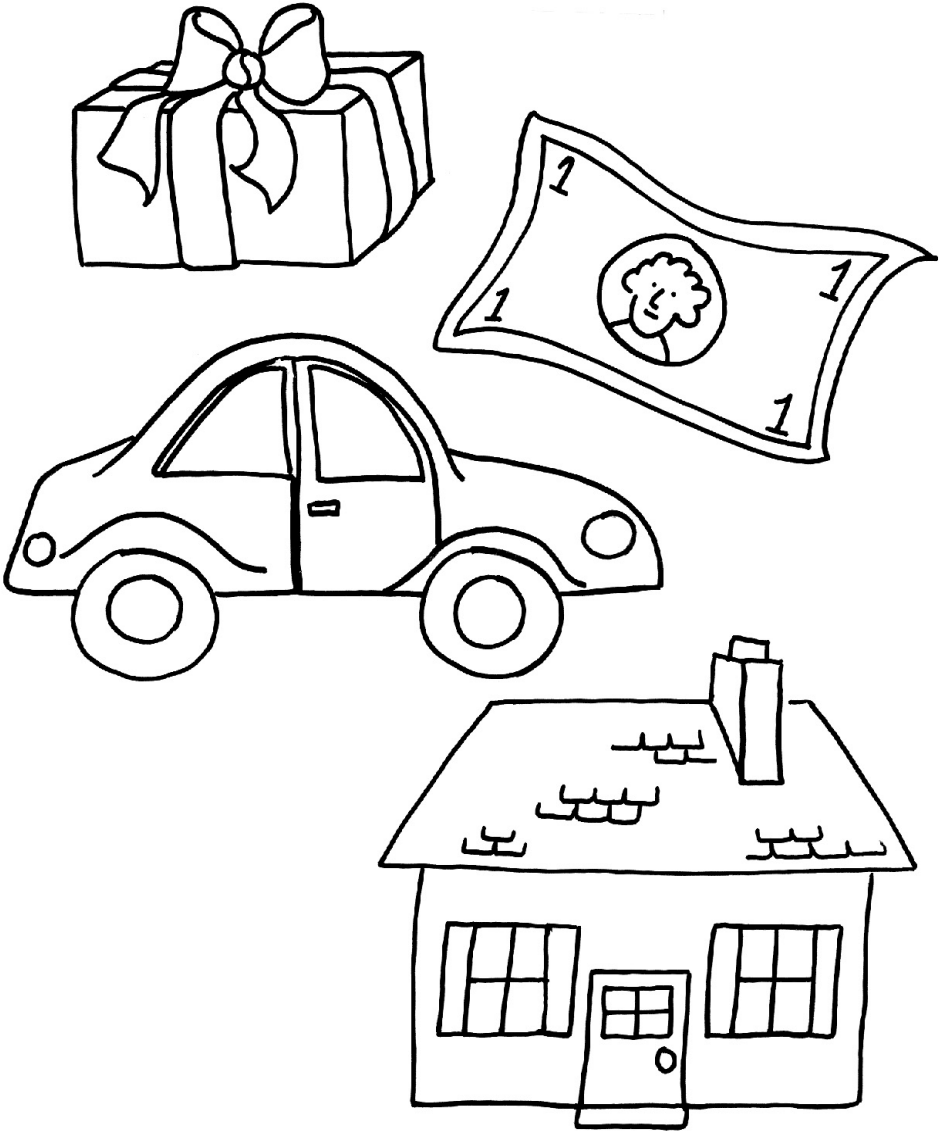


Even though the people were not able to keep the Law, God continues to love Israel to this very day.

God gave the Ten Commandments to Israel so they would have good guideposts to live by to keep them safe and happy. The lessons found in these Commandments are good guideposts for us, as well.



Many people worship things like . . .



. . . but God should be more important to us
than all of these things, because we love
Him and worship Him more above everthing.

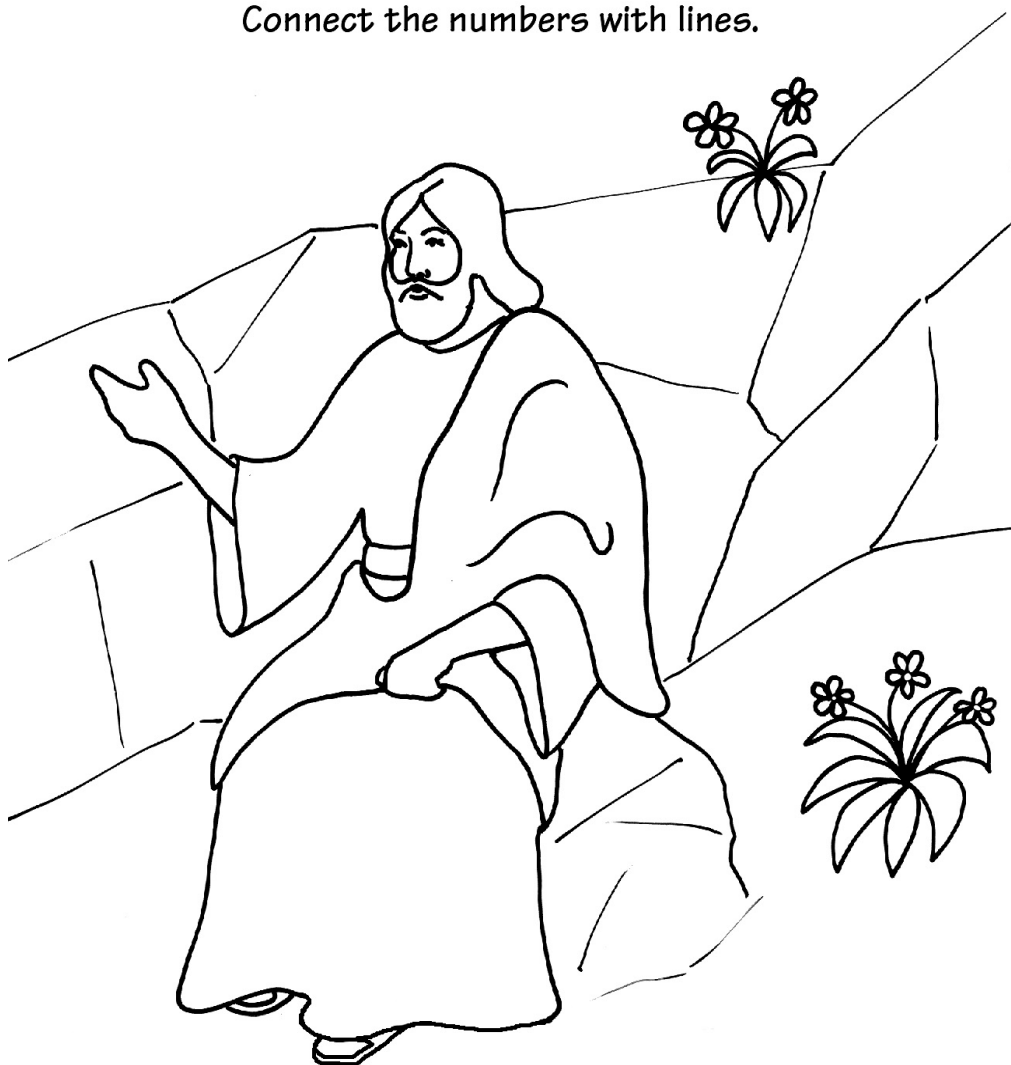
We can worship God by thanking Him
everyday for all the truly good things
He has given us. We also thank Him by
doing our best to obey His loving Word.



Jesus had an experience in his life that showed how much he worshipped God only.
See Matthew 4:1-11 and connect these sentences.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Satan said to Jesus... | 4. shalt thou serve." |
| 2. Jesus answered, "Get thee... | 3. the Lord thy God." |
| 3. "Thou shalt worship... | 1. "Bow down & worship me." |
| 4. "Him only... | 2. away from me, Satan." |

Connect the numbers with lines.

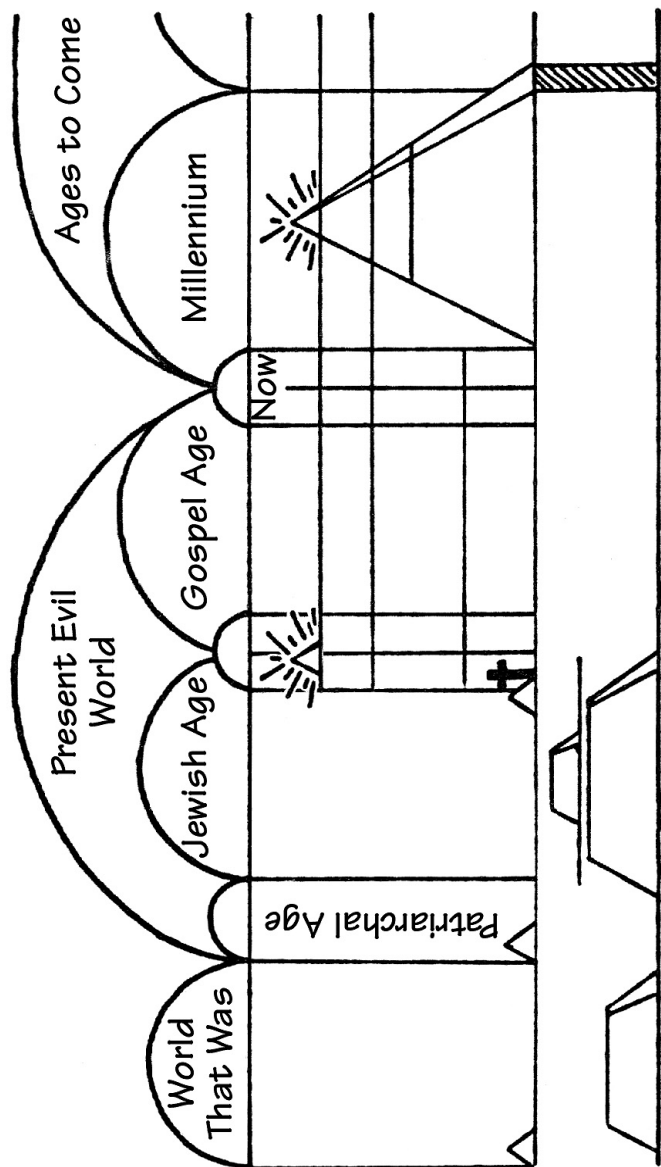


In God's Kingdom on the earth during
the Millennial Age, all people will learn
to obey God, because they will learn
to love Him above everything else.



"Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in Heaven."
Matthew 6:10

That will be a joyful time when all
mankind will have no other gods
but the One True God, Jehovah.



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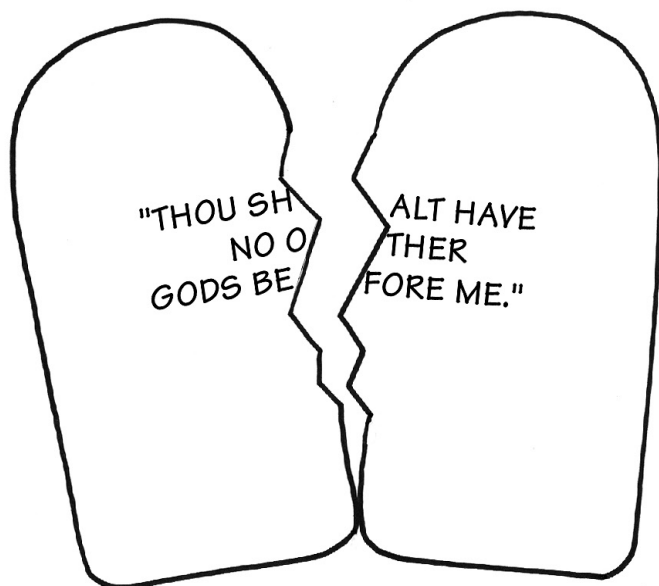


"If you will obey My
voice . . . and keep My
covenant, then ye
shall be a peculiar
treasure unto Me."
Exodus 19:5

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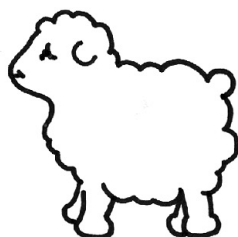


"All that the Lord
hath spoken
we will do."
Exodus 19:18

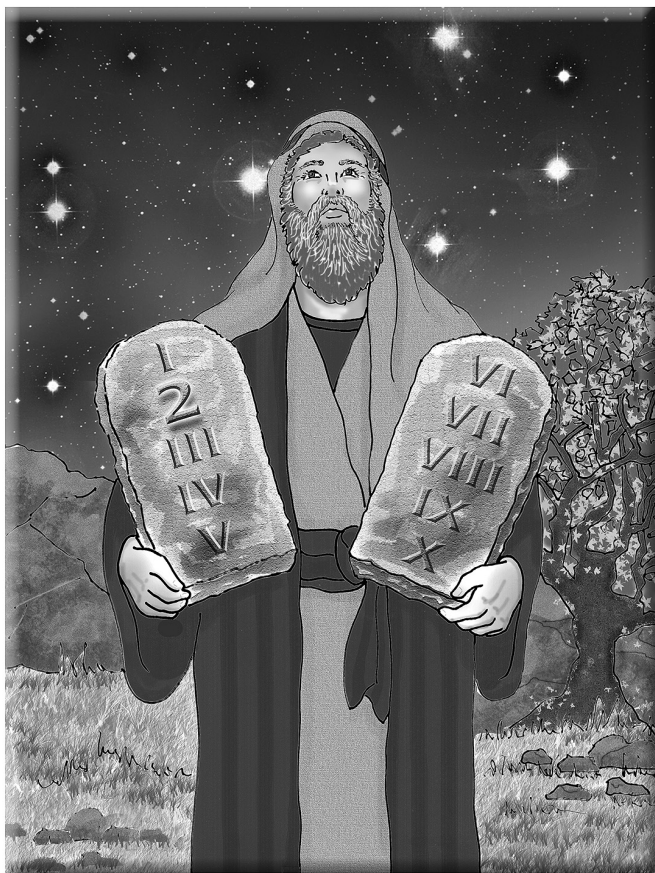


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Put the lamb in the
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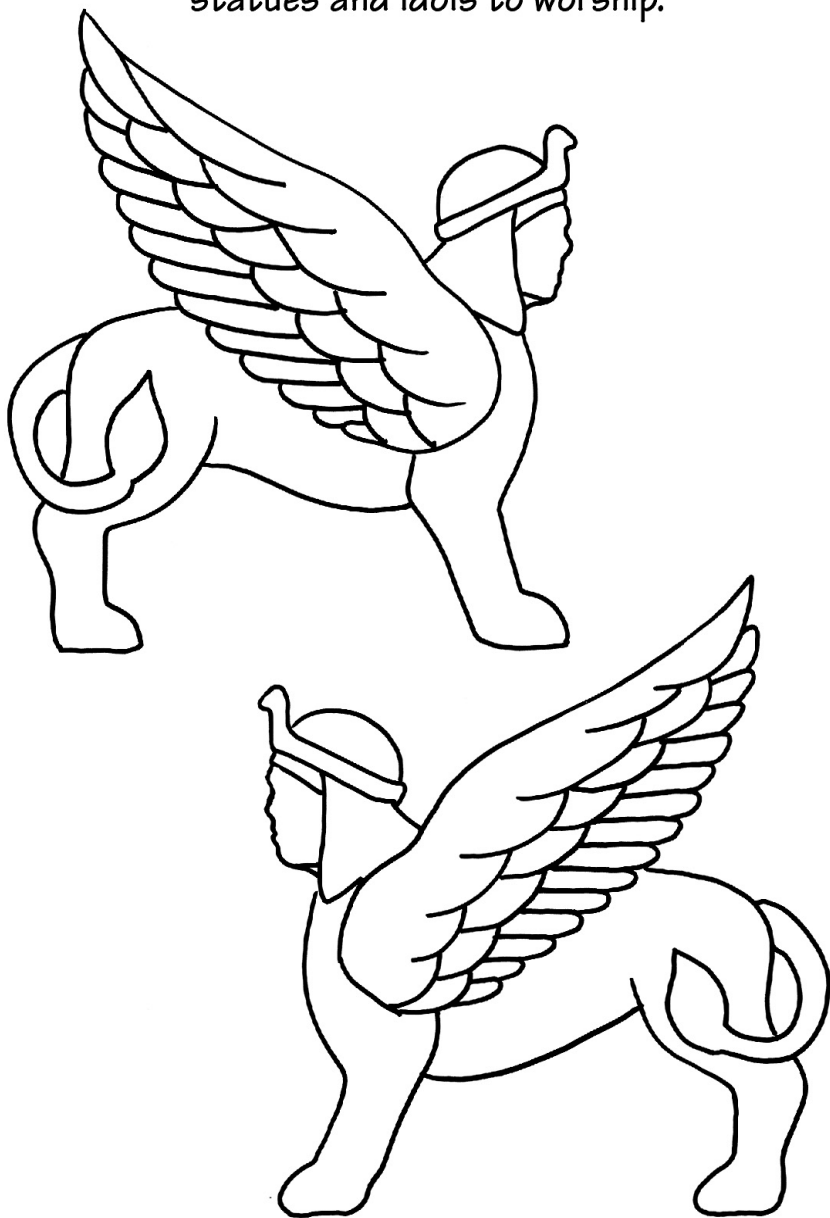
The SECOND Commandment



“Thou shalt not make unto
thee any graven image . . .”

Exodus 20:4-5

The Second Commandment to the Hebrews says: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." God was telling them not to make statues and idols to worship.

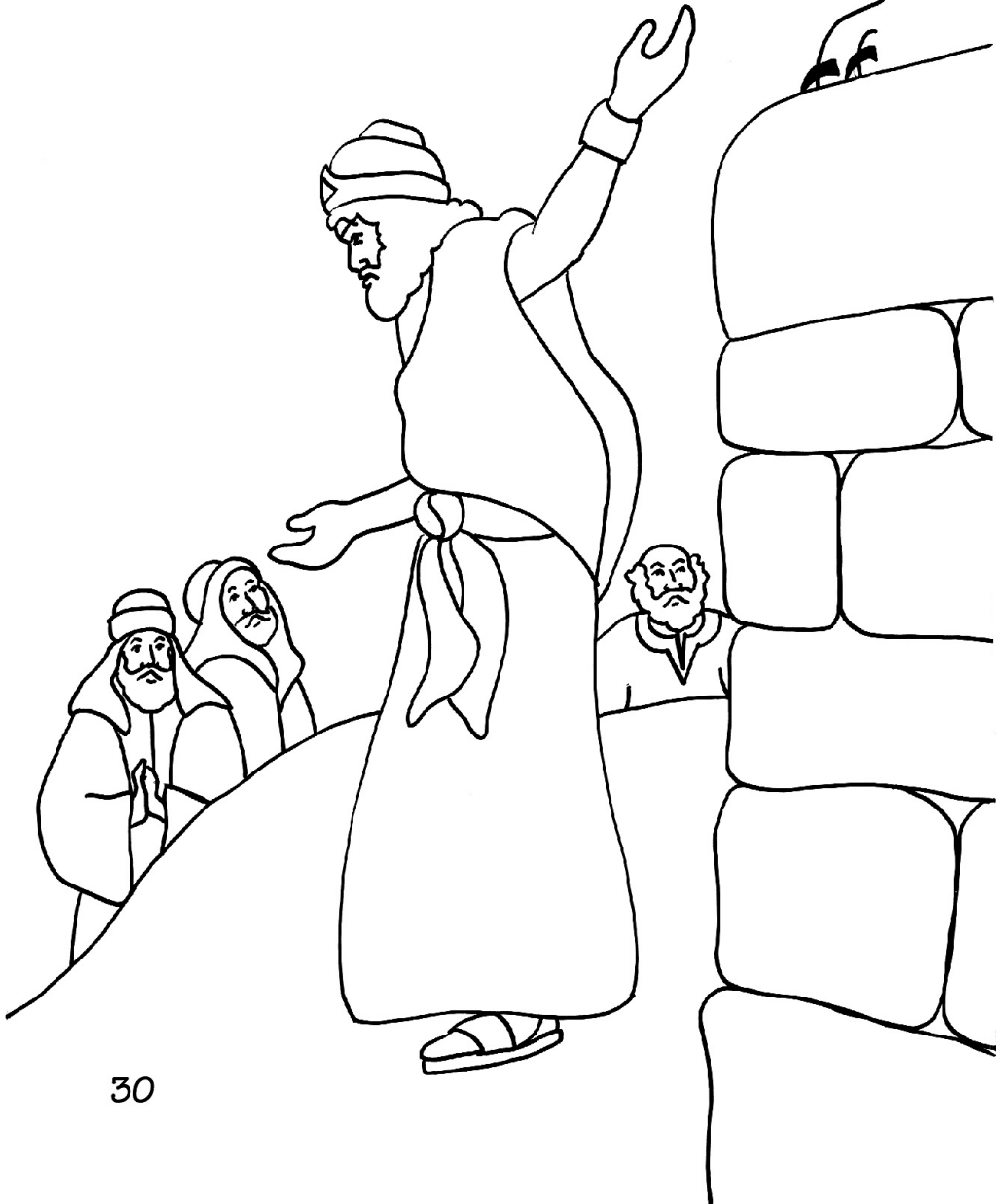


God, our Heavenly Father says
not to worship animals, stars,
trees, the sun, the moon or
anything but Him. (See page 43)

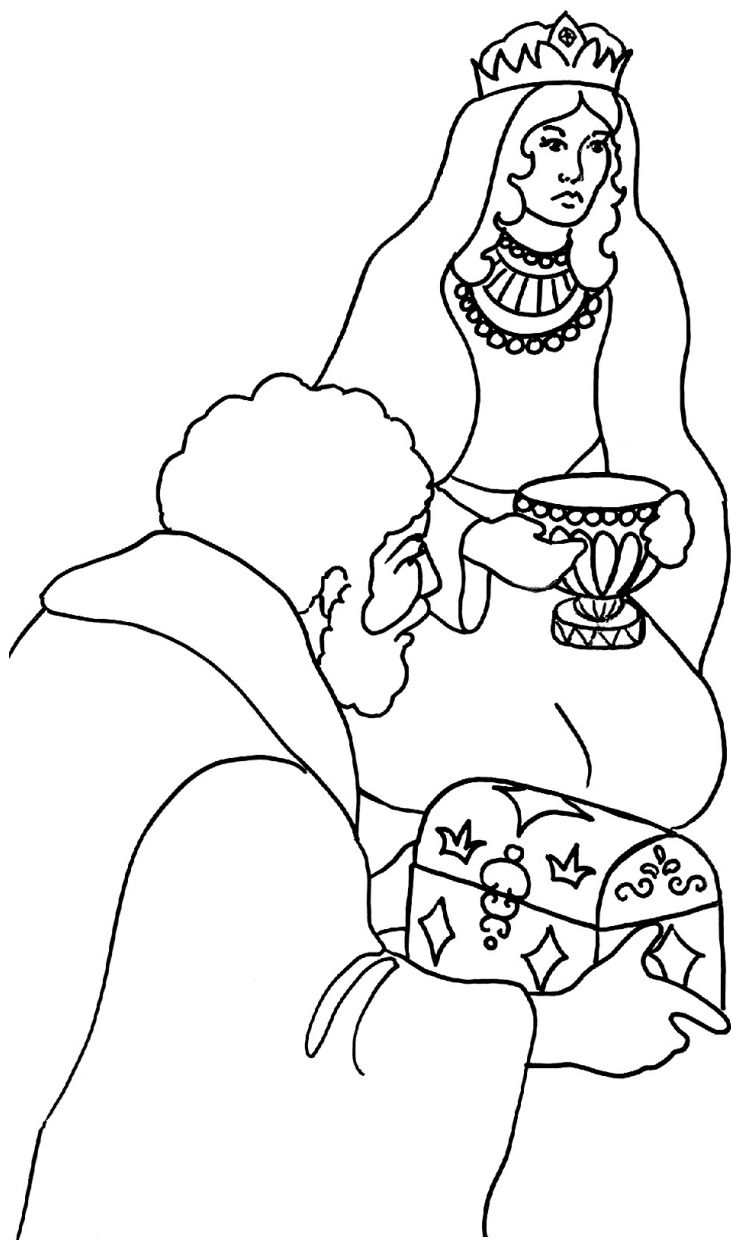
These are all things which God created,
and so we are to worship the Creator of
all things – not the things created.



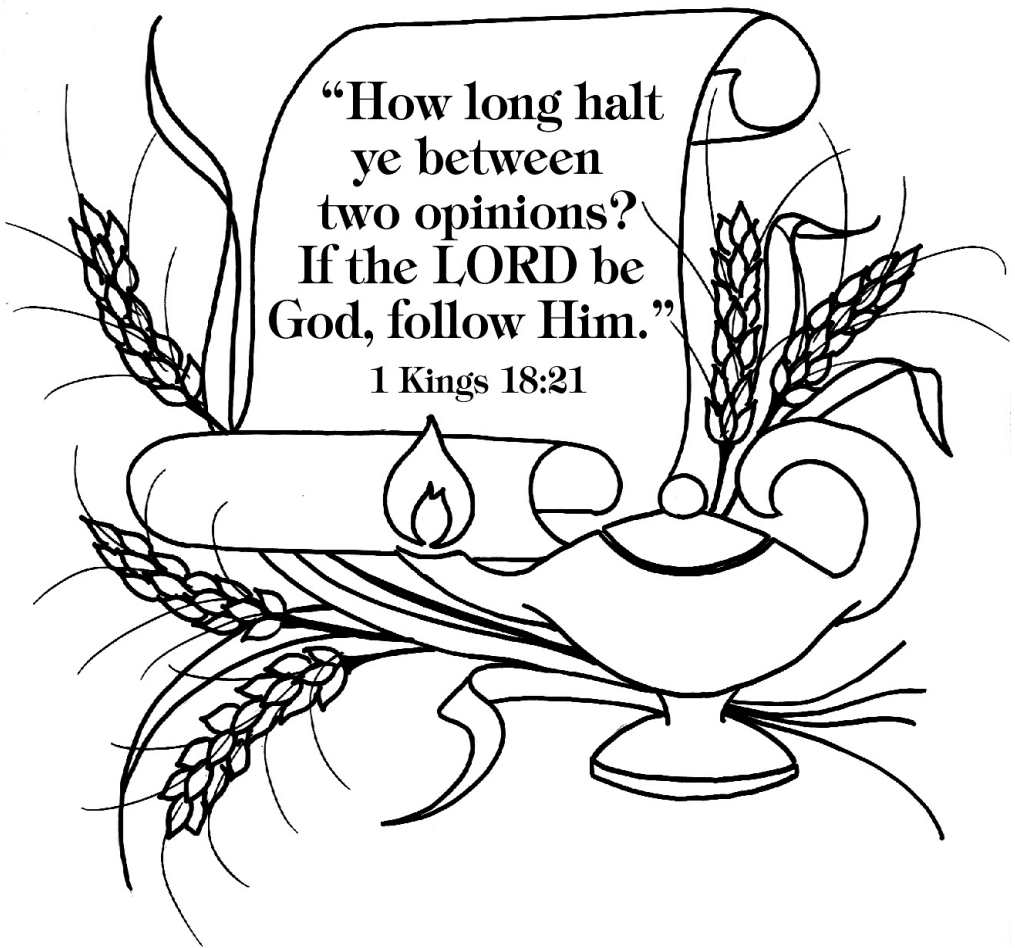
Many years after Moses died, Israel began to be very careless about the Law. They were trying to worship the True God, Jehovah, but, at the same time, they wanted to worship false god idols made of wood, metal and stone.



An evil King arose in Israel named Ahab.
Ahab's wife Jezebel was a very wicked
Queen. She influenced her husband to build
an altar to the make-believe god, Baal.
Because of this, most of the Nation of
Israel offered gifts to this graven image.



God's prophet Elijah saw that Israel was trying to worship two Gods. Elijah called the people, together with the false prophets of Baal, and said . . .

A black and white line drawing. At the top is a scroll with text. Below the scroll is a lamp with a flame. To the left and right of the lamp are stalks of wheat. The entire illustration is framed by decorative lines.

**“How long halt
ye between
two opinions?
If the LORD be
God, follow Him.”**

1 Kings 18:21

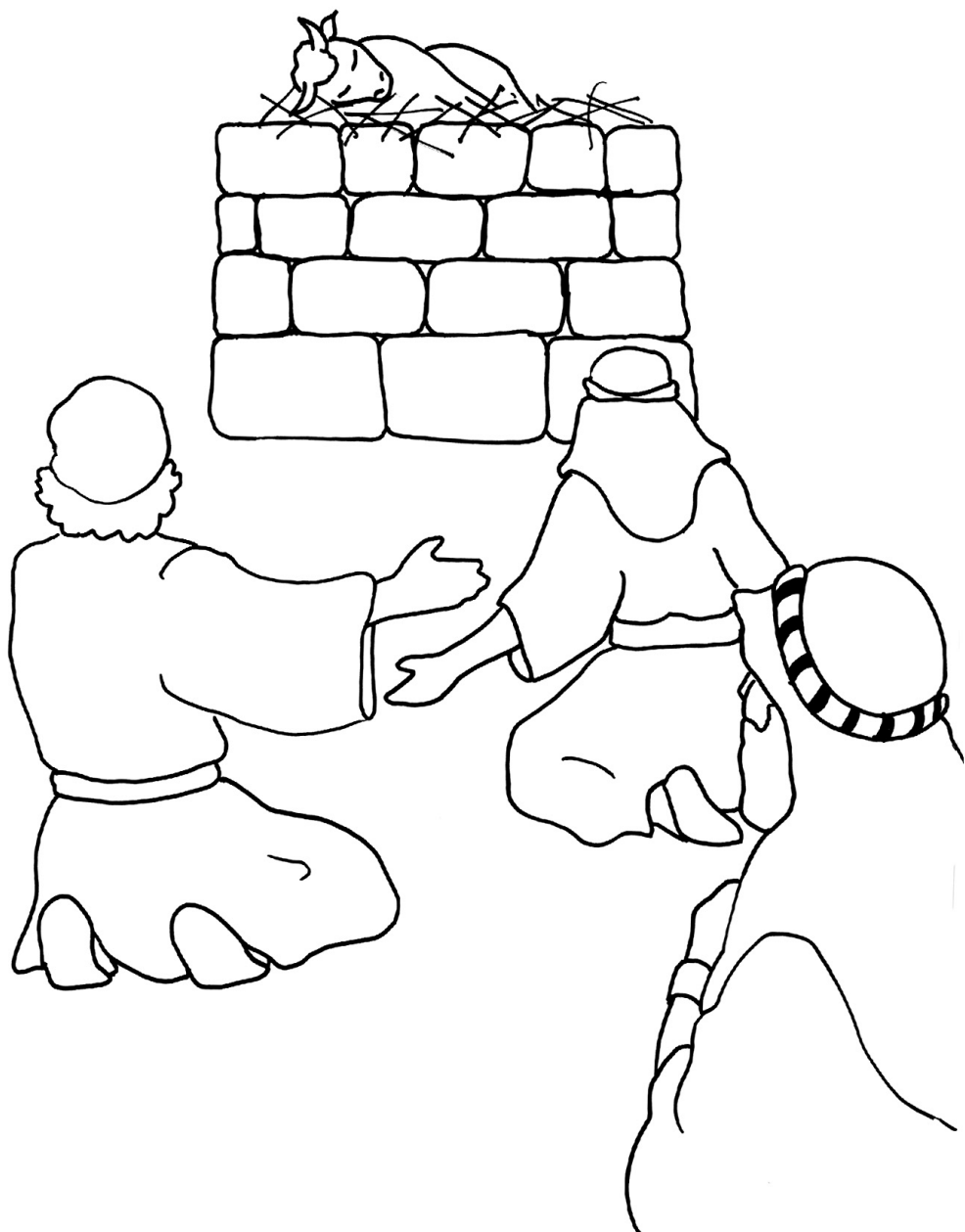
The Second Commandment said that Israel must not make graven images to worship. But the children of Israel burned offerings to both the True God, Jehovah . . .

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. . . and to the graven image of the false god, Baal.

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Then the prophets of Baal prayed
and prayed to their god. "Oh great Baal!
Send down fire to consume our offering
to you! Please! Oh great Baal! Show Elijah
and all of Israel that you are a mighty god!"



But no answer came, and no fire burned
the offering of the false prophets of Baal.



But when Elijah prayed to our
True God, fire came down from
heaven to consume the burnt
offering he had given.



So, all the Nation saw God's answer
to Elijah's prayer. Then the people
fell on their faces and cried,
"The Lord, He is THE God."



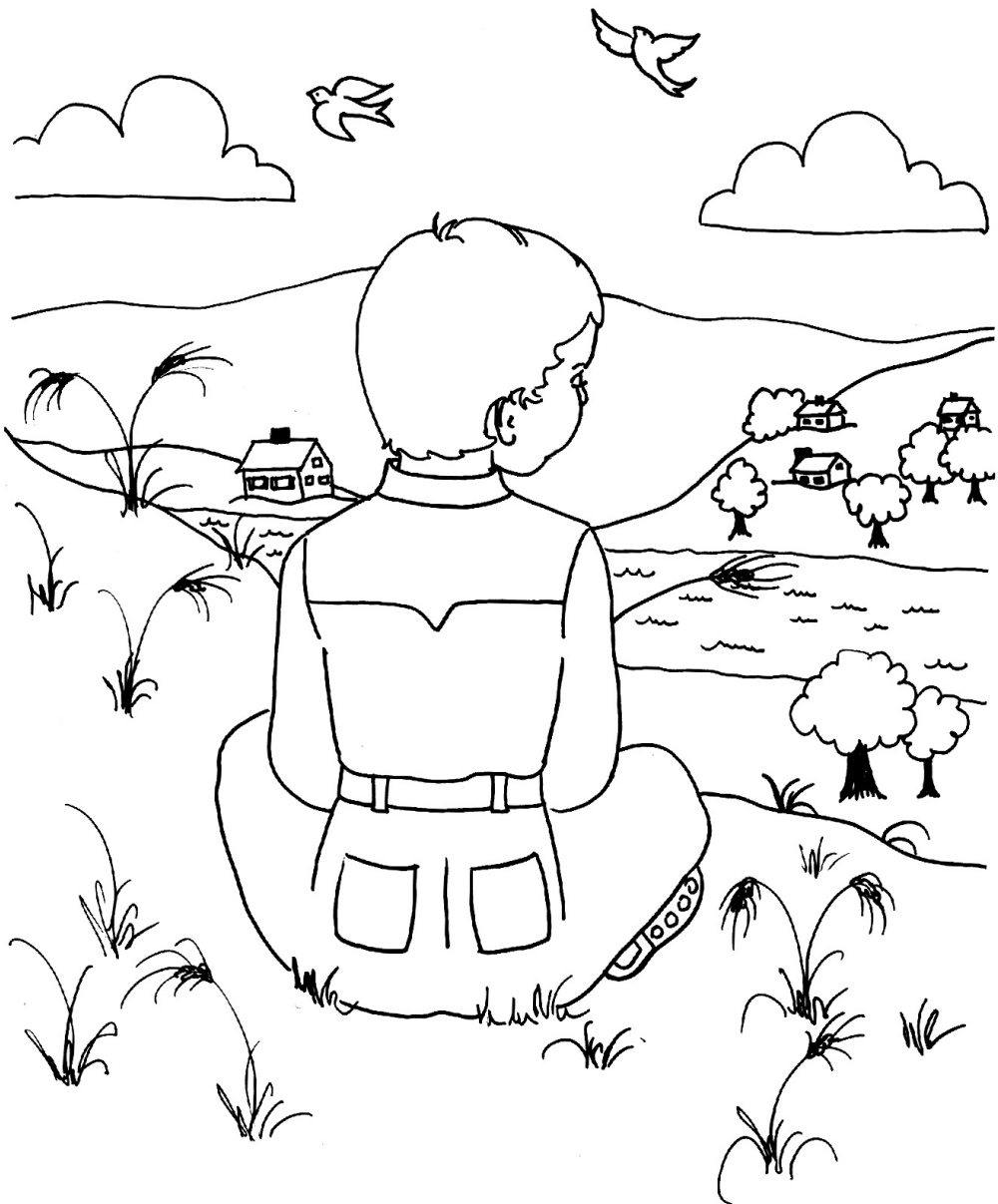
Jesus always prayed only to his Heavenly Father. He never prayed to false gods or idols.



We can learn a valuable lesson from the Law which Israel broke. We should not make graven images to worship, because it dishonors God. The Nation of Israel fell into this sin because they lived carelessly and did not keep God first in their hearts.

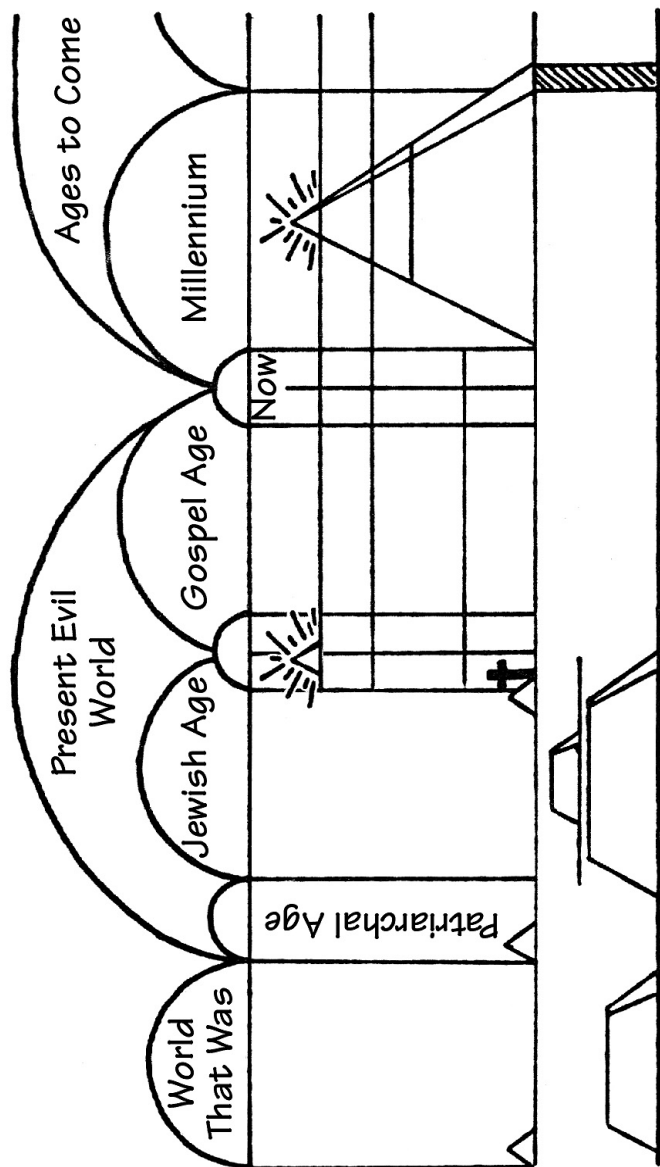


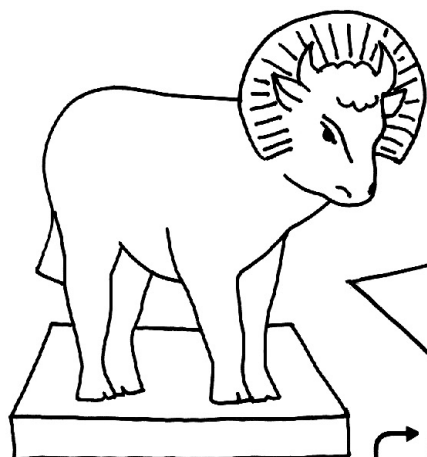
In the Millennium, when God's Kingdom is on earth, the people will learn to love and worship God only and will be glad to do away with their statues and idols.



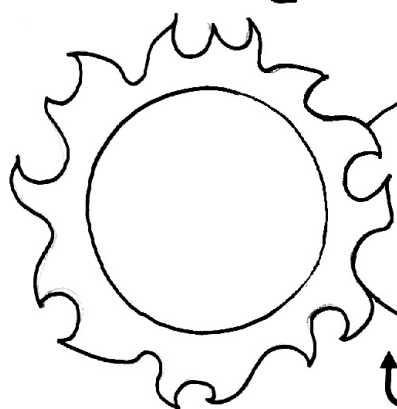
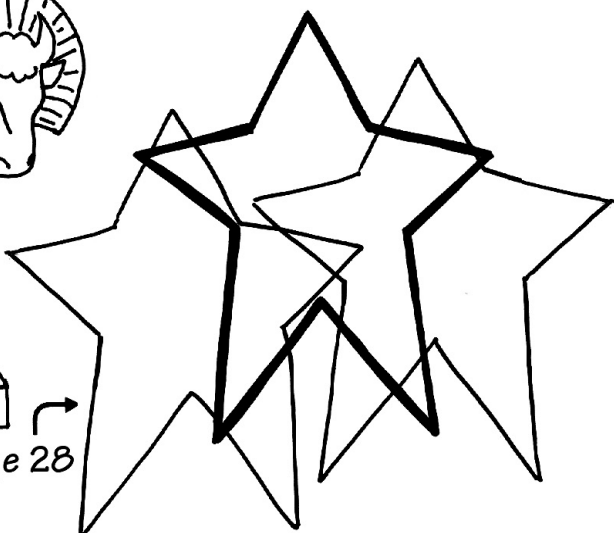
When we study the Bible, we can
learn how to worship and honor God.
We can also learn how to stay away
from false gods and idols.



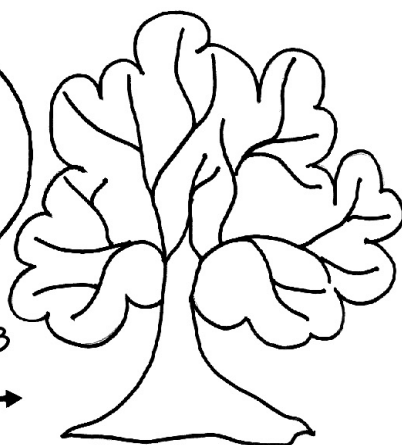




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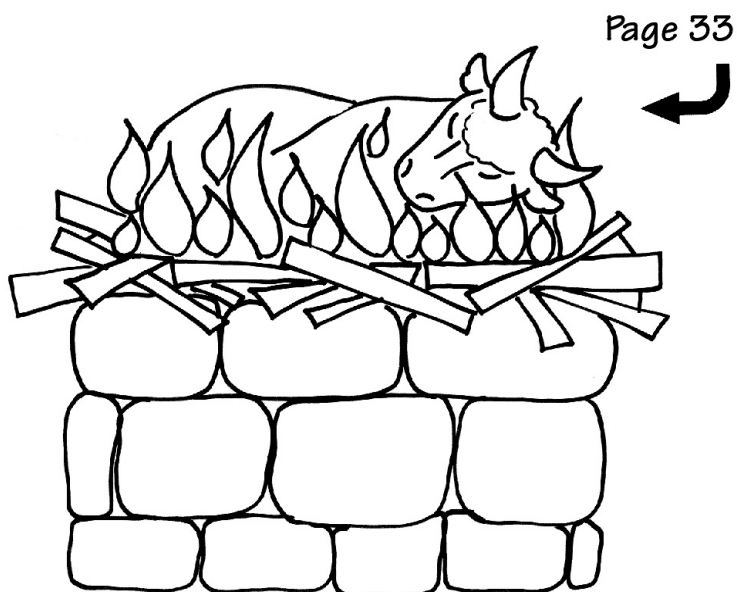
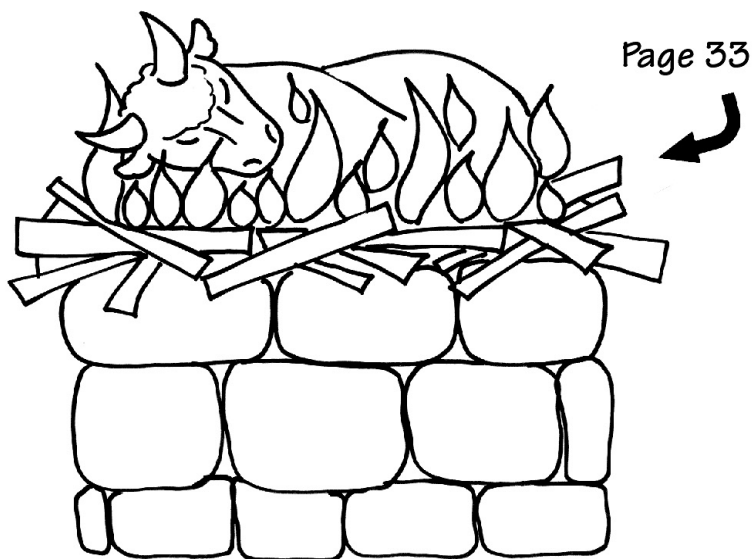


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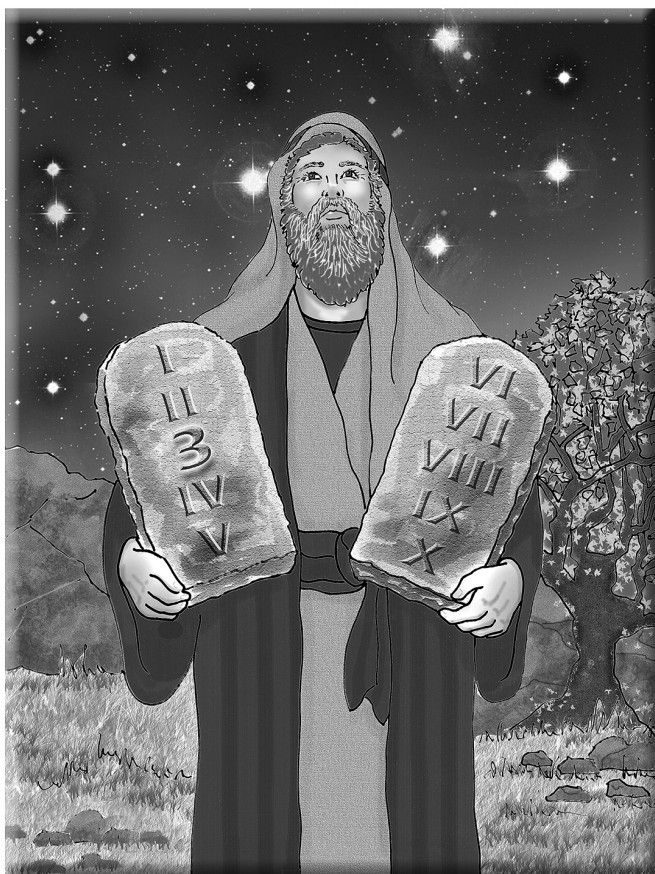


Put Elijah in the
Jewish Age

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The THIRD Commandment



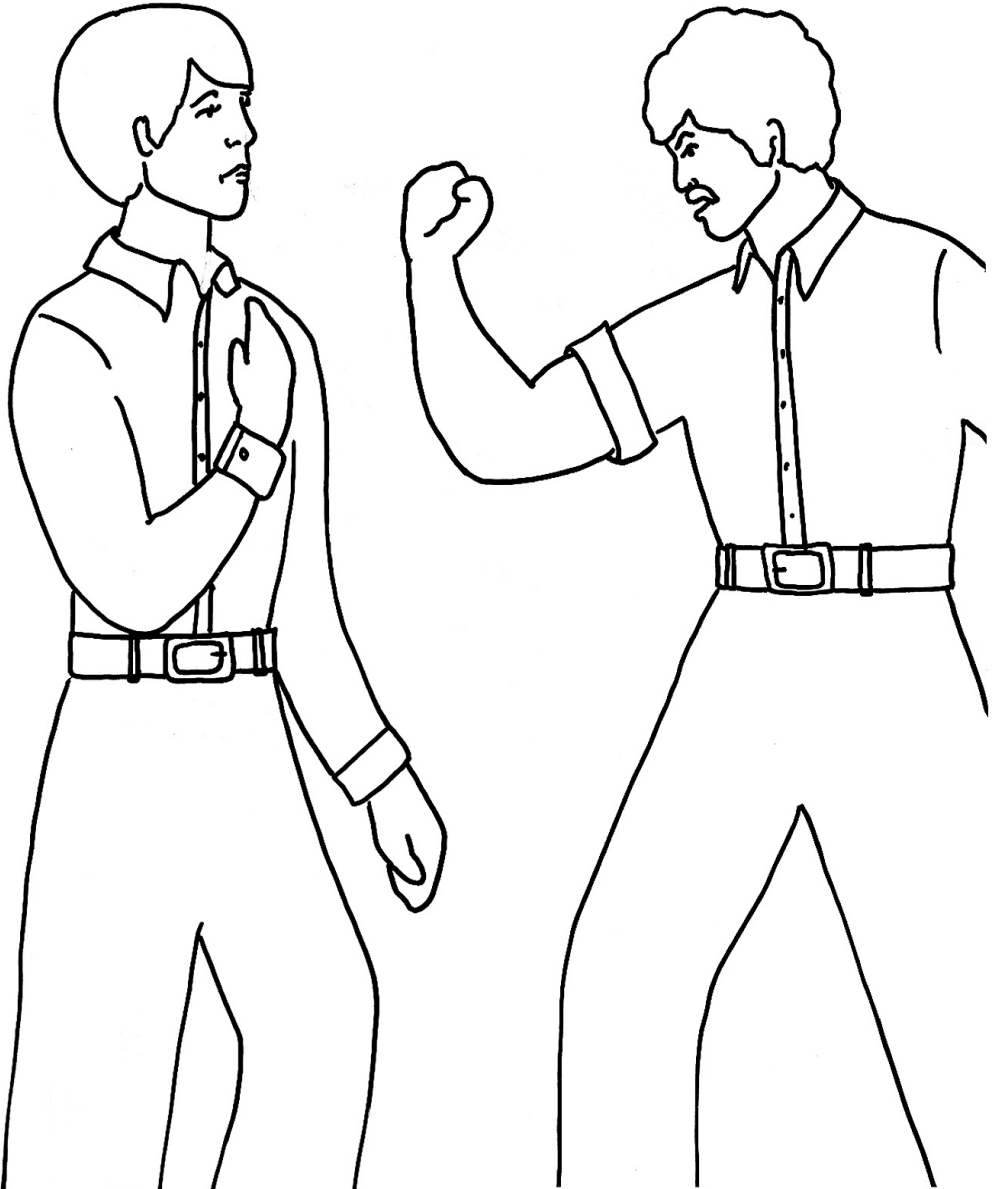
“Thou shalt not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain . . .”

Exodus 20:7

God's 3rd Commandment to Israel was, 49
"Thou shalt not take the name of
the Lord thy God in vain . . ." Exodus 20:7
This was another very important commandment
given to the Jews. God is pleased if we truly
understand what it means.



Taking God's name "in vain" can mean many things. One meaning is when we hear people say God's name as a swear word — using His name with disrespect.

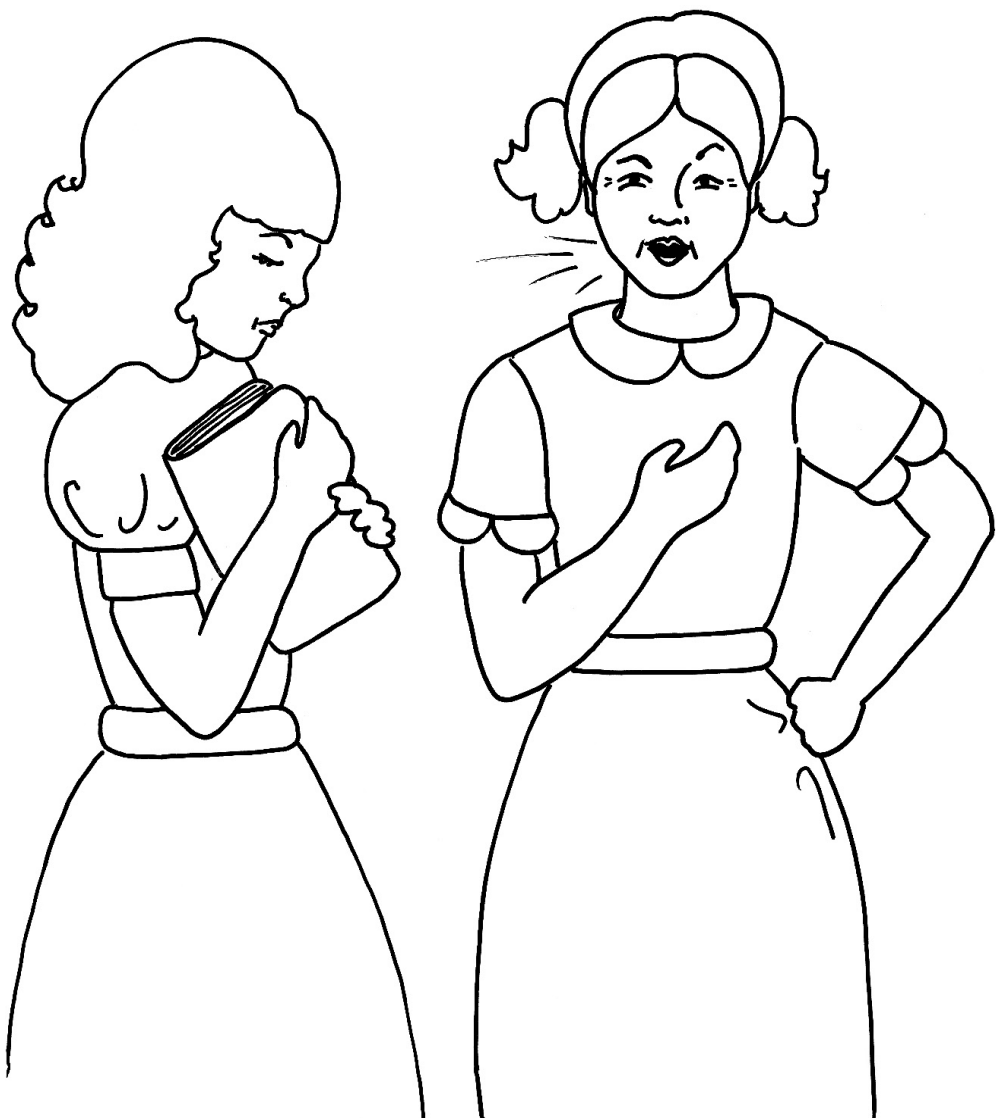


Taking God's name "in vain" by swearing is called "profanity."

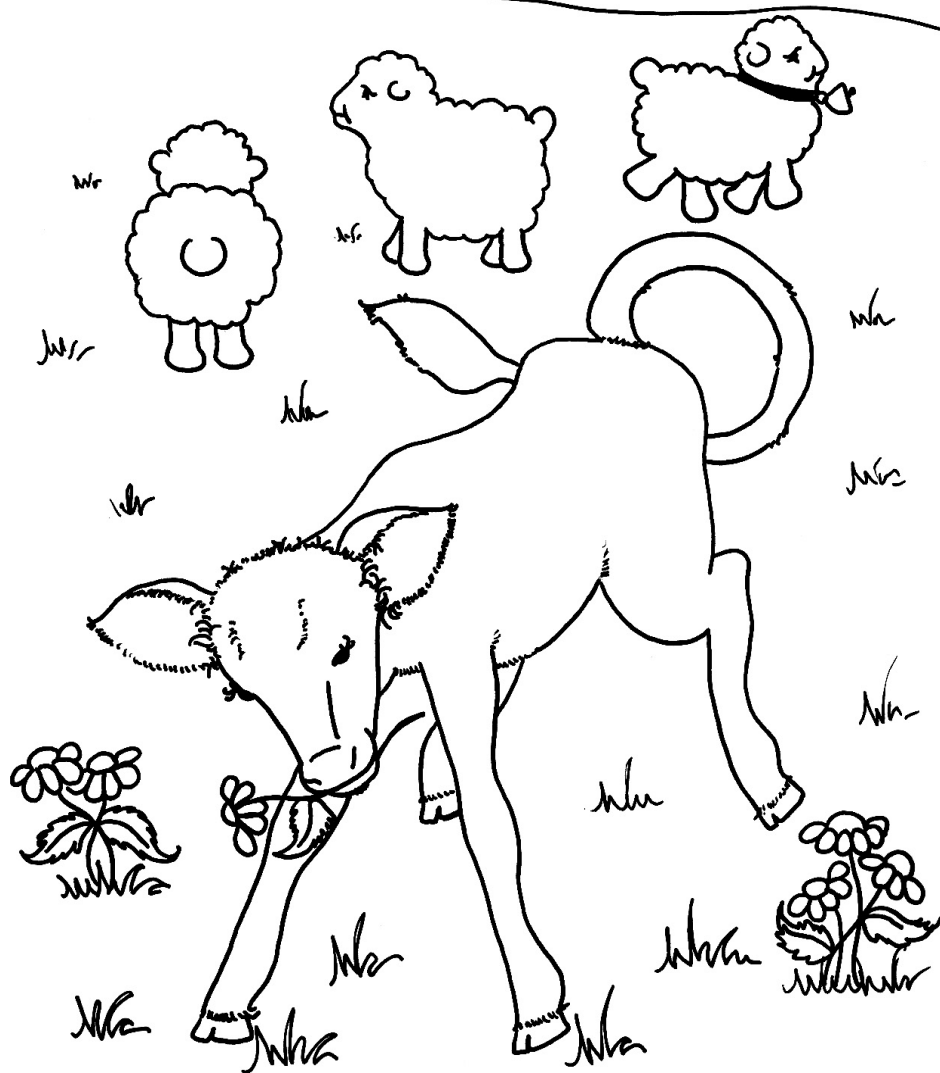
When people swear, it shows that they really don't know and love God the way we do. Soon they will learn to truly love God, when His Kingdom is established on earth as it is in heaven.



Taking God's name "in vain" can also happen when someone says something evil or untrue about God's character. Some people laugh about God and tell jokes about Him. When people make fun of God or say bad things about Him, this is called "blasphemy."



We learn to love and respect God
more and more every day, because we know
He is the loving Creator of all things.
We show God how much we love Him by
respecting His holy name and character.



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Draw a picture of one of your favorite
things in God's creation —
like flowers, birds, animals or
any other thing you can think of
that God created for us to enjoy.

One other way that God's name is taken "in vain" is when someone says they love God, and yet, they live bad lives — hurting others and being prideful and selfish.



Jesus spoke about people who
claimed to worship and love God,
but who were very bad in their hearts.
He called these people "hypocrites."



The Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day were outwardly very holy, but Jesus could see in their hearts that they were prideful, selfish men.

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Only Jesus and God can judge people's hearts now. We must love people and be forgiving, because we do not know their heart intentions. Most people do not intend to hurt others by being selfish. In God's Kingdom, almost everyone will learn to be good Christian examples.



2 Corinthians 3:6 teaches Christians that they are not "bound by the law" of the Jews. But, even though this is true, they do live by the "spirit of the law." We should be good Christian examples, so that we can show everyone what it is like to really love God and His Son, Jesus.

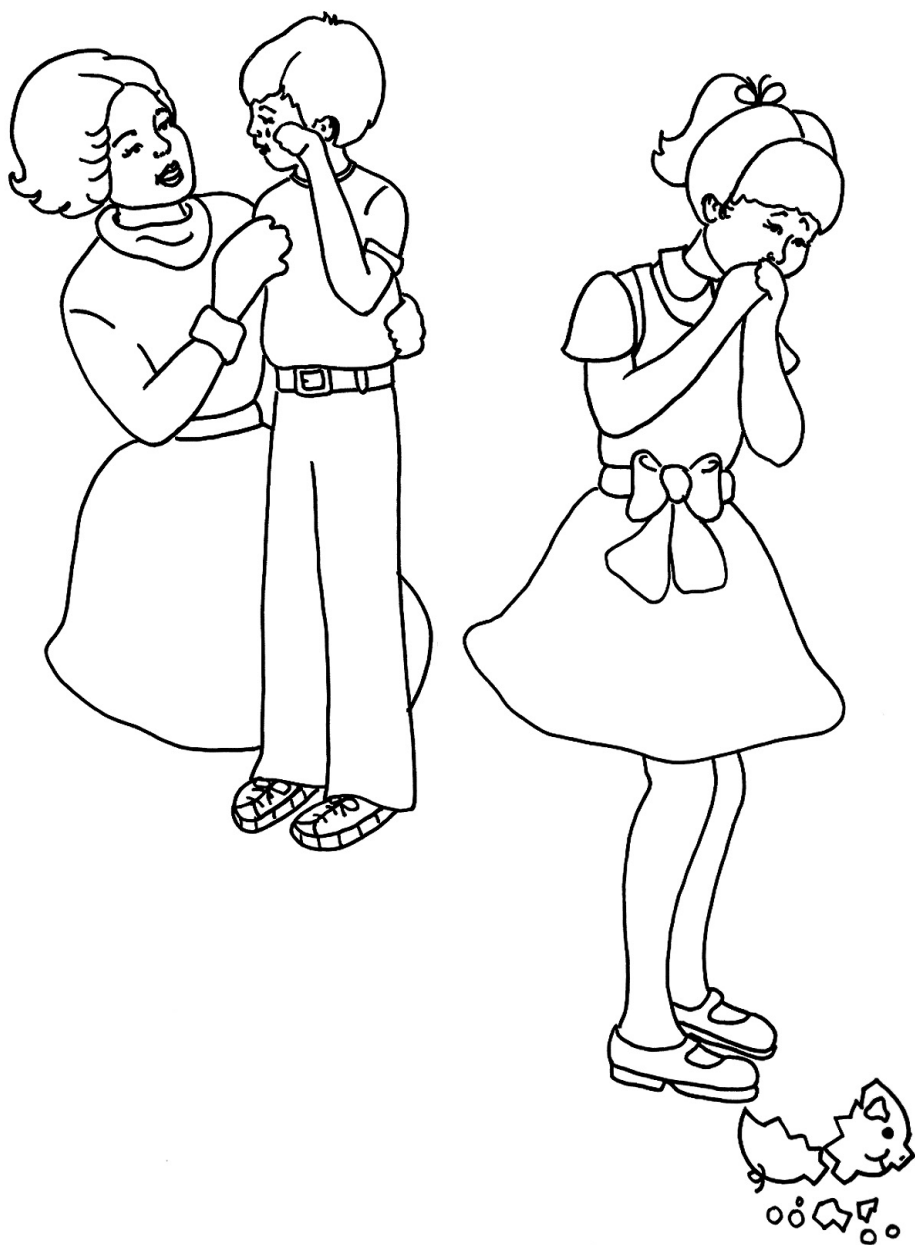


We are good examples to others when
we smile and are courteous . . .

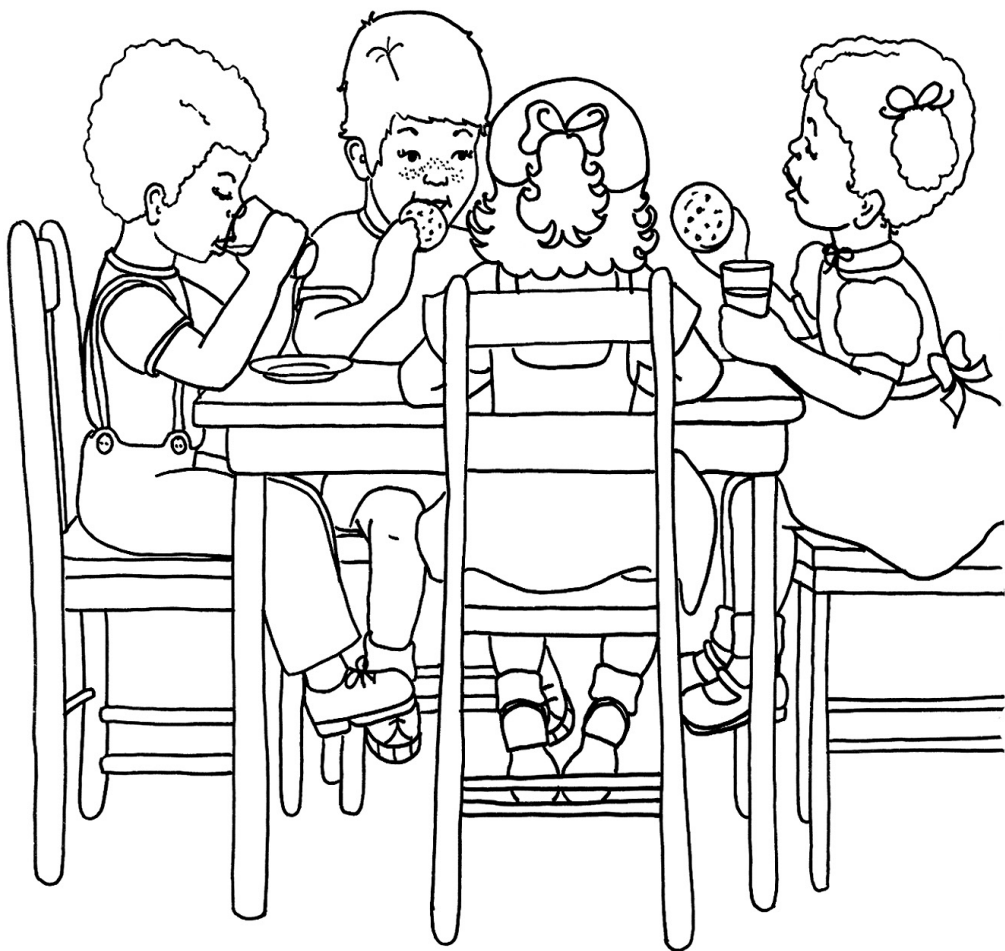


... and when we control our anger
and learn to love others by
forgiving them when they
apologize for their mistakes.

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We are also good examples when we
tell others of all the good things God
has done for all of mankind through
His faithful Son, Jesus . . .



... and also when we take good
care of all that we have been given.

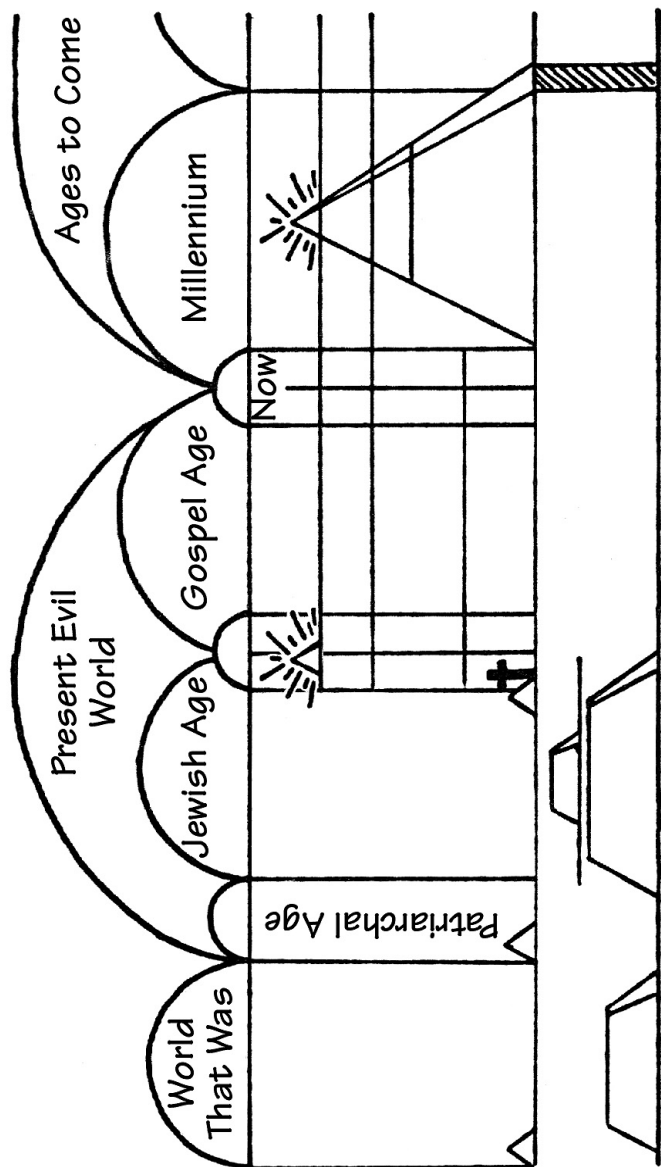


- 64 Draw a picture of you being a good example to others: like cleaning your room, taking time to talk to someone who is lonely, brushing your teeth for a pleasant smile or helping your parents with chores around the house. By being good examples, we glorify God's name.

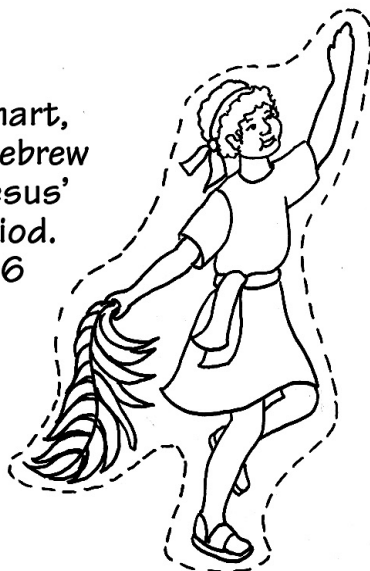
In God's Kingdom on earth, all the
people of the world will learn of
God's loving ways and will praise
His name. They will never take
God's name "in vain" again.

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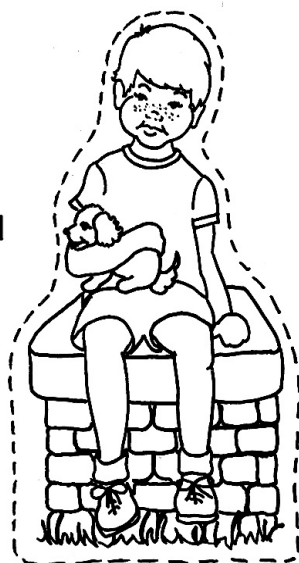




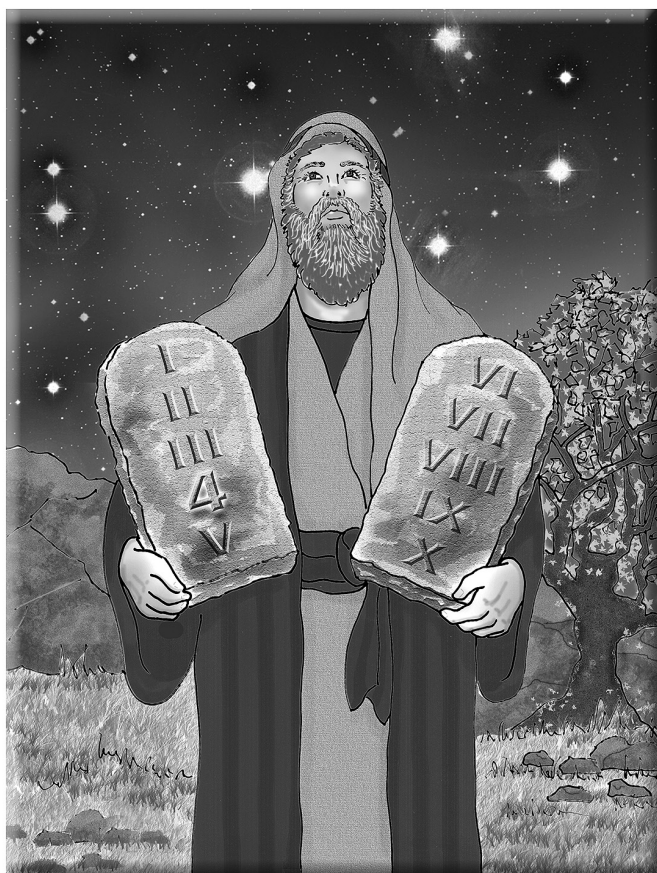
On the chart,
put this Hebrew
child in Jesus'
time period.
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On the chart,
put this child
in the time period
we now live in.
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The FOURTH Commandment



“Remember the Sabbath Day,
to keep it holy . . .”

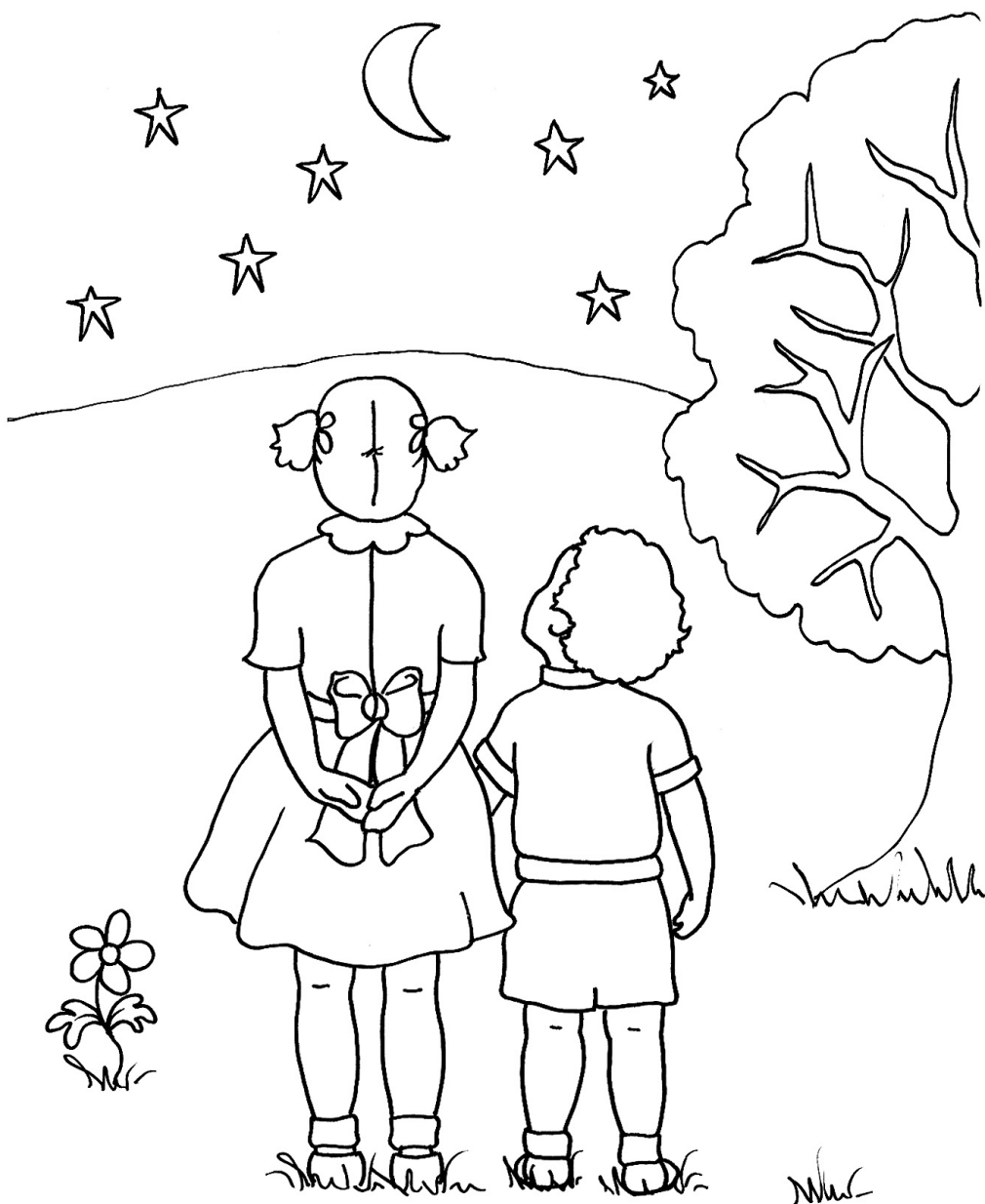
Exodus 20:8-11

The 4th Commandment to Israel is,
"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep
it Holy." (Exodus 20:8) The "Sabbath Day"
was a special day of rest for the Hebrew
people, their animals and their land.
God knew that it would be good for all
of His creation to rest from their
labors every seventh day.

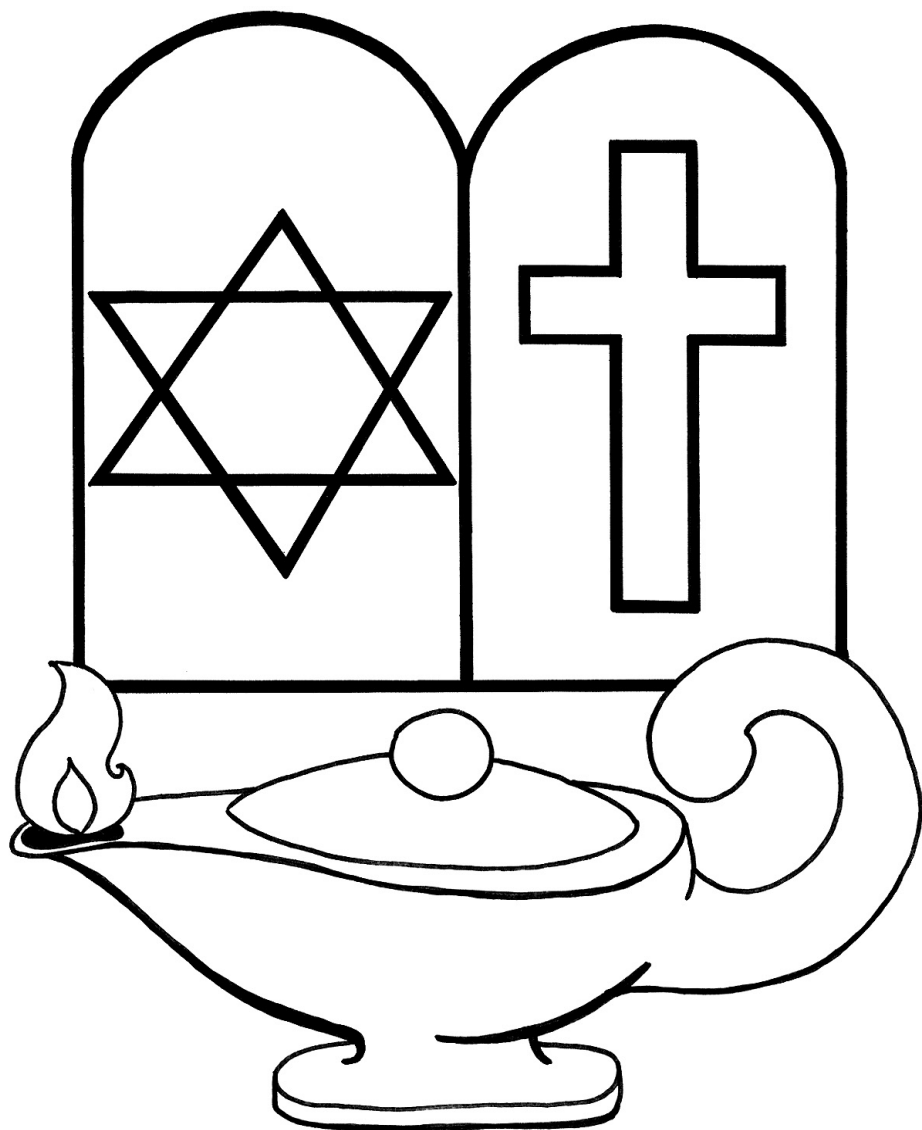
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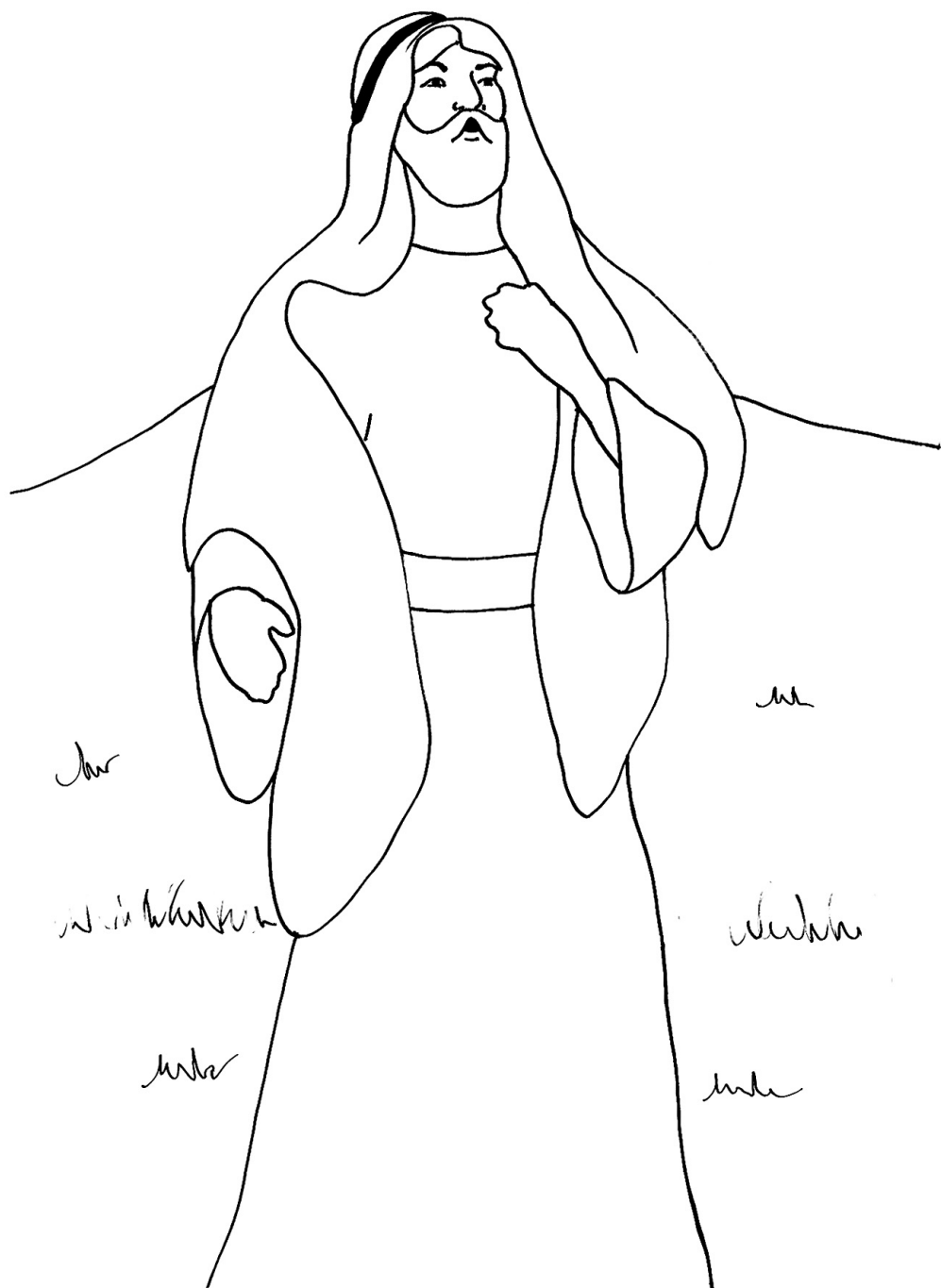
God also knew that this would give His people a special time to pray to Him and worship Him. We should worship God in our hearts everyday of the week, because He watches over us always.



God had many special reasons
for giving the 10 Commandments
to His people, the Nation of Israel.
One of these reasons is because the
Commandments contain valuable
lessons for both Christians and Jews.



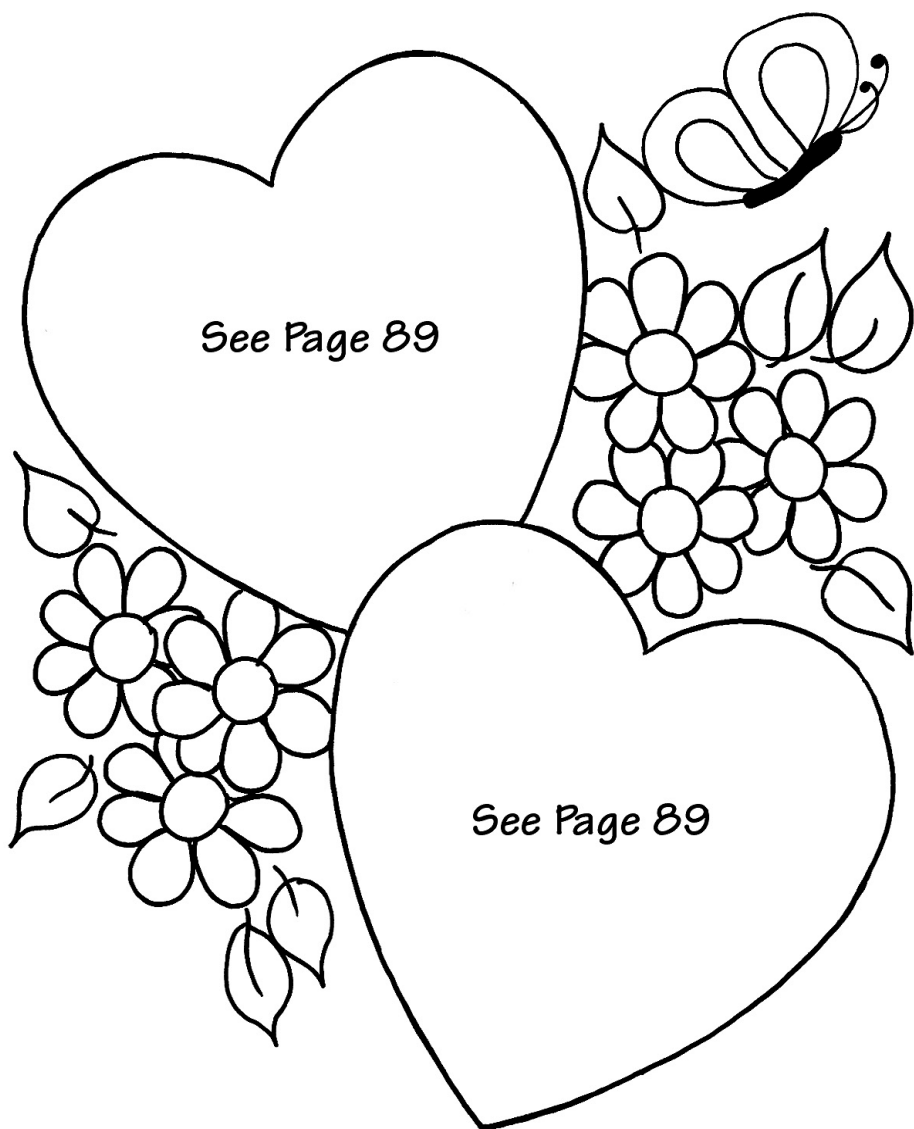
74 Jesus was the only Jew to ever keep
all of the Commandments given to the
Nation of Israel. He was perfect in every way.



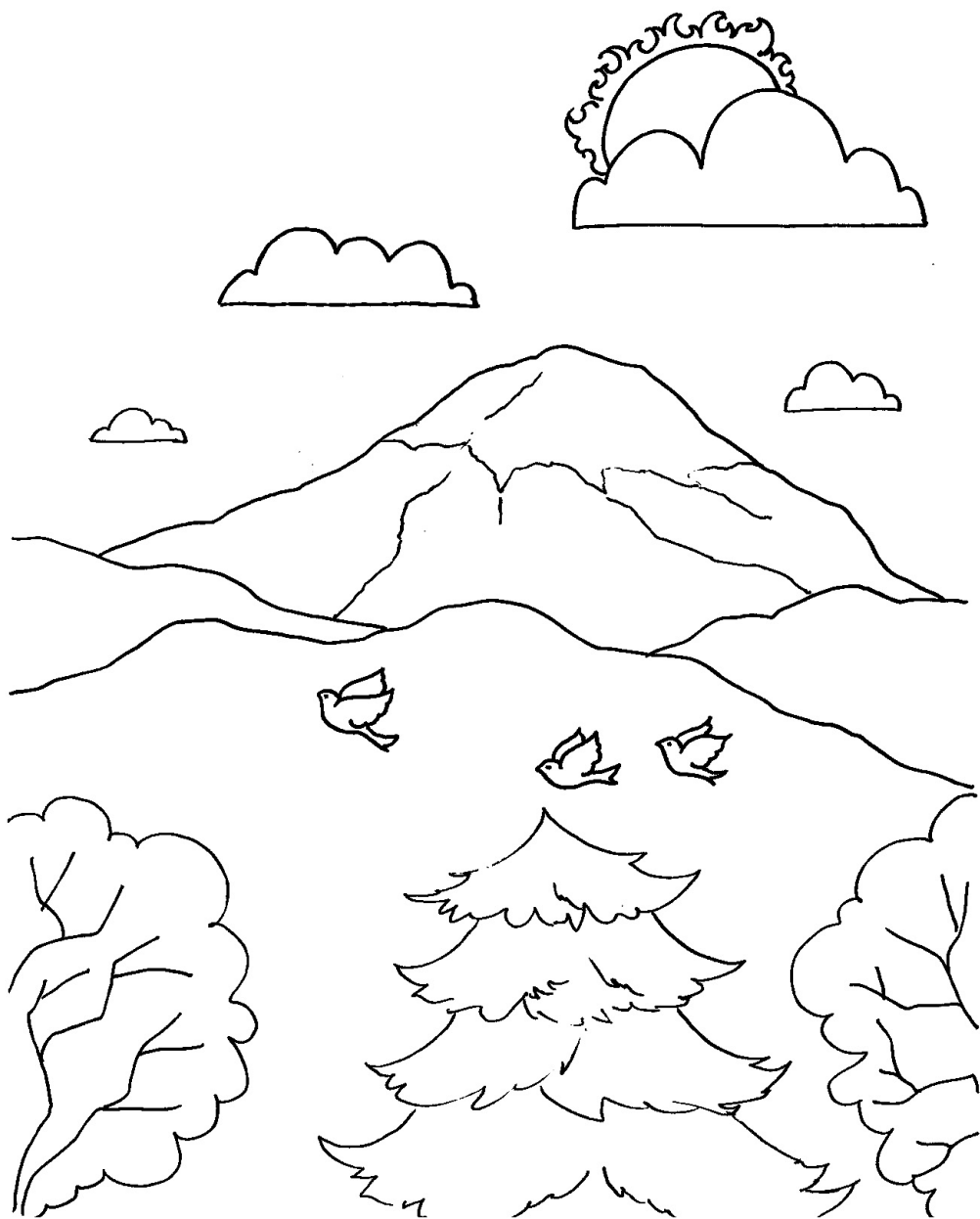
The Bible tells us that if we believe in Jesus, then we are free from the Law of the Commandments given to Israel.

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(Romans 8:2-3) But Jesus gave Christians two New Commandments that are very wise. Discuss how all ten of the Commandments are in these two.

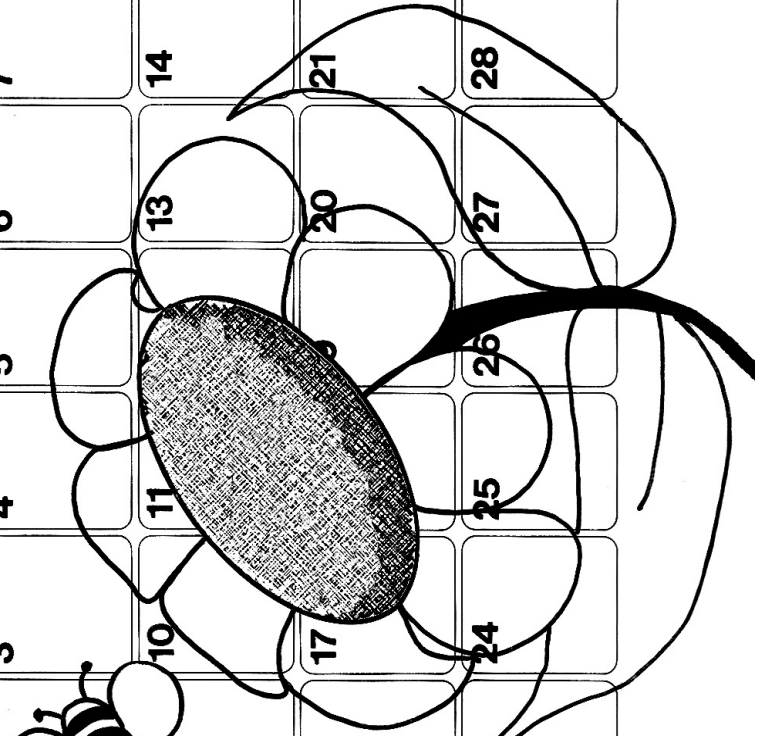


The lesson found in Israel's 4th Commandment is one of the most beautiful lessons to Christians today. It teaches us about God's plan for a Kingdom in which all mankind will rest from pain, suffering and death.

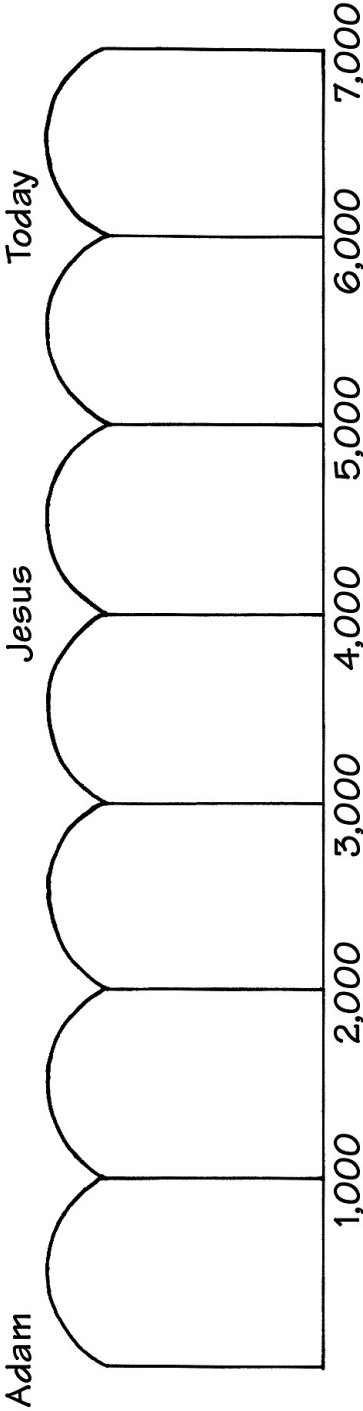


Since God created Adam and Eve,
mankind has lived on earth for about 6,000 years.
Each 1,000 year period is considered a day to God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



On the Great Sabbath Day —
the 7th one thousand year day —
mankind will rest from all sickness, sin and sorrow.



We can see that very soon, mankind will know
that they are in the 7th thousand year day —
the Great Sabbath Day called the Millennial Kingdom.

Jesus healed many people on the 7th day of the week – the Sabbath. The Scribes and Pharisees criticized Jesus for this, because they said Jesus was working on the day of rest. But Jesus explained that God provided the Sabbath Day for man's good and not for a ritual.

Mark 2:27

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Jesus healed the people to show us
lessons of the beautiful things that will
happen on the Great Sabbath Day.
Then, in God's Kingdom on earth,
all the world will be healed.

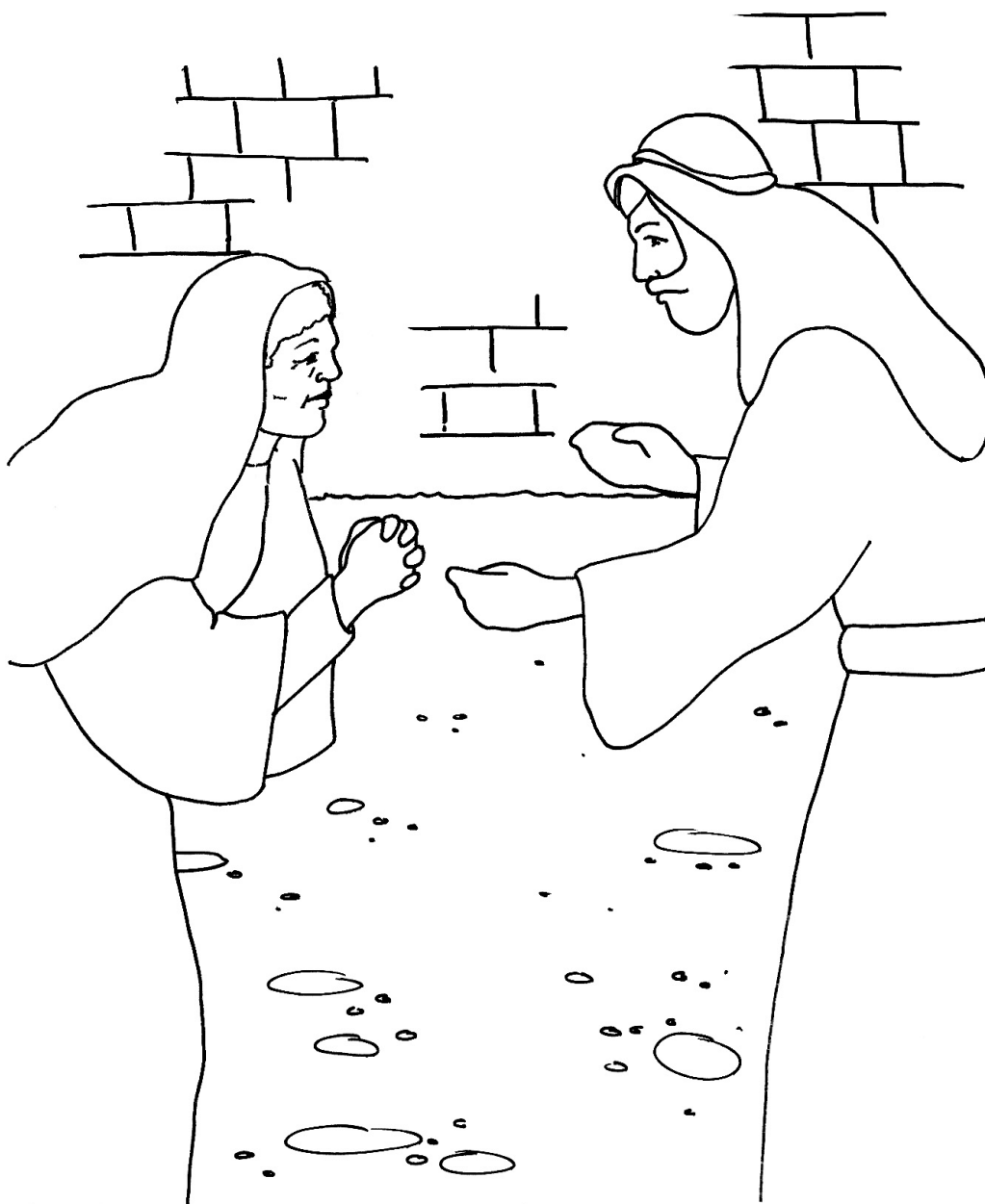


One day, on the Sabbath, Jesus saw a man with a withered hand. Jesus said, "Stretch forth thine hand," and he healed the withered hand. The man then had two healthy hands with which to work to God's glory.

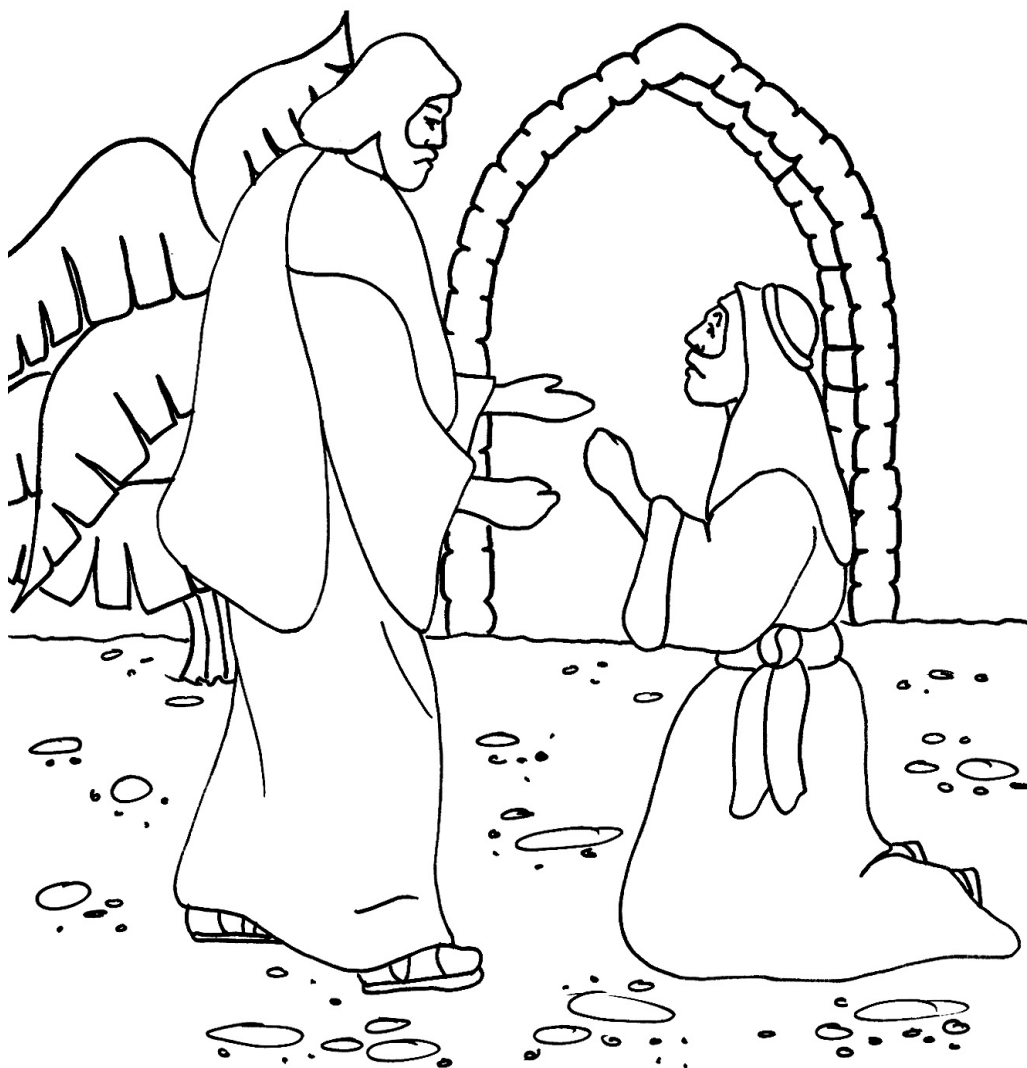
Matthew 12:13



82 Also, on a Sabbath Day, Jesus healed a lady who was crippled and bent over. Jesus laid his hands on her and said, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." And the woman stood up straight and praised God. Luke 13:11-13



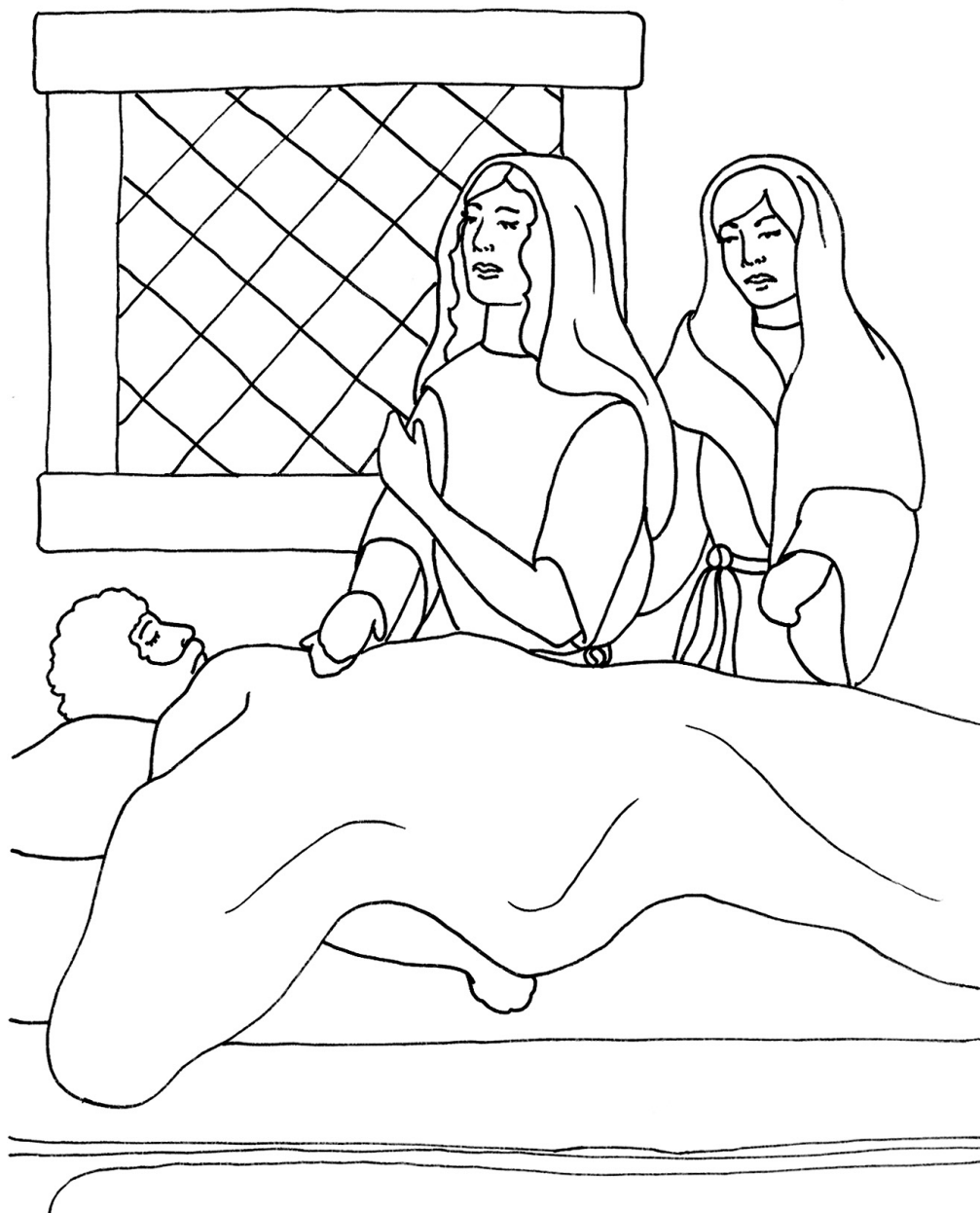
And, again, Jesus healed on a Sabbath Day.
A poor man who was diseased with leprosy
came to him in faith and kneeled before him.
When Jesus saw this, he was filled with love
for the man and said, "... be thou clean."
Instantly, the man was healed from his
terrible disease. Mark 1:40-42



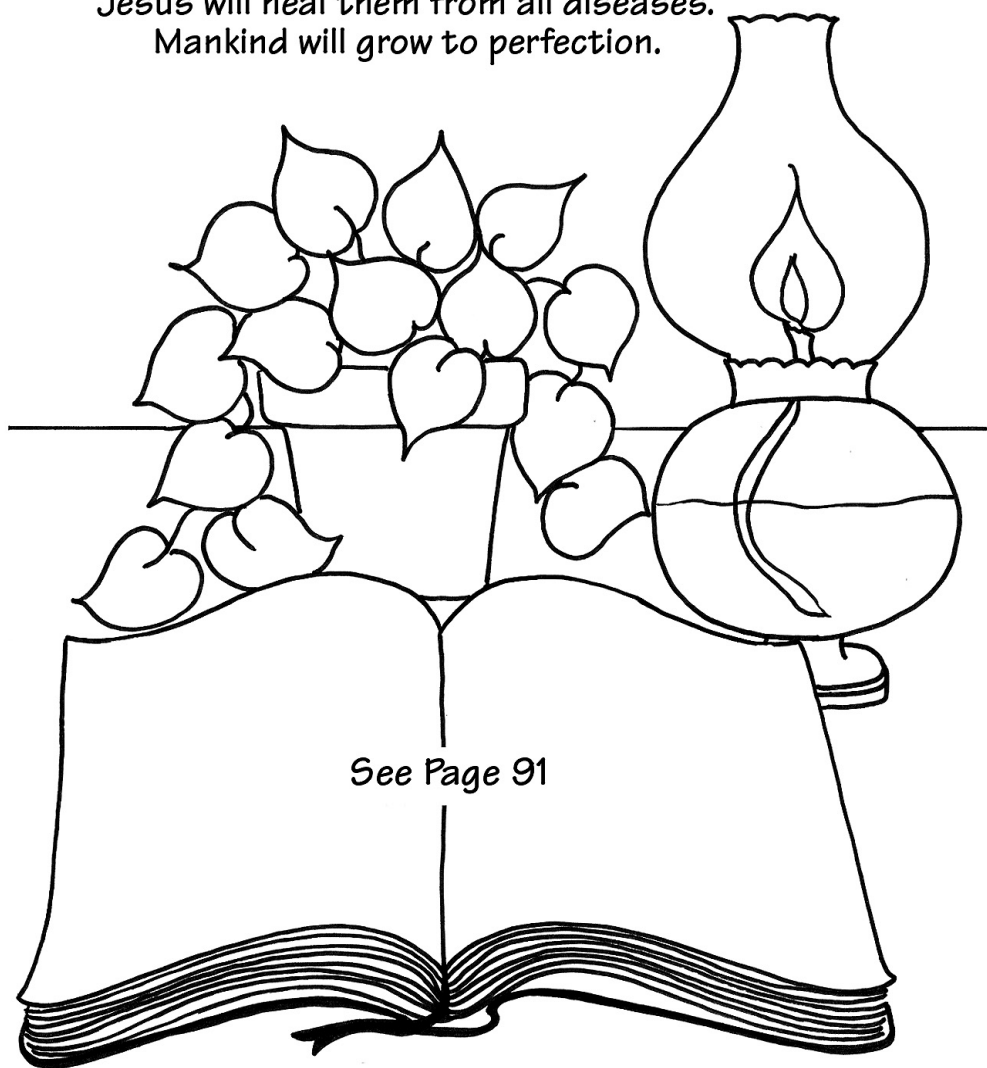
Jesus and God want all of us to
be healthy and happy, but right now
we live in an evil world where
Satan and those who follow him
cause much pain and suffering.



God is permitting this for a time
so that we will learn to love Him
and His righteousness, and so that
we will learn to hate sin and the
trouble that disobedience causes.



In the Great Sabbath Day, mankind
will learn to love righteousness, and
Jesus will heal them from all diseases.
Mankind will grow to perfection.

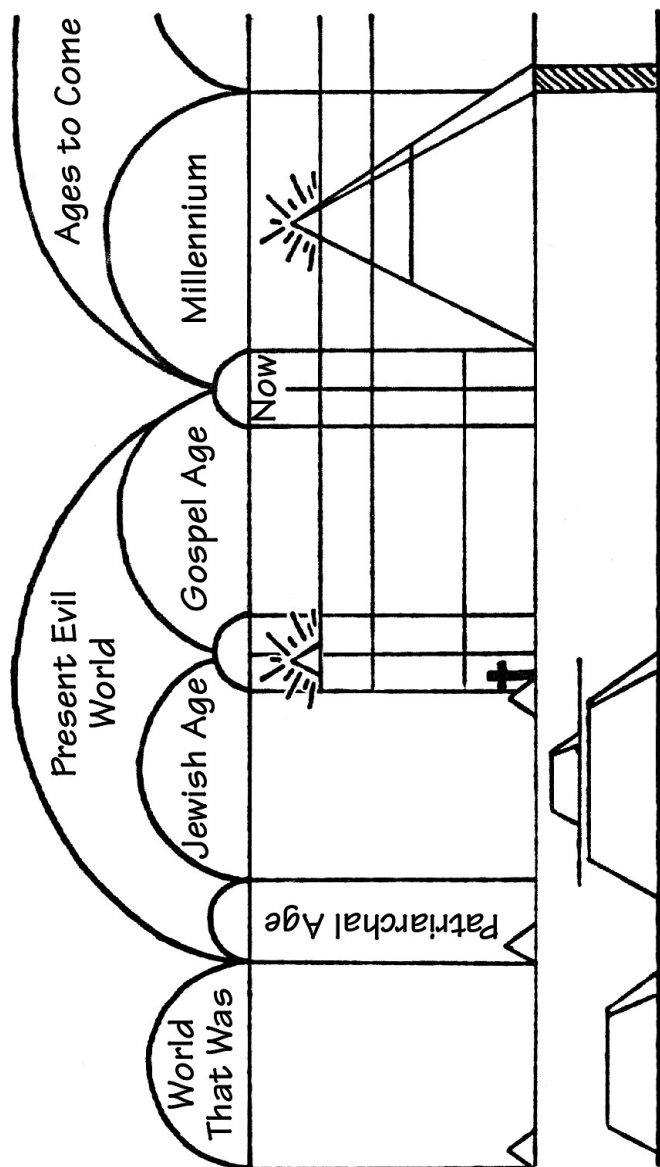



God will grant all righteous men and women
eternal life at the end of the Millennium.

This means that all who love and
obey God will live forever and ever.

Isaiah 26:9

Draw a picture of Jesus
praying to God . . .






"Thou shalt love
the Lord thy God
with all thy heart,
and with all thy
soul and with
all thy mind."

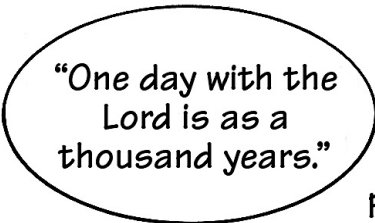
Matthew 22:37

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"Thou shalt love
thy neighbor
as thyself."

Matthew 22:39



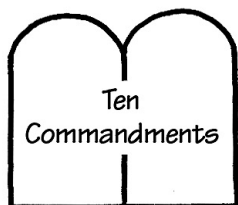
"One day with the
Lord is as a
thousand years."

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"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

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precious promise
on the open Bible.
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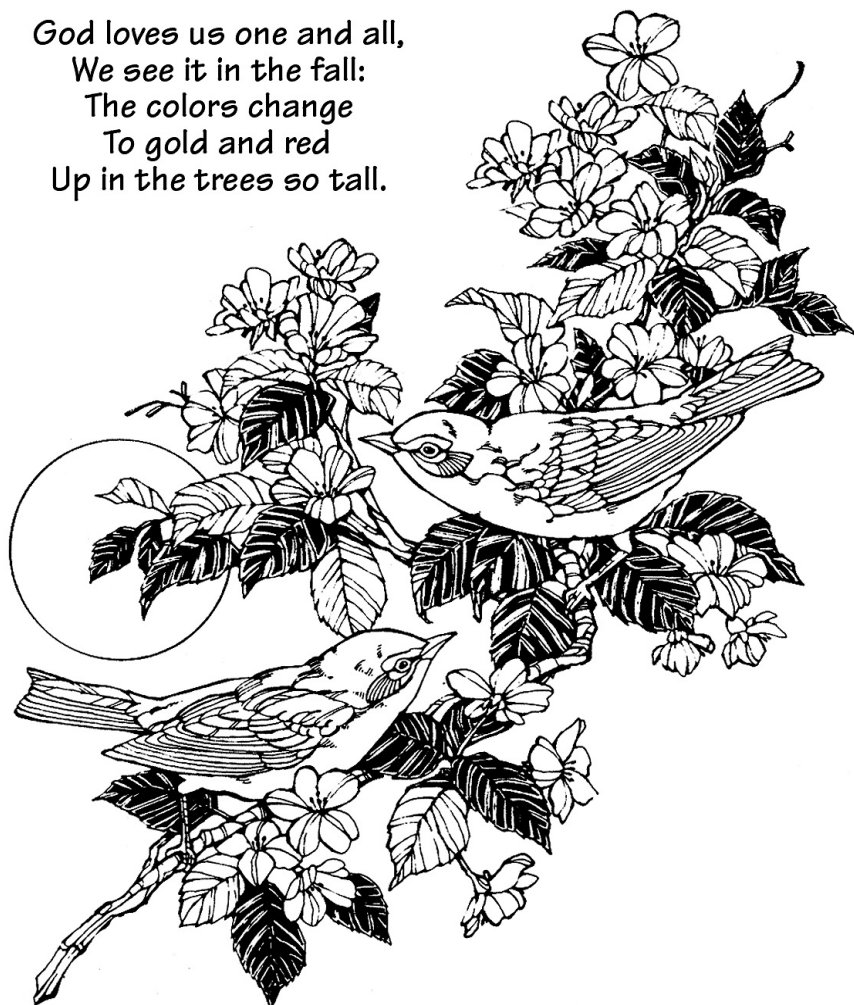
God loves us one and all,
We see it every spring:
The little flowers
That lift their heads
And pretty birds that sing.

God loves us one and all,
The summer shows His love:
The fruit that grows,
The sun that glows
And fills the sky above.

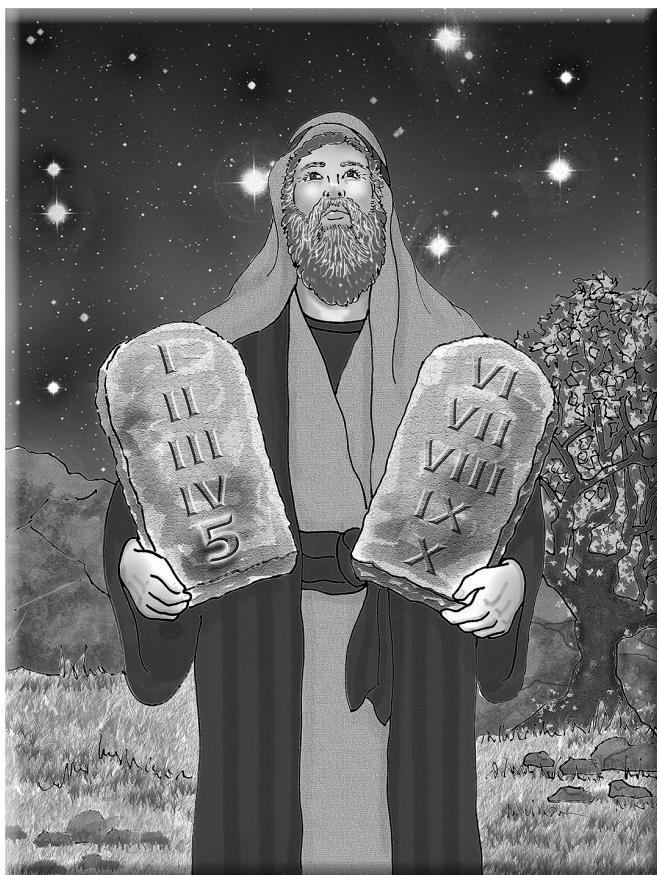
God loves us one and all,
We see it in the fall:
The colors change
To gold and red
Up in the trees so tall.

God loves us one and all,
In winter all around:
The fresh white snow
That sparkles so –
A blanket for the ground.

God loves us one and all,
He shows us all the year,
And of the gifts
We love the best
Is His own Son so dear.



The FIFTH Commandment



“Honour thy father
and thy mother . . .”

Exodus 20:12

The 5th Commandment to Israel was:
"Honor thy Father and thy Mother."
It is also an important part of the
Law of Love given to Christians.



Abraham was a very righteous man who served God faithfully. Abraham and his wife were very old and thought that they would never be able to have children.



But, when Abraham was 100 years old,
God blessed Sarah and him with a son.
Sarah was too old to have children, so
the child was a miracle from God.

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100 They named their son Isaac, which means laughter, because Isaac brought them great joy, and because Sarah laughed when the angel of the Lord told her that she would give birth to a son.



They loved Isaac very much. As Isaac grew older, he grew to love, honor and respect his parents very much, too.



When Isaac grew to be a young man,
God tested Abraham to prove whether
he loved God above everything else.



God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and offer him for a burnt offering to God.



Abraham brought Isaac to Mount Moriah
to offer him as a sacrifice to God.
There, he built an altar.



Isaac loved and honored his father and God so much that he let Abraham bind his hands and put him on the altar. This was a wonderful example of faith, trust and obedience.



Abraham raised the knife and was ready to slay Isaac, when he heard the angel of the Lord call to him.



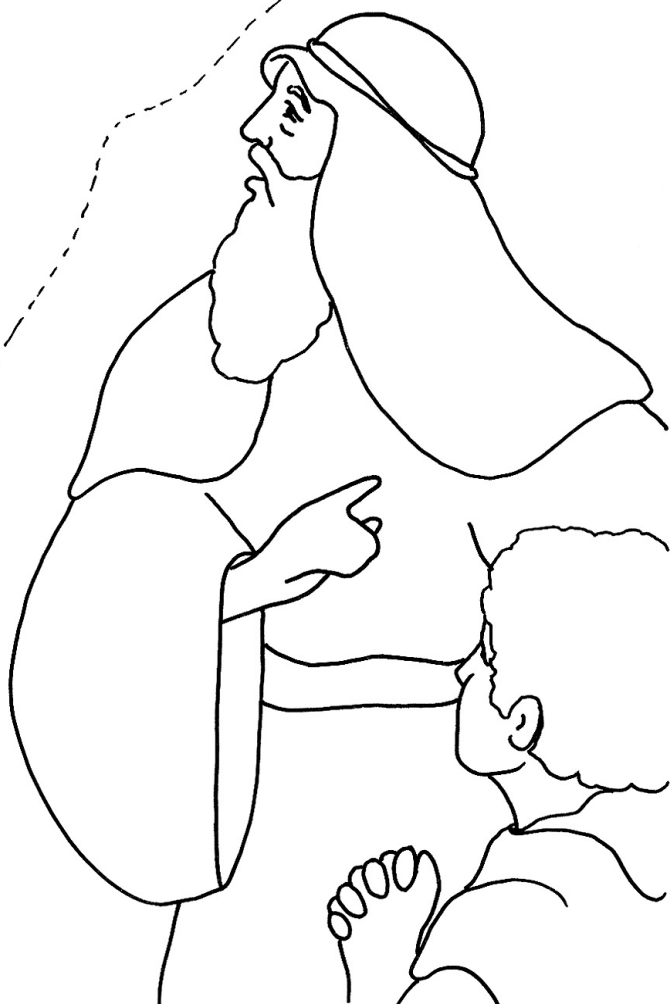
The angel told Abraham that he didn't have to hurt Isaac, because God provided a ram, instead, for the burnt offering. The ram was caught by his horns in a nearby bush.

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The angel of the Lord called to Abraham again and told him God's message: "Because you have not withheld your son, your only son from me . . . in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."
Genesis 22:16-18

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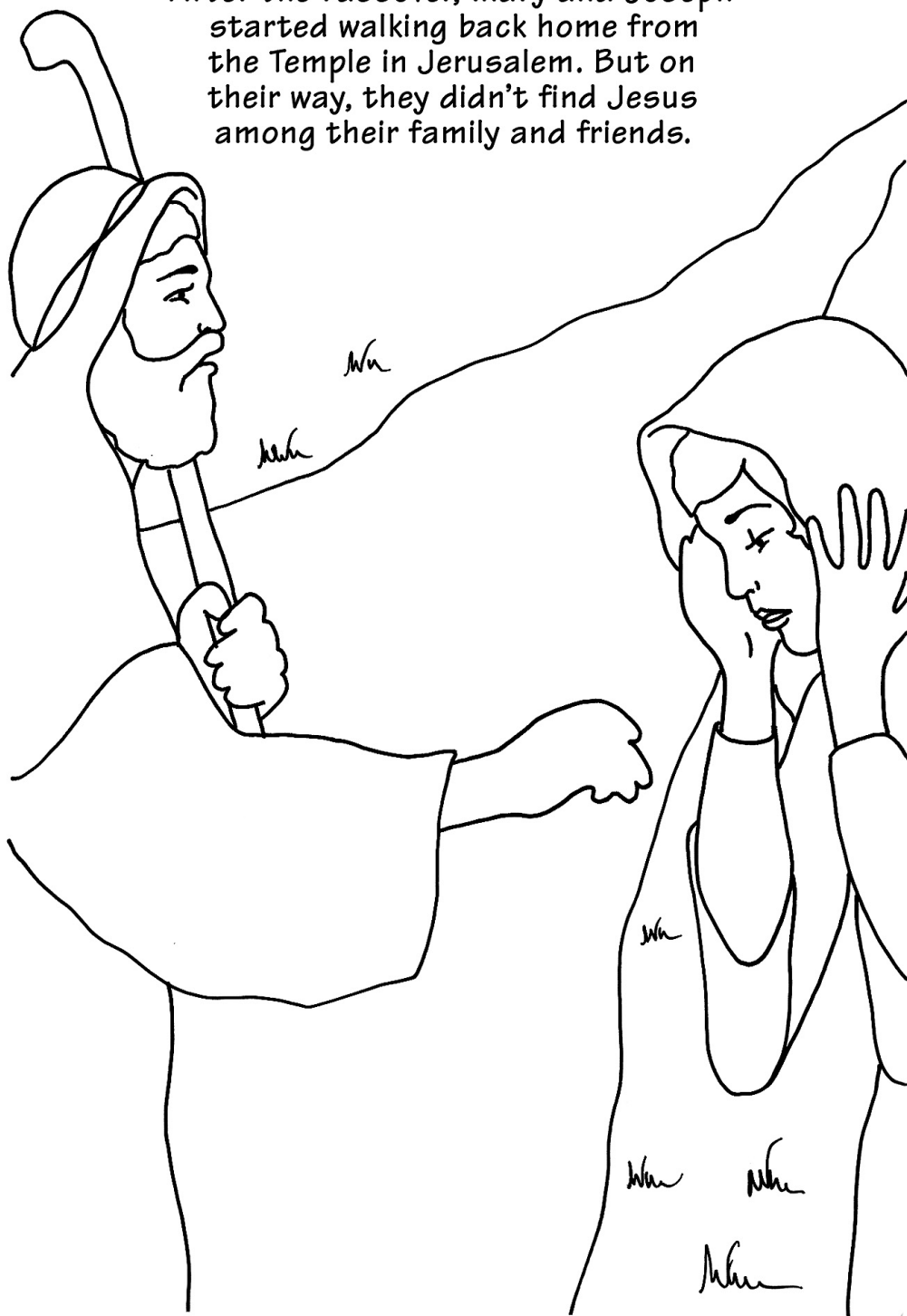
In this lesson, Abraham
pictured God offering his son Jesus in
sacrifice for the blessing of all
the families of the earth.



Jesus was also a good example,
because he loved and honored his mother
and father. Even though Joseph was not
his natural father, Jesus loved and honored
him, because Joseph helped him like our
fathers help us when we grow.



After the Passover, Mary and Joseph started walking back home from the Temple in Jerusalem. But on their way, they didn't find Jesus among their family and friends.



So, they went back to Jerusalem and found Jesus in the Temple questioning and listening to the teachers of the Law.



Jesus was learning more of his Heavenly Father's plans for him, so that he could serve God better. He wanted to stay longer, but he obeyed Joseph and Mary and went home with them. He was obeying God by obeying his parents.

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We should be careful to honor our parents, too. We should love, trust and obey them.

They try hard to take good care of us.

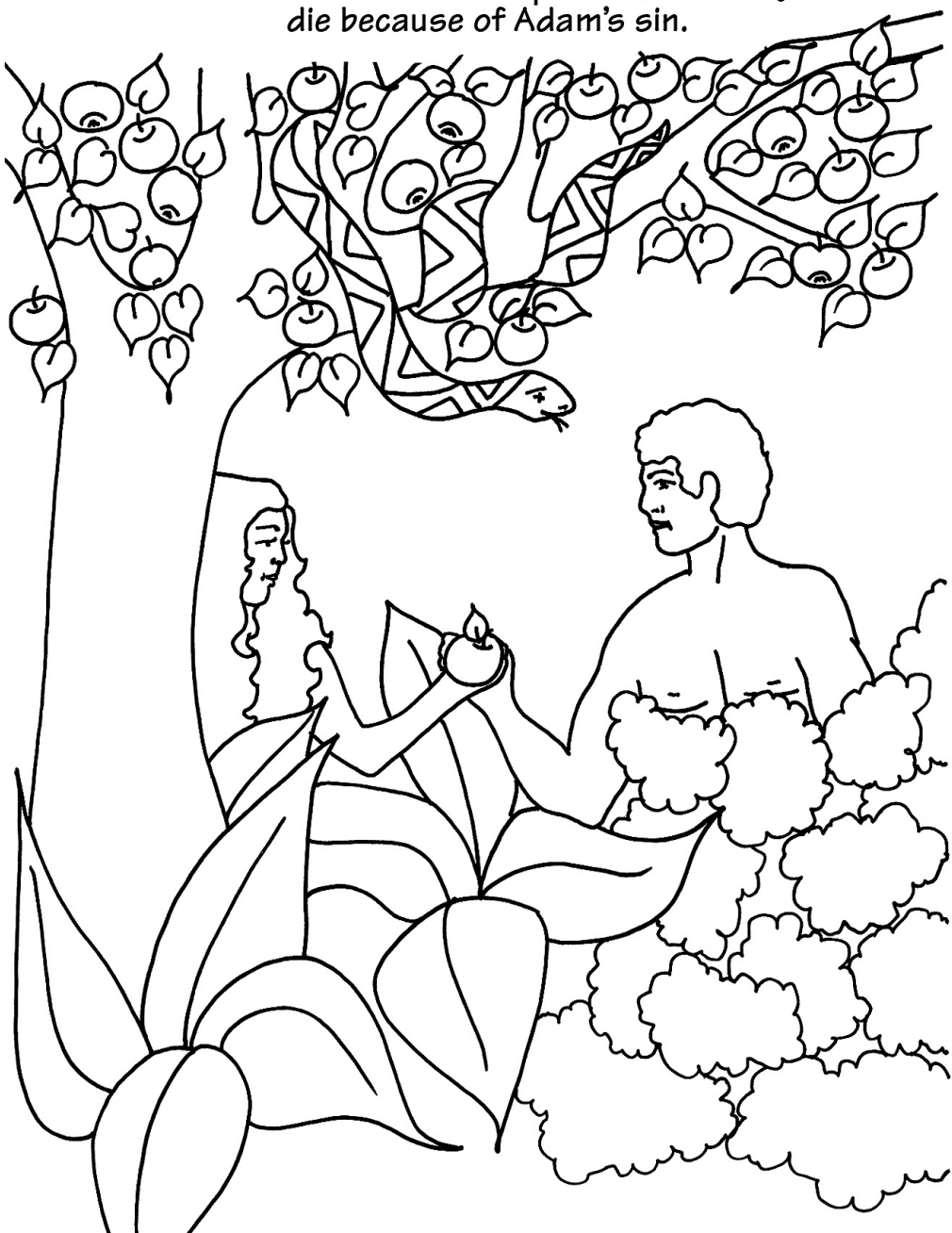
They love us very much and are helping us to grow up in the right way, by teaching us to learn real happiness and to be good examples to others.



We can help our friends to learn the right way, too, by showing them in our actions how much we love, honor and obey our parents. By doing this, we are honoring and obeying God, because He asks us to do this.



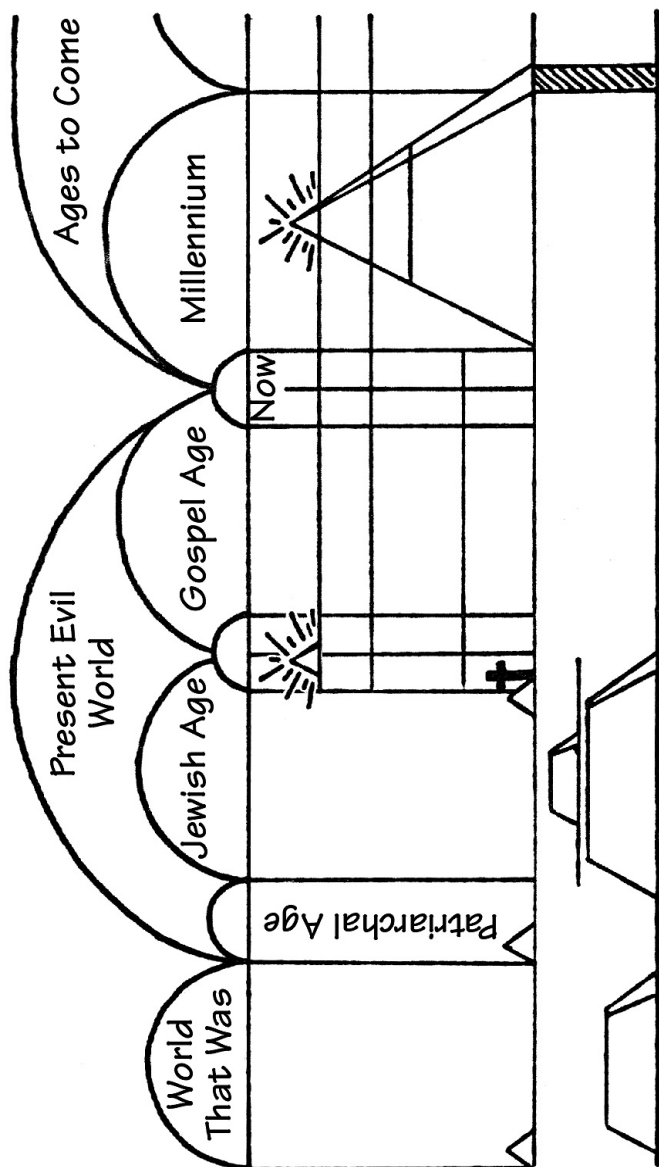
Adam and Eve are the parents of all mankind. They were perfect, but because they disobeyed God, they became imperfect and started to die. All of Adam's children and their children since then have been born imperfect, and they die because of Adam's sin.

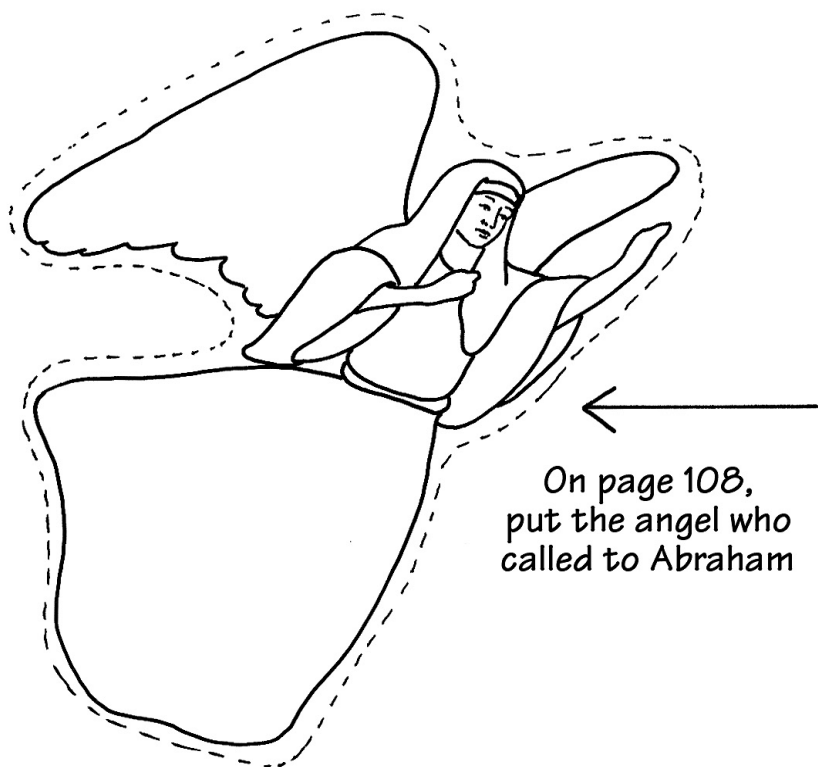


But, at the end of the Millennium, when the
people show God how much they love Him and
want to honor and obey Him, Jesus and the
Church will present mankind to the Heavenly Father
and they shall receive perfect life. Then, God
will not only be the Father of Jesus and the
Church, but also the Father of ALL!

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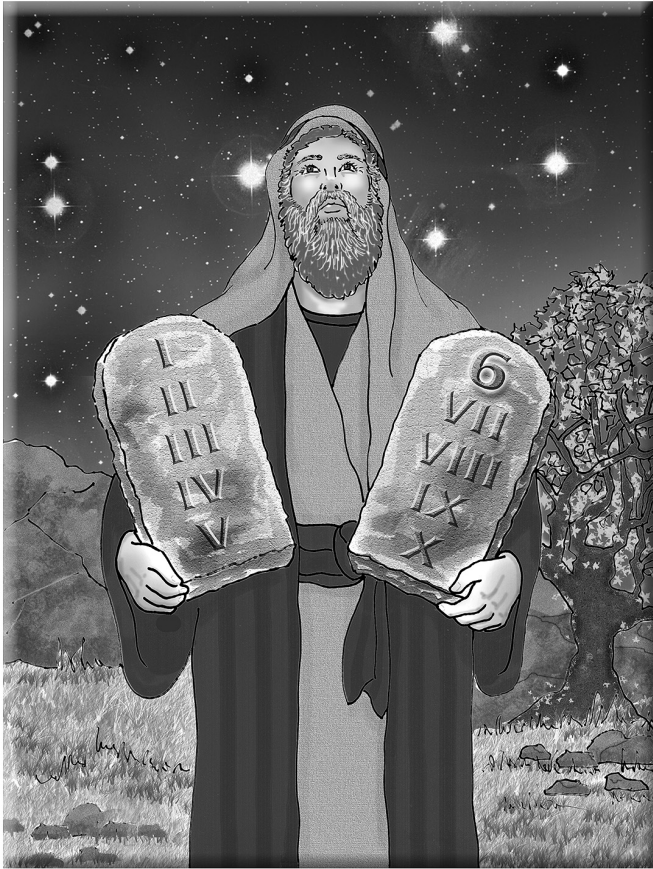




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Patriarchal Age on
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The SIXTH Commandment



“Thou shalt
not kill.”

Exodus 20:13

"Thou shalt not kill" is God's
6th Commandment to Israel.
It is also an important part of the
Law of Love given to Christians.

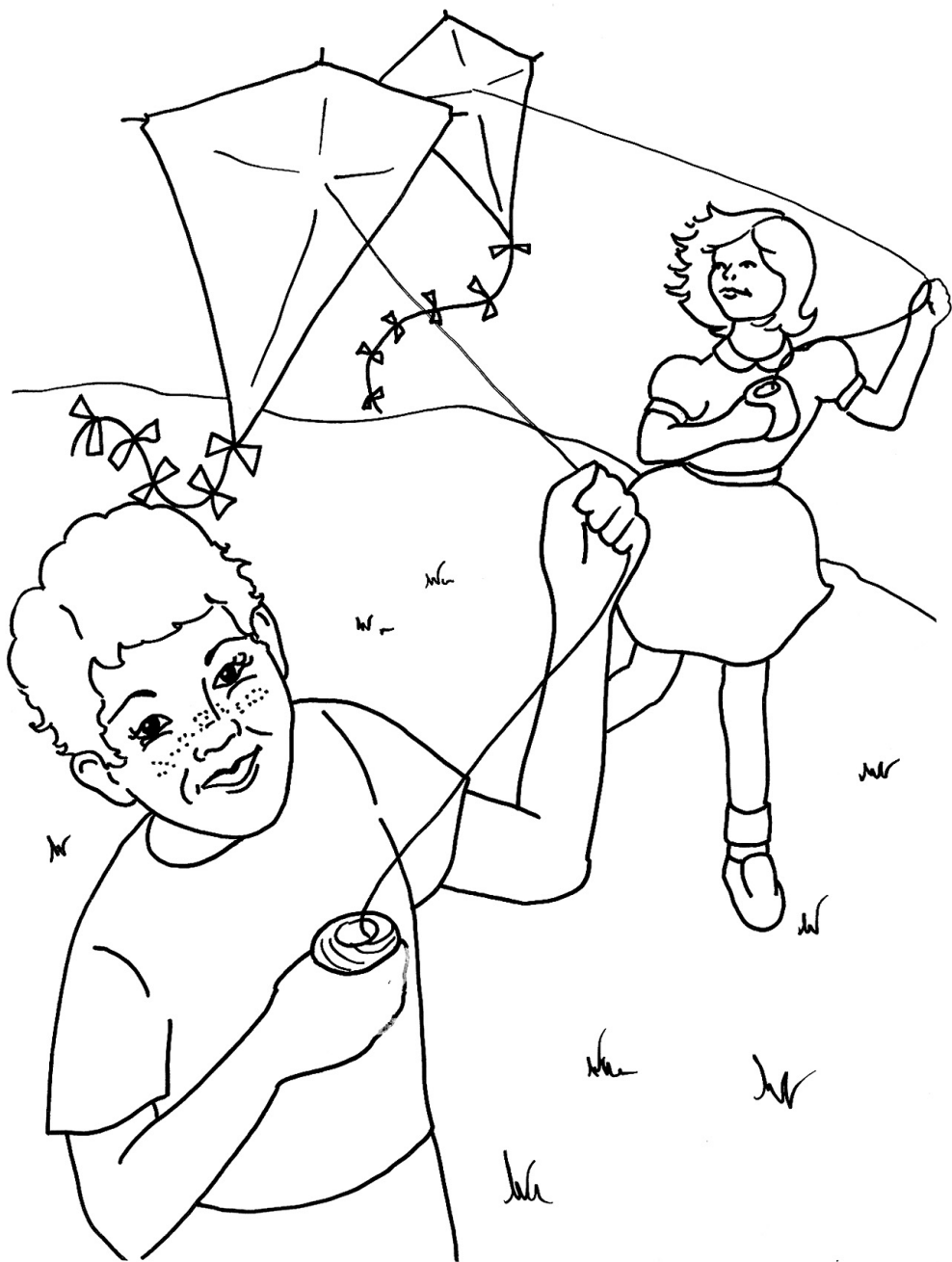
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God gave us the gift of life,
and we show Him we love Him
by taking good care of our lives.



No one has the right to hurt or destroy another person's life, or to do harm to their own life, because life is a precious gift from God.



We can see how good and great God's power
is when we look at all of the wonders
and variety in His creation.



These are just a few of the many amazing
creatures God made for us to enjoy.
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Lamb



Donkey



Calf



Dog



Duck

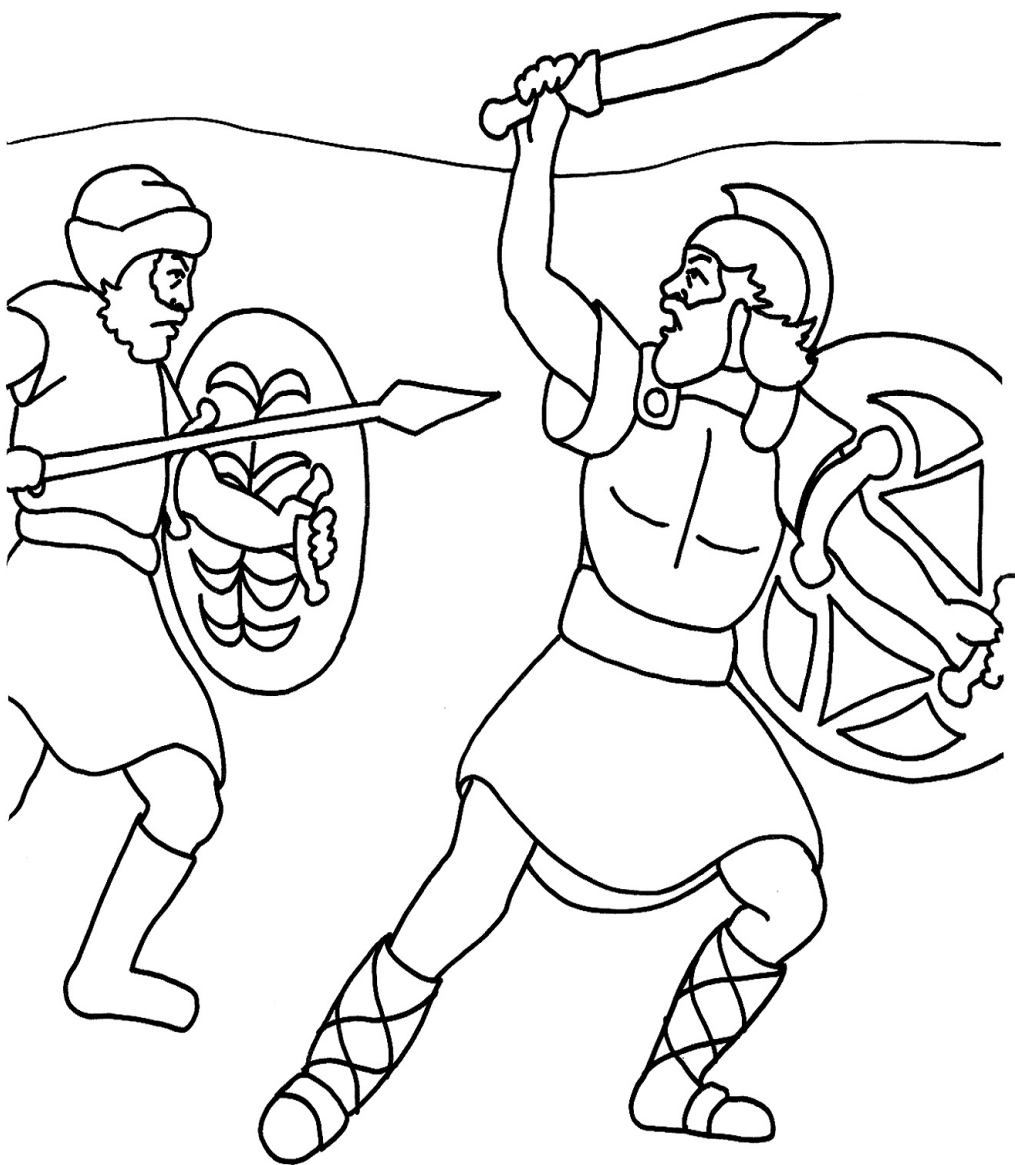
Of all the many creatures God has created,
who do you think is one of His most
beloved and special on this earth?



... It is the human family!
We should love life and be happy that
God loves us enough to give us this
beautiful gift of life.



Not everyone loves life like we do.
Some even kill others and break
God's 6th commandment.





Please!
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There are some
people today who
show how they
disrespect life by:
smoking, getting
drunk, taking drugs,
living dangerously,
being cruel to
animals, and being
cruel to other people.



The Bible tells when the first murder
of another human life took place.
If we look in the first book of the
Bible, Genesis Chapter Four, we will
find the story of this very sad event.



Cain and Abel were two sons of Adam and Eve. Cain was older than Abel. When they grew up, they wanted to give praise to God, and each gave an offering of what they thought would be pleasing to Him.

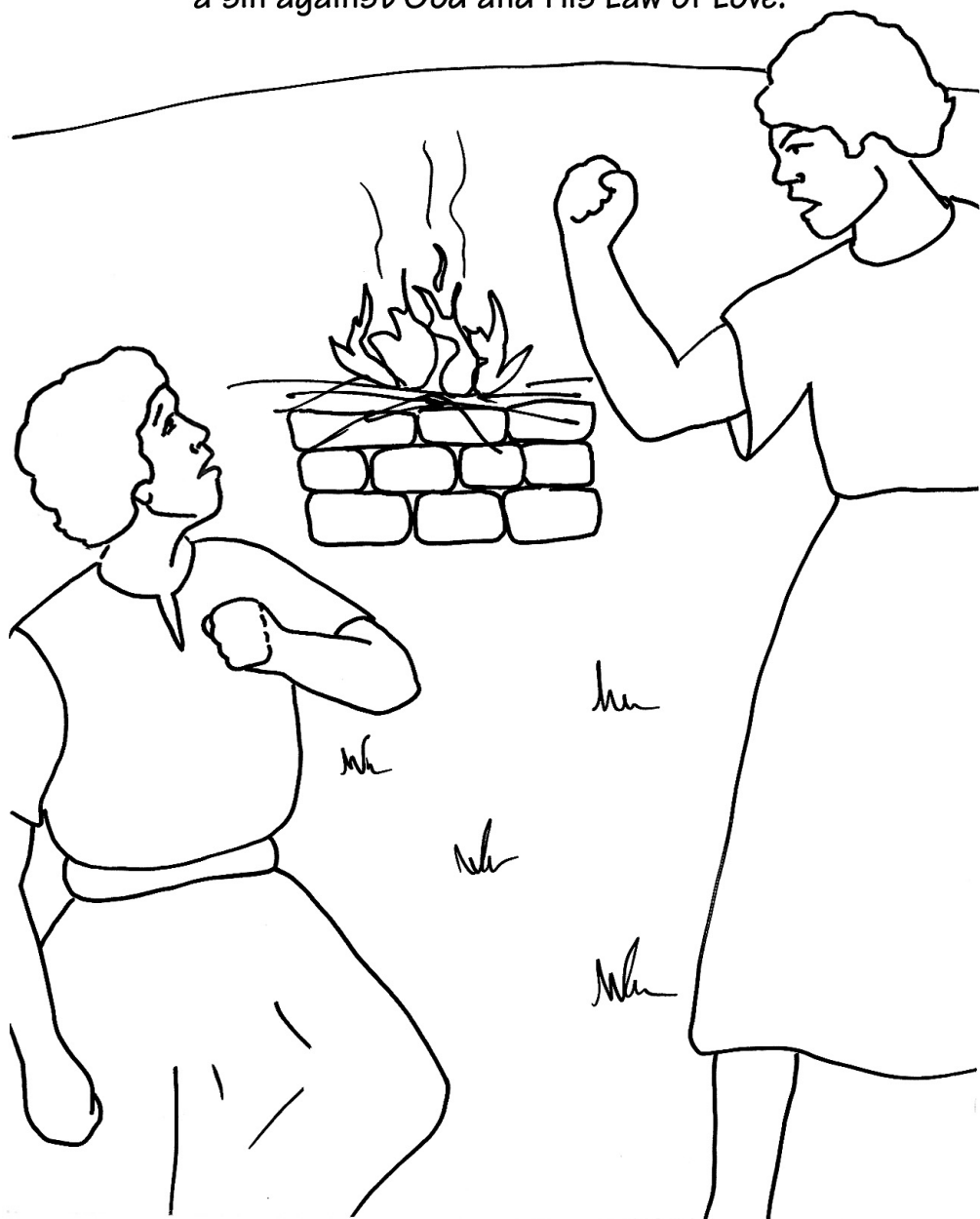


Cain offered grain on his altar to the Lord, and Abel offered a lamb. God was pleased with Abel's offering, because a lamb has blood which pictures life. But, God did not accept Cain's offering, because grain does not picture life.



This made Cain so angry that he killed his brother. There, the first murder took place. Even though the Law had not yet been given to the Nation of Israel, and Cain was not under the Law of the 6th Commandment, this murder was still a sin against God and His Law of Love.

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We should be careful not to be angry with others when we see that they have done something better than we can do. This is jealousy and can lead to terrible thoughts in our minds about another person. We should be happy for others when they do good. We should give the person a compliment.



Do you remember that God warned Adam not to disobey, or Adam would receive the penalty of death? God permitted Jesus to be killed on the cross so that the shedding of his blood in death would one day pay the penalty for the sin of Adam, and all of Adam's children.



Remember that the lamb which Abel offered to God was acceptable as a sacrifice?

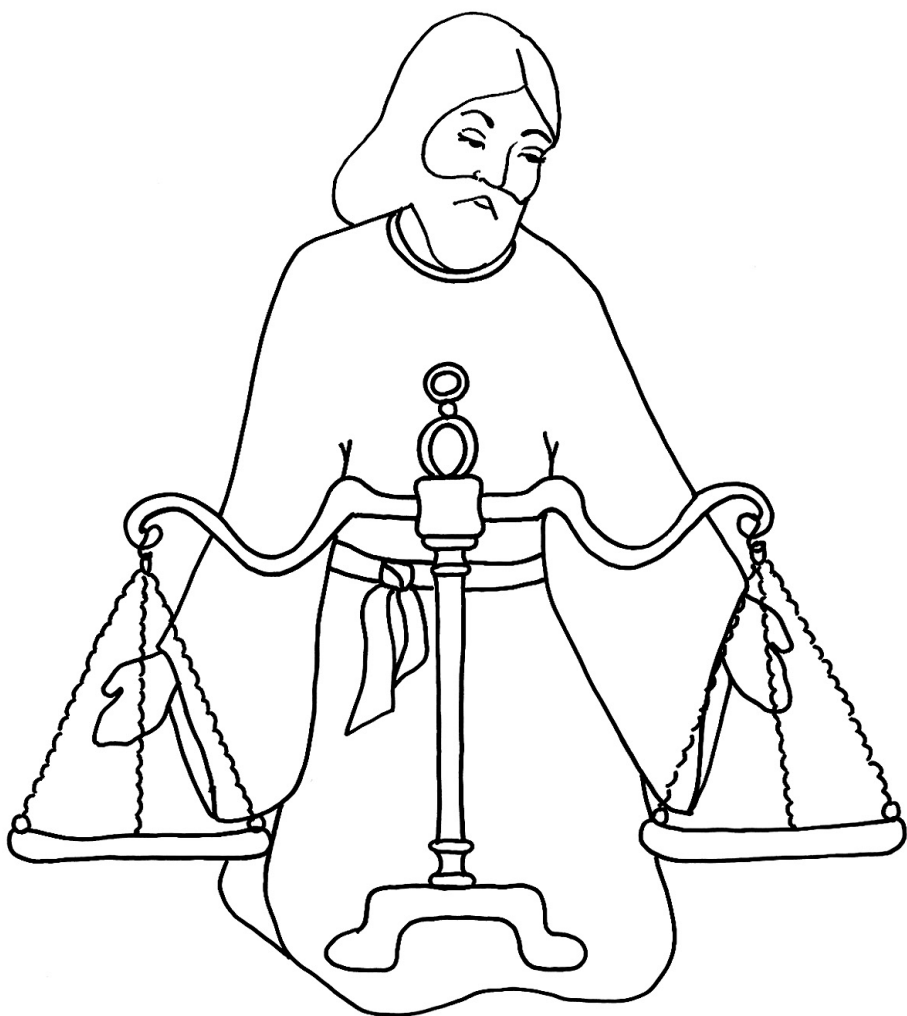
The shed blood of the precious lamb pictured something very precious to God—life—the precious life of Jesus.



Just as the shedding of the lamb's blood 139
was an acceptable sacrifice, so was
Jesus' death acceptable to God.
Jesus willingly gave his life
in sacrifice to God.



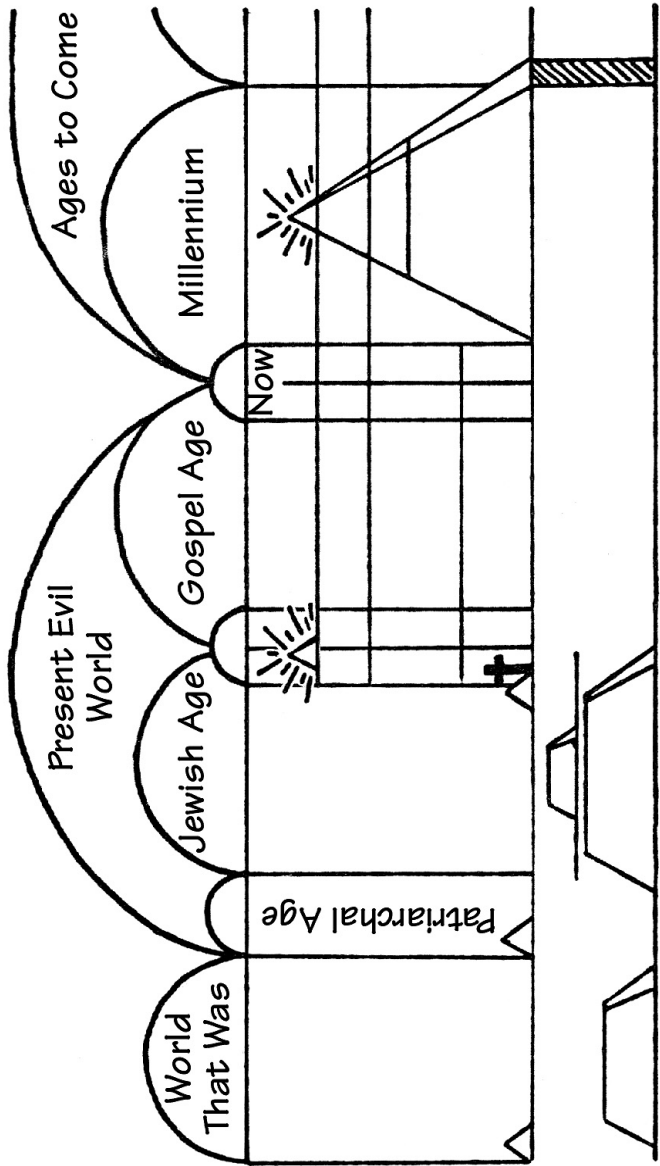
140 But, Jesus' death means much more,
because he was a perfect man who
was obedient to God in every way.
The shedding of his blood and the giving
of his life paid the price to buy back
the life that Adam lost when he sinned.
This is what the word "ransom" means:
a perfect human life (Christ) paid for
a perfect human life lost (Adam).



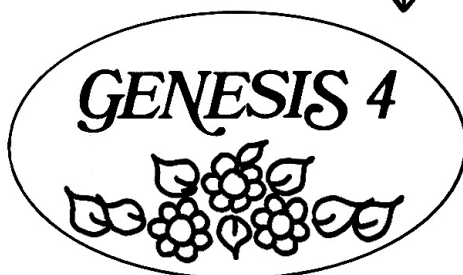
In God's Kingdom, all mankind will be so happy to have the opportunity for perfect life that they will desire to keep the 6th Commandment. Then, there will be no more fear of death or of killing, for none shall hurt nor destroy in all God's Kingdom.

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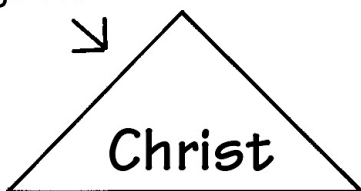
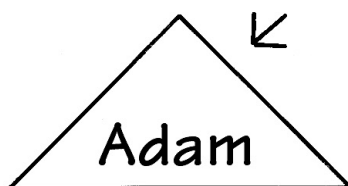




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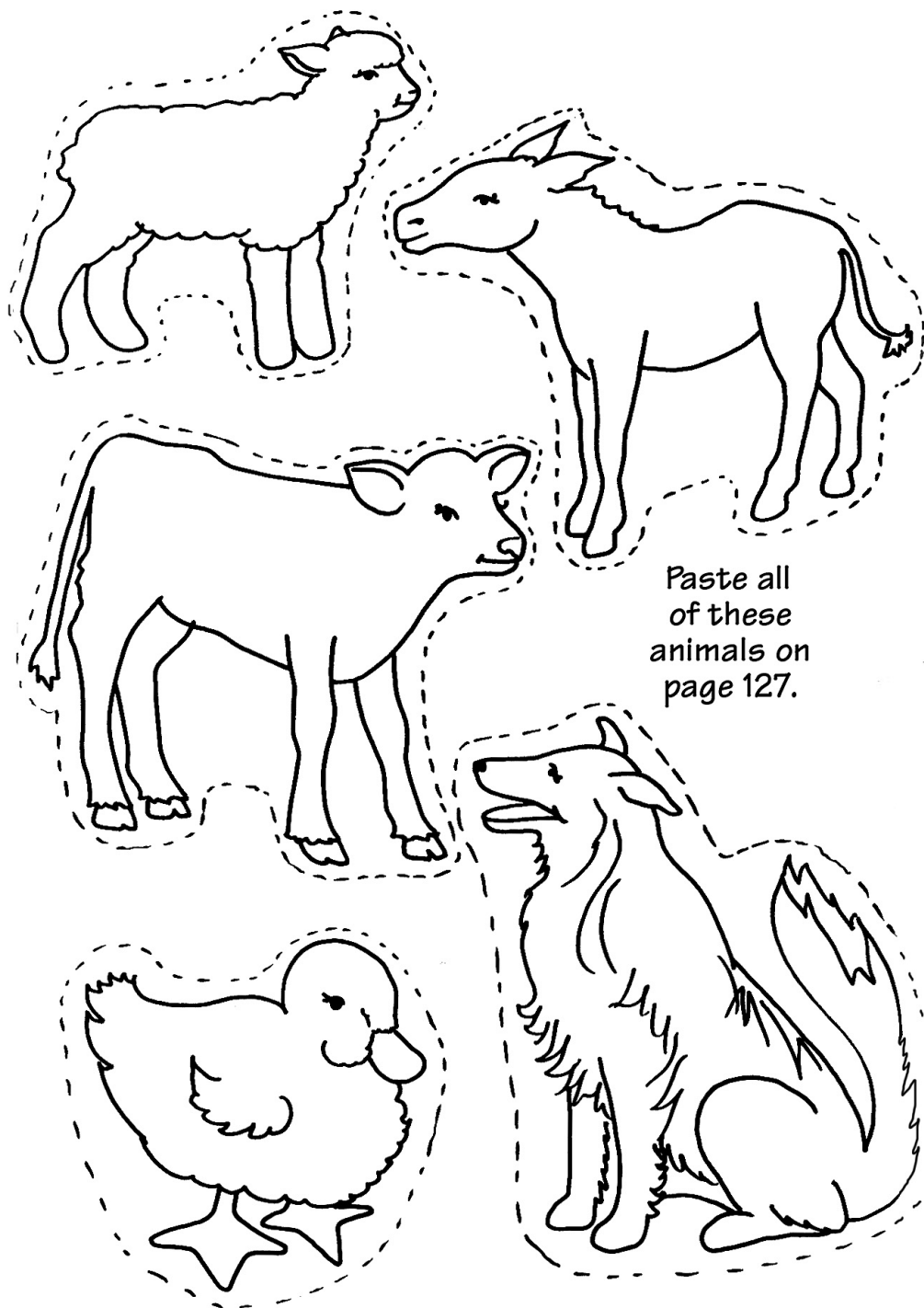


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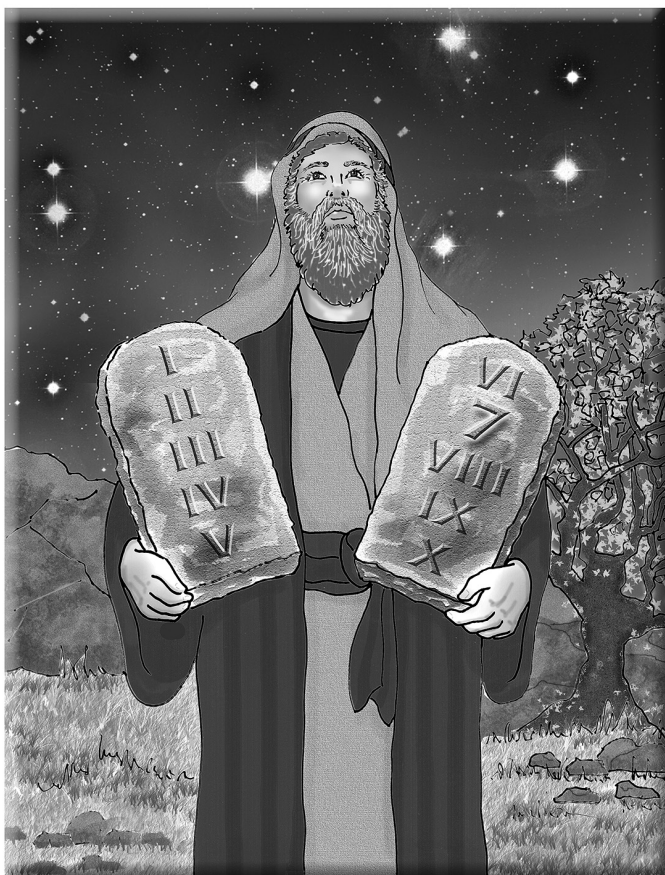
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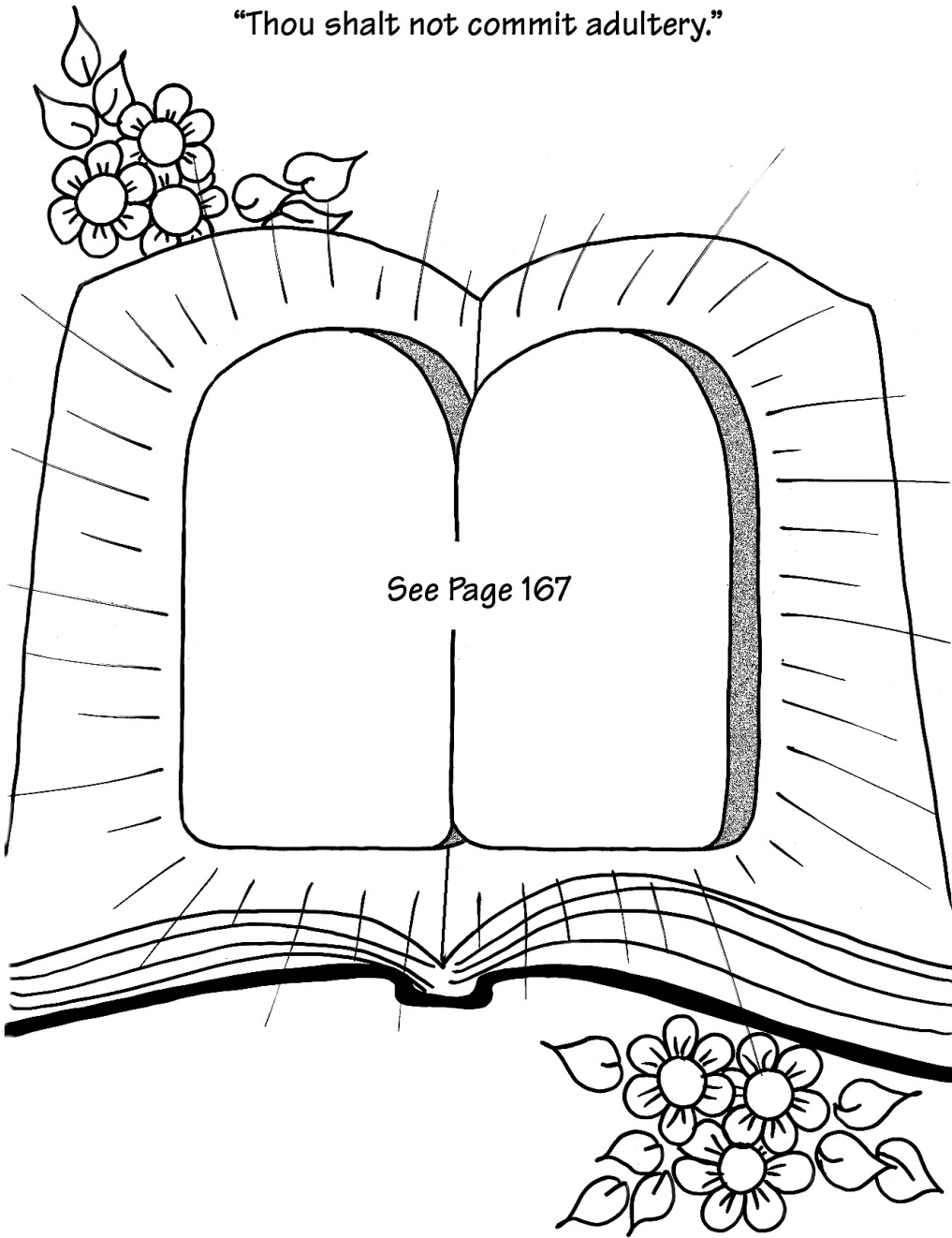
The SEVENTH Commandment



**“Thou shalt not
commit adultery.”**

Exodus 20:14

God's 7th Commandment to Israel was,
"Thou shalt not commit adultery."



150 There was a time when Adam was the only
human in the Garden of Eden. There were
birds and animals, but no other people.
So, God said that Adam needed a
helpmate – someone to be his companion.



So, God created a woman and called her Eve.
Adam and Eve lived as husband and wife,
and Adam was very happy, because he
was no longer alone.



God provided for Adam and Eve to be married so that they could have children and begin to fill the earth with people. Genesis 1:27-28



Adam loved Eve very much, and
Eve loved Adam. God was pleased
that they were married and
that they lived as a family.



God has arranged that it is natural
for each man to have just one wife, and
for each woman to have just one husband.
He is pleased when a husband and wife
love one another and when they are
faithful to one another.

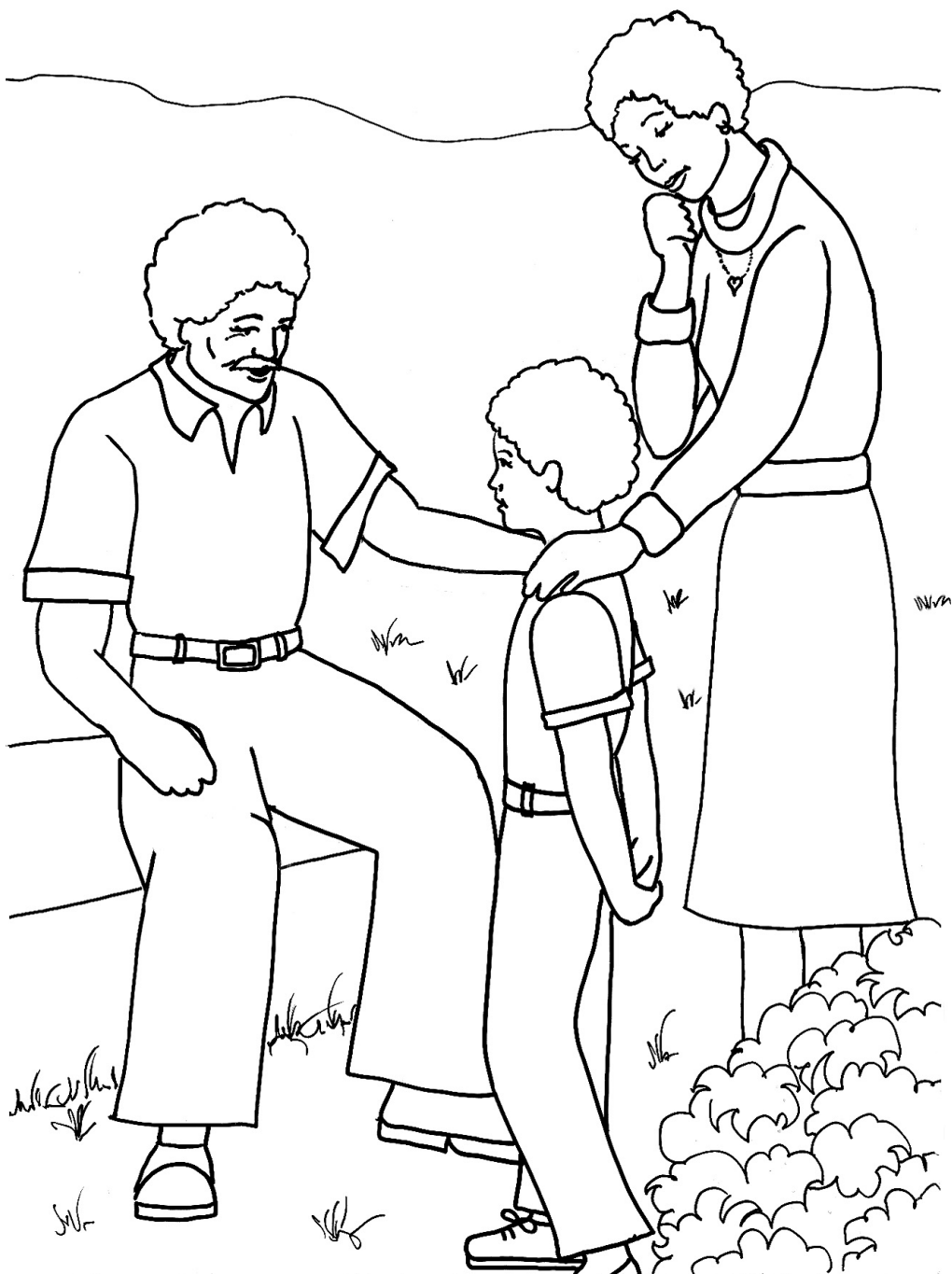


If the husband or wife is unfaithful to their mate and starts to love another person as a husband or wife, then God is not pleased. This is called adultery.

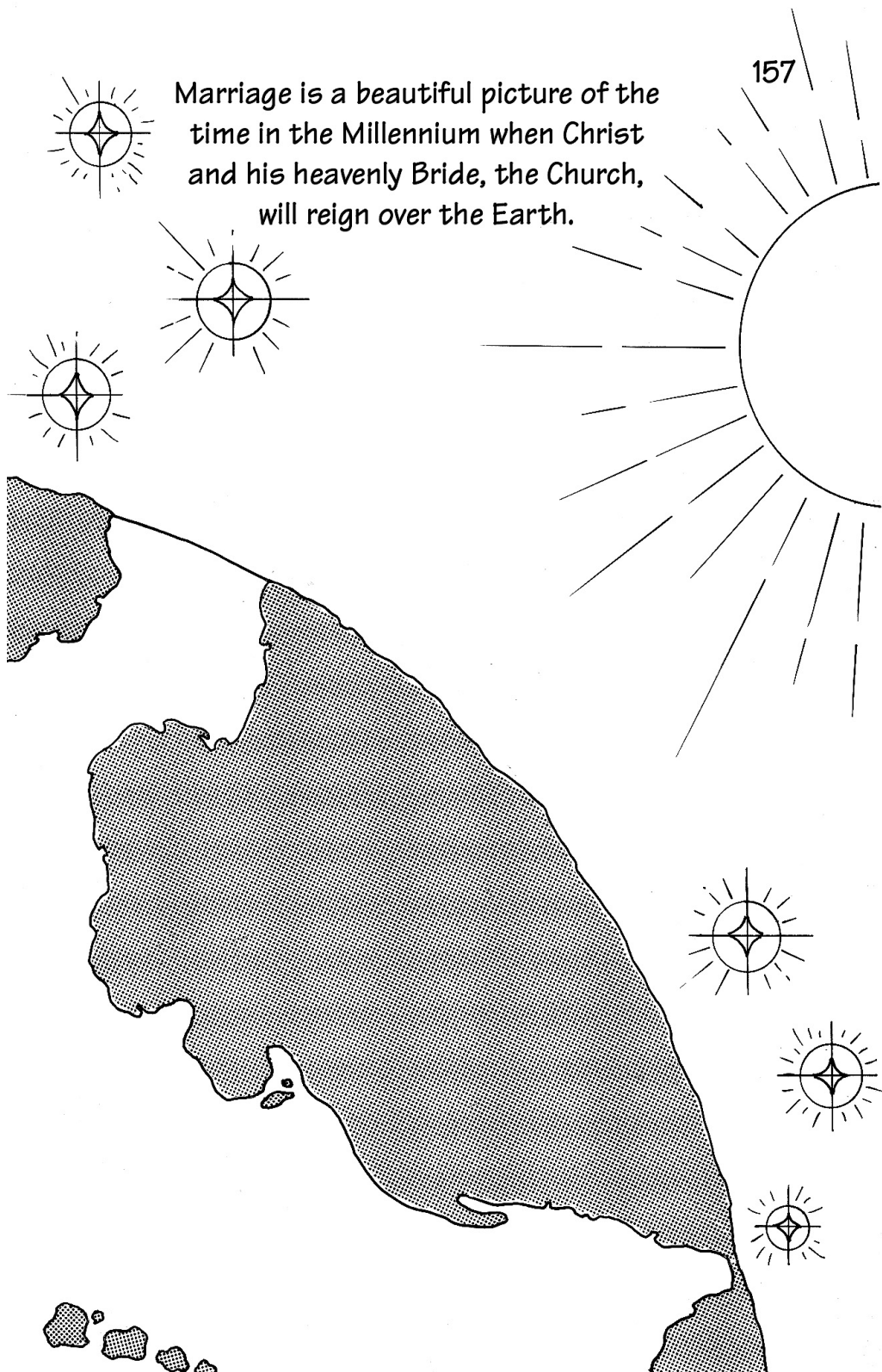
(Sometimes a man or a woman can remarry with God's permission if the first husband or wife has died, or if the first husband or wife has been unfaithful and left the family arrangement.)



God has a special reason for having us
live in families and for having us
marry just one husband or one wife.



Marriage is a beautiful picture of the time in the Millennium when Christ and his heavenly Bride, the Church, will reign over the Earth.



Christ is the husband and the Church of
Christ is his wife—his Bride. They will be like a
father and a mother to all the world of mankind.
The people of the earth will be like their children.



In the Millennium, all of the people of the earth will learn to live like loving brothers and sisters in one very big family. They will learn to live in peace and will love one another, just like we should love our brothers and sisters now.



In the pages ahead, name these important Bible characters and talk about their families.

Noah and His Family







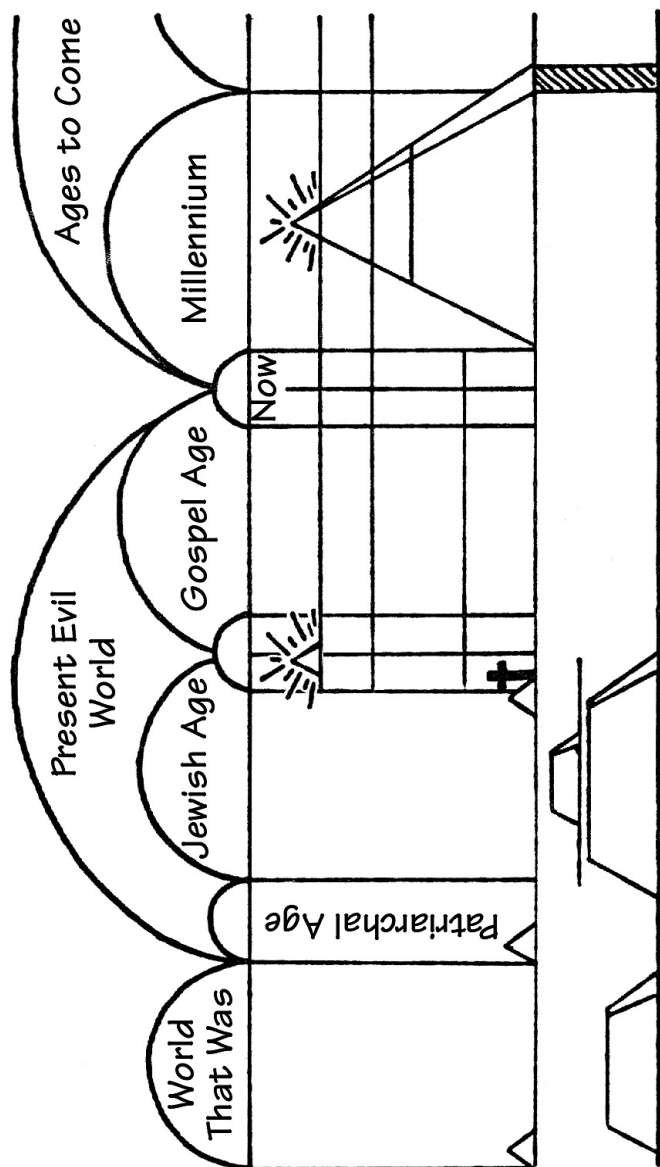


God used many families in the Bible to show very important pictures, so that we might learn lessons and understand His plan better.



As we grow older and learn more about these picture lessons, it will help us to understand God's plan, and we love Him even more.





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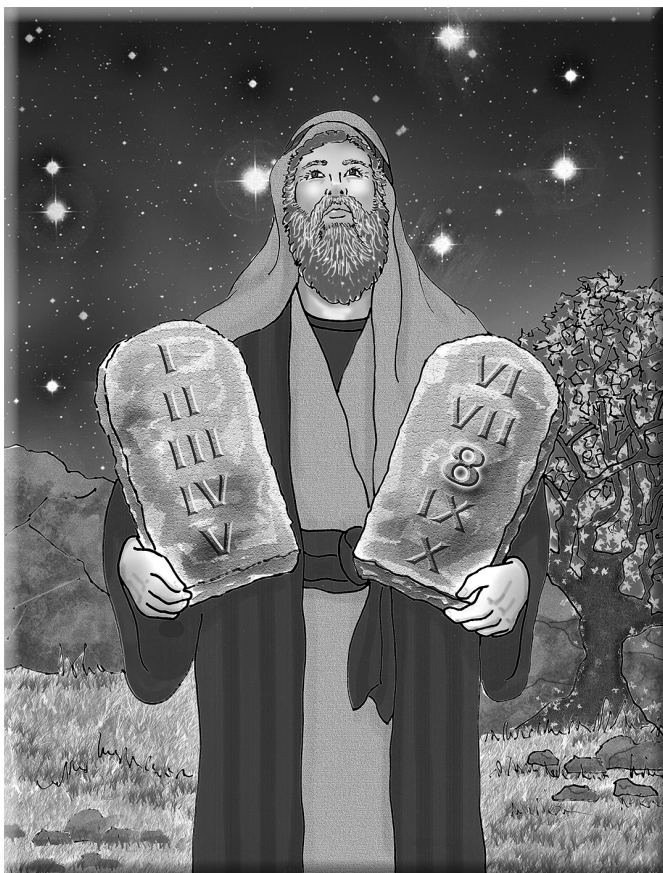
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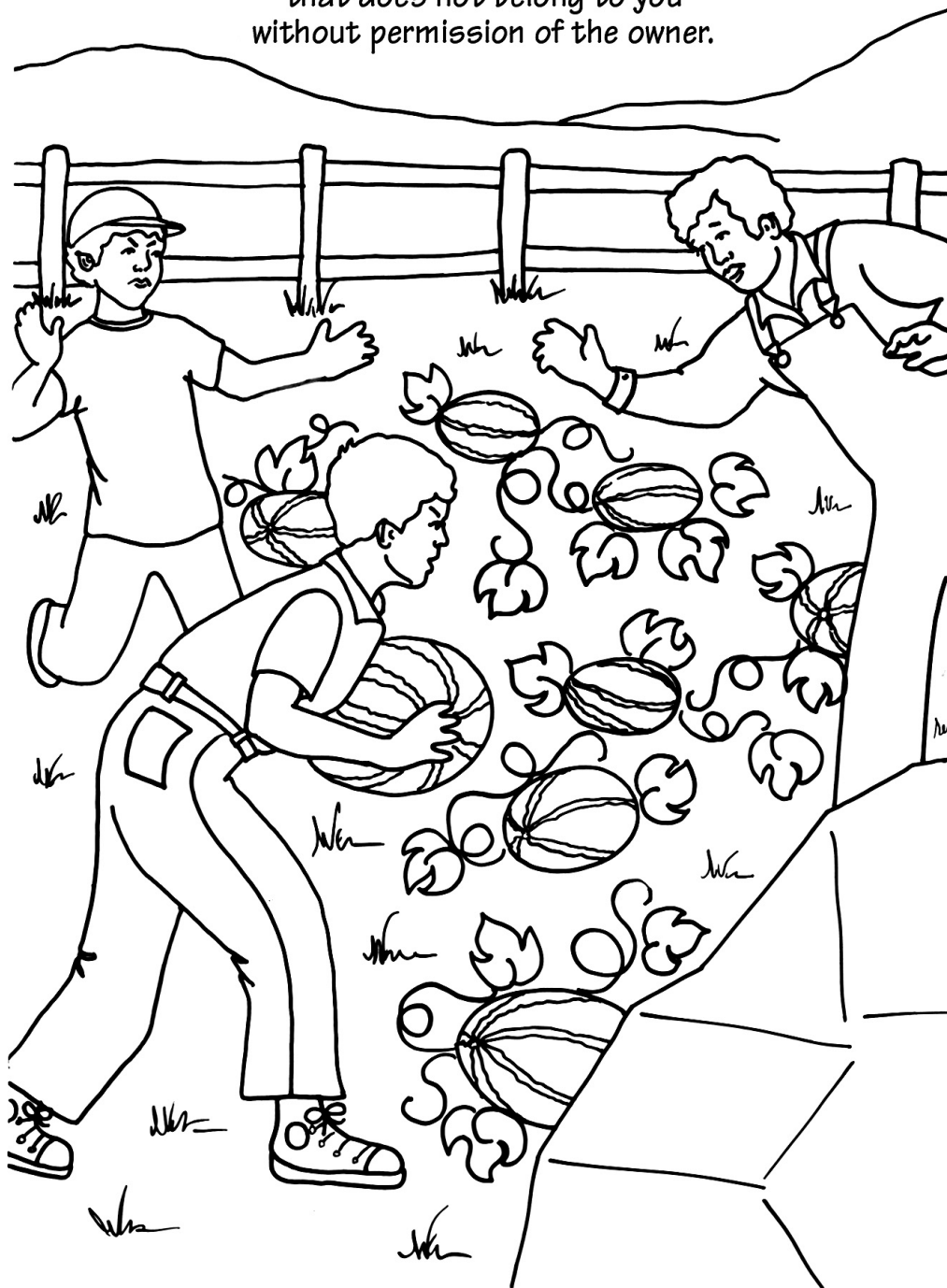
The EIGHTH Commandment



**“Thou shalt
not steal.”**

Exodus 20:15

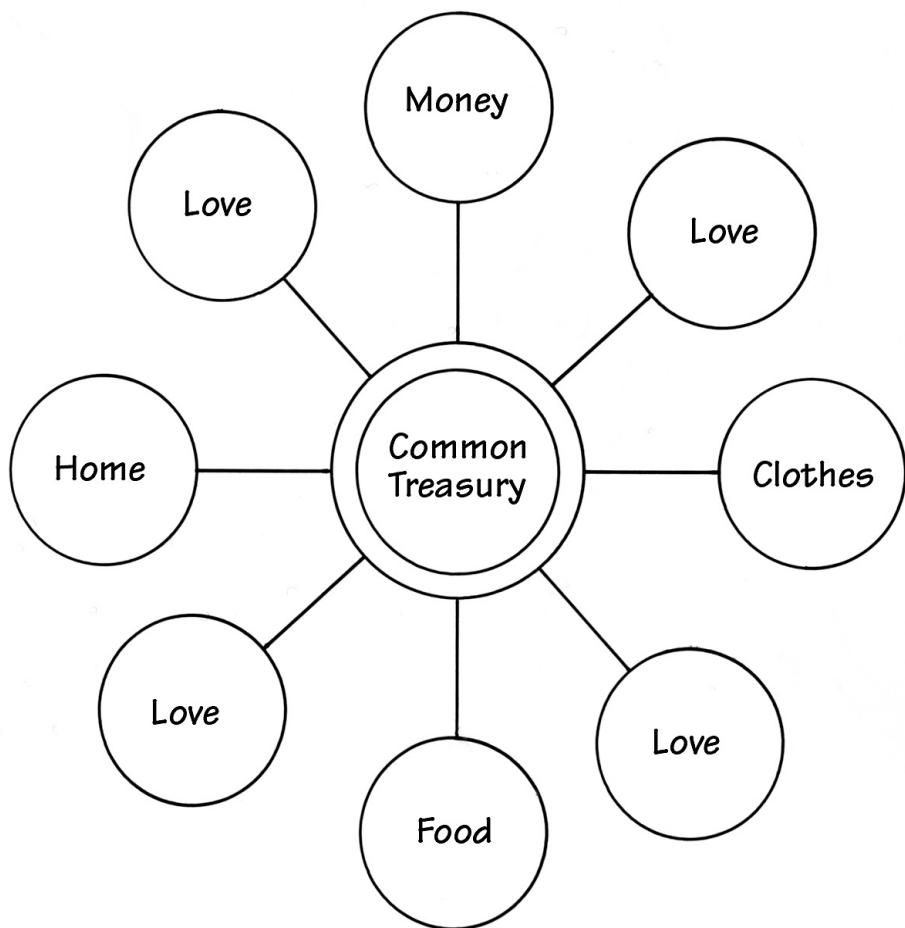
The 8th Commandment given to Israel was, "Thou shalt not steal."
To steal means to take something
that does not belong to you
without permission of the owner.



Some of the Christians living in the time of the Apostles shared all that they had.



Any time one family would earn a lot of money, they would put it in the common treasury for all to use as they needed it. Love for one another was the reason for every act of giving.



It was important for all to be honest
and follow the rules. If anything
was held back by one, then the
whole group would suffer loss.



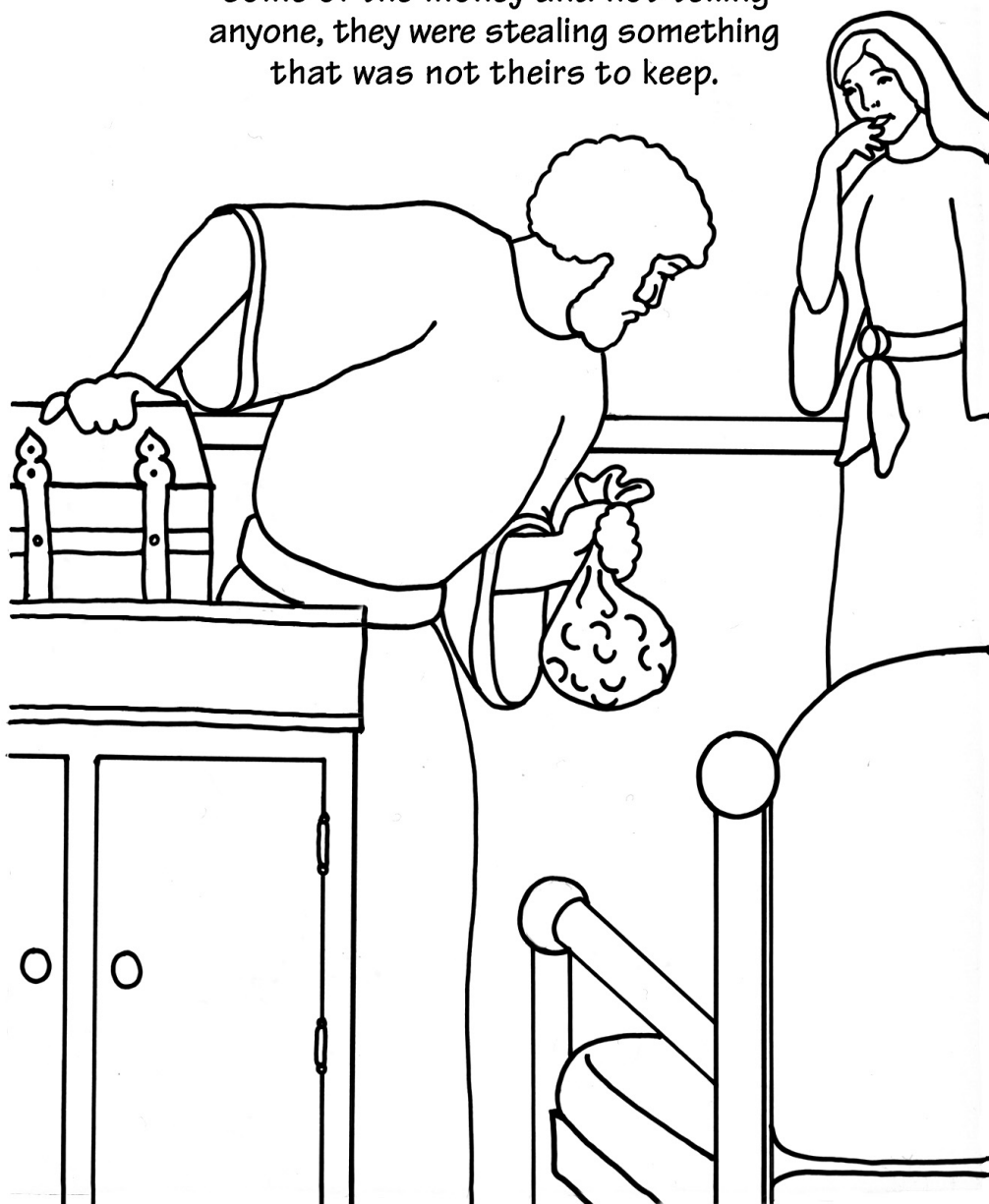
Ananias and Sapphira were
two Christians who lived in this
common property arrangement.



Ananias sold his land and
brought the money to the Apostle
Peter for the common treasury.



But, Ananias and his wife held some of the money back for themselves. This would have been o.k., but they had promised God that they would give all of the money to the whole group of Christians. So, by taking some of the money and not telling anyone, they were stealing something that was not theirs to keep.



178 God was very angry at this act of stealing.
He took their lives that very day, so that
they would no longer hurt themselves or
anyone else by their selfishness. This was
a very hard, but necessary lesson for all.



Many things have been stolen besides money. Can you add to the list below?
We must be careful not to take anything
that does not belong to us, unless
it is given to us freely.

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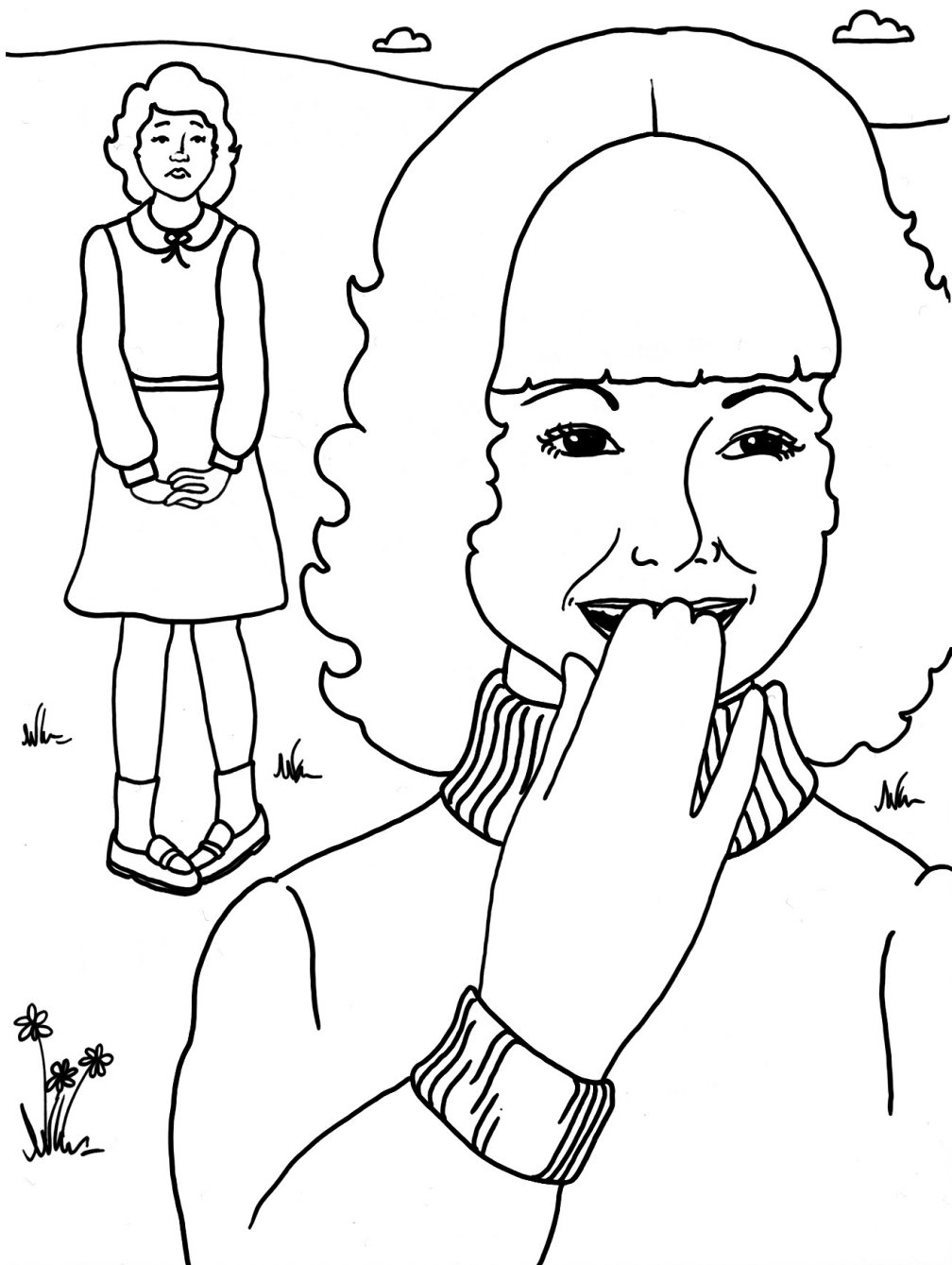


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If we say something terrible about
a person to others, we are stealing
that person's honor and good name.



If we are always expecting someone
else to do what we could do ourselves,
we are stealing someone's time.



Rather than taking something from someone else, it would be much better if we would give to others and share.

We can share our time with others, even if we have nothing else. We can help to make others happy.



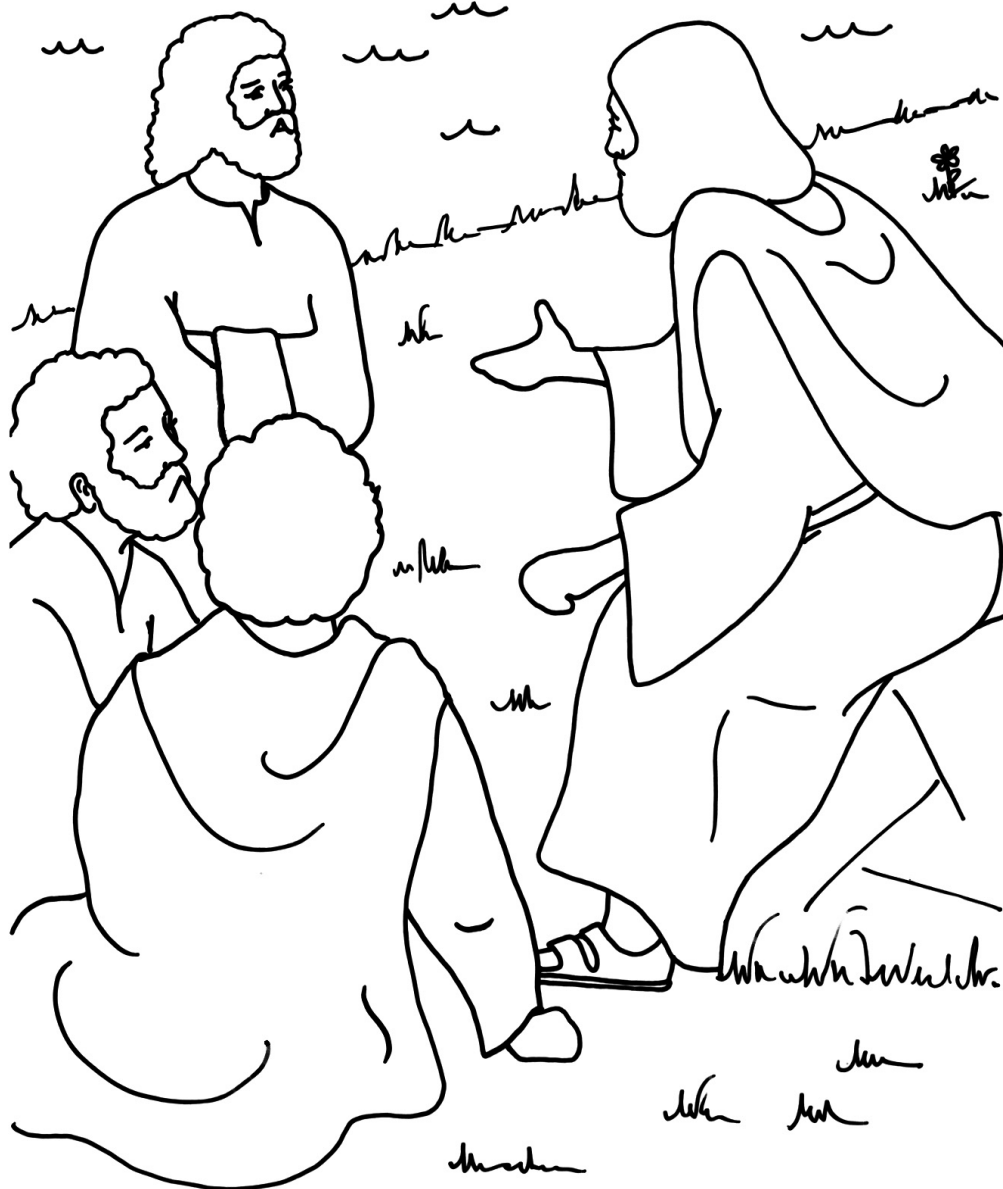
We can share our toys and books with others.



And best of all, we can share
all of the good things we know
about God with others.



Jesus gave us many good examples
of how he shared his time, goods and
truth about God with others.



Jesus obeyed the 8th Commandment and never stole from anyone. He was much more happy when he was giving to others, teaching and helping them.



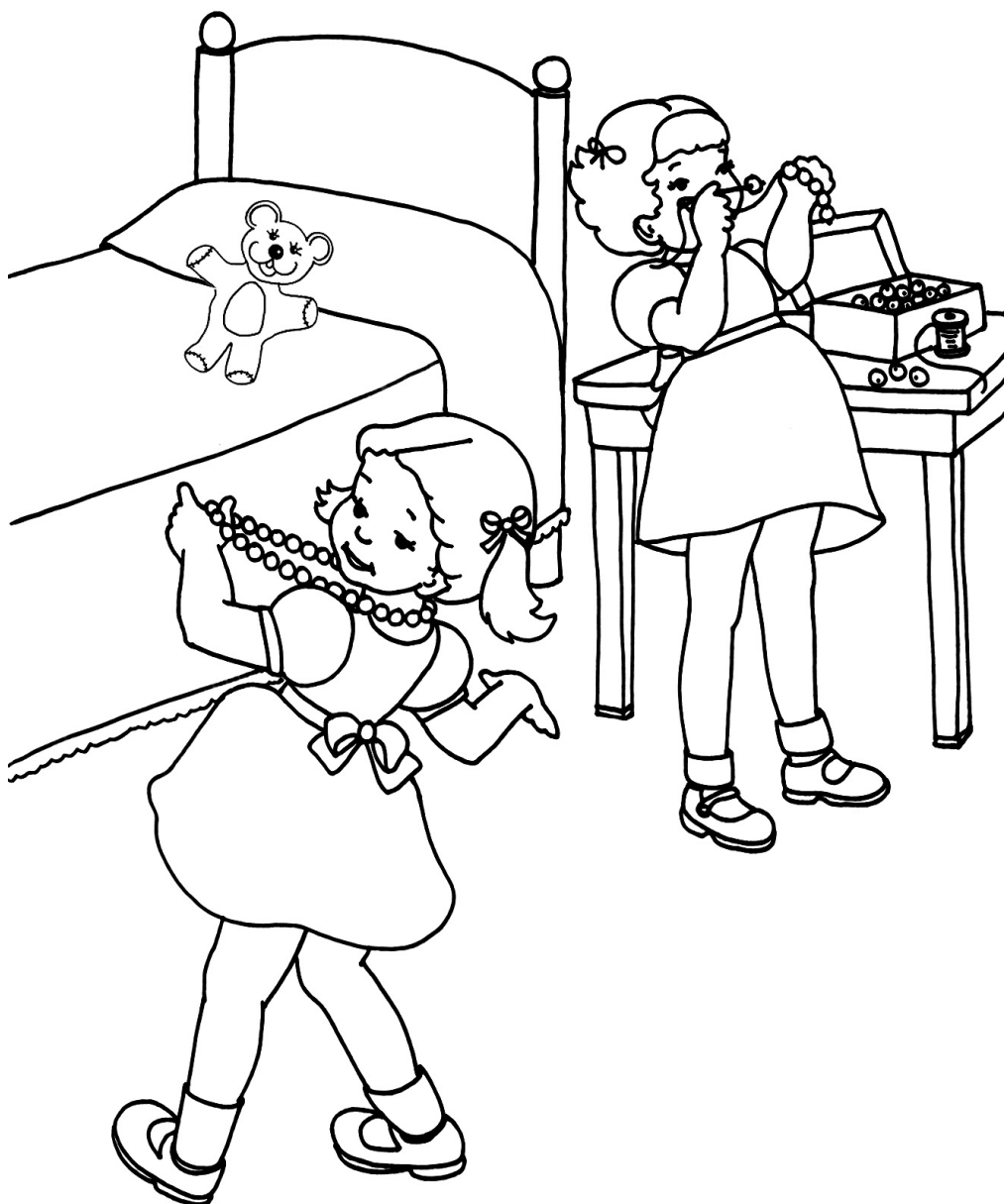
If anyone ever gave Jesus praise,
he would tell them that the praise
belongs to His Father in Heaven.

He did not want to take
the honor away from God.

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It is almost like stealing if we take the credit for something someone else has done. Sometimes pride gets in the way of remembering who the praise belongs to.



Jesus knew that, even though he was doing many wonderful miracles, he could not really take the praise. He told the people that the Heavenly Father provided the miracles through His Holy Spirit, so that all could learn of God's goodness. Jesus was humble and honest. He gave all the glory to his Father.

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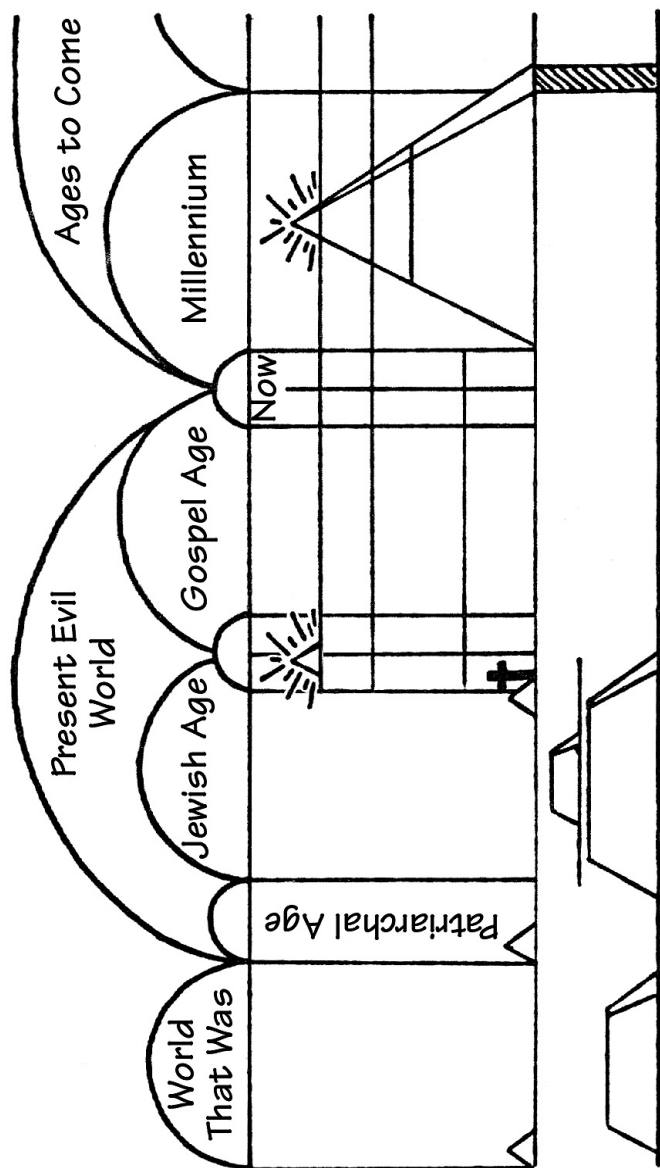


In God's Kingdom, people will learn how good it is to give, and they will only take what is willingly given to them.

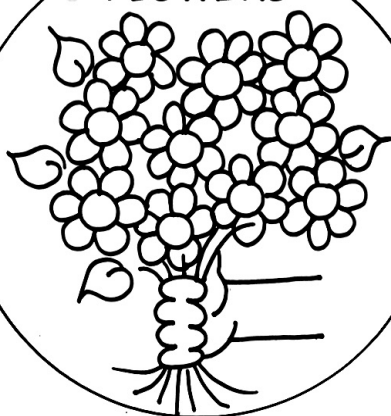


Many things can be taken from
others that don't belong to us:
Time, Money, Praise, Good Name, Belongings...

Draw a picture of you
sharing something you love.

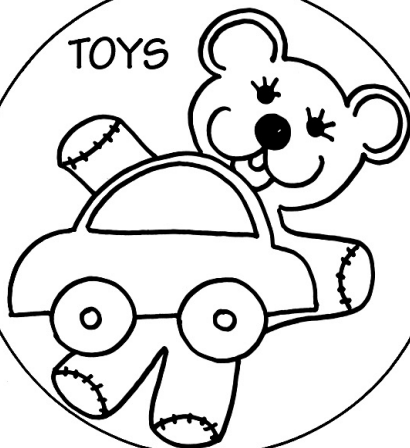


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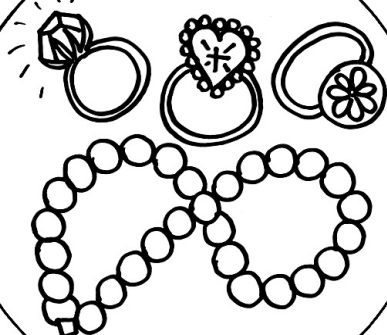


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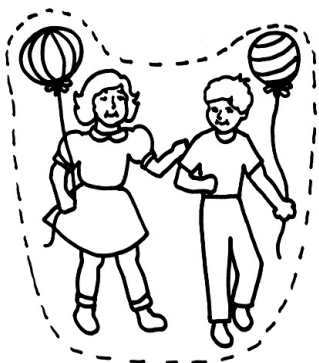
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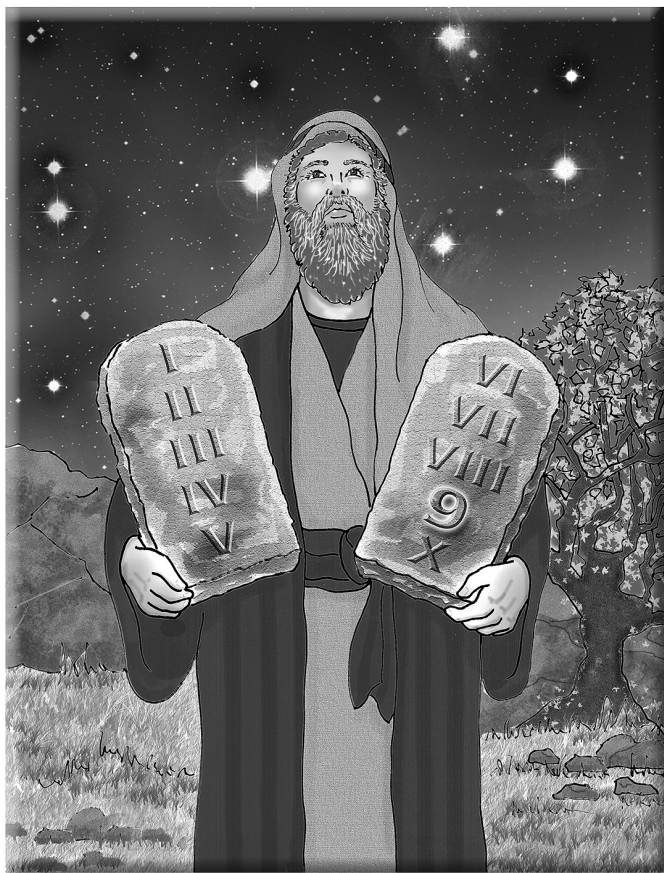
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young people sharing
in the Millennium



The NINTH Commandment



**“Thou shalt not bear false
witness against thy neighbour.”**

Exodus 20:16

God's 9th Commandment to Israel says, 197
"Thou shalt not bear false witness against
thy neighbor." This means that we should
not tell lies about our neighbors, friends,
families or even our enemies. We should
not say anything, even if it is true,
that would do them harm.



We know that Jesus was a good and honest man. But some of the Scribes and Pharisees didn't like Jesus, because the goodness of Jesus made them look bad.

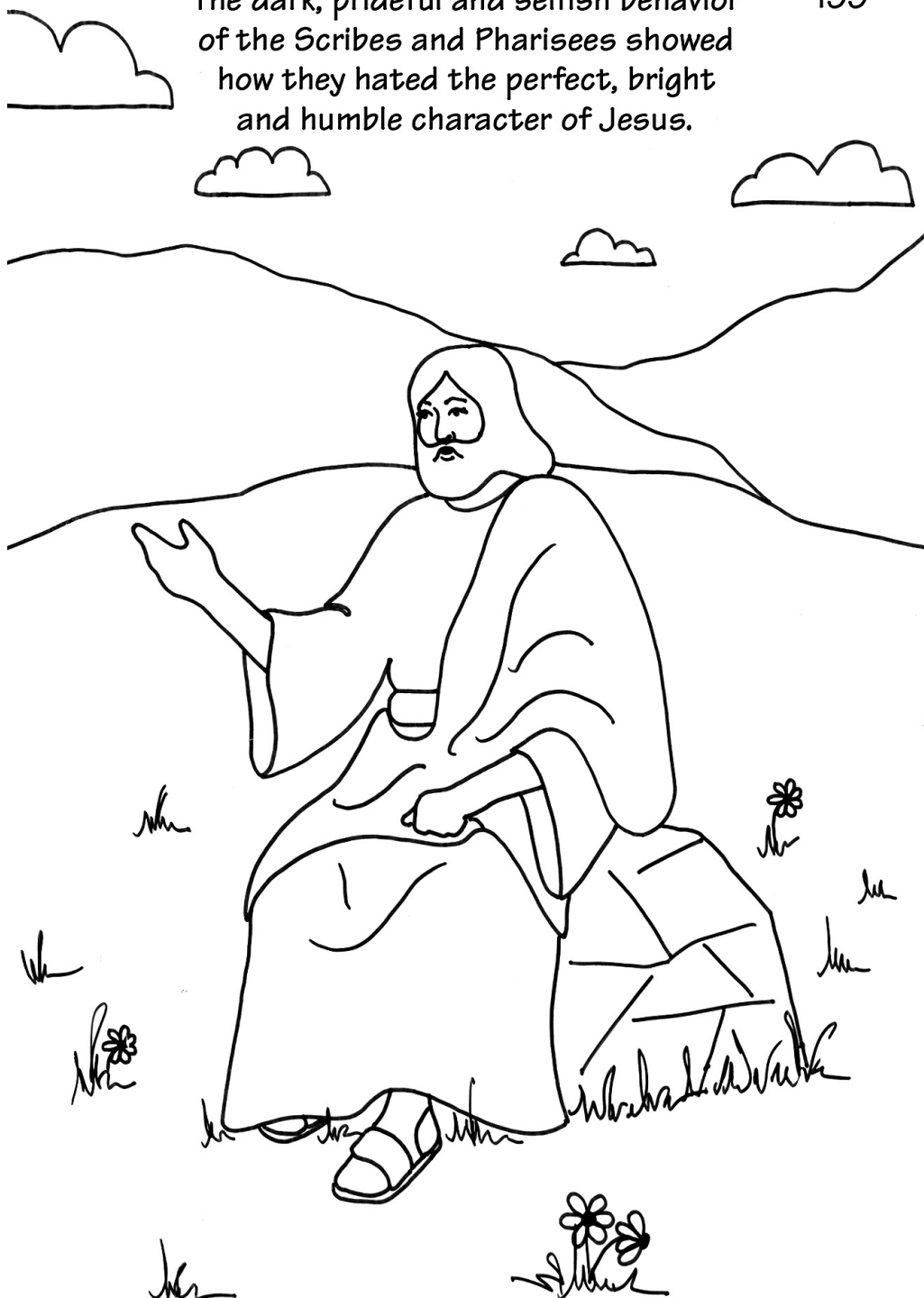
Jesus said, "Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

John 3:20



The dark, prideful and selfish behavior
of the Scribes and Pharisees showed
how they hated the perfect, bright
and humble character of Jesus.

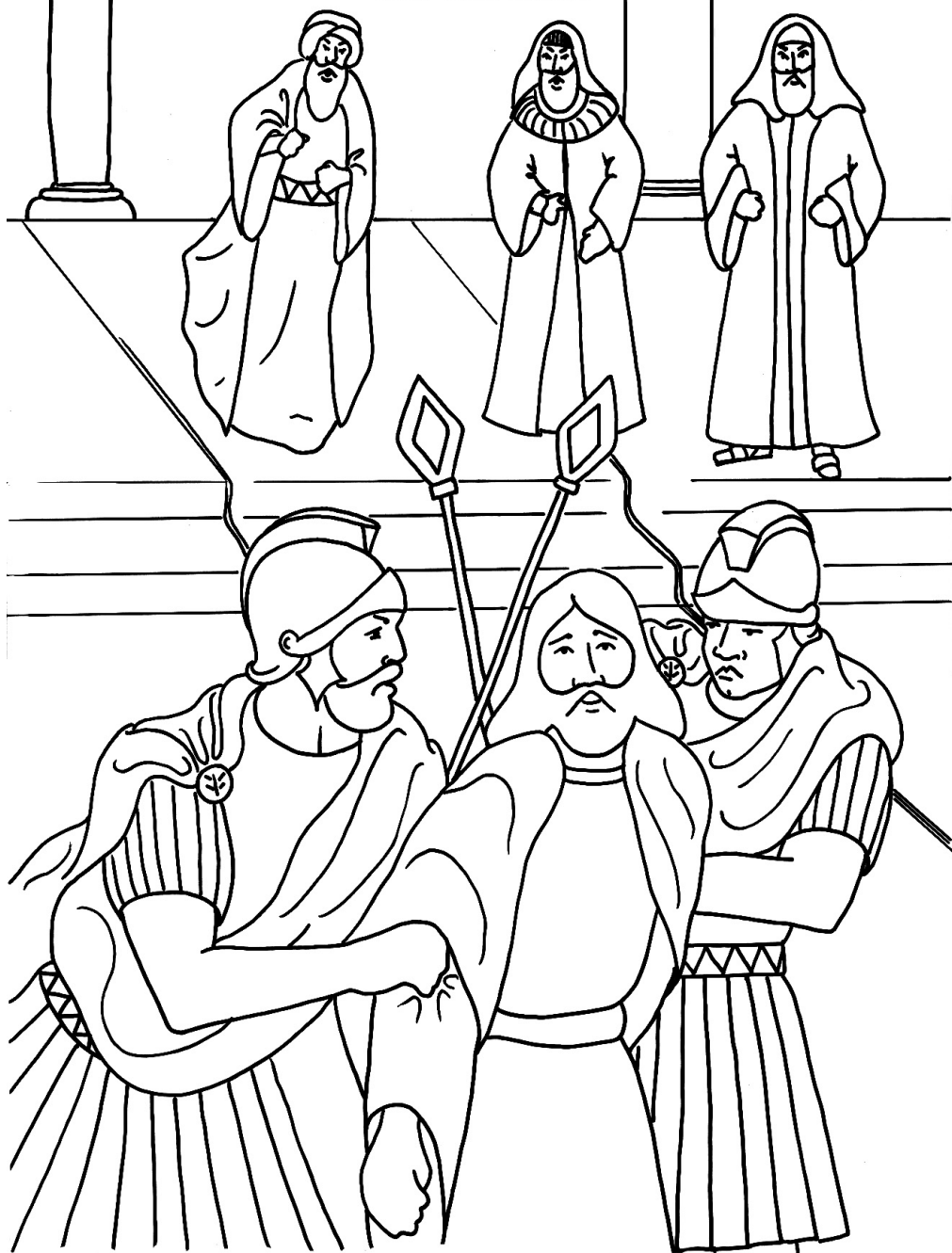
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So, the Scribes and Pharisees said very bad things about Jesus. They twisted his words with the purpose of making him look bad to others. They lied and were false witnesses against him.



Because of their jealousy, the Scribes and Pharisees told lies about Jesus. They plotted to have Jesus brought to trial and killed.



Isaiah said of Jesus: "He is despised
and rejected of men; a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief..."

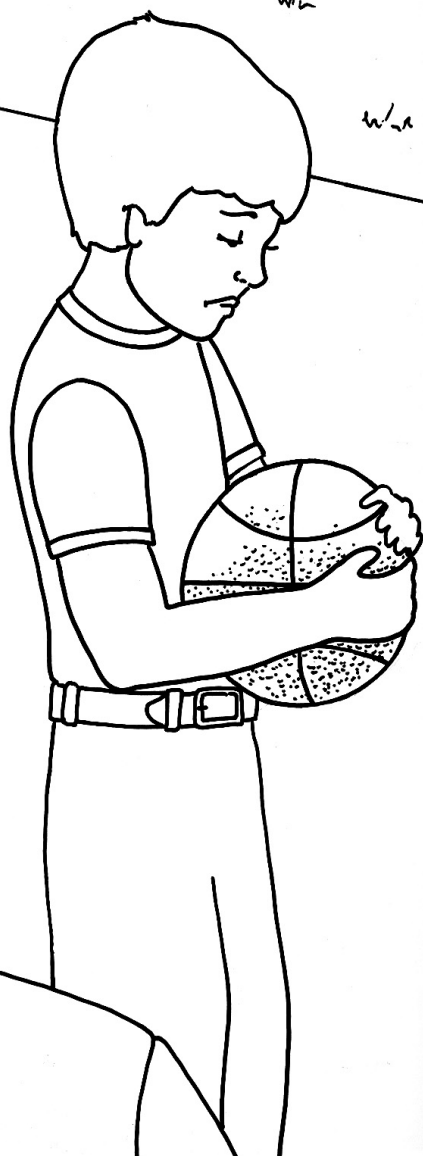
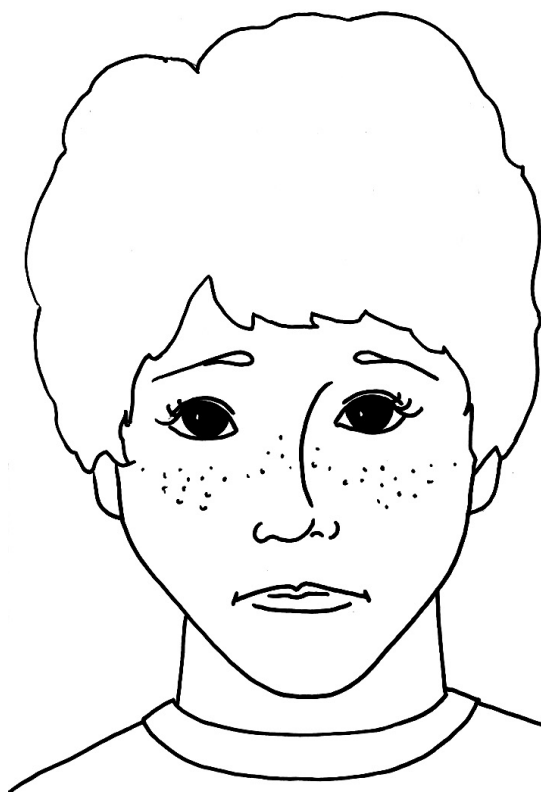
Isaiah 53:3



Someday, someone may say something bad about us that is not true. This will certainly hurt our feelings. But, we should be very careful not to "render evil for evil."

(1 Thessalonians 5:15)

We should never say anything bad about a person, unless it is true and very important — for example, if that person is hurting you or someone else.



Satan is called "The father of lies."
(John 6:44) Telling lies about another
person is not Christ-like. If we tell lies
about someone, who are we acting like?



When we tell lies, it not only hurts others,
but it makes us look bad, too. We do not
want to be like Satan — the “father of lies.”
We want people to look at us and see a good
Christian character, not a bad character.



God is the Father of truth and
of all that is beautiful and good.



Satan wants Christians to believe his lie 207
that there is an eternal torment in
everlasting fire for those who do not accept
Jesus as their savior. Do not believe Satan's lie.
It bears false witness about God's character.



God's character is pure and good
and full of love for mankind. He could
never create such a terrible place,
because it would go against
His loving character.



We should always remember the words
of this very important scripture
about God in 1 John 4:8.

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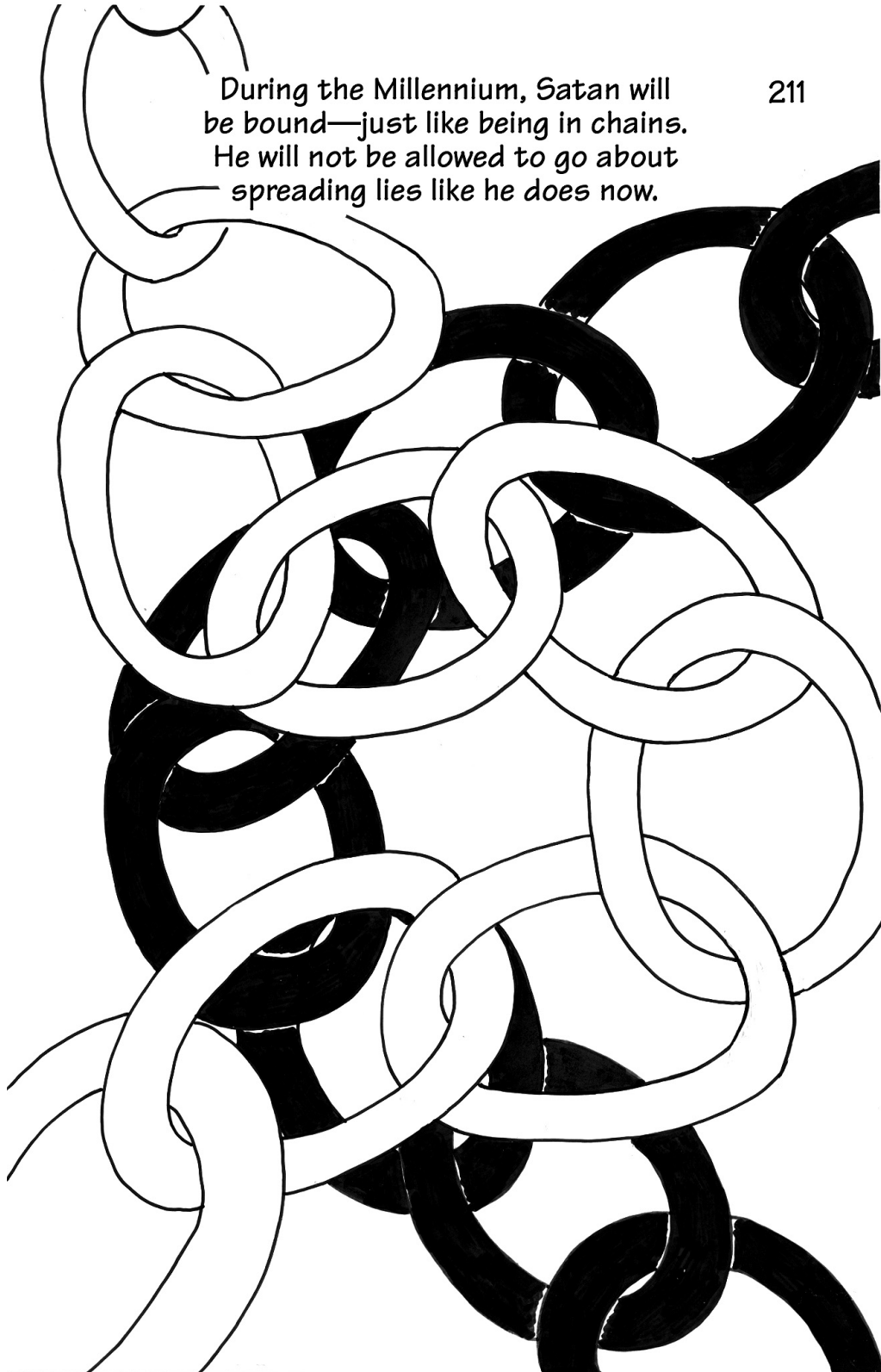


Even though Satan bears "false witness" against God by getting many Christians to believe that He will send bad people to a place of torment, we should remind them about this scripture and God's wonderful love for all.

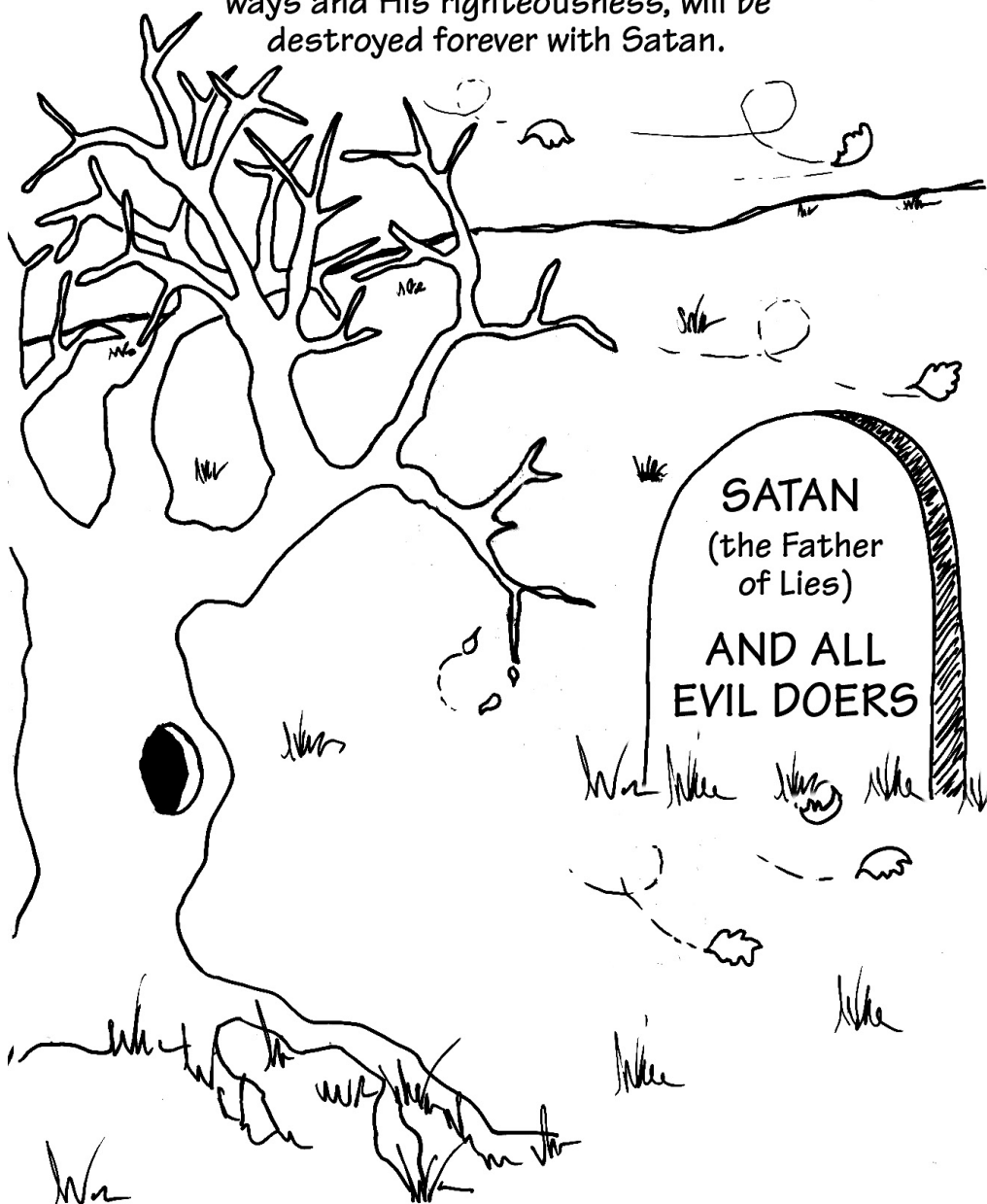


During the Millennium, Satan will
be bound—just like being in chains.
He will not be allowed to go about
spreading lies like he does now.

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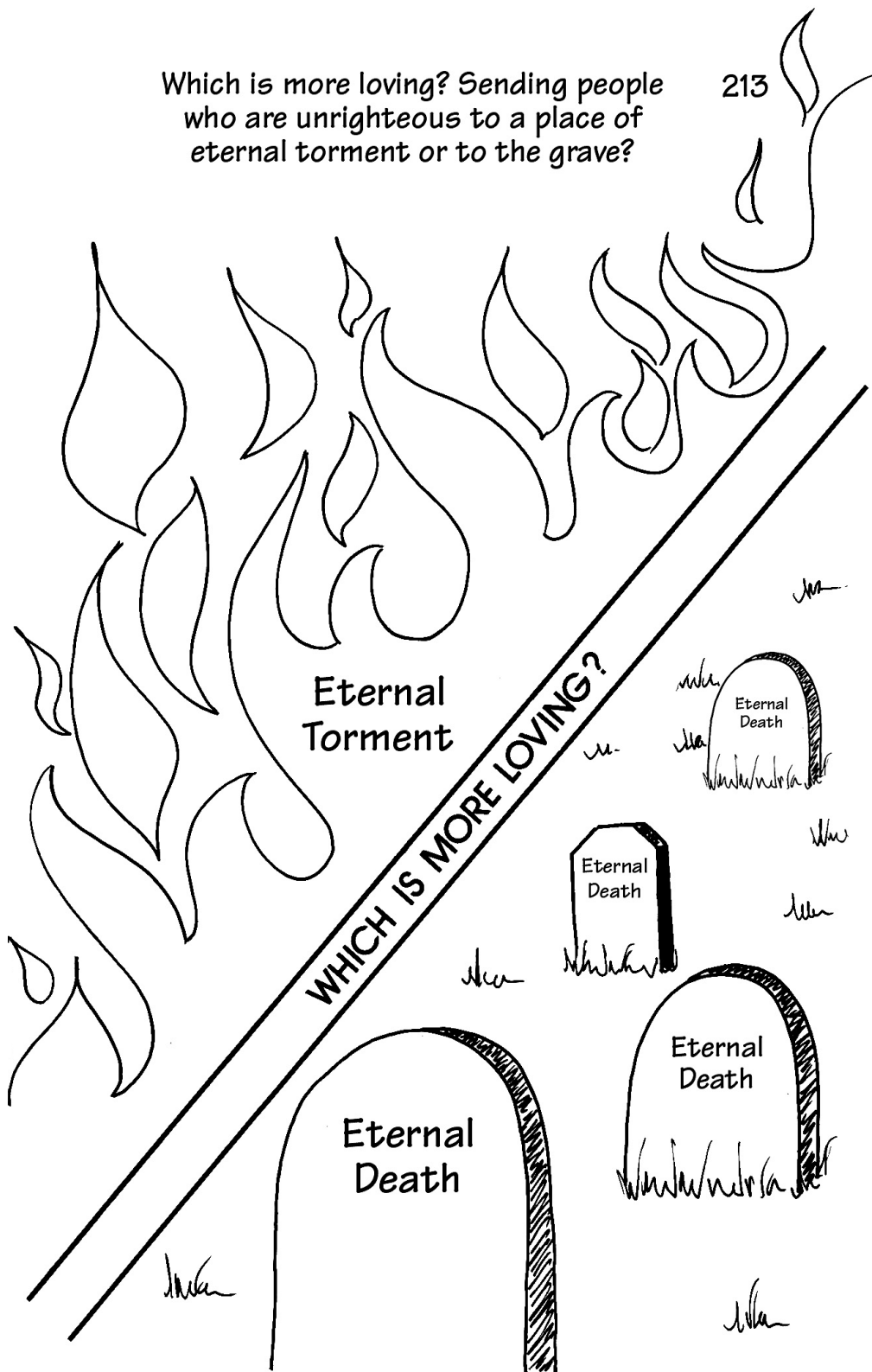


At the end of the Millennium, when everyone has had a chance to learn righteousness, they will be tested. Anyone who continues to love sin and Satan's ways, instead of loving God's ways and His righteousness, will be destroyed forever with Satan.

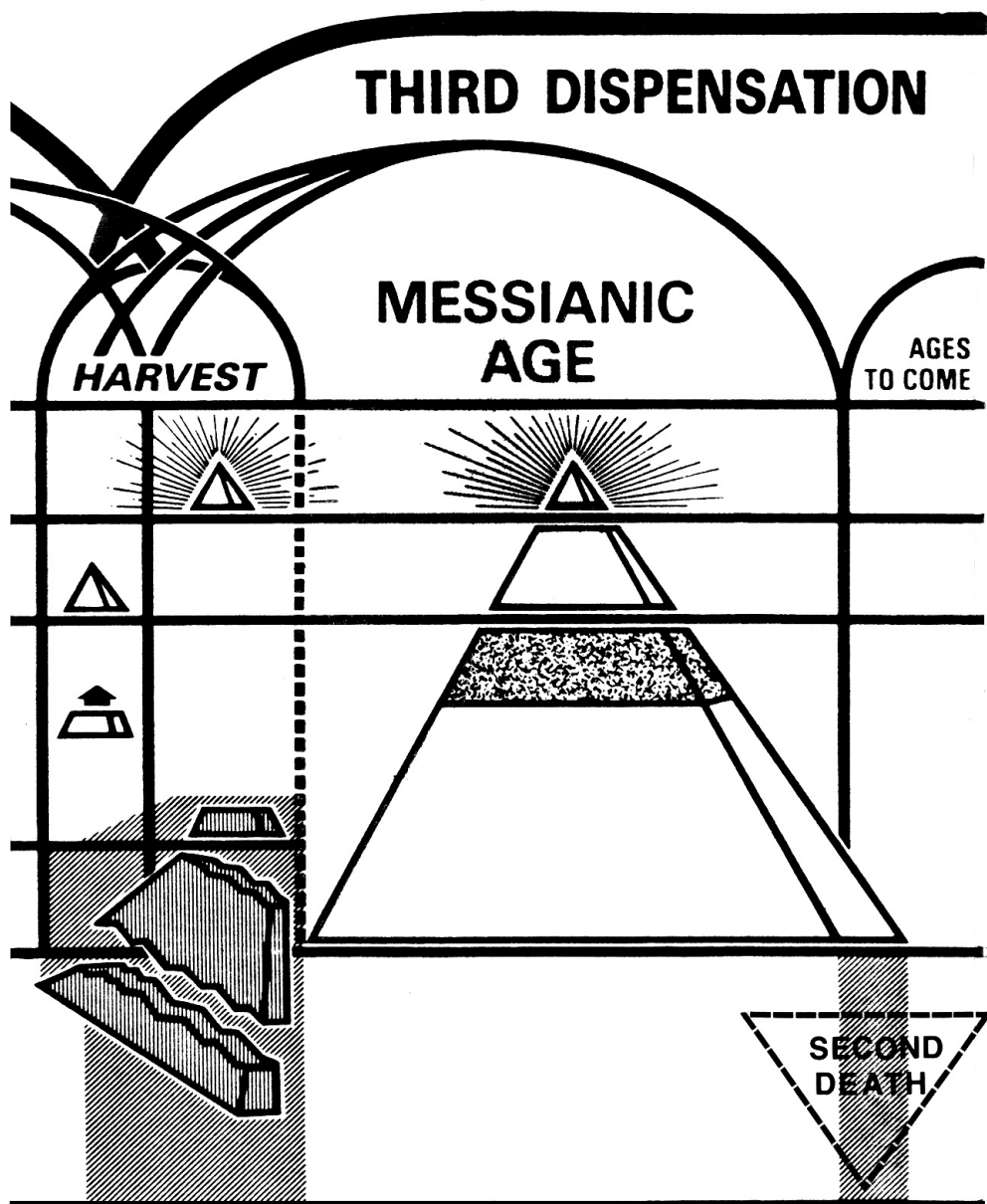


Which is more loving? Sending people
who are unrighteous to a place of
eternal torment or to the grave?

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214 Yes, at the end of God's Kingdom, Satan and all who choose to live in unrighteousness will be destroyed in the "second death." They will never lie or bear false witness against another again. Revelation 20



Then, when all evil is destroyed,
mankind will be able to remember
and keep the 9th Commandment.
They will speak the truth in love.

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We can read many scriptures
that prove Satan's idea is a lie.
Lamentations 3:22, 23 says that
God's "compassions fail not.
They are new every morning..."

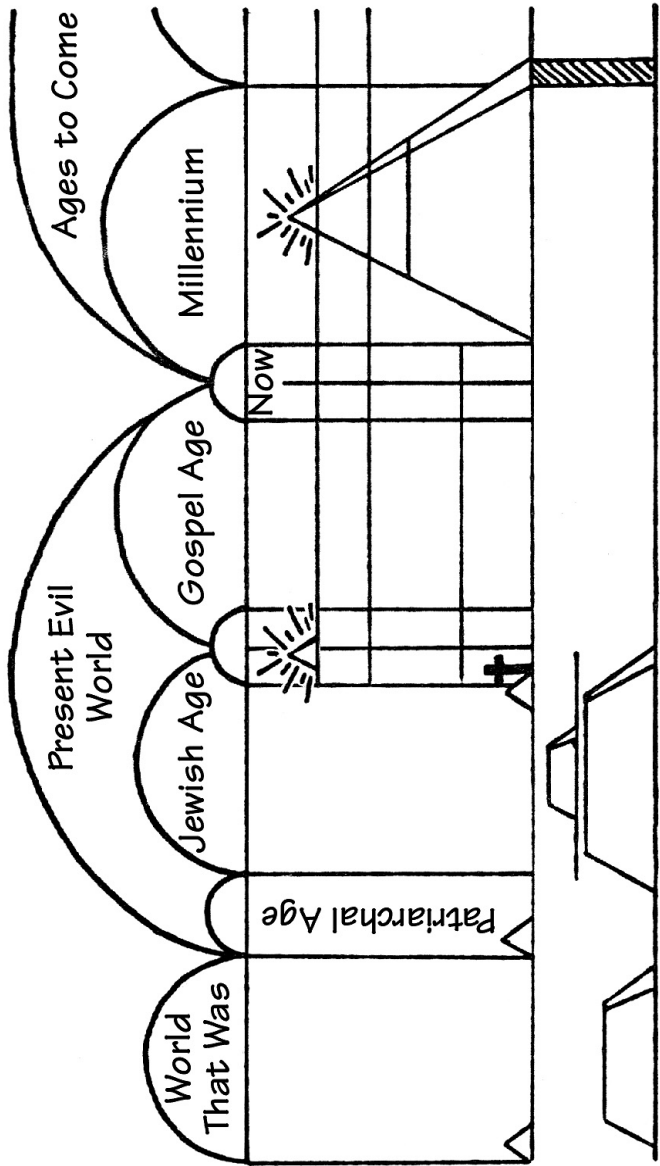
A prayer that Jesus taught his
disciples to pray is this:

*Our Father who are in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory,
For ever.
Amen.*

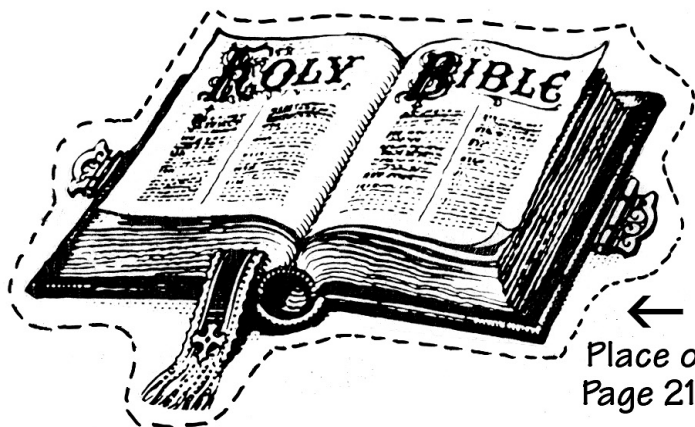


Draw a picture of you telling
your friends about
God's true, loving
character.

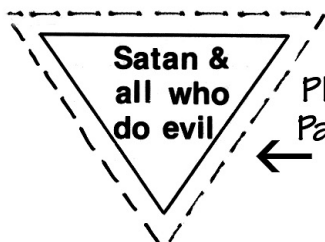
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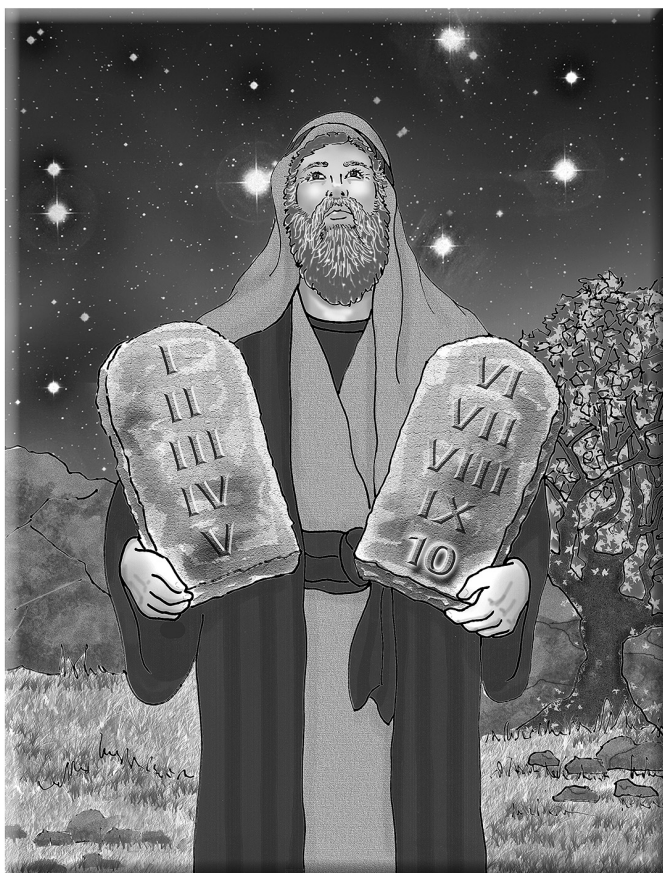
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The TENTH Commandment



“Thou shalt
not covet . . .”

Exodus 20:17

The 10th Commandment to Israel
says, "Thou shalt not covet."

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To wish to have something that does not
belong to you can make you jealous,
envious and selfish at times.

When this happens, you are not content
with the blessings you have.

This is what it means to covet.



King David had a son named Absalom. Absalom was very handsome and strong. He was also very prideful, and he coveted his father David's throne and Kingdom.



Absalom was not content to wait to
see if God would give him the throne.

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No, he wanted his father's throne
so badly, that he plotted and
schemed with his friends
to be sure he got it.



He didn't care what his father thought.
He didn't care what God wanted.
Absalom only cared about himself
and what he wanted.

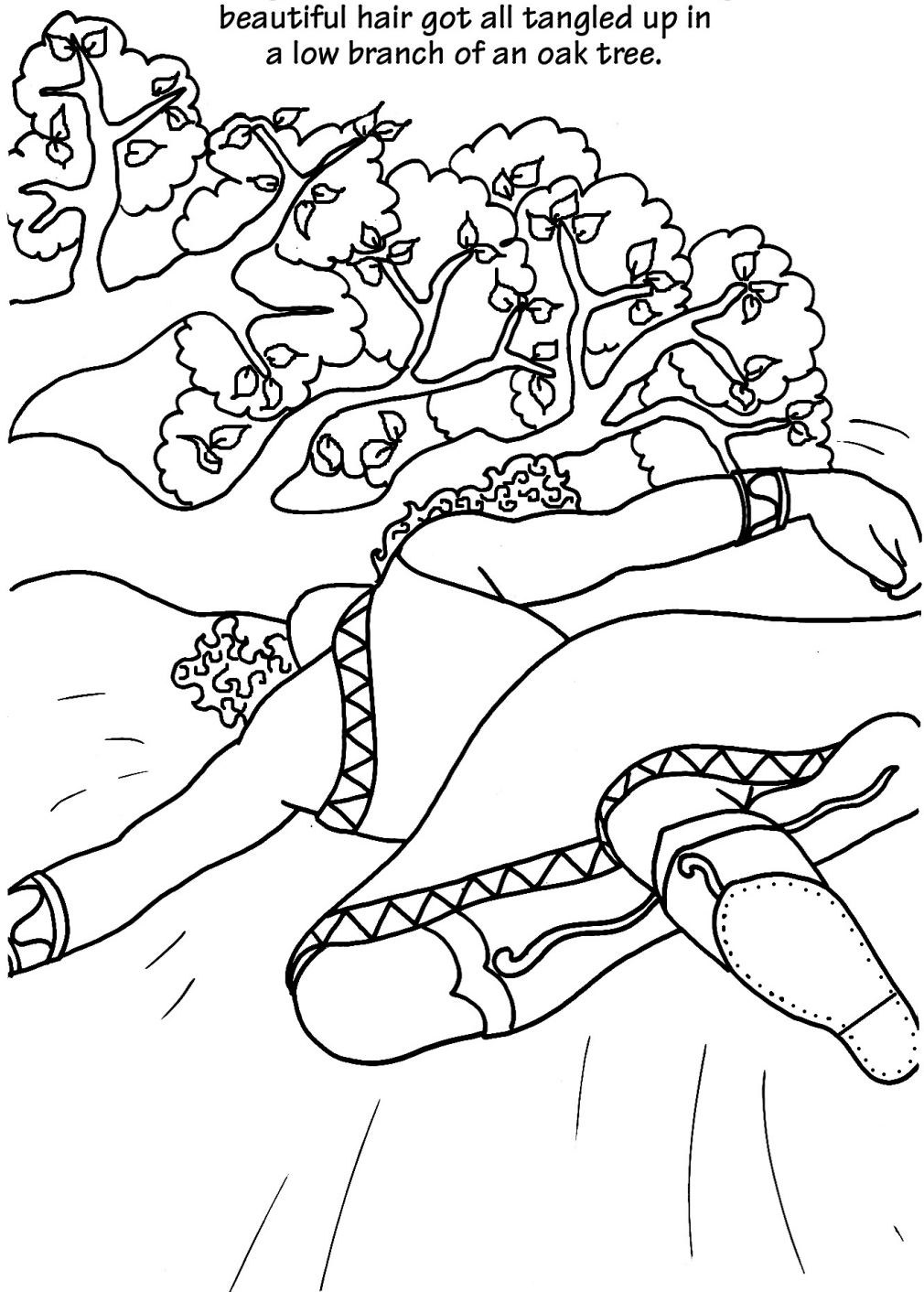


So, Absalom took the throne in
Jerusalem away from his father.
King David had to flee for his life,
and all of those who loved
David left with him.

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But, one day, when Absalom was riding through the woods on a mule, his long, beautiful hair got all tangled up in a low branch of an oak tree.

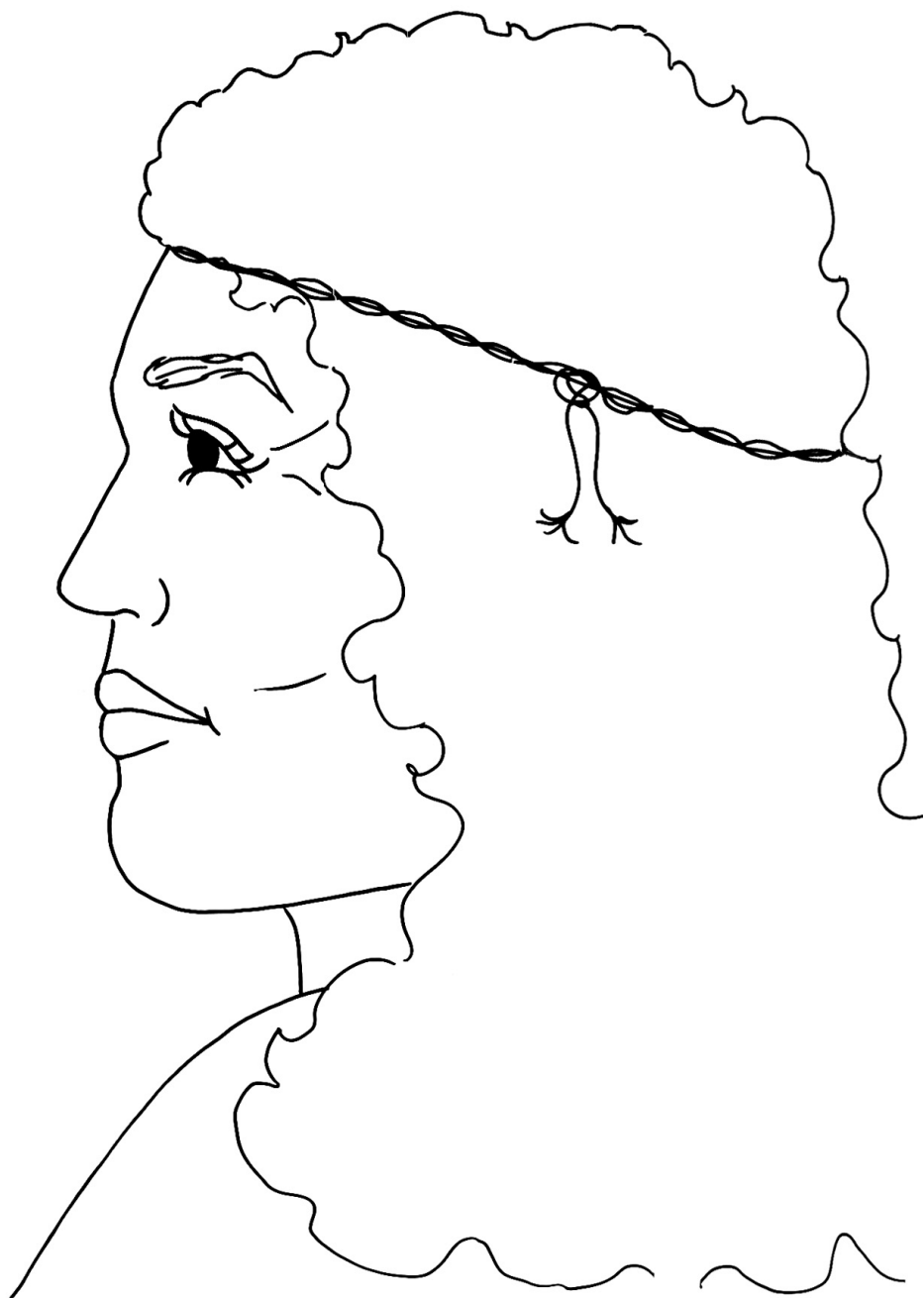


When King David's servants saw this,
they killed Absalom. David grieved over
the death of his son, but because Absalom
was removed from the throne, David was
free to return to Jerusalem as King.

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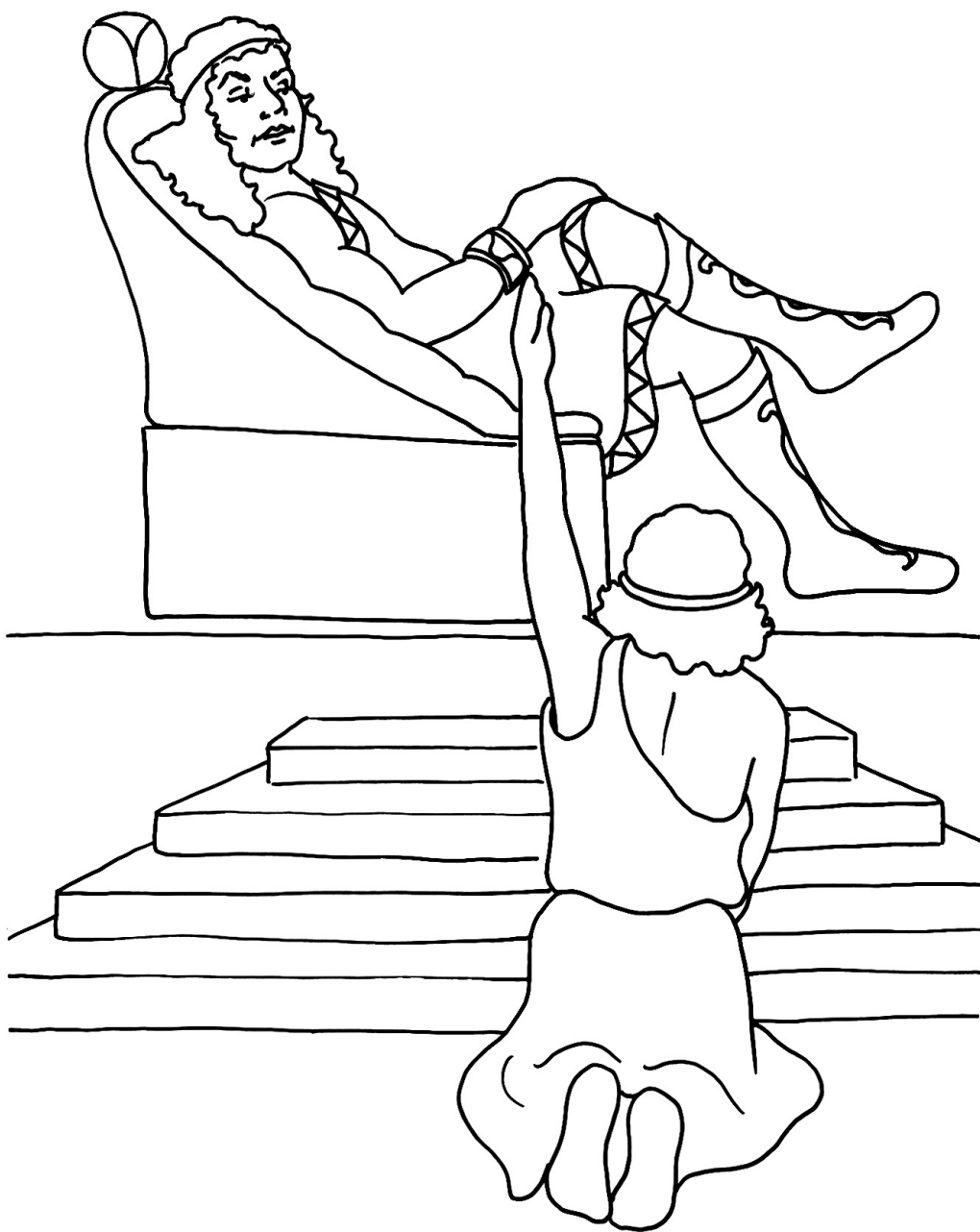


Absalom's greediness—his covetousness
led to his death and caused many
people to be hurt, as well.



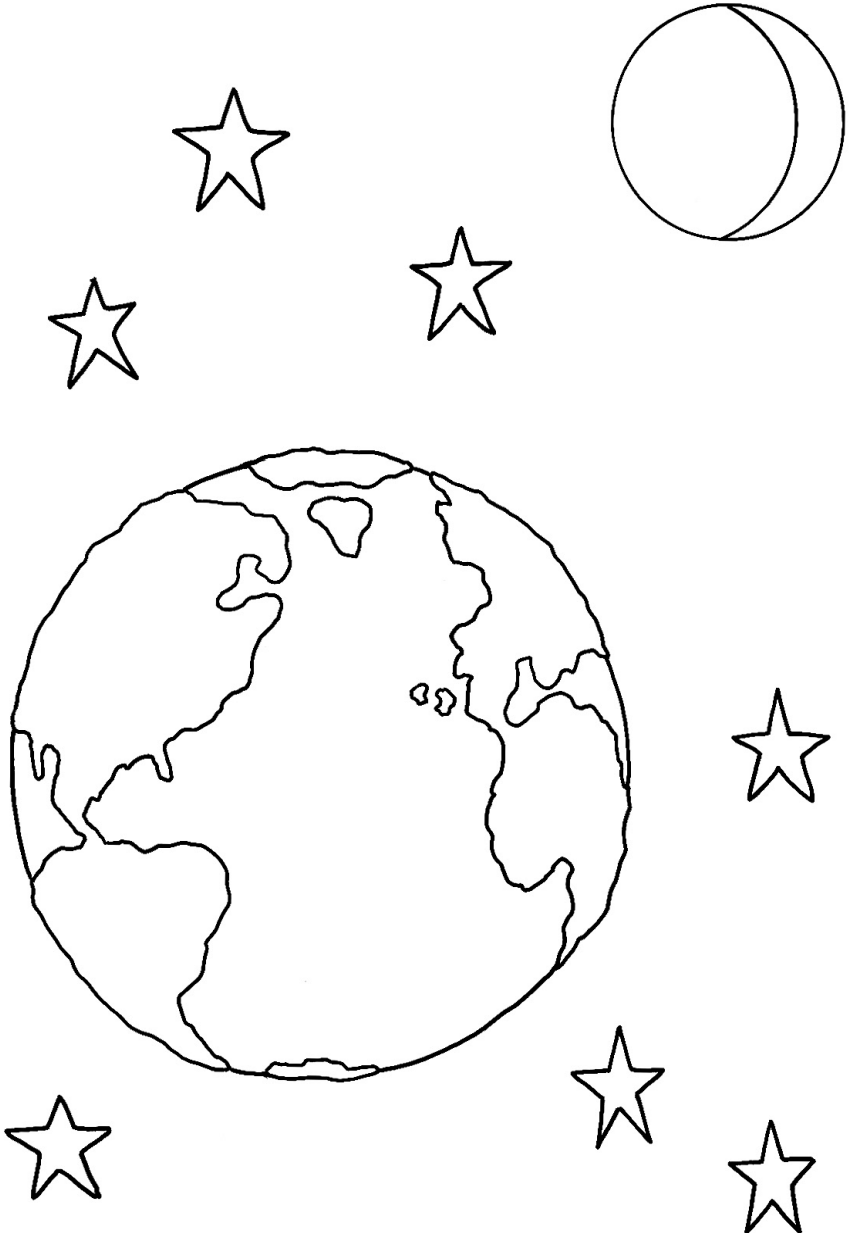
"Pride goeth before destruction
and a haughty spirit
before the fall."
Proverbs 16:18

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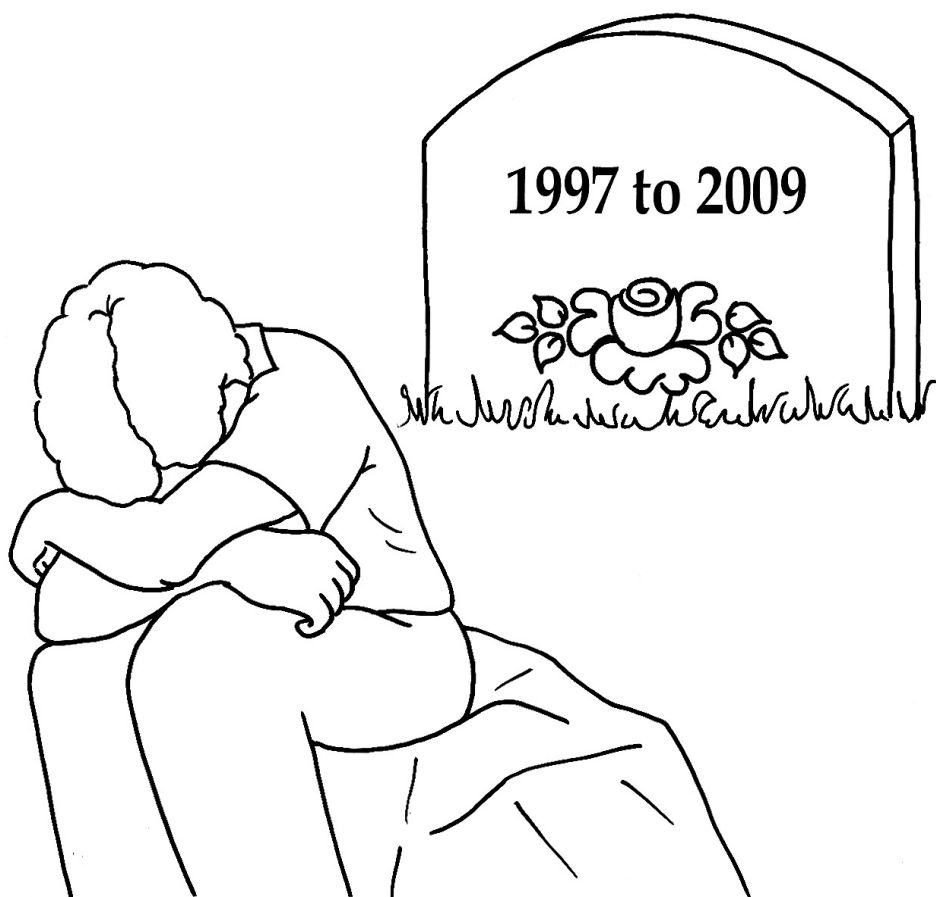
Satan is another example of one who has been covetous. Just like Absalom, Lucifer wants or covets his Father's throne and Kingdom.

Isaiah 14:13-14

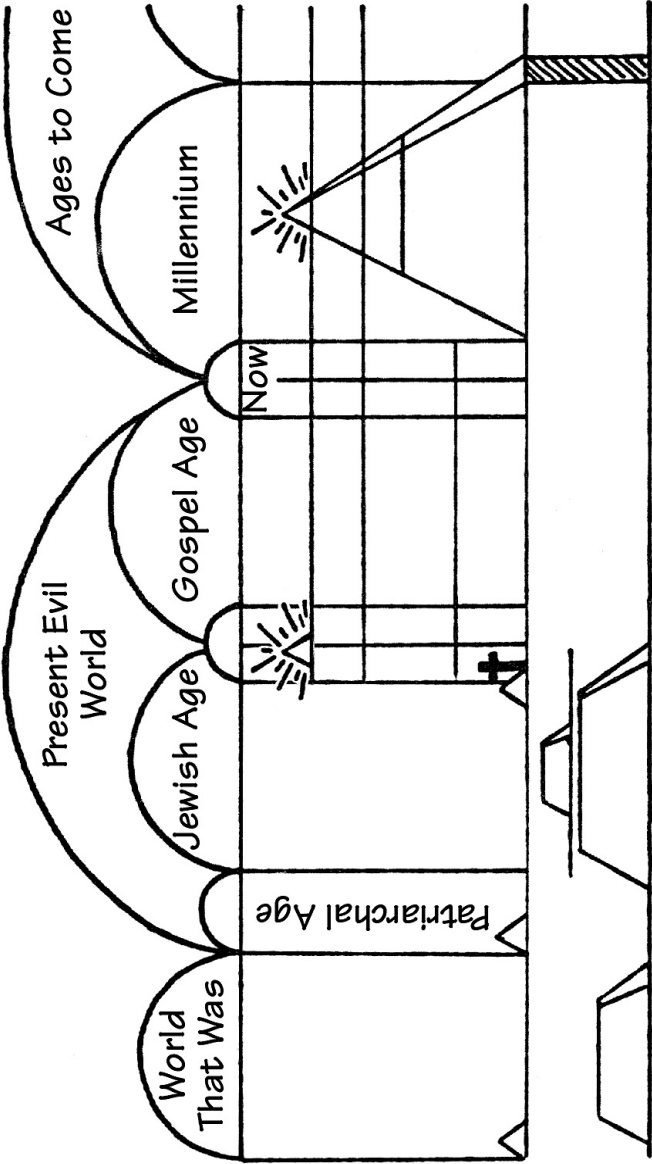


Satan has plotted and schemed to
take God's throne. Just like Absalom,
Satan's greed and pride has hurt
many people along the way.

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scroll from page 243 here.



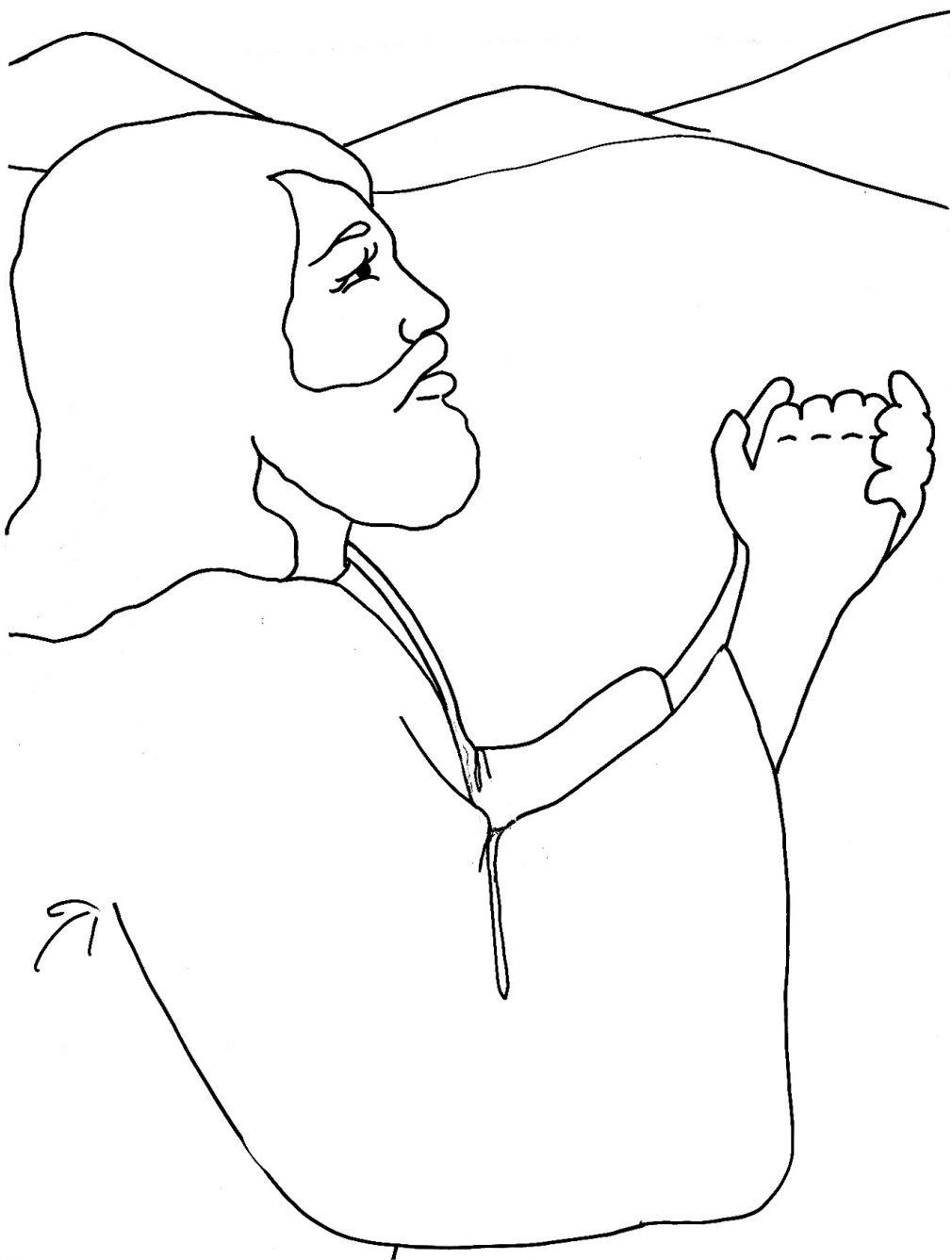
But, just like Absalom, Lucifer will die,
never to hurt God's Kingdom again.
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when Satan will be destroyed.



Jesus was always happy with those
things that God was pleased to give him.
He was never covetous of anything.



He never sought his Father's throne, but said, "...glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17:5



This means that Jesus would have been 237
happy to just be given back his former
angelic nature — the nature he had before
he came to earth to be our Savior. But,
because Jesus obeyed God and lived a
life in sacrifice, God rewarded him with
the divine nature — the nature of
the Heavenly Father Himself!



God was pleased to see that His “only begotten Son” was content with whatever providence permitted. God is also pleased when we follow the words, “...be content with such things as ye have ...” Hebrews 13:5



Today, we see many people coveting things they do not have and can not afford to buy. But, in the Kingdom, they will learn that much of what they coveted is just foolishness.

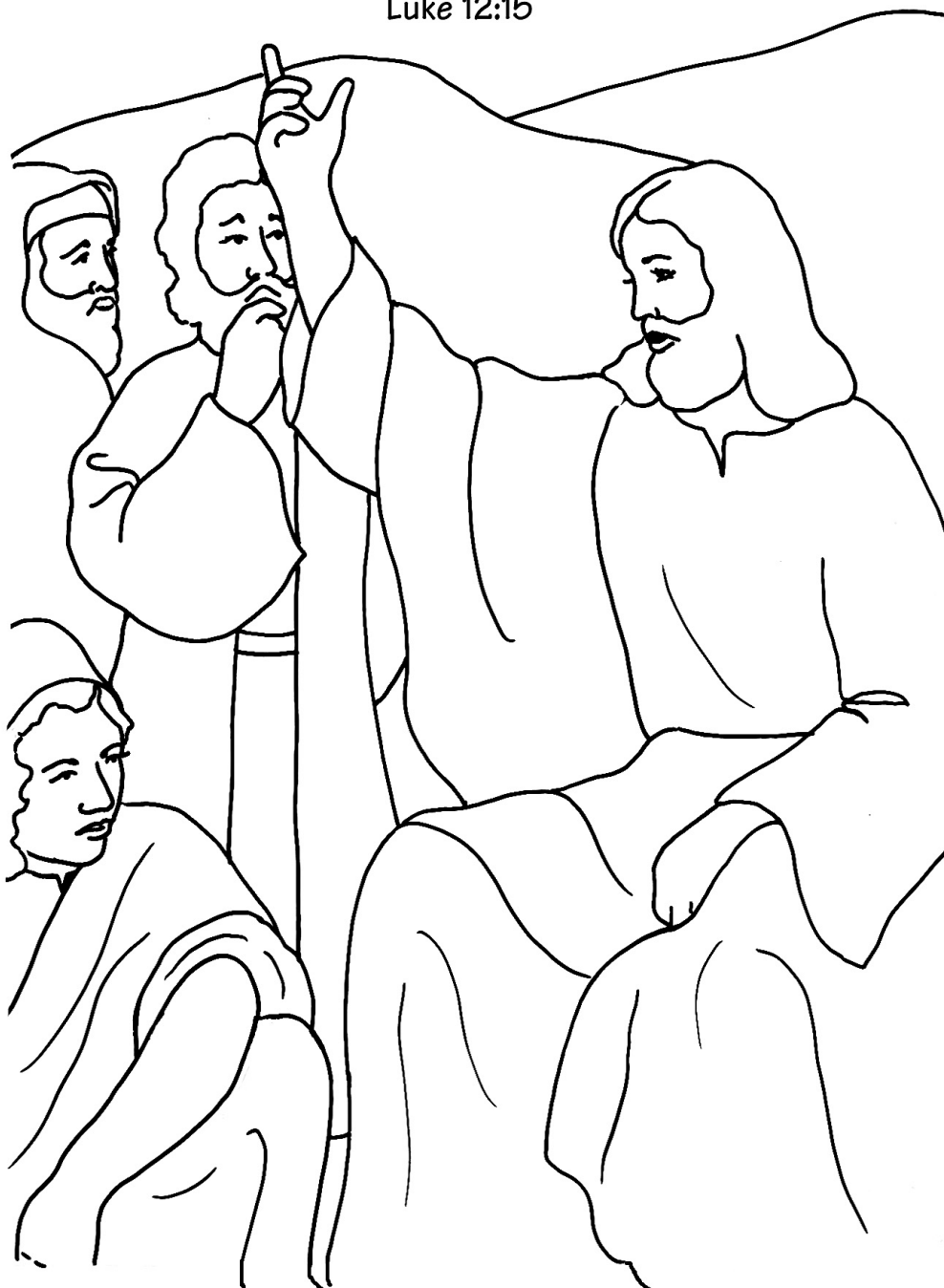
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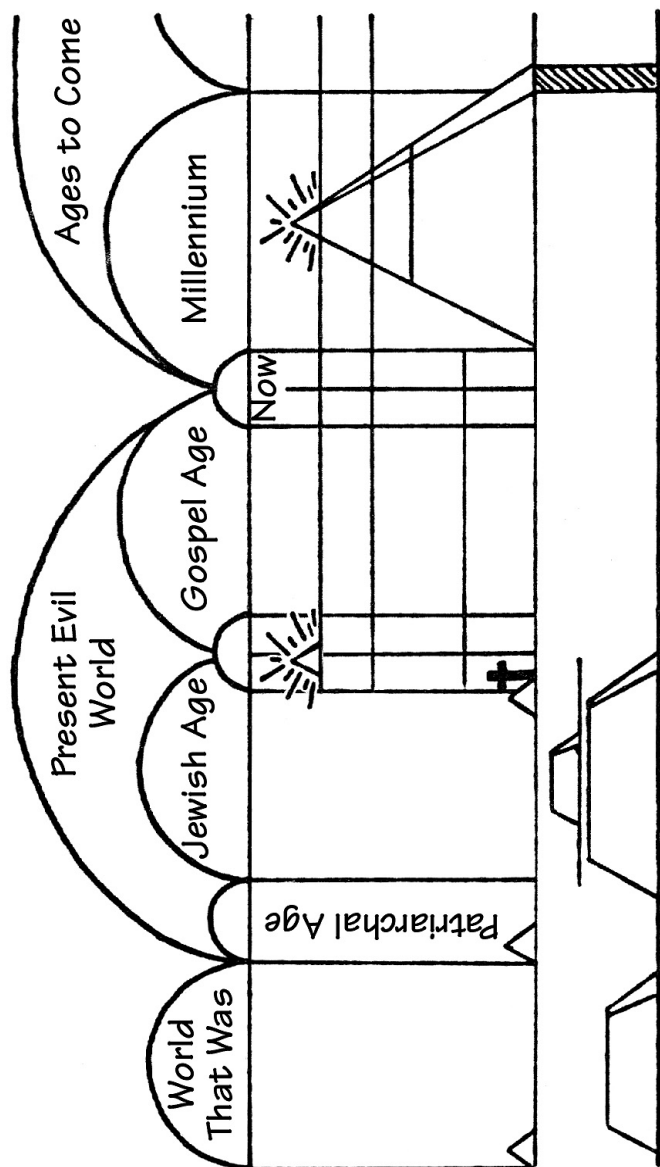
They will learn that real riches are the peace and contentment of doing good and living in harmony with God's will.

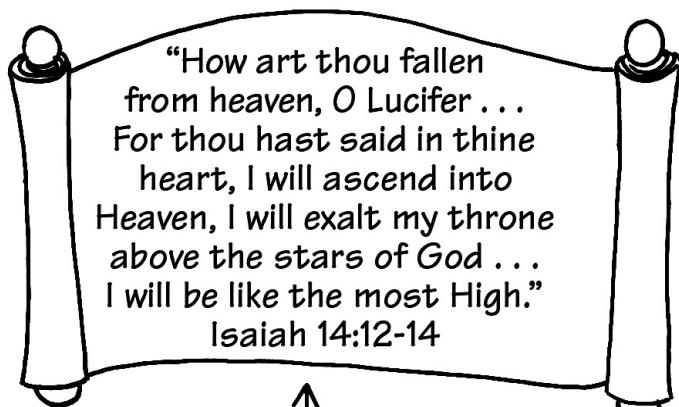


Jesus warned: "Take heed and beware
of covetousness: for a man's life
consisteth not in the abundance
of the things which he possesseth."
Luke 12:15

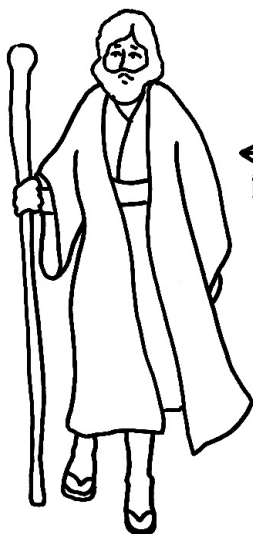
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