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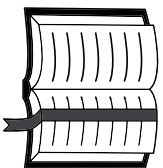
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DRAW IT

In Psalm 8, King David is amazed at God's creation. He looks at the stars, the animals, and the world around him and praises God for being awesome! Draw a picture of something in creation for which you want to praise God.



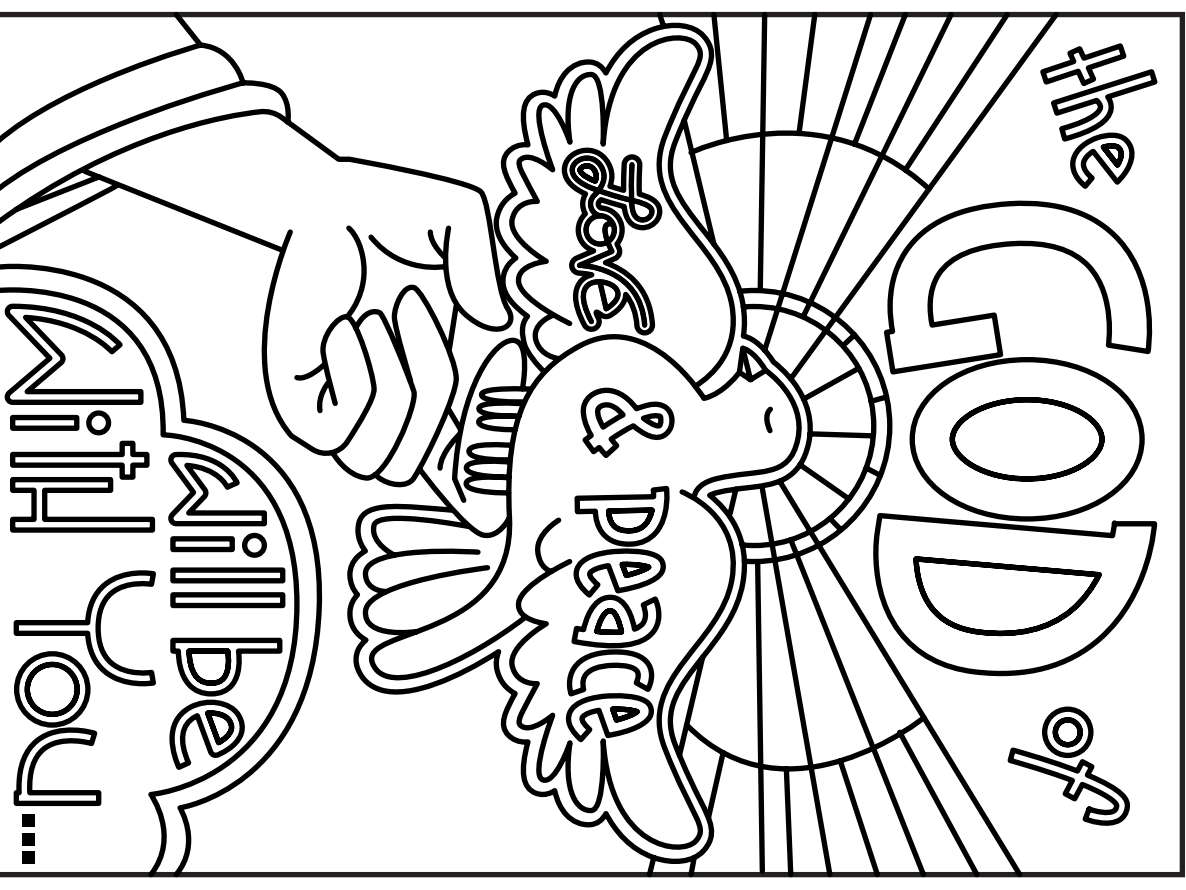
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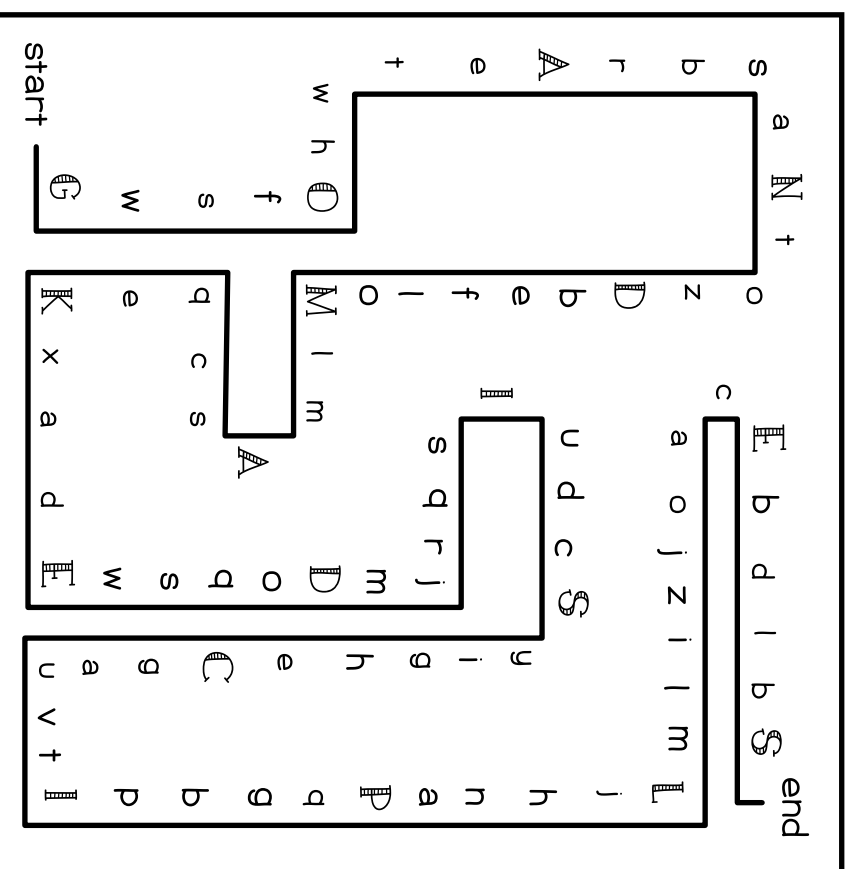
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FOLLOW the PATH

In the last chapter of Matthew, what are Jesus' final instructions to his disciples? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see Jesus' words spelled out below.

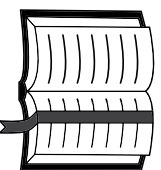
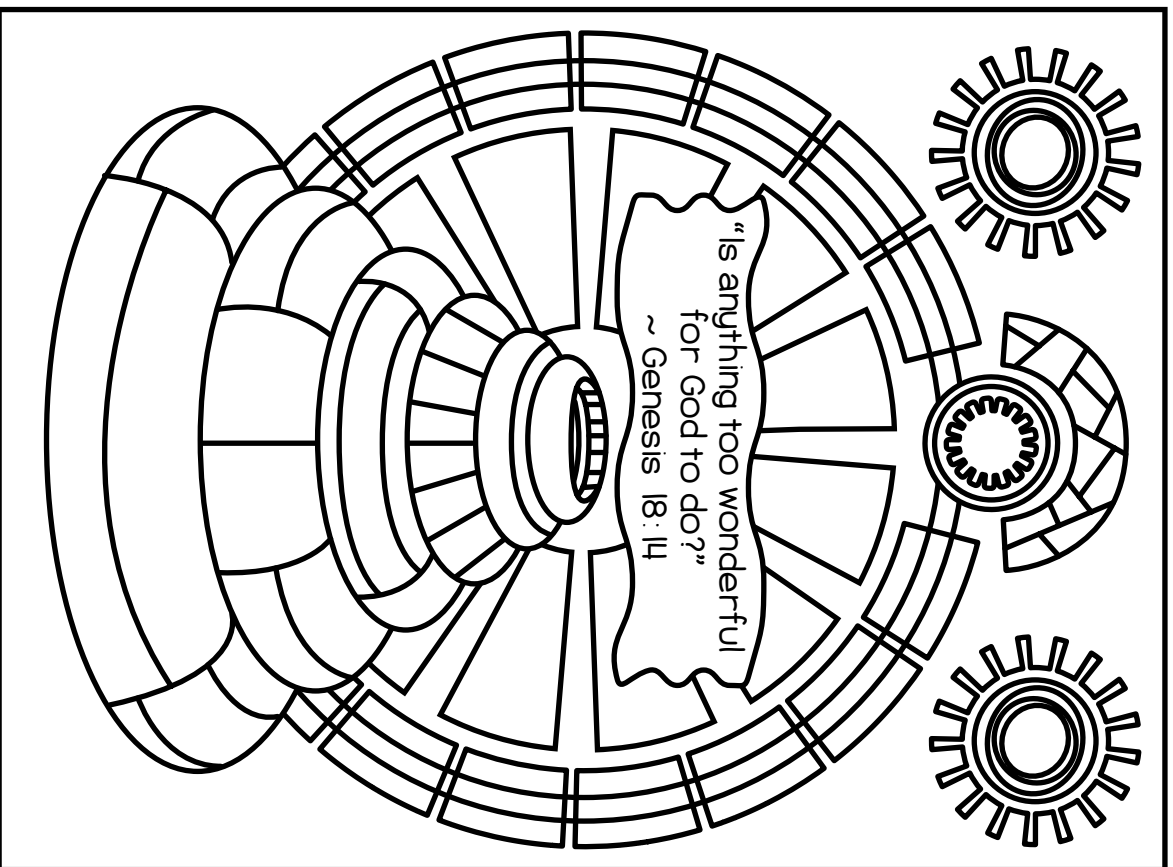


WORD SEARCH

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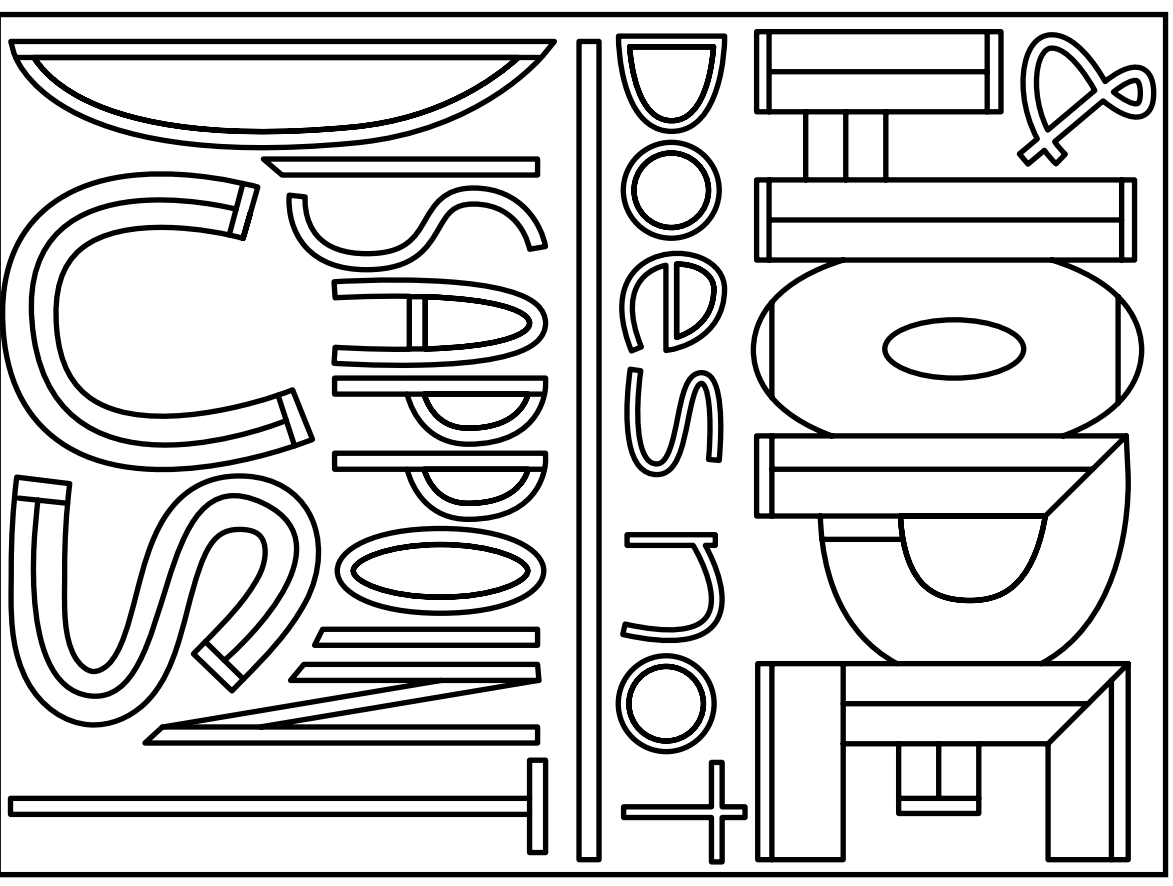
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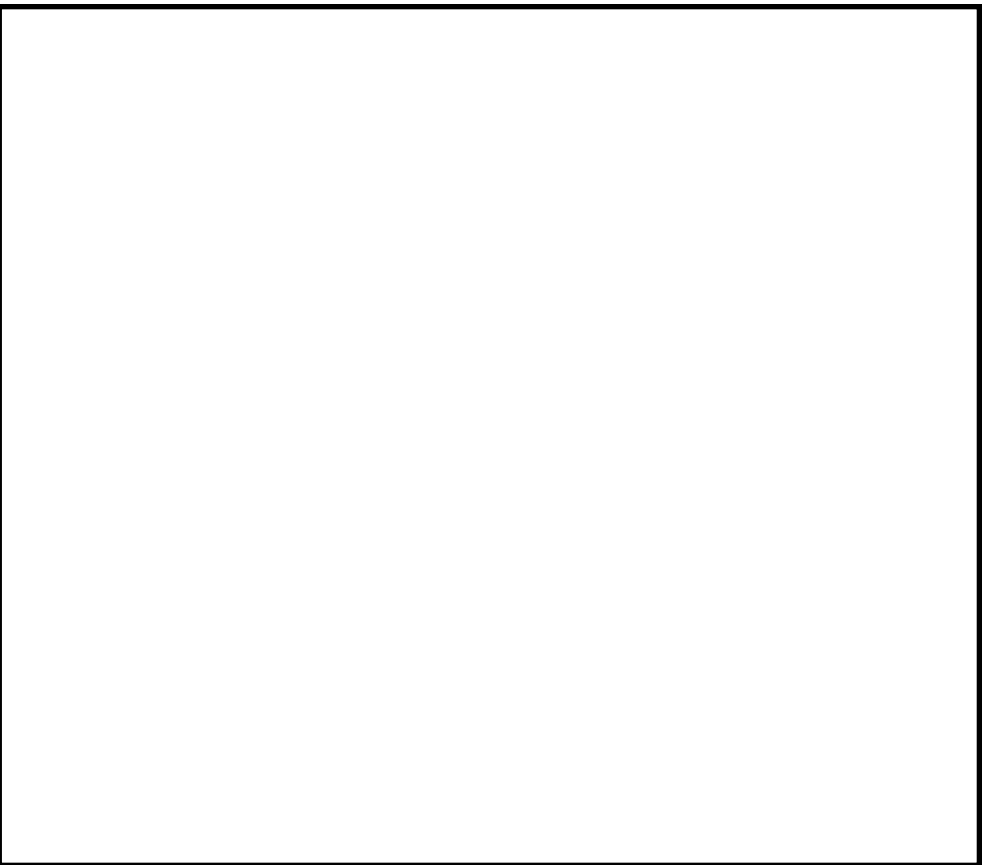
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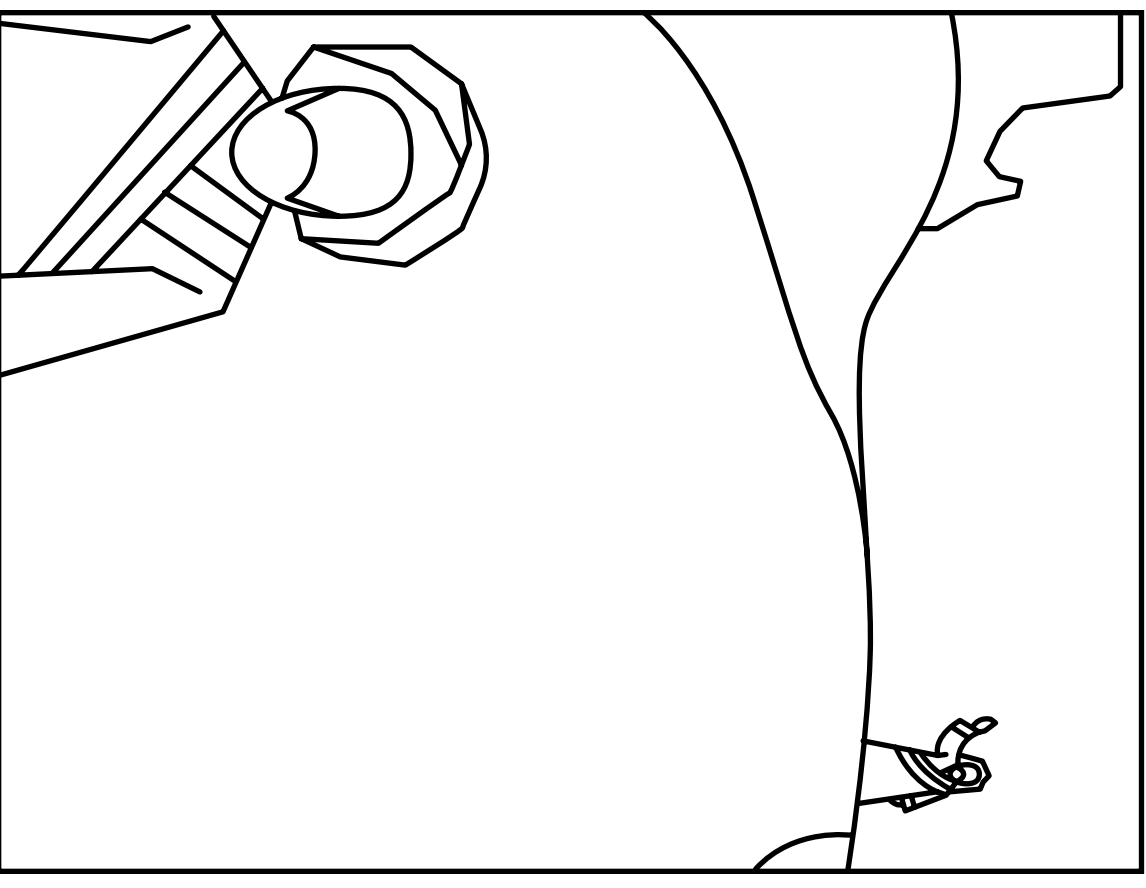
DRAW IT

Genesis 18 describes the heavenly visitors who came to Abraham and Sarah with the promise of a baby. Abraham doesn't realize they are sent from God, but he wants to show them his greatest hospitality with a meal and comfort. Imagine you are sitting with them at the meal when the angels share this amazing news. What do you see, and how are their faces?



FINISH the DRAWING

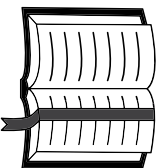
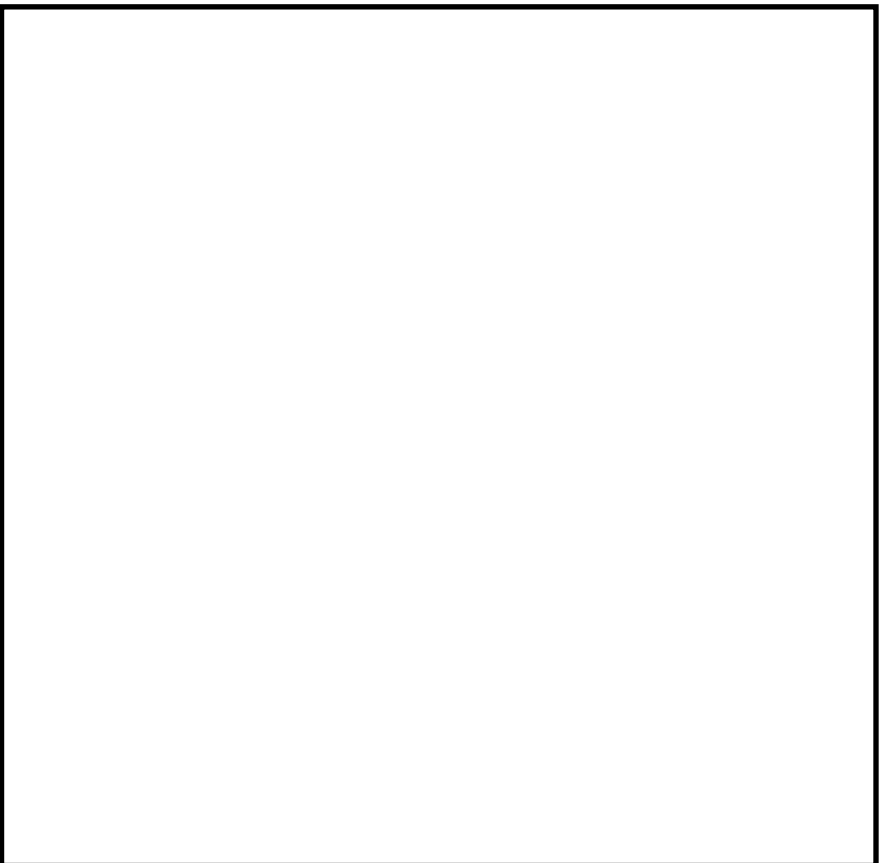
In Matthew 9, Jesus sends out his twelve disciples to share the good news and bring God's healing kingdom. Finish drawing the twelve, and include yourself as the thirteenth person among them!





DRAW IT

In Matthew 10, Jesus tells his followers they do not need to be afraid. God knows, loves, and will take care of them. Draw one thing you're afraid of which you want to pray about.



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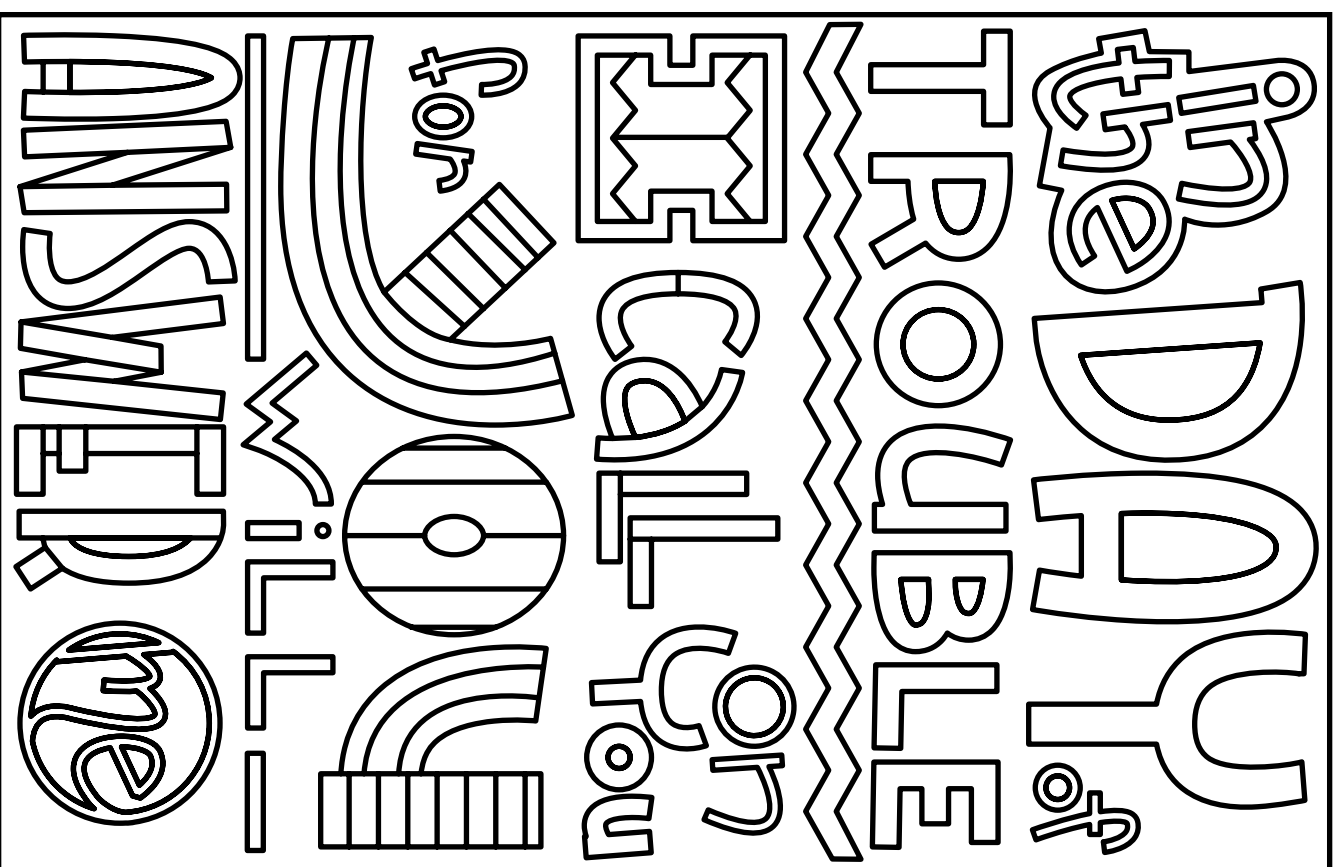
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COLOR ^{IN} THE WORDS



UNSCRAMBLE IT

In Genesis 21, God meets Hagar and her son in a time of great need and pain. How does God respond?

Unscramble the words to find out!

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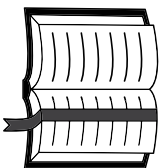
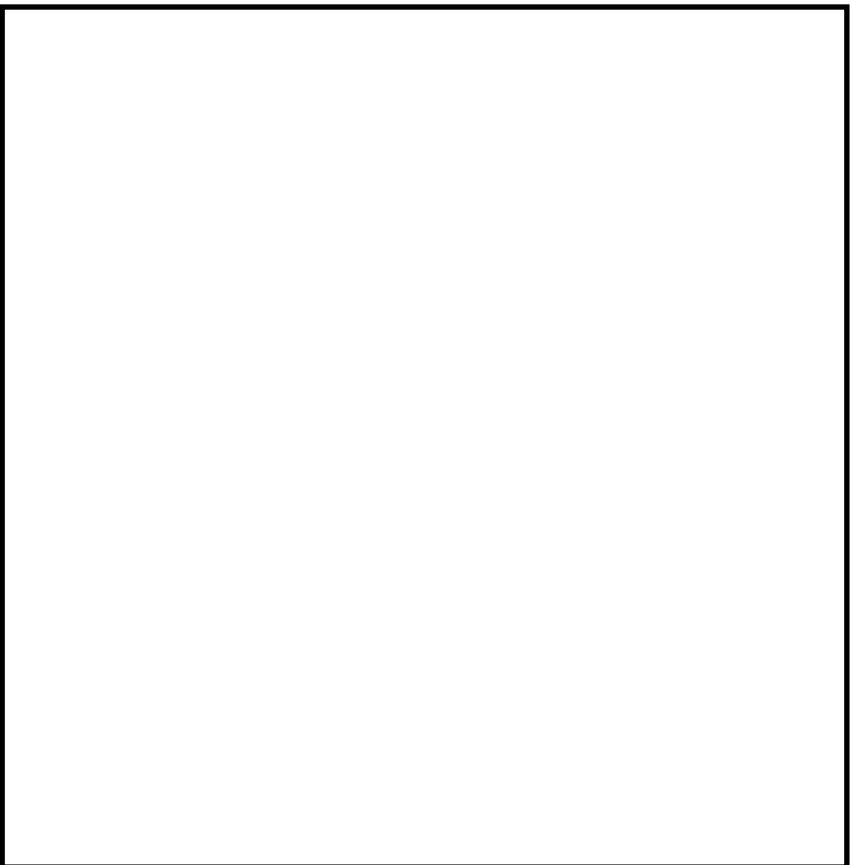
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DRAW IT

In Matthew 10, Jesus says when we help someone else - even in small things like giving a cup of cold water - we are serving Jesus himself. Draw a picture of you helping someone, and think of that person as Jesus to you.



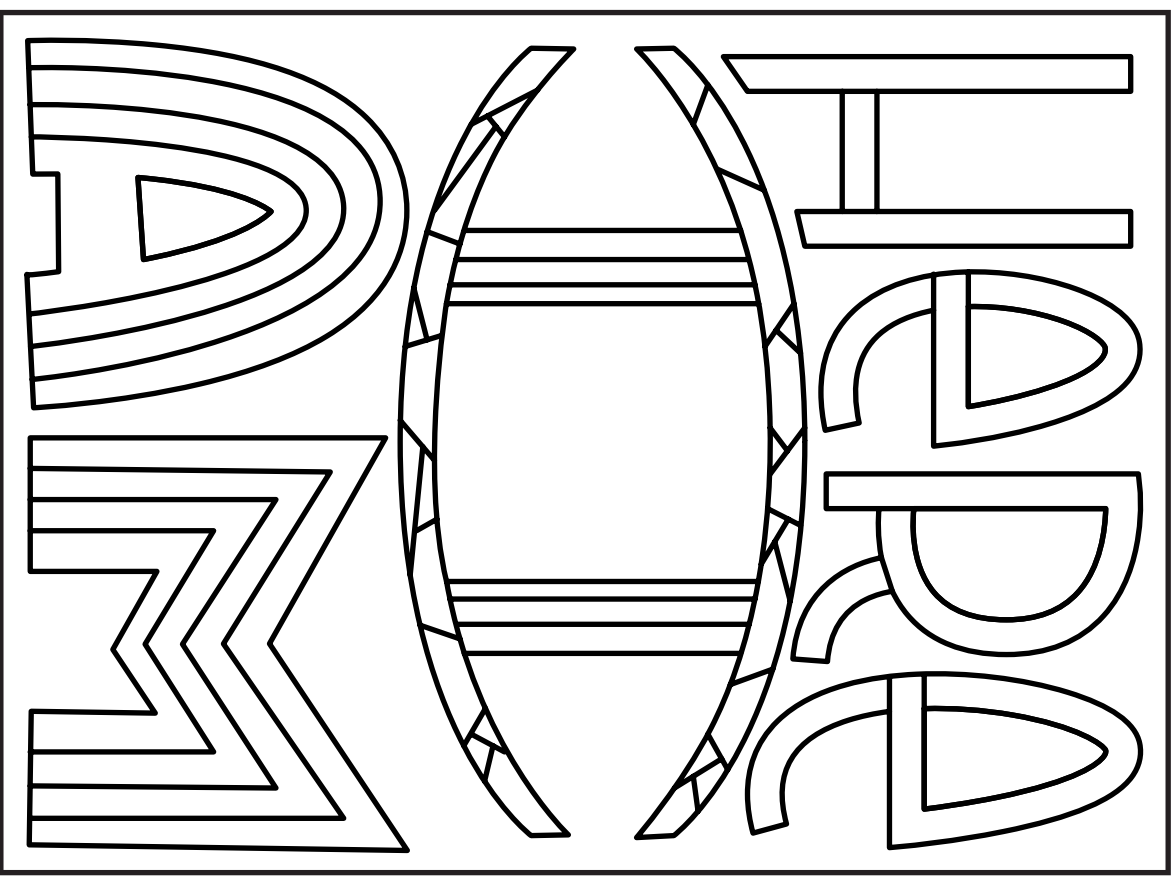
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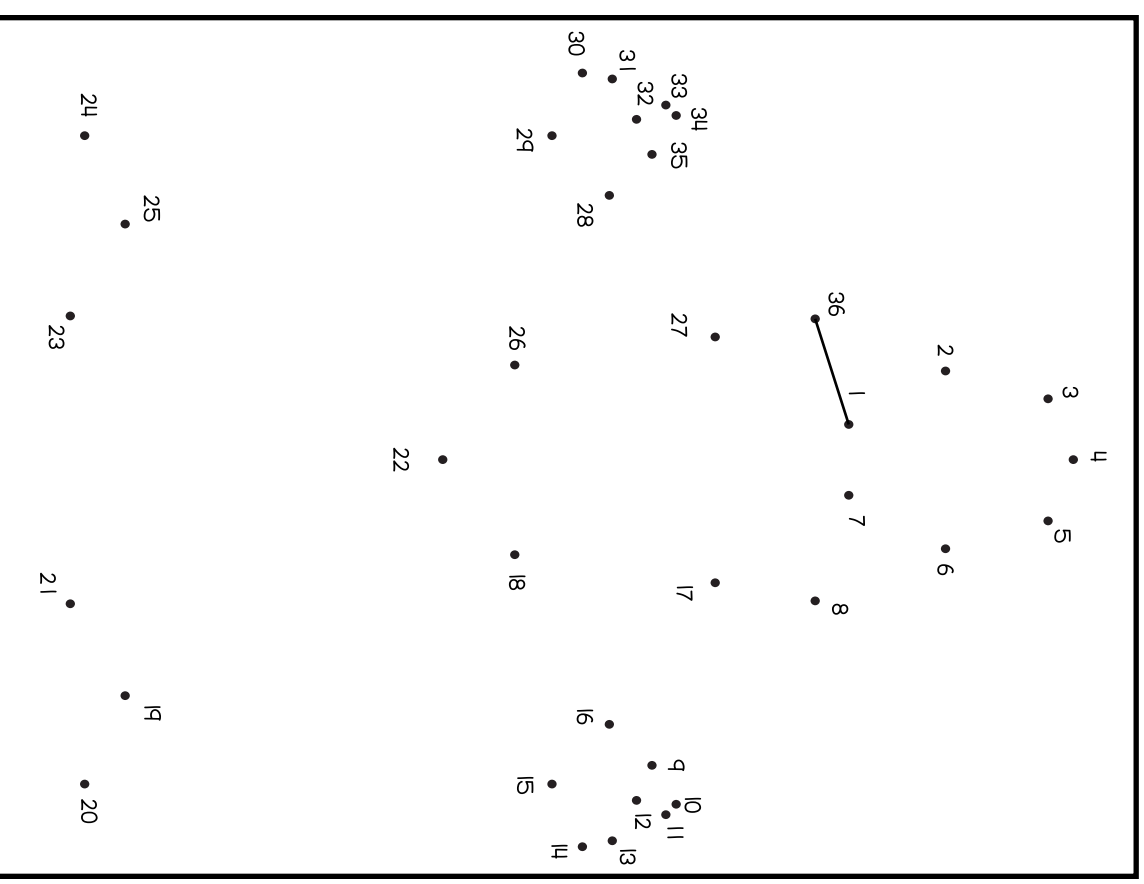
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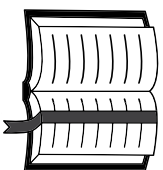
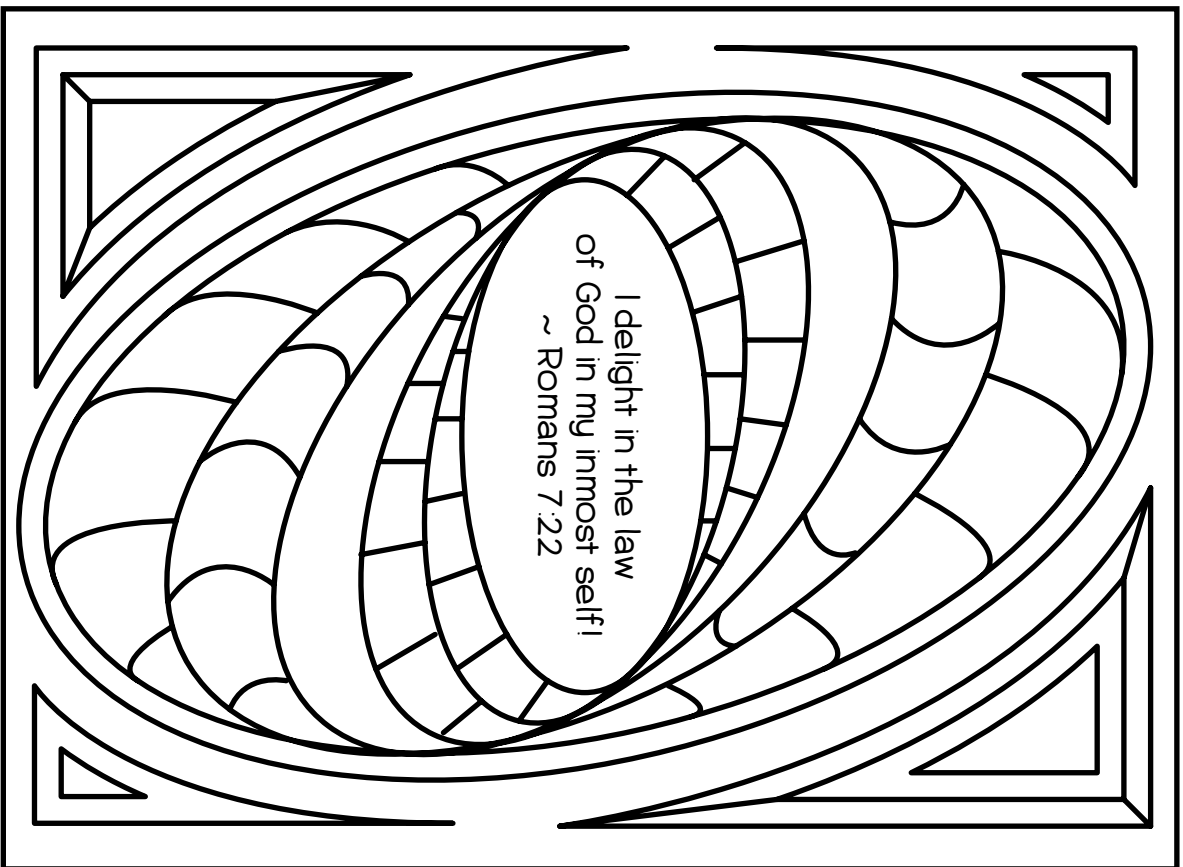
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| ABRAHAM | DONKEY | ALTAR |
| TEST | WOOD | ANGEL |
| SON | WORSHIP | HEAVEN |
| ISAAC | FIRE | RAM |
| OFFERING | PROVIDE | WALK |

CONNECT the DOTS

Romans 6 encourages us to give our bodies to God - in other words, use our bodies for God and God's service. **Connect the dots to form your body, then draw in your face, clothes, and shoes!**



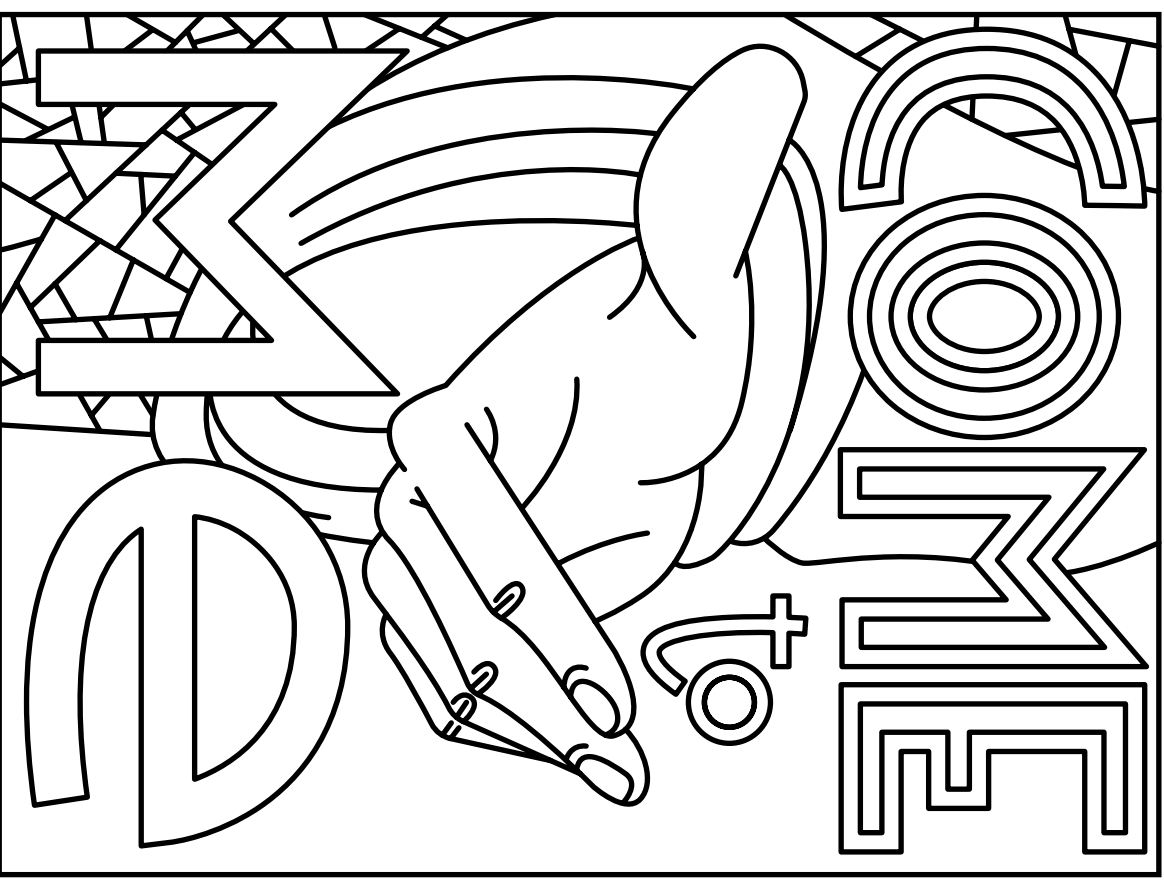


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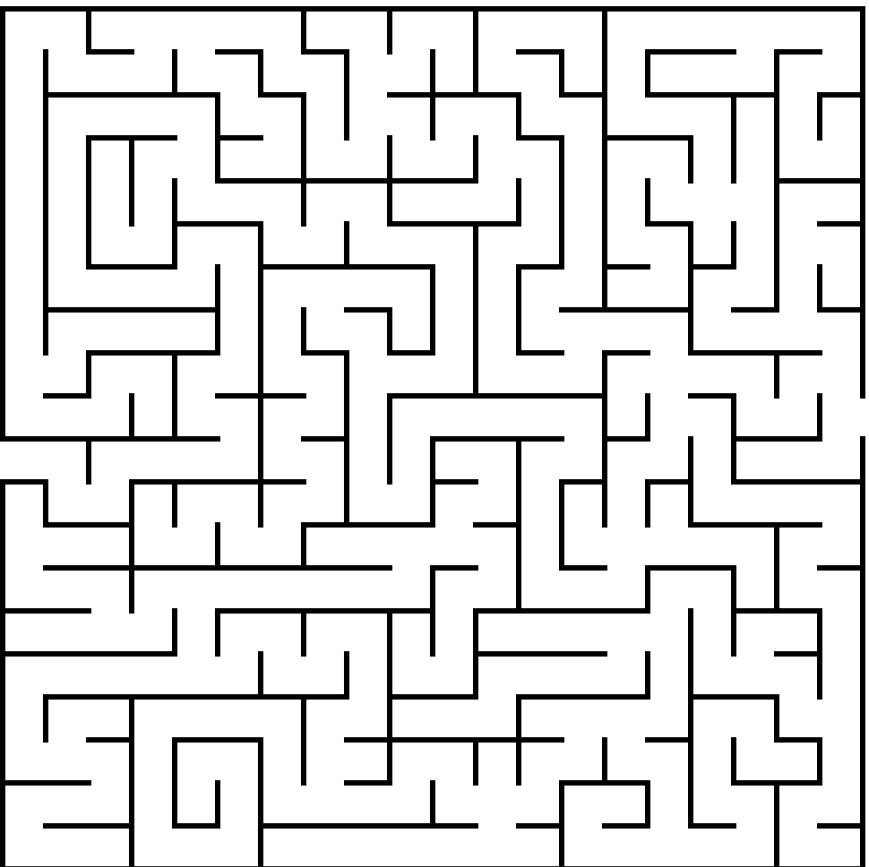
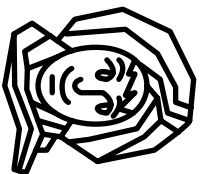
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Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.



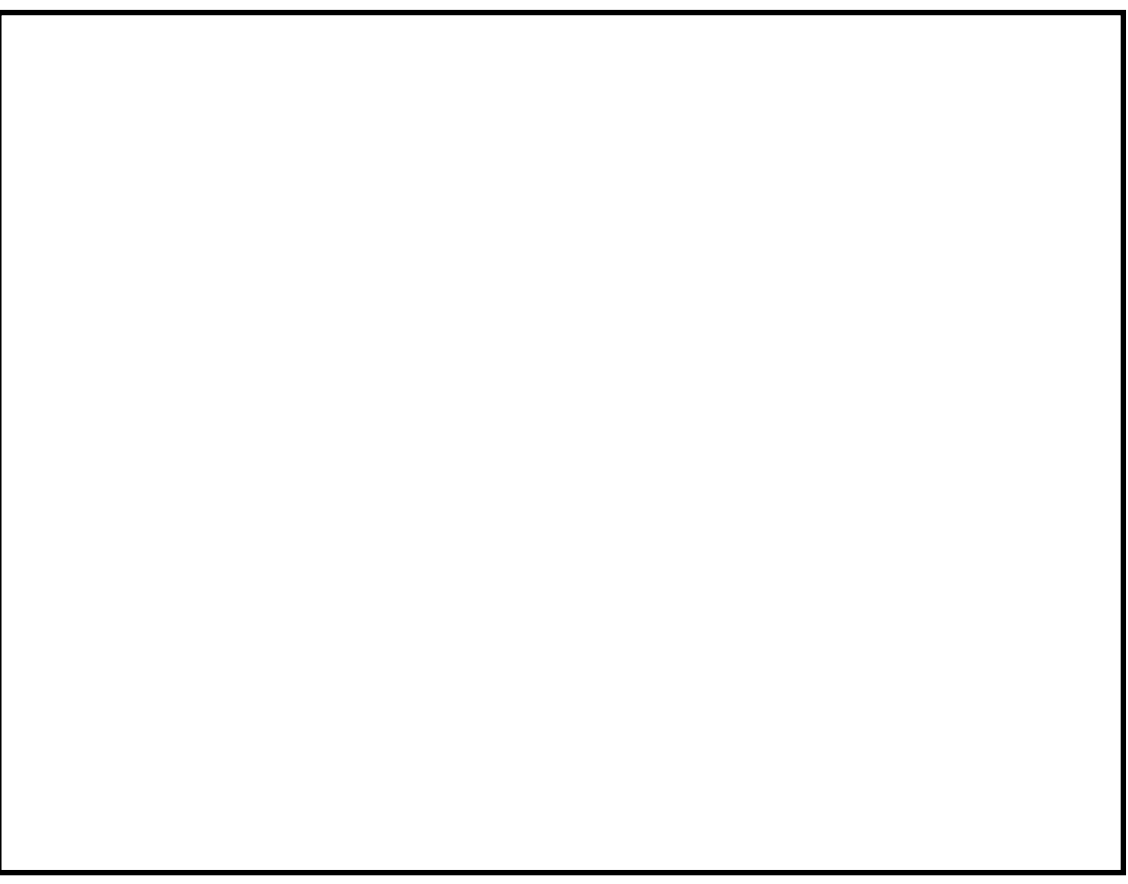
SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Genesis 24, a servant in Isaac's household has the job of finding him a wife. Help him find his way to the village.



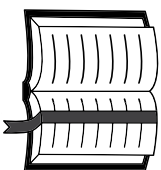
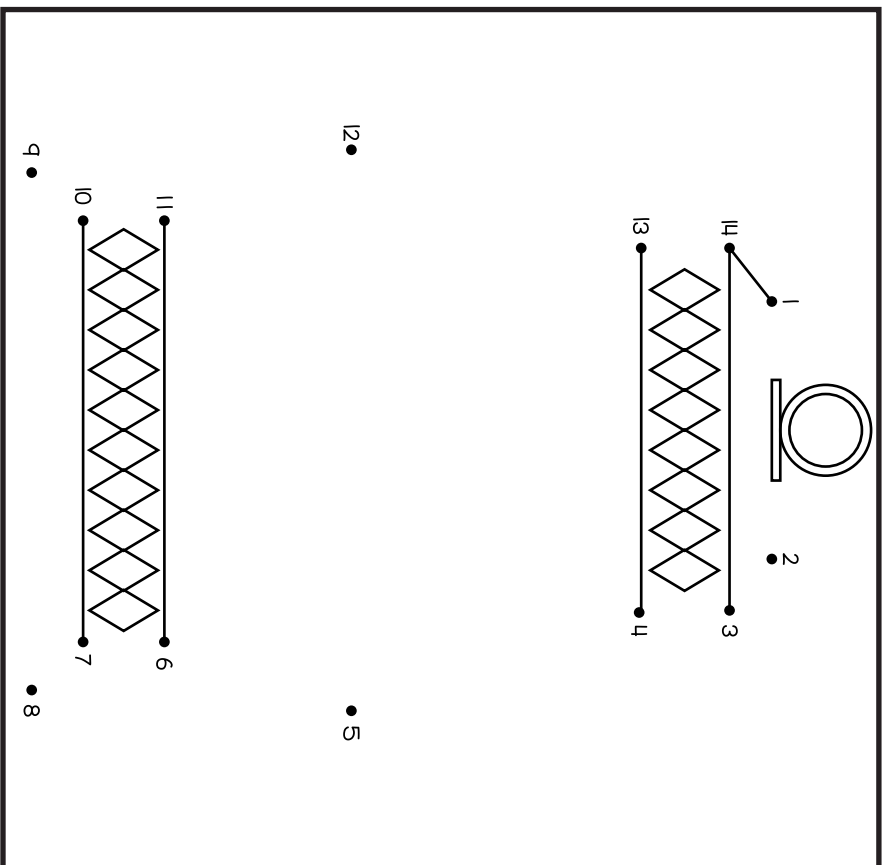
DRAW IT

In Matthew 11, Jesus gives a very comforting invitation. He tells everyone who feels tired or sad to come to him, and he will give them rest. How do you imagine it looks to find comfort and rest in Jesus?



CONNECT the DOTS

Psaln 119 describes God's word as a lamp that lights our path as we walk through life. Connect the dots to form a lamp. Draw or write a favorite Bible story of yours inside the lamp.



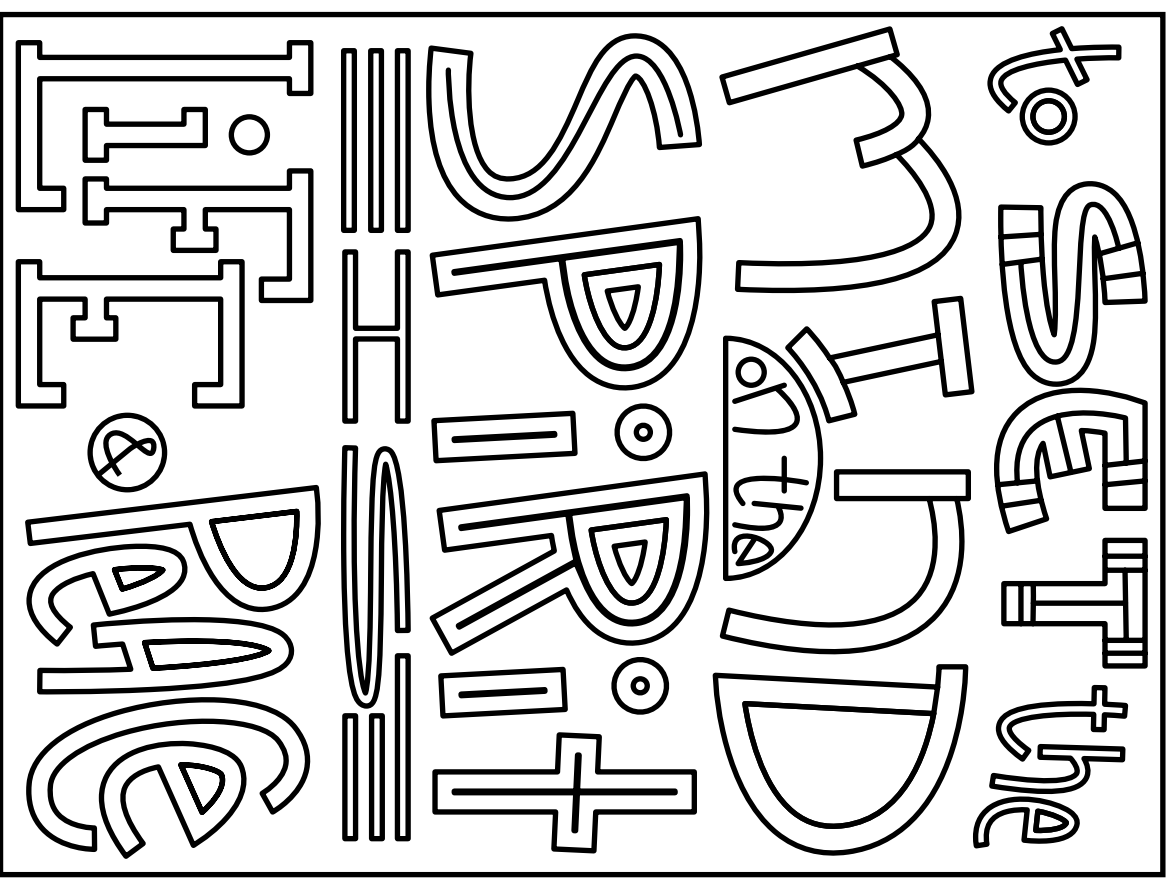
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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Genesis 25 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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R M F A T H G I R H T R I B I
V W Y S X D T H V M U C V R H
E S A U B F D H P Q M N L y S
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| ISAAC | PEOPLE | JACOB |
| REBEKAH | ELDER | FIELD |
| PRAY | YOUNGER | COOK |
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| TWO | RED | BREAD |
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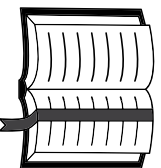
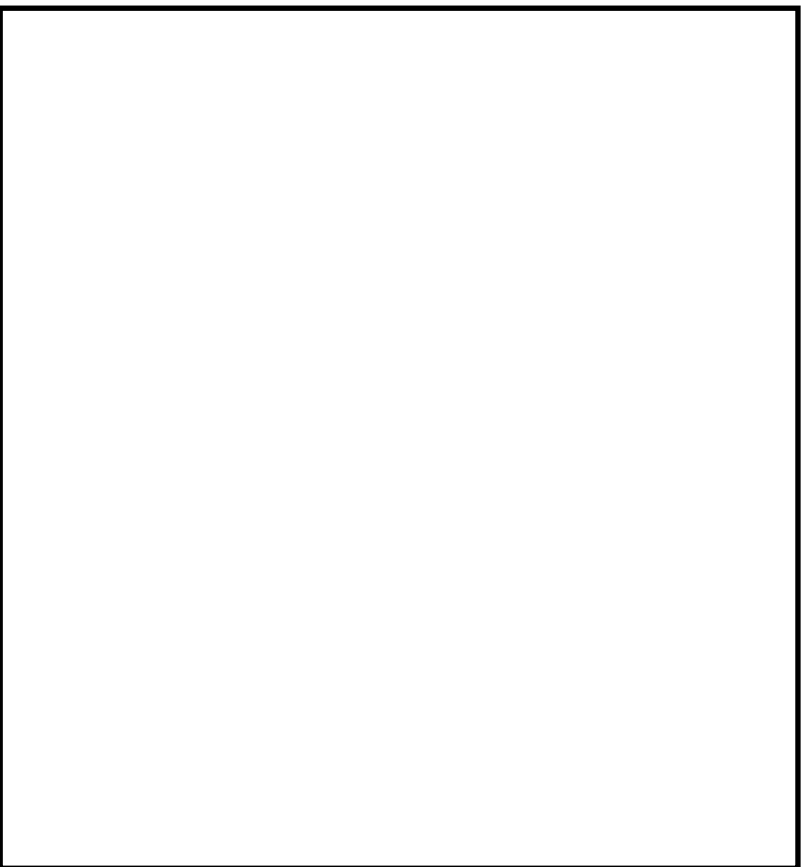
DRAW IT

In Matthew 13, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. He compares people's hearts to different kinds of soil - a path, rocky soil, thorny soil, and good soil. Draw the seeds falling on these different places. Remember the good soil represents a heart that receives God's word and follows it!



DRAW IT

Genesis 28 describes Jacob's amazing dream where he saw a ladder going up to heaven with angels coming up and down the ladder. The dream reminded Jacob of the Lord's presence with him in a very powerful way. Imagine you are Jacob, and draw how you picture this dream.



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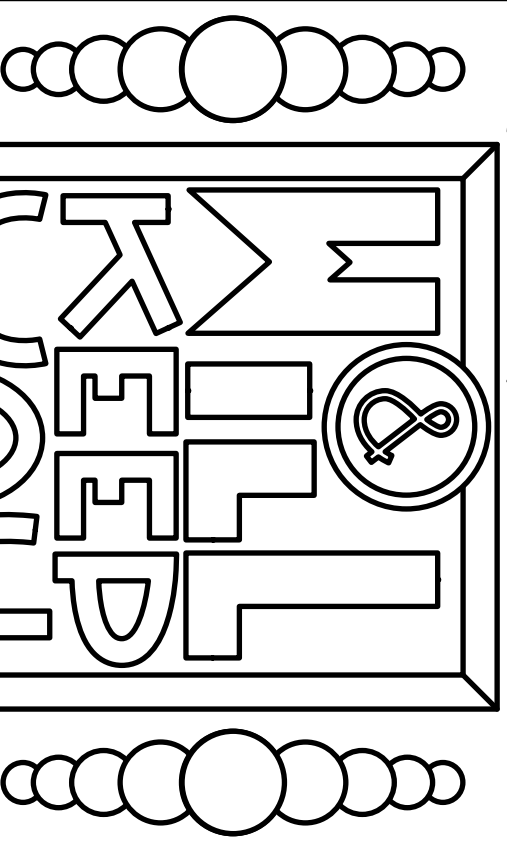
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Activities based on Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Now that I Am With You



Where You Have Go

What is the parable Jesus shares in Matthew 13 about God's kingdom? **Unscramble the words to find out!**

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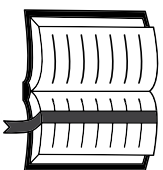
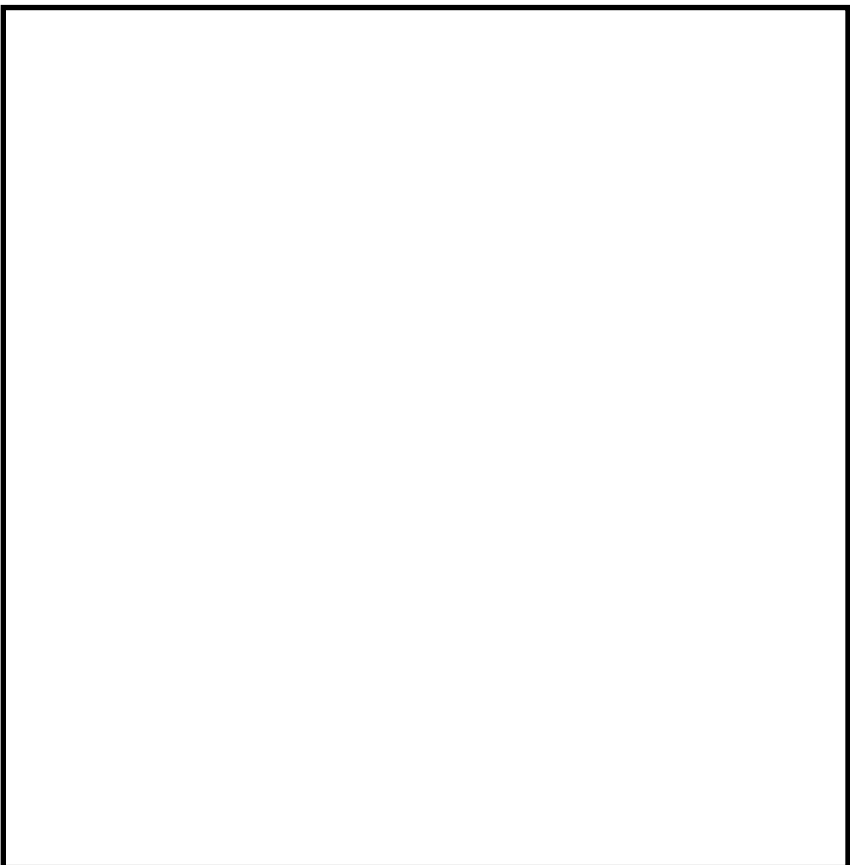
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Draw a picture of something you are thankful for.

DRAW IT

In Matthew 13, Jesus shares parables describing the kingdom of heaven. He says the kingdom of heaven is like a seed in a field, yeast in bread, treasure in a field, a merchant finding a pearl, and a net used to catch fish. Draw the parable you especially like.



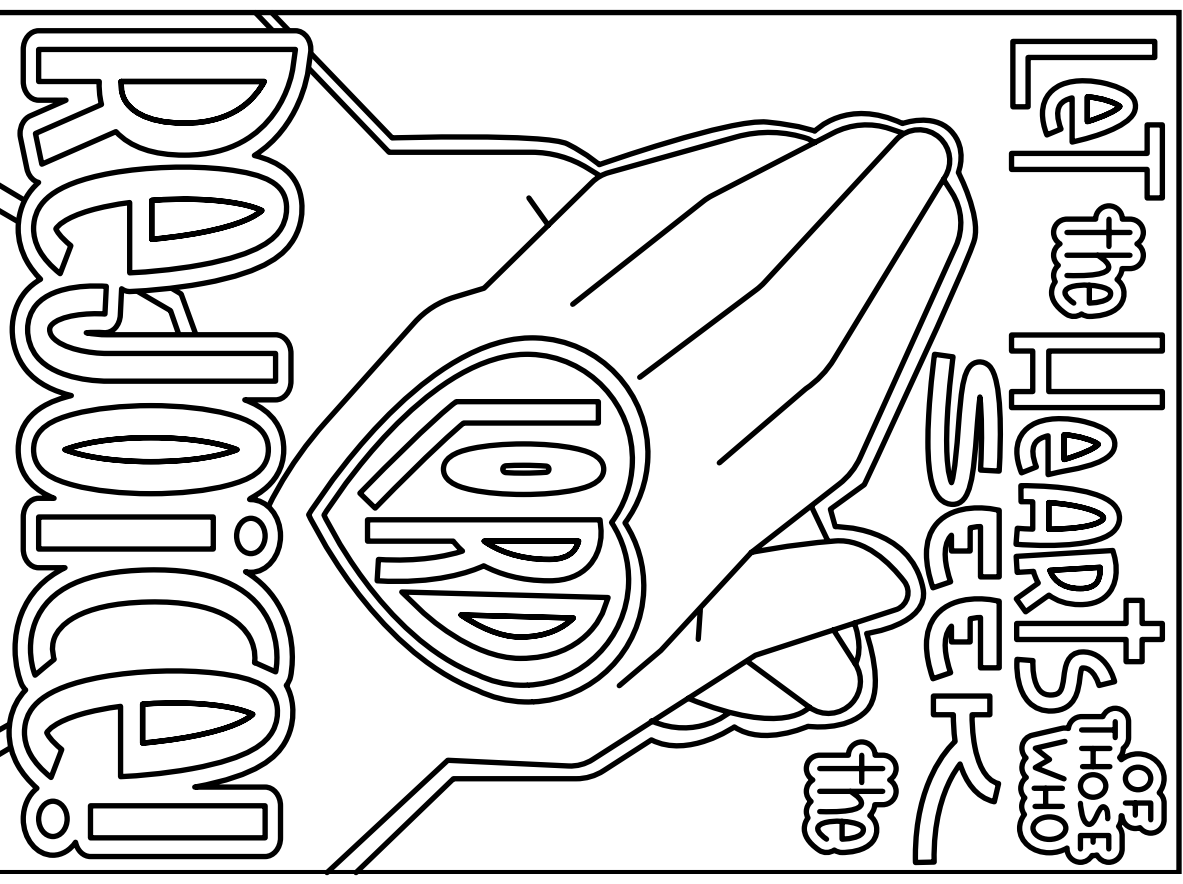
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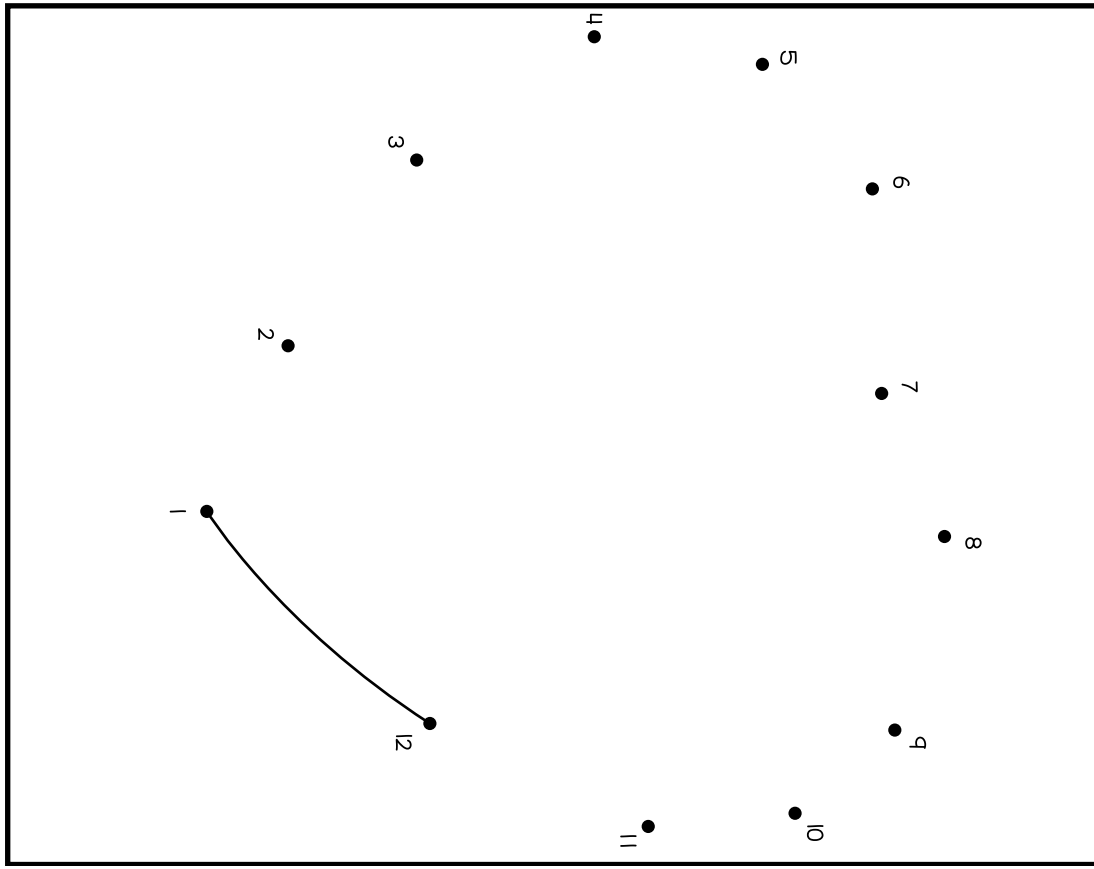
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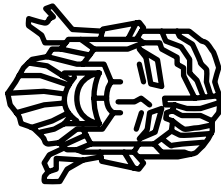
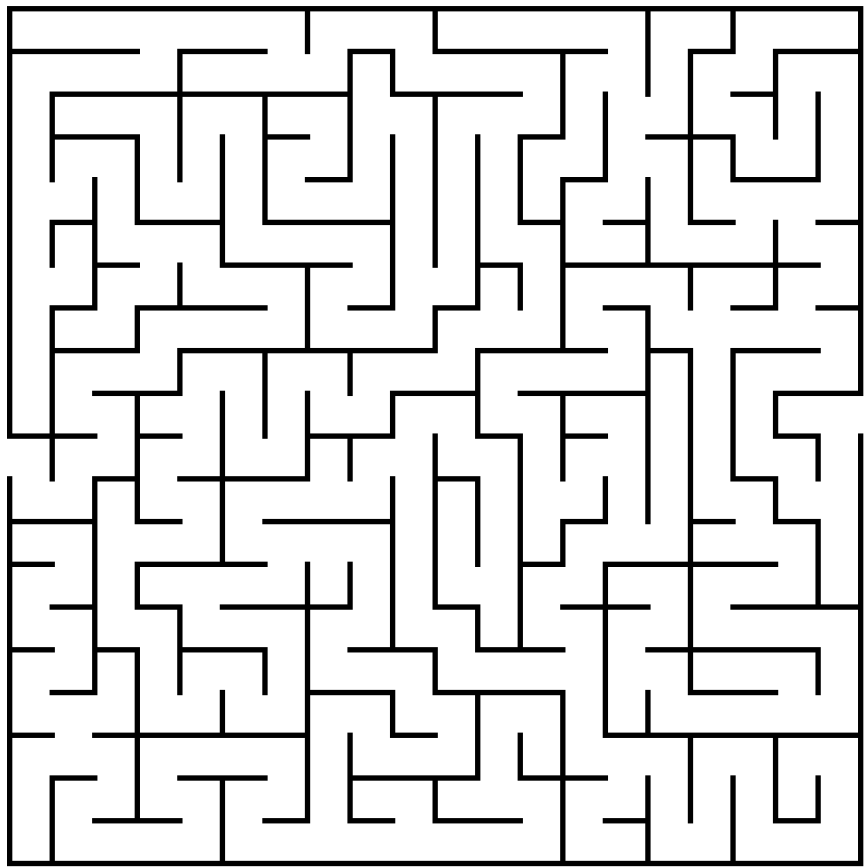
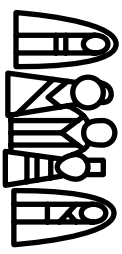
CONNECT the DOTS

Romans 8 promises us the Holy Spirit knows and hears the prayers of our hearts, even when we are too tired or hurting to pray. Connect the dots to form the heart. Inside, write or draw some needs you want to pray about.



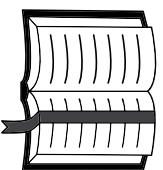
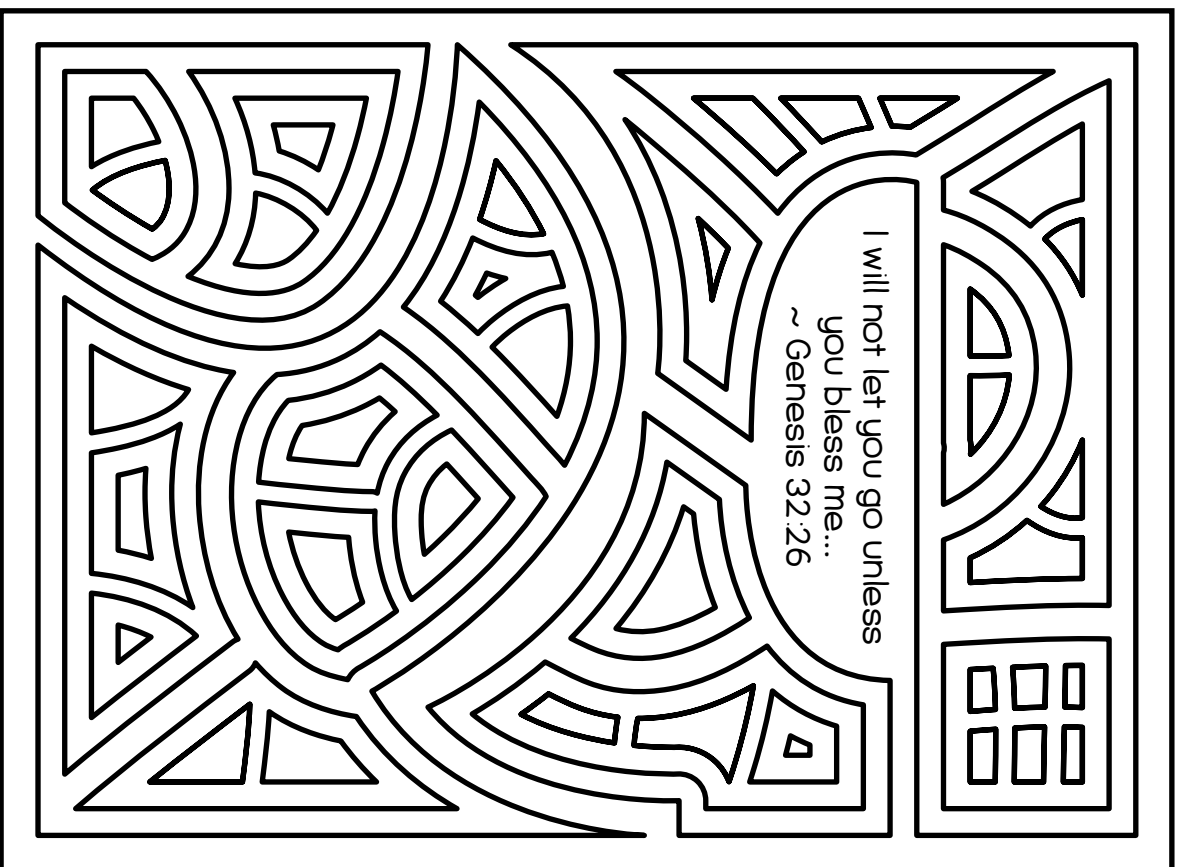
SOLVE (the) MAZE

Many people traveled distances to hear Jesus and be healed. Help the people reach him.



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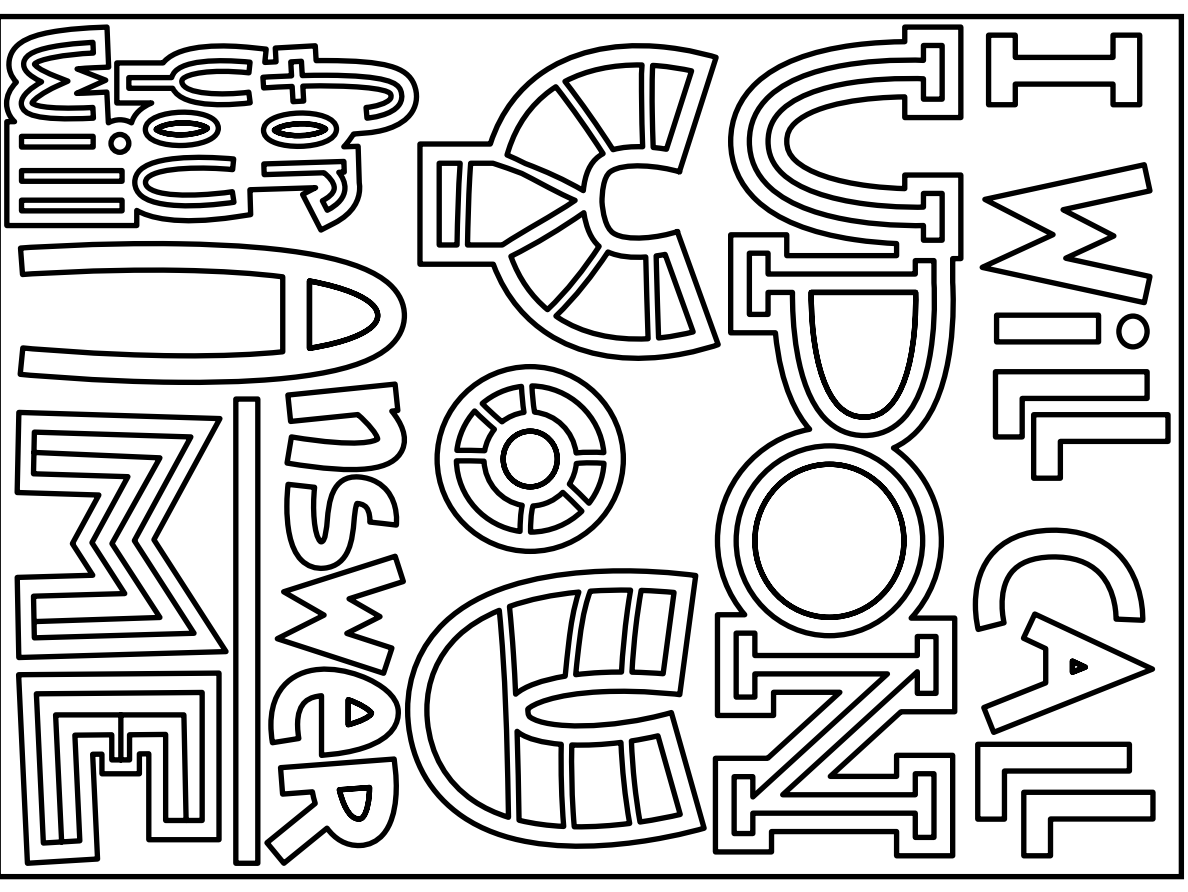
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DRAW IT

Matthew 14 shares the miracle of Jesus feeding thousands of people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Draw what you imagine this looked like.

FOLLOW the PATH

Genesis 32 tells the powerful story of Jacob wrestling with God. Jacob gives the place a new name because of what he saw. Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. See what Jacob saw spelled out below.

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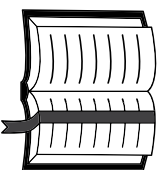
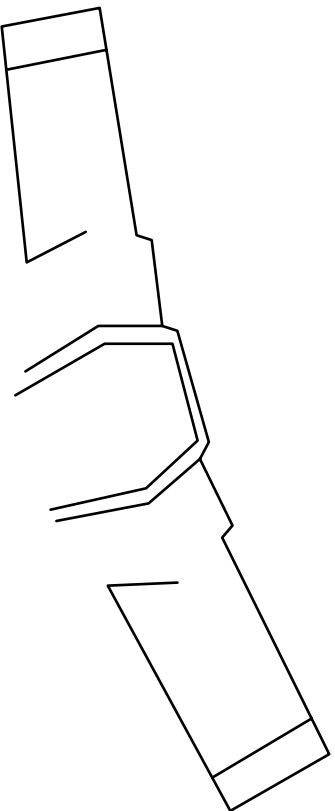
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FINISH ^{the} DRAWING

Genesis 37 introduces us to Joseph, Jacob's son.

Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful, long coat (you might have heard about the coat of many colors!). Finish the drawing of Joseph's coat, imagining the special relationship he had with his dad.



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Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33.

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who calls on the

NAMÉ OF LORD

SHALL

BE SHOWN

UNSCRAMBLE IT

What encouragement does the Psalmist give for staying focused on God and keeping hopeful?

Unscramble the words to find out!

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ESKE SDGO SEENPRCE NUALCONTIYL

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Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.



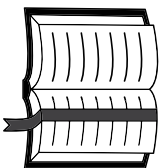
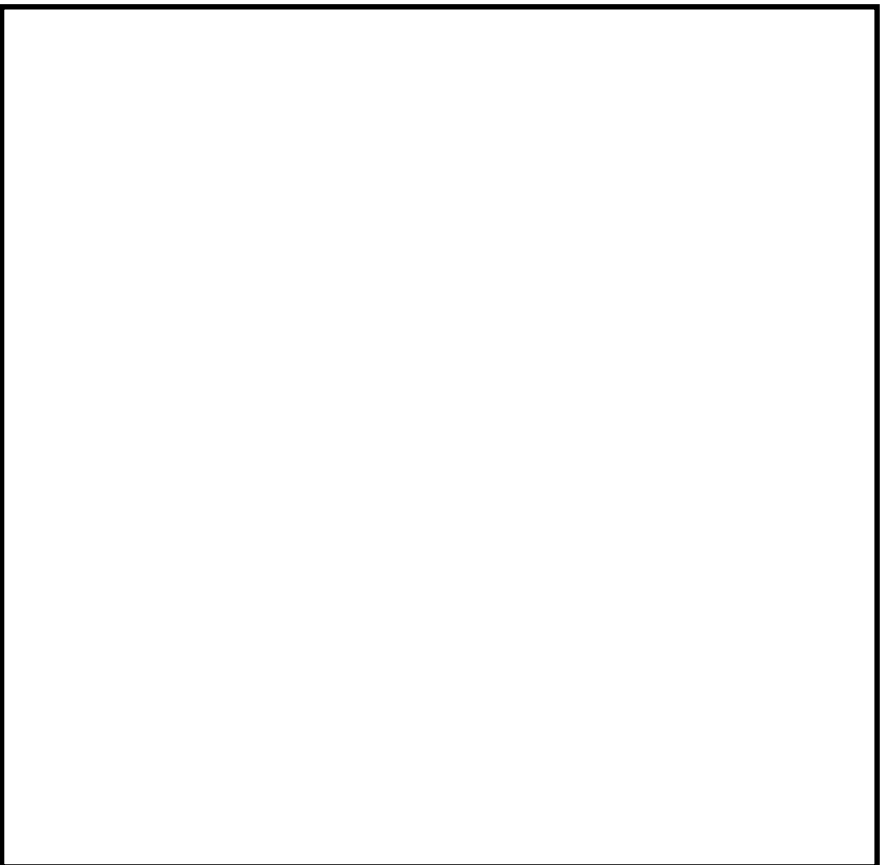
DRAW IT

In Matthew 14, we learn the amazing story of Jesus walking on the water toward his disciples. Peter gets out of the boat to walk toward Jesus. Draw how you imagine this looked!



DRAW IT

In Matthew 15, Jesus shares the importance of how we talk. The words we say have power! Draw a picture of you using your words to encourage someone else.



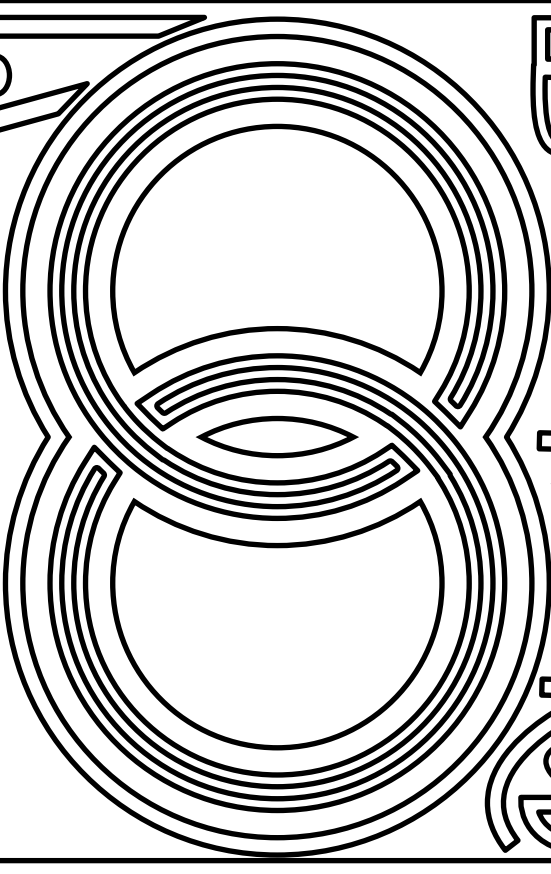
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28.

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WORD SEARCH

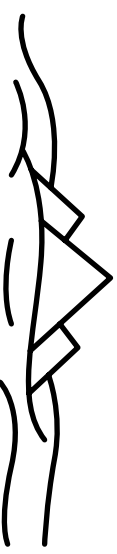
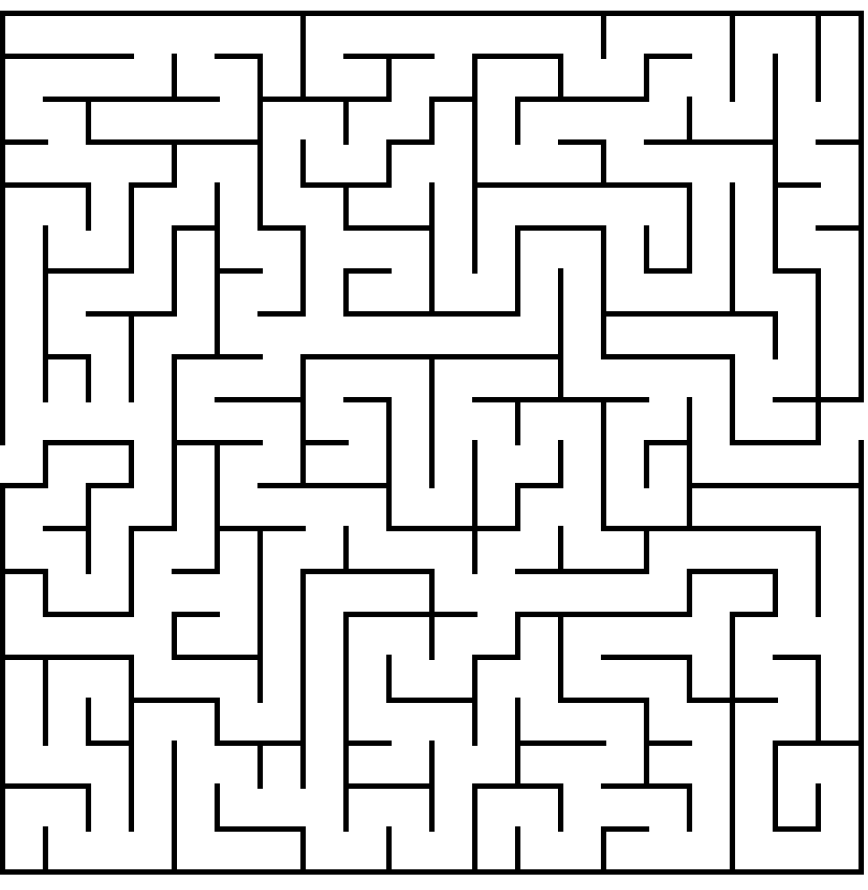
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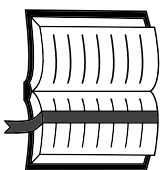
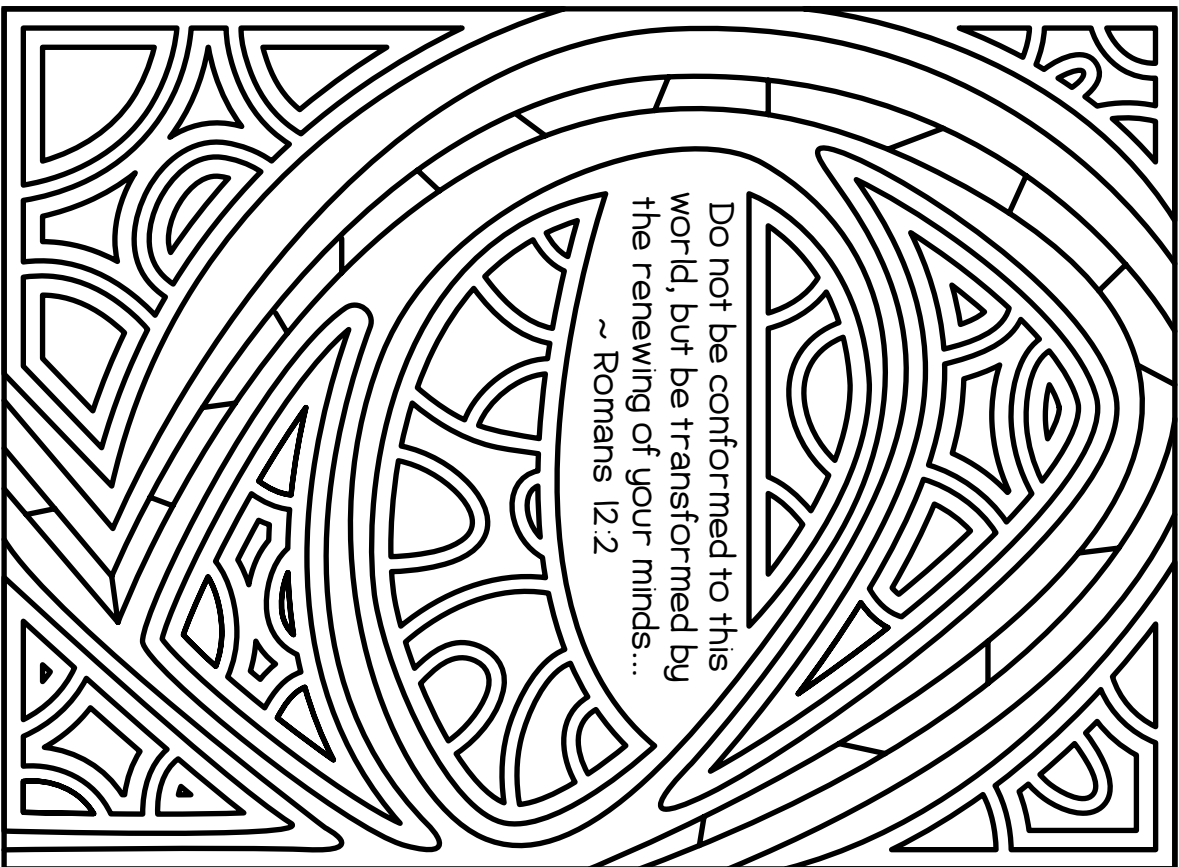
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| MOUTH | MERCY | FAITH |
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SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Genesis 45, Joseph's brothers have traveled all the way to Egypt for food due to famine in their land. Help them find their way!



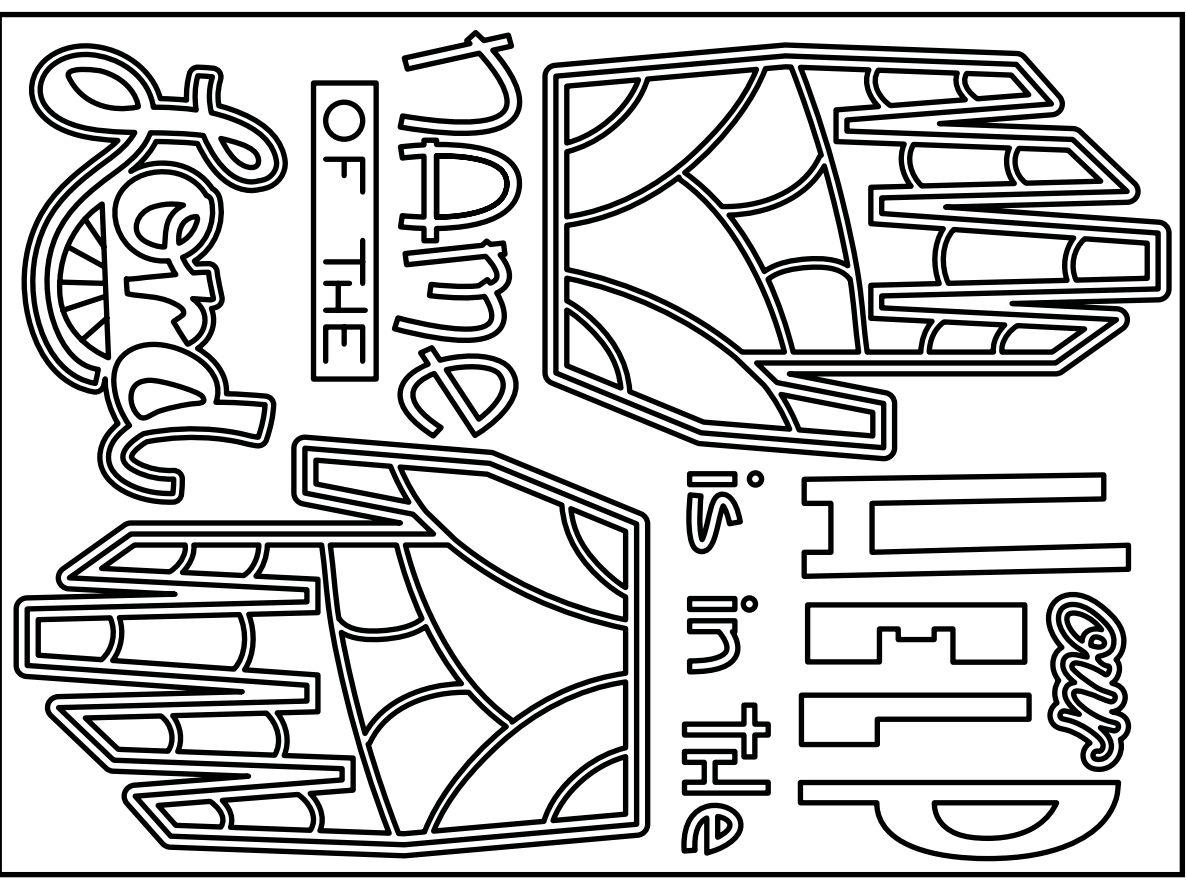


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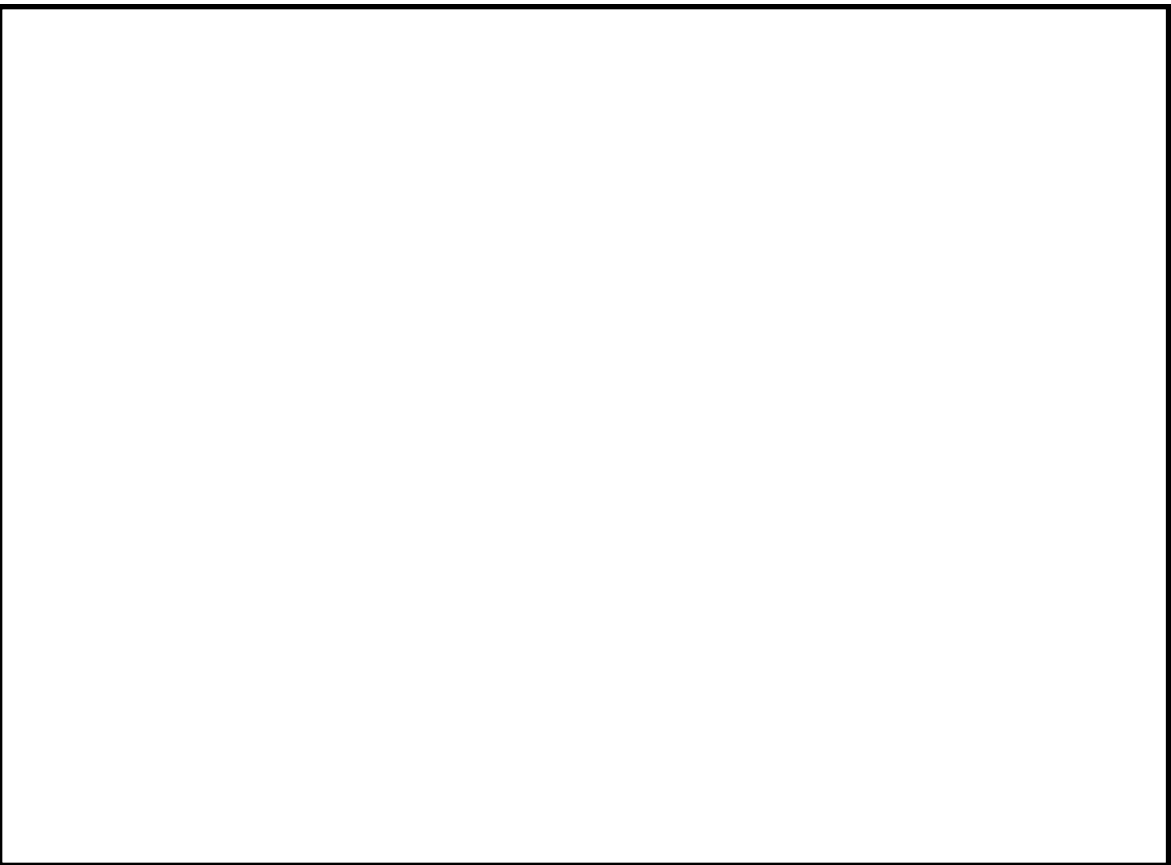
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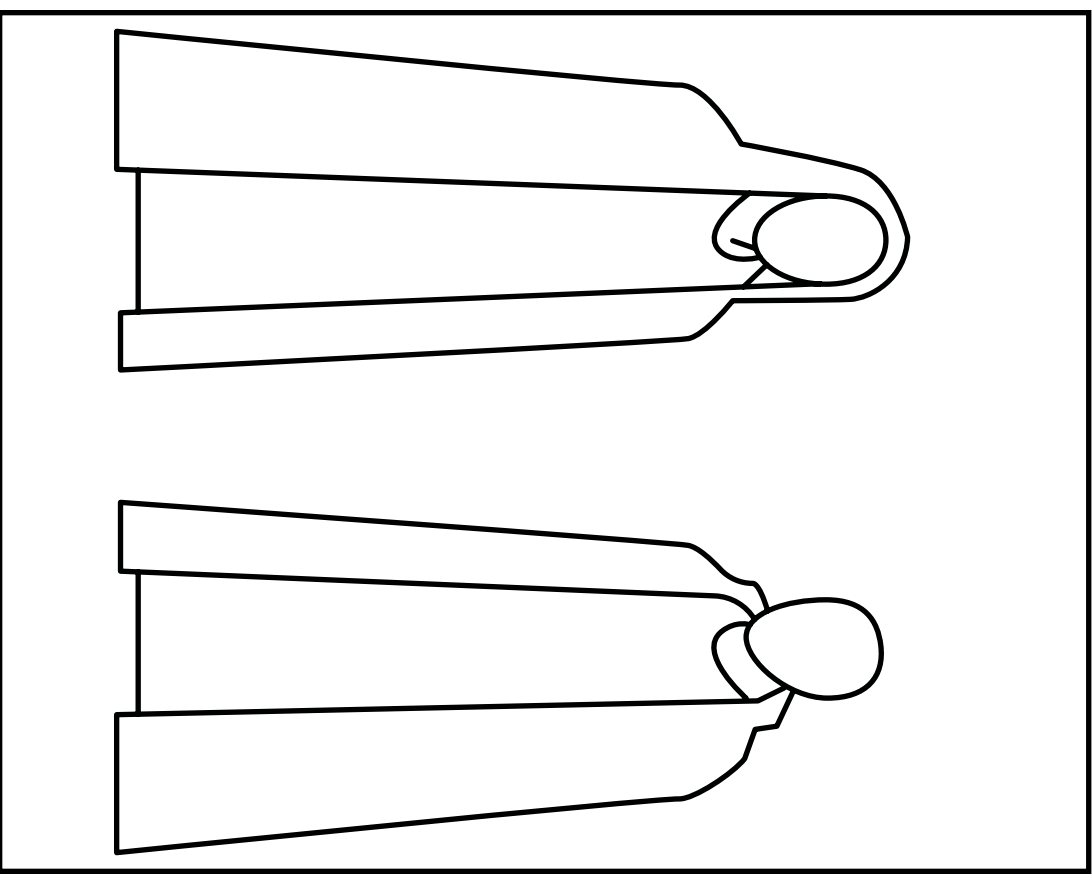
DRAW IT

In Matthew 16, Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Draw a picture of Jesus. Who is Jesus to you?

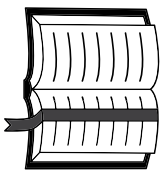
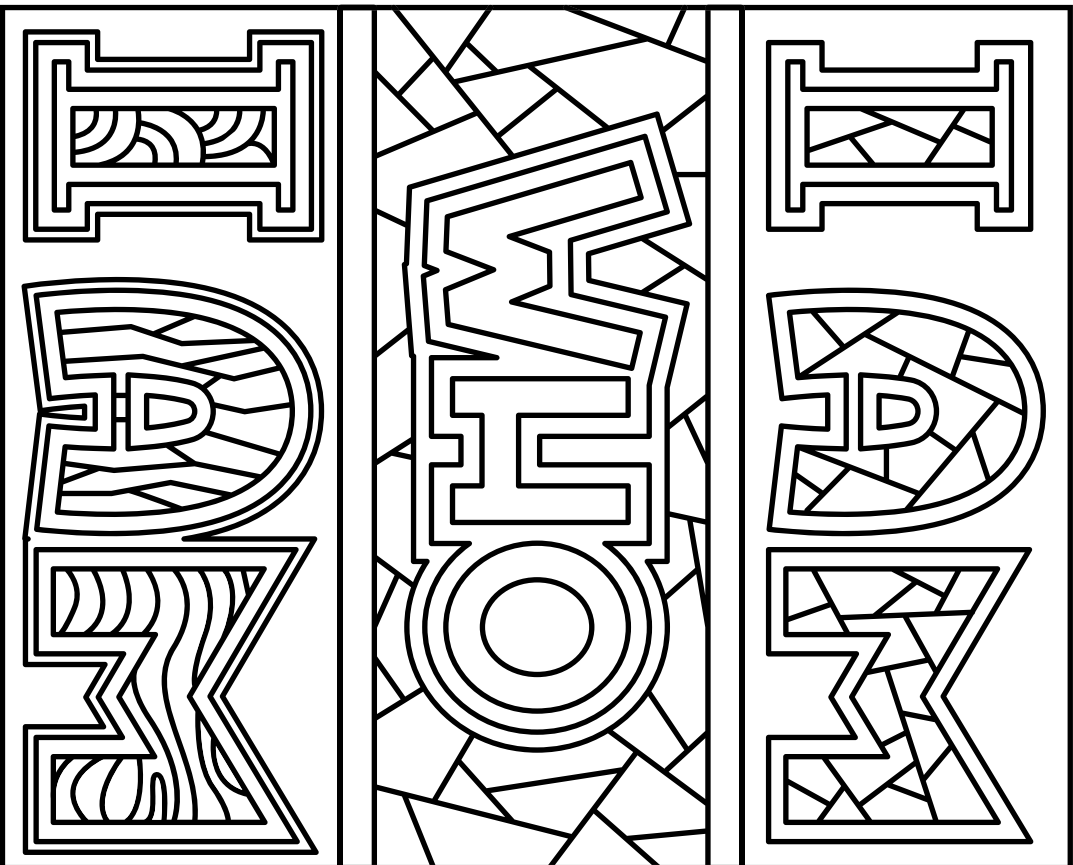


FINISH ^{the} DRAWING

In Exodus 1, we meet two incredibly brave women. They were Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah. Finish drawing these two women, and between them, draw a woman or girl you know who is courageous.



COLOR IN THE WORDS

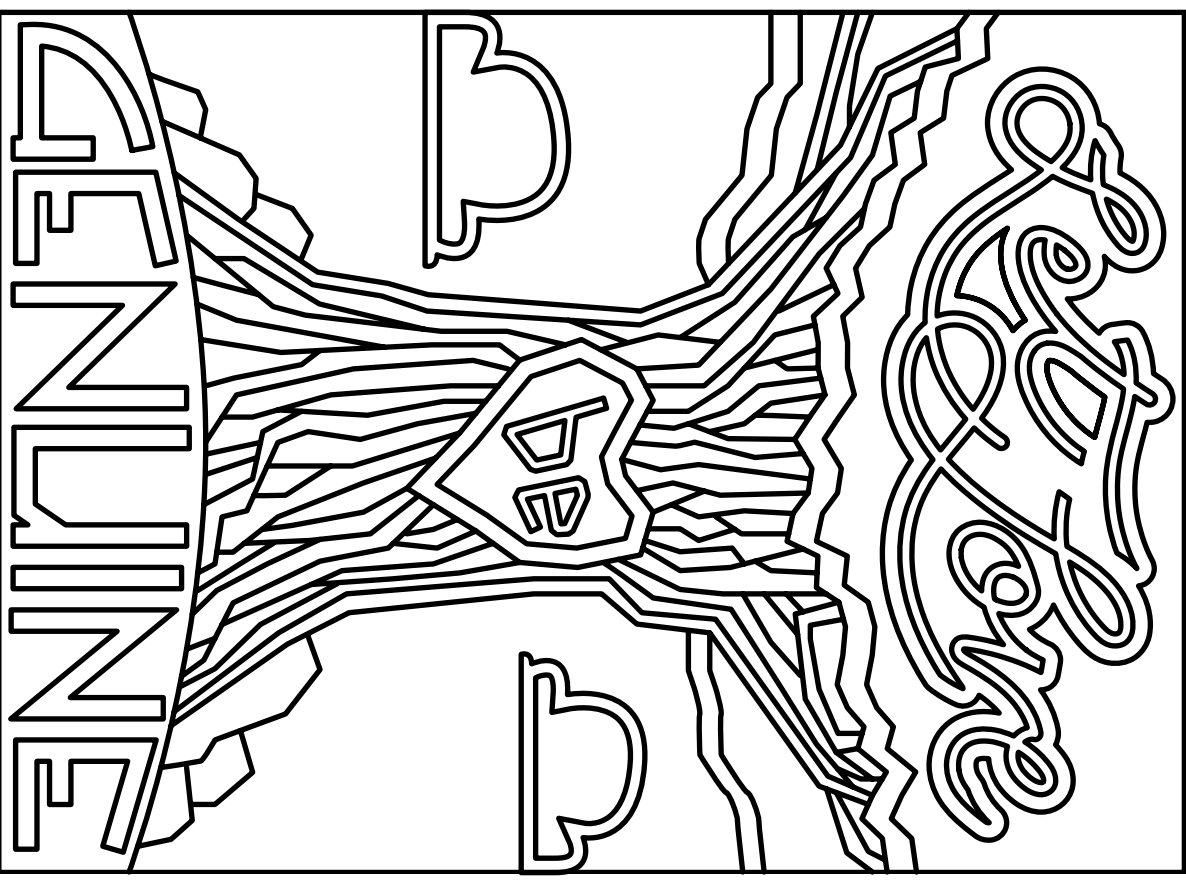


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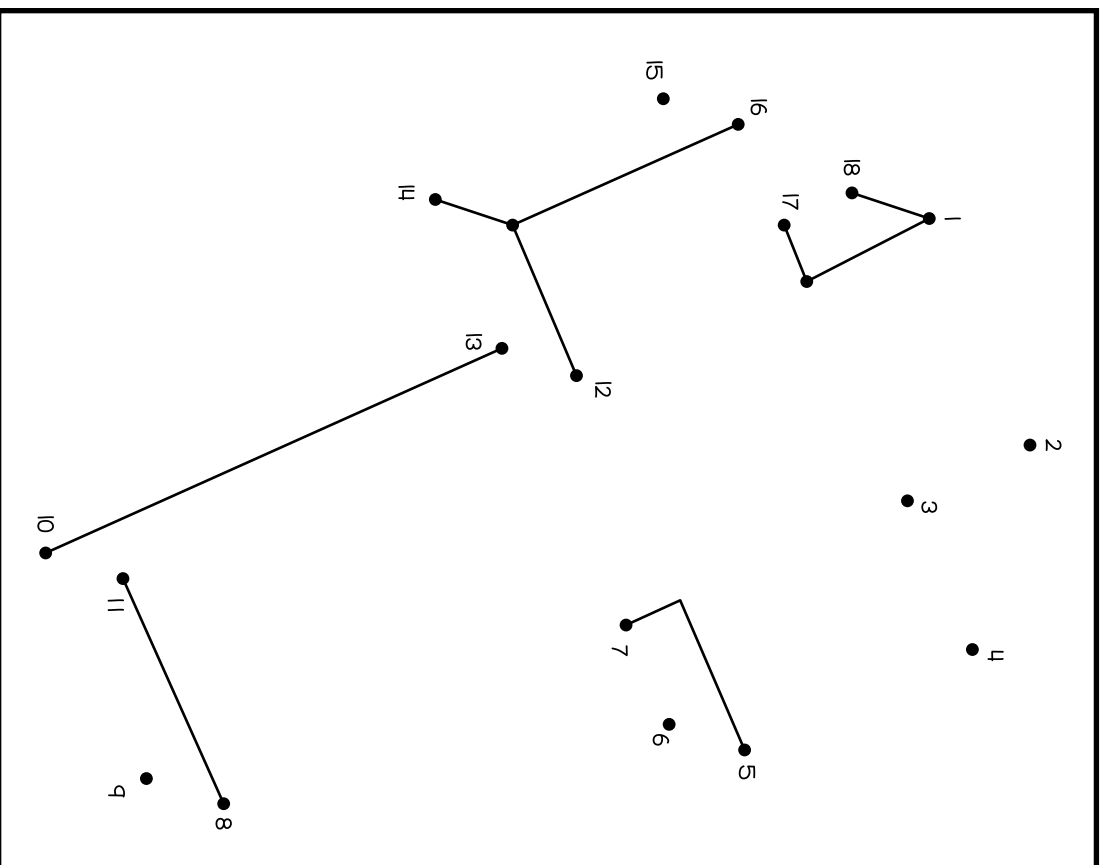
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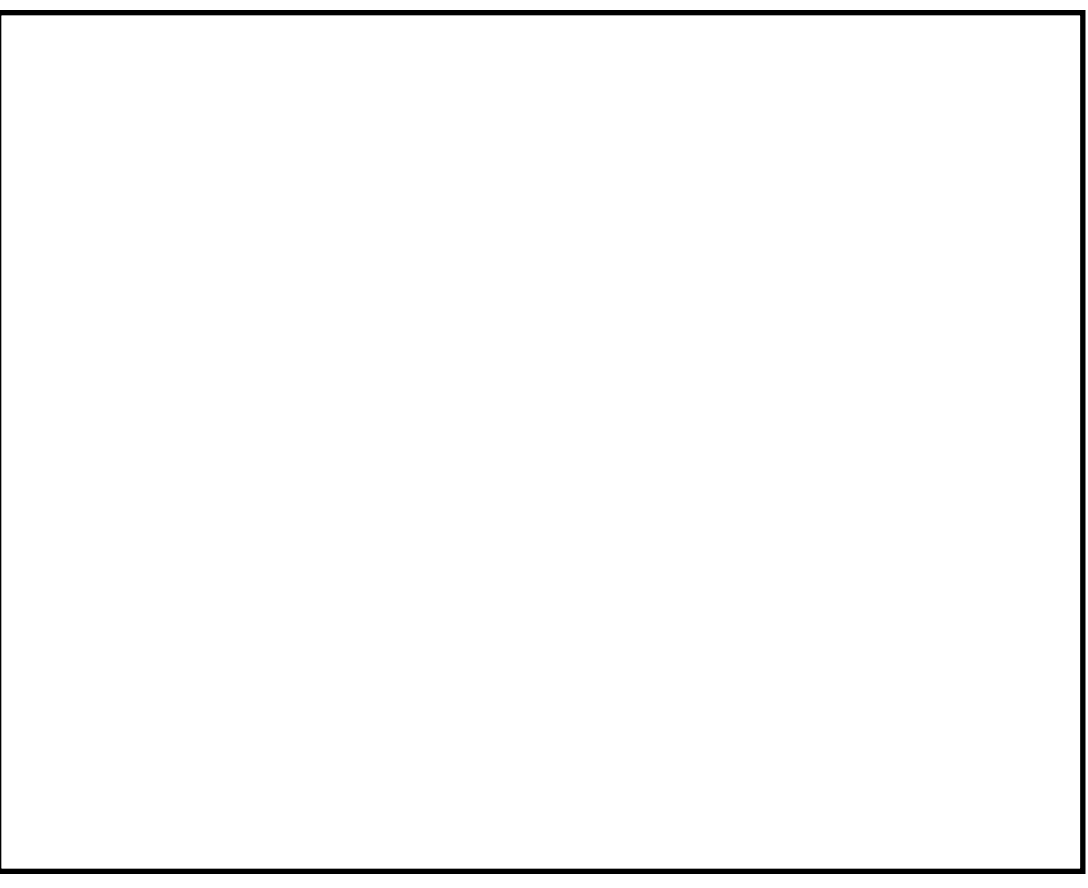
CONNECT the DOTS

In Matthew 16, Jesus says that if we want to follow him, we need to “pick up our cross.” Connect the dots to form the cross. Inside the cross, write or draw some challenges you are carrying right now. Think about how Jesus shares the load with you.



DRAW IT

Romans 12 gives important instructions on how to truly follow Jesus - love one another, be passionate in spirit, serve God, rejoice in hope, be patient in hard times, always keep praying... Draw a picture of what it looks like to do these things.





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