

## Wonder ... About God's Surprising Protection

Year 2, Unit 5



Dear Family,

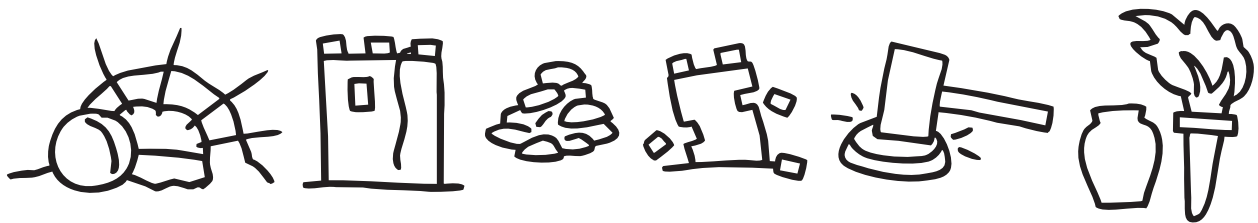
Church school is an exciting place to be! Each week your child enjoys God's great story, songs of praise, and games and activities—and that's just for starters! It's a privilege for me to get to know your child and the others who join us each week.

We have just finished New Testament stories from Joseph to Joshua and are about to begin a unit about God's protection and care for God's people, the Israelites. The stories will include Rahab, Crossing the Jordan, the Fall of Jericho, Deborah and Jael, Gideon—and of course, Easter! We will also learn more about God's protection and care over us because we are part of God's great family too!

Each week your child will continue to bring home a Show and Share paper. It's important to make sure this paper makes it out of the car and into your home. Inside it you'll find a version of the story (perfect to use with your God's Big Story cards set!), activities, and the location of the Memory Challenge text. Inviting your child to show and share the paper with you is a wonderful way to continue at home the conversation we had at church.

Please pray with me that the Holy Spirit will use these materials, along with our leading (yours and mine) and our own examples of faith, to guide your child—and each child in this group—into a life of faith!

In Christ,

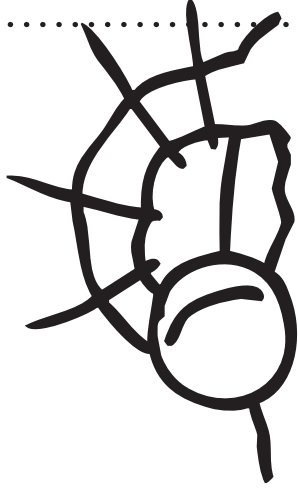




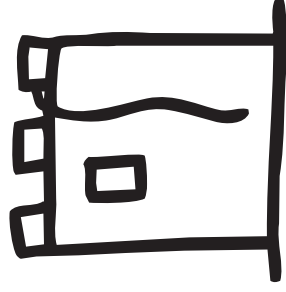
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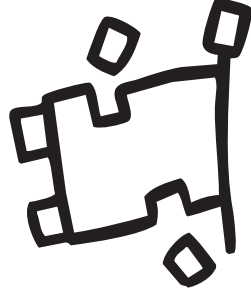
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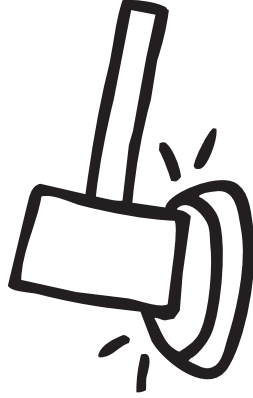
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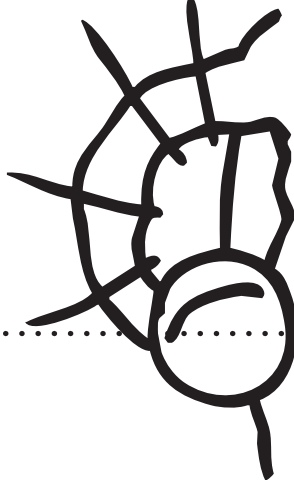
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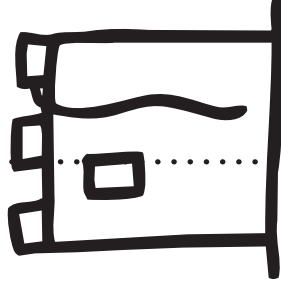
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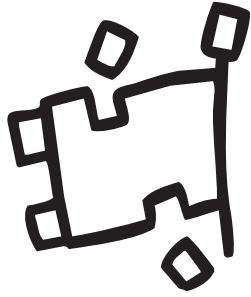
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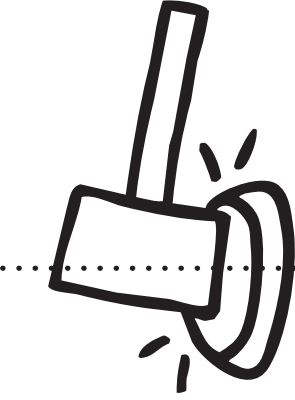
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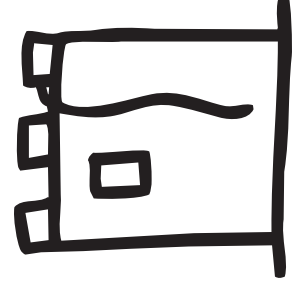
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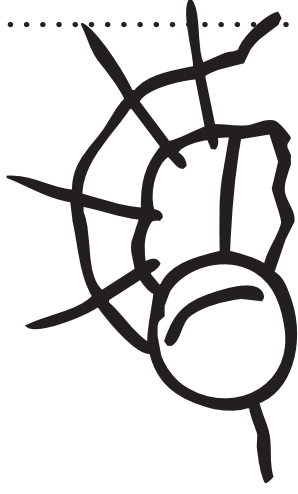
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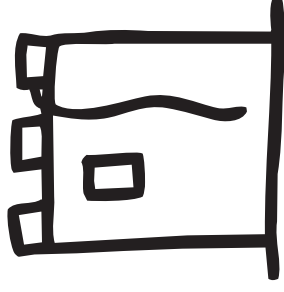
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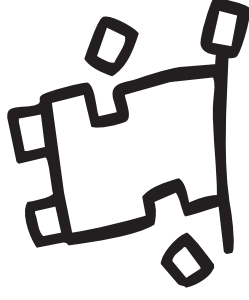
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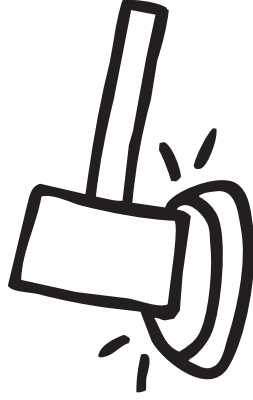
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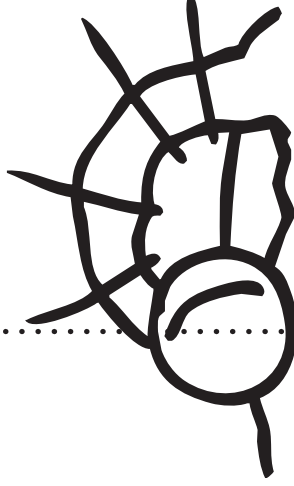
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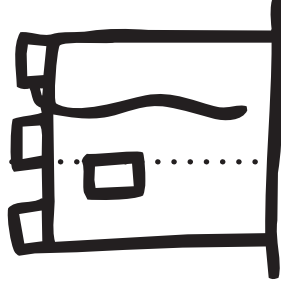
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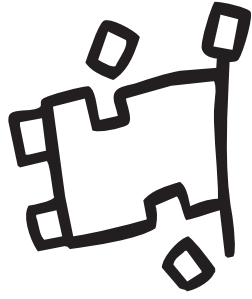
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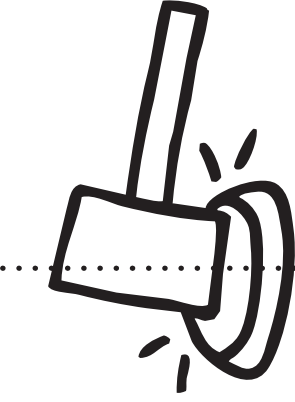
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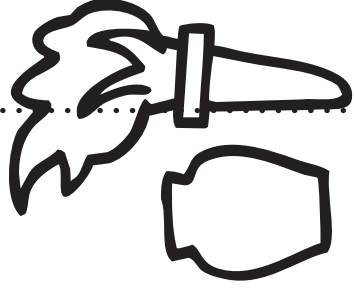
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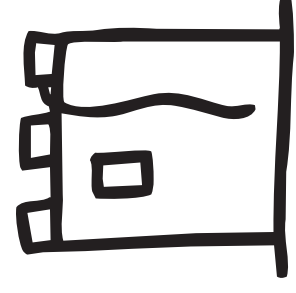
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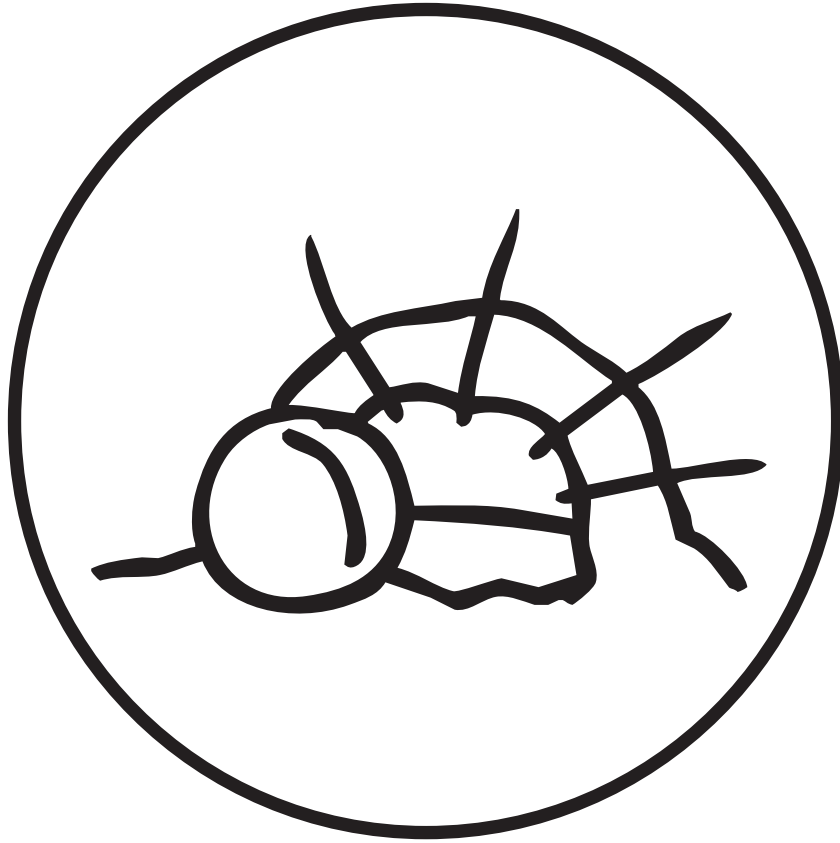
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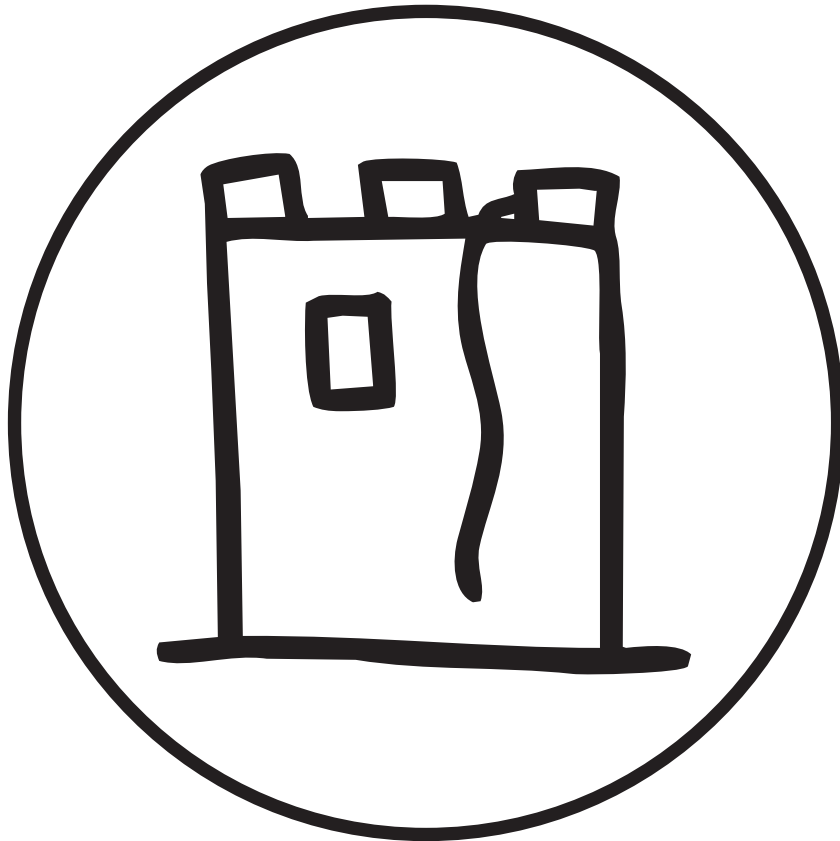
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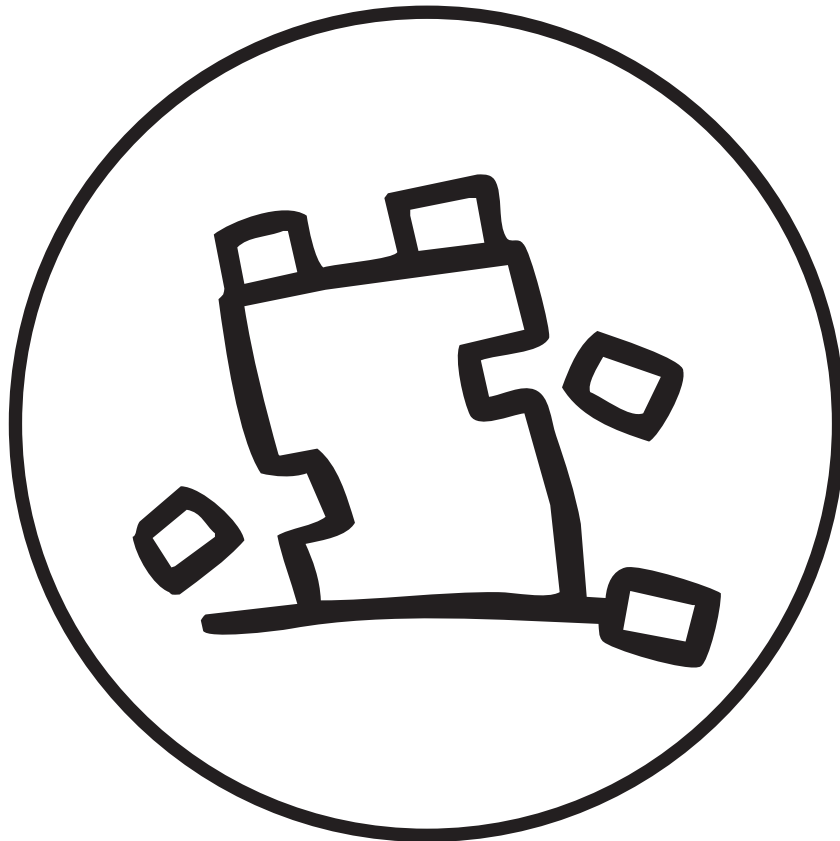
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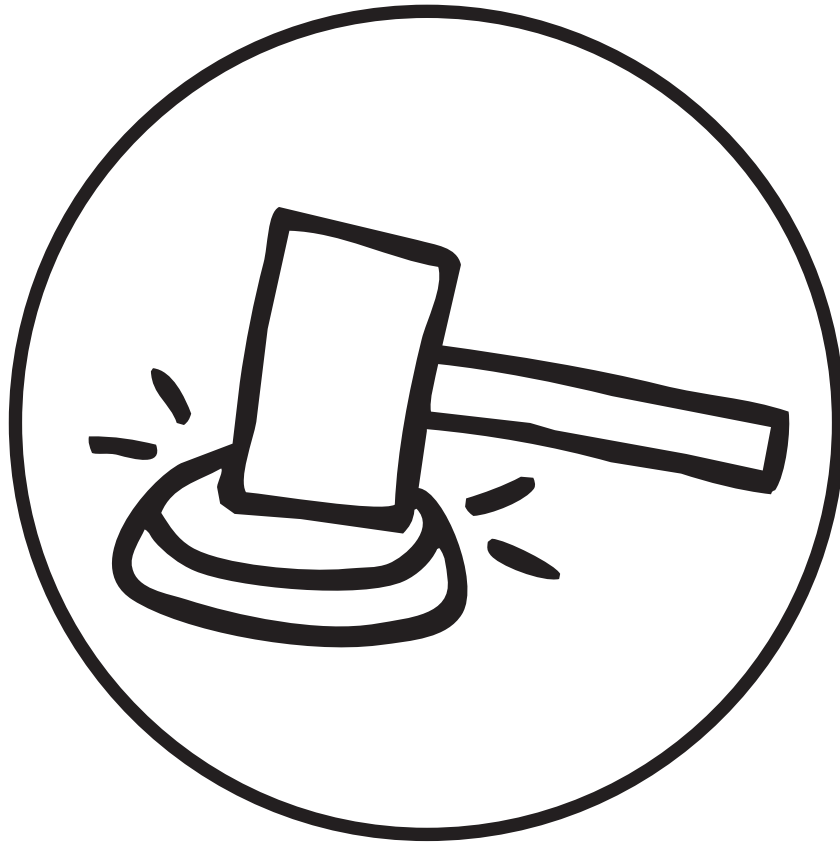
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# 1

Mary comes to the tomb and sees that the large stone has been rolled away from the entrance. She thinks someone has stolen Jesus' body.

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# 2

Mary runs to Peter and John and tells them that someone has taken the Lord from the tomb and she doesn't know where they put his body.

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# 3

Peter and John decide to go and see the tomb. John peeks inside and sees the cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus' body. Peter goes inside and sees those cloths too. Peter also sees the cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. John comes in. He sees the cloths and believes that Jesus is alive. Peter and John leave.

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## 4

Mary has come back and is crying near the tomb. She looks inside the tomb and sees two angels sitting inside. The angels ask Mary why she is crying. Mary tells the angels that someone has taken Jesus and she does not know where they have put him.

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## 5

Mary turns around and sees a man standing there. It's Jesus, but Mary thinks he's just a gardener. Jesus asks Mary why she is crying and who she is looking for. Mary asks him if he knows where Jesus' body is.

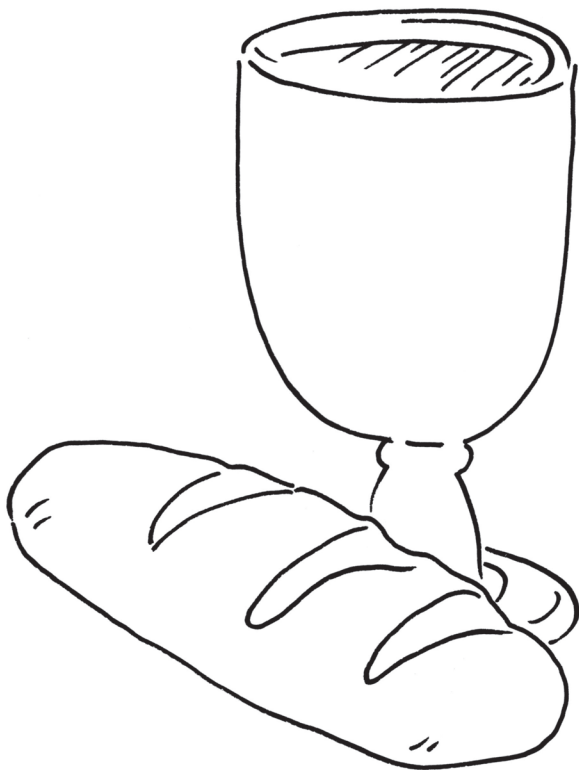
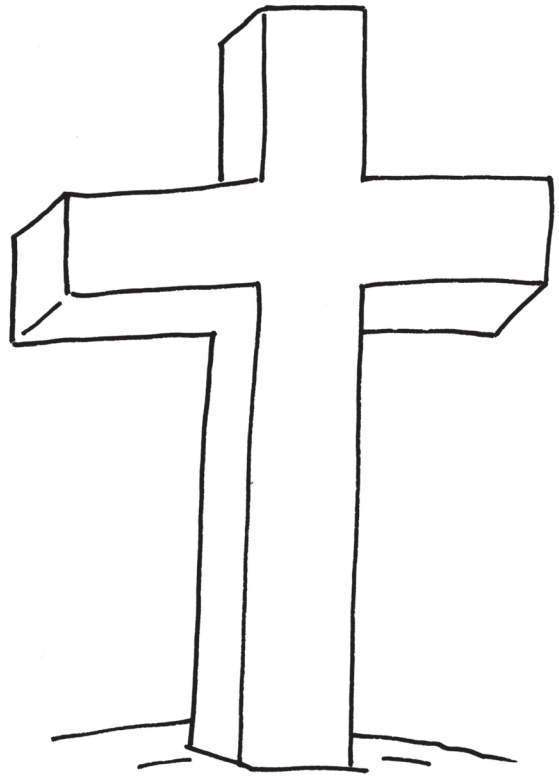
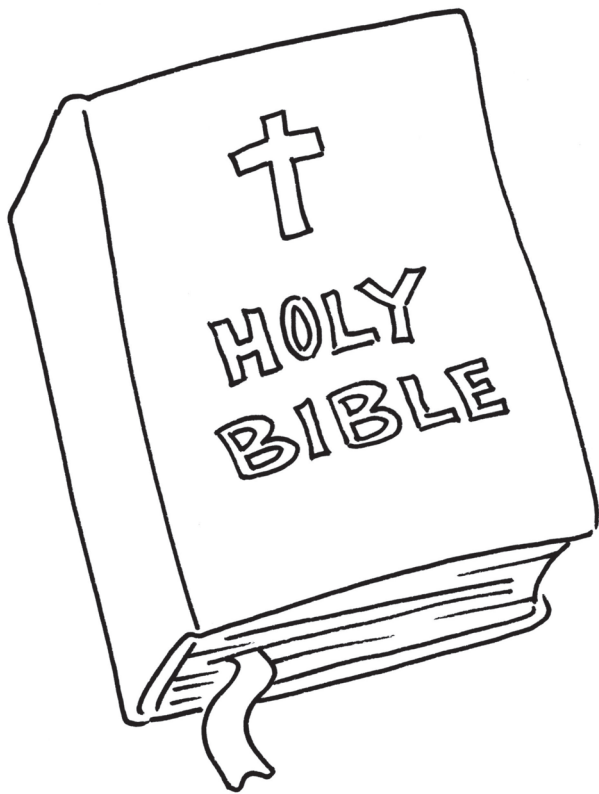
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## 6

Jesus says, "Mary." Then Mary knows that he is Jesus. She's so happy! She says, "Teacher!" Jesus tells Mary to spread the good news. Mary leaves. She is excited to tell everyone the good news.







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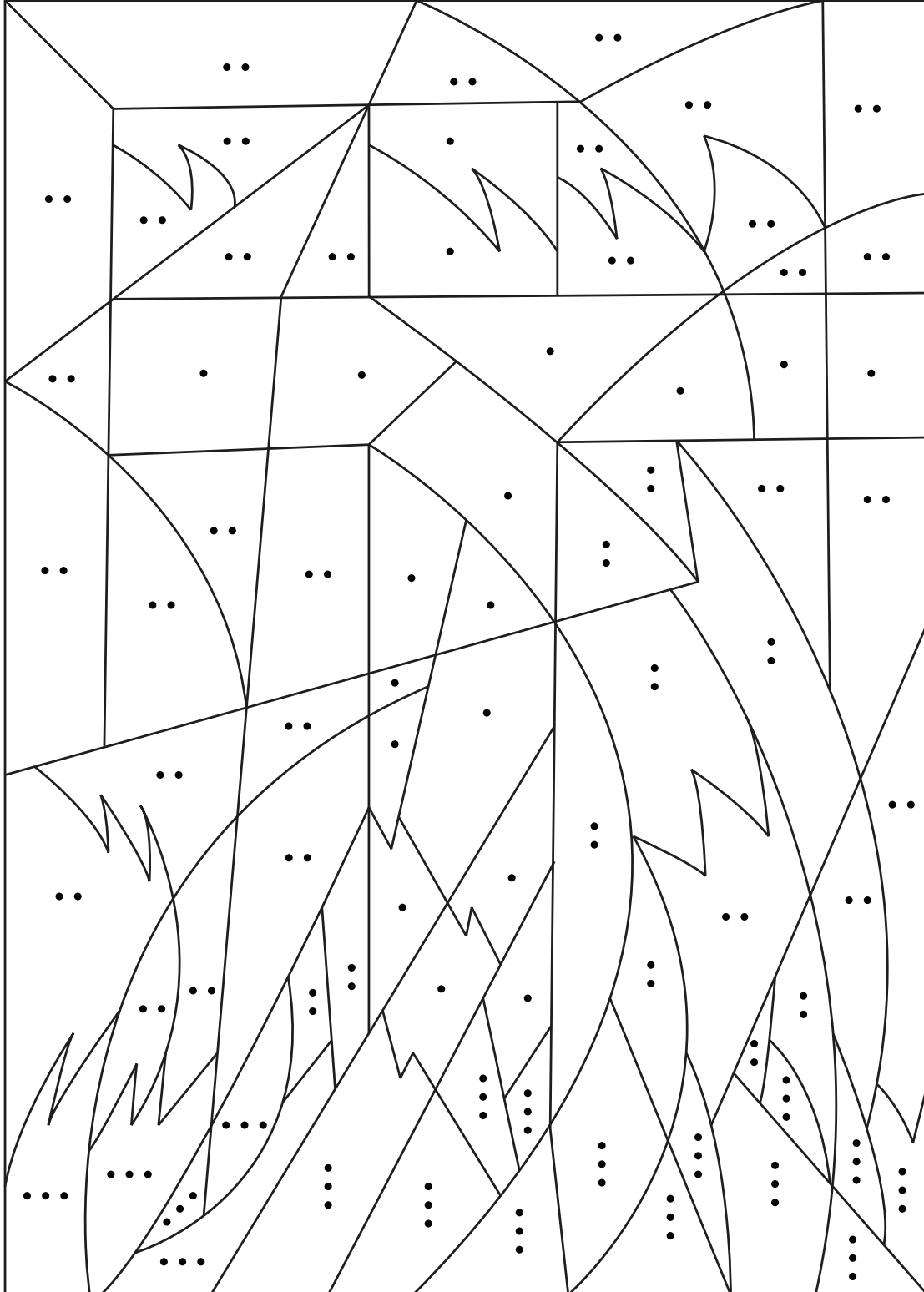
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# Picture Puzzle

Solve this puzzle without any fuss and you'll see a reminder of what God has done for us.

- Use brown to color all the shapes with one dot.
- Use blue to color all the shapes with two dots.
- Use green to color the shapes with three dots.





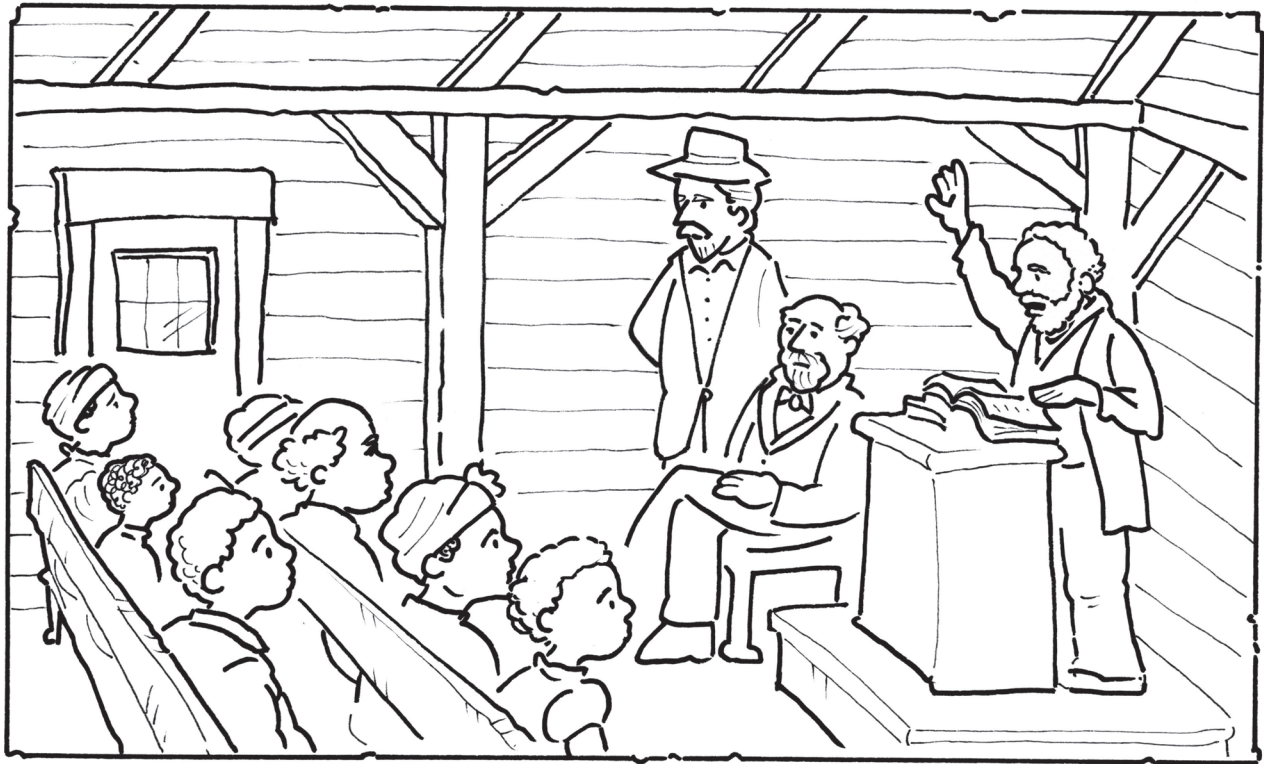
# Beginning

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# Middle

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# End



# Freedom Story

Many years ago, slave runners captured people from Africa and brought them to North America. The people were sold as slaves to farmers, business people, and rich people who needed workers. The slaves belonged to their masters, and they were not free to come and go, to learn to read, or to go to school. If their masters did not like the work the slaves did, they would get beaten and sometimes sold to someone else. If a slave ran away from her master, she would be punished or even killed if she was caught.

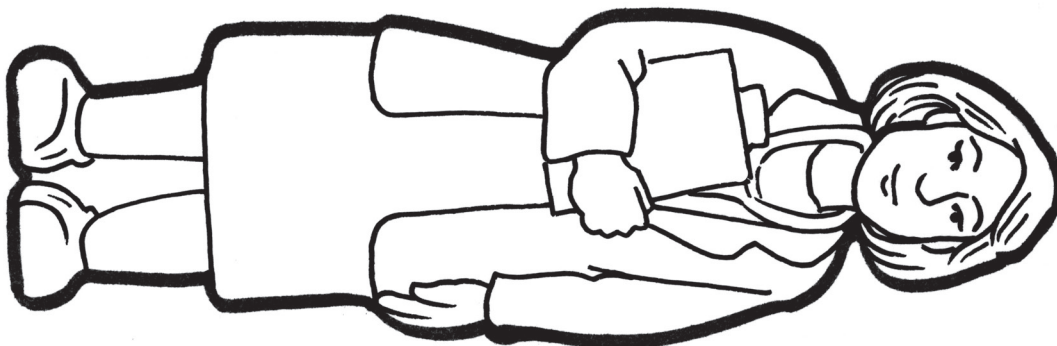
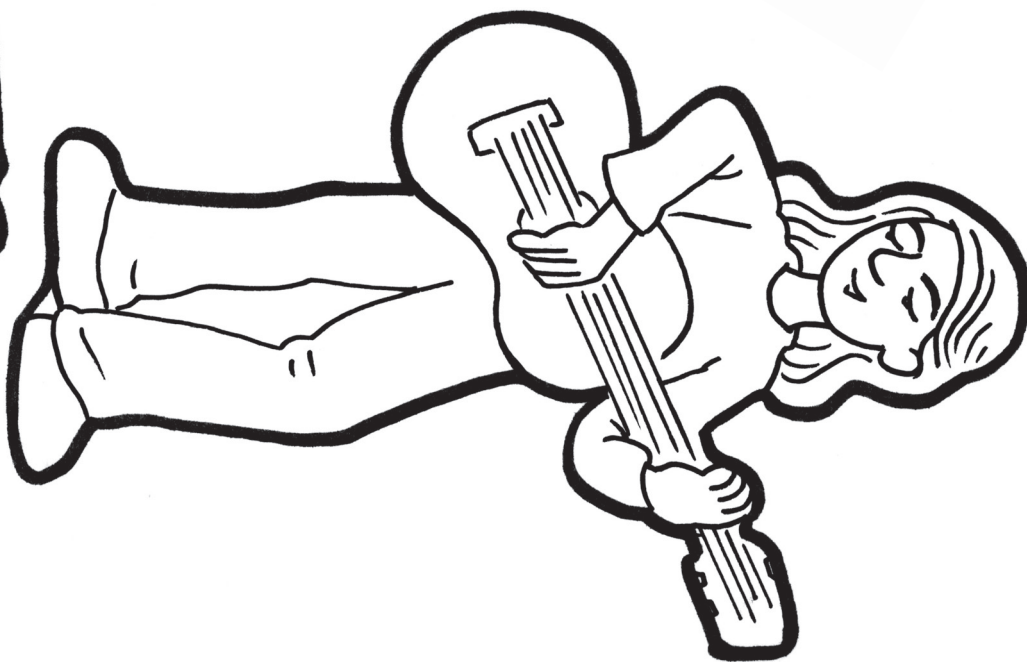
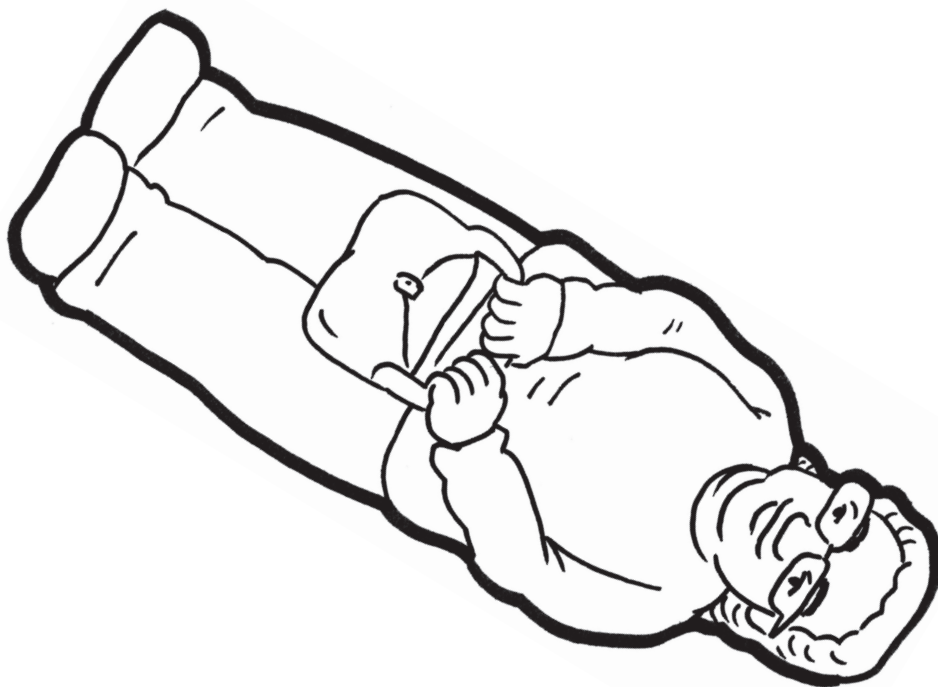
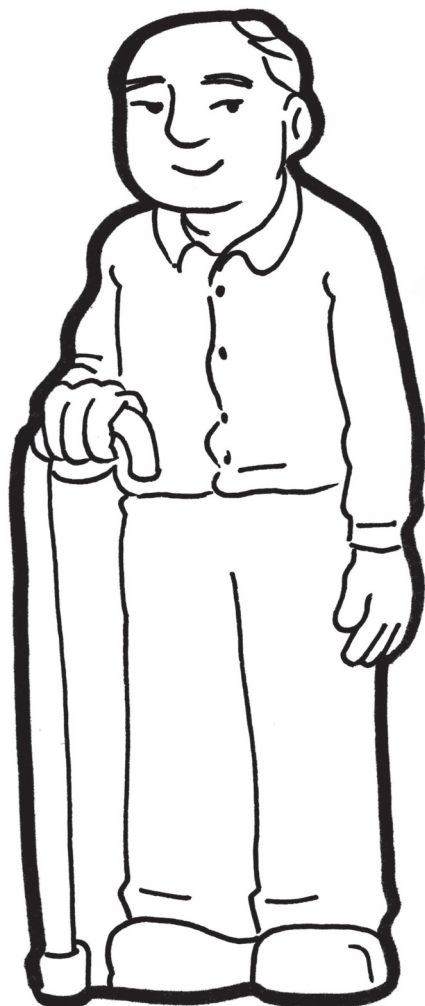
The people who were slaves cried out to God, “Please, God, save us from this slavery. Give us freedom.” For many years nothing changed. But then whispers and rumors began spreading through the land: “Freedom is coming!” The slaves hardly dared to believe it, but the stories kept coming. Some people were working hard to free the slaves. What wonderful news! Slaves whispered to each other, “Freedom is coming!” as they worked in the fields and in the homes of their owners.

The slave owners heard the rumors of freedom too. So sometimes the slave owner and sheriff would come to church to warn the slaves they must not try to work for freedom. Can you see the slave owner and sheriff in the picture? Just by sitting in the church, they were telling the slaves, “Don’t you dare try to escape. Don’t try to get together and run away. We will punish you if you try.”

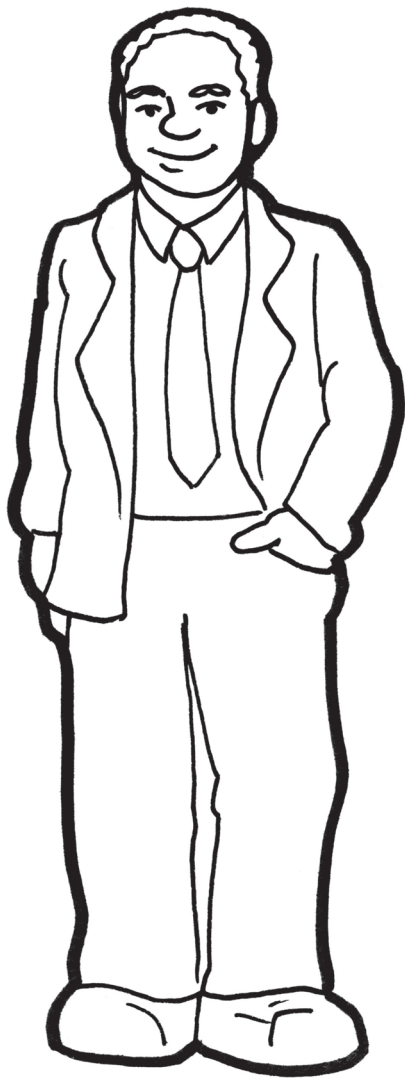
Nobody moved when the preacher stood up to preach. What would he say? Would he tell the sheriff and master that the slaves were going to be free one day? Would he say, “Slavery is wrong. Let us go?” No, he didn’t. Instead, he told the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho.

“This is what God said to Joshua,” said the preacher. “You don’t have to be strong. You don’t have to fight. I am going to give you the victory. The walls will come tumbling down.” The slaves heard the message with happy hearts. Then they sang a song they had sung many times in their homes and in the fields when they were working. It was a freedom song called “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho.”

Why do you think hearing the story made the slaves happy? Was there a secret message the preacher was giving to them when he told the story and when they sang the song? What would that secret message be?





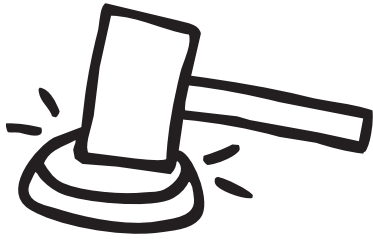




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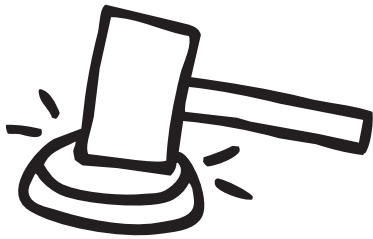
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# Prove It!

## Court Case 2

Did Deborah and Jael serve God and the Israelites well?

1. State your answer.
2. Give reasons for your answer.

# Prove It!

## Court Case 1

Did the Israelites have good reasons to forget God and turn their backs on God?

1. State your answer.
2. Give reasons for your answer.

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## Court Case 4

Is God a loving, protecting, and forgiving God? (*Hint: Think about the stories you've learned and what you know about God in your life.*)

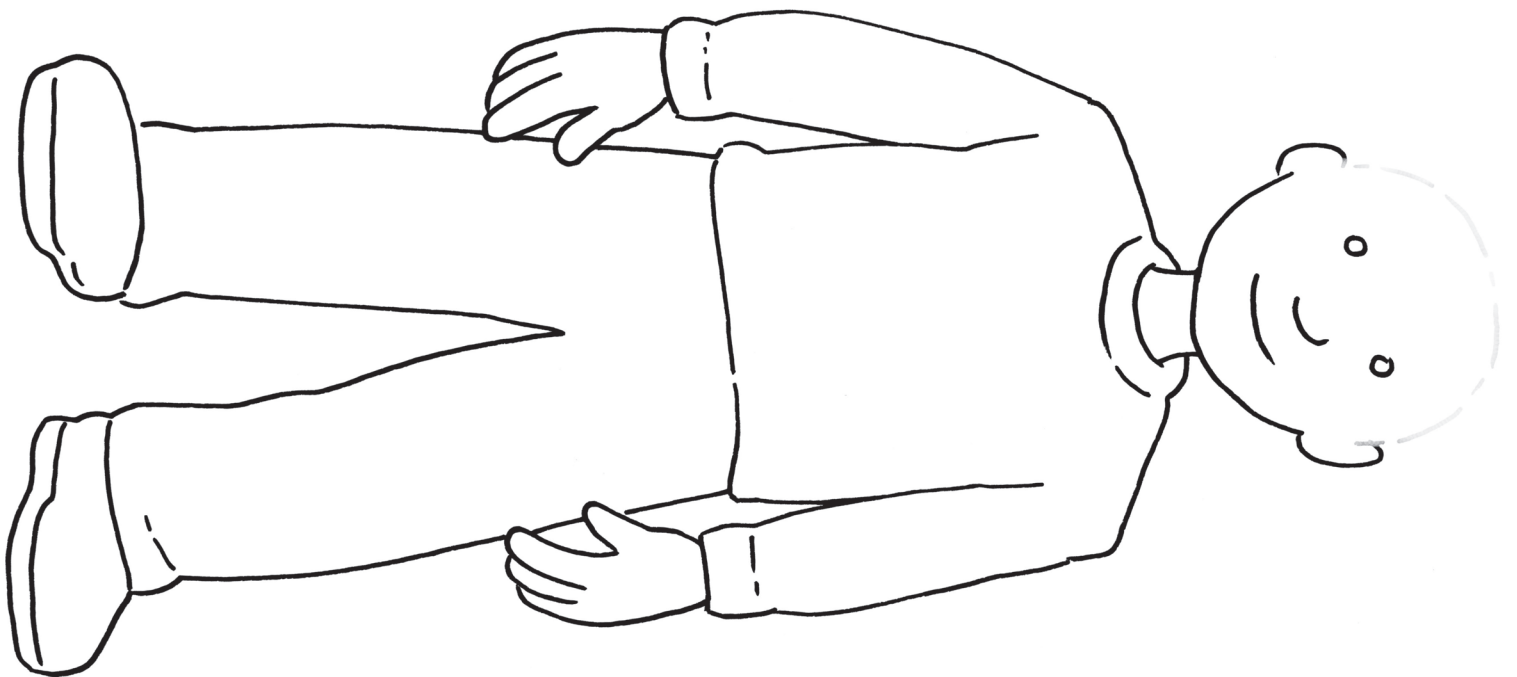
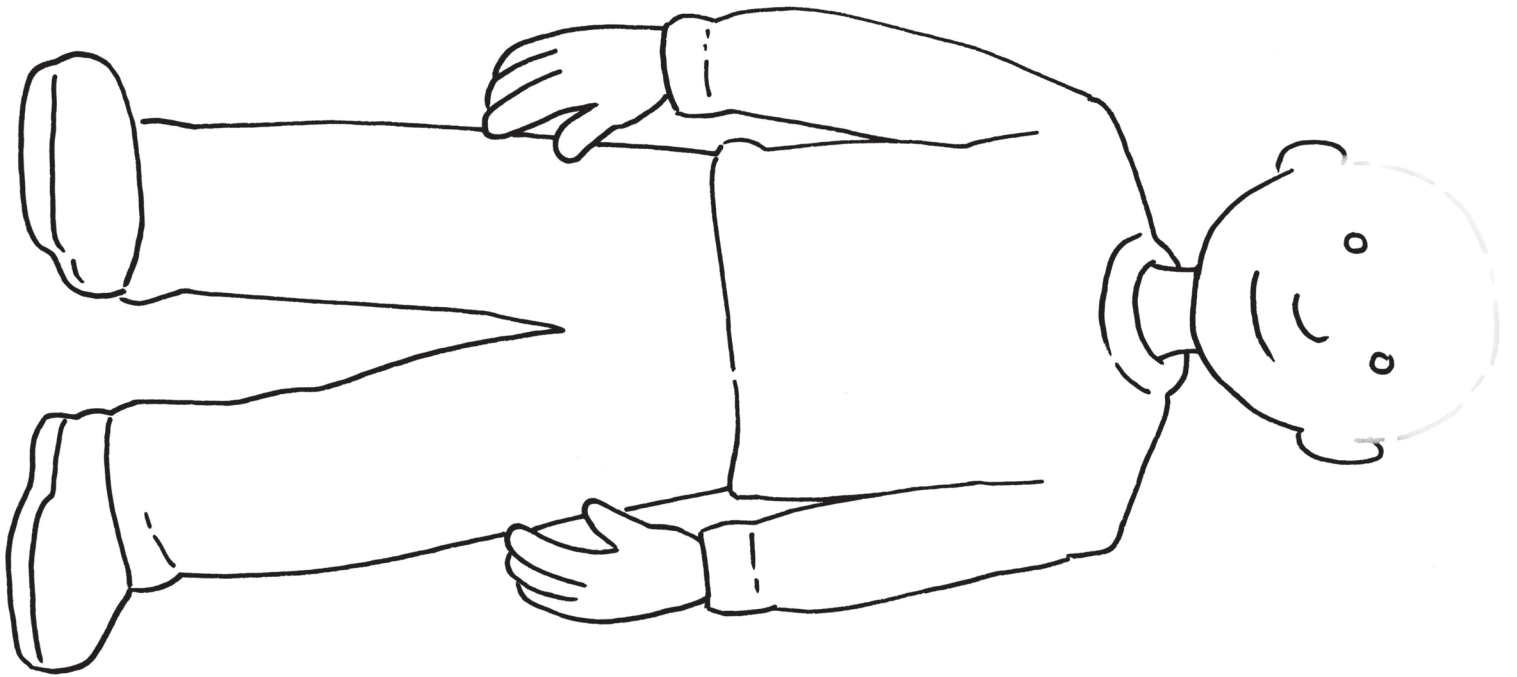
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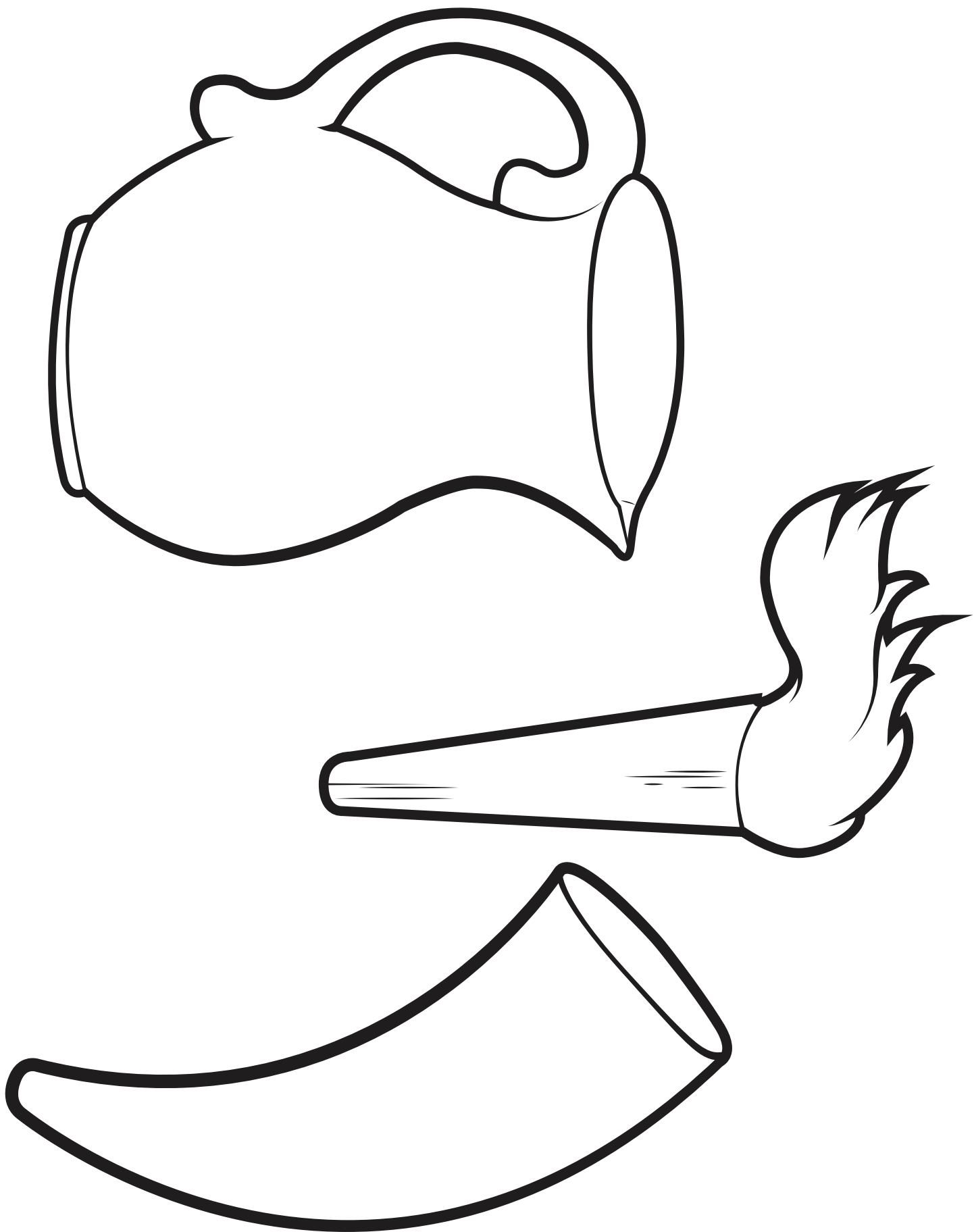
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## Court Case 3

Are kids your age able to serve God and others and help do God's work in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods?

1. State your answer.
2. Give reasons for your answer.









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