



The Plagues Begin

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Lesson Text: Exodus 7:5 - 9:12

The Israelites were slaves in Egypt. God had a plan, and He used brothers Moses and Aaron to accomplish that plan.

The Lord commanded Moses to ask Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to let the Hebrews leave. Pharaoh refused. God told Moses he would start sending plagues to humble Pharaoh until he let the Hebrews go. God spoke to Moses, who then instructed Aaron what to do during all ten plagues God sent.

First, God told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch his rod over the Nile river. All the water turned into blood!

Next, God sent frogs to cover Egypt.

Pharaoh told Moses to ask God to take away the frogs and he would let the people go. But when God removed the frogs, Pharaoh changed his mind.

Then, God caused the dust of Egypt to become biting insects! Pharaoh refused to ask Moses for help. So the Lord sent flies to cover Egypt, but He protected the Israelites.

Pharaoh finally called for Moses. "Go," he said, "and sacrifice to your god, but don't leave Egypt."

"We can't do that," Moses said, "We will go three days journey into the wilderness."

"I will let you go," said Pharaoh, "only do not go very far. Ask your god to take the flies away."

Moses prayed to God, and God removed the flies. Pharaoh realized they weren't a problem anymore, so he refused to let the people go.

The Lord told Moses to tell Pharaoh He was sending sickness to the animals the next day if he didn't change his mind. All the cows in Egypt died, except the Israelites'.

Pharaoh still refused to let the people go.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of ashes and sprinkle them toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh, and it will become small dust that will cause boils to break out on the Egyptians."

Moses obeyed, and painful boils broke out on all the Egyptians.

Pharaoh's heart remained proud and hard. He would not let the Israelites go. KLC

And all the cattle of Egypt died:
but of the cattle of the children
of Israel died not one. Exodus 9:6

Shoe Heap

Dad opened the front door and stumbled over some things on the floor. He looked down to see what it was, then he went into the dining room where the family was at the supper table waiting for him.

"It is ridiculous how many shoes are in the entrance hall," Dad declared. "This habit of leaving shoes cluttered by the front door is going to stop. No one wants to fall into our house like I just did. Now I want all of you to go get every pair of shoes that is yours and neatly line them up in the utility room."

"Ahhhh," groaned Jerry, Linda, and Randy.

"Hurry up and mind me," said Dad. The children obeyed, then returned to the table. Dad continued speaking, "Next time you come through that door, don't leave your shoes in a heap in the entrance hall. Take them off and carry them to the utility room where you can lay them out neatly. Do you all understand me?"

"Yes, Dad," they nodded. They were hungry and ready for Dad to bless the food.

For a while the children remembered to take their shoes to the utility room, but as time passed they became careless. Mother noticed the shoe pileup first. Not wanting Dad to stumble over them, Mother gathered up about eight pairs of shoes and took

them to the utility room. For several days she did this until Dad saw her with an armload of shoes.

"What are you doing, honey?" Dad asked Mother.

"Oh, I'm clearing the entrance hall floor," she replied.

"I told the children to do that. Here, let me have those shoes."

Dad took them from Mother and walked to the entrance hall. He opened the front door and tossed the shoes on the lawn. "The children must learn to obey me," said Dad. "From now on that is where their shoes will be if they don't put them where they belong."

Later, Jerry asked Mother, "Have you seen my work boots?"

"Where did you leave them?" she replied.

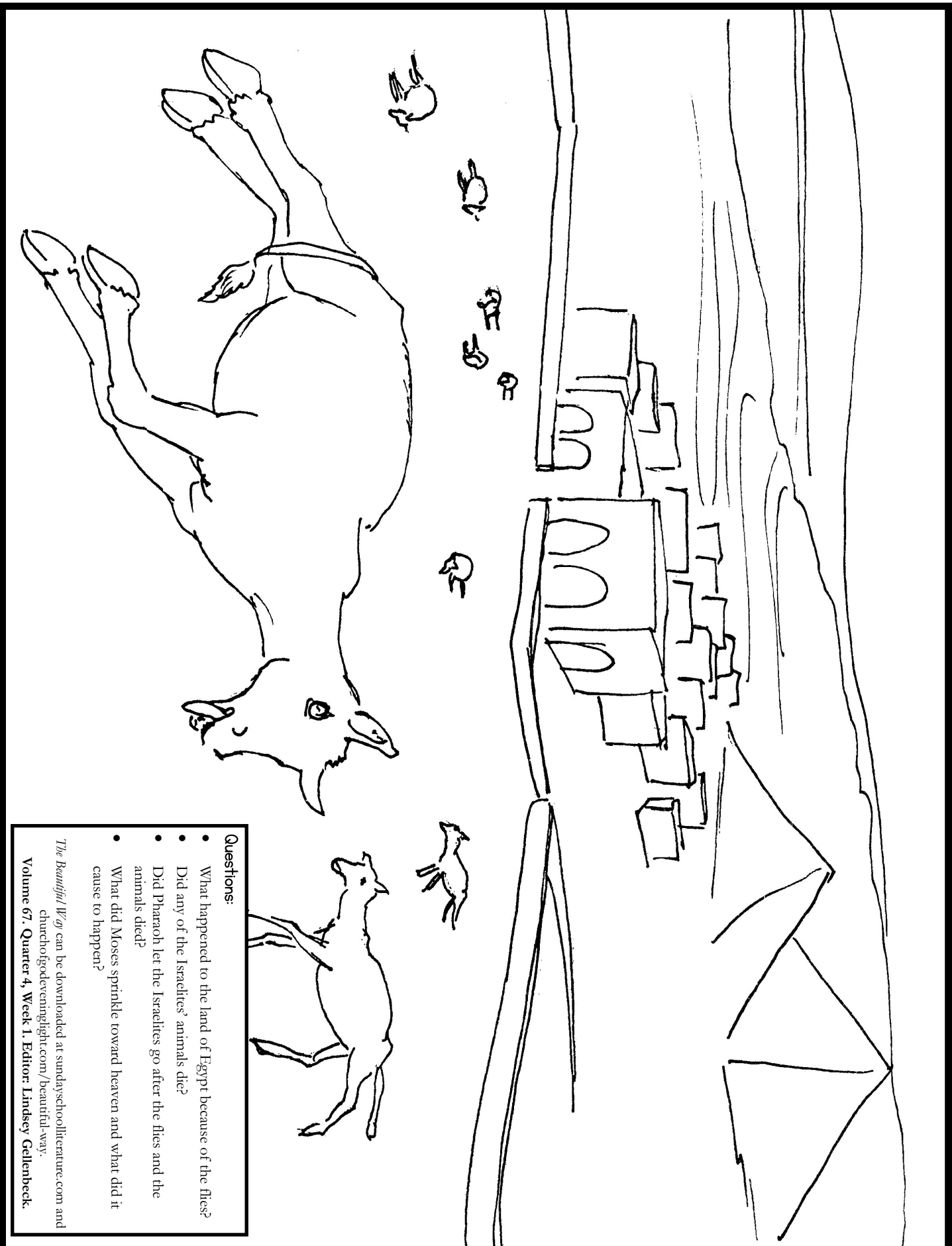
"They were right here at the front door."

"And where did Dad tell you to put them?"

"In the utility room where they belong, but I looked and they weren't there either."

"Dad tossed them on the front lawn to teach you a lesson of obedience. Now go gather up your shoes and put them where they belong. Linda and Randy will get theirs when they come looking for them. You must learn to obey Dad so you will obey your Heavenly Father."

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Questions:

- What happened to the land of Egypt because of the flies?
- Did any of the Israelites' animals die?
- Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go after the flies and the animals died?
- What did Moses sprinkle toward heaven and what did it cause to happen?

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Hail and Fire

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Lesson Text: Exodus 9:13-35

Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt and worship their God, but the ruler refused. God sent horrible plagues to Egypt to prove His wonder and might. But Pharaoh repeatedly hardened his heart and refused to let the people leave.

The Lord said to Moses, "Stand before Pharaoh and say, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews says let my people go, that they may serve me.'

I could strike you down, but I want to show you my power. Are you so proud that you think yourself above the Lord's people?"

Tomorrow, I will cause severe hail to rain on the earth. Gather your cattle, and all that you have in the fields, and bring them home. Any animal or person left in the fields will die from the hail."

Some of the Egyptians feared God, and obeyed His word. Others did not.

The Lord told Moses to stretch his rod toward heaven, and Moses obeyed. God sent thunder and hail, and fire ran along the ground.

Hail and fire consumed all of Egypt. All that was in the fields,

human, animal and herb, were destroyed. The hail even broke the trees.

The children of Israel lived in Goshen, and God protected them and made sure the hail rained everywhere in Egypt except in Goshen.

Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned this one time. The Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Ask the Lord to take away the thunder and hail, and I will let you go."

Moses said to him, "As soon as I leave the city, I will spread my hands to the Lord and the thunder and hail will cease. But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear the Lord God."

As Moses said, he left the city, spread his hands unto the Lord, and the thunders and hail stopped. But when Pharaoh saw that the plague was gone, he sinned again and hardened his heart. His servants hardened their hearts, too.

KLC

For thou art great, and doest
wondrous things: thou art
God alone. Psalm 86:10

Flash! Boom!

Mother was stirring gravy in the skillet on the stove and Linda was setting the table when Dad and Jerry came into the kitchen dripping wet. Carefully, they took off their boots and wet clothing. "I hope it doesn't rain like this for forty days," Jerry joked. "We don't have an ark built."

"A big storm is moving in," said Dad. "Let's turn off all the computers and electrical things. Mother, is supper about ready? We need to move to the center of the house because we are under a tornado alert."

"Wash your hands and sit down at the table," replied Mother. "Let's try to eat peacefully even though the wind is blowing in a storm."

Everyone was seated at the table and Dad had just offered thanksgiving to God when— FLASH! BOOM! Lightning and thunder split through the sky, shaking their house.

"Maybe we ought not to eat supper right here," said Linda with a shaky voice. "Don't talk, but eat," said Dad. "We will move into the hallway. ... (FLASH! BOOM!).. right now!"

He picked up his full plate and led the family, who had their plates, into the center hallway of the house. "Sit down and cross your legs. Then you can use your lap for a table," said Mother.

Baby Allen was sleeping cradled in her arms and Randy was snuggled beside her. FLASH! FLASH! BOOM-M-M!

Suddenly all the lights went out! Strong winds shook the house and windows rattled. Icy balls of hail slammed against the roof and bounced in the yard.

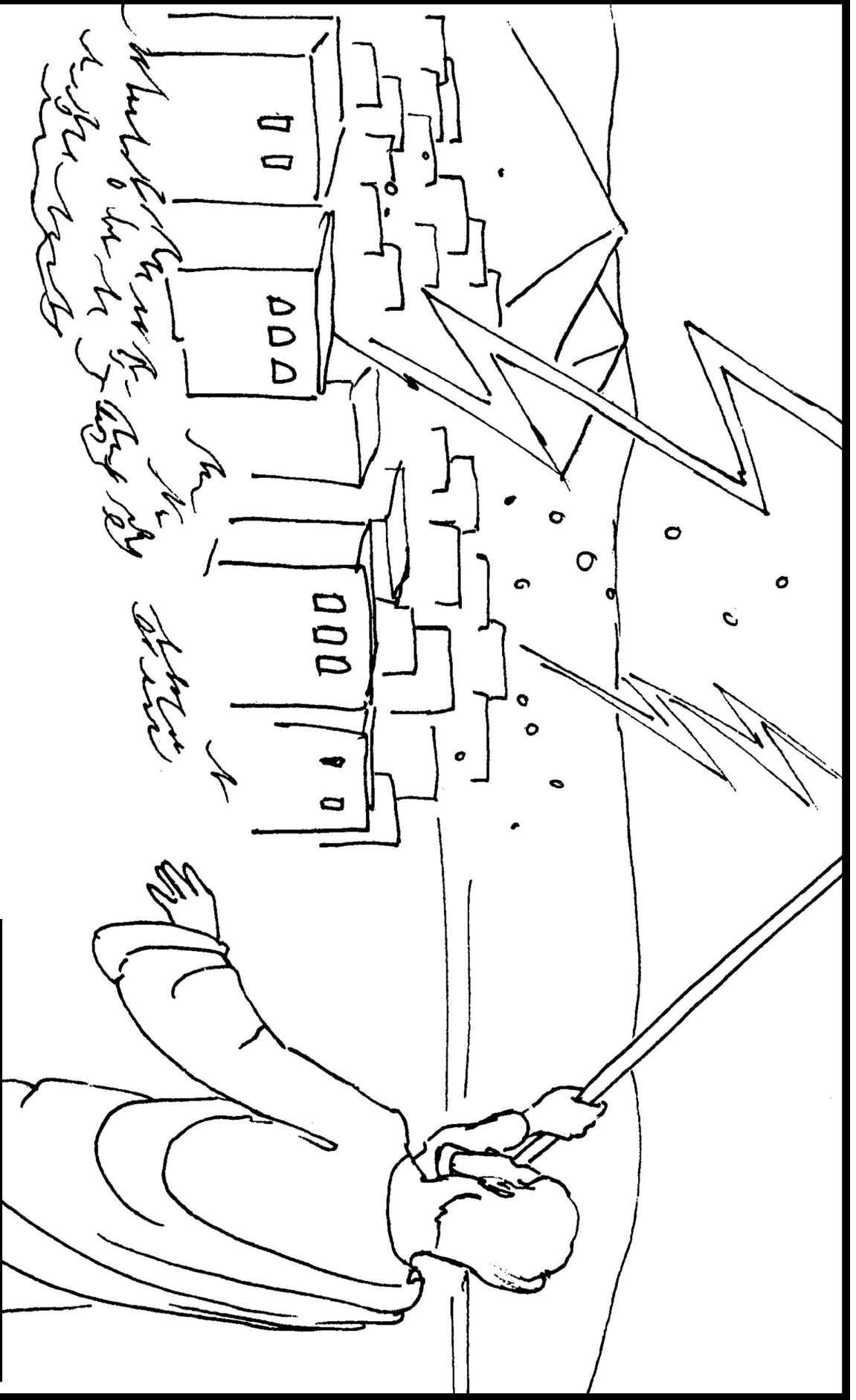
"Let's pray again," said Dad. They did, and stayed in the hall until the high winds and heavy rain stopped.

After the electricity came back on, they listened to the news and learned that several tornadoes had touched the ground around them. Fast whirling tornadoes had twisted huge trees and lifted houses. People had hid in storm cellars, bathrooms and closets. A few people were killed.

"We need to build a storm cellar," Mother said to Dad.

"Yes, that would be good," replied Dad. "But the best protection we have is the hand of God over us. He is above the storm and He has power to keep us safe."

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Questions:

- What did Pharaoh do after each plague?
- Why did the Lord keep Pharaoh alive?
- Do we think we, like Pharaoh, are better than someone else?
- Why did God protect the Israelites from the hail?

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Locusts

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Lesson Text: Exodus 10:1-20

God sent another plague to Egypt after the hail destroyed the crops and trees.

He told Moses, "Go to Pharaoh. I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show my signs to him. You will tell your children and grandchildren all the works I have done in Egypt. They will know I am the Lord."

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, and said, "Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go. If you refuse to let them go, tomorrow I will bring locusts. They will cover the earth, so you won't be able to see the ground, and they will eat everything that wasn't damaged by the hail. They will fill every Egyptian house. No one has ever seen locusts as bad as what I will send tomorrow.'"

Pharaoh's servants said, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve God. Don't you know that Egypt is destroyed?"

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, serve the Lord your God. Who will be going?"

Moses told him, "Everyone goes. Our young, our old, our sons and daughters, our flocks and our herds."

Pharaoh told Moses he would not let the women and children go, but the men could leave to worship.

The Lord told Moses to stretch his hand over the land to bring the locusts. Moses stretched his rod over Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all day and all night. The next morning, the locusts arrived.

There were so many locusts that the land was dark. They ate every green thing that remained after the hail.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. He said, "Forgive my sin this once, and ask your God to take this away."

The Lord sent a strong west wind, which blew the locusts and cast them into the Red Sea. But He hardened Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go. KLC

How long wilt thou refuse to
humble thyself before me?
Exodus 10:3

In the Garden

Mother, Jerry and Linda were busy hoeing out weeds around the green bean vines. Dad had tilled the aisles and uprooted many of the weeds, but it left weeds between the green bean plants.

"Why do the weeds grow faster than the green bean plants?" asked Linda. "My back and arms are already tired."

"What? You mean you're tired of the game of hoeing?" said Mother. "Pretend this is a computer game and you're working your way out of this garden, but first, you have to destroy all the weeds that are in the path. When you get to the end of the row, you can get a drink before you start the next row."

Linda rolled her eyes upward. "Hoeing isn't my kind of game," she stated. About that time a grasshopper jumped on Linda's leg. "Ah-ahah!!" she screamed as she kicked her leg and brushed off the grasshopper.

Jerry laughed. "Come on, Linda! That was only a grasshopper. He doesn't want a bite of your sour leg!"

"You can laugh if you want too but I don't care about bugs like you do!" retorted Linda. "Mother, I need to check on Randy and Allen and see if they are okay."

"Don't lay your hoe down, young lady," said Mother. "Dad can see the boys on the porch from where he is in the driveway. He will call me when they need some attention. Now I suggest you get friendly with that hoe and keep up with me and Jerry. Here, chop that big weed right there and don't cut the base of any green bean plants. It takes skill to hoe and you need to learn how while you're young."

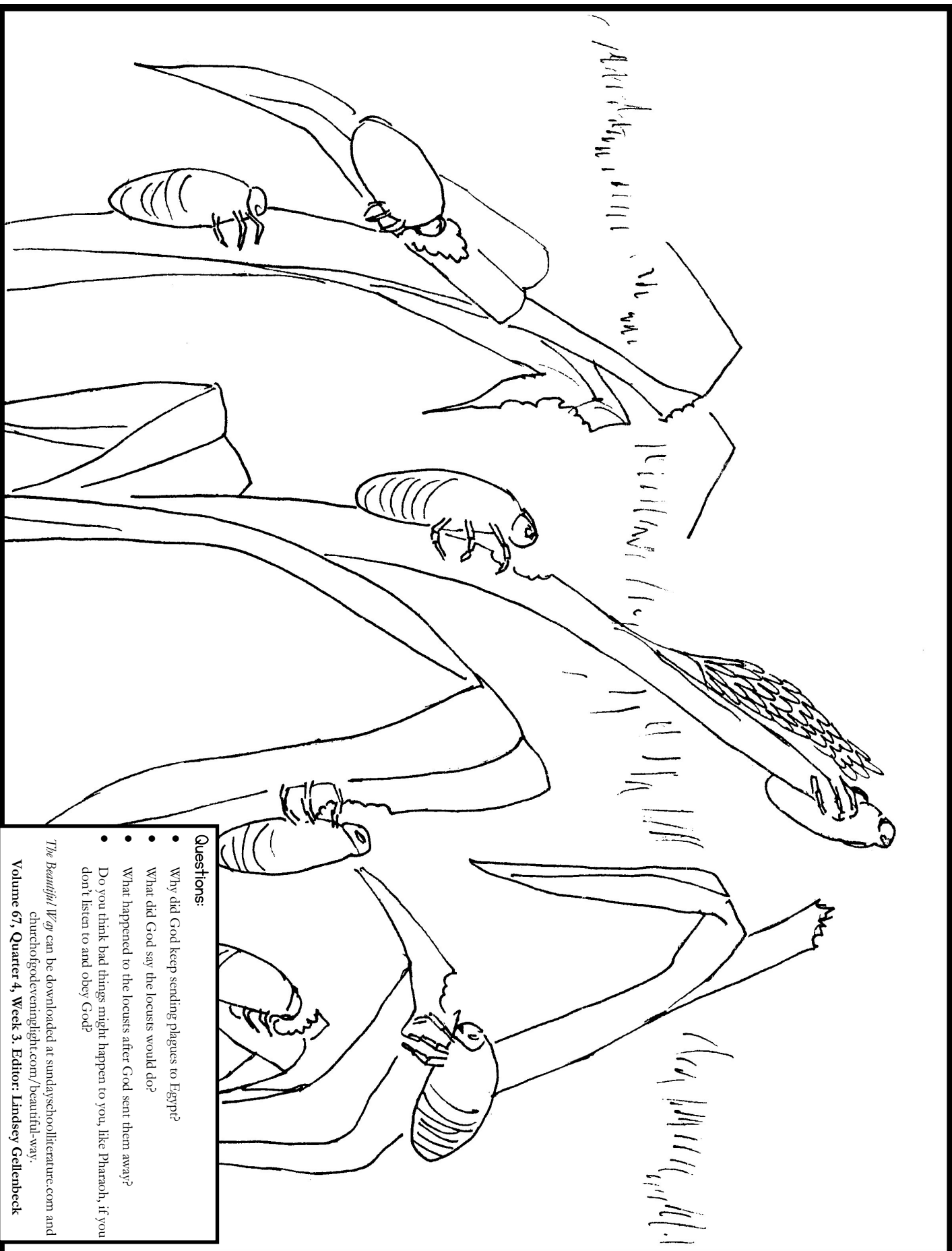
Linda sighed as she obeyed. Once in awhile she would see a grasshopper. "I hope you eat up the garden," she said to one grasshopper. "Then I won't have to hoe or pick beans."

"Now that's some attitude," said Mother who overheard Linda. "I suppose you don't want to eat any green beans either? I will keep that in mind the next time you come to the table hungry."

By sundown the garden was hoed. "We are tired but soon we will eat green beans with new potatoes," said Mother. "But I did hear Linda say she wanted grasshoppers to have hers."

"Oh, Mother, I was just teasing," replied Linda. Now that the hoeing was done, she felt pleased inside and she actually did like green beans. She didn't want grasshoppers reaping her reward.

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Questions:

- Why did God keep sending plagues to Egypt?
- What did God say the locusts would do?
- What happened to the locusts after God sent them away?
- Do you think bad things might happen to you, like Pharaoh, if you don't listen to and obey God?

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Darkness

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Lesson Text: Exodus 10:21-29; 11

Pharaoh, king of Egypt, refused to let the Israelites leave. God sent many plagues to Egypt, but He protected the children of Israel.

After the locusts left, God told Moses to stretch his hand over Egypt to bring darkness so thick it could be felt. Moses obeyed, and Egypt was in darkness for three days.

The Egyptians could not see each other, the darkness was so heavy and thick. They stayed in their homes for three days without going anywhere. But the Israelites had light in their homes during the days of darkness.

Pharaoh sent for Moses and told him to go and serve the Lord. He said the Israelites could take their children, but they had to leave their flocks and herds of animals in Egypt.

Moses said the animals must come, because the people were to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. They did not know how many animals the Lord would require for sacrifice, so they must take every animal.

Pharaoh's heart was hardened again, and he would not let the people go. He said to Moses, "Get away from me. If you see my face again, you will die."

Moses responded, "You speak well. I will not see your face again."

The Lord told Moses, "I will send one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; after this plague he will let you go."

Moses said, "The Lord says that at midnight He will go into Egypt, and all the firstborn in the land will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the first-born of the maidservant to the firstborn of beasts.

But among the Israelites, even the dogs will be safe so that everyone may know how the Lord puts a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."

The Lord gave the Israelites favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and Moses was considered very great in the land of Egypt.

KLC

And all people of the earth shall
see that thou art called by the
name of the Lord.
Deuteronomy 28:10

Love God the Best

"Let's play house," said Lula. "I love to play house best of anything."

"I love my puppy best of all," said David.

"You mean you love your puppy better than your mother?" said Terry. "I love my mother and father best of all."

"Well, I love God the best," said Pansy.

"You love God the best? Why would you love God when you can't even see Him?" said Sarah.

"I believe in Him," Pansy said. "He loves me and He proves it all the time. God gives me food, clothes, and a place to stay. He gave me my mother and father, all my toys, and my kitty. God helps me talk, move, see, and think. When I'm sick, I pray to Him and He heals me. God helps me all the time. He keeps me happy when I live for Him. That's why I love God the best, because He loves me."

"Who told you God loves you and gave you all those things?" said Lula. Lula never went to church, and her mother never told her about God and His Son, Jesus.

"It's in the Bible," said David. "There's a song about 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

"My mother teaches me what the Bible says. That's how I know," said Pansy.

"But how can you love God," Sarah said again, "when you can't see Him?"

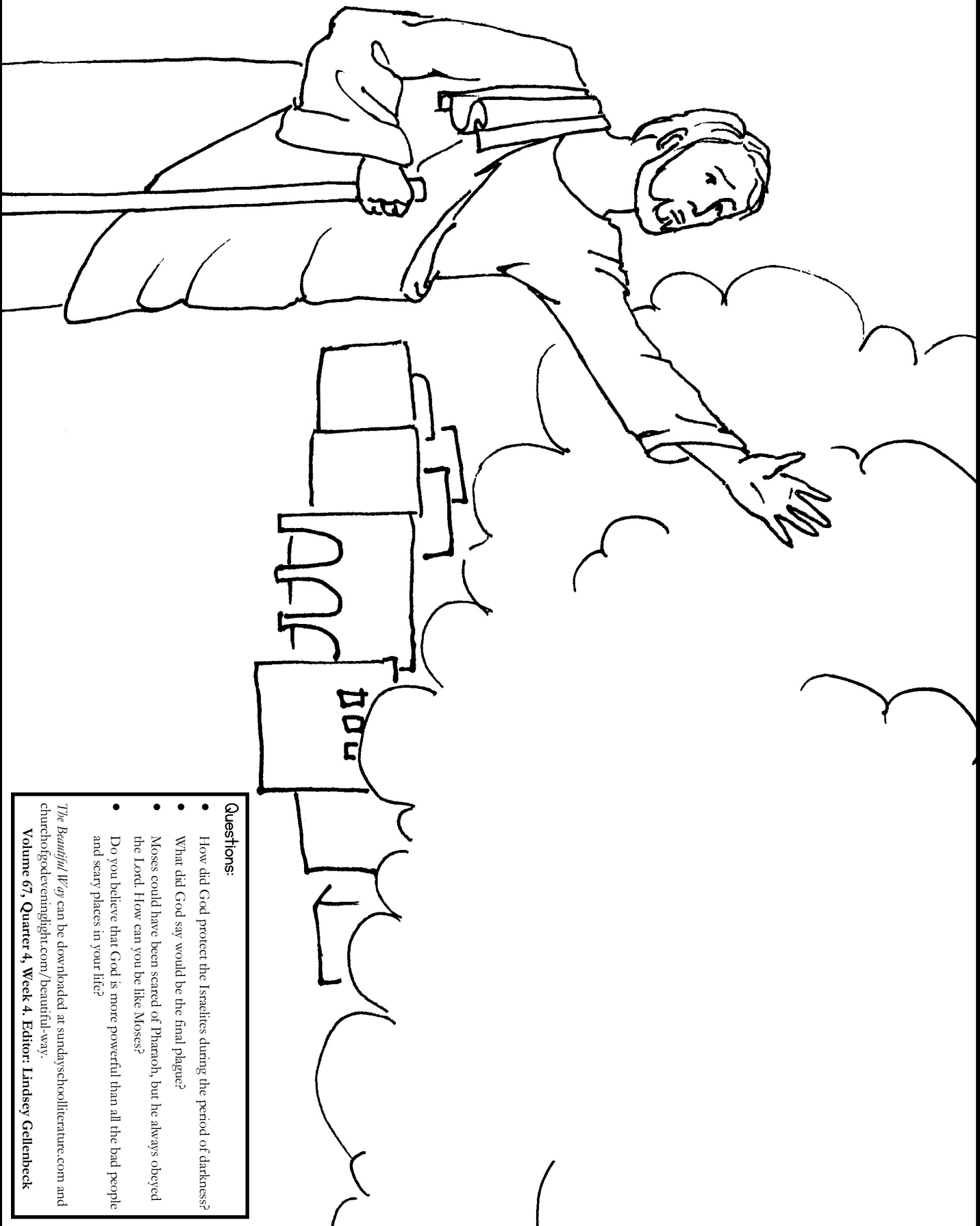
"My Mother says that we show our love to God by obeying what He says in the Bible. If we mind our parents, be kind and share with others, don't do naughty things, but believe in Jesus to help us do right, then we are loving God." Pansy explained it to her friends as best as she could.

"Well, I don't guess I love God best of all, 'cause I sure do naughty things," said David.

"But if you tell Jesus you're sorry, and ask Him to forgive you, He will forgive all those naughty things, and make you happy. That's why I love God the best. He makes me so happy inside," Pansy said.

"Let's play house now," said David. "I'll be the Daddy, and I want to love God best of all, too, so I won't do naughty things."

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Questions:

- How did God protect the Israelites during the period of darkness?
- What did God say would be the final plague?
- Moses could have been scared of Pharaoh, but he always obeyed the Lord. How can you be like Moses?
- Do you believe that God is more powerful than all the bad people and scary places in your life?

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The Passover

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Lesson Text: Exodus 12:1-42

God sent a final plague to Egypt. He told Moses that He would pass through Egypt at midnight, and He would slay all the firstborn, human and animal.

The Lord had a plan to save the Israelites from this final plague. He told Moses and Aaron, "This month will be the first month of the year to you. Speak to Israel. This month every year, each family will take a male lamb without blemish.

On the Passover, sacrifice the lambs in the evening and apply the blood to the upper and side door posts of every home.

Each family will eat the lamb, and no food shall be left over. Eat quickly, for this is the Lord's passover."

Moses called the elders and told them what to do. Each family obtained a lamb and used hyssop, a bushy shrub, to dip in the blood and apply to their doors.

Moses said that when the Israelites were free, and their children asked them why they still observed the Passover, they would tell them how the Lord delivered the Israelites from bondage.

At midnight, the Lord did exactly as He said. He went through

Egypt, smiting every first-born. But when He saw the lamb's blood on the Israelite's doorposts, He passed over and the firstborn sons were saved.

Pharaoh woke in the night and realized his son was dead. A great cry went up from Egypt, for the first-born Egyptian sons had died in every house that was not painted with blood.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in the middle of the night and said, "Rise up, and get out of Egypt. Go serve the Lord. Take your flocks and herds and be gone."

The Israelites left Egypt, and they numbered about 600,000 men, not counting children! All their animals went with them, and there was much cattle.

After 430 years of living in Egypt, the children of Israel were finally free!

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But God will redeem my soul from
the power of the grave; for he
shall receive me. Psalm 49:15

The Flames Passed Over

(A True Story)

On a globe, find the continent of Africa and then find the country of Sudan which is below Egypt and by the Red Sea. In Sudan, Christians are persecuted and killed because they will not forsake Christ.

These Christians may not know much about the Bible because they don't own one to read, but they have heard the voice of Jesus and they have believed on Him. Remember John 3:16? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

At some time in everyone's life, the voice of God talks to each one. God knows every language in the world and He cares about the poorest person as much as the rich of this earth.

Kamerino was a very poor boy in Sudan. For several days he had not eaten one bite of food. His body was weak. Kamerino knew he was starving to death at ten years old. His mother and father had been killed by the Islamic army so he was living with his grandmother.

"May I go with my three friends to look for some food in the field nearby?" he asked his grandmother. "Oh, my grandson," cried Grandmother.

"There are dangers in the field but then I don't have any food to give you here. If I let you go, promise that you and your friends will return at night."

"I promise," replied Kamerino soberly.

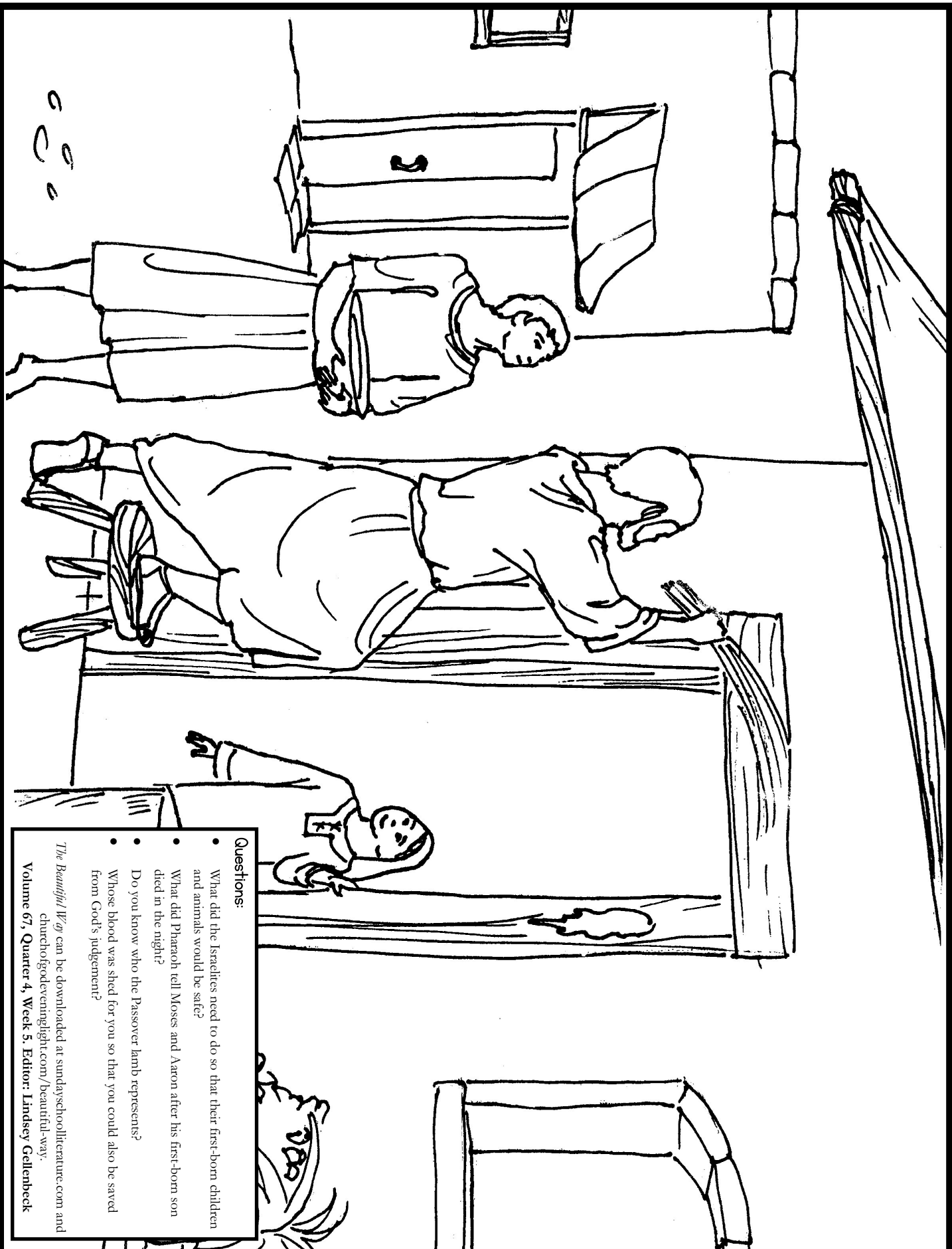
Early the next morning the four young boys left their village in search of food. Sometime that morning, Islamic soldiers saw them. "Boys, come here!" yelled the officer.

Kamerino and his friends did not want to join the Islamic army which killed Christians and stole food. The boys ducked below the grass, ran, and hid.

The soldiers circled the field where the boys were hiding. They set it on fire. Scared, three boys ran out and were captured by the Islamic soldiers. The flames burned the grass to the ground, then the soldiers found Kamerino's burned body. They left him for dead.

When Kamerino did not return that night, Grandmother sent searchers out to look for the boys. They found Kamerino crawling toward the village. Later, when missionaries came to the village, they took Kamerino to a hospital to recover from his burns and, best of all, to learn more about Jesus.

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Questions:

- What did the Israelites need to do so that their first-born children and animals would be safe?
- What did Pharaoh tell Moses and Aaron after his first-born son died in the night?
- Do you know who the Passover lamb represents?
- Whose blood was shed for you so that you could also be saved from God's judgement?

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The Red Sea

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Lesson Text: Exodus 13:21-22, 14:15

The word exodus means to exit, or to leave. The Israelites left Egypt as a big group of people heading for the promised land. They were free at last!

God told Moses that Pharaoh's heart would harden again, and he would follow the Israelites. But God always has a plan.

The Egyptians rode in chariots, and knew they could catch people walking on foot. They found the Israelites camped near the Red Sea. The Israelites were very afraid.

Moses said, "Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. The Lord will fight for you, and you will be safe."

God was with the Israelites in the form of a cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night. He had led the people to the Red Sea, and now He moved between the Israelites and the Egyptians. He created a cloud of darkness around the Egyptians, but gave light to the Israelites.

God told Moses to lift his rod and stretch his hand over the sea. Moses obeyed, and God sent a strong east wind that blew on the water all night. The wind divided the water and

created a path. The children of Israel walked into the sea on dry ground. The water was like tall walls on their left and right.

The Egyptians thought they could use the dry ground to get across, too. They followed the Israelites into the sea, but God wasn't finished fighting for His people.

He took the wheels off their chariots! He told Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea again. Moses obeyed, and God allowed the sea to return to its natural strength. The walls of water came back together, and every Egyptian who had pursued the Israelites, including Pharaoh, was lost in the sea.

Miriam, a sister to Moses and Aaron, said, "Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously." The Israelites sang praises and worshiped God.

KLC

The Lord shall reign for ever
and ever. Exodus 15:18

Fleeing Through the Air (A True Story)

During the 1960's and early 70's, American soldiers fought in Vietnam to free the country from Communist rule.

In April of 1975, American soldiers were ordered to leave Vietnam. The American government decided too many lives had been lost.

This left thousands of people without hope for freedom. Among the suffering were thousands of little babies and young children left without parents.

When American families heard about these helpless victims of war, they wanted the babies to come to America to live. They paid money so a baby could come overseas and be their child.

Karen was a stewardess for Pan American World Airways that sent jetliners to Saigon, Vietnam, to bring home soldiers. She would never forget the flights they made to bring tiny, helpless passengers to America.

She flew on a giant 747 that was reformed into something like a hospital nursery. It was stocked with hundreds of baby bottles and formula, thousands of diapers, and hundreds of bassinets.

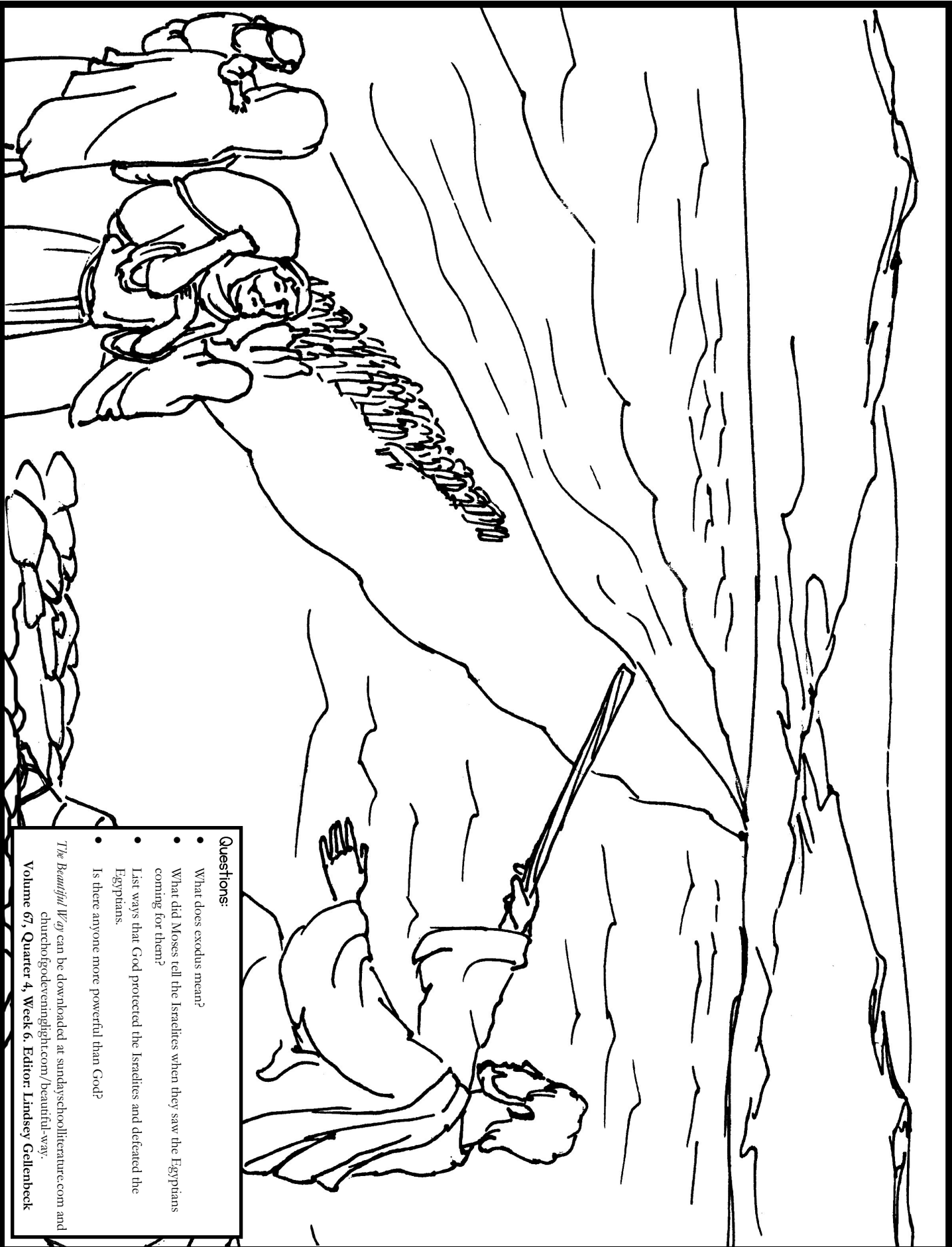
When the jet landed on the runway at Saigon, several old army buses chugged toward the plane. They were crammed with babies and children. With a whoosh, the plane doors opened and the soggy heat and stale smells of Saigon drifted into the cabin.

Karen stepped to the door, bent down and held three screaming babies handed to her. As she rushed to put the babies in bassinets, her eyes filled with tears. She was helping rescue these tiny human beings from slavery or certain death.

As the plane roared into the sky and soared over the ocean, Karen changed diapers, fed and burped babies, cuddled and rocked them, and prayed for them.

More than 400 children were taken on that first flight. In total, over 2000 orphans were placed into the arms of waiting parents-to-be. This happened more than 40 years ago. Today they are adults living in a free country where they can learn and prosper. Also, they can worship God without fear of persecution. Karen would always be thankful that she helped deliver their lives from the slavery or death they would have suffered.

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- What does exodus mean?
- What did Moses tell the Israelites when they saw the Egyptians coming for them?
- List ways that God protected the Israelites and defeated the Egyptians.
- Is there anyone more powerful than God?

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Bitter Water and Manna

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Lesson Text: Exodus 15:22-27, 16

The Israelites journeyed from the Red Sea to the wilderness of Shur. They went three days without water, and then they found water in Marah. But they couldn't drink the water, because it was bitter.

The people complained, saying, "What will we drink?"

Moses prayed to God, and God showed him a tree to cut down and throw in the water. Moses obeyed, and the water became sweet.

He told the Israelites, "If you will listen to God's voice and obey what He says, I will protect you from the evils of this world. I am the Lord who heals you."

Then the Israelites journeyed to Elim, and found twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees! They set up camp at this oasis.

The children of Israel left Elim and entered the wilderness of Sin. The Israelites were hungry, and they started complaining again. They said to Moses and Aaron, "Why have you brought us here to die of hunger?"

God told Moses, "I have heard the Israelites complain. Behold, I will rain bread from the sky in the morning and quails at night."

The Israelites called the bread manna, which means

"what is it?" The manna was white and tasted like wafers with honey.

God gave Moses specific instructions for the children of Israel to follow. They could only collect a certain amount of manna and quail every day for their family - just enough to feed each family member. On the sixth day of each week, they were to gather twice the normal amount so that they could rest on the Sabbath.

Some of the Israelites disobeyed, and kept leftovers. The next morning, the leftover manna was covered with worms and it smelled bad.

God said, "How long will you disobey my commands? I have given you the sabbath to rest."

The children of Israel would eat manna forty years, until they arrived at Canaan, the Promised Land. KLC

For this is the love of God, that
we keep His commandments.
1 John 5:3

His Word is Like Bread

(A True Story)

When Jesus fasted 40 days, the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread. Jesus answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

This means that we are not as needy of natural food as we are spiritual food. Just by His spoken word, God created all that we see. His written Word also gives us courage and hope to be faithful to Jesus. Cherish God's Holy Bible.

In China, the Communists took Bibles, hymnbooks, and any other Christian books and threw them into a hot bonfire. They forced the Christians to attend the burning. During a moment when no Communist was looking, one brave brother reached his hand into the fire and pulled out a page from a Bible. He tucked it into his shirt.

A few days later several Christians gathered at this brother's house to read from that one page of the Bible. This was all the Bible these hundred or so believers had, but they were thankful to share that one page. Every week for two years they would gather to pray and read from Matthew 16 where Jesus said, "If

any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Many of these believers went to prison and faced death holding onto these scriptures from God's Word. For two years that was all the Bible the Christians in Chungking possessed.

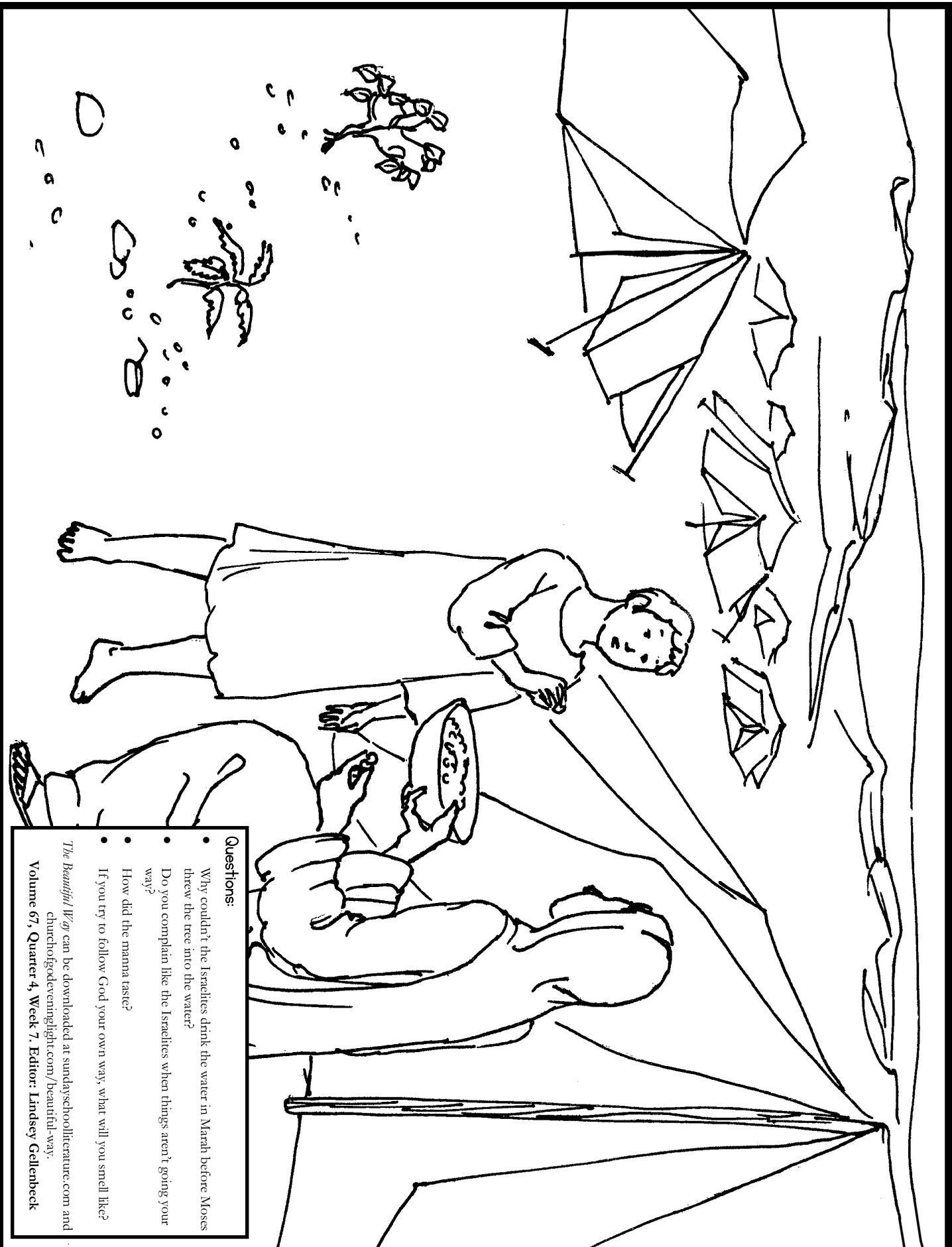
One day they were able to secretly send a letter to other Christians in America. Pastor Wurmbrand received it, and he cried when he read the letter. It said, "Dear Brethren, Don't strive to become better Christians. Strive only to be the kind of Christians whom Christ meant us to be, Christ-like Christians."

Pastor Wurmbrand bought several Chinese Bibles. A friend snuck these Bibles into China, found the Christians in Chungking, and gave the Bibles to them. They were overjoyed to have ALL the Word of God!

In our country we are free to own and read the Bible whenever we want. Do we value this freedom? Do you read and study God's written Word? Do you memorize verses?

Treasure the Holy Bible and be thankful you have the whole book to study. This gives us spiritual life just like bread feeds our body.

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- Why couldn't the Israelites drink the water in Marah before Moses threw the tree into the water?
- Do you complain like the Israelites when things aren't going your way?
- How did the manna taste?
- If you try to follow God your own way, what will you smell like?

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Water From a Rock and the Amalekites

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Lesson Text: Exodus 17 & 18

The Israelites camped in Rephidim. There was no water to drink, and they complained.

Moses cried to God, saying, "What should I do? The people are thirsty and upset."

God told Moses, "Take your rod to the rock in Horeb. Hit the rock, and I will send forth water."

Moses obeyed, and the people drank.

The Amalekites were the first nation to attack Israel. Moses told Joshua to choose men and to fight Amalek.

Joshua obeyed Moses, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of a hill overlooking the battle.

When Moses held up his hand, the Israelites won in battle. But he grew tired, and the Amalekites won when his hands were down.

Aaron and Hur got a rock for Moses to sit down on. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, and his hands were steady until the sun went down and the Israelites won the battle.

Jethro was the priest of Midian and Moses' father-in-law. Zipporah was the daughter of Jethro and she married Moses. They had two sons named Gershom and Eliezer. Zipporah and her sons were with her father, and when Jethro heard all that

God did for the Israelites, they came to meet Moses.

Moses told Jethro about God's deliverance, and Jethro rejoiced in the Lord.

The next day, Moses sat to judge the people. Jethro saw many people standing around Moses, from morning until evening, and asked him what was happening.

Moses told him that the people had questions about God, so they brought their problems to him and he would tell them God's laws.

Jethro said, "This is not good. You will wear out, because this responsibility is too heavy for one person to carry. Teach a group of men who love God about His laws, and then appoint them as rulers over groups of people. Let them judge the people, and bring the important matters to you. They will help bear your burden."

Moses obeyed his father-in-law, and Jethro went back to his home in Midian.

KLC

Bear one another's burdens, and
so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

When in Trouble, Call God

(A True Story)

Jennifer and her dad Dan heard the rain beat upon their two-story cedar cabin set among huge pecan trees by the Guadalupe River in Texas. They were listening to the weather reports to learn how high the river was and how much more rain was expected.

Around 10 p.m. Dan said, "It sounds like the river isn't going to rise anymore, so we are safe. Let's hit the sack and get some rest."

Jennifer obeyed her dad but she couldn't sleep. She tossed and turned in her bed for two hours or so then got up to go to the bathroom. When she stepped on the carpet, she felt that it was wet. She turned toward the river and listened. The swoosh of rapids filled her ears. It was beneath their house!

"Daddy! Wake up!" she screamed, rushing to his bedside. "There's water in the house!"

Dan jumped out of bed and rushed to the front door. When he opened the door he saw Duchess, their black mastiff, standing in six inches of water. He knew the river had already flooded their gravel roadway which was their only way to escape. They were trapped. Cold water lapped around their ankles and inched higher.

"What are we going to do, Daddy?"

"Here put on this life jacket," her dad replied as he put one on also.

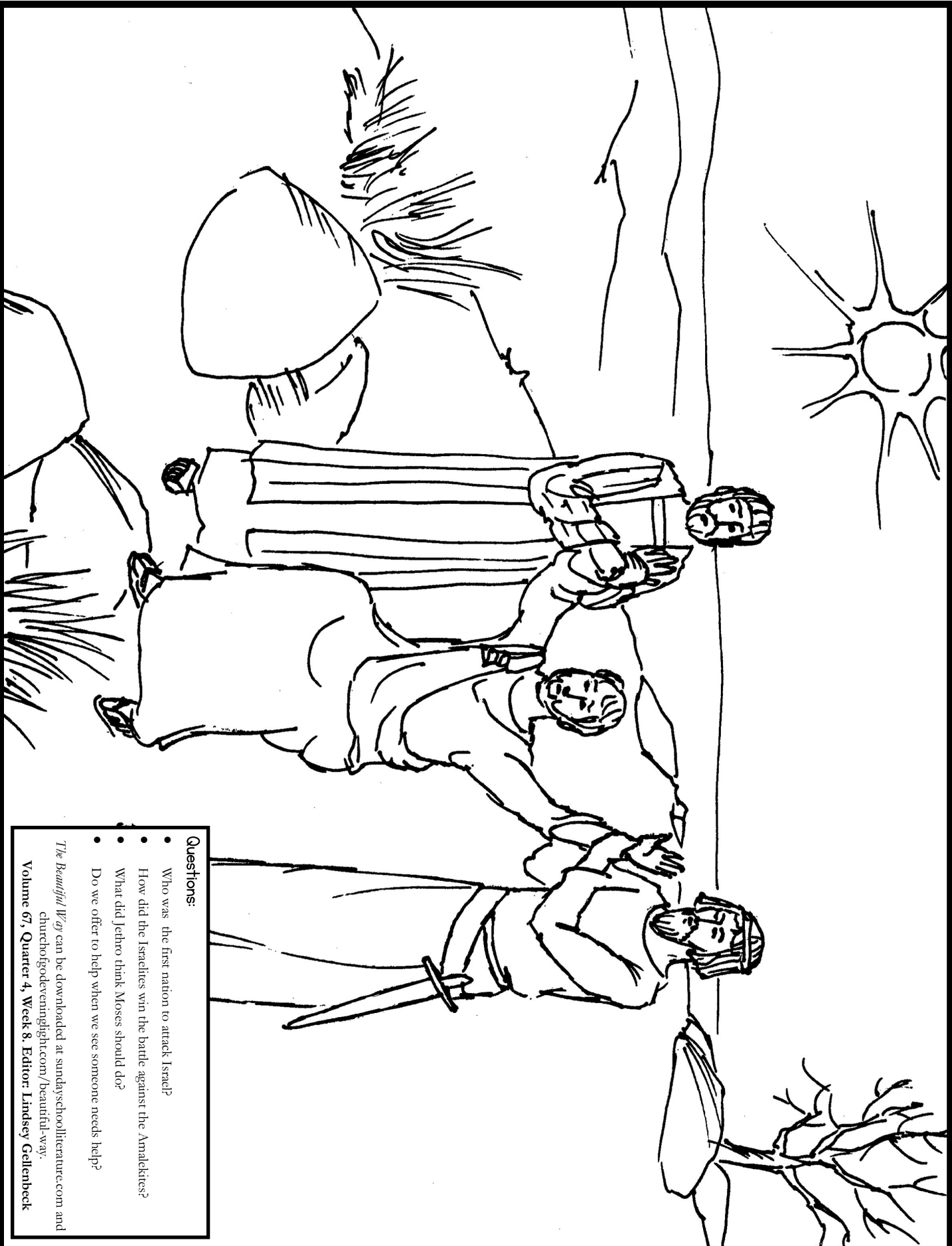
The muddy water was creeping up the wood-paneled walls, lapping under the electrical outlets. Afraid of electrocution, Dan dashed to the breaker box and pulled the main switch, plunging them into darkness. "Call 911," he told Jennifer, but she found the telephone was silent.

They went upstairs but the water climbed behind them. From the window, they watched cars and huge trees swirl downriver like rubber ducks in a bathtub. Suddenly, their cabin shifted. They were floating!

Dan knew it would be a matter of minutes before the house sank. Holding tightly together, father and daughter plunged into the cold, angry water. Dan tried to shield Jennifer from the tossing debris as the water current washed them toward the Gulf of Mexico. His ribs shattered and his left leg snapped before they were able to crawl on top of some jammed trees at a river fork.

For nearly eighteen hours they endured rain, cold, and pain, praying for help. Finally, they were pulled from their island of rubble and taken to safety by helicopter. Call on God when in trouble.

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- Who was the first nation to attack Israel?
- How did the Israelites win the battle against the Amalekites?
- What did Jethro think Moses should do?
- Do we offer to help when we see someone needs help?

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God's Ten Commandments

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Lesson Text: Exodus 19 & 20

The Israelites camped in the wilderness near Mt. Sinai. Moses went up the mountain to talk to God, and God said, "Tell the children of Israel, 'If you obey my voice, you will be a special treasure to me above all people.'"

Moses called the people and told them God's words. They answered, "All that the Lord says, we will do."

God told Moses that in three days He would visit in a thick cloud. He commanded them to wash and clean, to prepare for His visit, and to not touch the mountain when He descended into it, or they would die.

The people obeyed, and on the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning. A thick cloud covered the mountain, and a loud trumpet sounded. The mountain smoked, because God descended on it in fire.

The trumpet sounded louder and louder until Moses spoke to God. God spoke back in a voice, and called Moses to come to the top of the mountain. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. He said:

"I am the Lord thy God, who brought you out of Egypt and bondage.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not make any graven image, nor bow down to them.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy brother.
10. Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's."

The people were very afraid at the thunder, lightning, trumpet and smoke. They told Moses, "Speak with us and we will listen. But if God speaks with us we will die."

Moses said, "Don't be afraid. God wanted you to see His glory so you will honor and obey him "

KLC

Fear God, and keep his
commandments: for this is the
whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Sarah's Chain

"Why don't you ask your mother if you can have one of these chains," said Sarah.

She was talking to Pansy about a chain that she had around her neck. It had a little image of Jesus' mother on the end. Pansy had never seen this chain of Sarah's before and she thought it was pretty. She would like to have one.

Pansy had been to Sarah's house and she had seen the little statues and pictures that were there. Sarah had said that they had those statues in her church, too, and they burn candles in front of them and pray to them.

"I'll go home, and ask my mother if I could have a chain like yours," said Pansy. "I'll tell you what she says tomorrow."

"Mother, Sarah has a chain she wears around her neck and it has a little picture of Jesus' mother on the end. Can I have one, too?"

"Why, Pansy, what would you need a picture of Jesus' mother for?" asked Mother.

"Sarah said they pray to those pictures and statues. She has

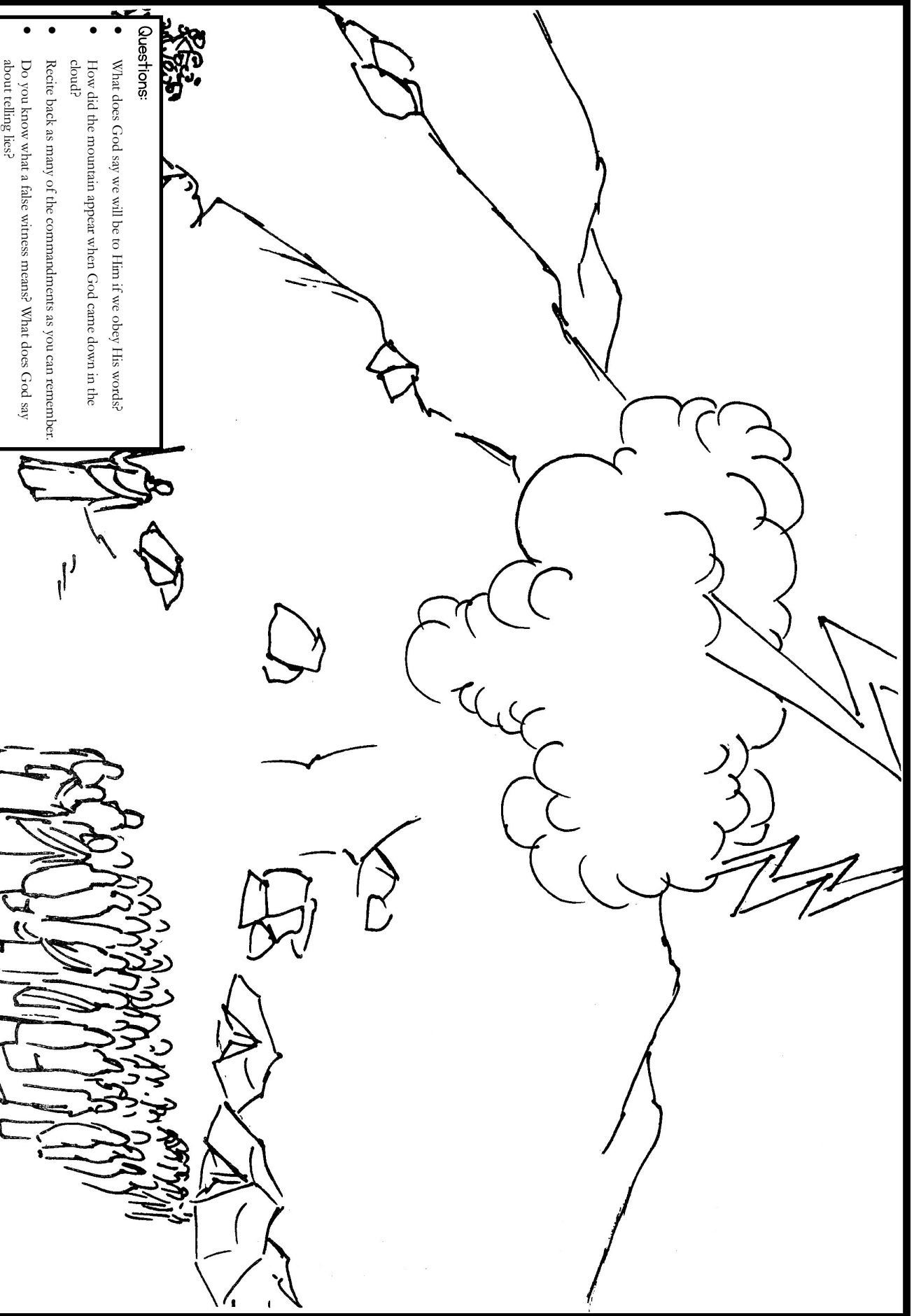
them in her house and in her church, too."

Mother went to get the Bible. She wanted Pansy to know what God said about praying to images or statues and pictures.

"Let's read a little, Pansy, and talk about this. God gave Moses a law for His people to obey. It says that we are not to make any image or statue, and we are not to bow down or pray to any image. God, who is a Spirit, and whom we cannot see, is the only true God. He wants us to have no other gods before Him. He loves us and wants us to love and serve and worship Him only, by obeying and believing His Word. And when we pray to pictures or statues then we have made other gods. We are worshipping false gods. False gods are not real. They can't see, hear, think, talk or anything. But we serve the real God, who is alive and sees, hears, speaks and knows all things. Wouldn't you rather love and pray to the true God?"

Pansy said, "Yes. I know that God is real because I believe He is, and because He helps me and answers my prayers when I pray. I'll tell Sarah tomorrow that I don't need a chain around my neck, since I pray only to the real, invisible God. He doesn't want me to pray to anything else."

BLM



Questions:

- What does God say we will be to Him if we obey His words?
- How did the mountain appear when God came down in the cloud?
- Recite back as many of the commandments as you can remember.
- Do you know what a false witness means? What does God say about telling lies?

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A House For God

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Lesson Text: Exodus 20:22-26, 21-31

After God gave The Ten Commandments, He continued to instruct Moses and tell him how He wanted the people to live. Even though the law was for the Israelites, God still expects us to be kind, and not to hurt people. He does not want people to be in slavery, because He delivered the Israelites from bondage! God does not want us to steal, and if we do we must repay the owner more than we stole. God wants us to always tell the truth.

Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and then he read God's word to the people. They said, "All that the Lord has said, we will do and be obedient."

God told Moses to go up Mount Sinai and meet with Him so He could give Moses the commandments on tables of stone. Moses went into the mountain, and he stayed there for forty days and forty nights.

God spoke to Moses, and told him to ask the people to bring freewill offerings of gold, silver, brass, blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, oil, spices, animal skins, wood and jewels.

God said, "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. I will tell you how to make the tabernacle, and

you must follow my instructions."

God told Moses how to make the ark of the testimony, which would hold the stone tables. The mercy seat sat above the ark, and this was where God would dwell.

The tabernacle would have golden tables and a golden candlestick, purple, blue, and scarlet curtains, a covering made of rams' skins dyed red and a covering made of badger's skins, and a veil to divide the tabernacle between the holy place and the holy of holies.

The people could meet in the holy place, but God dwelled in the holy of holies.

After God explained all the instructions, He gave Moses two stone tables of testimony, written with His own finger.

KLC

Know ye not that ye are the
temple of God, and that the
Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
I Corinthians 3:16

Linda's Playhouse

Randy and his cousin, David, were playing in Randy's backyard near Linda's playhouse. David stood on the front porch and peeked into the little window.

"We don't want to go in there," said Randy. "Linda always makes me play dolls when I'm in her playhouse."

"Linda isn't here so we can go inside," said David. "It looks neat." He opened the door and both boys stepped inside.

"What does she have in the refrigerator? Does this stove really work? It looks like there has been water in the sink," said David.

"Don't bother anything," said Randy. "Really, we shouldn't be in here because this is Linda's house and she doesn't like anyone in here without her."

"We aren't going to bother anything, so she won't care," answered David. "Let's sit down at this table and pretend we are at a restaurant."

David sat down in a small chair by the short table. Just then the boys heard voices. They peeked out the window and saw Linda and a friend walking toward the playhouse.

"Hey, we need to get out of here!" exclaimed David.

Randy opened the door and both boys escaped in front of two astonished girls.

"You boys better not have messed up anything in my playhouse," said Linda, but the boys were already running towards the woods, too far away to reply.

Linda entered and glanced around the little room. "Well, it looks okay," she said to Keri. "I wish they wouldn't just come into my playhouse without asking. That isn't polite."

Soon the girls were busy playing house with their dolls. Randy and David decided to sneak up on the girls and scare them. The boys stood at the back corner of the house listening to the girls chatter. Squatting down, they crept to the front porch and peered into the window.

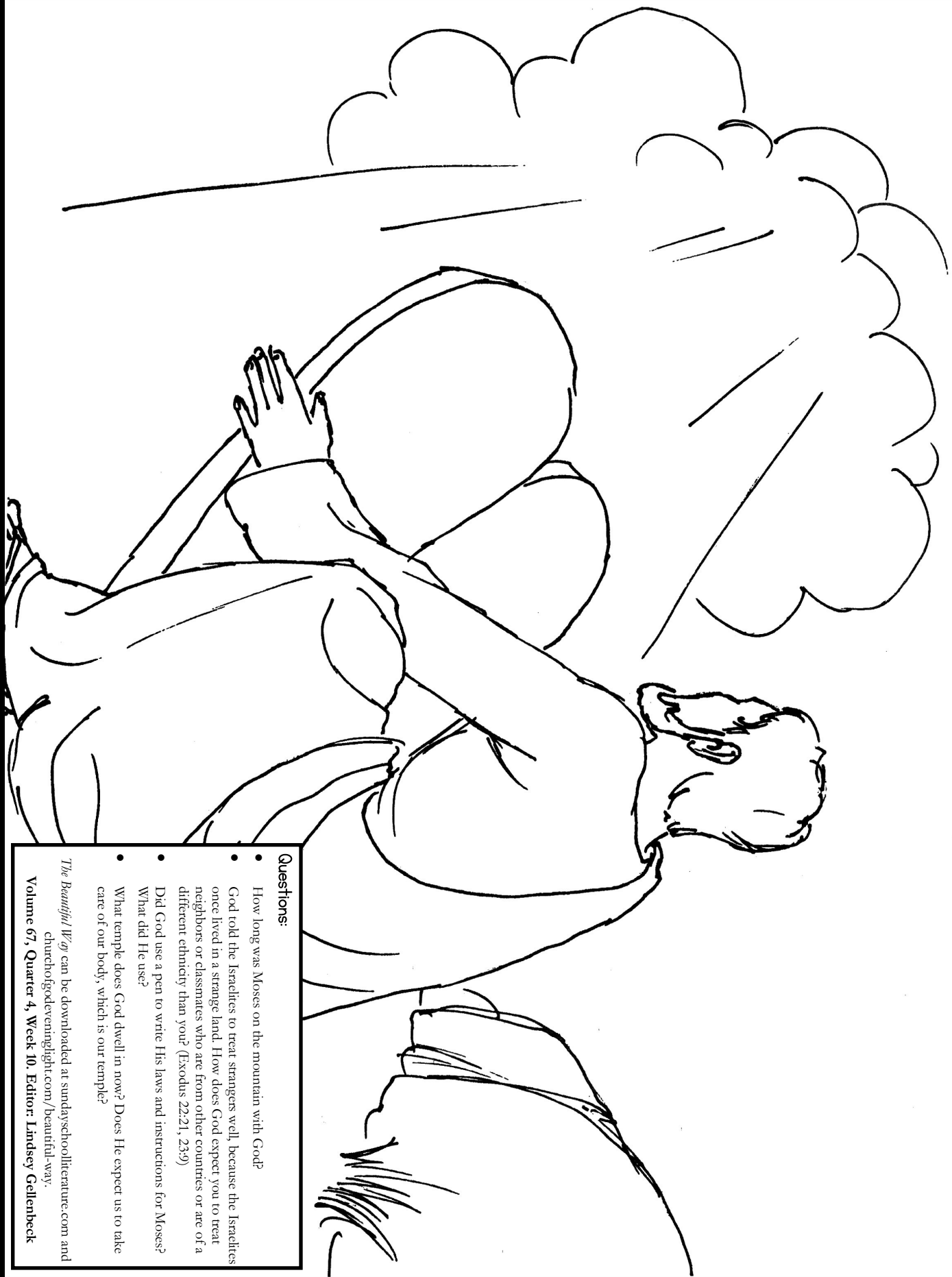
"Oh, my baby is choking!" exclaimed Linda as she scooped up her doll and patted it on the back. "You drank your milk too fast. There, honey, do you feel better?"

The boys snickered and the girls saw them at the window. "You boys leave my house at once!" demanded Linda as she stepped to the door. "This is MY playhouse and I don't want you guys tearing anything up!"

"Ah-ah!" screeched the boys as they ran back to the woods.

Do you protect your house and play things? Are you careful with other people's belongings?

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- How long was Moses on the mountain with God?
- God told the Israelites to treat strangers well, because the Israelites once lived in a strange land. How does God expect you to treat neighbors or classmates who are from other countries or are of a different ethnicity than you? (Exodus 22:21, 23:9)
- Did God use a pen to write His laws and instructions for Moses? What did He use?
- What temple does God dwell in now? Does He expect us to take care of our body, which is our temple?

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The Golden Calf

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Lesson Text: Exodus 31; Psalm 100:2; Luke 4:8

Moses stayed in the mountain forty days receiving God's instruction, but the Israelites were impatient.

They told Aaron to make them a god that would lead them, because Moses was not around.

Aaron said, "Take off your gold earrings and bring them to me."

The people brought Aaron all their gold earrings, and he used a graving tool to carve a calf from the gold. The next day, the Israelites offered sacrifices and worshiped the calf.

God told Moses, "Get down from the mountain, for the people have quickly turned away from me. Leave me alone now, because I am very angry and I will destroy the Israelites."

Moses asked God, "Why are You so angry? You brought them out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand. What if the Egyptians hear that You brought us to the wilderness to kill us, and they laugh? Turn from your anger and remember Your promise to make us a great nation."

God honored Moses' plea, and did not destroy the Israelites.

Moses walked down the mountain, holding the two stone tables of testimony that God had created. When he got close to the camp, he saw the Israelites dancing around the golden calf. Moses became very angry, and he threw the stone tables out of his hands. They broke when they hit the ground.

He took the calf, burned it, ground it into powder, sprinkled the powder on the water, and made the Israelites drink the water. Then he told them he was going back up the mountain to ask God to forgive their sins.

Moses told God, "This people have sinned a great sin. If You won't forgive their sin, blot me from Your book instead."

God told Moses, "I will blot out the person who has sinned against me. Now go lead the people to the place I have talked about to you."

KLC

Little children, keep yourselves
from idols. 1 John 5:21

Loving God's Creatures

Many people own pets. In America alone there are over 112 million dogs and cats kept as household pets. Often they are loved like family. Three out of five dog owners said their dog was one of the most important things in their lives. These people said they would spend thousands of dollars to care of their pet should it be injured or become ill.

Larry and Alexandra have unusual pets that they care about. One of them is a red kangaroo named Quigley. On a nice December morning, Quigley was loaded into a truck specially made for him. He is a big seven-year-old male with powerful hind legs that could take him right out of any ordinary truck. Carefully, Larry drove the truck to an animal hospital and parked in front of the door.

Alexandra guided Quigley out of the truck and into the waiting room. Quigley was going blind and he trusted Alexandra to lead him. She walked in front of him, talking softly, and often he touched noses with her to know where she was. He walked down the rubber matted hallway using his front feet like hands to feel the way.

In a large examining room a crowd of doctors and staff

watched as Quigley entered. "Hello, Sweetie," said Dr. Moore.

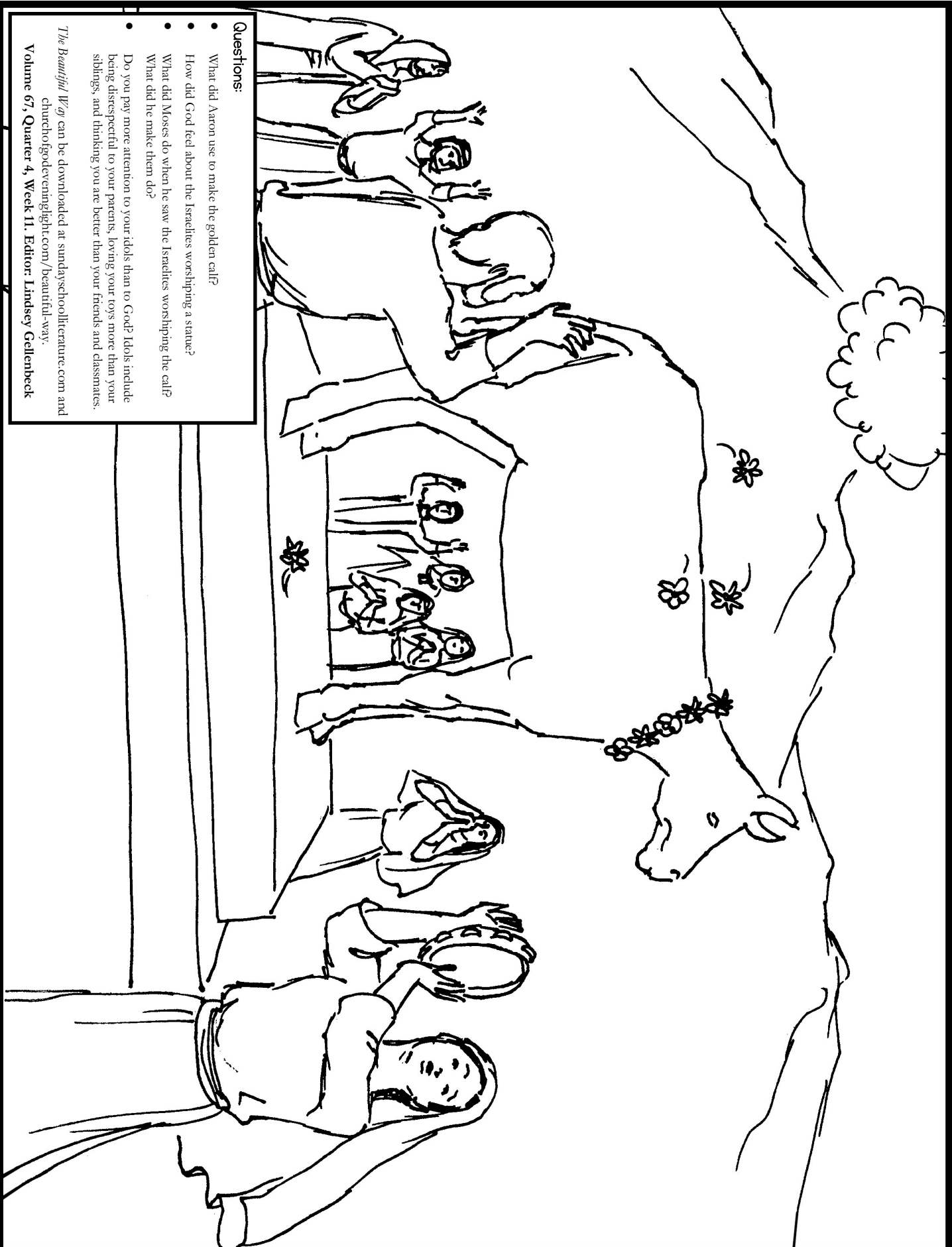
"Uh-oh! He's going to turn into a monster," said Alexandra. Sure enough, hearing a male voice caused Quigley to rise his full six feet and bristle with anger.

Larry grabbed Quigley's heavy tail and kept him off balance until Alexandra could calm him. Once he was under control, everyone kept quiet while the lights were turned out and Dr. Moore looked into his milky white eyes. Quigley had cataracts and needed surgery, which would cost about \$2,000.

Larry and Alexandra didn't know what to do. Their zebra needed more treatment for cancer of the liver and their camel was recovering from a broken leg. Their money was low, but Quigley needed his eyes so they decided to pay for the surgery. Now Quigley can see his pen that he lives in.

It is good to take care of our pets. Make sure they are fed, watered, and given plenty of room to exercise. Be kind to them, but remember: most animals don't live as long as people and they don't have souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus. A person's life is more valuable than an animal's.

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- What did Aaron use to make the golden calf?
- How did God feel about the Israelites worshipping a statue?
- What did Moses do when he saw the Israelites worshipping the calf?
- What did he make them do?
- Do you pay more attention to your idols than to God? Idols include being disrespectful to your parents, loving your toys more than your siblings, and thinking you are better than your friends and classmates.



Moses Sees God

12.17.17.
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Lesson Text: Exodus 33-34, Psalm 113:4, Habakkuk 2:14

God was very displeased with the Israelites for worshipping a human-made image. Moses raised the tabernacle outside the camp. The people stood and watched as Moses entered the tabernacle.

The cloudy pillar descended to the door of the tabernacle, and God spoke with Moses as friends speak. All the people saw the cloud, and they worshipped God.

Moses said to God, "You have called this nation your people, and if I have found favor in your eyes, show me your glory."

God said, "You have found favor in my eyes, and I know you by name. But if you look at my face, you will die. No human can look at my face and live. However, I will pass by and I will cover you with my hand, then I will lift my hand so you can see my back."

He instructed Moses to carve two new tables of stone and bring them to the mountain the next morning.

Moses walked up the mountain the next morning with the two stone tables, just as God commanded. God descended in the cloud. He passed before Moses, saying "The Lord, The Lord

God, merciful and gracious, patient, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands and forgiving sins."

Moses quickly bowed his head to the ground and worshipped God. He asked God to forgive the sin of the Israelites.

God said, "Behold, I make a promise. I will do miracles that have never been done before in all the earth. The Israelites will see my awesome works."

Then God gave Moses more instructions, and he was on the mountain for forty more days and nights. When he came down the mountain with the new tables of testimony, the people were afraid because his face shone from being in the presence of God.

Moses put a veil over his face and read God's commandments to the Israelites.

KLC

You are the light of the world.
A city that is set on a hill
cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14

Two Voices

Dad and Jerry were hauling a truckload of lumber to their house one Saturday afternoon when Dad glanced down at his gas gauge.

"Look for a gas station with cheap gas," he said to Jerry. "This two-ton won't go much farther without some fuel."

They drove along the interstate for a while, then Jerry said, "I see a truck stop ahead on the left side of the road. Does it have cheap enough gas?"

"I wish it were cheaper, but it is better than some," replied Dad as he swung the truck onto the off-ramp by the gas station.

As soon as Dad pulled up to the gas pump, Jerry jumped out of the truck and opened the tank lid.

"Can you handle it by yourself?" Dad asked Jerry. "I need to go inside and I'll pay for it when you're done."

Jerry replied with a smiling nod. He took the pump nozzle and put it into the hole of the gas tank. He felt the cool gas surging through the pump handle and into the truck. When it was done, he put the pump handle back in place and closed the gas lid on the truck.

Then Jerry went into the gas station. Dad wasn't in sight, so

Jerry sat down at a nearby booth. On the table in front of him was a cold, icy drink of pop.

"Someone must be sitting here," thought Jerry as he stood up.

He looked around the store. No one but the clerk was in sight, and he was wiping off a counter behind the desk.

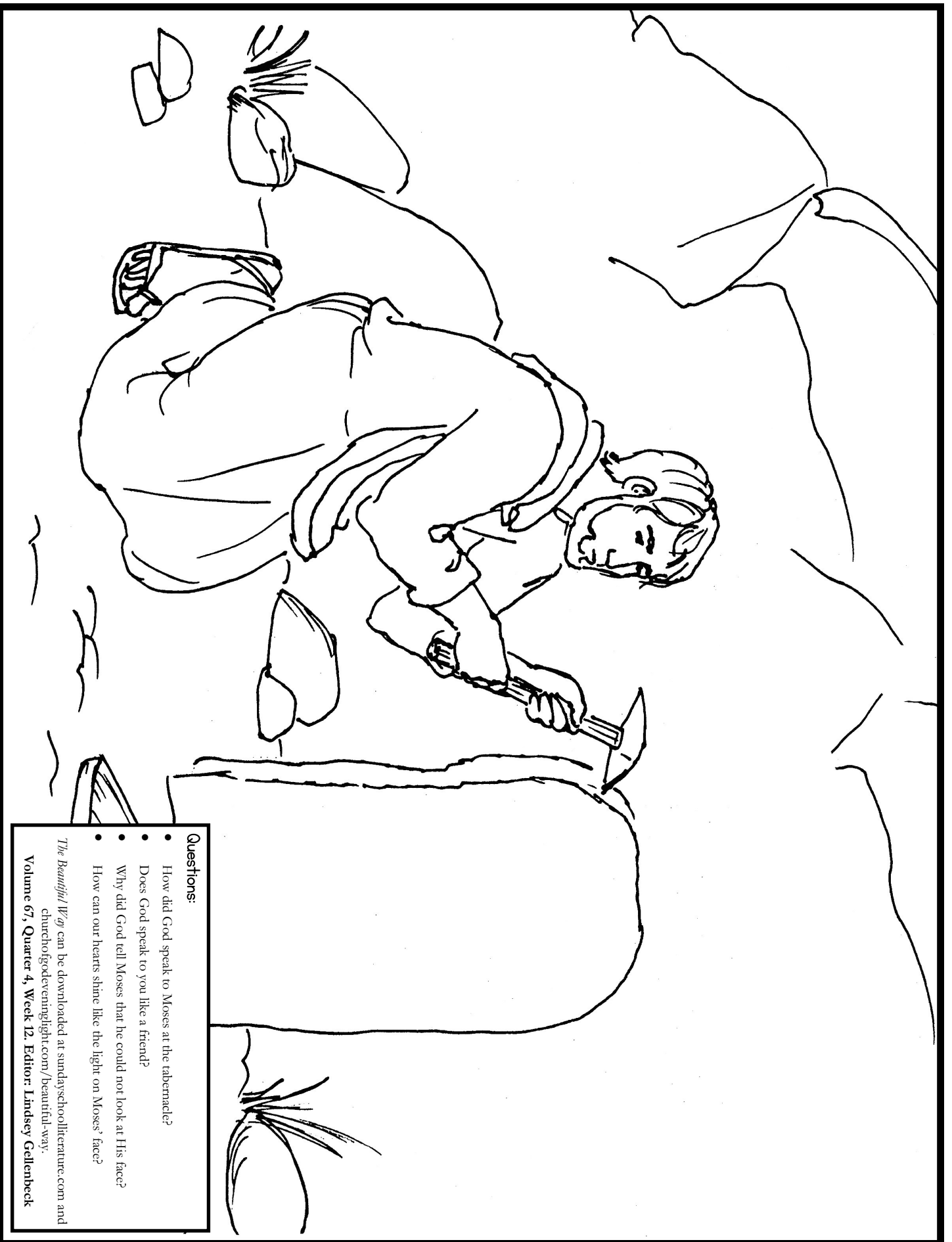
A voice spoke in Jerry's mind. "Why don't you just take a sip of that cold drink since you're hot?"

Jerry glanced at the inviting icy cup. "I have been working hard with Dad, today," he thought. "I'm thirsty, too."

Again Jerry looked around the store. No one was watching him. Then another voice spoke to Jerry. "If you take a sip, you will be taking something that is not yours to take. You know that is stealing. Be strong enough to leave it alone."

Just then Dad walked around a row of groceries. He had two icy drinks in his hand. Jerry turned his back on the booth and went to his dad. The devil wasn't going to make a fool out of him.

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- How did God speak to Moses at the tabernacle?
- Does God speak to you like a friend?
- Why did God tell Moses that he could not look at His face?
- How can our hearts shine like the light on Moses' face?

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The Prince of Peace

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Lesson Text: Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-12

Mary was a young woman who lived in a city called Nazareth. One day, God sent an angel, Gabriel, to tell her something that would change the world.

Mary was scared to see an angel talking to her, but Gabriel told her, "Fear not, God is pleased with you. He will perform a miracle, and you will have a baby! This child will be a boy, and you will call him Jesus. He is the Son of the Highest, the Son of God. He will reign over a kingdom that never ends."

As Jesus' birth drew closer, the governor of Rome ordered every family to travel to their birthplace and pay a tax. Mary was engaged to marry Joseph, and they traveled together to Bethlehem.

They spent the night in a stable with animals. There, Mary delivered Jesus, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and placed him in the manger.

The little baby, born in a lowly stable to lowly parents, grew up to preach the Word of God. He loved every person, no matter who they were or what they had done.

Jesus gave sight to the blind, second chances to the sinner, and hope to the hopeless.

He loved all of us so much that He sacrificed himself to die for our sins. Because of His love, we can have His spirit living inside of us while we live. When we die, we will go to Heaven and be able to see Him and live with Him forever.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

KLC

For unto you is born this day in
the city of David a Saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

A Tornado at Christmas

(A True Story)

The day before Christmas in Covington, Georgia, pastures were deliciously green with winter rye grass. At River Bend Farm, a large, castle-like dairy barn stood above the 700 acres. On the second floor of the barn, tons of hay and feed were stored for the 65 cows who were milked on the first floor of the barn.

Then, the night of Christmas Eve, a terrible storm with twister winds swept through the valley of River Bend Farm. At 5:00 in the morning, the two brothers who owned the farm went out to see what damage had been done by the storm. It was dark, warm and foggy.

"Look, Charlie, last night's wind tore down the fence," J.T. said.

"Electric line is down too," Charlie noticed. "Get a flashlight and help me find the cows."

They could hear the cows bellowing in the distance, but they could not see them. When they flashed the flashlight in the direction of the barn, both men were shocked to see a huge heap of broken wood and scattered hay. Suddenly they realized that the cows were buried alive in that flattened barn.

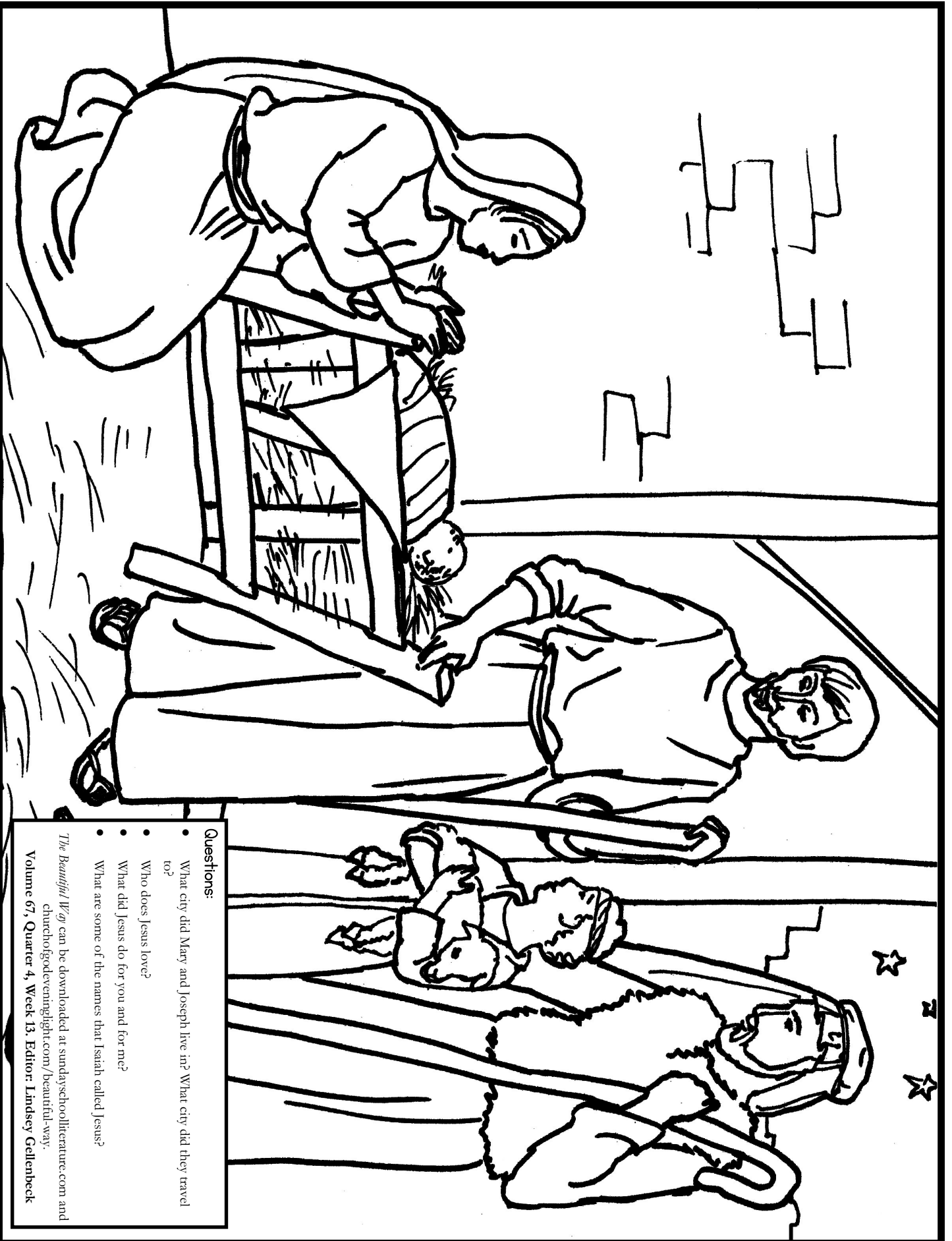
Charlie and J.T. raced to the barn and yanked a few round bales of hay from the barn. They were able to rescue two cows, but they realized that the job was too big for them--they needed help, fast!

Quickly, J.T. called the town's civil defense for equipment. Soon two big bulldozers pulled into the drive. Neighbors arrived to help. By daybreak the River Bend Farm was busy with machinery and men working as quickly as possible to save the lives of the cows trapped inside the barn. Bulldozers dug in and pushed away the wet hay. Veterinarians attended the injured animals. Even a police officer directed the traffic of trucks and equipment.

No one complained that they were missing their Christmas time at home with their families. The men knew that those milk cows made money for J.T. and Charlie. They had to help their neighbors who were in need right then.

By nightfall, River Bend Farm was quiet and neat again. Forty-seven cows had died in the old barn, but a foundation was already dug for a new one. The two brothers had met with loss on Christmas day, but they felt like their neighbors had given them wonderful gifts of time and labor.

Sister Connie Sorrell



Questions:

- What city did Mary and Joseph live in? What city did they travel to?
- Who does Jesus love?
- What did Jesus do for you and for me?
- What are some of the names that Isaiah called Jesus?

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Building the Tabernacle

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Lesson Text: Exodus 35-39

Moses gathered the Israelites together. It was time to build the tabernacle. He told the Israelites, "If you have a willing heart, the Lord wants you to make offerings for His temple."

Every person with a willing spirit brought offerings to help build the tabernacle, the objects that would go in the tabernacle, and the priestly clothes.

Men and women brought bracelets, earrings, rings, tablets, and gold jewels. Men brought wood, silver, brass, blue, purple, and scarlet linens, as well as goat's hair, ram's skins, and badger's skins. Women spun goat's hair, and brought blue, purple, and scarlet linens.

Rulers brought precious stones, spices, and oils. Everyone who had willing hearts brought gifts to God.

Moses told the Israelites which men God chose for workmen. They were given talents to know how to build, cut, carve, embroider, engrave, weave, and many other skills.

The men made curtains and long poles for the tabernacle walls. The poles slid through loops in the curtains so that tabernacle could be carried when the Israelites moved locations. The roof was made from woven goat's hair.

The ark was made of wood and covered in gold. Two cherubims were built on top that stretched their wings over the ark.

A wooden table was built and covered in gold. It held bowls, spoons, a golden candlestick, and bread. A tall golden altar and a large, low brass altar were built with a horn on each side. A laver to hold water was made from brass and mirrors.

The priest's clothes were made from the blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linens. The workmen beat gold into thin wires and wove it into the material for Aaron's robes. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were carved into precious stones.

The Israelites made everything that the Lord commanded. Moses looked at all the work, saw that the people obeyed God, and he blessed the Israelites.

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God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Pansy's Pennies

Grandpa gave Pansy almost ten dollars worth of pennies! She was so thankful to get them.

What should Pansy do with all those pennies? What would you do if you had them? The first thing that came to her mind was to save them.

"Mama, let's buy a big piggy bank so I can save all these pennies for myself," said Pansy.

"Is that what you've decided to do? Just save it all for yourself?" Mother said "Can you tell me who gave you those pennies?"

"Why Grandpa did, and he said that they were just for me," Pansy answered.

"But who gave them to Grandpa, and who put it in Grandpa's heart to give them to you?" asked Mother.

"Well, it must have been Jesus who told him to give them to me," Pansy said.

"Then those pennies are a gift from Jesus to you, aren't they Pansy? I wonder what you could do with them to show how

much you love Him? Since Jesus was unselfish and gave them to Grandpa, and since Grandpa was unselfish and gave them to you, Jesus wouldn't want you to be selfish and keep them all for yourself. He would want you to share them. When we pray at bedtime, let's ask God to help you know what you should do with the pennies, since they really belong to Jesus."

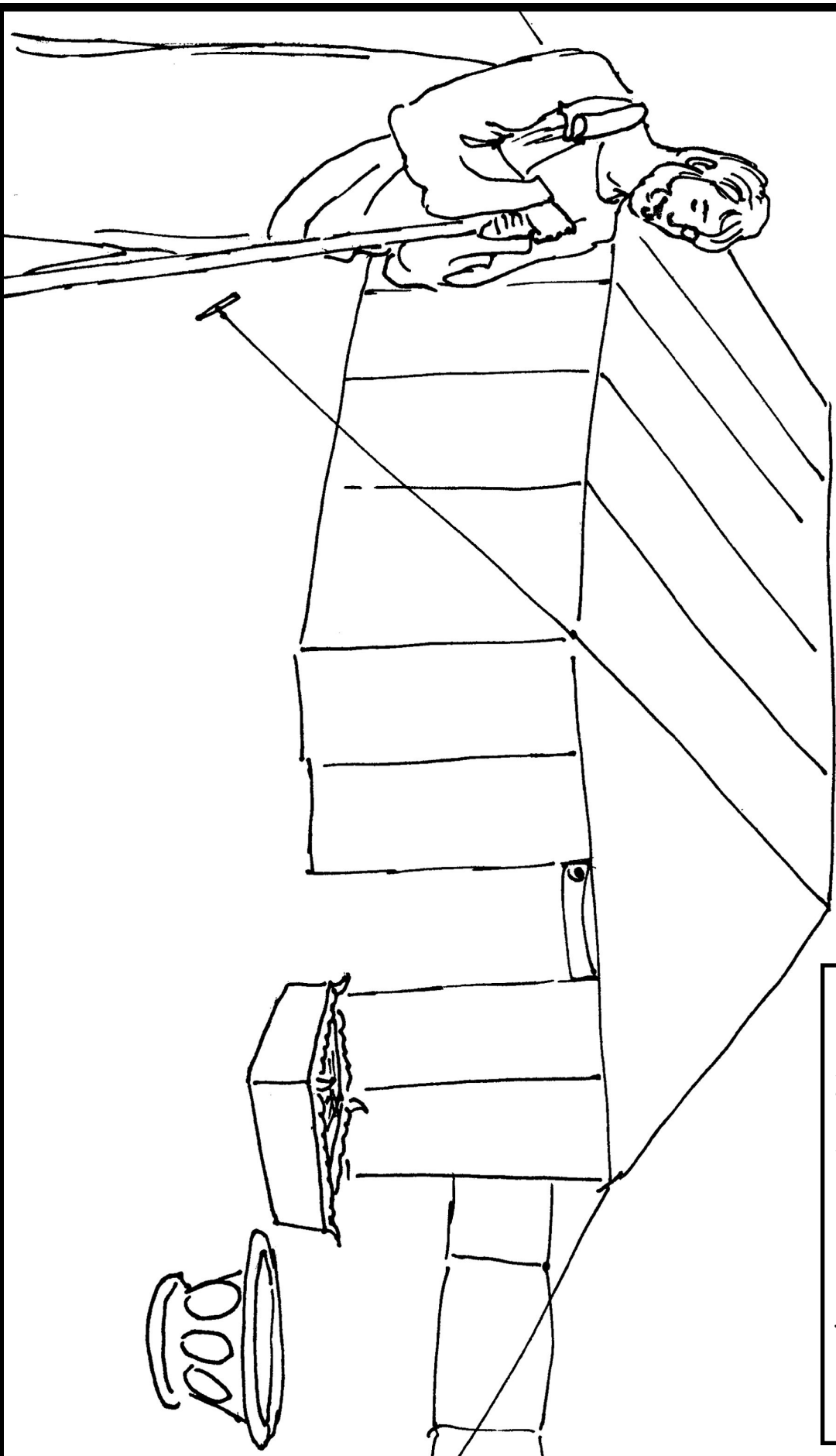
Jesus answered Pansy's prayer. The next day, she remembered that her little friend, Judy, often cried because the children made fun of the holes in her socks.

Pansy told Mother, "I could buy Judy some nice socks. Then the other children won't make fun of her, and she won't cry."

Jesus helped Pansy to remember that Mother often couldn't find a pencil to write with. So Pansy bought mother some pencils. Mother was sure thankful for them.

Sometimes Pansy bought little things that she needed. She was able to save more money and also to share it with others. Pansy was happy sharing her pennies and the Lord blessed her, too because she had an unselfish heart.

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Questions:

- Did God want the Israelites to offer gifts if they did not want to?
- Who brought gifts to God?
- Did the Israelites build the tabernacle their way, or did they follow all of God's instructions?
- Does God want your sacrifice if your heart doesn't want to give? When does He want your gifts?

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