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Primary Sunday School

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Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Five hundred years before Jesus came to earth, it was prophesied in the book of Zechariah that He would enter Jerusalem on the back of a donkey as the King and promised Messiah. During that time, a donkey was seen as a symbol of royalty, not poverty. Kings and princes rode on donkeys during times of peace, and horses during wartime.

Five days before Jesus was crucified, He told His disciples to go into a village where they would find a donkey tied up. No one had ever ridden this donkey before. Jesus' disciples untied the donkey and brought it to Him. On the back of the donkey, Jesus rode through the gates of Jerusalem where multitudes of people spread their clothes out before Him, waved palm branches, and cried out, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees did not like Jesus being worshipped as a king and told Him to rebuke His followers. Jesus answered, "If these people are quiet, the stones will immediately cry out in their place." Jesus wept over the city because He loved the people but He knew what would happen.

In five short days, all of His followers turned on Him. They turned Jesus in to the rulers and accused Him of treason. Were those people truly loving and worshipping Jesus?

Memory Verse:

For he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. Revelation 17:14

Hosanna !

Violet runs at full-speed, waving a stem of pampas grass in the air. "Hosanna! Hosanna!" she shouts into the air.

Violet is recreating the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem.

She had asked her mother to help her cut a stem of pampas grass off the bush growing in the front yard. It's not a palm tree, but it will work just the same, she decides. Her mother gives her gloves to wear, since pampas grass is sharp and will cut skin.

Now Violet waves her make-believe palm in the air, imagining that she's running beside the donkey. She pretends that Jesus looks at her and smiles.

Then she gets an idea. She rounds up her siblings. She ties a handkerchief around Carter and Carrie's heads. She dresses them in two old nightgowns.

"This is your pretend-robies," she says. "You are both going to play Jesus today."

She enlists Jack as the donkey.

The children head outside. Jack gets on hands-and-knees. Violet places the twins on Jack's back. "Hold on tight!" she says. Carter grabs handfuls of Jack's hair and Carrie wraps her chubby arms around Carter.

Jack slowly walks along the grass, making braying noises that delight the babies. Violet runs to and fro, waving her pampas grass as hard as she can and shouting "Hosanna!" and "Glory, Hallelujah!" into the sunny skies.

Katherine watches her children from the front porch. She smiles, happy that these four young hearts are lifted in praise to their Heavenly King through play and imagination.

The children take turns playing each part.

Violet gives the twins dandelions from her flower patch to wave instead of the sharp pampas grass. Carrie promptly bites the yellow bloom from her stem. She eats the yellow petals then spits out the bitter green center. Then she feeds Carter a dandelion and they quickly forget about waving dandelions in the air as Violet sits as regally as she can imagine on Jack's back, walking down the lane.

She laughs when she sees yellow petals stuck to their little chins and lips. "Say Hosannah!" she reminds them.

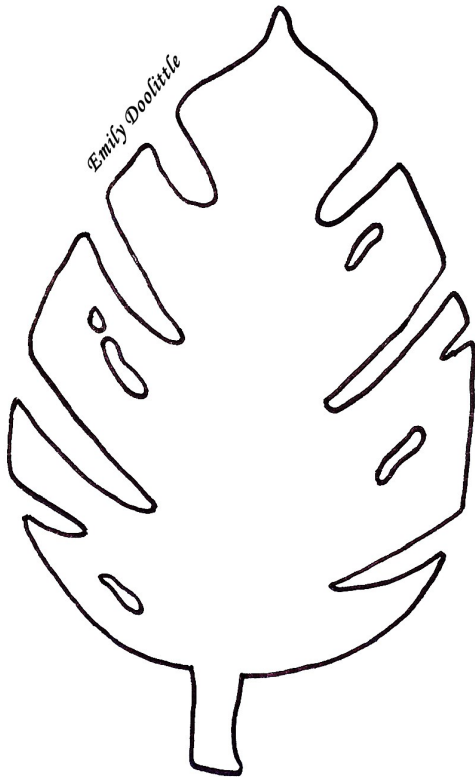
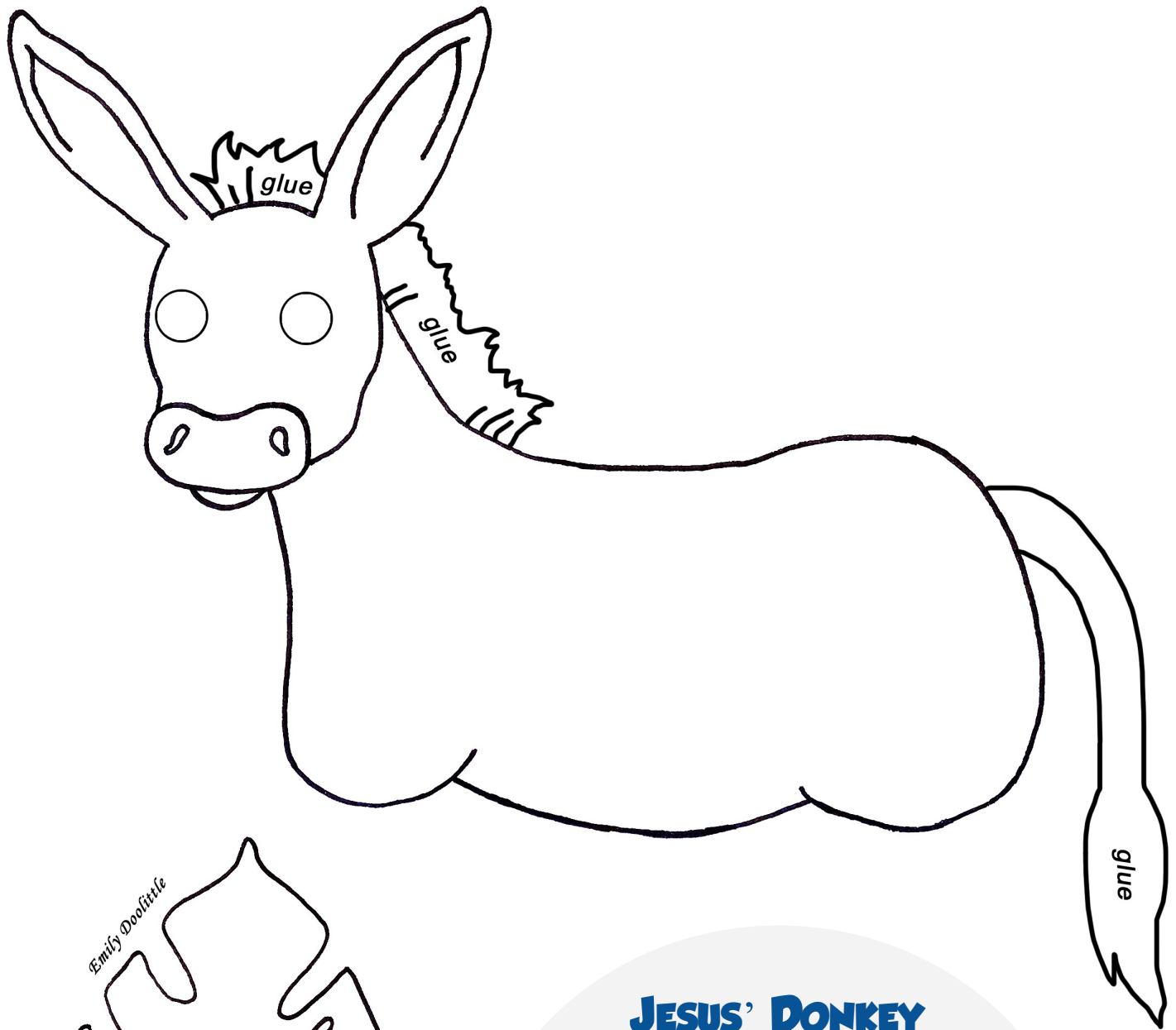
"Sanna! Sanna!" they crow. Then they toddle for Jack, wrapping their arms around his arms until the children collapse in a happy heap.

Then they head inside for lunch and lemonade.

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JESUS' DONKEY

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, GOOGLY EYES, BROWN OR BLACK YARN, CLOTHESPINS, MARKERS/CRAYONS OR PAINT

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT OUT THE BODY OF THE DONKEY AND THE PALM LEAF. GLUE YARN TO THE MANE AND TAIL AS DIRECTED. GLUE GOOGLY EYES TO DONKEY'S FACE. COLOR OR PAINT TWO CLOTHESPINS THE SAME COLOR AS THE BODY OF THE DONKEY AND PIN THEM TO THE UNDERSIDE FOR LEGS. GLUE THE PALM BRANCH TO THE BACK OF THE DONKEY.



Primary Sunday School

April 11, 2021

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A Crucified King

The day Jesus died on the cross is the saddest day the world has ever known. All of His disciples had left Him, and the weight of every person's sins was on His shoulders.

Late on Thursday night, He was taken to the house of the high priest to be questioned. By Friday morning, Jesus stood before the council of chief priests and scribes. They asked Jesus, "Are you the Christ?" When Jesus did not deny it, they took Him to the Roman governor of Judea, whose name was Pontious Pilate.

Pilate did not want to kill Jesus, but the mob of people cried out for His death. Pilate washed his hands, basically saying he had no part in crucifying this innocent man. The soldiers took a red robe and a crown of thorns and put both on Jesus. They were making fun of Him. Then, they beat Jesus and hung Him on a cross to die.

Pilate placed a sign above Jesus that said, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The Jews did not like it, but Pilate did not change the sign. Some of Jesus' final words before He died were, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

What a sad, dark day. Thankfully, the story doesn't end there! What happened on the third day after Jesus was buried?

Memory Verse:

And set up over his head his accusation written, **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** Matthew 27:37

The Love of God

"What's wrong, Violet?" Jack asks.

The Mackey family is heading home from church and Jack realizes that Violet has tears running down her cheeks while she stares out the window.

Violet scrubs her face with her hands. "I don't like the story of Jesus on the cross," she says softly. Fresh tears roll down her cheeks. She places both hands on her heart because it just hurts.

Jack places his arm around Violet and pulls her close. She leans her head on his shoulder, sniffing and hiccuping.

Their mother, Katherine, mouths "thank you" to Jack, since she can't reach Violet in the truck.

Then Katherine says out loud, "It's a very hard story to hear, sweetie. It's more than we can fathom: the love our Lord has for us. It's also very hard to think about the evil and hurt in our world.

"Know that Jesus loves you so much that he will move mountains for you, even if you were the only person on this Earth. He loves every person in the world that much. No matter if they make bad decisions or good ones.

"Jesus is not hurting right now. He's full of love and power, justice and mercy. He is alive. He lives in Heaven and He lives in our hearts. He is a mighty King, our King.

"One of my favorite Bible stories is when Jesus preached in Nazareth. He read a prophecy from the Bible about himself. He said that he came down to this world to share the gospel to the poor. To heal people with broken hearts. To preach a message of deliverance to everyone held captive. To give sight to people whose eyes are blinded to truth. To set free all the people who are trapped in sadness."

The Mackey family listens to their mother recount Luke 4:18. Violet thinks her mother looks like an angel. The spirit of the Lord descends on the family and fills the truck with a quiet, sweet hush.

Even the twins stay quiet the rest of the ride home.

Anderson pulls into the drive and turns off the engine. "And that, Violet, is the reason Jesus sacrificed himself for us. He was the only one who could. And now His spirit is free to fill our truck and our hearts whenever He needs to or wants to."

Song: The Love of God

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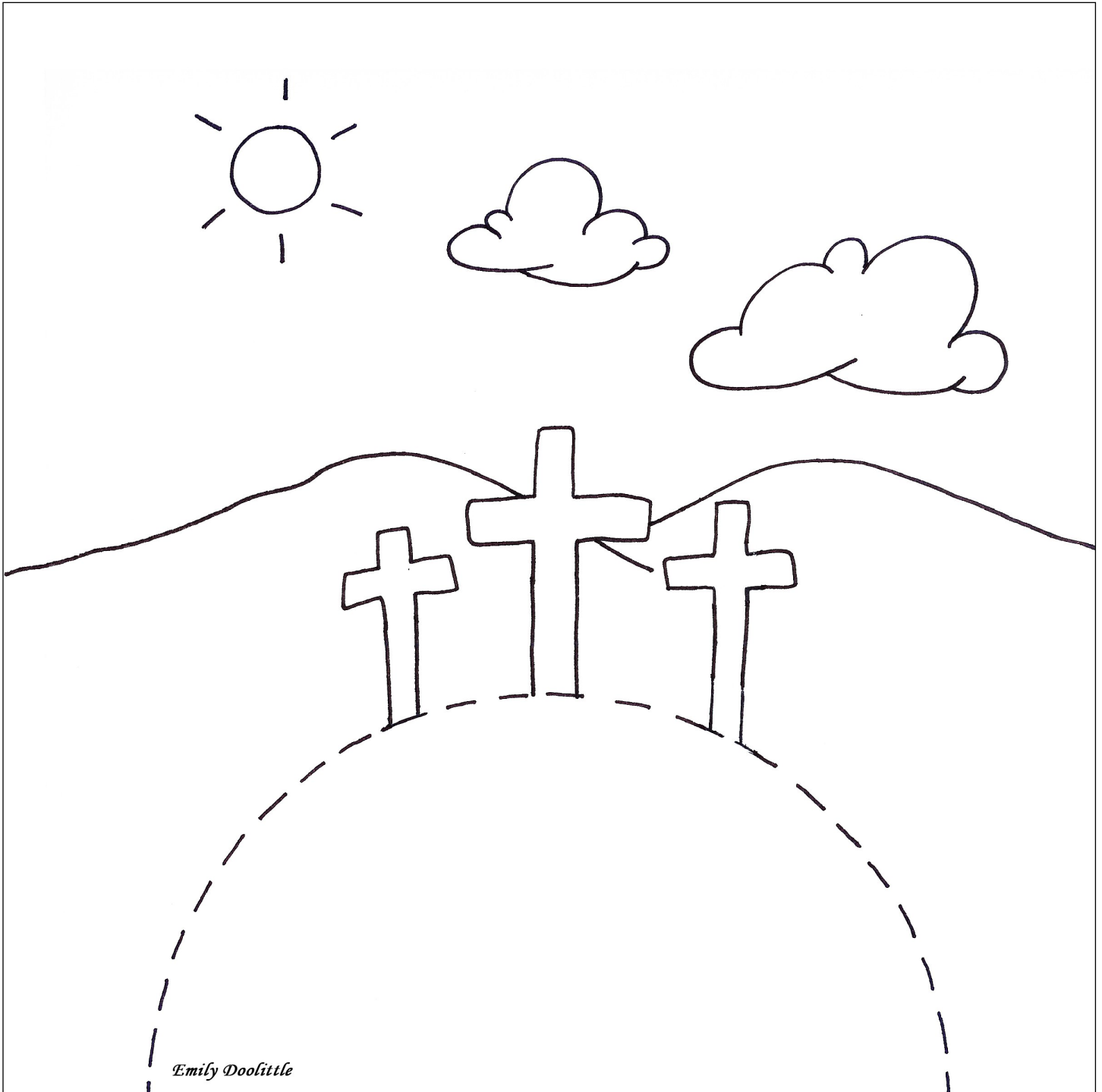
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JESUS DIED FOR YOU

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, BRASS FASTENER, 6" PAPER PLATE, GREY CONSTRUCTION PAPER, CRAYONS

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT THE LANDSCAPE. CUT A 6 INCH PAPER PLATE IN HALF AND COLOR OR PAINT THE BACK OF IT GREY. CUT A 2x1 ROUNDED OPENING IN THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PAPER PLATE TO MAKE AN OPENING IN THE TOMB. CUT A 2 INCH CIRCLE FROM GREY CONSTRUCTION PAPER AND USE A BRASS FASTENER TO ATTACH THE "STONE" TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TOMB OPENING. GLUE THE TOMB PIECE TO THE INDICATED AREA ON THE LANDSCAPE.





Primary Sunday School

April 18, 2021

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Jesus, Our Risen Savior

About 700 years before Jesus died, it was prophesied that He would be put to death as if He were a thief or robber, but buried as if He were rich. On the day of His crucifixion, a rich man named Joseph offered a new tomb for Jesus' body. They wrapped Him in fine linen with spices and lovingly laid Him in the tomb, then rolled a stone over the entrance. This was the way Jews buried their loved ones at that time.

Early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus came to the tomb. They were astounded when they found Jesus' body gone! The stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty. Two angels in shining garments stood by and said, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" In other words, Jesus is no longer dead! Don't look for Him in a tomb!

Mary and Mary Magdalene were filled with excitement and joy! Just like He had said, Jesus had, in fact, risen from the dead, even though that seems impossible to our human minds! Jesus stayed on earth and taught His followers for forty more days before He returned home to heaven.

Did you know that just because we think something is impossible doesn't mean that God can't do it? God works amazing miracles, including resurrecting Jesus on Easter Morning! Our Savior is alive today!

Memory Verse:

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forever more, Amen.

Revelation 1:18

He is Risen !

"Violet, do you want to re-enact Jesus rising from the tomb?" Jack asks. He stands in her doorway, trying to look casual.

He had a lot of fun a few weekends back reenacting Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. As the big brother, he doesn't want to seem too interested, because he's trying to act more grownup and mature. He's not sure how to be grown-up, but he thinks maybe this is one way.

Violet sees through his facade. "Of course I do. I said we would. And I can tell you want to. You're pretending you're not very interested. But I know better."

Jack blinks. Then he grins, sheepishly.

Violet laughs and places her colored pencils in her box. She puts her craft activities where they belong then says, "Let's decide on costumes!"

"We need a Jesus, an angel, two guards and Mary."

"The twins can be the guards because we can tell them to fall down and they will," Jack chuckles.

"Ok. You play Jesus and I'll play the angel," Violet decides. "Will you play Mary after Jesus rises?" She laughs.

"I'm the angel so I have to stay at the tomb."

Jack laughs. "Sure. I'll be wearing a sheet around me as Jesus so I'll just pull it over my head like a veil for Mary."

Violet rounds up the twins and gives them little cardboard swords to hold.

They stand in front of the barn door, waving their toys in the air.

"When you see me rolling the door open, fall down!" Violet tells them.

Jack gets comfortable in the feed trough. The twins peek in and laugh at their big brother covered in a sheet.

Then Violet flaps around the corner, waving her arms up and down like wings.

"Fall down," Violet tells the twins in her most commanding voice.

The twins tumble to the ground, still waving their swords and giggling.

Jack runs out, tomb sheets trailing behind. He runs up the hayloft ladder then climbs back down with the sheet wrapped around his head.

"Where is Jesus?" he asks in a high voice, pretending to be Mary.

"He is not here. He is risen!" Violet proudly answers.

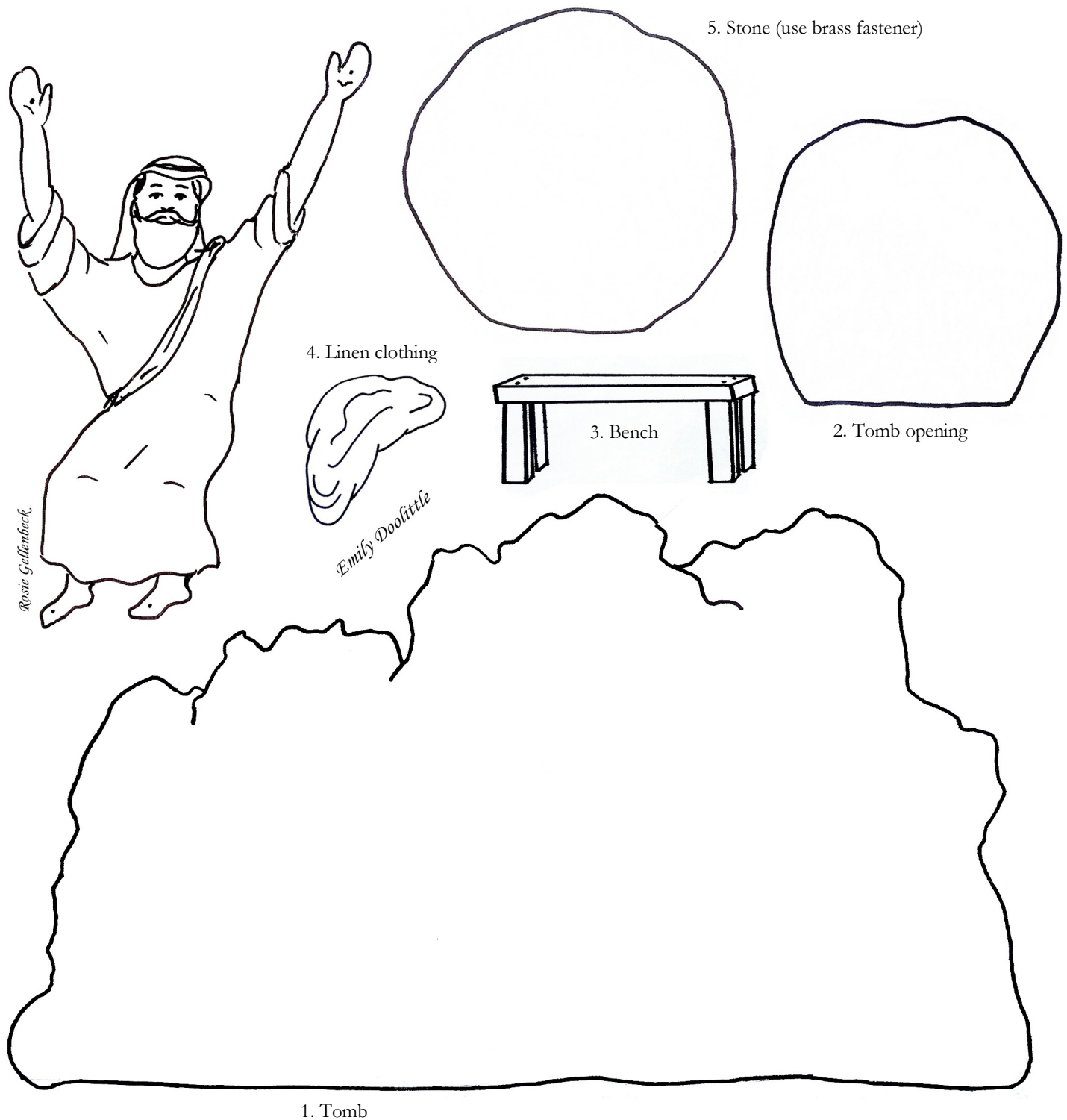
The twins clap. Jack says, "Let's do it again!"

The siblings enjoy several re-enactments of the beautiful, powerful story of Jesus rising from the tomb.

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HE ROSE FROM THE TOMB !

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, BRASS FASTENER, CRAYONS/MARKERS

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT THE PIECES OF JESUS AND THE EMPTY TOMB. PASTE THE TOMB PIECES IN THIS ORDER: OPENING, BENCH, LINEN CLOTHING. USING A BRASS FASTENER, ATTACH THE STONE TO THE SIDE OF THE TOMB OPENING. PASTE JESUS TO THE TOP OF THE TOMB.



Primary Sunday School

April 25, 2021

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Joseph's Family

Joseph was a faithful and obedient man. He is often looked up to as a biblical hero because of how much he trusted God to take care of him throughout his life. Even before Joseph was born, God had a wonderful plan. He had already promised Joseph's great grandfather, Abraham, that his children wouldn't be able to be counted! Abraham was 100 years old when his son, Isaac, was born.

God gave the same promise to Isaac, Joseph's grandfather. Isaac had two sons named Jacob and Esau. Do you remember their story? Esau, the older son, came in from hunting one day. He was so hungry that he sold his birthright to his younger brother, Jacob, for a pot of soup. That means that the biggest share of their father's wealth, along with his rich blessing, would now be given to the second-born son instead of the first.

Partly because of that blessing, Jacob had twelve sons that became the twelve tribes of Israel, one of which was Joseph! Jacob's twelve sons multiplied into over a million people within 400 years!

Does it sound like God kept His promise to Joseph's great grandfather, Abraham? I think so!

We will be learning about Joseph's life over the next few weeks, and you will begin to see just how faithful Joseph was and some of the amazing miracles God worked in his life.

Man of His Word, Part 1

Jack watches his father fix a toilet. Anderson shows him what to do if the toilet runs. "It's usually a simple fix. Son, it's important to learn how to be a fixer and to take care of little problems quickly. It's easier to put out a few burning embers than an entire fire.

Same with machinery. Same with people."

Jack loves one-on-one time with his father. He hopes he can be just like his dad one day.

Anderson continues. "And if you give your word, keep it. Be dependable. These are traits that help make a man trustworthy."

Jack puffs his chest and nods somberly.

He remembers that he told Violet he'd help fix her fort she built in the hayloft. He feels badly because he promised a week ago. He decides if he wants to start being a trustworthy man he better help fix her fort.

"I should tell Violet I'll fix her fort today," he confides. "I'll be right back."

Jack runs to find Violet. He tells her they will work on her fort today. Her happy grin makes him feel so good!

As Jack walks back to his father, he thinks of an exciting idea.

"Dad, can we go camping? Just you and me?"

Anderson smiles. "I promise."

"Can you show me how to start a fire? And raise a tent? There's so much I want to know!"

Anderson squeezes Jack's shoulder. "I'd love that. I haven't tent-camped in a long time. We'll scout out a good place."

Father and son finish fixing the toilet. Jack grabs a quick bite to eat, then heads to the barn to keep his word and build that fort.

Memory Verse:

And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son. Genesis 30:24

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Fold and Glue

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JOSEPH'S FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, CRAYONS/MARKERS,
SEPARATE PIECE OF COLORED PAPER

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT THE PICTURE OF
ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB. COLOR AND CUT
THE PICTURE OF JOSEPH. FOLD AND GLUE THEM TO A
SEPARATE PIECE OF COLORED PAPER, PLACING
JOSEPH IN THE FRONT.



Joseph's Brothers

Joseph was his father, Jacob's, favorite son, and Jacob did not hide it very well. Instead of treating his twelve sons equally, Jacob made Joseph a coat of many colors. Joseph's brothers looked at his new coat and hated him for it. They were not nice to their brother!

To make matters worse, Joseph had several dreams. In one dream, he saw twelve sheaves, or bunches of wheat. Each bunch represented one of Jacob's sons. The eleven sheaves bowed down to the sheaf that was Joseph. In another dream, Joseph dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars also bowed to him. These dreams made his brothers angry! They could not forgive Joseph.

They found him in a field one day while he was working. Most of the brothers wanted to kill him, but the eldest brother convinced the others just to beat him up. So they did, tore Joseph's coat from his shoulders, and threw him into a pit. Soon, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites passing by and sold Joseph to them as a slave.

Joseph was now a slave bound for Egypt, beaten and betrayed by his very own brothers.

When Jacob found out what had happened to his beloved son, he tore his clothes and wept, refusing any comfort from his family.

Do you know what happened to Joseph next?

Memory Verse:

Now Israel [Jacob] loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. Genesis 37:3

Man of His Word, Part 2

Jack and Violet climb the ladder into the hayloft. Jack surveys Violet's half-finished fort. Large sticks lean against one side of the barn. Violet even pulled a large spruce branch covered in fragrant needles into the loft.

"I wanted to drape that over the roof," Violet says, nodding to the spruce. "It smells so good!"

"Let's see. You have enough long sticks for a tipi-style fort. Then we could drape the spruce branch down one side and maybe look for some more to cover all the sides with tree branches!" Jack says.

Jack and Violet climb down the ladder and head to the woods to search for fallen branches. "Tell me what you know about tipis," Violet asks Jack.

"Well, they were traditionally used by the Plains Native American Indians. Plains Indians used tipis because they were nomads."

"What's a nomad?" Violet asks.

"It means they didn't live in one place. They knew how to find food, how to make and use tools. They appreciated and understood the land. It's too bad what happened."

"What?" Violet asks.

Jack sighs. "Western settlers were jealous and greedy. They thought they were better than the Indians, just because they knew how to read and write. But guess what. Indians knew a whole lot more than those people who sat in chairs all day long and memorized textbooks. Puh! I'd take an Indian's knowledge any day."

"Me too!" Violet says, indignant at the thought of the greedy settlers. "Kind of like Joseph's brothers," she thinks out loud.

"Yeah, basically. The settlers drove the Indians away from their homes, off their own land. Just like Joseph."

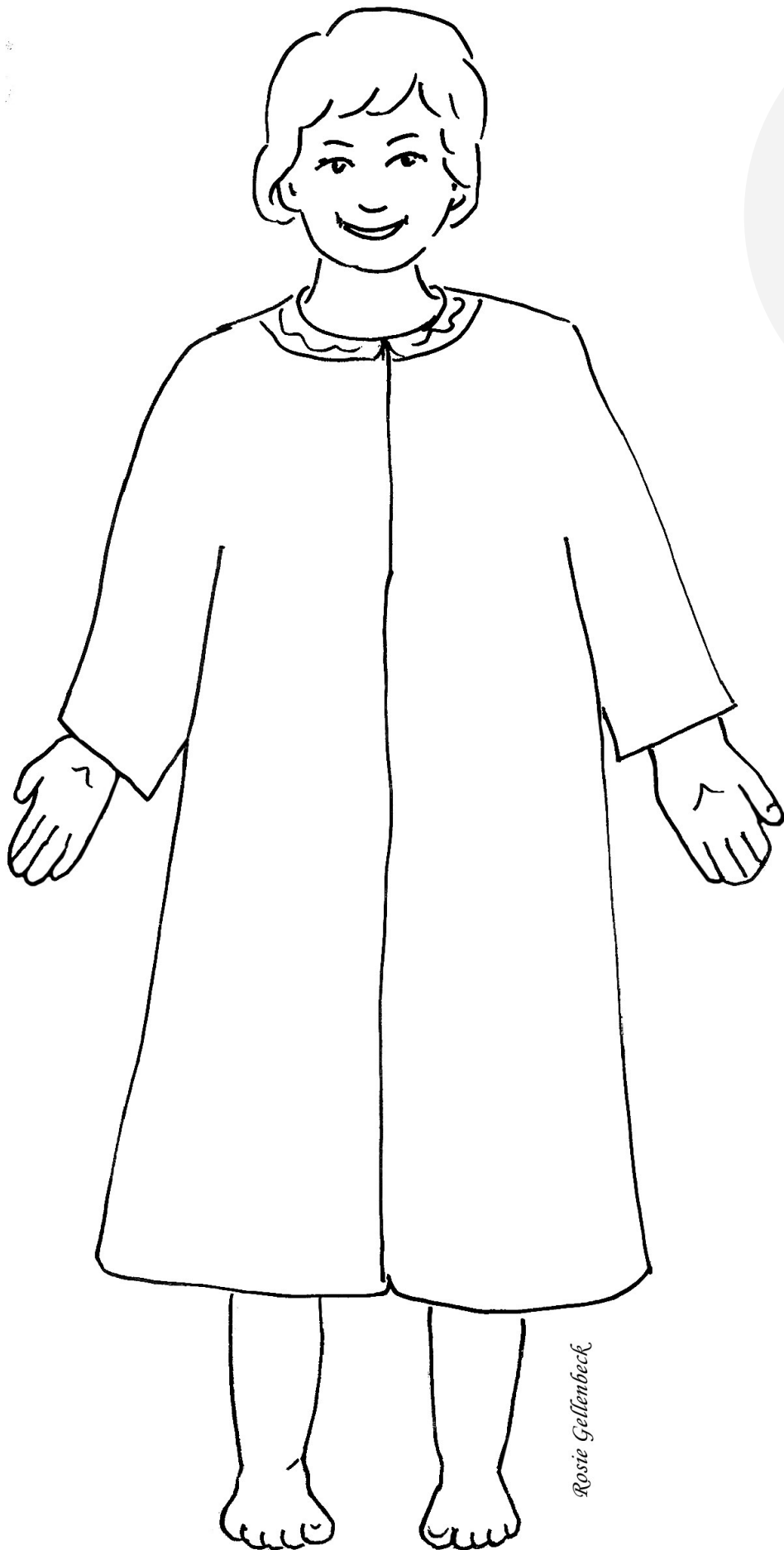
"I'm glad we're building a tipi. And look! There's another spruce branch. Tell me more about the Indians, Jack. This branch is heavy and will take a while to drag back to the barn."

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JOSEPH'S COAT

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE,
MARKERS/CRAYONS, COLORED
PAPER OR TISSUE PAPER

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT
OUT JOSEPH. CUT SMALL
SQUARES OF COLORED TISSUE OR
CONSTRUCTION PAPER AND GLUE
THEM TO THE COAT.



Joseph Works Hard

After Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, he was taken to Egypt and sold to a very powerful man. This man's name was Potiphar and he worked for the Pharaoh. Potiphar was very wealthy.

Joseph worked hard from his first day as a slave. He probably wanted to mope around and throw a fit about how his brothers treated him. It wasn't fair that he used to be the favorite son of a wealthy man and now he was a slave! But instead of being unhappy and lazy, Joseph worked with a good attitude.

Pretty soon, Potiphar began to notice. Potiphar was so impressed, in fact, that he made Joseph the overseer over everything he had! He trusted Joseph so much that he barely paid attention to what happened in his household. All the servants, animals, and money were in Joseph's control, and Joseph proved that he was worthy of his master's trust.

Everything Joseph did was blessed by God, including Potiphar's household. Soon, the rich Egyptian had more money and belongings than ever before, and he knew it was because Joseph was a faithful and trustworthy servant.

Joseph had every reason to be upset with his life, but he allowed God to make something wonderful out of something terrible. He worked hard, had a good attitude, and never stopped serving God.

Memory Verse:

And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

Genesis 39:3

Man of His Word, Part 3

"Jack, are you ready to camp this weekend?" Anderson asks his son.

Jack beams and nods his head.

"I wanna come!" Violet says.

"This is a man's trip," Jack says.

"I see one man and a boy," she teases.

"Well, I am becoming a man, Violet. Dad is going to teach me how to start a fire, how to cook over a fire, how to track an animal if we can find one, how to raise a tent, and a lot of other survival stuff that I don't know how to do yet. I think I need to know those things if I'm going to be a man."

Anderson grins at his son. "You will come home with more knowledge than when you left," he assures Jack.

"Here's our bag of provisions. That's another word for camping food. The rest is in the cooler."

Jack takes a look. "Canned fish, crackers, dried fruit, canned beans. Protein bars, jerky, apples, trail mix. Looks good to me! What's in the cooler?"

"The good stuff!" Anderson says. "Eggs, bacon, milk and biscuit mix. A loaf of fresh bread. A hunk of deer meat. Some vegetables. The ice will keep it all cold long enough, since we won't be gone but two days."

Father and son pack the tent, sleeping bags and blankets. Kathryn wraps her big cast-iron frying pan with a cook stand for the fire. Jack collects matches, flashlights, a kerosene lamp and rain gear in case of unexpected showers.

Anderson packs two firearms and ammunition.

Finally, everything is ready.

They wave goodbye and head away on their camping trip.

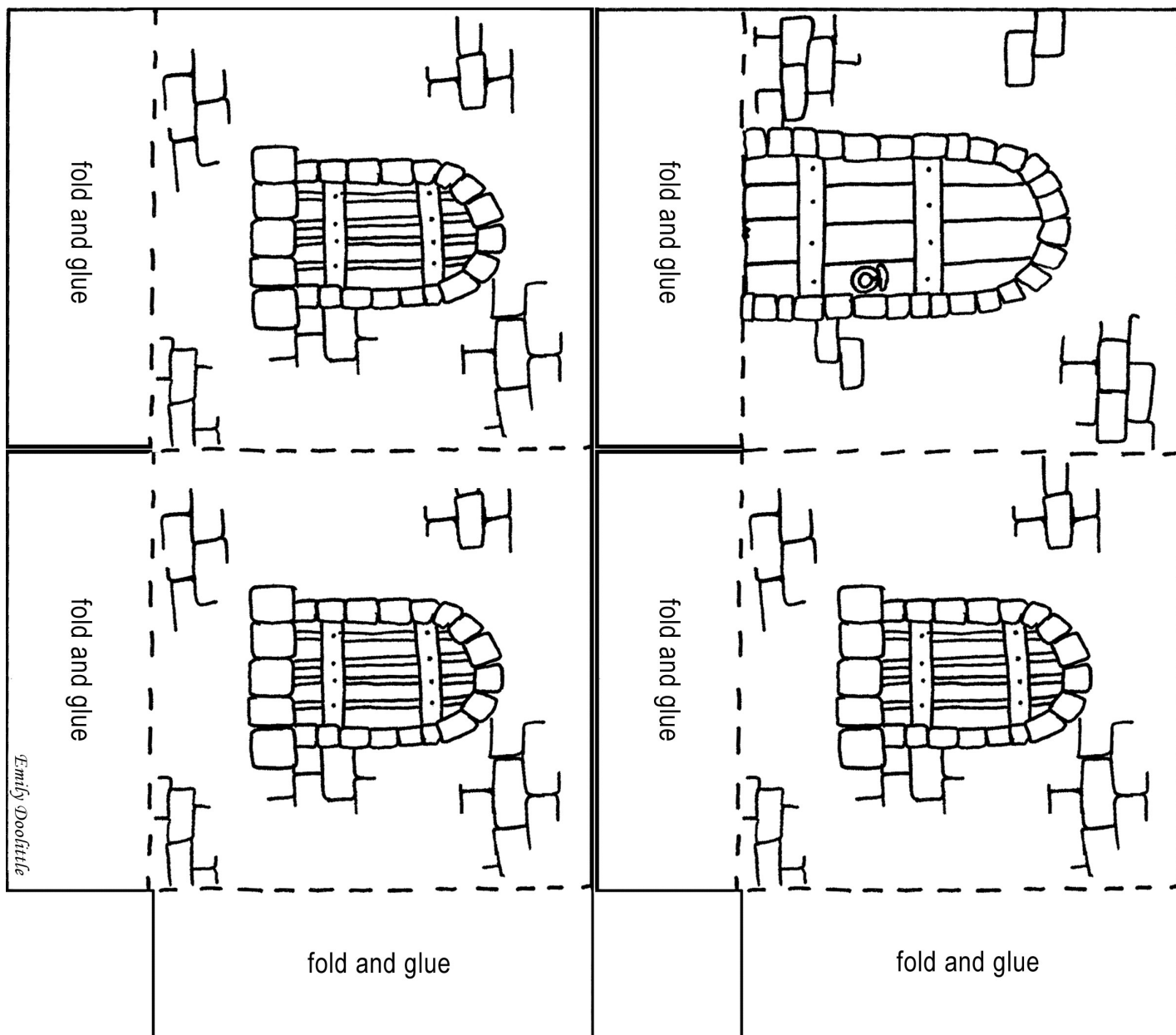
Jack is happy when his father talks to him about how to take care of himself in the wilderness. He likes when his father shares practical wisdom. He hopes to learn all he can, for you never know when practical wisdom will come in handy.

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WORKING HARD

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, CRAYONS/MARKERS, COLORED PAPER

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT OUT POTIPHAR'S HOUSE, BEING CAREFUL NOT TO CUT THE FOLD AND GLUE TABS. ASSEMBLE THE HOUSE BY FOLDING AND GLUING IT, AND THEN GLUE IT TO A SEPARATE PIECE OF COLORED PAPER. COLOR AND CUT OUT JOSEPH AND GLUE HIM STANDING IN FRONT OF POTIPHAR'S HOUSE.



Joseph in Jail

Joseph was a very powerful man in Potiphar's house. Because of his position of power, Potiphar's wife took notice of Joseph. Joseph was a good and honest man, so he knew it was not good to be friends with another man's wife.

One day, she came to Joseph and asked him to be friends with her without Potiphar knowing. Joseph answered, "Your husband trusts me with his house. It would be very wrong to go against him, and it would be even worse to go against God." Even though Joseph refused, she wouldn't leave him alone!

She became angry and grabbed Joseph's coat, and Joseph knew it was time to leave. He tore his arms from his coat and left it in her hands as he ran away. Potiphar's wife lied to her husband and told him that Joseph had tried to hurt her, and Potiphar believed her.

He threw Joseph in the jail where the Pharaoh's prisoners were kept. It probably didn't seem fair to Joseph at all. He had been trying to do the right thing, and now he was in jail for it! He might have felt sorry for himself at first, but Joseph trusted that God was taking care of him, even when things weren't going his way.

Memory Verse:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Man of His Word, Part 4

Anderson and Jack find a camping spot. Together they set up camp.

Anderson shows Jack how to start a fire. They clear a spot on the ground and form a circle with rocks. Inside the circle, they place small twigs and sticks called kindling. Then they place dry grass, or tinder, over the kindling. Jack lights the tinder with a match. Once a small fire is burning, they place logs around the flame like a little house.

"I figured we could have an early dinner and get to bed at sundown. I want to wake up early tomorrow morning so you can see some deer."

Anderson and Jack enjoy a hearty dinner of venison, eggs and biscuits that they cook over the fire.

Once they bed down for the night, the cool mountain air and Jack's full belly lull him to sleep quickly.

The next morning, Anderson shakes him awake. "Let's move out. I'd like to reach a clearing I know about before sunrise. The deer like to graze there early in the morning."

Jack follows his father through the forest. Anderson knows this land, and follows a narrow deer trail. The moon is bright.

Jack wonders why his father didn't bring both firearms. He was hoping to hunt a deer.

"Dad, are we not going to shoot today?" he asks.

"No, son. I want you to just watch the deer this morning. Enjoy the experience.

Another bit of wisdom I can share with you is that I don't see anything honorable in men shooting animals willy-nilly.

God gives us dominion over the animals, but also expects us to respect His creation. Killing animals is part of eating meat. But there's a way to do it respectfully and honorably. I want you to respect the process."

Jack is on a quest to become a man. If his father says that respecting animals is part of what makes a good man, then Jack intends on learning all there is to learn about the graceful deer that just stepped into the clearing.

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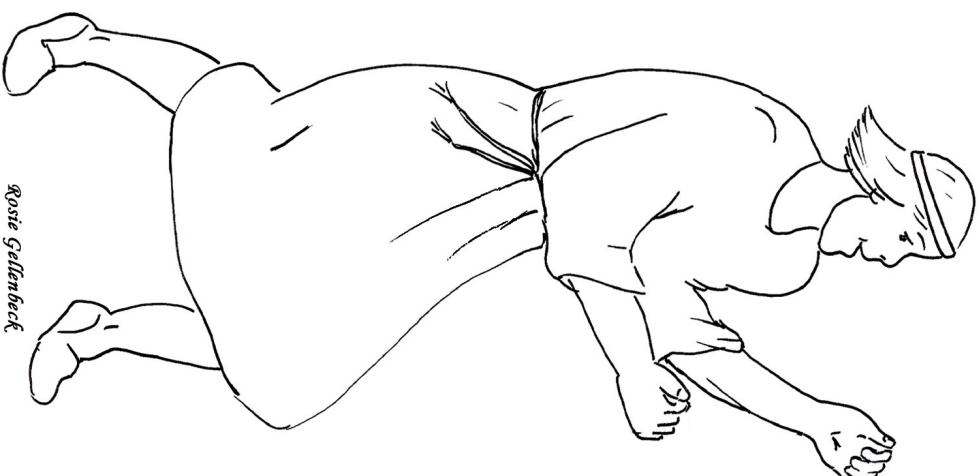
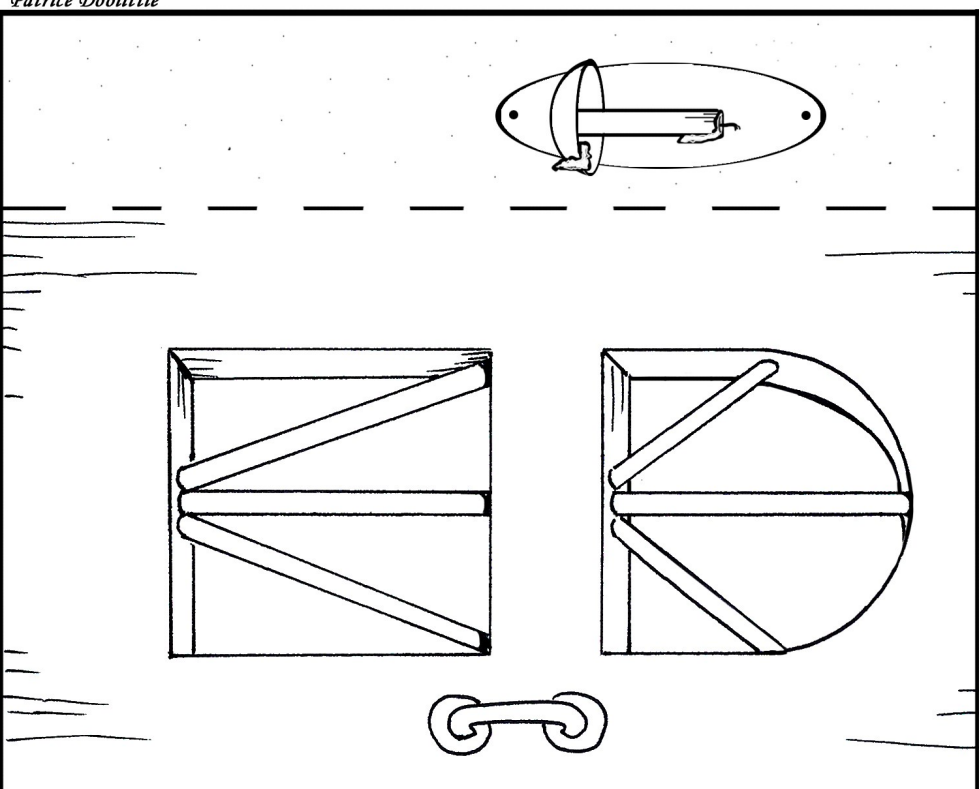
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Patrice Doolittle

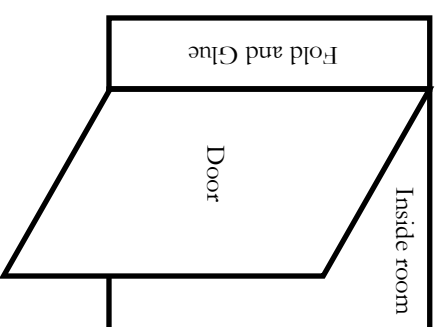


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JOSEPH FLEES !

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, CRAYONS/MARKERS, COLORED PAPER

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT OUT JOSEPH RUNNING, THE DOOR, AND THE INSIDE OF THE ROOM. ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, GLUE THE INSIDE OF THE ROOM AND THE DOOR OVER IT. FOLD THE DOOR ALONG THE DOTTED LINE TO OPEN IT. GLUE JOSEPH NEXT TO THE DOOR, RUNNING FROM TEMPTATION !





Primary Sunday School

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Explaining Dreams

While Joseph was in jail, he did his best to keep a good attitude and trust in God. He worked hard and gained the trust of the jailkeeper. Soon, he was in charge of all the other prisoners! Just like at Potiphar's house, everything at the jail ran smoothly with Joseph in control.

There were two palace workers in jail with Joseph. One was the butler and the other was the baker, and both of them had been thrown in jail by Pharaoh. One night, both men had dreams that confused them, so they came to Joseph and asked what they meant.

Joseph said, "Only God knows the true meaning of dreams, but I will pray He shows me."

The two men explained their dreams. The butler had dreamt that a grapevine had three branches, and on each branch there was a bunch of grapes. He had taken the bunches and pressed them as juice into the pharaoh's cup.

The baker said that he dreamt of three baskets of baked goods on top of his head, but ravens landed on the baskets and ate every bite.

What did the two dreams mean? God revealed to Joseph that the butler would get his job back in three days, but the baker would lose his life. He told the two men their dreams, and asked the butler if he would remember him when he returned to the palace.

Man of His Word, Part 5

The camping trip is complete. Anderson and Jack drive back to their home on the mountain.

Jack feels different somehow, as if his quest to become an upstanding young man is paying off.

He learned how to build a fire, raise a tent, cover his scent from deer, study deer patterns and movement, and even which local berries are poisonous and which ones are safe!

"Dad, you taught me a lot of practical stuff this weekend. Before we get home, can we talk about ways I can show others around me that I am a good man?"

"Of course, son," Anderson says. "I'm proud of you, you know." Jack beams in pleasure.

"Well, you remember several weeks ago when we fixed that running toilet in the back of the house? I spoke to you on being dependable and keeping your word.

If you give your word, deliver. Always stay honest. People know who they can trust and who they can't. They appreciate a man of his word.

You know, we've talked about Joseph these past weeks. He didn't get where he did because of good luck. No, he worked hard and honestly from the start. People trusted him. And most importantly, Joseph trusted God. He kept God close, and asked God for help and guidance all his life."

"Son, you will face storms in your life. It's just part of being a human and moving through this world. But if you hold on to God and God's promises, you'll get through. Be strong, a solid rock, for those around you. But stay soft enough for humility and compassion to always live within you."

Anderson pulls in the driveway. Jack sits quietly, absorbing his father's words. "Help me to be a man like Joseph," he silently prays to God.

Memory Verse:

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as
to the Lord, and not unto men.

Colossians 3:23

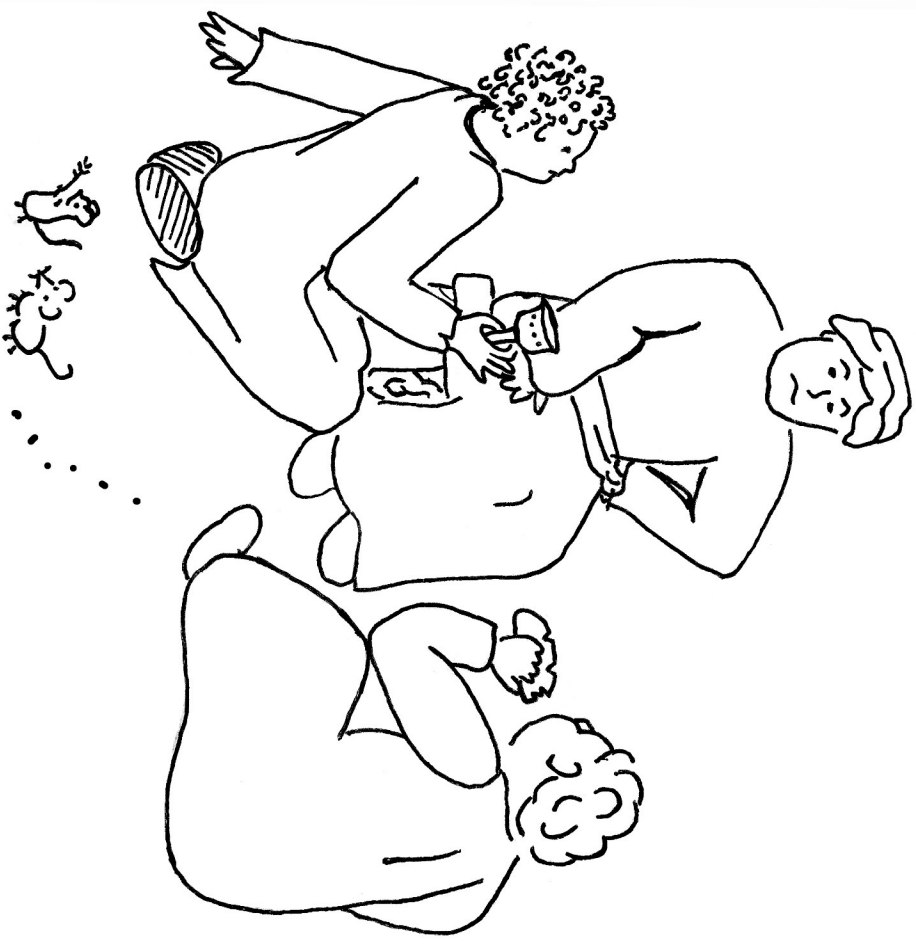
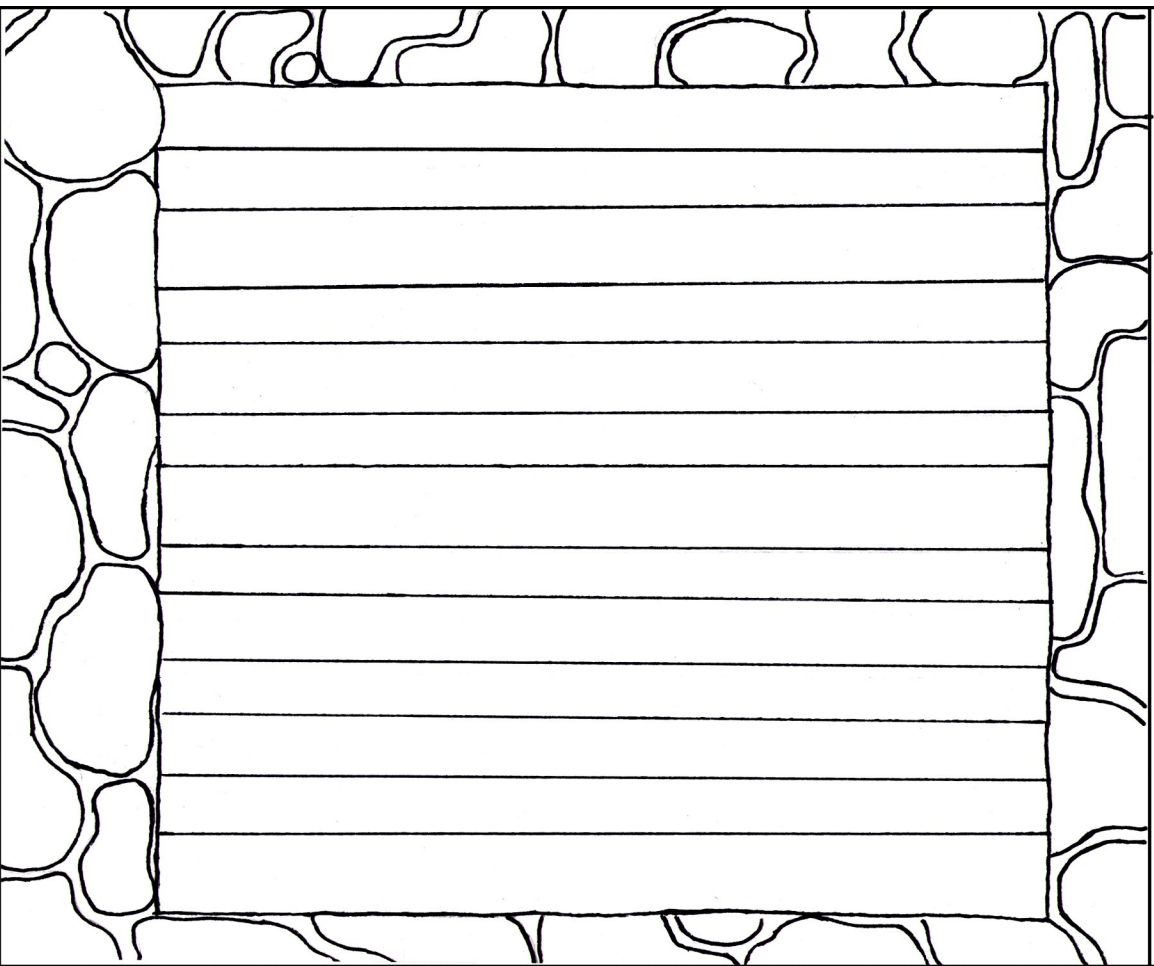
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JOSEPH IN JAIL **NEEDED:** SCISSORS, GLUE, CRAYONS/MARKERS. **DIRECTIONS:** COLOR AND CUT OUT THE JAIL (AND IN BETWEEN THE JAIL BARS) AND JOSEPH SPEAKING WITH THE BAKER AND BUTLER. FOLD DOWN THE TAB AT THE TOP OF THE JAIL AND GLUE IT TO THE "GLUE HERE" TAB.

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Working in the Palace

Just like Joseph had predicted, the butler and the baker were both taken out of prison. The butler was given his old job back and the baker was killed. However, when the butler got to the palace, he forgot all about Joseph! Joseph spent two more years in prison.

Then, Pharaoh had two dreams that confused and bothered him. He could not figure out what they meant, and neither could any of his wise men! In his first dream, there were seven fat and flourishing cows grazing by the river. Seven more skinny and hungry cows came along and ate the big, fat cows! In his second dream, there was a stalk of corn that had seven healthy and delicious looking ears of corn, but seven shriveled ears of corn devoured the big ones.

The butler remembered the man in prison who had helped him understand his dream, so he called for Joseph to come help Pharaoh. Joseph told Pharaoh that his dreams meant there were seven years of great plenty coming. The crops would grow very well and everyone would have much to eat. However, after the seven years of plenty, there would be seven years of terrible famine. No crops would grow and food would be hard to find. Joseph advised Pharaoh to gather up the extra food during the first seven years and store it so there would still be food to eat during the famine.

The Pharaoh saw that Joseph was wise and put him in charge over the project of storing up food. Soon, Joseph was in charge over Pharaoh's whole house and the land of Egypt.

Memory Verse:

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.
Genesis 41:41

A Bountiful Supply

Violet stares out the living room window. It's a cold, drizzly day on the mountain. She stares at the garden patch. Then she closes her eyes and remembers the way it looks in the summer: Overflowing, vibrant with growth and life.

Now it looks barren, a wasteland. She knows that under the soil a secret world waits. But even still, she dreams of summer:

Violet pulls a fat onion from the black crumbling soil. She inhales the smell of fertile earth, sunshine and harvest on her fingers.

She lays on her back, closes her eyes and focuses on every sound and sensation she can detect.

The sky, warm blue that looks warm yellow from her closed lids. Warm on her skin, too.

The birds, twittering back and forth like it's a contest.

The low from a cow, the squawk of an indignant chicken.

Jack hammering in the tool shed.

Nova, her cat, rubbing against her legs before nestling into the crook of Violet's arm. Purring so loudly she might have an engine inside, Violet decides.

She smells the onion. It's sweet and sharp. Her mouth waters, imagining it sauteed in a skillet with ripe yellow squash and tender young greens.

Then she gets an idea!

"I'll plan a meal around what's in the garden and cook it!"

She gathers bright cherry tomatoes. Squash. Greens. Okra. She imagines them sizzling in a big glob of butter.

Violet knows her mother picked up hens from Mrs. Knelson yesterday. She imagines slathering a hen with butter and herbs and roasting it low and slowly.

She gets to work. She preps the chicken first and puts it in the oven.

While it cooks, she chops the vegetables. She makes biscuit dough and cuts out little circles with the biscuit cutter.

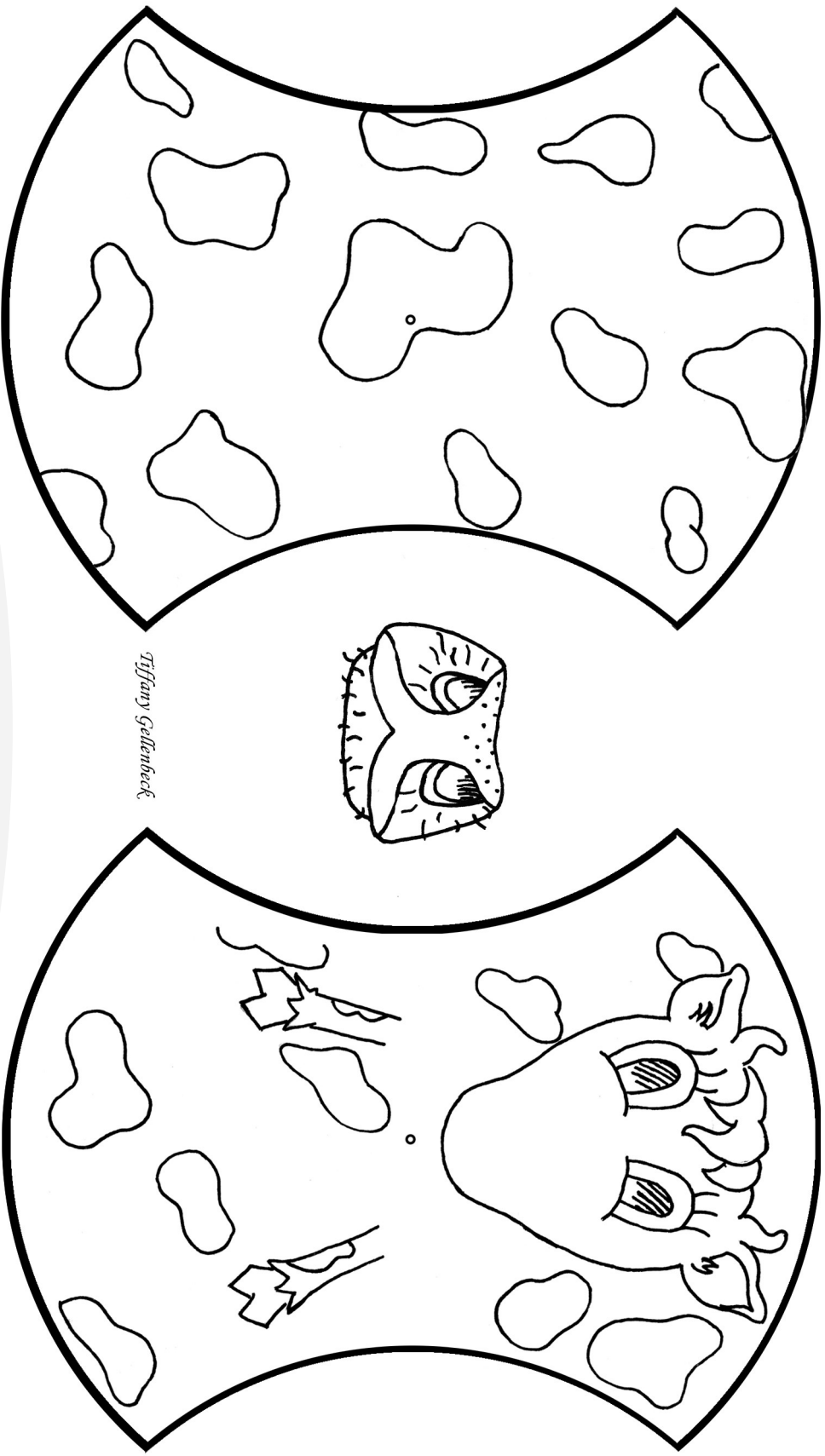
"Maybe I will be a chef one day!" she thinks. "I could have a big garden all my own and cook meals from the food I pick from it."

That night, Violet treats her family to a delicious dinner of sauteed vegetables, puffy biscuits and roast chicken.

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SKINNY COW, FAT COW

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, BRASS FASTENER, CRAYONS/MARKERS

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT OUT THE TWO HALVES OF THE COW, ALONG WITH HIS NOSE. USE A BRASS FASTENER TO ATTACH THE PIECES TOGETHER AND GLUE THE NOSE WHERE INDICATED. ROTATE THE BACK HALF OF THE COW TO SHOW HOW THE SKINNY COW EATS THE FAT ONE!

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Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

During the years when the crops grew well, Joseph gathered up grain and stored it in large storehouses. There was so much grain that he could no longer count how much there was! However, after seven years of plenty, a famine came upon the land. The famine was so bad that even Canaan, where Jacob and his sons lived, had no food. Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to get food so his family would not starve.

Ten of Joseph's brothers came and bowed before him in Egypt. It was just like the dreams Joseph had many years ago. His brothers did not recognize him, and Joseph wanted to test them to see if they had changed over the years. He put them in prison for three days. "I will let you go if you bring me your younger brother," Joseph told them. He kept Simeon in prison to be sure they would come back.

All the brothers took their grain and left Egypt. They felt so guilty for what they had done to Joseph many years ago, and now they would return home to their father and tell him one of his other sons was imprisoned in Egypt. When they opened their sacks of grain, they found the gold they had used to pay for the food still inside. Joseph had been merciful to them, despite how badly they had treated him when he was younger.

Memory Verse:

Be ye therefore merciful, as your
Father is also merciful. Luke 6:36

Stores of Plenty

"Jack, can you go into the cellar and grab two jars of canned tomato soup?" Katherine asks her son.

Jack hops up from the puzzle he's working on. He loves the cellar!

He opens the squeaky door and inhales.

The cellar always smells like earth and spices.

He looks around at all the canned, dried, and stored food.

Dried rows of onions, peppers and herbs hang from the ceiling. Shelves hold cans of tomato soup, fruits and vegetables. Rows of fat pickles make Jack's mouth water!

Winter vegetables are stacked in a corner: beets, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, parsnips, rutabaga, kohlrabi and turnips. Baskets of winter kale and spinach rest in a second corner along with a pile of potatoes.

"What can you make with all those root vegetables down there?" He asks his mom.

"I like to roast them! But today seems a good, cold day for a hearty root stew with mashed potatoes. Oh! And we could use some venison in the stew from the buck you and your dad brought home!" Jack beams.

"Would you want to grab some more vegetables for me?"

"Yes!" Jack says. "I love visiting the cellar! Sometimes I pretend I'm Joseph looking at his storehouses of grain!"

Katherine smiles. "Yes, it's a wonderful feeling to know we have food stored up to help us through our long winters. Could you grab several parsnips, potatoes, turnips, carrots and a big bunch of kale for some wilted greens?"

Jack fills a basket with the ingredients. He helps his mother brown the venison and chop the vegetables.

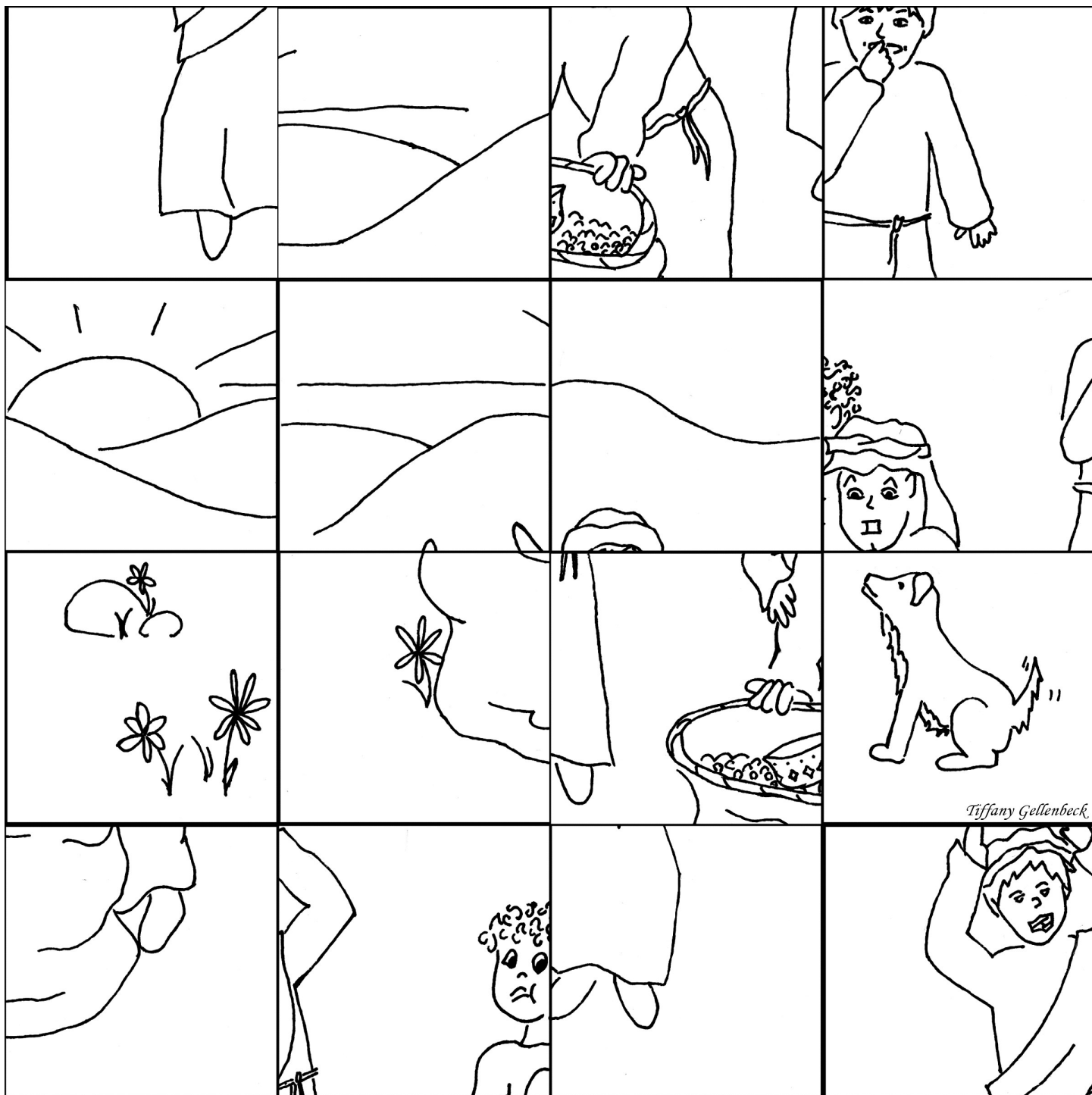
She talks to him while they cook. "I love how food choices change with the seasons. In the summer our meals are vibrant and fresh with summer fruits and vegetables. In the winter our food from the garden is richer and heavier. These are starchy vegetables which help fill and warm stomachs during cold days.

"God created an amazing food cycle that works with the seasons and our body. It's all connected. The nutrients in winter food help strengthen our bodies for the sickness and cold we face in winter. The nutrients in summer food keep us strong, strengthen our immune systems and help us feel light and refreshed. It's a perfect plan."

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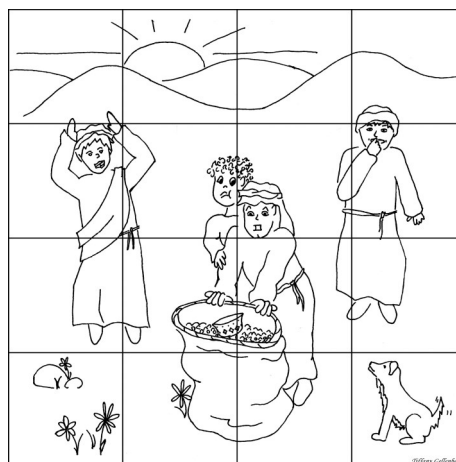


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GOLD WITH THE GRAIN

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT OUT THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE. GLUE THEM TO A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER IN ORDER. WHAT DID JOSEPH LEAVE IN HIS BROTHERS' BAGS?



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The Famine Gets Worse

Joseph's nine brothers returned home, and Jacob was upset that Simeon had been imprisoned in Egypt. He complained that too many of his sons were being taken from him.

Soon, the grain that they had brought back ran out, and their families began to be hungry again. Their only option was to return to Egypt to buy more, but they knew they could not go back without taking their youngest brother, Benjamin. Jacob did not want them to take Benjamin, for he was the only other son he had from his beloved wife, Rachel.

Even though Jacob didn't like it, the rest of his sons convinced him that the only way to save their families was to take Benjamin. Jacob told his sons to take many wonderful gifts like honey, fruits, spices, balms, and nuts to give to the man in Egypt. He wanted to make sure another one of his sons would not be taken from him.

Even though Jacob had trusted in God for many things in his life, he had a hard time letting his youngest son go. He did not know that God had a larger plan in mind. Sometimes it is hard for us to believe that God is making good things happen in our lives, but we need to believe He has wonderful blessings saved for us if we put our trust in Him!

Memory Verse:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

A Village Tale

"Niños! Children! Come in the house for some hot lunch. Es posole!" Sofia Aldana calls out to her children and the Mackey children who are building a fort outside.

The hungry children barrel into the house and unwrap their many layers and boots. They gather around the table to enjoy piping hot bowls of posole piled high with toppings.

Posole is a soup made with hominy (prepared corn), pork and red chilis. Top the soup with yummy garnishes like avocado, shredded cabbage, radishes, cilantro and lime!

"Everytime I eat posole I think of the time my mamá and I husked baskets of corn to dry. She kept telling me how wonderful her posole would be when we were finished, but I just wanted to play!

"It was corn harvest in the fall. There was so much corn that season, and it was so hot. We expect the rain to start in September, but it held off this year. We sat under a blanket held up by sticks for shade. The baskets surrounded us. I thought I was in a sea made from corn! Baskets and baskets of corn.

"To dry the corn, we peeled back the husks to remove the silk. Sometimes we had to remove corn worms. This made me gag. Then we tied the husks together with twine and let the corn dry. We call it chicos. This process took a few weeks.

I got to play while the corn dried.

"Once the corn dried, we rubbed the kernels off the cobs into more baskets. Then it was time to make hominy!

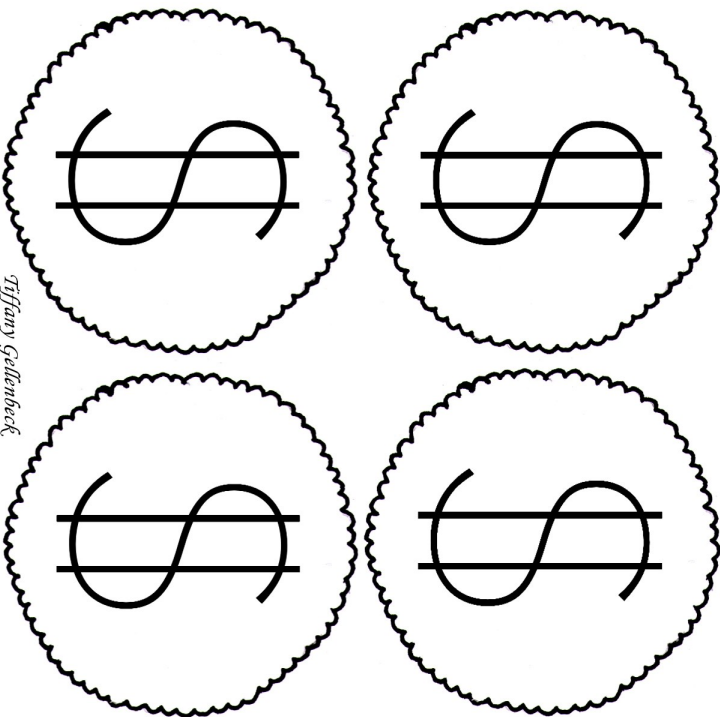
"My mamá showed me how to soak the dried corn in an alkaline solution. We used a powder called calcium hydroxide. The corn soaked all night, and the next morning the solution had helped to loosen the outer shell. We rubbed the kernels together to totally separate the outer shell. Now the corn was ready to become hominy!

"Next we cooked the corn until it was heated. That is how we made hominy, every season. These days it is easy to buy canned hominy in stores, but the long process of making it was part of my childhood."

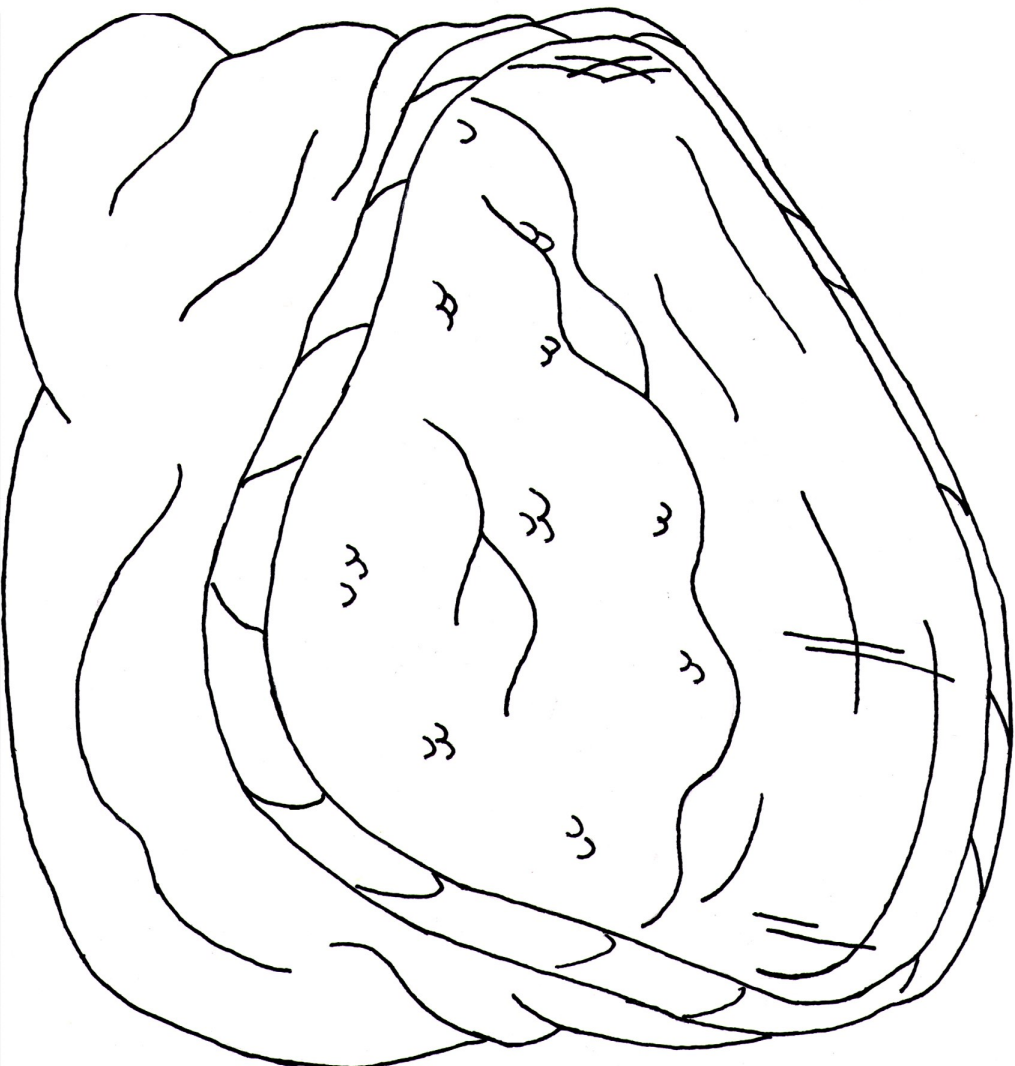
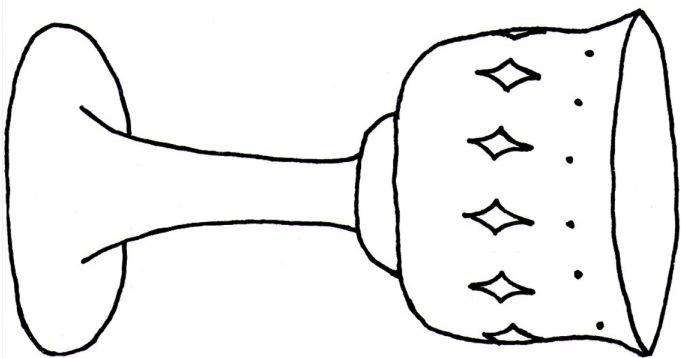
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WHO STOLE THE TREASURES?

NEEDED: SCISSORS, GLUE, TIN FOIL, CRAYONS/MARKERS

DIRECTIONS: COLOR AND CUT OUT THE BAG. CUT OUT THE SILVER COINS AND SILVER CUP AND WRAP THEM IN TIN FOIL, OR USE THEM AS A TEMPLATE TO CUT THE SHAPES OUT OF TIN FOIL. USE HOT GLUE TO GLUE THE COINS, CUP, AND UNPOPPED POPCORN KERNELS TO THE INSIDE OF THE BAG.



Joseph Tests His Brothers

When Joseph saw his brothers coming, he told his servants to make a large feast and invite them to eat with him. This made his brothers afraid because of the money they had found in their bags on the way home. They felt better when Simeon was brought to them from prison.

At the meal, Joseph walked in and when he saw Benjamin, he cried and ran from the room. Later, Joseph gave Benjamin more food than any of his other brothers. As they left, Joseph slipped one of his silver cups into Benjamin's bag. He then sent his servant after them to accuse them of stealing. Joseph wanted to see if they would be humble or if they were still cruel like before.

The brothers let the servants check their bags, saying, "If you find it in one of our bags, that man will die." The cup was found in Benjamin's bag, but Judah fell to the ground and begged Joseph to take him instead. He explained that their father had already lost one beloved son, and he could not lose another.

Joseph saw that his brothers had changed and he could not pretend any longer. He cried out with a loud voice, "I am Joseph, your brother! Do not be sad that you sent me into slavery. You meant it as evil against me, but God has used it for good to save our family from starvation."

Memory Verse:

Wash you, make you clean; put away
the evil of your doings from before
mine eyes; cease to do evil. Isaiah 1:16

A Village Tested

Jack and Violet visit Sofia Aldana and her children the week after they heard Sofia tell her childhood story about the process of drying corn.

It's a rainy day. The children play outside in their stick fort, but after a few hours braving the cold and rain decide they'd rather build an inside fort.

After lunch, the children line up to help dry the dishes. "Children, I know there's a lot of dishes to dry. I'll tell you another story from my childhood to help the time pass and make this chore fun."

Sofia begins. "That same year I learned the process of drying corn and making hominy, we had a rough winter. My parents protected me from the knowledge until I was much older. But many days the adults only ate one meal, sometimes none at all, to make sure we children were fed. I remember that winter. Sometimes dinner was a bowl of broth with a few pieces of corn floating at the top. But my mother always made it seem like we ate like royalty."

"I thought you harvested all those baskets of corn!" Jack said.

"We did. But most of the corn was sold for money. The remaining baskets were split between every family in the village."

"I asked my mother how she made it that winter. She told me she leaned into God, always reminding herself that her hunger and worry about her children was not punishment. A lot of people think God must be punishing them when hard things in life come their way. But that's not true, because God says so many times that God watches out for the people who love Him.

"God is not Santa Clause. God doesn't give easy lives out to people who think they are doing all the right things. God helps us remember what is most important in life, and helps us through the good and bad times.

"So remember, children, God loves each of you so very much. When life is hard, remember the tests and trials produce strength. They sharpen you like a knife and you will be stronger the next time you face a hard test."

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Jacob Moves to Egypt

Joseph's brothers returned to their father's house and told him that their brother was alive! Jacob did not believe them at first, but finally he was convinced to take the journey to Egypt. Jacob gathered up all of his sons and their families and made the long trek to be reunited with his beloved son.

When Joseph saw his father coming, he went out in a chariot to meet him and fell on his neck, crying with joy.

Joseph settled his family in the land of Goshen, then he presented his father to Pharaoh. Pharaoh asked Jacob, "How old are you?" Jacob answered, "The days of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years."

The Bible says that Jacob nourished his aging father. He also made sure that all of Jacob's family had enough food and the best of the land. When the time came for Jacob to die, he asked Joseph to bury him in the place where Abraham and Isaac were buried. Joseph swore to his father that his wishes would be followed.

The day came when Jacob died, and Joseph mourned deeply. He took his father's body to the land of Canaan and dedicated seven days to grieving his passing.

It is clear that Joseph loved and respected his father very much. The Bible wants us to honor and respect our parents too. That means obeying them when they ask us to do something, speaking respectfully, and having a good attitude toward them!

Memory Verse:

And Joseph fell upon his father's face,
and wept upon him, and kissed him.
Genesis 50:1

Homecoming

"I hope her journey was okay. I hope someone is taking good care of her!" Kathryn says. She paces with nervous energy. The Mackey family are at PDX, the beautiful and big international airport in Portland, Oregon.

It's a big day for their family. Emilia, Kathryn's mother, is coming to live out her days on the mountain with her daughter.

Emilia is very old and is unable to care for herself any more. She has lived in Ukraine all her life.

Anderson puts his arm around Kathryn's shoulders and pulls her close. He gives her a reassuring smile. Violet tells Jack all she knows about their grandmother. She shows him her special crocheted bookmark that Grandma Emilia made her years ago.

"You will love her, Jack! And she will love you. She already does, you can tell from the way she writes in her letters. Now we won't need to write letters anymore. She will be here!"

All of a sudden, Kathryn cries out. It has been years since she saw her mother. And now she's caught sight of her, sitting in a wheelchair with a beaming grin.

Kathryn runs toward her mother and the aide helping her. Anderson and the children watch. Kathryn kneels at her mother's feet, tears streaming down her cheeks. She's laughing and crying at the same time. Emilia takes her daughter's face in her worn, wrinkled hands. She is laughing and crying, too.

It is a touching and beautiful sight for all who witness the tender moment.

Jack clears his throat and swipes at his eyes. Violet doesn't hide her tears, and she's making a funny sound. Jack isn't sure if it's a laugh or a cry. He grabs her hand and squeezes it.

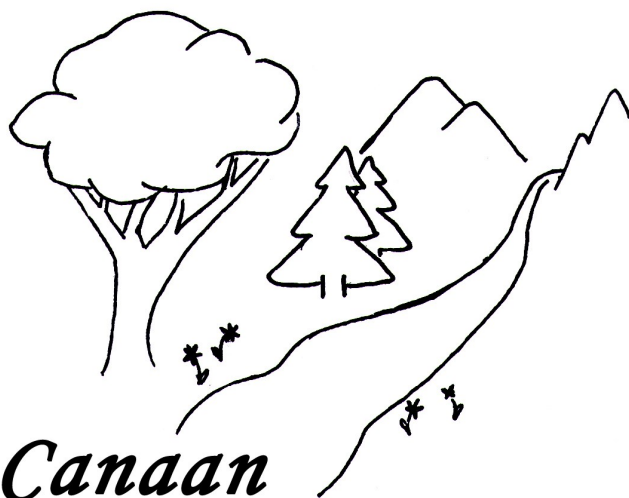
Kathryn thanks the woman who helped her mother arrive safely, then she pushes the wheelchair toward her family. Emilia hugs and kisses each person, with extra kisses on the sweet cheeks of the twins.

They take her to her new home. The children run everywhere, showing Emilia the house, bringing her tea and blankets, and chattering excitedly. Their grandmother is here!

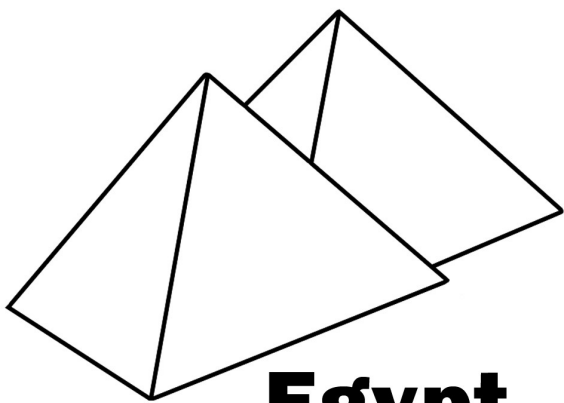
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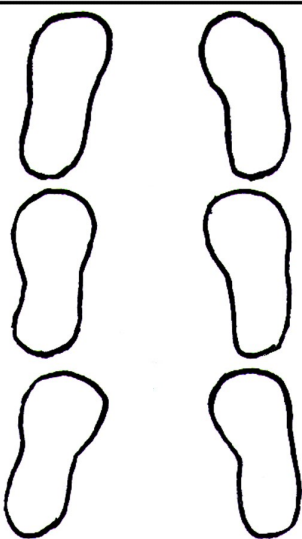
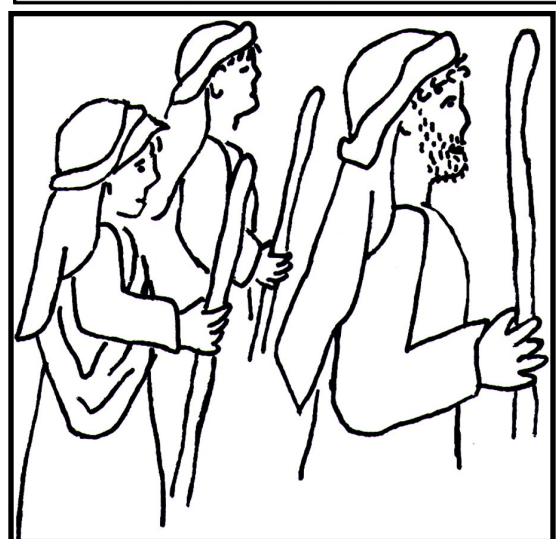
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Egypt



REUNION ! **NEEDED:** SCISSORS, GLUE, CRAYONS/MARKERS. **DIRECTIONS:** COLOR AND CUT OUT THE TWO IMAGES OF JACOB, ALONG WITH THE FOOTPRINTS. COLOR THE MAP. GLUE THE IMAGE OF JACOB AND HIS FAMILY LEAVING CANAAN AT THE TOP OF THE MAP, AND THE IMAGE OF JACOB AND JOSEPH HUGGING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MAP. GLUE FOOTPRINTS FROM CANAAN TO EGYPT.