

Moses & the Burning Bush

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Introduction

This week we will be studying the story of Moses and the burning bush. The passage is found in Exodus 2:11-4:31. Some of the main points we will focus on are-

- God gives us second chances
- We should obey God without excuses (Philippians 2:14-16).
- God equips and empowers us.
- Even when we don't think we can do something, God will give us the strength to do what He wants us to do.

Lesson Guide

Remind the child of Moses and how he was adopted by the pharaoh's daughter.

Explain to the child what an excuse is. Point out some of the excuses the child usually uses to get out of doing something. Remind the child how important it is to obey without excuses.

Bring out a cake with a candle in it (or just the candle). Light the candle and watch as it melts. You could also make a small fire. Just make sure you and your child are safe and you follow all local safety laws. Ask your child what happens to the thing on fire. Explain to the child that the fire is consuming the candle or item because fire burns things. Explain that it would be a miracle if something did not burn up.

Explain that impossible means something can't be done. Ask the child if they have ever thought something is impossible.

Tighten strongly the lid of a jar filled with a treat. Ask the child to open it. When the child can't do it in his own strength, offer to help. Put the child's hand *on top of yours* as you open the jar together. Point out that even though the child couldn't open the jar in his own strength, together you could succeed.

Remind the child that God is very strong and there is nothing that He cannot do. Tell them that the things we can't do on our own—such as loving our enemies or forgiving people who wrong us—are only possible with God to help us.

Video playlist



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The Burning Bush

Moses grew up with the pharaoh's daughter as his mother, but he knew he was an Israelite. Do you remember that the Israelites were slaves? One day, he was out walking and saw an Egyptian being mean to an Israelite. Moses wanted to help. He hurt the Egyptian to help his fellow Israelite. When the pharaoh heard what Moses had done, he was angry. "Moses will be punished."

Moses ran away into the desert. He ran for a long time. At last, he reached a place where he found a well. He saw some young women who were watering their sheep. Some other mean shepherds tried to drive them away. Moses stood up to the bad shepherds. He protected and helped the young women. Their father was grateful and gave Moses a job and one of his daughters to marry.

Many years passed. Moses worked tending sheep for his father-in-law.

One day, he was watching sheep when he spotted something. It was

a bush that was on fire, but it didn't burn up. Moses knew that a bush on fire should burn up. "What a strange sight," he said. "I must go look at this closer."

He turned toward the burning bush. "Moses! Moses!" The voice came from the burning bush! Do bushes talk?

"Here I am." Moses said.

"Remove your sandals. This place is holy. I am the Lord God."

Moses was afraid. He hid his face.

God said "The Egyptians have been mean to my people the Israelites. I have heard them crying to me for help. I will free them and send them to a good land. You will go to pharaoh and tell him to set my people free."

Moses was filled with doubt and asked God, "Who am I to do this?"



“I will be with you.” God said. “You will go to the pharaoh, but he will not listen to you. I will do many miracles, and then the Israelites will go free.”

“How will they know I speak the truth?” Moses asked.

God told Moses to throw his staff on the ground.

Moses did what God said. Instantly, the staff turned into a snake. Moses was very afraid and ran away from it.

God commanded Moses to pick up the snake by the tail, and it became a staff again! God also gave Moses another sign to show people that he spoke the truth.

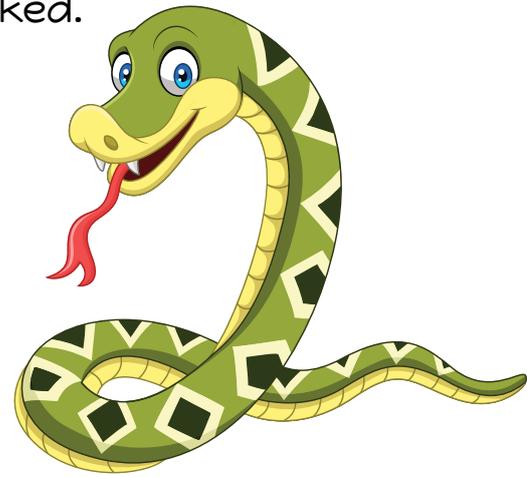
But Moses still did not want to go. “Please send someone else, Lord. I am not good enough at speaking.” Moses begged.

God was angry at Moses, but He said, “I will give you your brother Aaron as a helper. He will speak the words for you.”

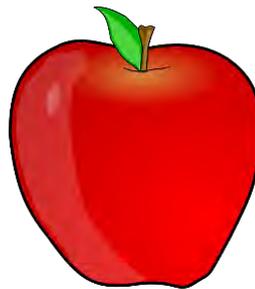
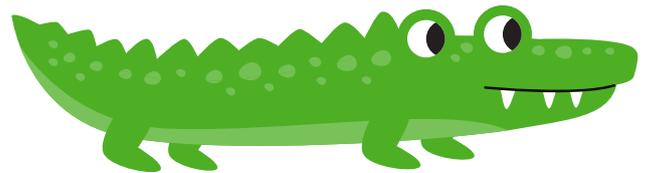
God sent Aaron to meet Moses. Moses told Aaron all the things God had spoken. Together they went to the people of Israel. “God will free us.” Aaron said. He performed the miracles God taught Moses.

The people of Israel believed. They were grateful God would deliver them and worshipped the Lord.

Moses had a second chance to help his people. God would give him the strength to do so.



Read the story and mark off the things you find.



Fill in the missing letters to find the items from this week's story

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Help Moses count his sheep.

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Find 9 differences



Games and Activities

Sandal Craft

Materials: sheets of thin cardboard, scissors, and a hot glue gun or duck tape.

Instructions: Prepare two equal-sized sandal bands for each child. The children will trace their shoes on the sheet of cardboard, and cut them out.

Use the hot glue gun or tape to secure the bands.

Be careful if using the hot glue gun with the children for everyone's safety.

Decorate however you like.



Obedience / staff snake Chain Activity

Materials: Green, brown and yellow paper, squiggly eyes, a red paper tongue, glue and a pencil for each child

Instructions: Make the head of the snake out of construction paper. Give it squiggly eyes and a red paper tongue.

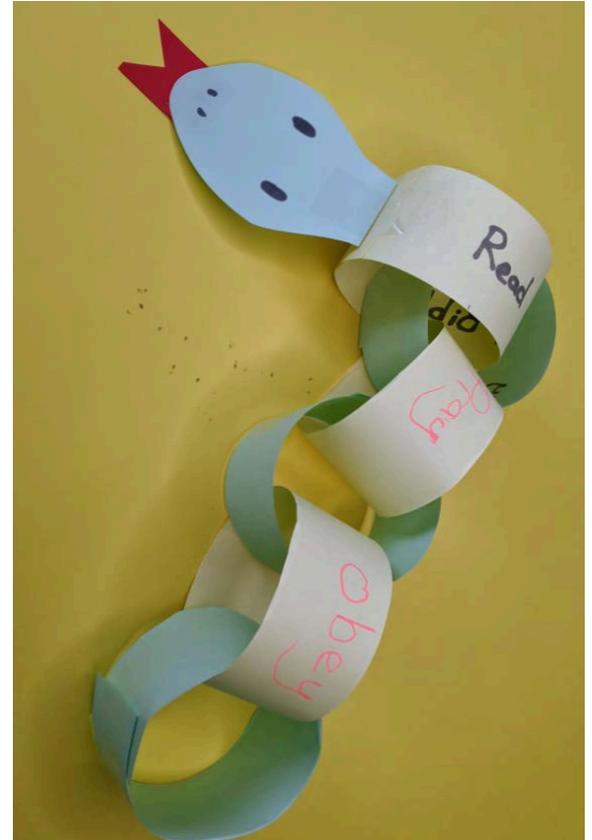
Provide each child a strip of yellow or green construction paper and a pencil.

They should write one way that they can be obedient to God. When they are done writing, they will read what they wrote out loud. It can then be added to the snake.

Some examples of what they could write are: reading the Bible, praying, listening to my parents, do good to others, etc.

At the end, pray with the children that God will help them to obey Him every day.

When held up it should look like a staff, but when on the



Target Game – “Second Chances”

Materials: Three bean bags or soft balls. Different size containers.

Instructions: Make a bean bag toss game but placing different size containers on the floor. The smaller containers should be worth more points.

Give each child an opportunity to play. If the child isn't successful in his or her first try or wants to try and get a higher score, give them a second chance.

Make it clear that they are receiving a second chance.

Talk about how God gave Moses a second chance to trust in Him and to do what He commanded him to do.



Shoe Race

Instructions: All children should place their shoes in a pile on one side of the room. On go, they must race over, find their own shoes, race back and put them on.

Talk about how Moses removed his shoes when he was on Holy Ground.



Snake Catch

Materials: Rope

Instructions: Place a rope or skipping rope onto the floor.

Holding one side, wiggle it around the ground. Ask your child to try and catch the other end with their hand.

Remind them of how when Moses picked up the snake it returned to a rod.



Burning Bush Craft

What you need:

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Colour crepe paper



What to do



Colour in the picture



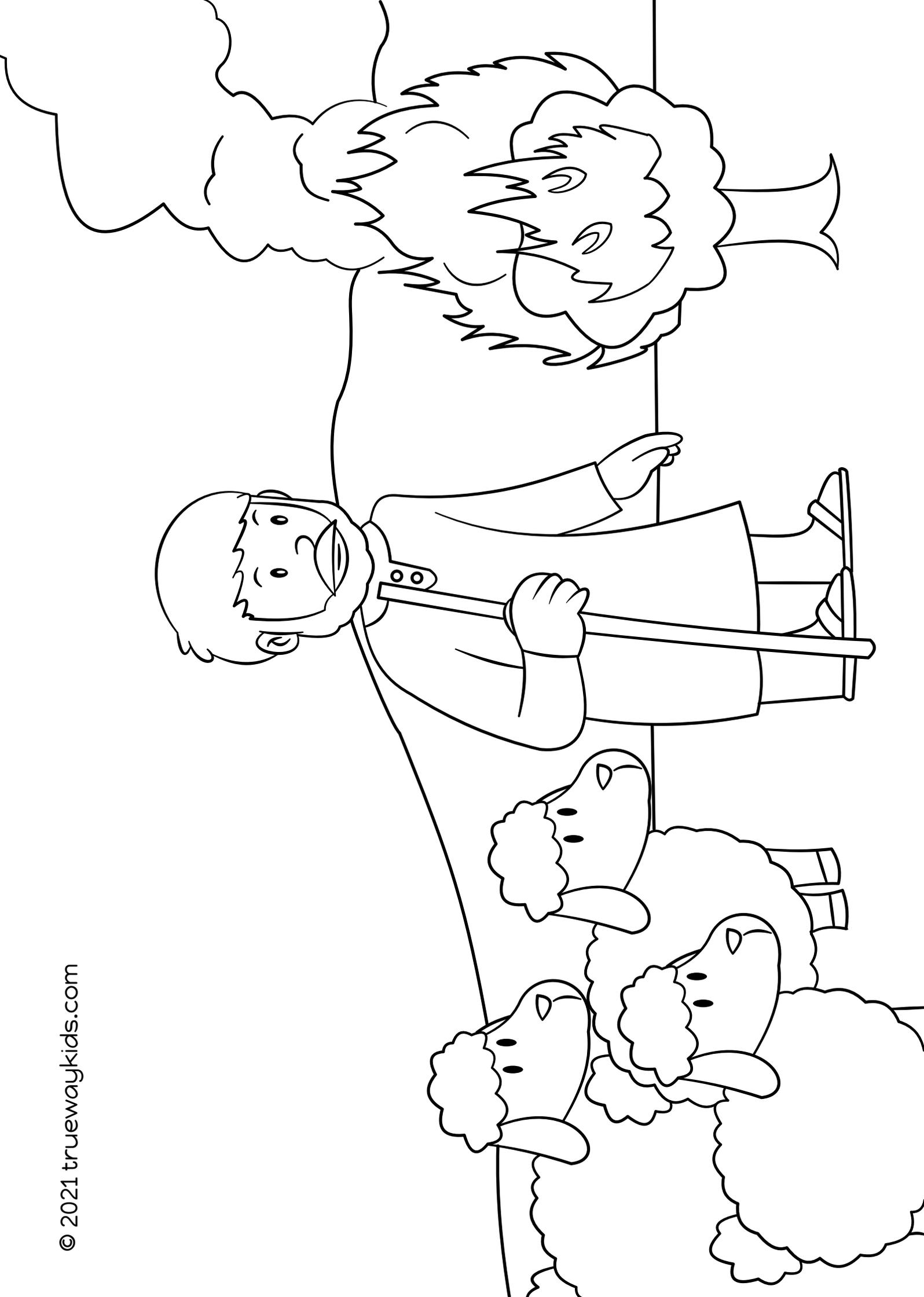
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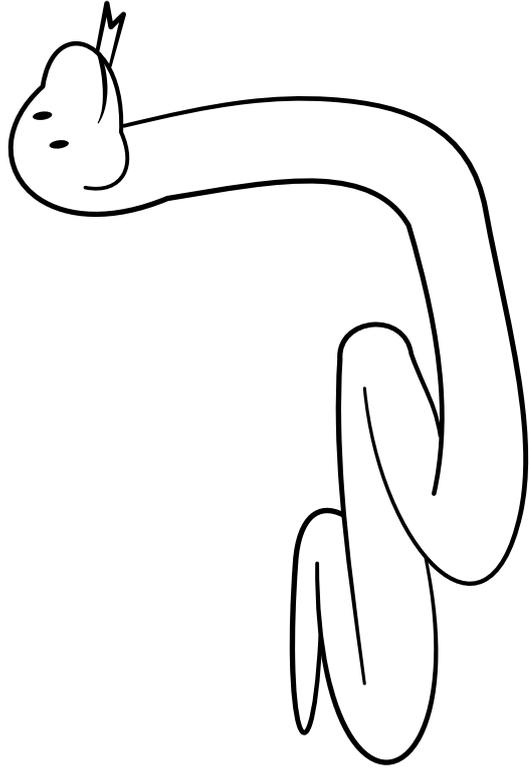


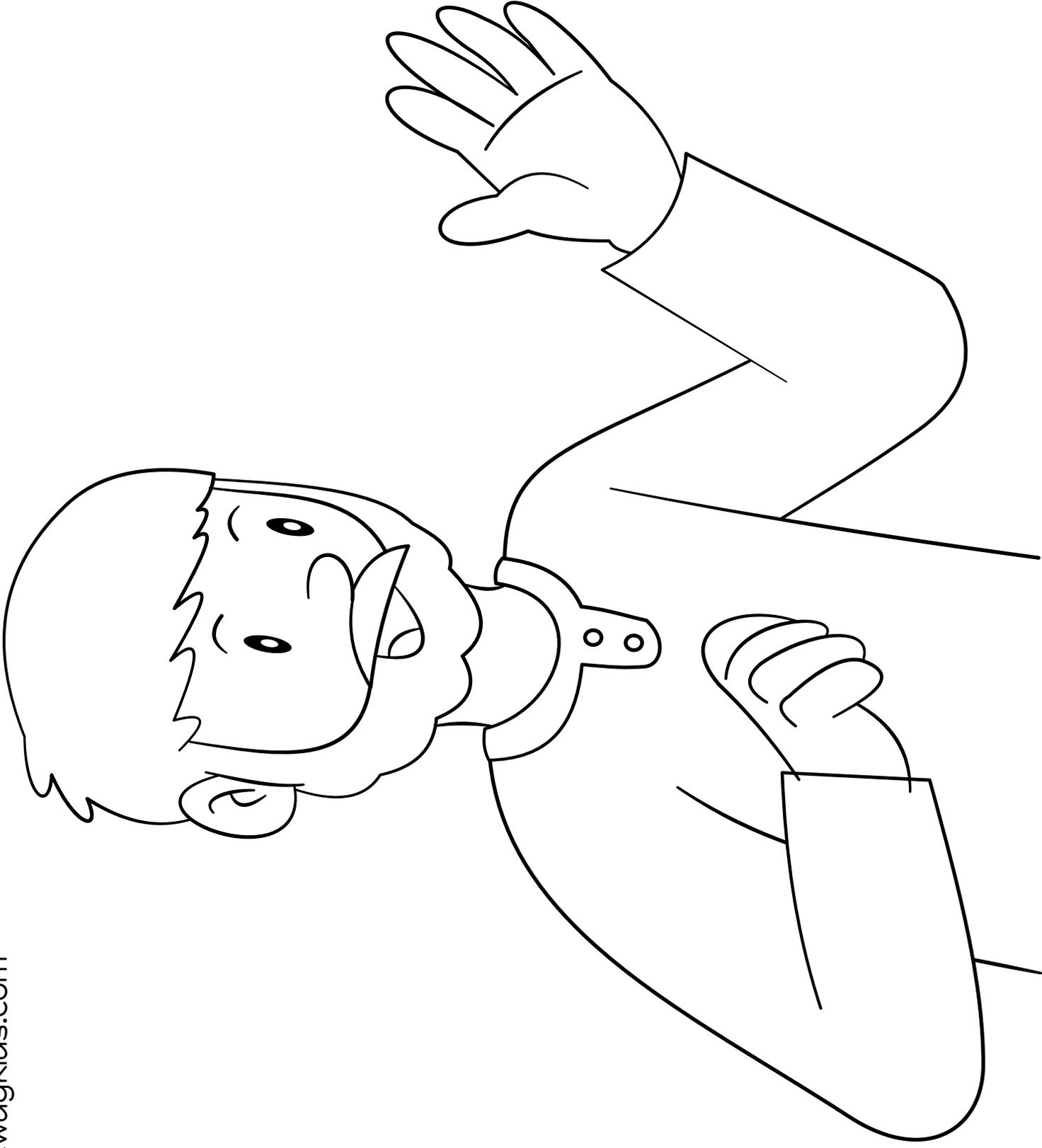
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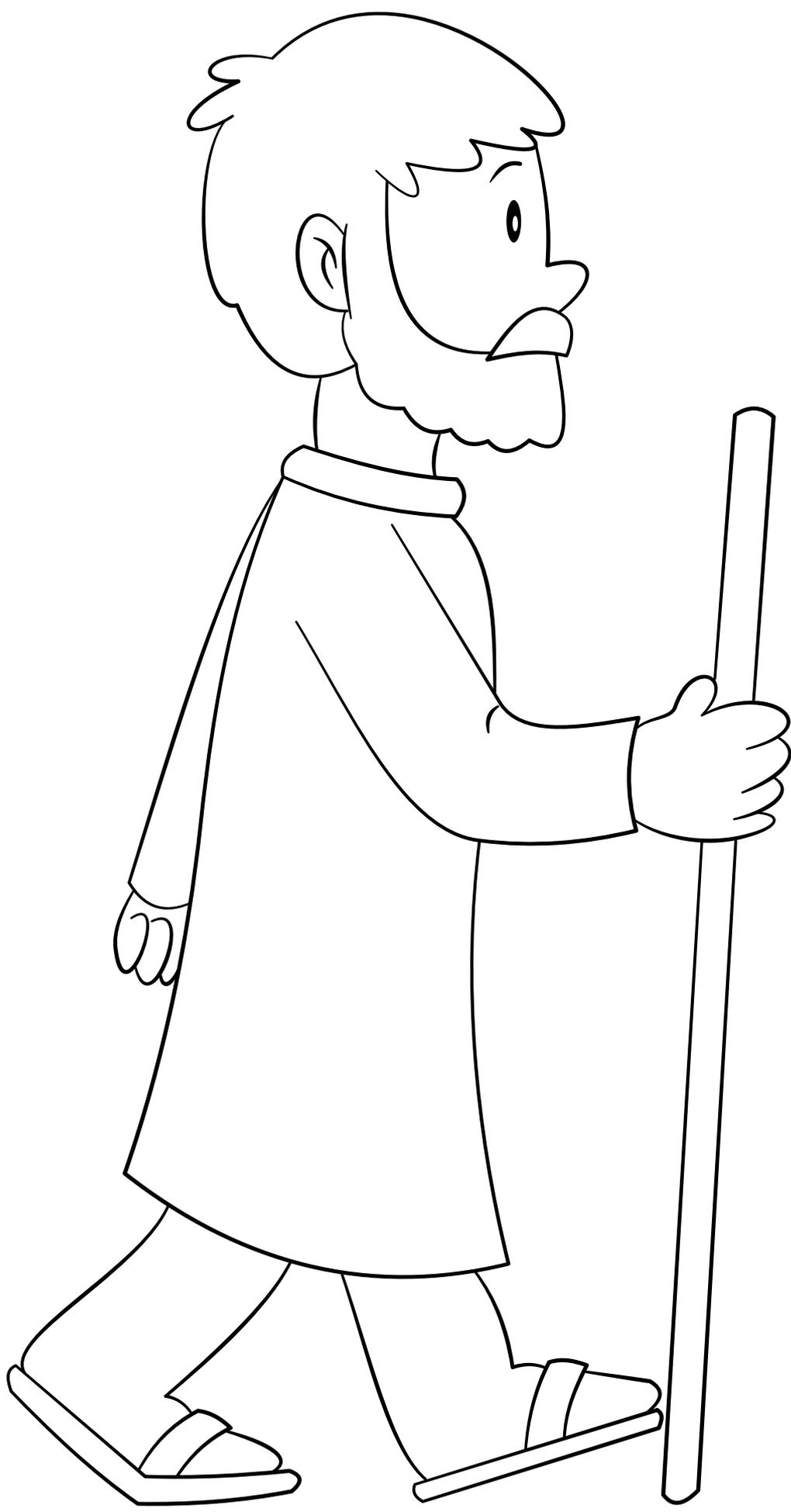
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Worship Time

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Obey, Obey The Lord

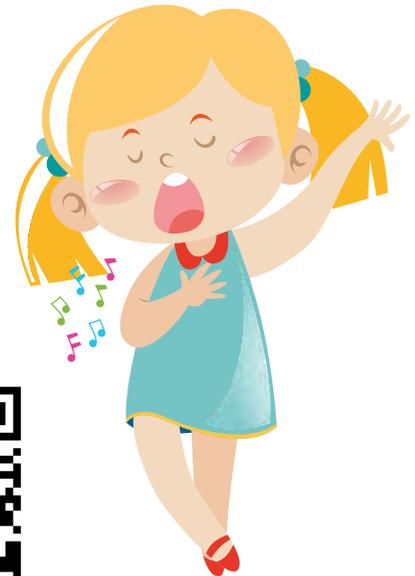
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God takes care of me

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Listen and Obey

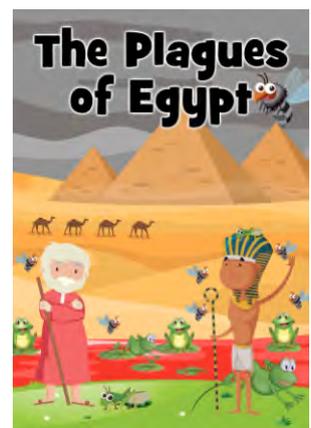
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Prayer Time

Thank God for helping you and always being with you.
Ask God to help you to obey Him and do what He asks.

Next Week: The Plagues



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