

BIBLE STORY

Coloring Pages

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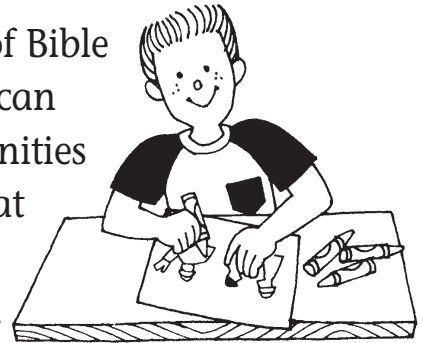
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Great Ways to Use These Pages:

▲ **Review for Early Arrivals:** Photocopy pictures of Bible stories you have recently talked about. Early arrivals can have a choice of pictures to color, giving you opportunities to talk with children about what they recall about that story. Also, have copies available for transition times or for children who finish an activity ahead of others.



▲ **Story-Telling Tool:** Photocopy the appropriate coloring page to use as a visual aid during story telling time. As you tell story, color in parts of the picture to keep children's interest and to help them focus on the part of the story you are telling. For even more fun, try making transparencies and coloring them on an overhead projector as you tell the story!



▲ **Story Review:** Photocopy a coloring page for each student. Ask questions to review the story as children color.

▲ **Coloring Game:** After you've told the Bible story, place a variety of colored markers on the table. Distribute copies of picture from Bible story. Volunteers tell one part of the Bible story. Then each child chooses a marker and uses it to color one part of his or her page. When finished, children put markers down and tell another part of the Bible story. Children then choose another marker and color another part of the page. Repeat process until pages (and story!) are completed.

▲ **Concentration Game:** Reduce and photocopy a set of two pictures of each story you have talked about. Invite volunteers to color each set alike. Then place pictures face-down on the floor. Children take turns



turning over two pictures at a time, trying to find two matching pictures. Play continues until all picture sets have been paired.

▲ **Guessing Game:** Color (or invite volunteers to color) ten or more pictures that you have talked about. Display completed pictures. Give three clues for a story. Children try to guess which story you are describing.

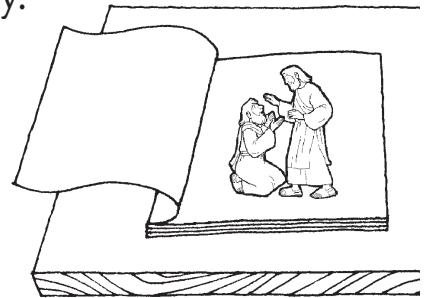


Examples of clues might be, "I'm thinking of a happy night."



"I'm thinking of some good news that some people heard." "I'm thinking of a very special baby."

▲ **Individual Coloring Books:** Photocopy several coloring pages for each child in your class. Fold 11x17-inch (27.5x42.5-cm) construction paper over pages and staple to make individual coloring books.



▲ **Bible Story Puzzle:** Color, then paste completed coloring page onto poster board. Cover with clear adhesive paper and cut into puzzle pieces. Place puzzle pieces in a resealable sandwich bag and label. Offer puzzles during transition times or to early arrivals.

▲ **Great Gift:** Give to your children as a great substitute for secular coloring books.

▲ **Parent Involvement:** Send two copies of uncolored coloring pages and stories home with children (be sure to duplex so stories are on the back of page). Include a note to encourage parents to read Bible stories and color pages with their children.



▲ **Felt Board Figures:** Glue colored coloring page to poster board. Cut out main characters. Glue strips of felt to the backs of characters and use with felt board.

▲ **Puppets:** Color main characters on coloring page and glue to poster board. Cut out and glue characters to craft sticks. Give to children to use as stick puppets.

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God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25



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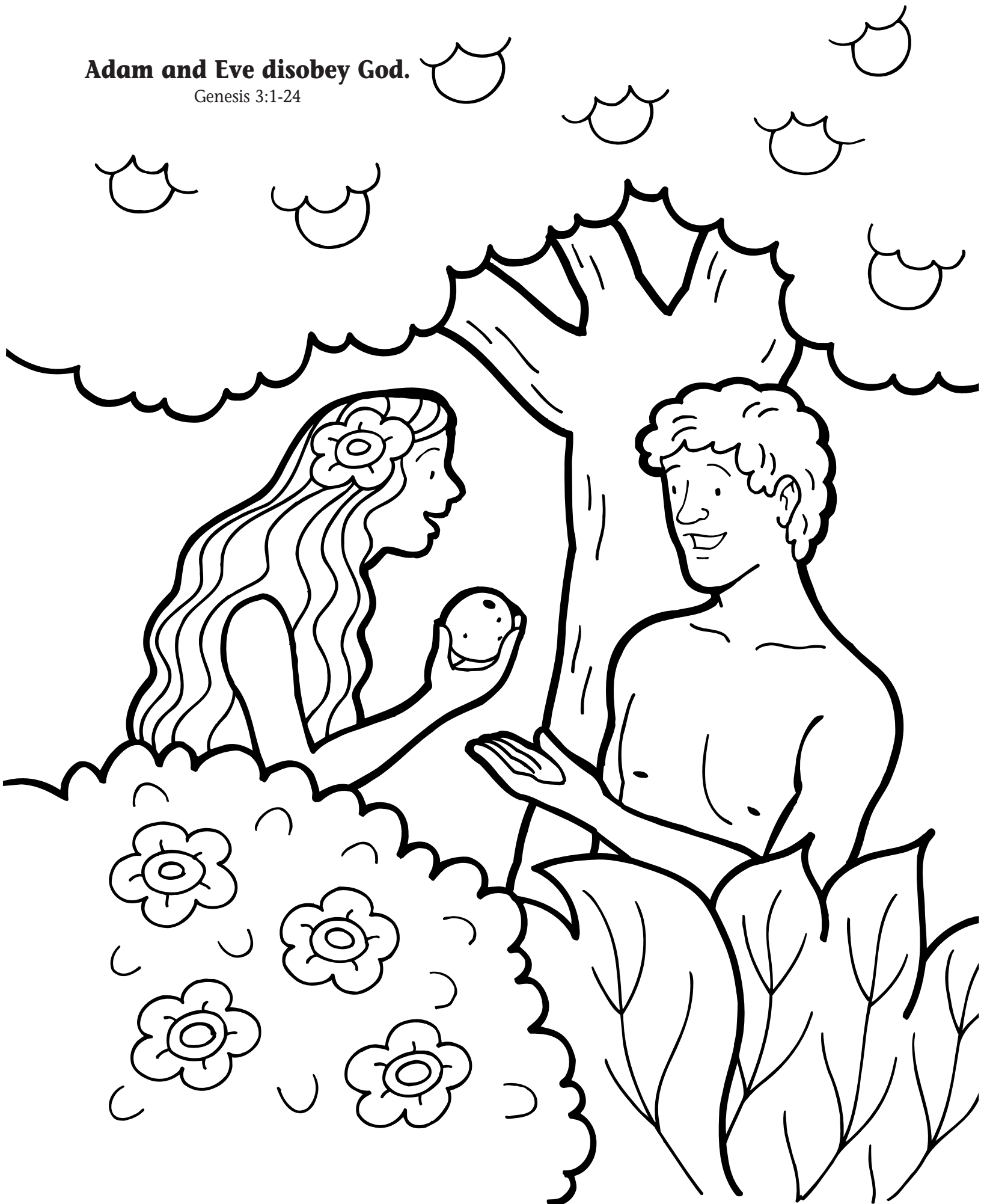
In the beginning, before anything was anything, God made the heavens and the earth. He just said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! Then God made the sky and the land and the oceans. God made the plants and the sun, moon and stars. He liked what He made. It was very good!

Then God said, “Let the sky be filled with birds that fly.” And it was. He said, “Let the waters be filled with all sorts of creatures.” Then there were fish, dolphins, jellyfish, and many other creatures in the water. Next, God made every kind of animal. When God saw all the creatures that He made, He said that they were very good.

Then God did something even more special! He took some dirt and formed it into a man. Then God breathed into the man and he became alive. Next, God made a woman. They were the first people—people like you and me. They were named Adam and Eve. God loved Adam and Eve. Everything God made was very good.

Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24



Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24

Adam and Eve lived in a wonderful garden. There were trees and plants with good food like apples, bananas, grapes and watermelon. There were flowers and trees and plants that were beautiful to look at.

In the middle of the garden was a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything in the whole garden except the fruit that was growing on that one tree.

One day, a serpent talked to Eve and told her to eat the forbidden fruit. "If you eat some of that fruit, you would know things you didn't know before," the snake said. "You would be like God."

Eve listened to the serpent. She ate some of the fruit from the tree that God said not to eat from. Adam ate some, too. God was very sad that they had disobeyed Him. Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful garden, but God still loved them very much.

Noah builds an ark.

Genesis 6:1-22



Noah builds an ark.

Genesis 6:1-22

Adam and Eve had children, and their children had children. After a while there were many people everywhere. But they did not love and obey God. They hurt other people and did not follow God's rules. God was sorry He had made them.

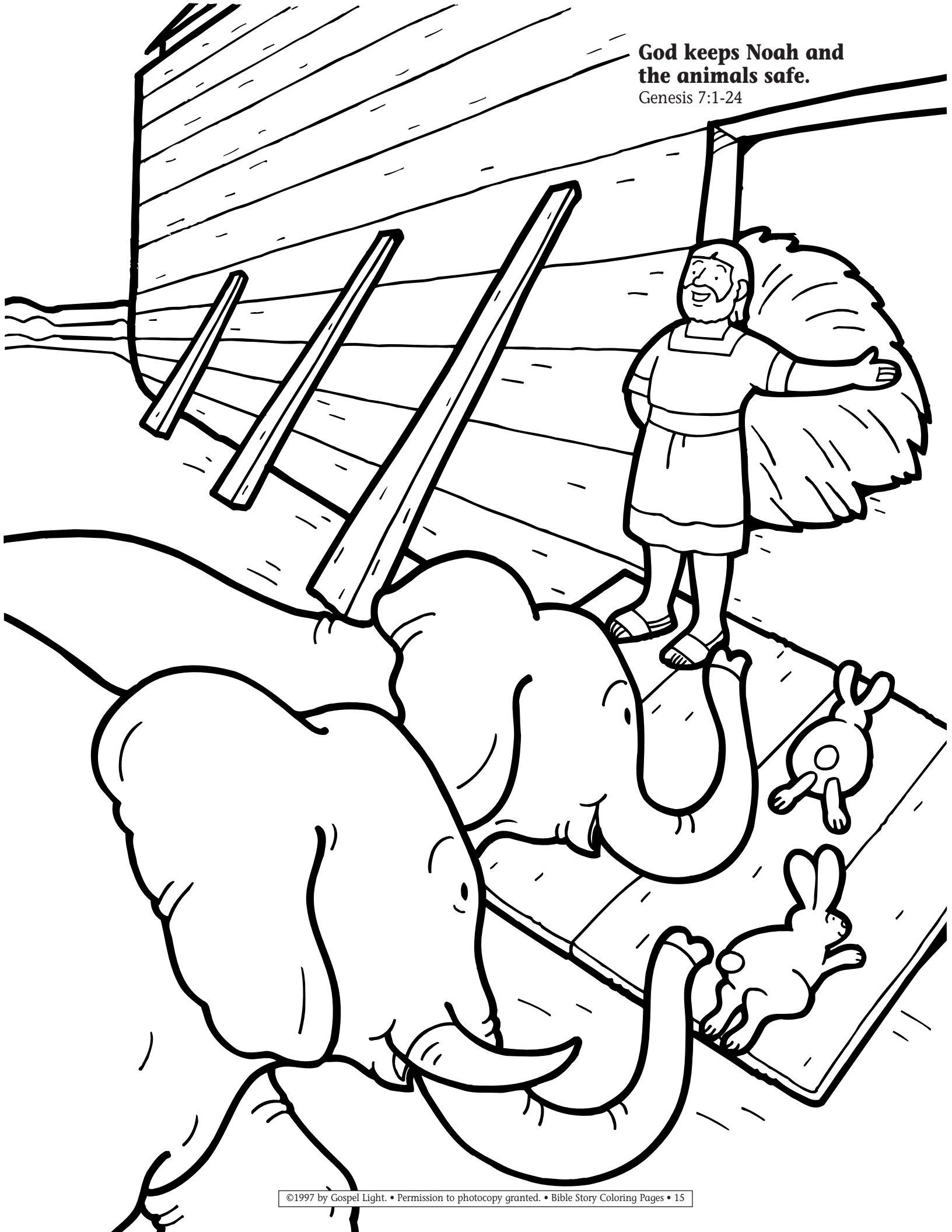
There was one person left who loved God. His name was Noah. Noah did what was right. God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to cover the whole world.

"Make a big boat," God told Noah. The boat was called an ark. Noah and his family would be safe in the ark when the flood came.

Noah and his family obeyed God. They worked hard to build the ark. They worked hard to gather lots of food. After a long time, the ark was ready. Noah and his family were ready.

**God keeps Noah and
the animals safe.**

Genesis 7:1-24



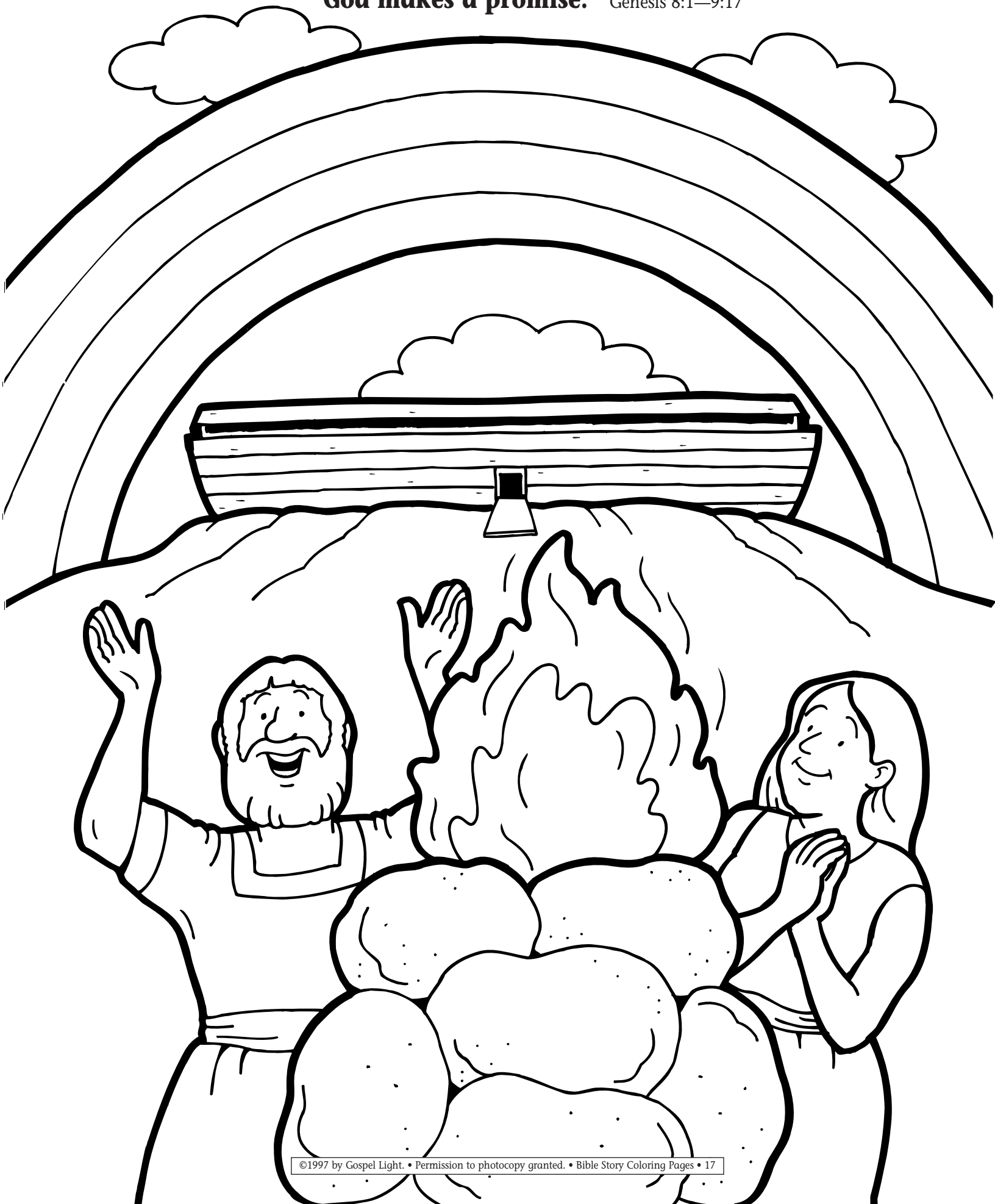
God keeps Noah and the animals safe.

Genesis 7:1-24

God was going to send a flood. Noah built a big boat called an ark. Now God wanted Noah to fill the ark with some of every kind of animal. There were two elephants, two monkeys, two bears and two pigs. There were many, many more kinds of animals, too. Noah and his family helped all the animals on the ark. It must have been hard work!

Finally all the animals were inside the ark. The sky grew dark and cloudy. Soon Noah's family heard rain falling on the roof. It wasn't long before the ark was floating on the water. The ark rocked back and forth. It rained and rained and rained for forty days.

Noah's family probably heard lots of strange noises! It must have been scary at first. But God kept everyone inside the ark safe. While they waited in the ark, the whole world was covered with water. Even the tops of the tall, tall mountains were covered. Everything that was not in the ark was destroyed.



God makes a promise.

Genesis 8:1—9:17

The earth was covered with water for a long time. Finally, the water went away enough for the bottom of the ark to rest on a mountain. The earth began to dry up.

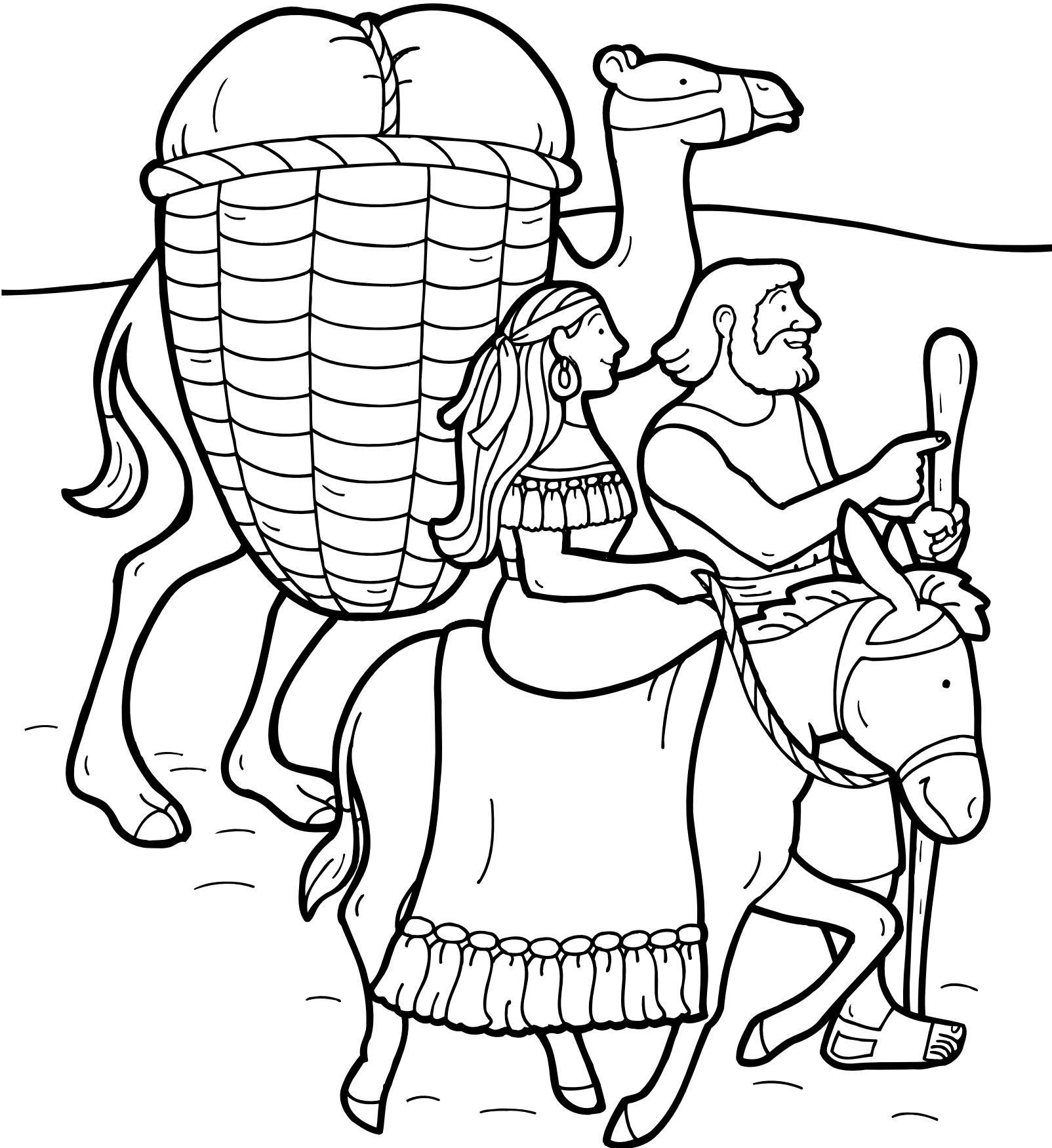
Noah and his family and all the animals stayed on the ark for many days. When the earth was dry enough, God told Noah to come out of the ark. Noah's family must have been so excited! The animals must have been very excited, too. It had been a long time since they had been able to run and climb and leap on dry ground.

After he let all the animals out of the ark, Noah built an altar, a special place to worship God. Noah thanked God for keeping his family safe during the flood.

God was happy to hear Noah praying. He promised Noah that He would never again destroy all living things with a flood. God put a rainbow in the sky to remind everyone of His promise.

Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9



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Genesis 12:1-9

God loved Abram. God told Abram to leave his home and go to a new land. God promised to make Abram the leader of a great nation.

Abram obeyed God. He and his wife and his nephew, Lot, left their home. They took all their animals and their helpers with them. They walked for many, many days.

After days and days of walking, Abram and his family arrived in the new land. God told him that He was going to give the land to Abram's children. Abram worshiped God. Abram trusted God. Abram believed that God would keep His promises.