God calls Abraham and Sarah

5 - 10 year old pack



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Introduction

In Genesis 12, God called Abram and Sarai to move far away to a new land. God asked him to leave behind the comfort of home for somewhere new.

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Key points:

- We should always obey God.
- We should trust God for the next step, even when we do not know the destination.
- Faith involves both trust and action.

Lesson Guide

Moving to somewhere new is always difficult. Whether a new home in a different country or a new class at school. It's difficult to leave family and friends behind. We don't like to leave the known for the unknown. Speak about a time you left for a new place. Ask your children about a time they went somewhere new. How did they feel?

Ask your child to help build a tent. Use some blankets, chairs, or whatever you have. When finished, climb inside and read Genesis 12. At verse 4, come out of the tent as a sign of Abraham and Sarah leaving their home behind and trusting God.

Abraham is one of the major characters of the Bible and world history, so understanding these passages acts as a great foundation. Share how Abraham was a real person like us. He made mistakes. He felt happy and scared. God knows what we are really like and calls us to walk by faith and trust Him as we are.

Hide a small treat somewhere in the room. Tell your child you have a special reward for them. Ask them to go collect their prize. Instead of telling them where it is, give them step-by-step directions to get there. (For older children, you could also use a blindfold). For example, take two steps forward. Turn right and so on.

Share how God asks us to 'walk by faith,' and trust Him with each step.

Read and learn Hebrews 11:8. "By faith Abraham obeyed God."

God told Abram of wonderful blessings that would come through obedience. Jump forward to Genesis 22:17-18 where God again tells Abraham that He will make Him a great nation. As numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Show a picture of the night sky or give the children a handful of sand to feel.

In the next lesson, we will continue with the birth of Isaac. Explain how God did not only keep his promise by given Abraham and Sarah a son, but this promise was most fully fulfilled in Jesus. Refer to Matthew 1. Through Jesus, every tongue and tribe can be blessed with the greatest gift of all.

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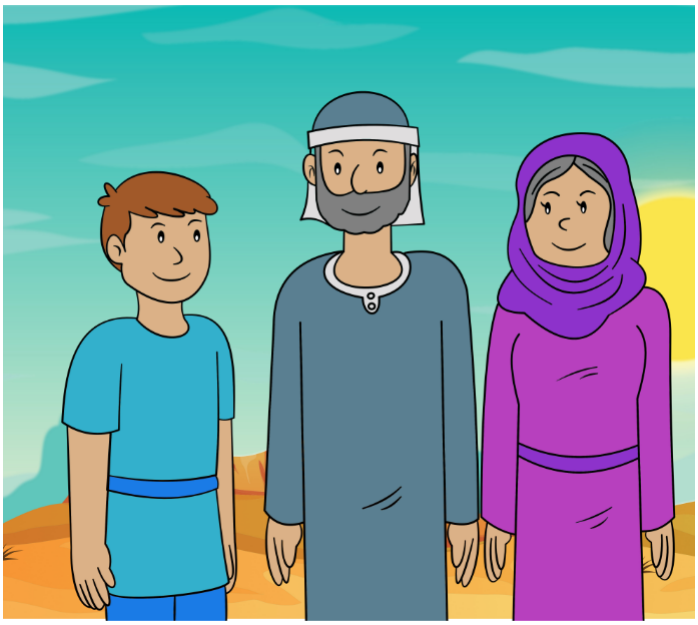
God Calls Abram and Sarai



Many years had passed since the flood and the tower of Babel. People had settled all over the world.

One day, the Lord spoke to a man called Abram. Abram loved God and put his faith in Him. Abram and his wife, Sarai lived in the city of Haran.

One day, God told Abram, “Go away from your country and people to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and bless you. Indeed, all the people on earth will be blessed because of you.”



God promised not only to bless Abram, but bless everyone through him.

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So Abram went, as God had told him. He took his wife, Sarai, and his nephew, Lot, and everything that he owned. He traveled to another land to where a great tree grew.



There were already people living in the land, but God promised that this land would someday belong to Abram's offspring.

God had a special plan for Abram. Abram and Sarai had no children, but God promised that that would change. Abram would be the father of a great nation.

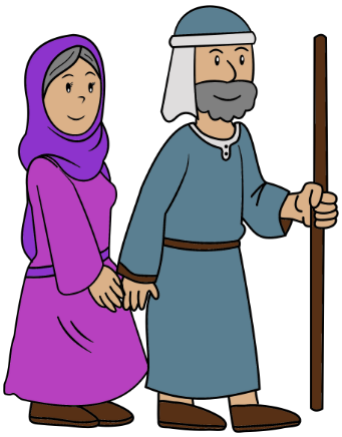
God spoke to Abram and said, "Look all around you to the north, south, east, and west. I will give all the land that you see to you and your descendants forever."

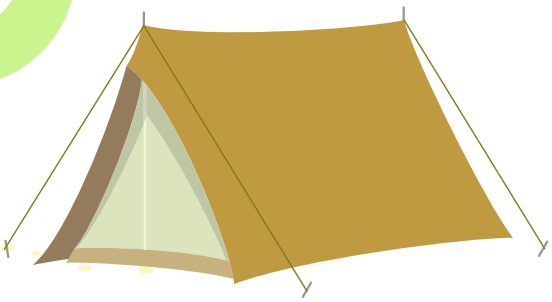
"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore."



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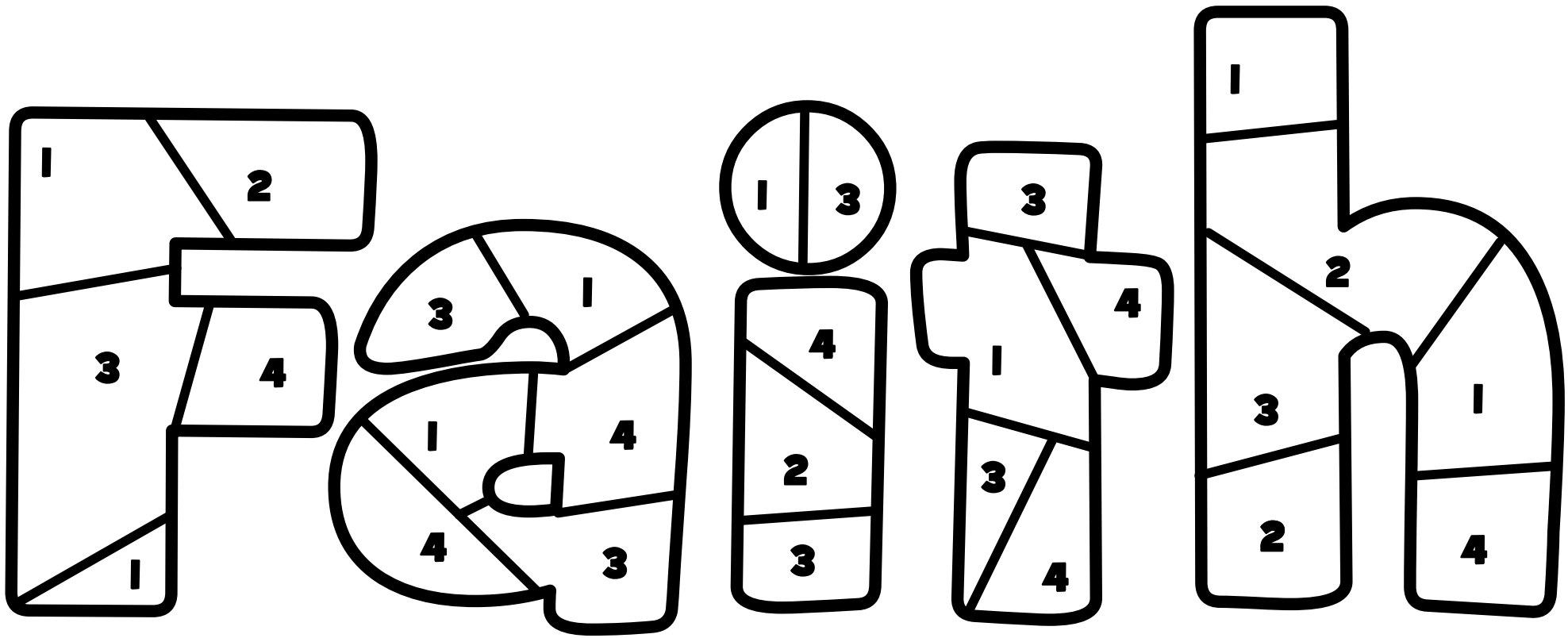
Help Abraham and Sarah find their way to their new home.





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Faith in action

Circle all the phrases in which are ways that Abraham and Sarah put their faith in action.

Traveled to a new land

Disobeyed

Doubted God

Listened to God´s voice

Believed in God

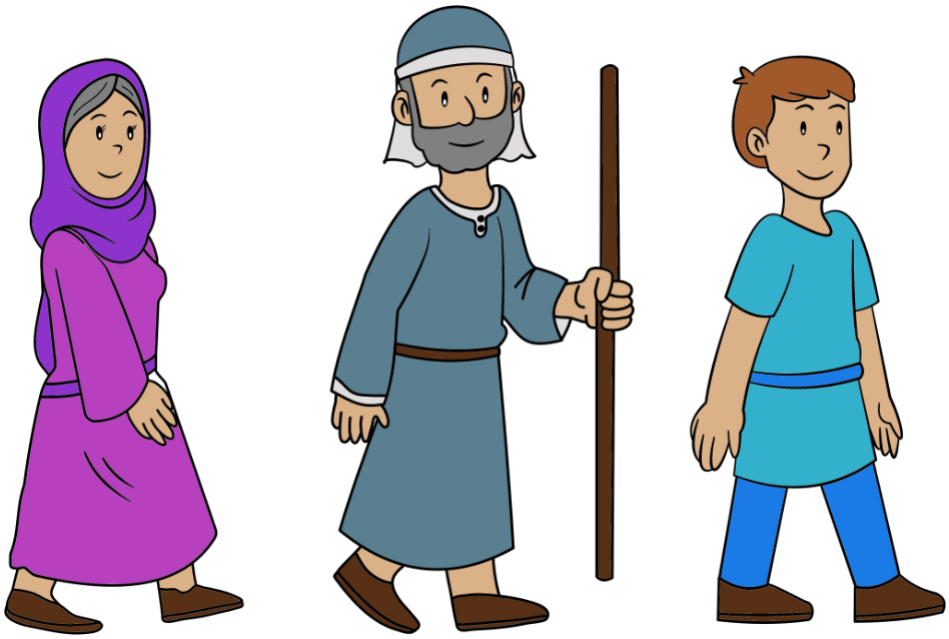
Refused to listen

Obeyed God

Stayed where they were

Did their own thing

Left their home



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Thank God for His blessings

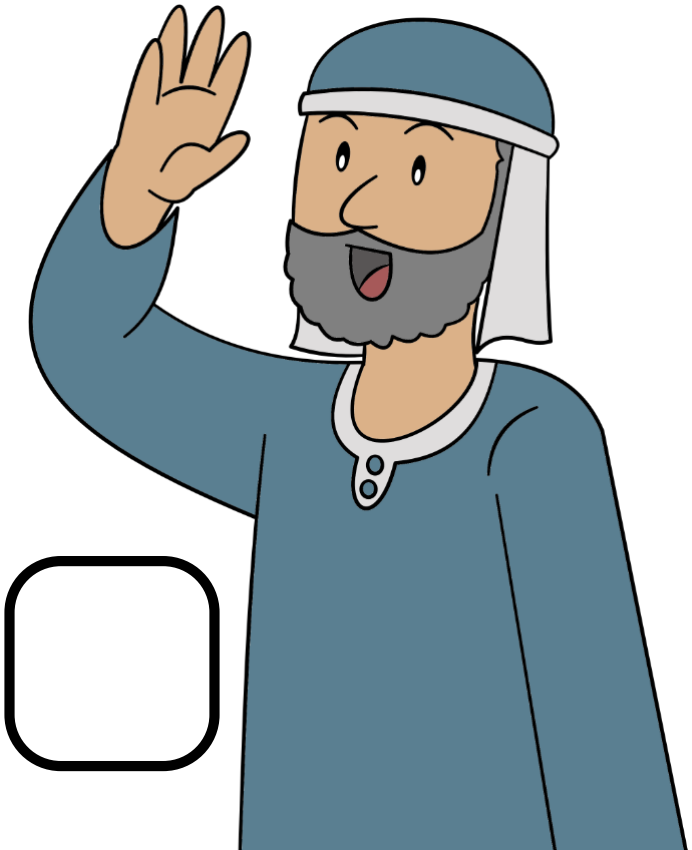
Draw and label four things God has blessed you with. For example a home, clothing, family, food, etc

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Fill the night sky with stars and color

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How many stars did you draw? ☐



Games and Activities

Nothing is impossible!



Materials: Two pairs of gloves and a selection of small snack with tinfoil wrapping. Chocolates, sweets etc)

Instructions: Form two teams and they will have 5 minutes to see how many snacks they can open while wearing mittens and then eat them.

Say, “Switch” every 45 seconds, so that everyone participates.

The team who eats the most snacks wins.



Balloon Pop Challenge

Materials: an inflated balloon and a string for each child

Instructions: Each child will tie the balloon to their ankle. On “go”, all the children will try to squash the balloons of the other players. The children who still have their balloon intact after x minutes are the winners. (Warn them to avoid stomping on feet.)

Application: Our faith is like the balloon. We need to protect it. Others will try to stomp out our faith and cause us to doubt what God has told us.

We need to believe God´s Word, in spite of what others may say. When we keep our faith alive, we honour God and will one day win a prize in Heaven for our obedience to Him.

Telephone game

Play the classic “Telephone game” where a message is passed from one child to another by whispering it in the ear of the next person.

The message tends to change as it goes from one to another. You can relate it to the importance to listen carefully to God when He wants to speak to us.

His message is important for our lives, so we need to get it right.

Abraham listened carefully and obeys God.



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Seed planting



Materials: A recycled cup or yogurt pot, water, seed and soil for each child.

Instructions: The children will plant their seed in the cup while you talk about faith.

Application: Ask if they can believe that this tiny little seed will one day be a big plant?

Faith is like this plant. When we believe in God to do big things, we can see that He blesses our faith. When you plant your seed, you can´t see the outcome just yet.

You have to wait, water it and believe that one day it will sprout to become a full size plant.

We may not see immediate results when we trust in God, but if we are willing to wait for His timing, we will see that God always keeps His word.



Den building

Materials: Use what you find in nature for an outdoor den. Indoor use blankets, pillows, towers or whatever you have to hand.

Instructions: Set the children a challenge to create a den which they can fit inside.

Application: Abraham moved around as God guiding Him. He was willing to leave one place to the next as God wanted.

The Bible says like Abraham we have a new promised home. We are just ‘passing through’ this world on the way to our eternal home.

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Splatter paint scene

What you will need:

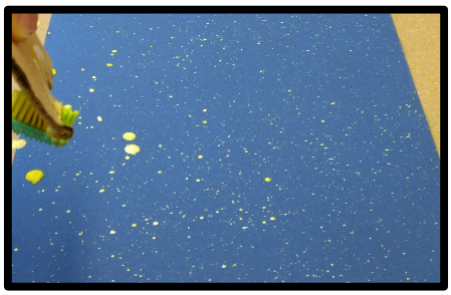
- Dark paper or Card
- Green or sand colour paper
- Paint
- Brush or old toothbrush
- Template sheet
- scissor
- Glue
- A bit of cardboard



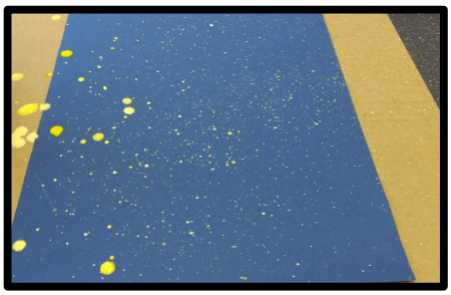
What to do



Water down some paint



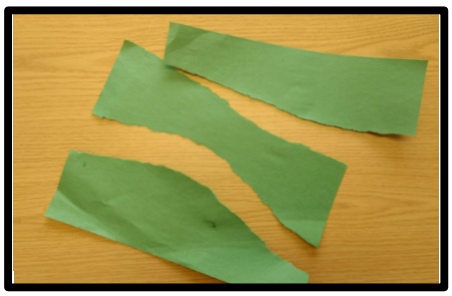
Dip the brush into the paint and use cardboard to splatter on paper



Allow paint to dry



Cut out template picture

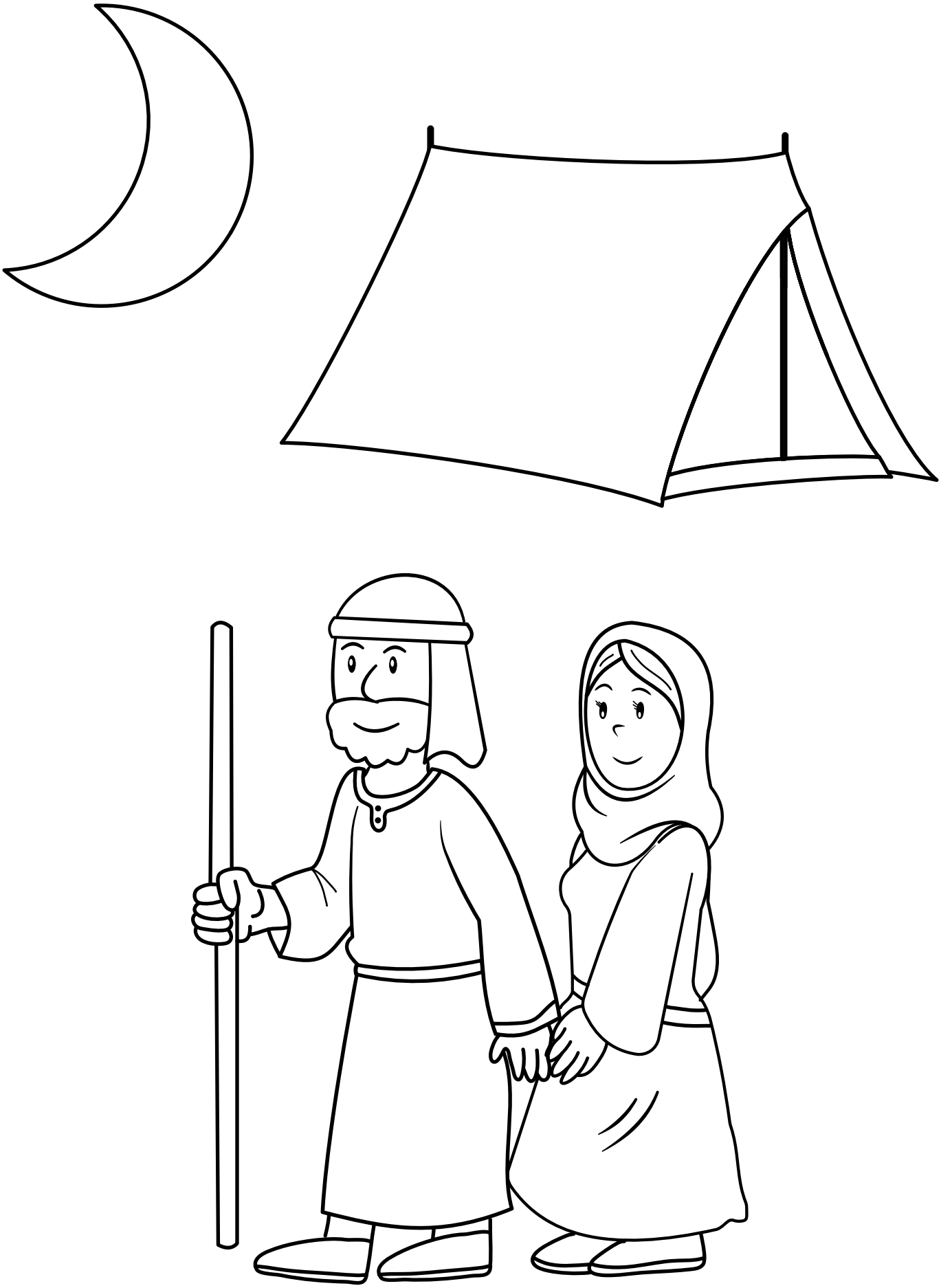


Rip paper to make mountains



Glue everything together

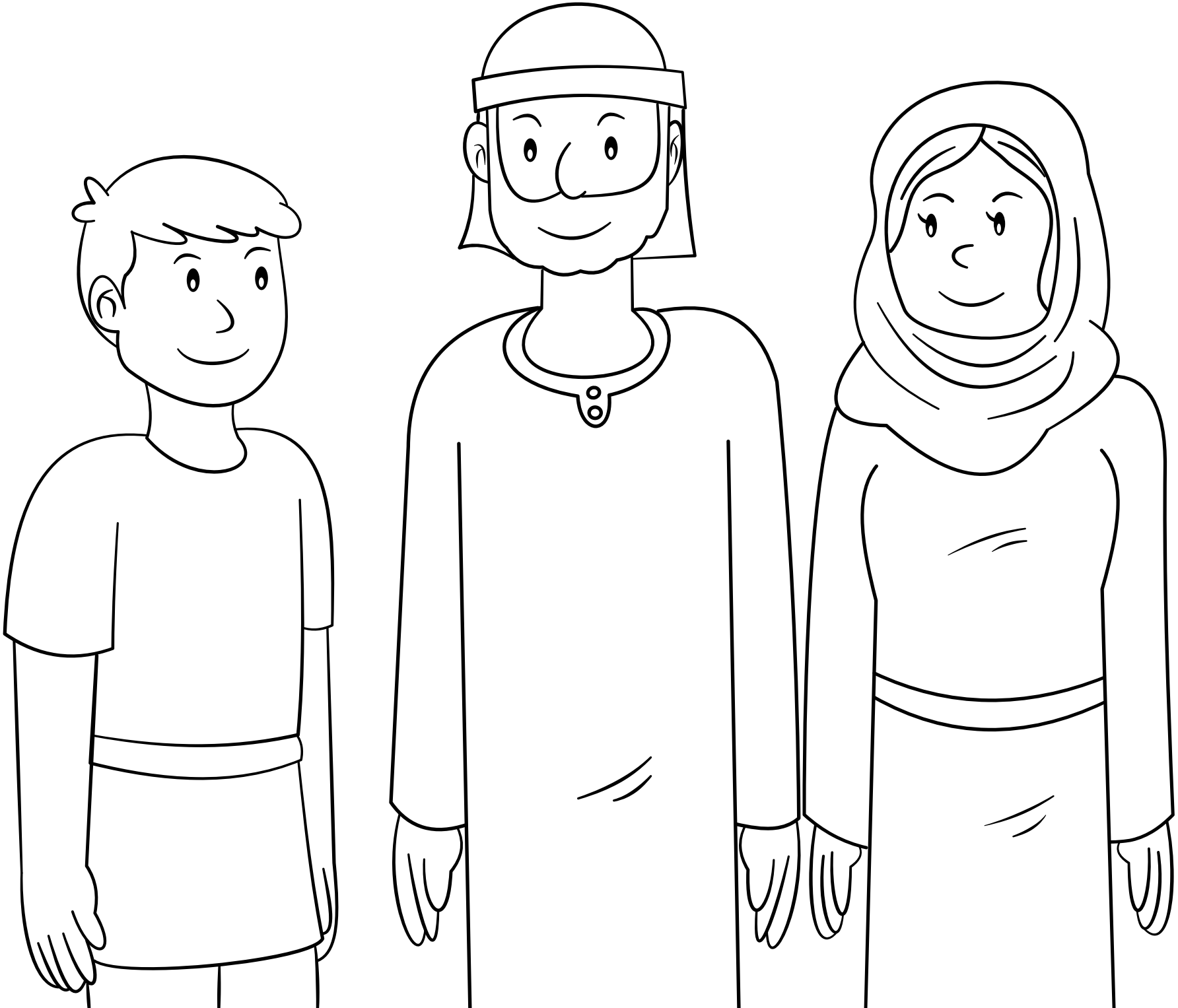
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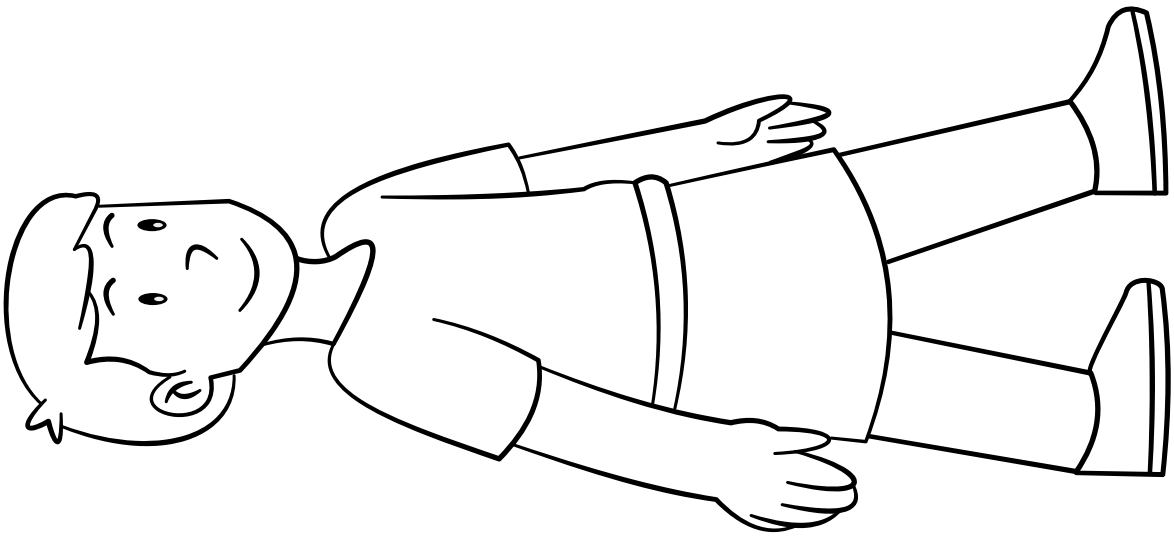
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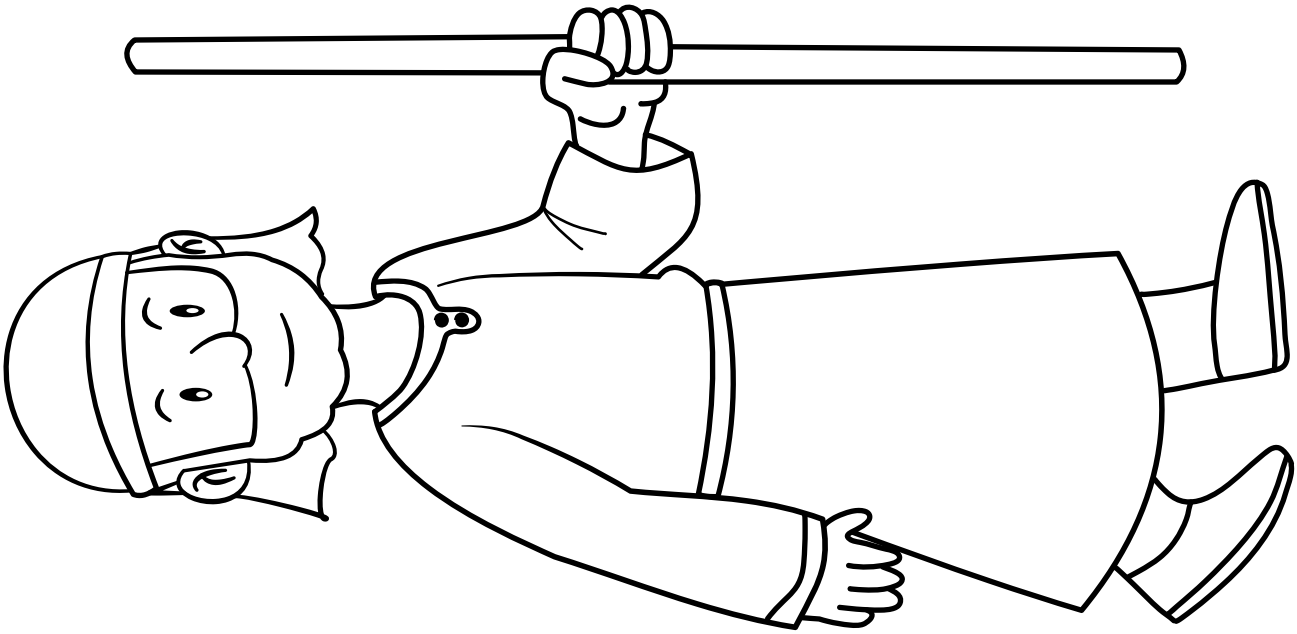
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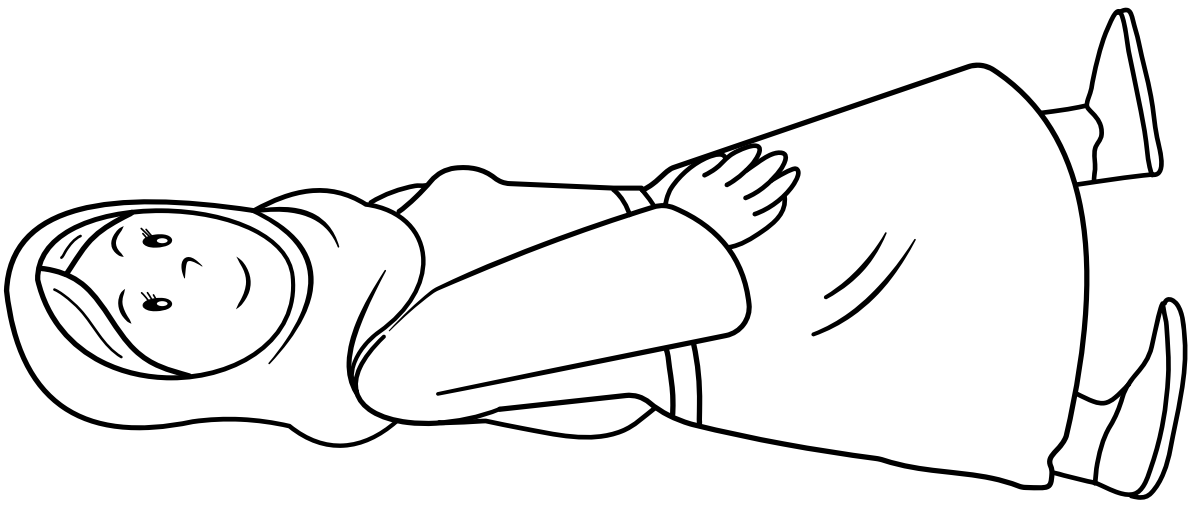




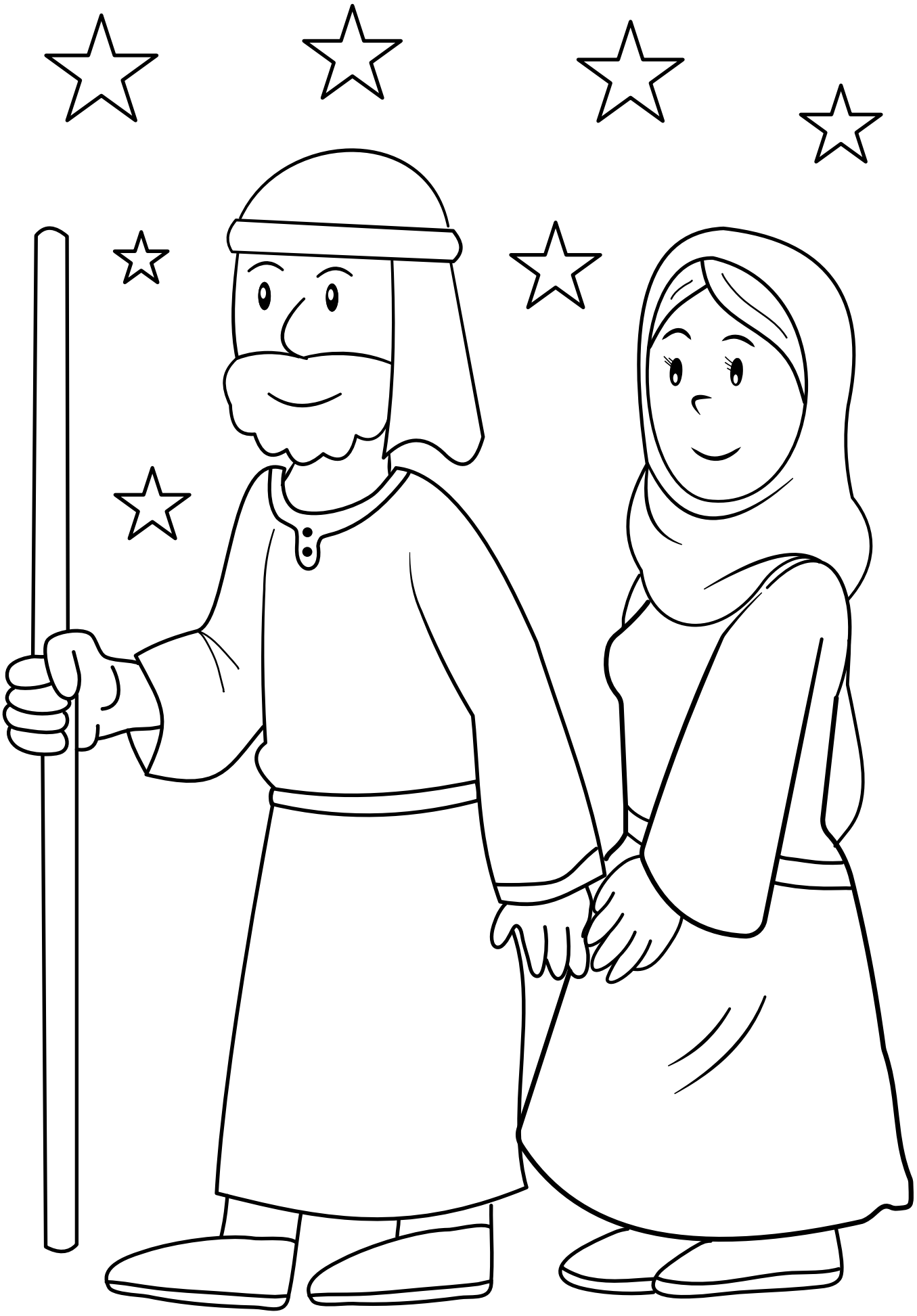
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Worship Time

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Father Abraham

https://youtu.be/5o_J30x6E6s

God Always Keeps His Promises

https://youtu.be/WzrFkvn1LGg

Trust and Obey

https://youtu.be/0SWoGlWcvN4



Prayer Time

Say "thank You" to God for His promises

Ask God to help you put faith in action.

Next Week

Isaac is born - Genesis 21

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