

God Is with Me

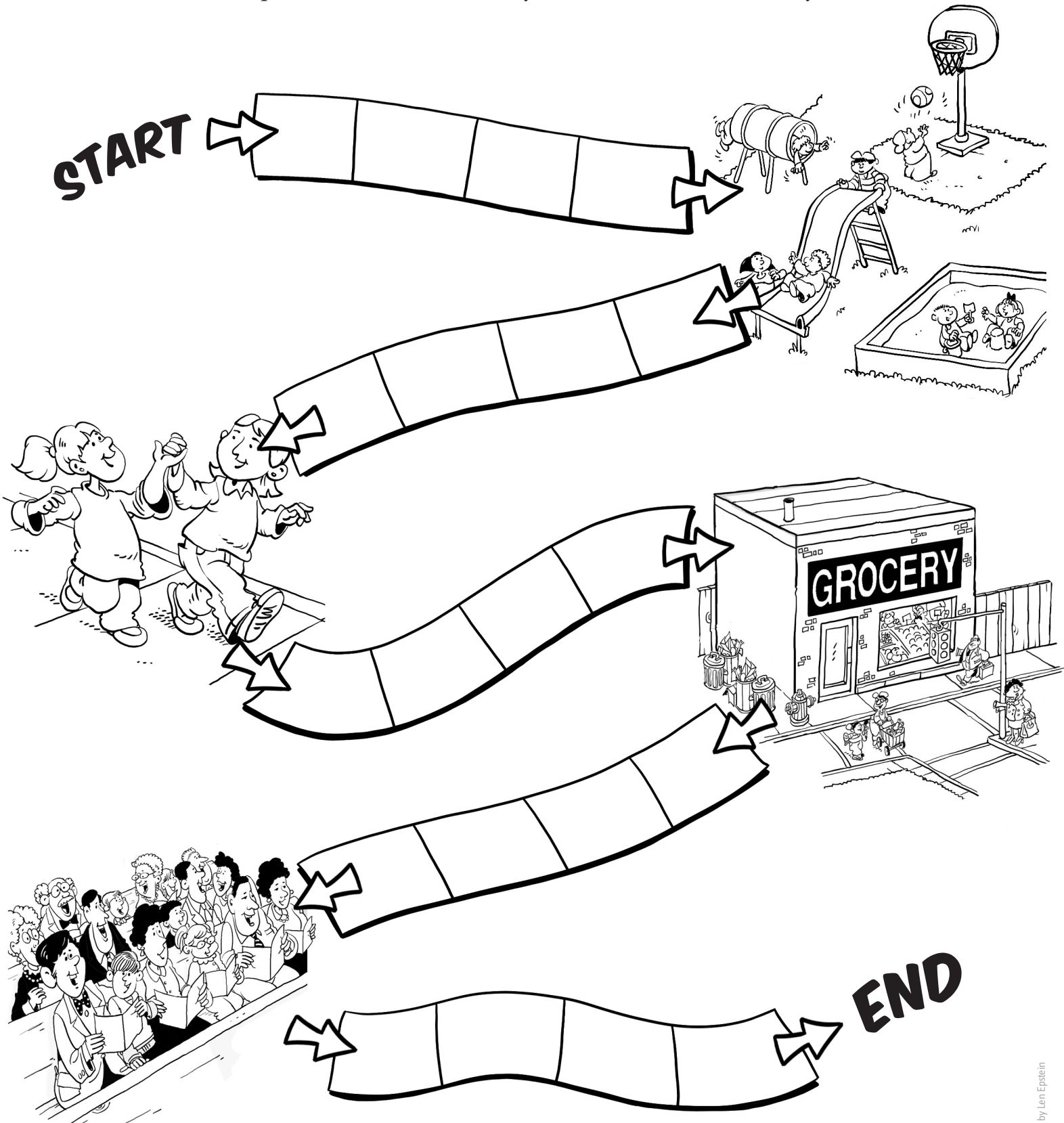
1A

Color the black and white scenes. Then choose a token for each player. On your turn, flip a coin. Move 1 space for tails or 2 for heads. When you get to a place, say:

God is with me at the park!
God is with me on the path!

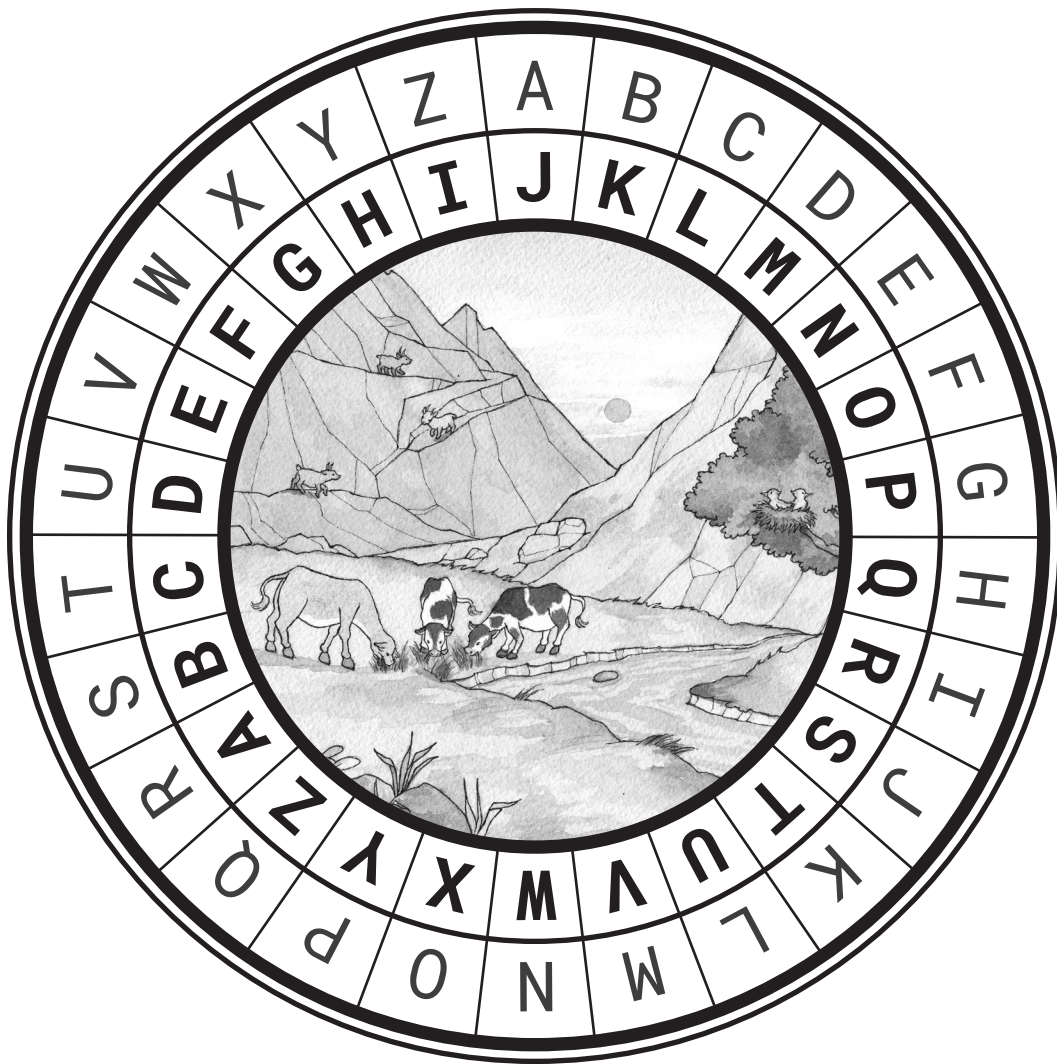
God is with me at the store!
God is with me at my church!

When you get to the end, say:
God is with me everywhere!



Secret Code

Use the alphabet wheel to decode this message. Look at the letter under each line. Find that letter on the outside of the wheel. Print the corresponding letter from the inside of the wheel and write it on the line.



_____ Z _____ G I R Z J V _____ P F L _____

_____ W F I _____ Z _____ R D _____

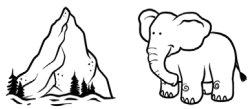
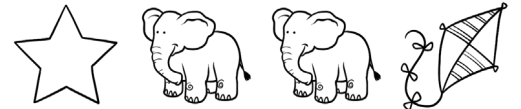
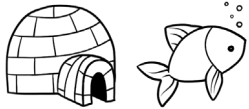
_____ W V R I W L C C P _____ R E U _____

_____ N F E U V I W L C C P _____

_____ D R U V _____

God made a promise to the people. Write down the first letter of each pictured item on the blank line to discover the promise.

When you
search for me,
you will
find me . . .



Hope Crossword

Fill in the blanks using a Bible.

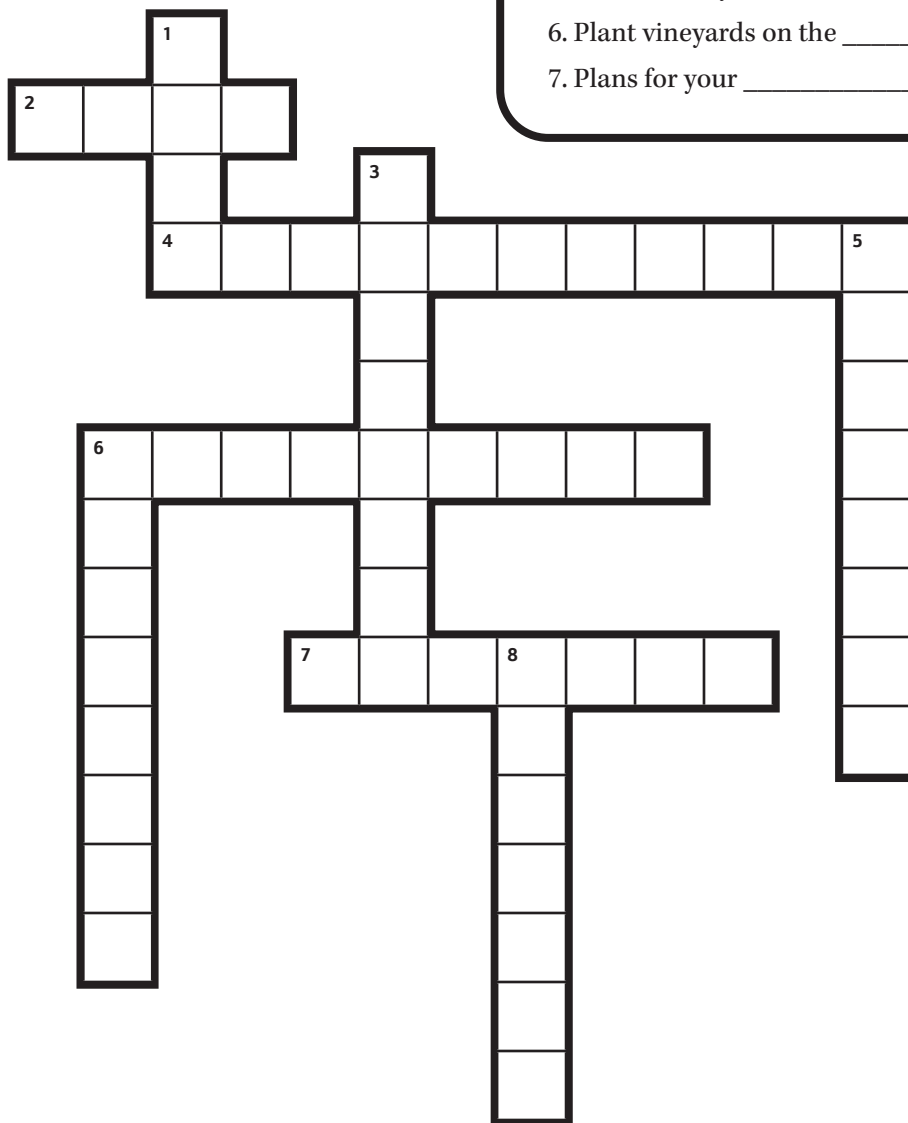
What words from Jeremiah give you hope?

Down

- 1. A future with _____ (Jer. 29:11)
- 3. Call upon me and come and _____ (Jer. 29:12)
- 5. I will comfort them, and give them _____ (Jer. 31:13)
- 6. I will turn their _____ into joy (Jer. 31:13)
- 8. I will _____ their iniquity (Jer. 31:34)

Across

- 2. “_____ the Lord,” for they shall all know me (Jer. 31:34)
- 4. I have loved you with an _____ love (Jer. 31:3)
- 6. Plant vineyards on the _____ of Samaria (Jer. 31:5)
- 7. Plans for your _____ (Jer. 29:11)



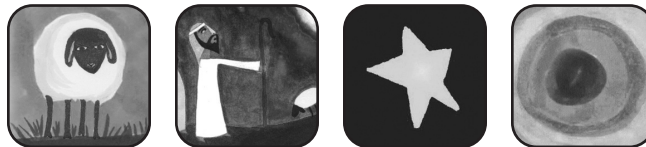
A Christmas Message

The angels told the shepherds some news, and the shepherds shared the news with others. Use the code to discover their message.

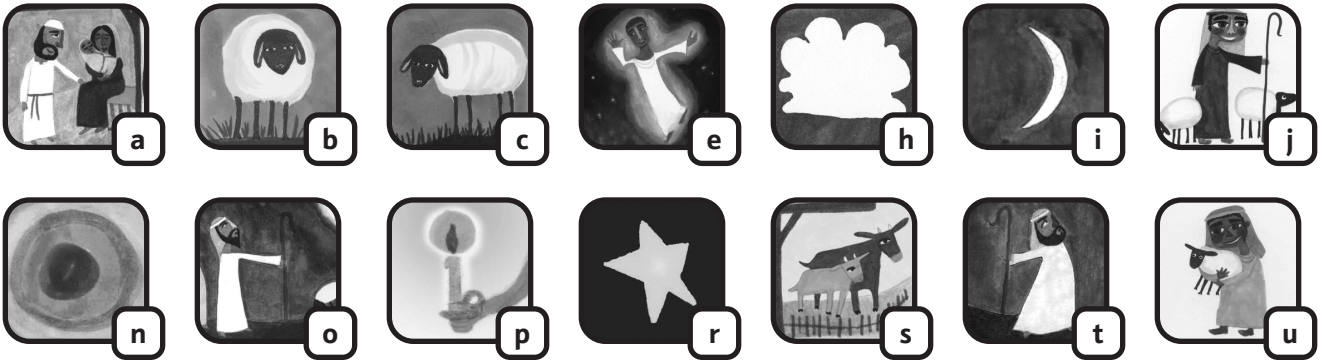








Key



Use various colors and designs to decorate the names for Jesus.

WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR

GOOD
SHEPHERD

MIGHTY
GOD

PRINCE
OF PEACE

Blessing Jar

4A

Cut out the “Blessing jar” title strip and glue it to the outside of a pint jar or a clear container. Decorate by using stickers, permanent markers, glitter glue, or bits of paper. Then cut out the remaining blessing strips, fold them, and place them inside the decorated jar.

BLESSING JAR

God says, “I know the plans I have for you, plans for your good and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” —based on Jeremiah 29:11

Wait for God. God will give you strength to mount up with wings like eagles. —based on Isaiah 40:31

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you. —Isaiah 41:10

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. —John 14:27

God will rejoice over you with gladness. —Zephaniah 3:17

God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. —Ephesians 3:20

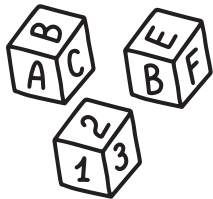
May God answer you in the day of trouble.
May God protect you and send you help. —from Psalm 20:1–2

May God grant you your heart's desire. —Psalm 20:4a

May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. —2 Thessalonians 3:16

God formed you and knit you together. You are wonderfully made. —based on Psalm 139:13–14

Jesus blessed the children. What do you think he said? Figure out the Bible blessings. Maybe he said one of these blessings. Choose three letters from the children's toys around the page to fill in the blanks for each word.



EAR

MAY THE GOD OF H _____
F _____ YOU WITH ALL
JOY AND _____ CE.

—ROMANS 15:13A (NIV)



OPE



ERS

MAY YOU BE _____ SSED
BY THE L _____, THE MAKER
OF HEAVEN AND _____ TH.

—PSALM 115:15 (NIV)



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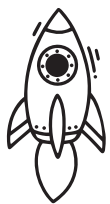
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BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAK _____,
FOR T _____ WILL BE
_____ LED CHILDREN OF GOD.

—MATTHEW 5:9 (NIV)



HIP



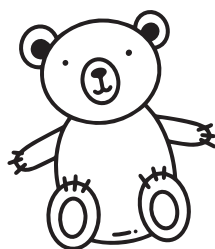
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MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS
CHR _____, AND THE LOVE OF GOD,
AND THE FELLOWS _____ OF THE
HOLY _____ RIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

—2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 (NIV)



PEA



HEY



ILL



IST



CAL

How can you use your gifts? Use the words from the Word Box to help you fill in the crossword puzzle.

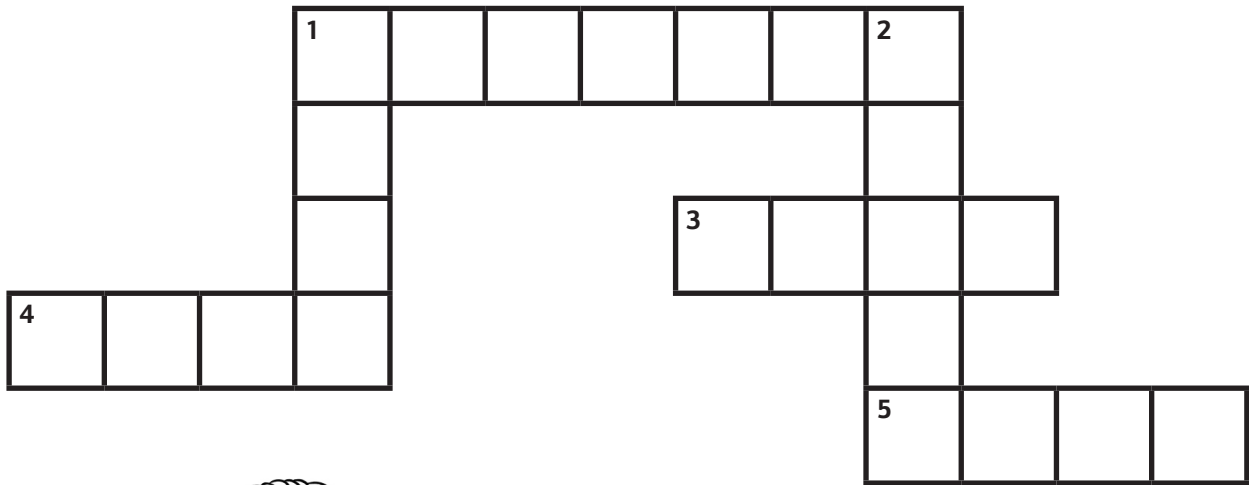
care comfort give help lead teach

Across

1. My friends are sad. I can _____ them.
3. The group needs someone to be in charge. I can _____.
4. I have extra toys. I can _____ some away.
5. The dishes need to be washed. I can _____.

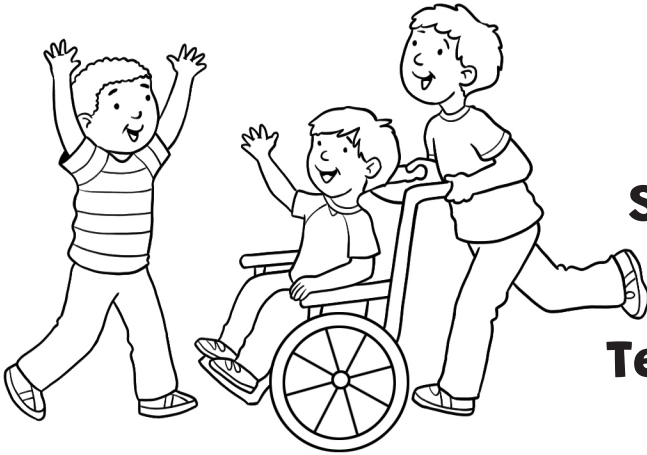
Down

1. I can _____ for younger children.
2. My brother does not know how to tie his shoes.
I can _____ him.



Did you know that you have gifts? Look the list below. What gifts do you think you have? Some might be no, some might be yes, and some might be maybe. Circle one under each gift.

If you have the gift of . . .



Prophecy, you tell others about God.

NO | MAYBE | YES

Serving, you help people when they need it.

NO | MAYBE | YES

Teaching, you help people learn new things.

NO | MAYBE | YES

Encouraging, you say kind words to someone who is frustrated.

NO | MAYBE | YES

Giving, you share what you have with others.

NO | MAYBE | YES

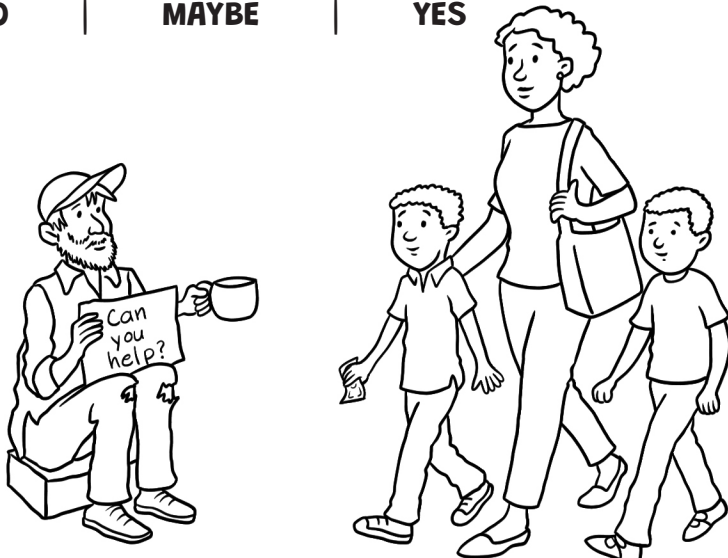


Leading, you show others what to do.

NO | MAYBE | YES

Compassion, you show love and kindness to people who are sad.

NO | MAYBE | YES



Consonant Code

Use the key to fill in all the consonants and discover the message from Isaiah 40.

♥ O ▲ I ☾

■ → E ♥ ■ E A ■

☾ ■ E A ■ O ■

A ★ ▲ ● ★ O ◆ ☾

A ☿ ☿ ■ → I ★ ♥ ☾.

Key

☾ = C

▲ = D

♥ = G

→ = H

● = K

☿ = L

★ = N

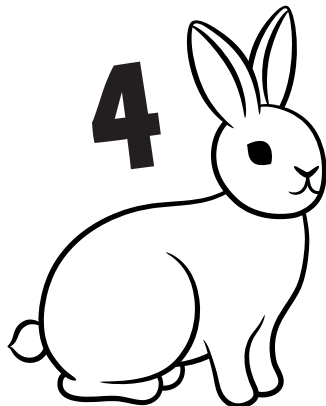
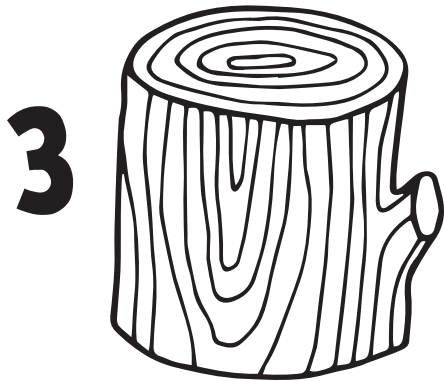
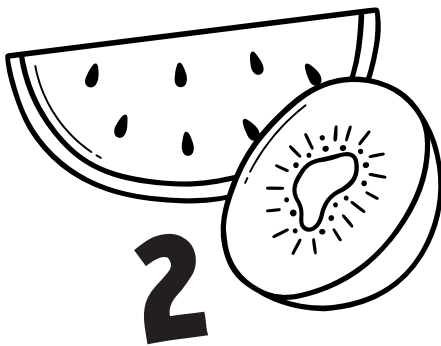
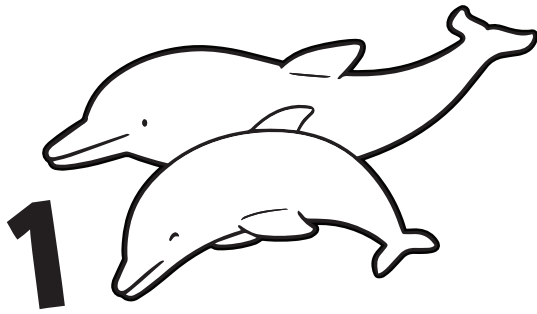
■ = R

☾ = S

■ = T

◆ = W

Draw lines to match the pictures with the correct sentences.

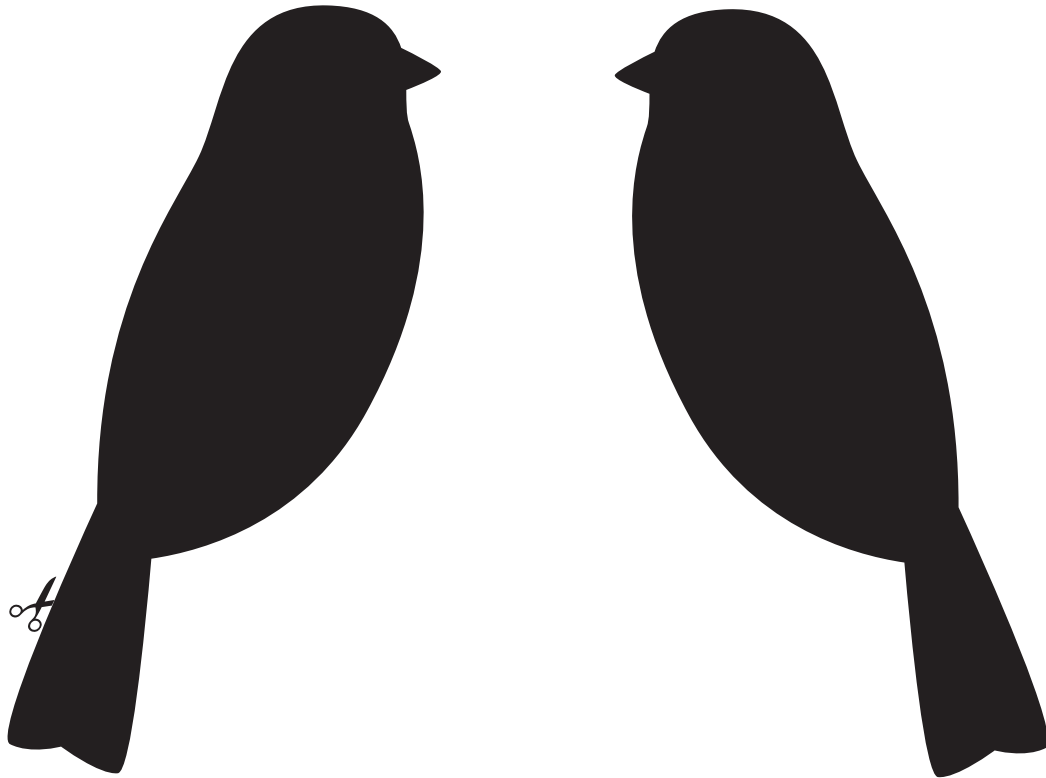


A Many seeds are kept safe inside fruit.

B A mother rabbit hides her bunnies safely in tall grass.

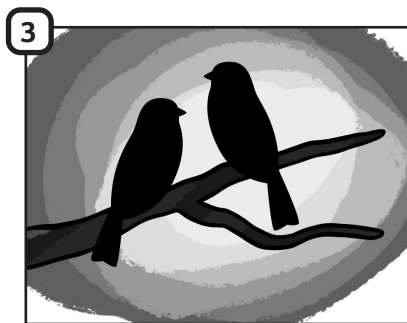
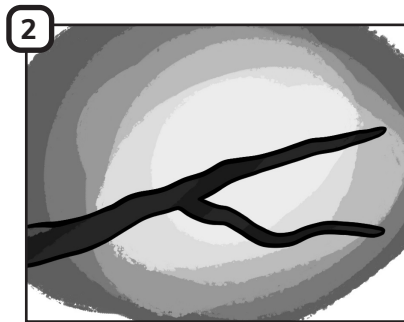
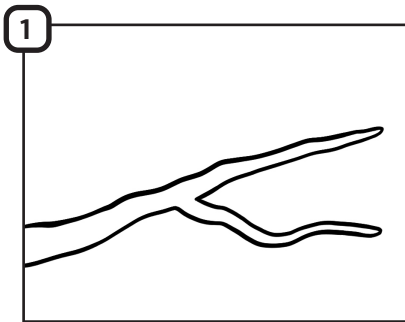
C If a shark attacks a baby dolphin, other dolphins circle the shark and ram their snouts into the shark's soft underbelly.

D Bark protects a tree trunk. Soil protects a tree's roots.



“UNDER [GOD’S] WINGS YOU WILL FIND REFUGE.”

—PSALM 91:4B (NRSVue)



Follow the instructions below to make bird silhouette art.

1. On a sheet of white paper, draw a thick branch or two for the birds to sit on.

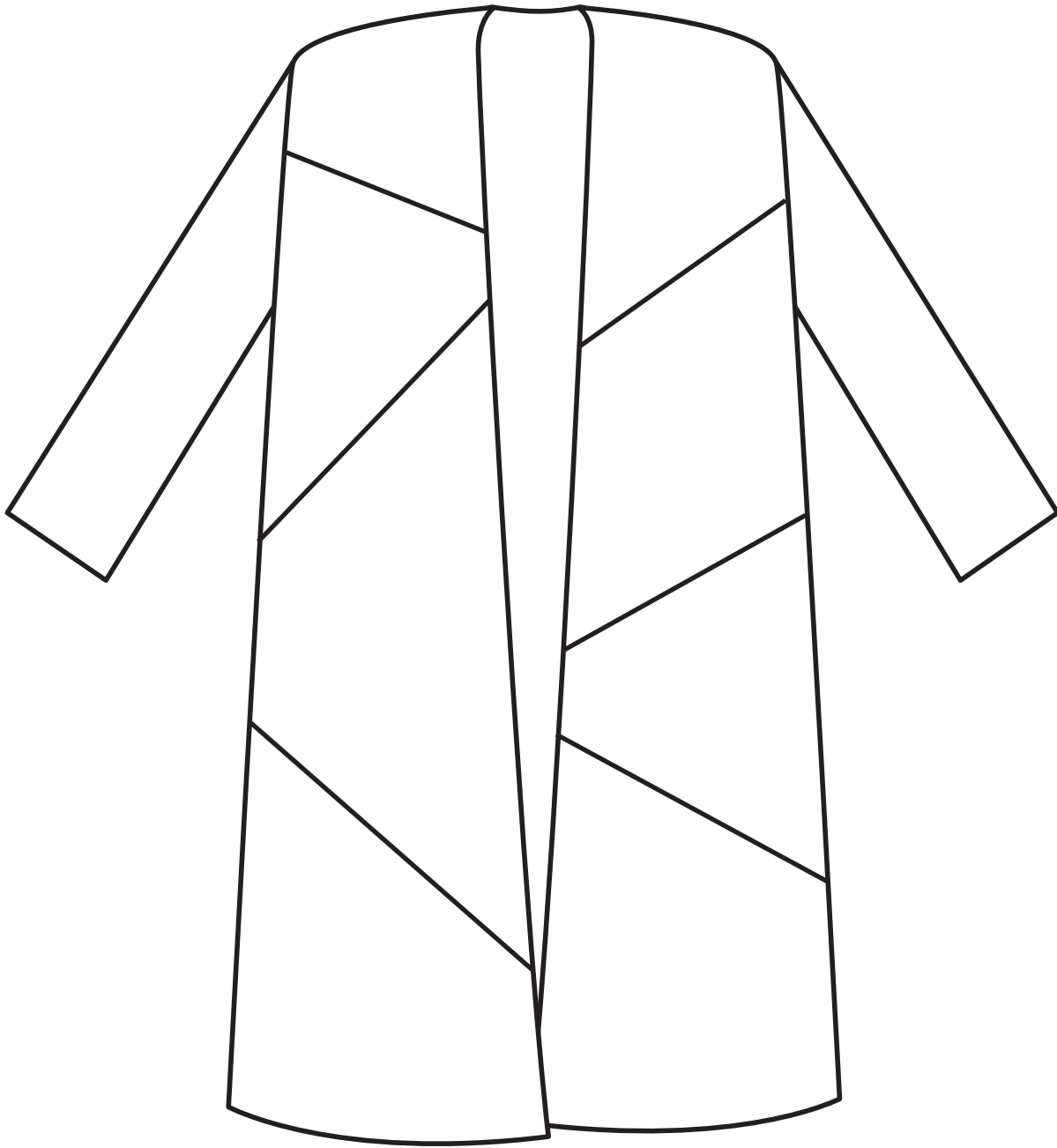
2. Fill the background with the colors of a sunset. Be careful not to cover the lines you drew for the branches. Fill in the branches with a dark color.

3. Cut out the birds and the verse strip. After the paint dries, glue them onto the colorful sunset scene.

Don't Worry About Clothes!

8A

Color the robe as you roll a die. Add the design that matches the number to one of the robe sections using crayons. Roll again and add the next design to a different section. *Option:* Choose which designs to use or design your own.









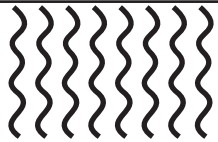
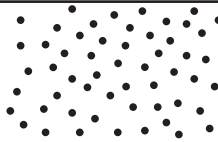

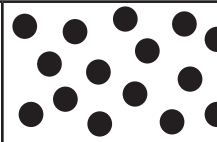
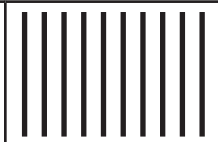

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| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
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Illustration by Dana Regan

Jesus in My Town

8B

Write or draw your answers to imagine Jesus in your town.

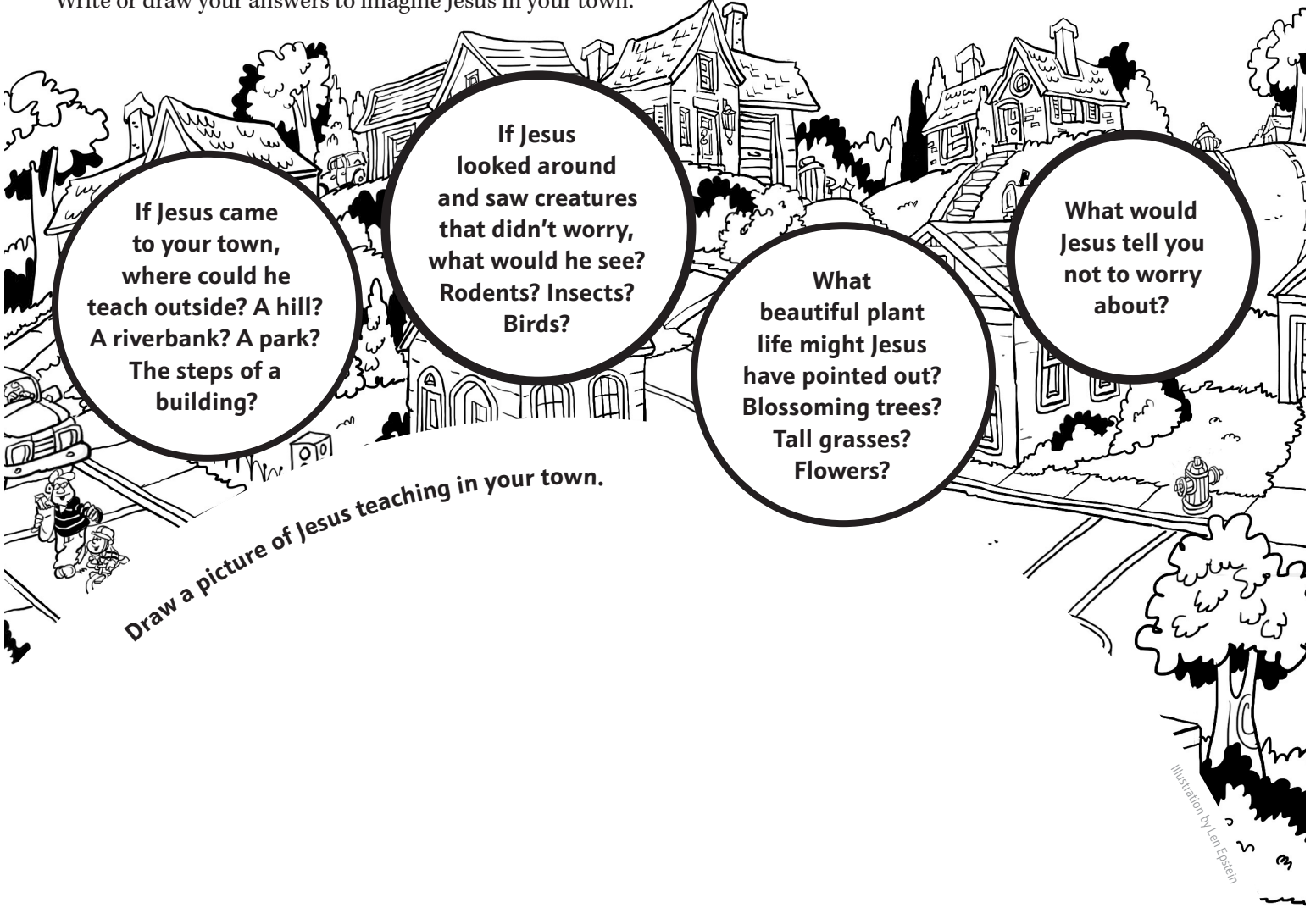
If Jesus came to your town, where could he teach outside? A hill? A riverbank? A park? The steps of a building?

If Jesus looked around and saw creatures that didn't worry, what would he see? Rodents? Insects? Birds?

What beautiful plant life might Jesus have pointed out? Blossoming trees? Tall grasses? Flowers?

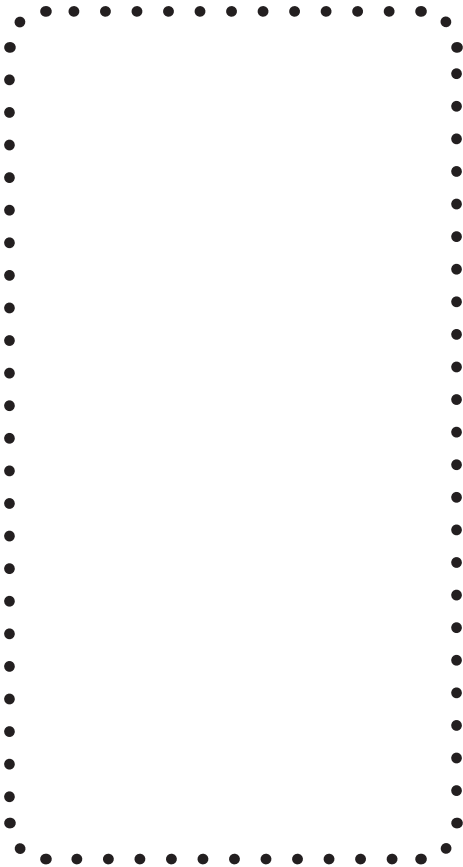
What would Jesus tell you not to worry about?

Draw a picture of Jesus teaching in your town.



What Comforts You?

Circle pictures that show things that help you feel better when you are sad. Draw your own idea in the empty box.



God Is Near

10A

Refer to *The Peace Table* to help you fill in the blanks and then find the words in the puzzle.

J O Y X L D P
O W Q P Z C E
M U F R S E A
G J E A Z V C
T N B Y R Y E
H O K G S C B
A L A E X T U
N B D T R U E
K I G V F D M
S O Z A B F L

JOY
PEACE
PRAY
THANKS
TRUE

Be filled with _____.

Think about things that are good and _____.

Give _____ for what you have.

God's _____ will fill your heart and mind.

_____ and ask God for what you need.



Hidden Message

10B

Read Philippians 4:8 (CEB) to help you unscramble the words. Use your answers to fill in the hidden message. Put the letter above the number in the correct spot below.

FOCUS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE THINGS:

CEXELNETL: _____
8 6

RAMDIBLEA: _____
7



ERTU: _____
1

YOHL: _____
5

STUJ: _____
12

UPRE: _____
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VEOLYL: _____
3 11

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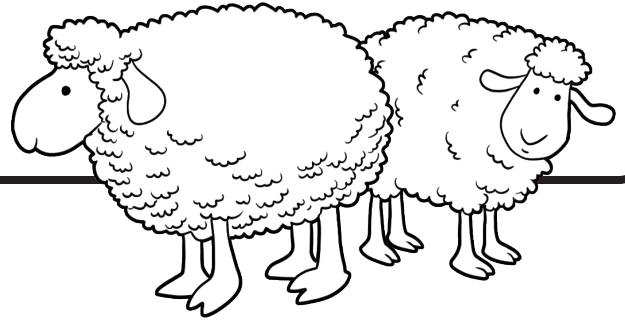
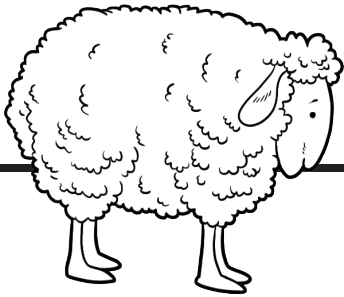
HIDDEN MESSAGE:

_____ GOD _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life.

— PSALM 23:1-3A (CEV)

Draw a safe place for sheep. Do not forget fields of green grass and streams of water.



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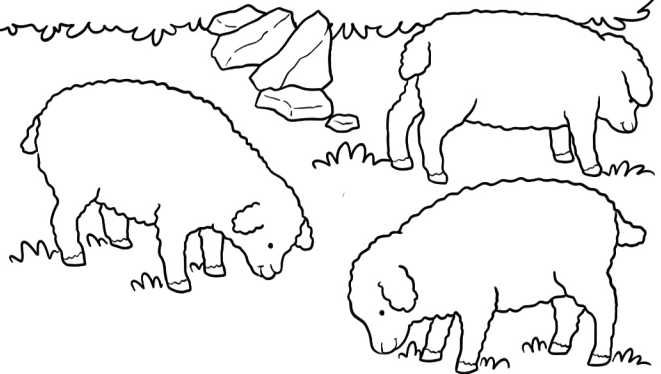
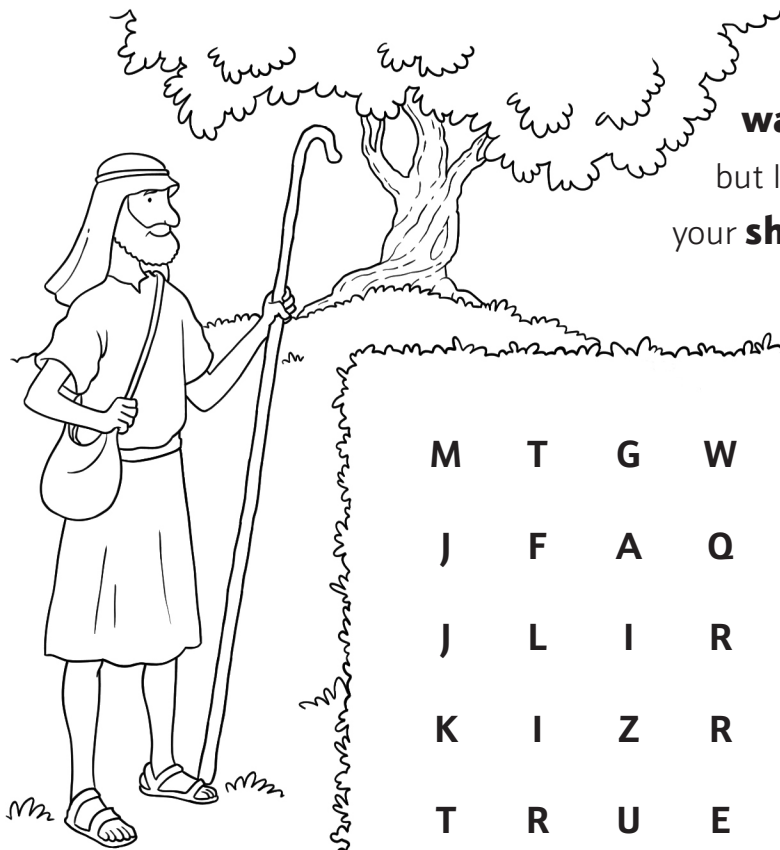
Draw a picture of where you can rest and feel peace.

Finding God in the Valley

Read the Bible verses. Find the bold words in the word search.

You are **true** to your name, and you lead me along the **right paths**. I may **walk** through **valleys** as **dark** as **death**, but I won't be **afraid**. You are with me, and your **shepherd's rod** makes me feel **safe**.

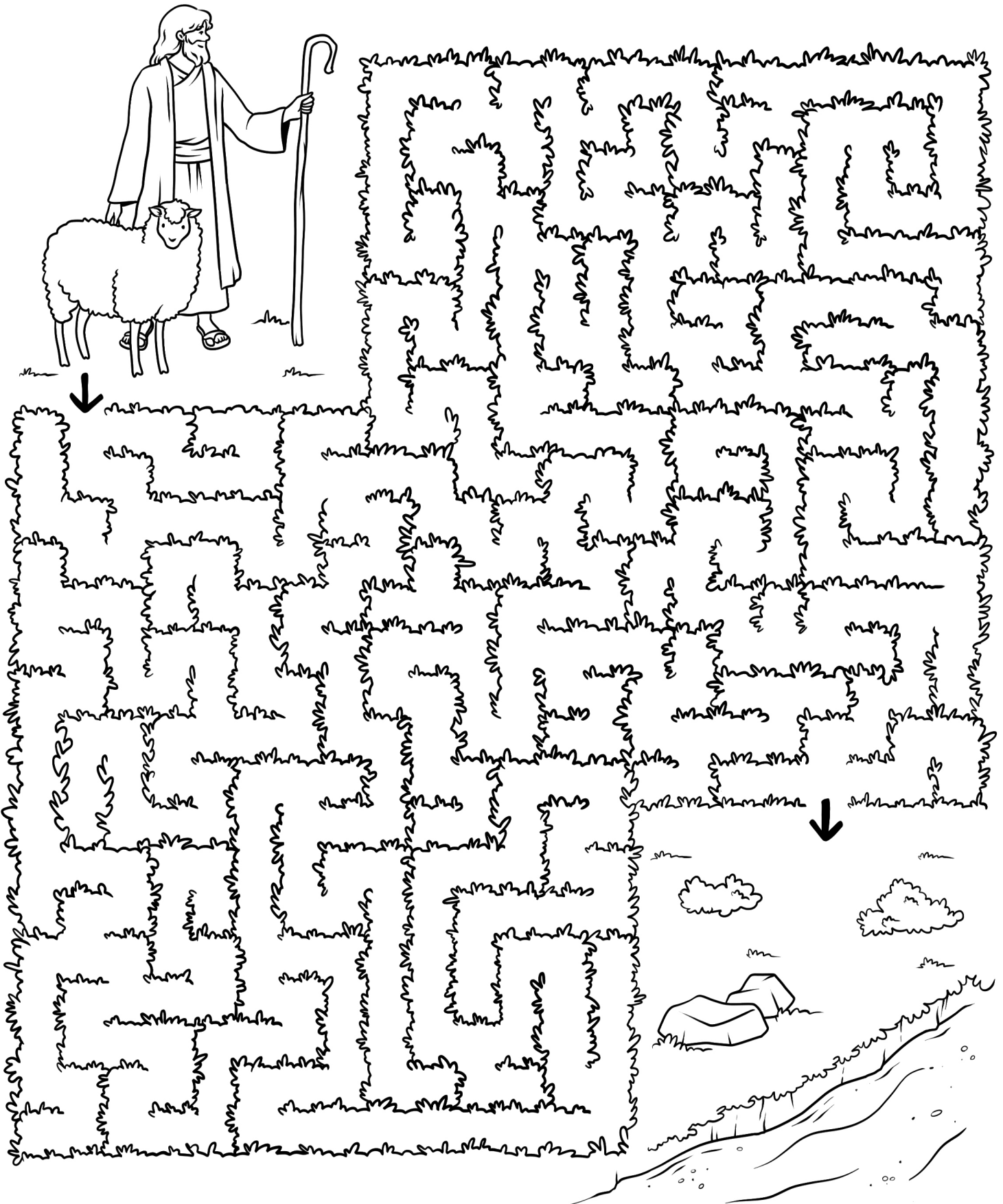
—PSALM 23:3B-4 (CEV)



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Lead the Mother Sheep

Help the shepherd lead the mother sheep through the maze to the stream of water.



A Message of Hope

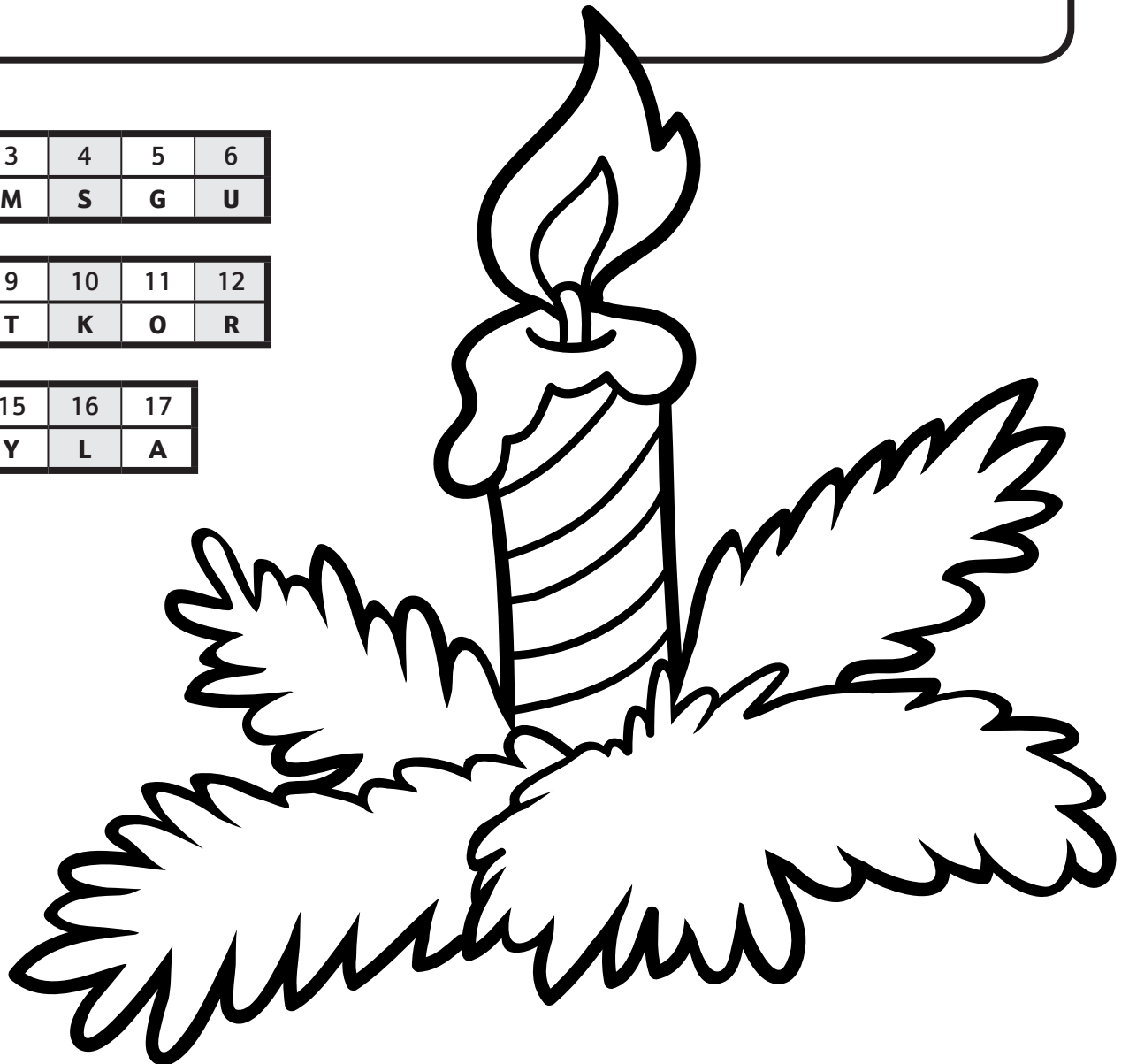
Isaiah 40 is a message from God to the people. Figure out the message, using the alphabetical code.

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| 5 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 17 | 10 | 1 |
| 17 | 16 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 9 |

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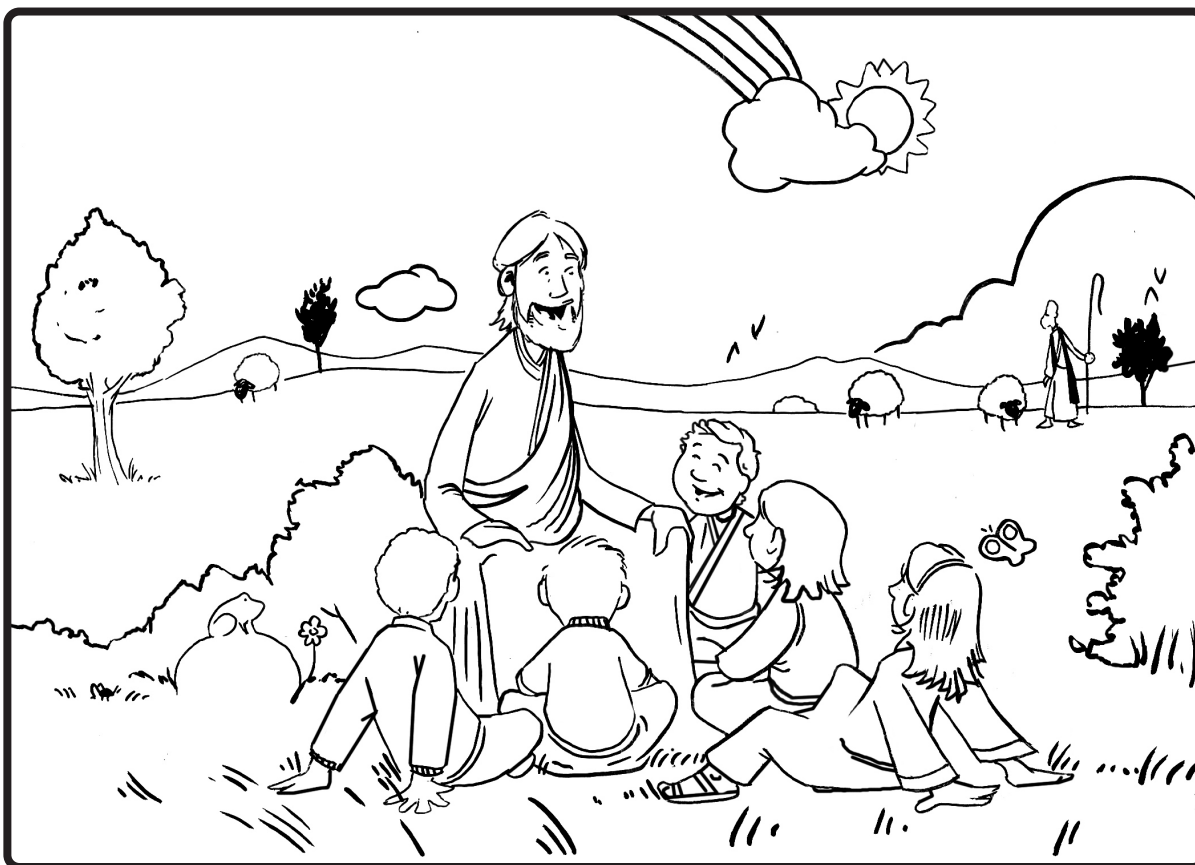
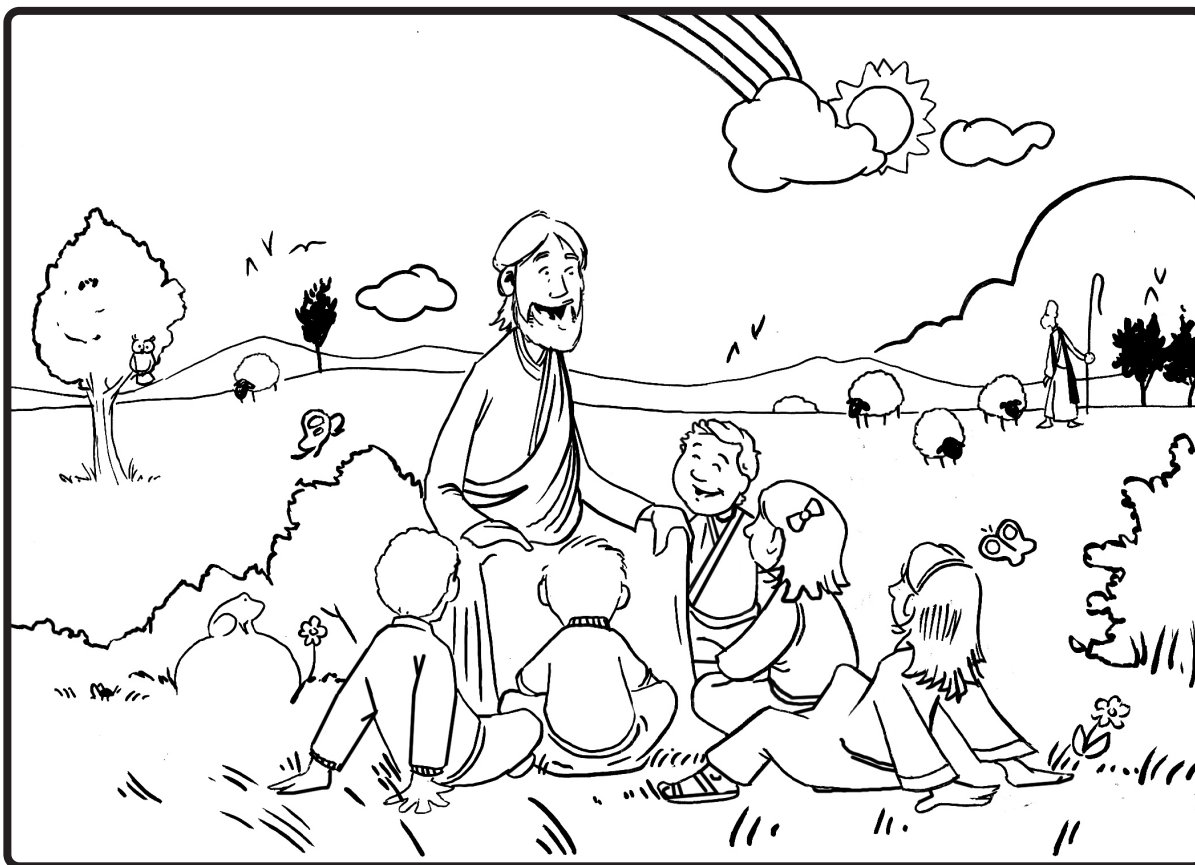
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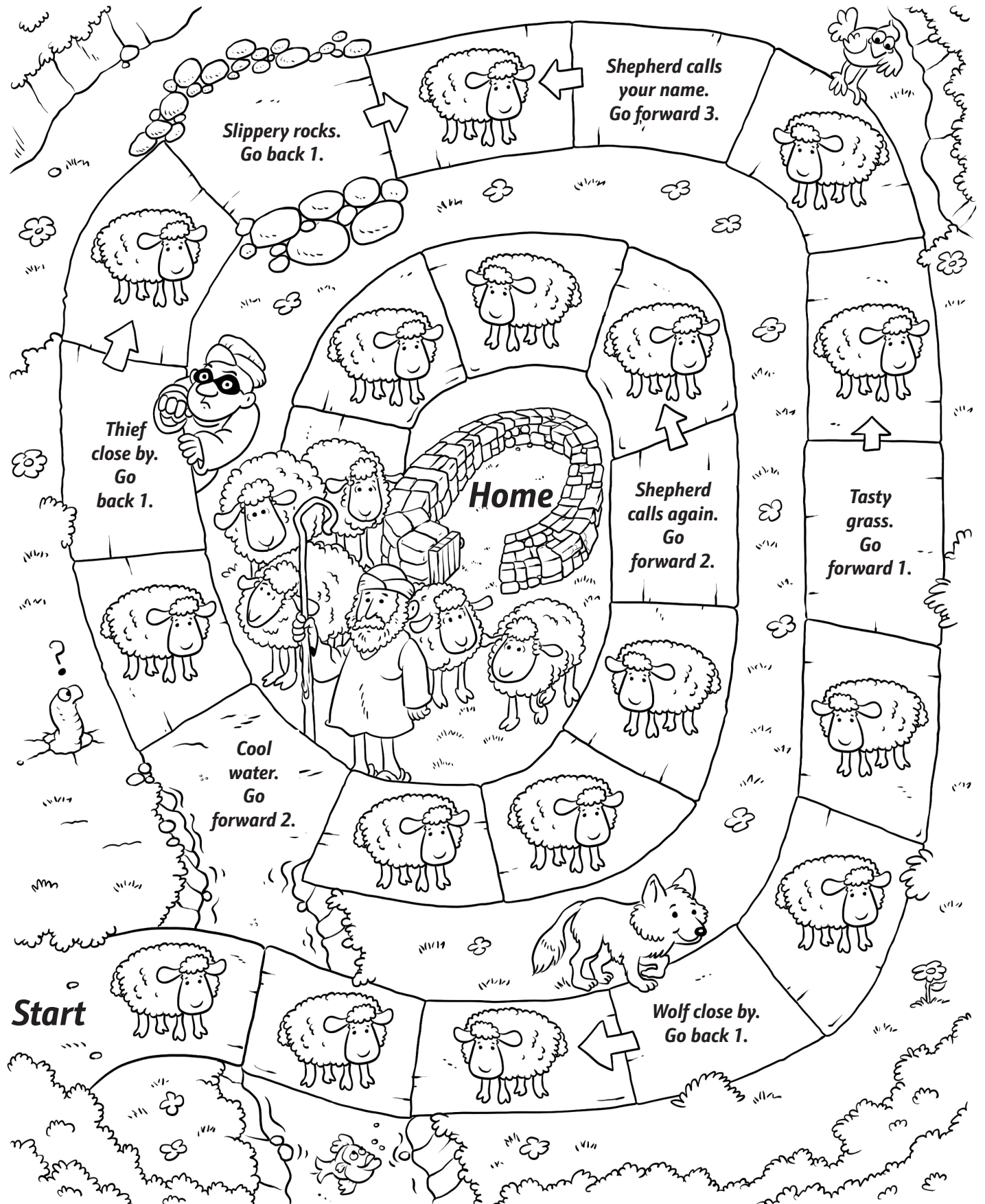
Find the Differences

Find eight differences between these two scenes. Then color the pictures.

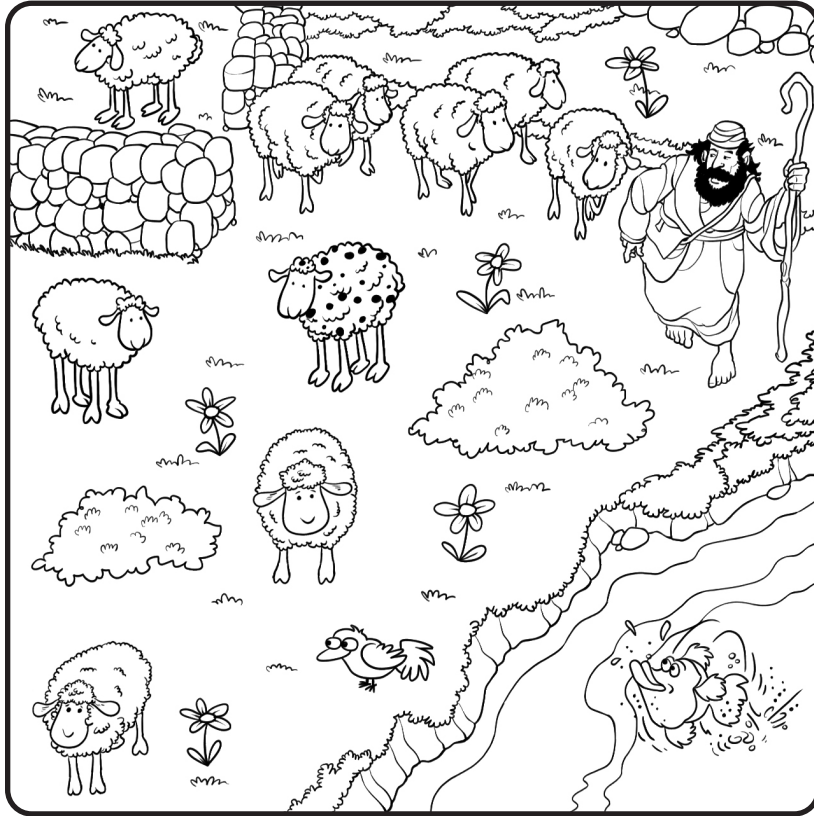


Safe Sheep Game

God is like a shepherd providing shelter and protection. Find a partner and choose a gamepiece to move along the path. Toss a coin. Move your game piece 2 spaces for heads and 1 space for tails.



Find and circle or count the items next to each picture.



1. Circle and find:

- Spotted sheep
- Bird
- Fish
- Two bushes

2. How many sheep are in the picture?

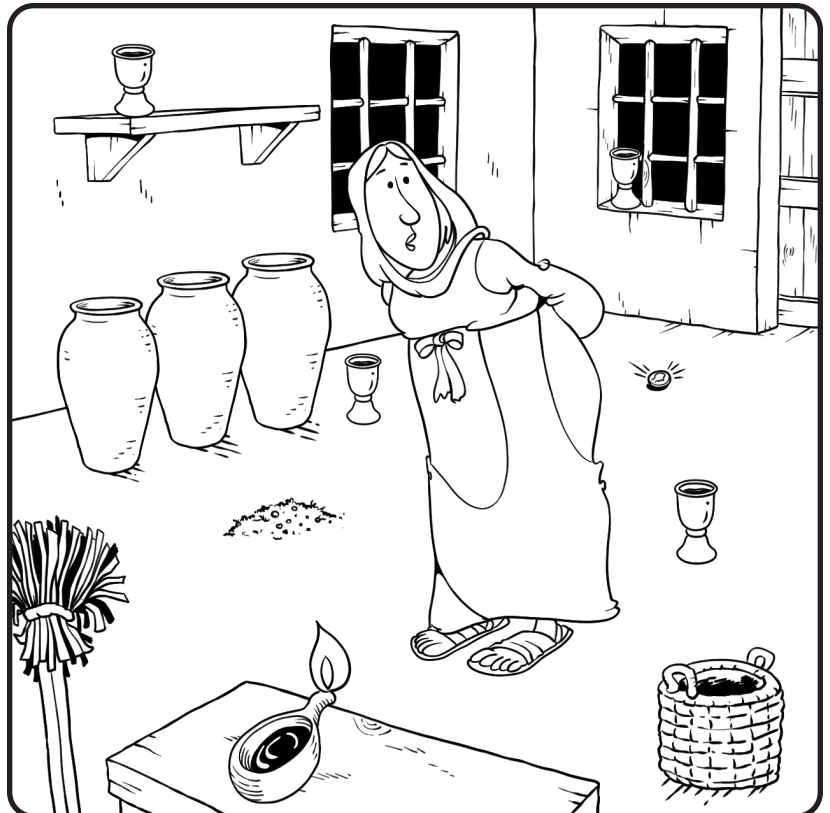
3. How many flowers are in the picture?

1. Circle and find:

- Lamp
- Basket
- Pile of dirt
- Lost coin

2. How many jars are on the floor?

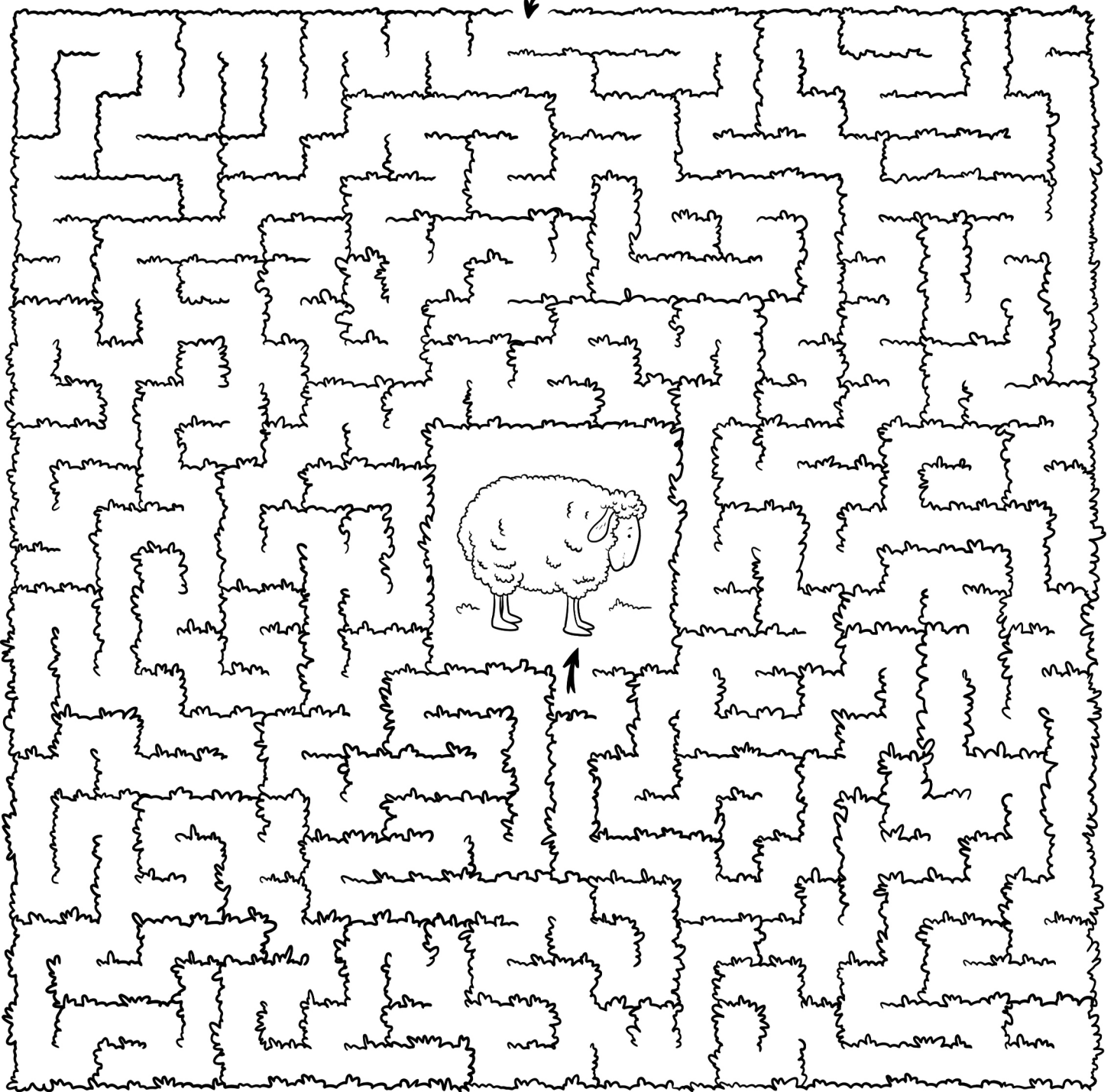
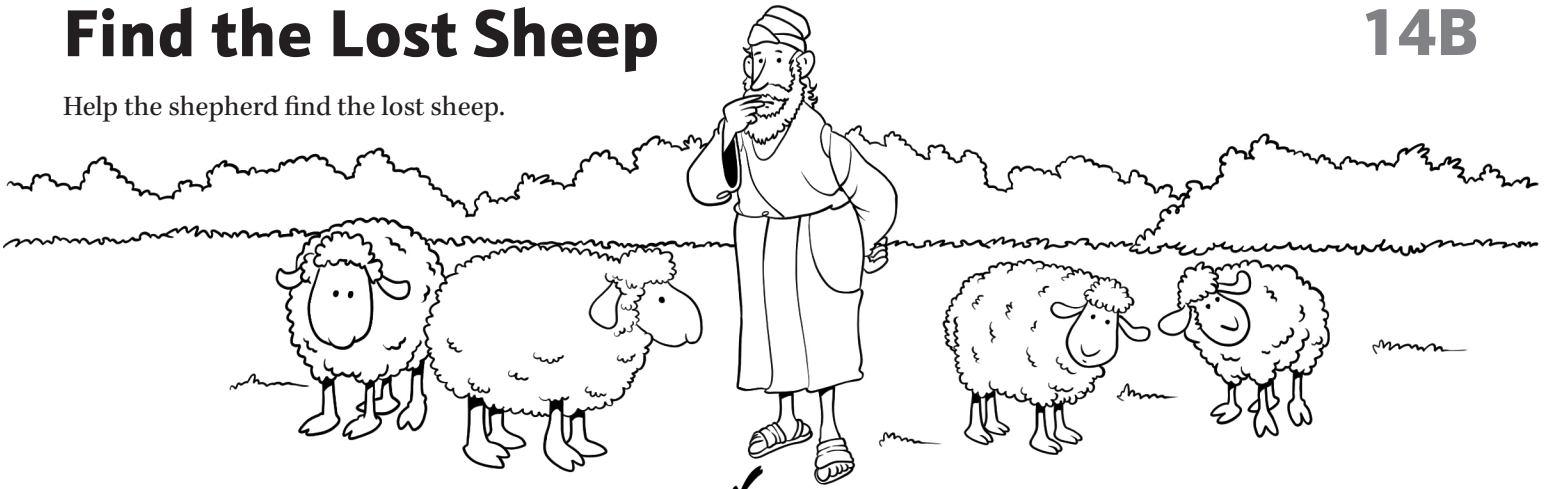
3. How many cups are in the picture?



Find the Lost Sheep

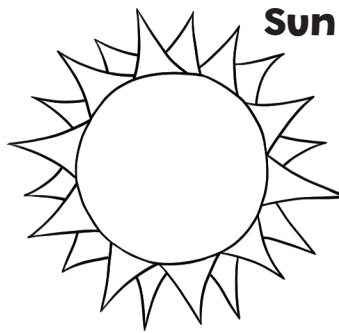
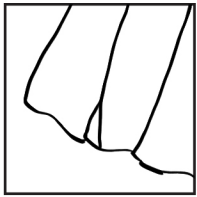
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Help the shepherd find the lost sheep.

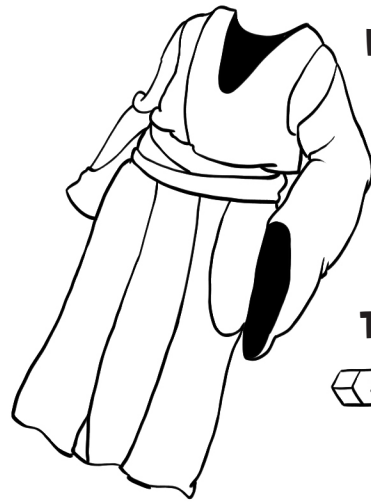


John's Vision

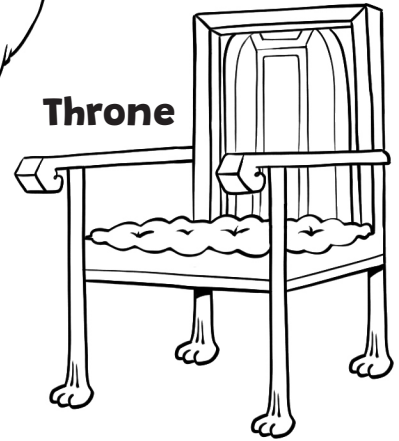
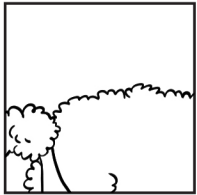
What did John see in his vision? Draw lines to match the closeups on the left with the pictures on the right.



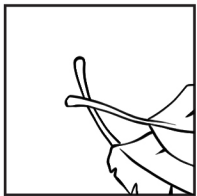
Sun



White robe

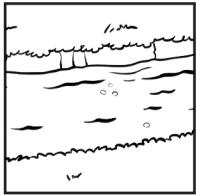


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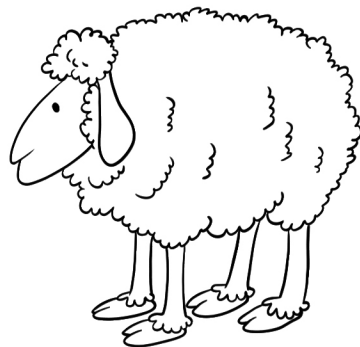
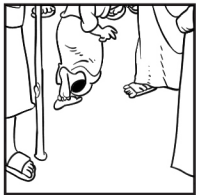


Angel

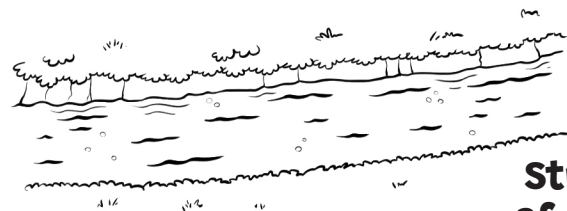
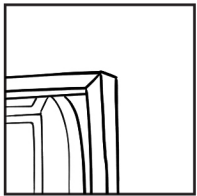
Crowd of people



Palm branch



Lamb

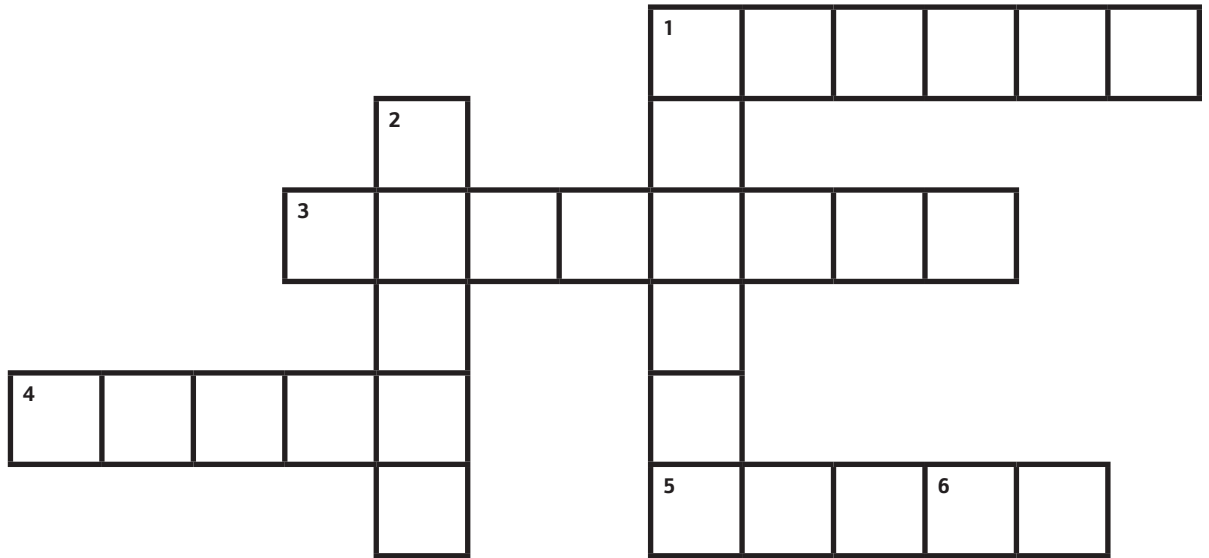


Stream of water



Jesus Is Worthy

Jesus the Lamb is worthy to receive many things. Find out what they are by unscrambling the words. Then insert them in the crossword puzzle.



Down

1: DIMSOW

2: YOLGR

6: RONOH



Across:

1: ALWEHT

3: LIGNESBS

4: WROPE

5: GIHTM

