

The Tabernacle



Introduction

This week we will explore the building of the tabernacle. The passages covering the building of the tabernacle which are found in Exodus 25:1-31:18 and Exodus 35:4-40:38. You may choose to go into more detail with your child, but we will focus on the main points of--

- God wants to dwell among His people.
- God wants us to use the gifts He has given us.
- We should offer what we can to God.

Video playlist



Lesson guide

Ask the child if they remember what Moses received on Mount Sinai. Explain that God gave Moses plans for the tabernacle.

Ask the child if they know what a plan is. Explain that we can make verbal plans such as what to eat for lunch. Point out that we can also drawn plans to follow when we build something. Pick out something simple to make with your child. There are many available craft plans on the internet. Show your child the steps on the plan as you do them. Point out that in order to create the item you are attempting to make; you need to follow the steps as they are laid out. Tell the child how God had very specific steps to follow to make Him His house.

Explain to the child that the people of Israel made offerings to God. Think about some ways that you can offer something to God. You can use this as a way to teach the child about tithes and offerings. Point out that we can offer things other than money to God like the Israelites who donated their time. Pick out a person who is going through a rough time with health or another trial. Explain to the child that you are going to donate your time to help this person. Try to select a task that interests your child. If they enjoy drawing, create a Get Well Soon card. Offer to do a simple task for the person such as washing their car. You can help your child bake a sweet if that is where their talent/interest lies. Whatever task you select, make sure that you allow the child to work and feel the sense of accomplishment. Pray before you begin to tell God that this is an offering for Him. Thank the Lord that He gave you the ability to make this offering to Him.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. Tell the child that we no longer need to build God a tabernacle since He lives in the hearts of believers. Remind the child of the steps the Israelites needed to take to build God's house. Point out that we can make our hearts God's dwelling place by repenting and trusting in Jesus to save us from our sins. Read Ephesians 3:17.

The Tabernacle

Do you remember that Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive God's law? While He was there, God told Moses something else that Moses and the people of Israel needed to do for God.

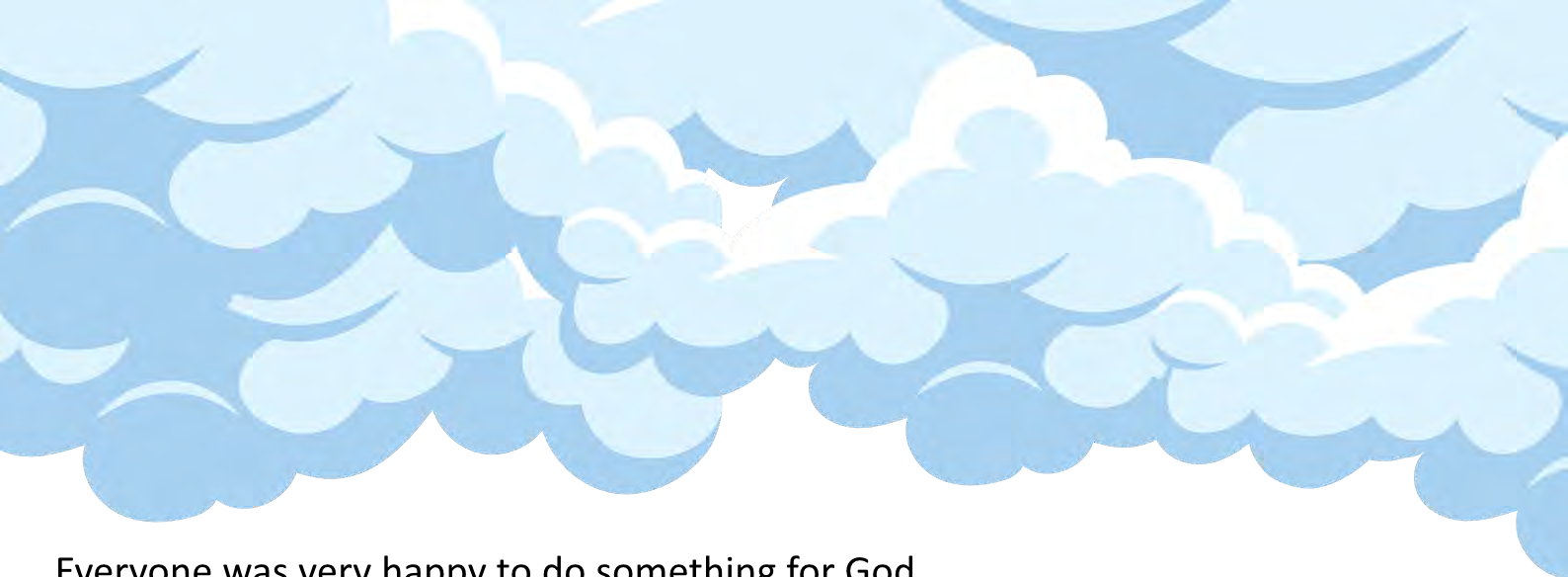
"Make me a tabernacle, because I want to dwell among you." God said to Moses. "I will tell you exactly how the tabernacle should be made." The tabernacle is a very special tent where God would dwell while Israel travelled through the desert. God wanted everything to be perfect from the size of the tabernacle, to the colours, to the furniture. God told them how big each thing should be. What colours to use and how to make it.

The people of Israel heard that God wanted them to build Him a house. Moses told them, "Everyone who is willing should bring to the Lord an offering to build His tabernacle." The children of Israel happily began to gather up gold, jewels, cloth, furs, and wood to donate to make God's house for Him.

"If anyone is skilled in creating items from wood, metal, or cloth, they should come and use their skills to build God's house." Moses said.

Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to God. Some brought gold. Others brought silver. People who could embroider well came and offered to spend their time creating beautiful embroidered cloth for God's house. Men who knew how to work with metal said, "We will use the skills God gave us to work with metal to build God's house."





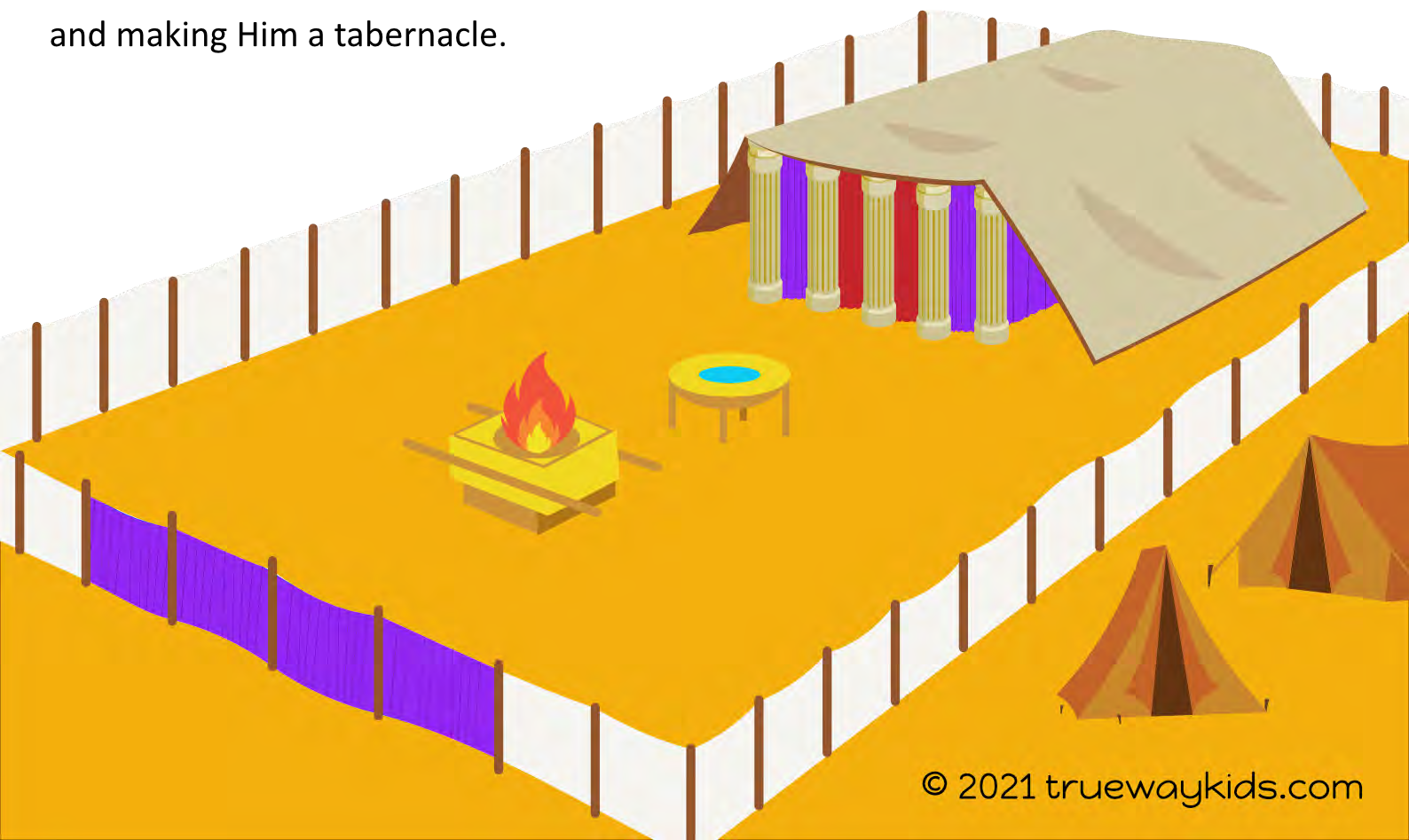
Everyone was very happy to do something for God.

At last, they had finished the plan that God had given them to follow. Moses inspected the work that the Israelites had done and saw they had worked very hard to do everything exactly as God had commanded. Moses blessed them.

Finally, it was time to put all their work together and set up the tabernacle.

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filled the house they had made for God.

When it was time for the Israelites to move, the cloud would lift from the tabernacle. If it did not lift, then the Israelites would stay where they were. At night, fire was in the cloud. All of Israel could see the presence of God over the house they had made Him. They had pleased God by obeying Him and making Him a tabernacle.



Label the Tabernacle

The gate of the court

The Altar of sacrifice



Court

The Tabernacle

Laver

Tabernacle Word Search

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

Words to find

Altar

Lampstand

Covenant

Court

Laver

Incense

Mercy-Seat

Tabernacle

Table

Ark

Gate

Tent





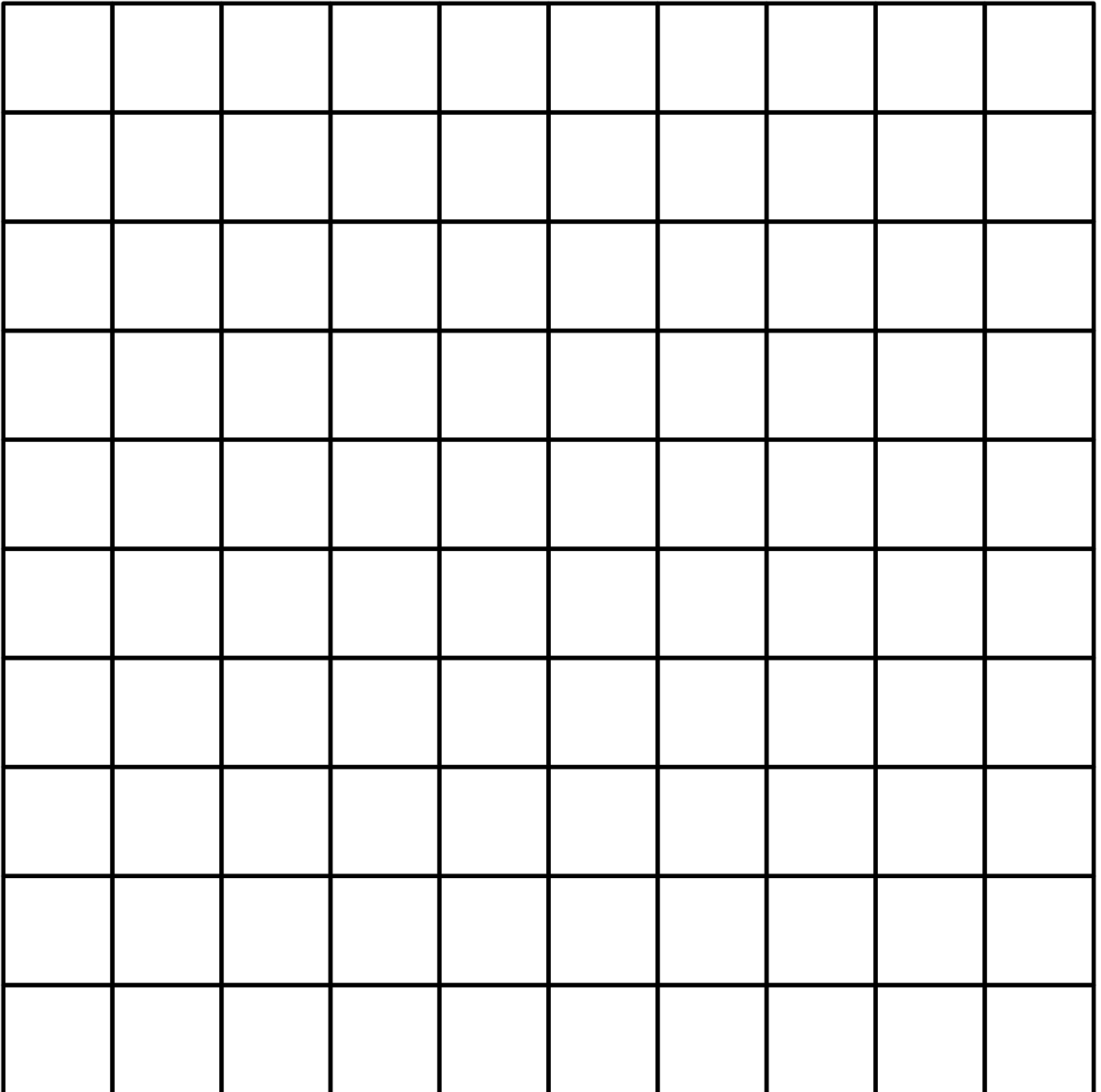
My Special Talent

Each of the Israelites used their talents for God in order to finish the Tabernacle.

Draw or write the special talents God has given you.



It was very important for Moses and the Israelites to follow all the measurement God gave them. Practice your measuring skills.



1) Draw a square 2 x 2

3) Draw a rectangle 5 x 2

2) Draw a triangle 2 x 3

4) Draw a circle 3 x 3

Games and Activities

Tent building relay

Materials: Items to build a small den such as chairs, blanket etc or a basic two-man tent.

How to play: Place all the items on one side of a room.

Ask the children a true or false question. They should stand up if its true or sit down if it is false.

Whenever they answer correctly, they may collect one item for their tent.

The first team to collect all items and finish building their tent wins.



Blindfold tent building

Materials: Items to build a small den such as chairs, blanket etc or a basic two-man tent and a blindfold.

How to play: Place a blindfold on one or two players.

The other player should give them instructions to build the tent.

Talk about how important it was for the people to listen to God's instructions.

Think about how we must also listen to God's instruction.



“Ark of the Covenant Relay”

Materials: 4 poles or pool noodles and two shoe boxes

How to play: Form two equal teams. The children will choose a partner and each team will receive 2 pool noodles and an empty shoe box.

Talk about how the people of Israel could not touch the Ark, so they had to move it with poles.

Each pair must carry the “ark of the Covenant” from one point to another point and back without letting the shoe box drop. The team that finishes first will win.

Talk about the Ark of the Covenant, and how it symbolised God's presence with his people. It was a wooden chest covered by gold, and God gave His people specific instructions to carry it with care.



Tabernacle Craft

What you need

- 1 Large cereal box, 1 individual cereal box & smaller box
- 1 bottle top
- 3 sheets of white paper
- Colour paper
- Purple crate paper
- Gold paint
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pen



What to do



Cut top and side of large cereal box. Leave flaps at top. Cut top of small cereal box.



Glue white paper onto the outside of large cereal box



Glue crate paper onto front of small cereal box to make curtain. Cover rest of box in coloured paper



Glue crate paper onto one side of front gate. This allows the curtain to be opened and closed.



Paint the smallest box and bottle top with gold paint. Crunch a bit of orange paper to make fire for the alter and cut a small blue circle to make water for the basin.



Glue some brown paper onto the top of the small cereal box. Leave sides unglued so the paper makes a tent canopy.

Add details with pen.

Ark of the Covenant Craft

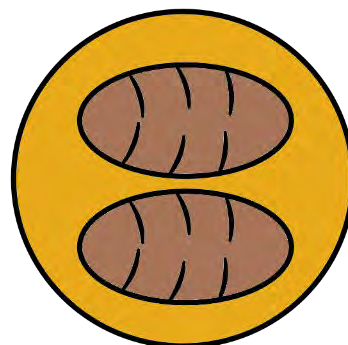
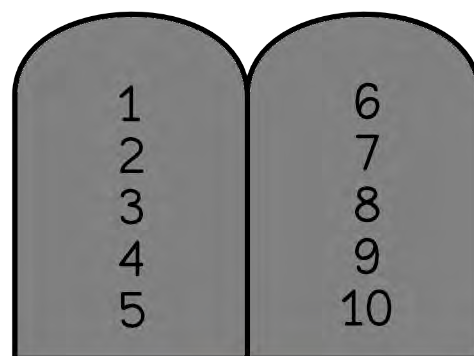
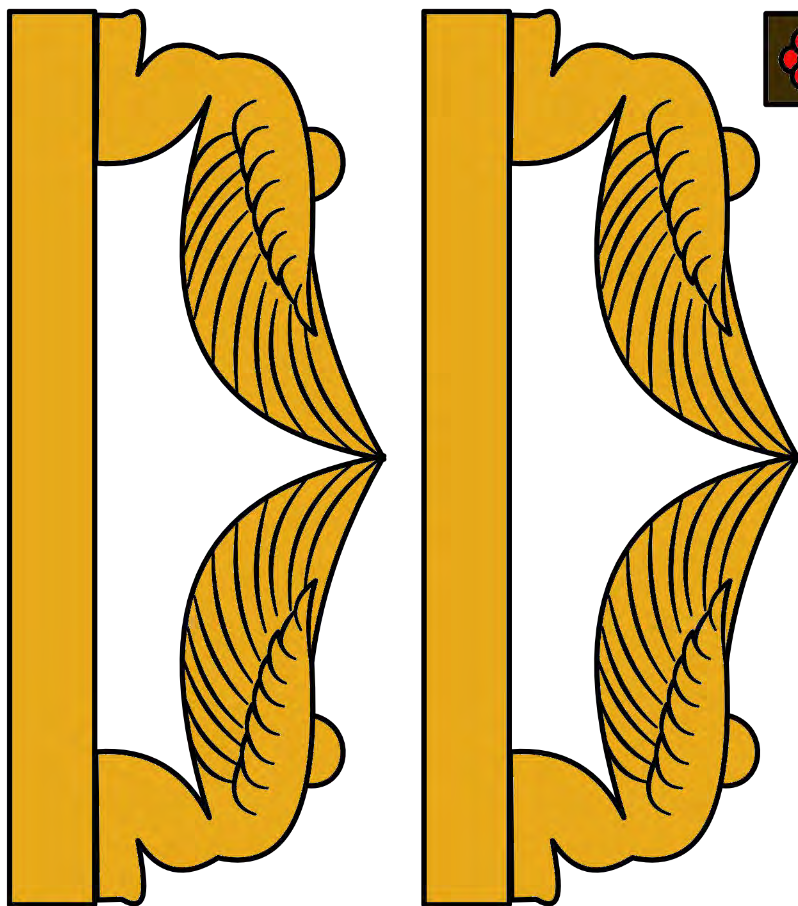
What you need:

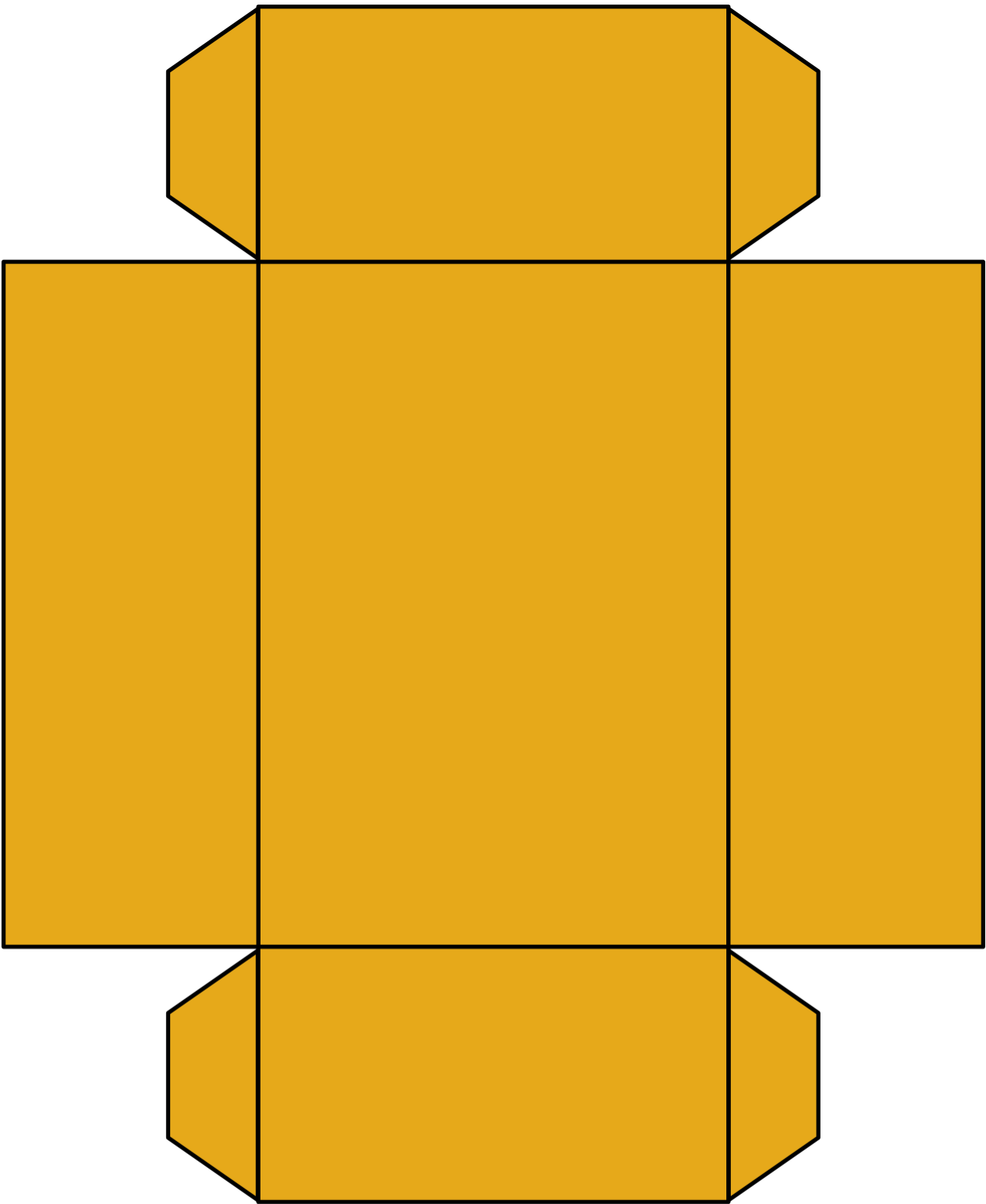
- Template pages (black and white or colour)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colouring equipment

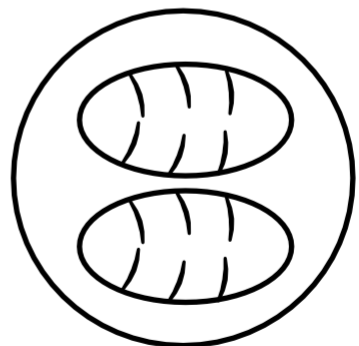
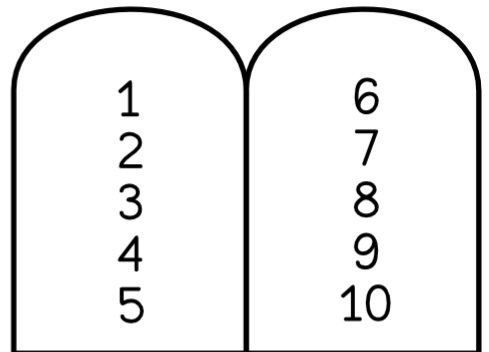
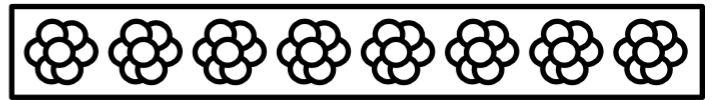
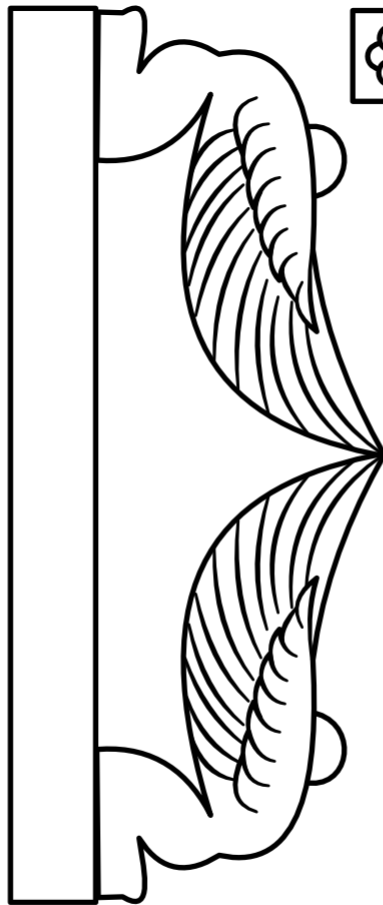
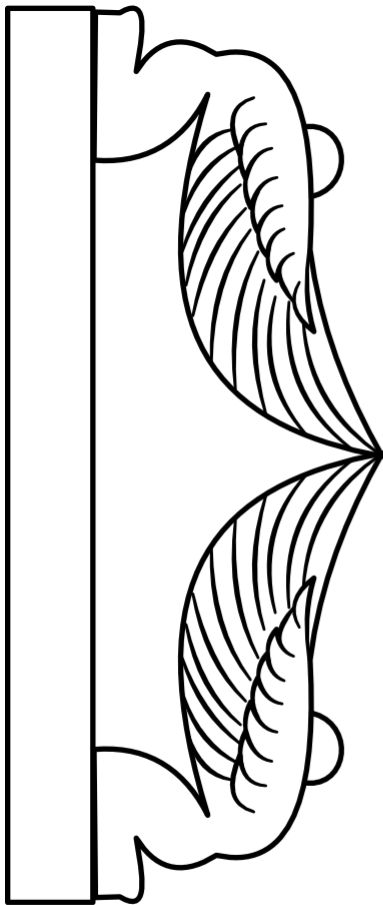
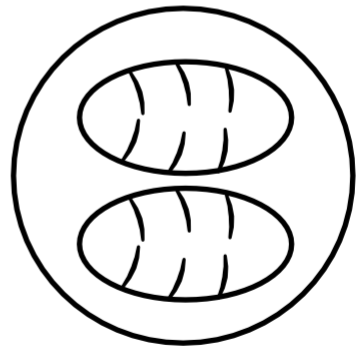
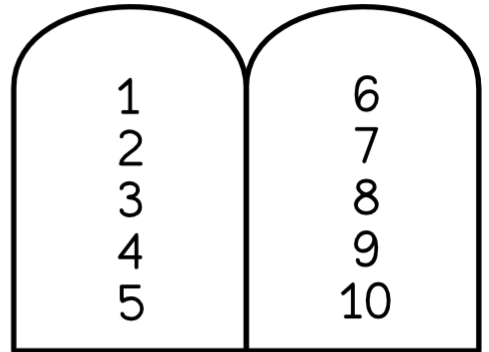
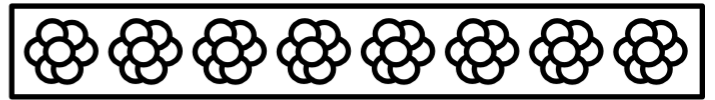
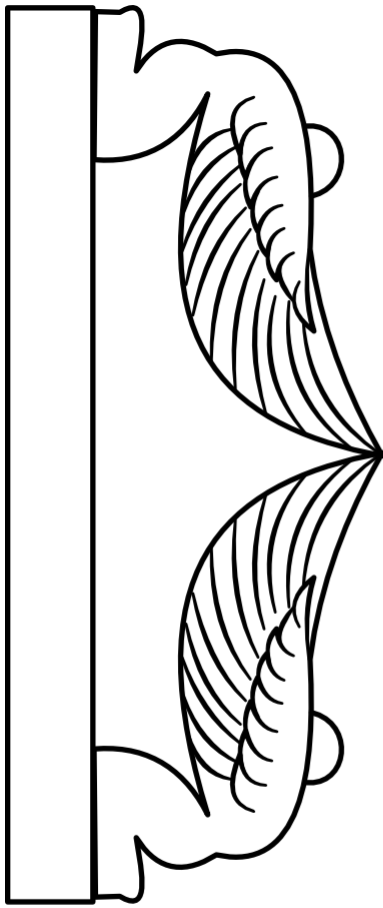


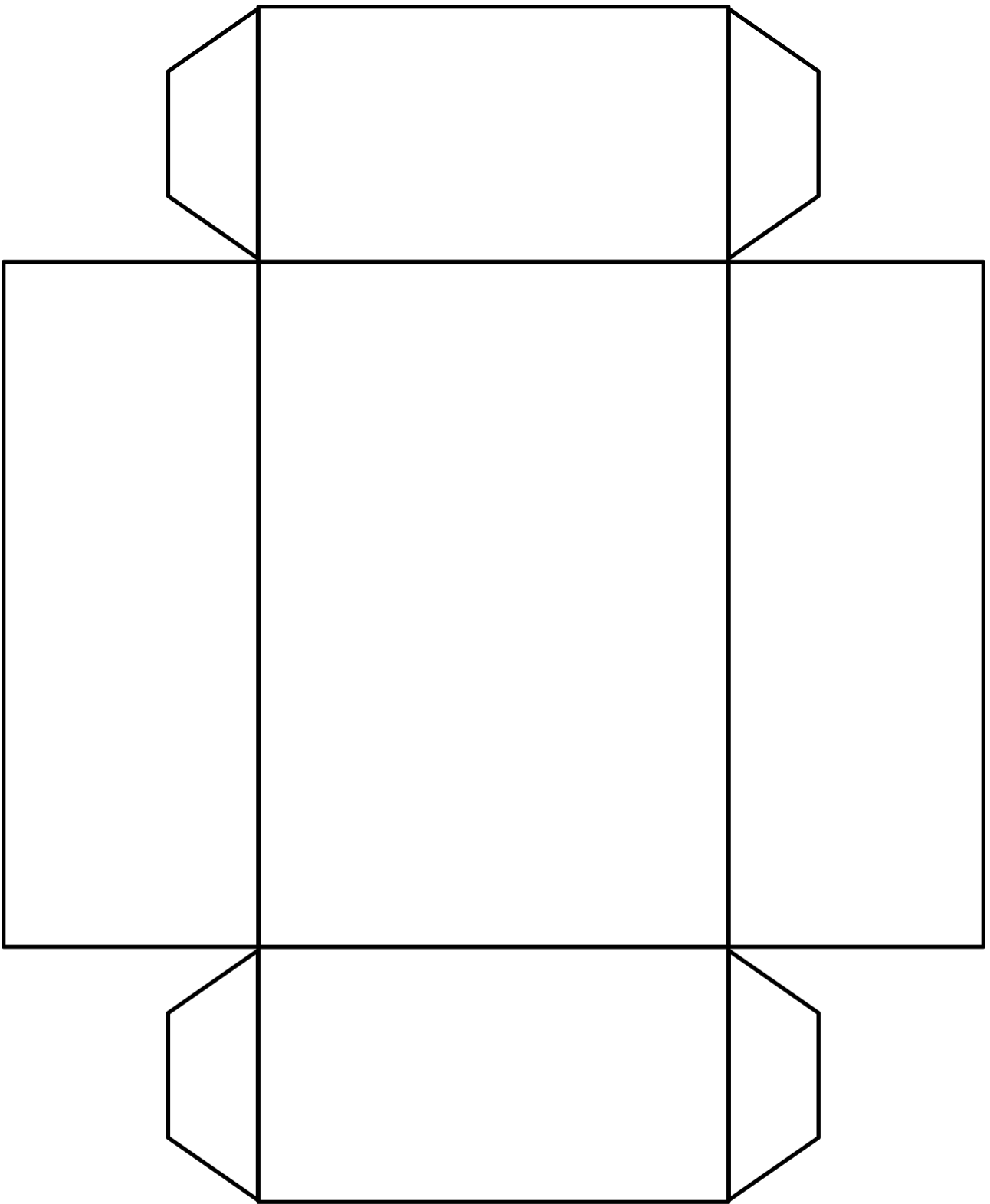
What to do:

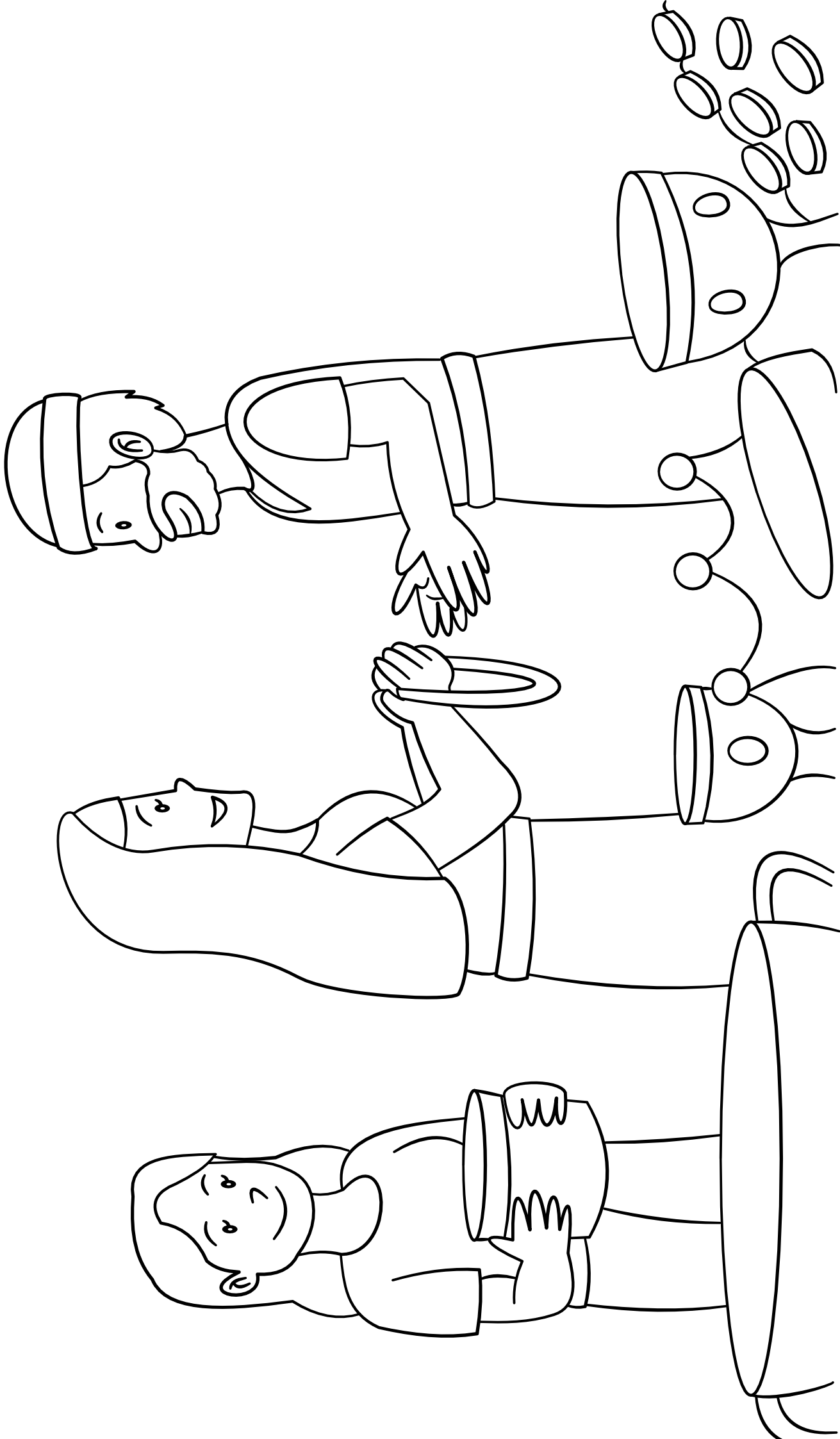
1. Colour the template pages.
2. Cut out all the parts.
3. Glue the angels onto the ark.
4. Place objects inside

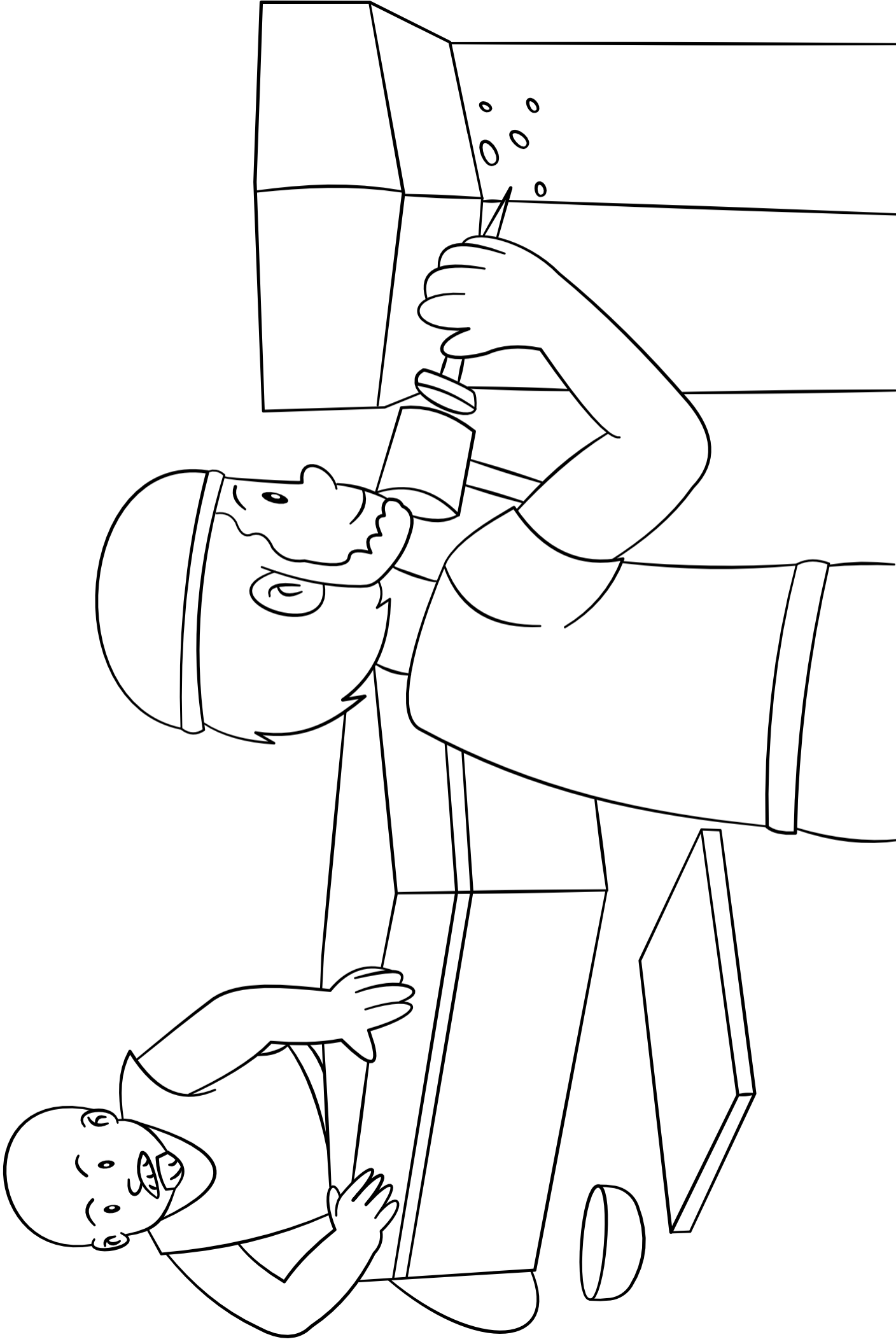


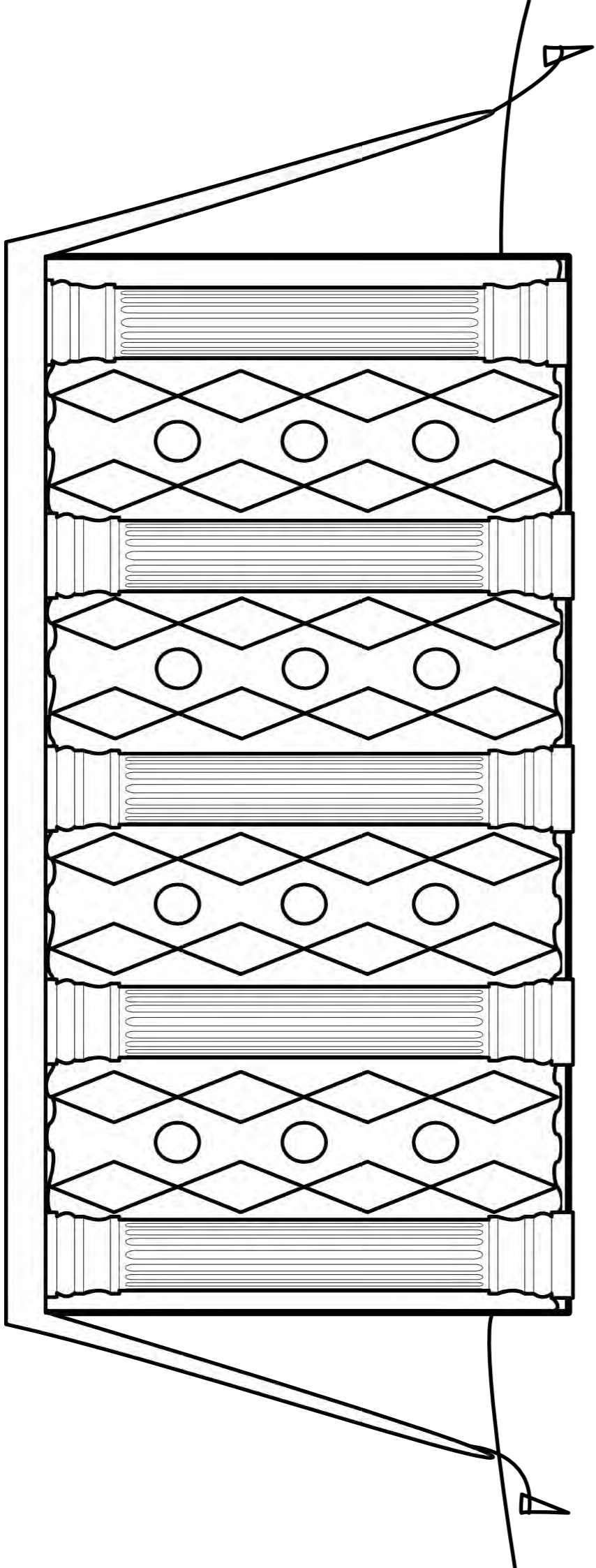














Worship Time

Recommend worship songs. Not produced by Trueway Kids. YouTube Videos to be used for personal use only.

Tabernacle

<https://youtu.be/FwpxYfitows>

God is so good

<https://youtu.be/eg3bvbDVUTg>

Glory To God Forever

<https://youtu.be/qCokNI69cEc>



Prayer Time

Thank God for dwelling with us.

Ask God to help you use the gifts and things He gave you to serve Him.

Next Week
God guides His People

If you haven't already done so, sign up to receive future lesson by email.

