

The 12

Spies

5 + lesson pack



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Introduction

This week we will continue to follow the story of the Israelites after they came out of Egypt. Our lesson will focus on the twelve spies exploring the Promised Land. Our Scripture texts are found in Numbers 1-3 and Numbers 13-14. Some of the takeaway points are:

Video playlist



- Joshua and Caleb saw scary things but chose to trust God. We can also trust God at scary times.
- God is bigger and more powerful than anything or anyone else.
- We should fix our eyes on God rather than the things that worry us.
- The people chose to believe the ten spies rather than trusting and believing in God. We must believe God since He always keeps His promises.

Lesson guide

Remind the child that the children of Israel were on their way to a new land and that God was guiding them with the pillar of fire and cloud.

Ask the child if they have ever been afraid. Talk about some things that scare them. Point out that everyone gets afraid sometimes, but God can give us courage.

Blow up a balloon. Using a marker, draw a picture of some of their fears—and even your own. (These can be very simple pictures). Point out how big and scary the fears seem. Take a sharp object and pop the balloon, or let the air out. Show how most of the “fears” were nothing more than air. Use this to demonstrate to the child how often we are afraid of something that we shouldn’t be, and that with God, we don’t need to be afraid.

God wanted to have a census and organise the people of Israel. Explain to the child that organise means to put things in order and a census means to count people. Depending on the child’s age, you can do a census of their toys and arrange them.

Gather twelve objects (coins, pebbles, marbles, etc.) with the same weight and one very heavy item. Make a simple scale--Place a hanger on a doorknob. Tie a piece of string to each side with a cup on each end. You can now use this scale for this object lesson (further instructions are available online). Count as you place two objects in one side and ten in the other. Show how the ten objects outweigh the two objects. Then take the very heavy object and place in the cup with the two objects. The scale will tip to that side. Use this to show that God’s opinion should carry more weight with us than everyone else’s combined. Remind the child that what God says is right —no matter what other people say.

Pray with your child and ask Jesus to help you stand up for what God says and not be afraid.

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God promised that He would guide the Israelites into a new land flowing with milk and honey. After they built the tabernacle, God decided to take a census and organize the people.

God said, “Everyone needs to be counted and arranged according to their tribe.”

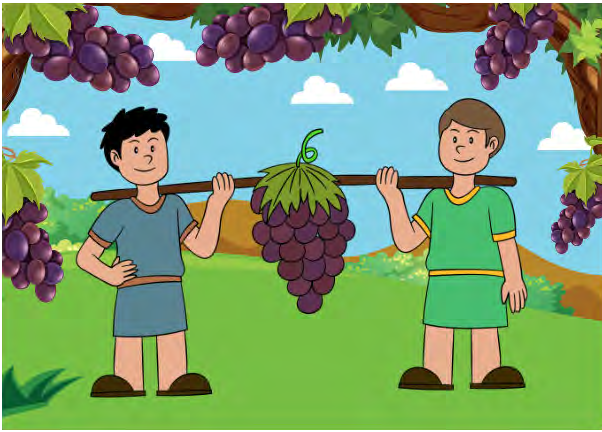
All the Israelites did exactly as God commanded. Soon, their camp was organized, and everyone was in the place that they should be.

God said. “Now, you need to send some men to explore the land of Canaan. Send one leader from each of the tribes of Israel.”

Twelve men were selected to go and spy out the land that God had said He would give them.

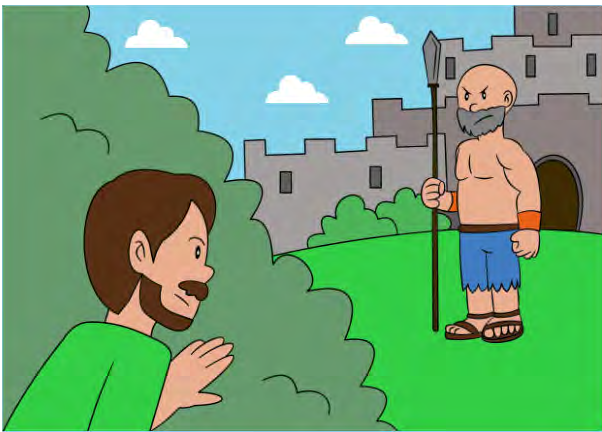
The twelve spies left and snuck into the Promised Land. They travelled for forty days looking at all the wonderful land had to offer. They cut some grapes from a vine. The cluster of grapes was so big, two men had to carry it!

The spies returned. "It is a very good land," they said. "Look at these grapes we brought! But the people there are very strong. They are giants with strong cities. We cannot defeat them."



Caleb, one of the spies, said, "We can defeat the giants with God on our side." Joshua, another spy, agreed with Caleb.

But ten of the spies were too scared to obey God. They did not believe God was powerful enough to help them. They went and told people. "The giants are too strong. We are like grasshoppers compared to how big and strong they are."



The people began to whine and complain. "God cannot help us. We should go back to Egypt and be slaves again." They did not trust God.

Moses and the two brave spies reminded the people that God was bigger and stronger than anything." But, the people did not listen.



God was very angry. "How long will these people refuse to believe me? I delivered them from Egypt with many signs and miracles. Still, they refuse to believe that I can do anything."

God agreed to forgive Israel, but He decided that He would not allow the rebellious people to enter the land. They would wander the desert for forty years. Only Joshua and Caleb would enter the Promised Land.

God rewarded those who trusted in Him.

Can you find the items from the promised land?

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

CASTLES

GRAPES

CITIES

HONEY

FIGS

MILK

FRUIT

POMEGRANATES

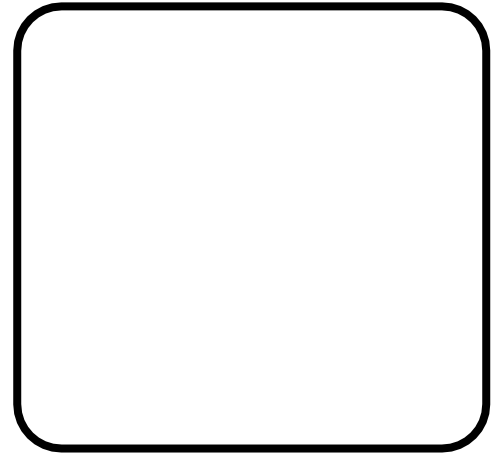
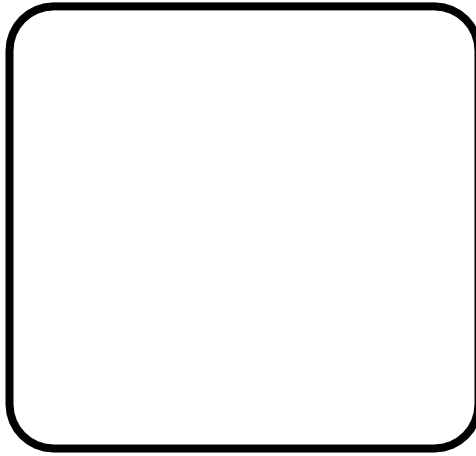
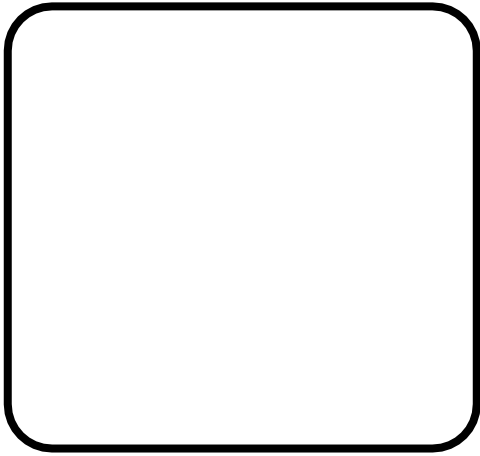
GIANTS

VALLEY



Facing Fears

I am scared of



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Very scared ← Little scared

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Very scared ← Little scared

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Very scared ← Little scared

When I am scared, I will remember

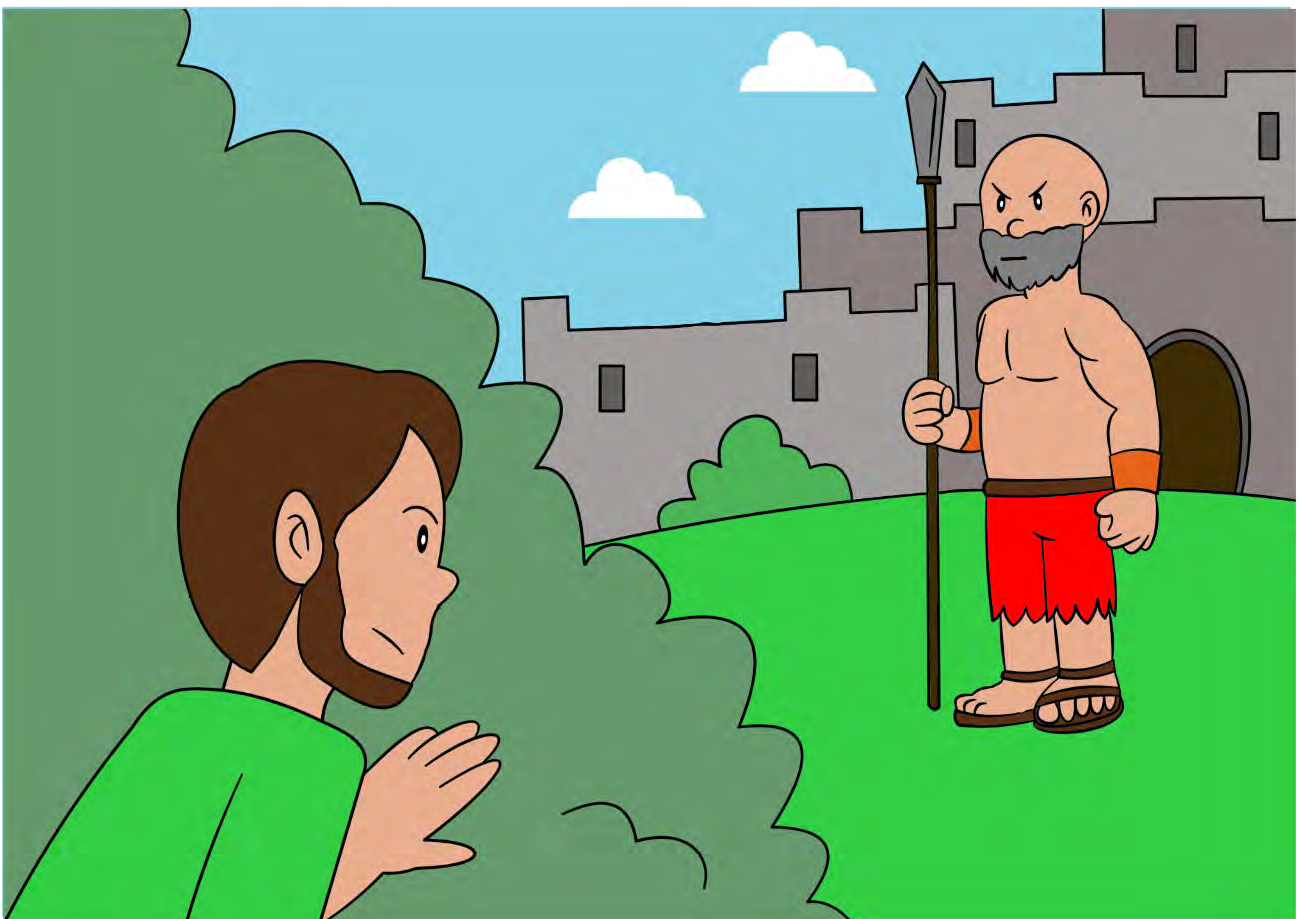
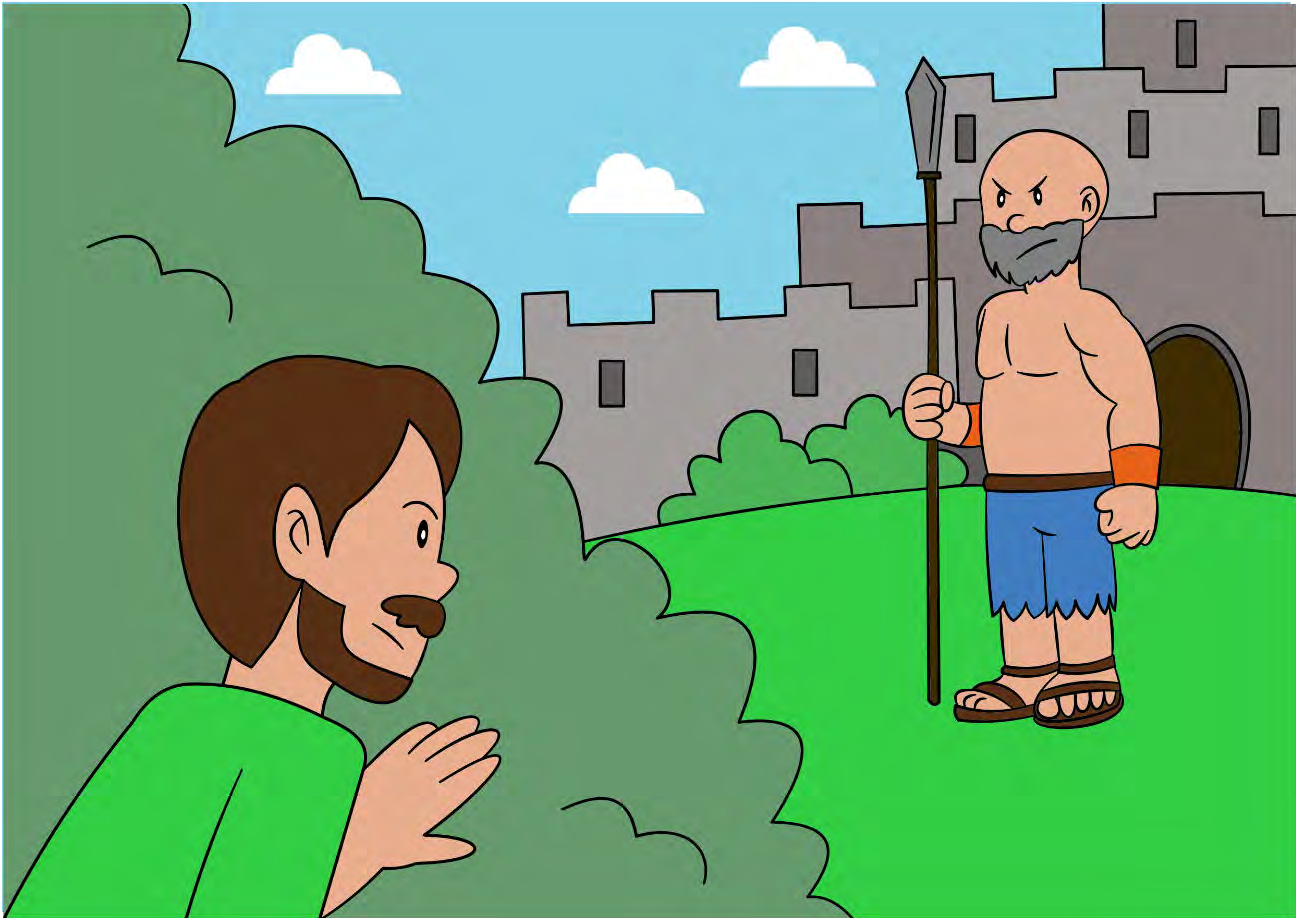
Copy Isaiah 41:13 from your Bible



Find someone who is scared of the following

Phobia	Name:
Spiders	
Snakes	
Dogs	
Cats	
Flying	
Homework	
Dentist	
Thunder and lightening	

Find ten differences



Games and Activities

“Order Relay”

Instructions: Form two teams and each one will have to organise things in three different stations with a better time than the other team.

For instance, in one station, they will have to organise themselves in order of height.

In the second, they will have to take off their shoes and place them in order of size.

In the third station, organise 10 purple balloons which are numbered from 1 to 10 with a permanent marker. The balloons represent the grapes that the spies found in the Promised Land.

The first team to finish those tasks and return to their starting place will win.

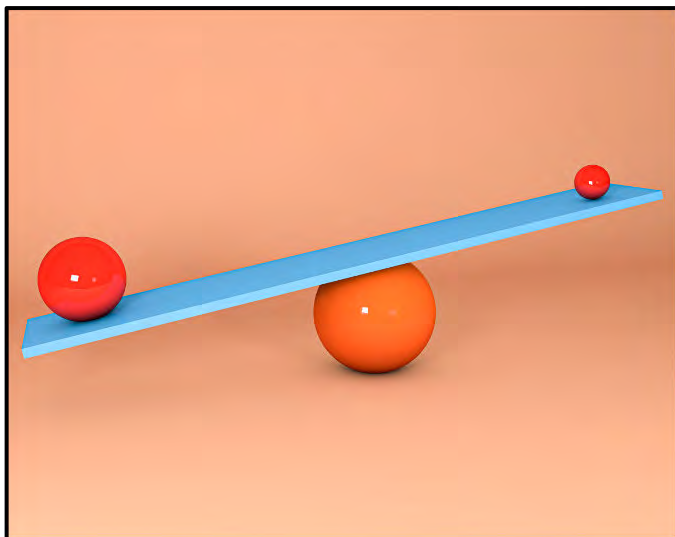


“Weighing Contest”

Materials: a kitchen scale and several items that the children can weigh to see which is heavier.

Instructions: Form two teams and each team will have to guess which of two things are heavier. Try to trick them by the size or shape of the item that might appear heavier. The team that has more right guesses will win.

Talk about: how big and plentiful everything was in the Promised Land. However, even though the people were bigger than the Israelites, Israel had an even bigger God on their side.



Spy “Hide and Seek”

Instructions: Play the traditional “Hide and Seek” game, only this time Joshua and Caleb are looking for the giants that are hiding. Name one child “Joshua” and another “Caleb”.

Nature collage - grapes

This week, I wanted to make a craft that combined the element of the spies going into the land to see what they could find with the actual craft. So, the first part of the craft involves a nature walk to find the items.

What you need

- Thick cardboard
- Craft / Tacky glue
- Twigs, leaves, little stones (use your imagination)
- Purple paint



What to do



Go for a walk in a local park or garden to find things for your picture.



Put all your things together and plan your picture.



Put some craft glue onto the cardboard and start gluing things in place



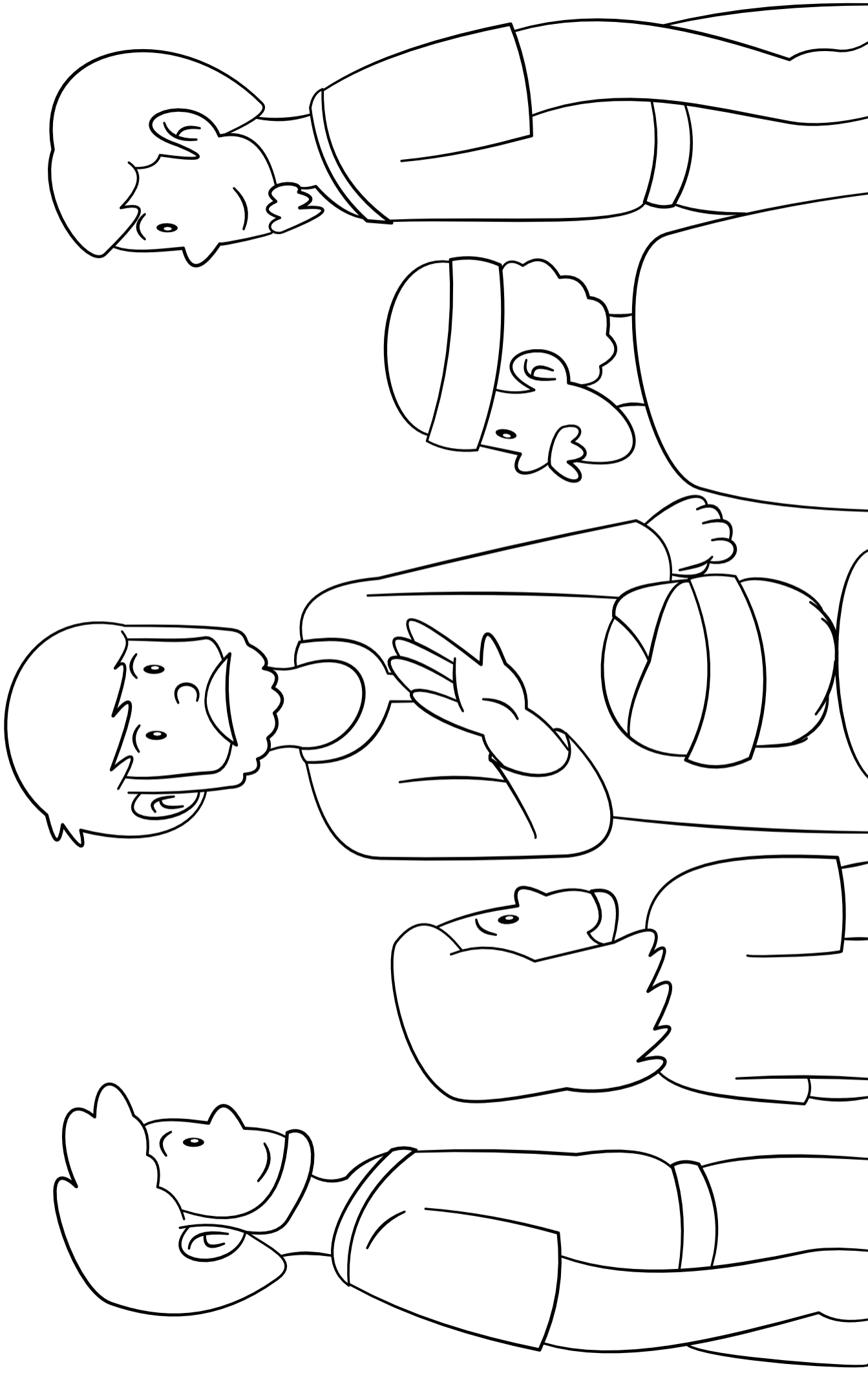
Make some triangle glue shape and sprinkle on gravel to make grapes

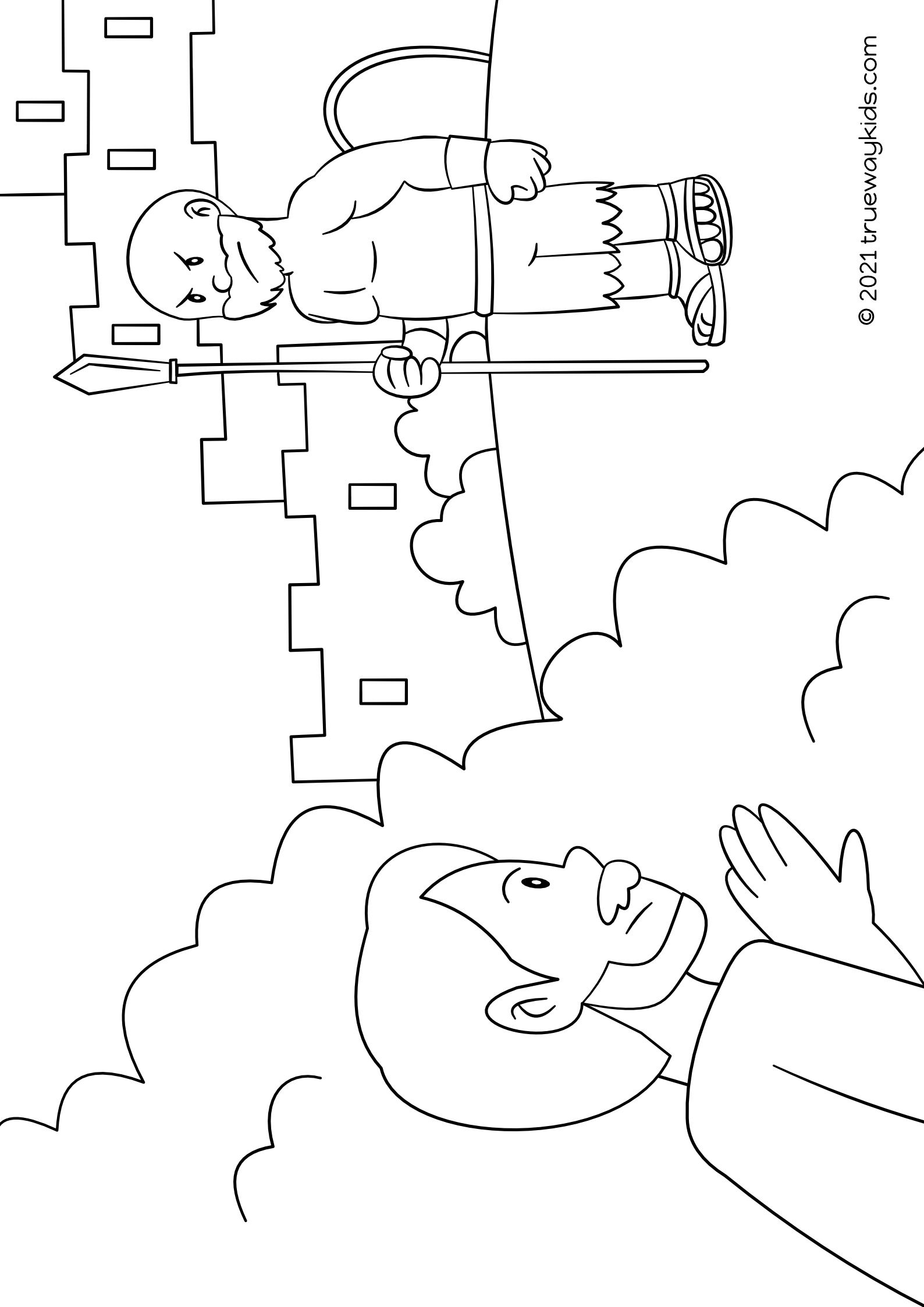


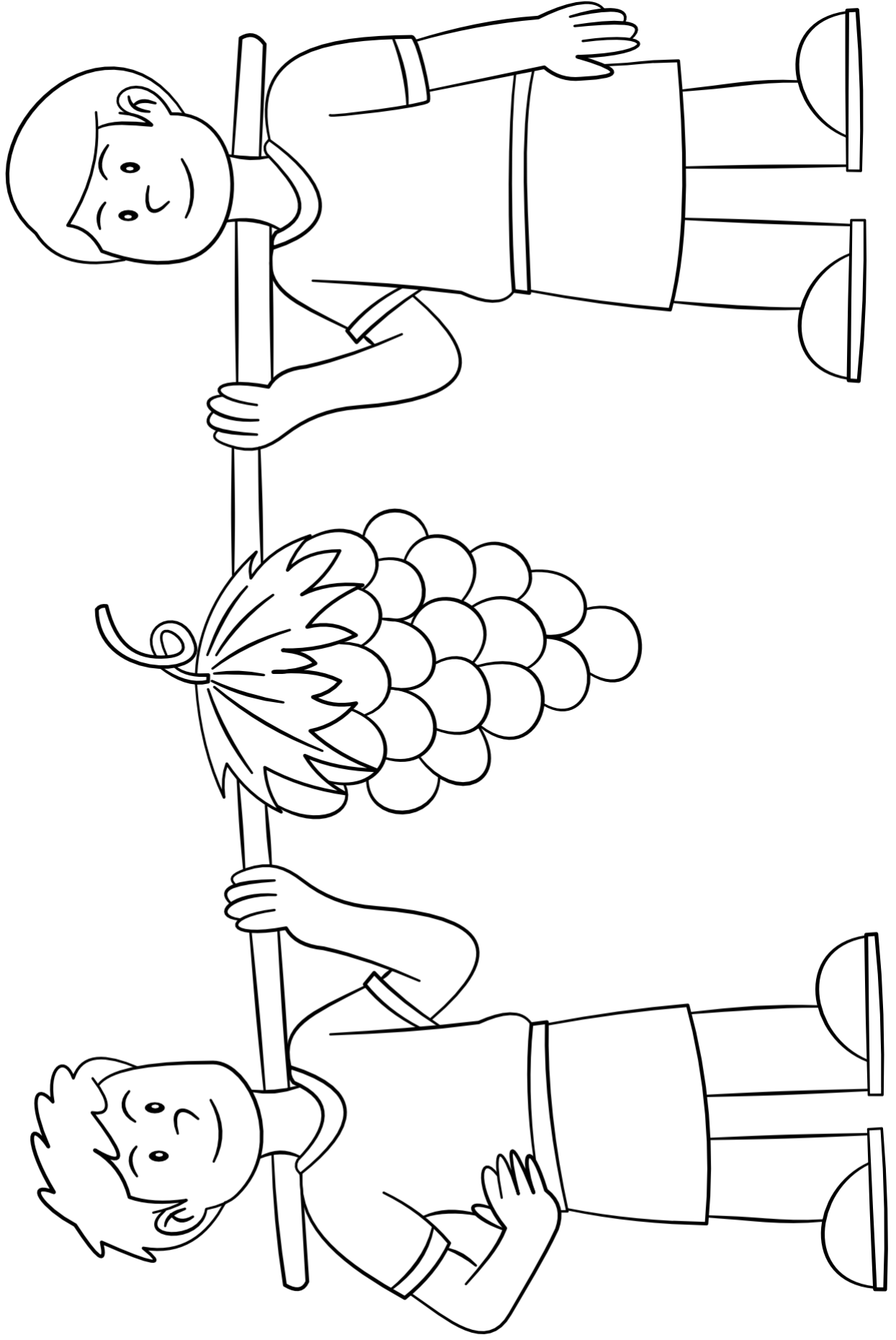
Add leaves and other nature objects

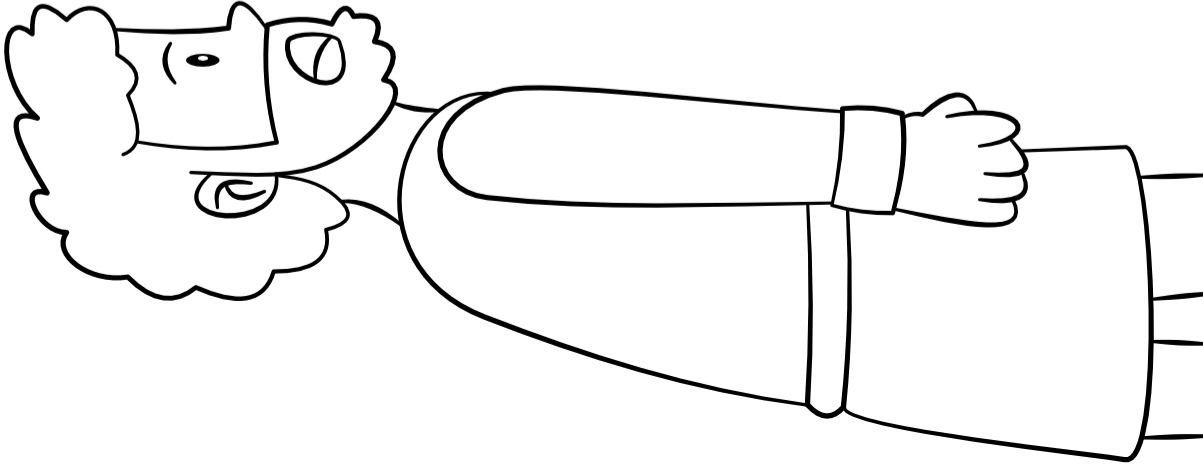
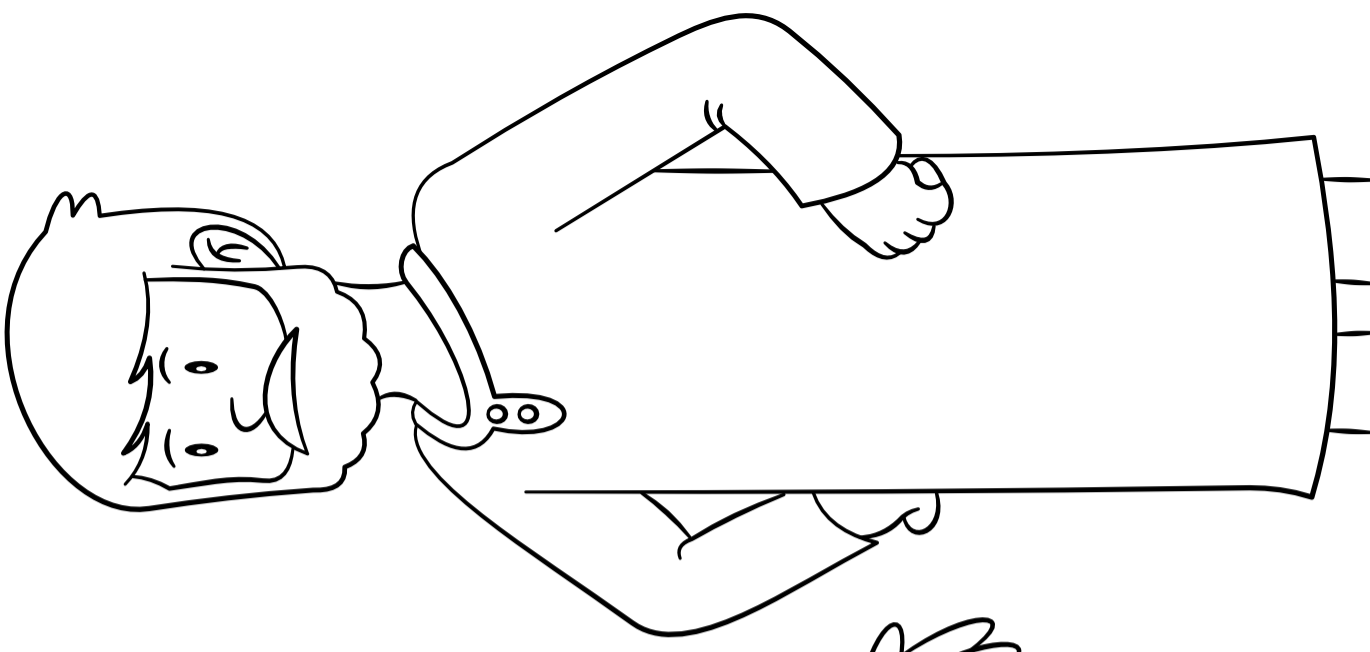


Once dry, you can add detail with paint. For example painting the grapes.









Worship Time

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

My God is so big

https://youtu.be/Bha0hAUqJ_U

Be bold, Be strong

<https://youtu.be/zRvCUz6KFB4>

Strong and Courageous

<https://youtu.be/t34ajxa7TCI>



Prayer Time

Thank God that He is strong, and nothing is impossible for Him.

Ask God to help you to be strong and to trust Him.

Next Week
Wandering in the Wilderness

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

