

**Free Bible lesson for under 5s**

# **Wandering in the Wilderness**



# Grown-ups

## Introduction

After God chose to punish His people by not allowing them to enter the Promised Land, they wandered in the desert for forty years. This week we will focus on the time they spent in the desert. Some of the takeaways are—

- ☐ There are consequences for the choices we make.
- ☐ God forgives those who ask Him.
- ☐ We need to be thankful for the things God gives us.

## Video playlist



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## Lesson Outline

Remind the child of the spies rejecting God's promise that He would give the Promised Land to them, and the punishment that God gave them of never entering into the Promised Land. You can look up some photos of the land where the children of Israel wandered. Ask the child if it looks like a pleasant place to live.

Talk about actions having consequences. To demonstrate you can use a tube of toothpaste. Squirt out a small amount onto a piece of wax paper. Ask the child to put the toothpaste back into the tube. You can offer a spoon, toothpick, etc. After the child realizes that one cannot put the toothpaste back, remind the child that every choice they make has a consequence, and cannot always be undone. If you prefer not to use toothpaste, you may employ a piece of paper. Have the child wobble the paper into a ball and then ask them to make it as smooth as it was before. When the child realizes that they can't make the paper perfect again, remind them that actions have consequences. Note: You can use either or both of the previous examples with your child.

Remind the child that even though God was unhappy His people disobeyed Him, He still took care of the children of Israel in the desert. Point out how shoes and clothes get worn out, but God kept the Israelites' clothes from growing old. Point out some ways that God takes care of us, such as the sun, rain, food, water, etc.

Talk about how often the Israelites complained. Ask the child if they have ever complained about something. Talk about some of the ways they can focus on gratitude, e.g. if they often complain about the color of their shoes, think about how the shoes protect their feet, keep them warm, etc. Keep this fun by creating some very silly reasons to be grateful such as being grateful that even though broccoli might not be their favorite vegetable to eat, they can be grateful it doesn't make their skin turn green. You may even create a simple flower for their wall with their reasons to be grateful written on the petals. You can play a game so that every time someone in the family starts to complain, everyone else can call out "Attitude of Gratitude" and the complainer has to come up with a reason to be grateful.

Pray with your child and ask Jesus to help cultivate gratitude in your hearts.



# Games and Activities

## WALK THE LONG WAY

Go for a walk to somewhere your child likes to go and maybe even knows the way.

This time however go the long way around to the place.

Explain how the Hebrews had to walk the long way around for 40 years



## THANK YOU CARDS

It's important that we say thank you to God and to others.

Make some thank you cards for people you know.

Teacher, grandparent, pastor, friend etc

## Quail and Manna

Place some coloured paper or pictures onto the floor. One should be manna and the other quail.

When you call out "quail" or "manna", the child must run and pick up the correct one as quick as possible. If playing with others it could become a race.



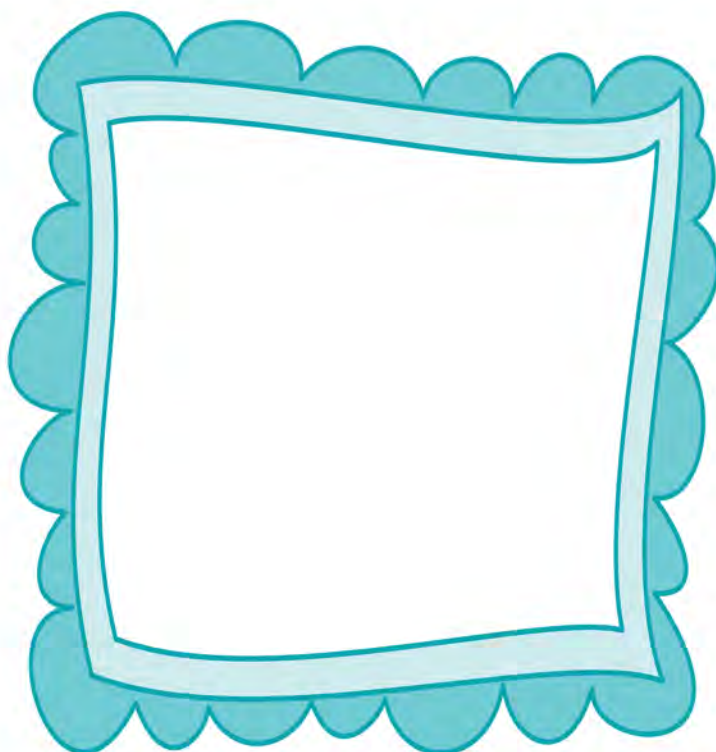
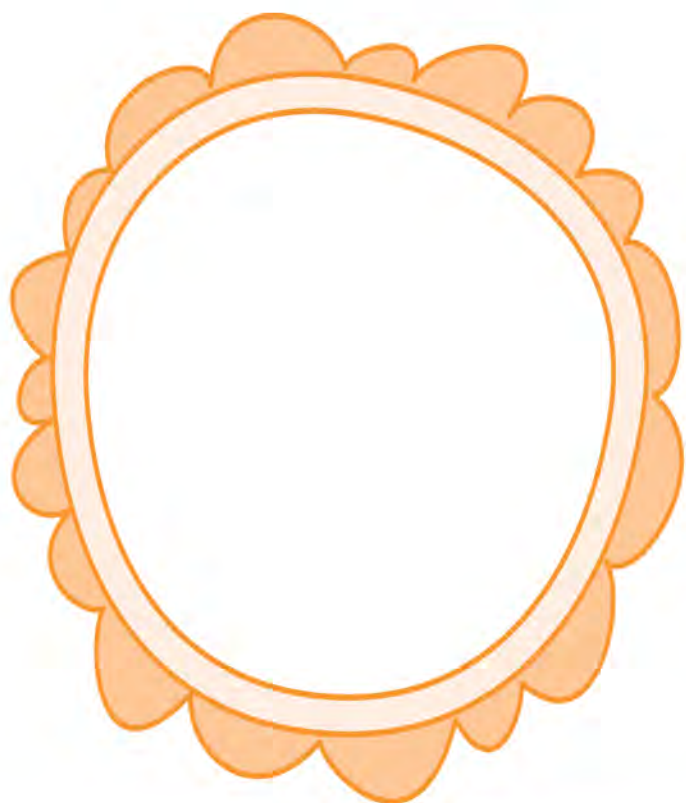
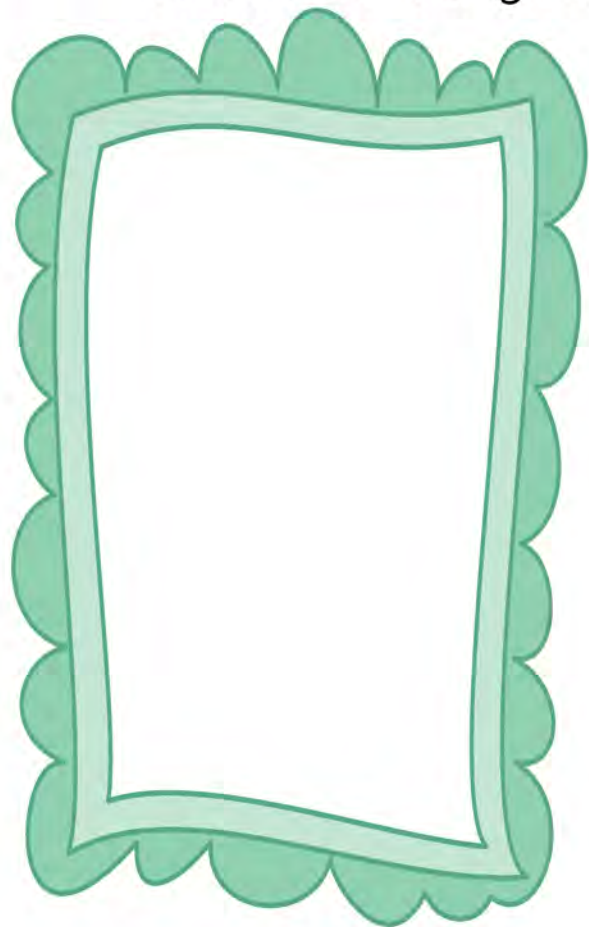
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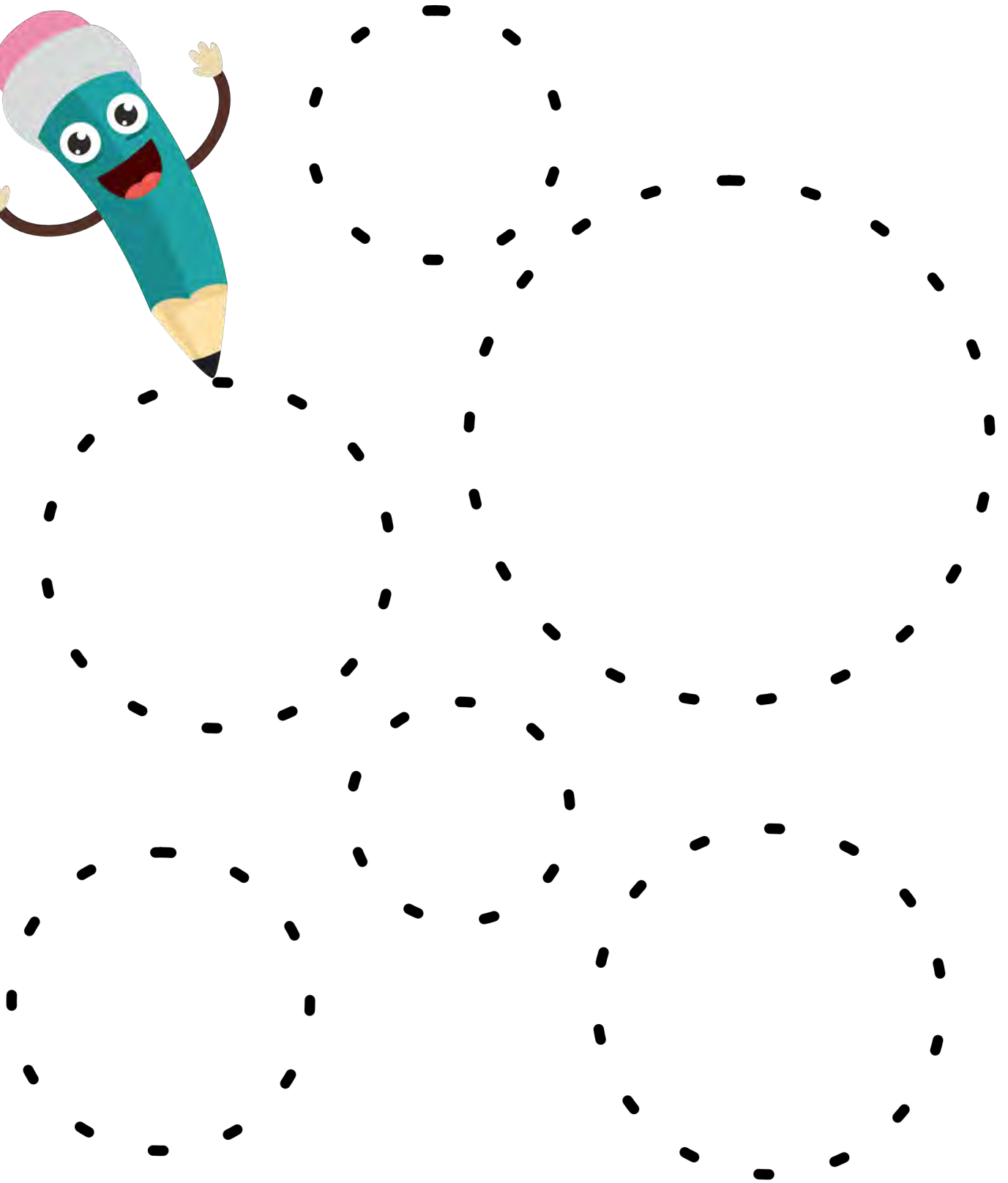


# I am thankful for

Draw four things to thank God for giving you.



# Trace around the circles



# Food diary

|           | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Snack |
|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Monday    |           |       |        |       |
| Tuesday   |           |       |        |       |
| Wednesday |           |       |        |       |
| Thursday  |           |       |        |       |
| Friday    |           |       |        |       |
| Saturday  |           |       |        |       |
| Sunday    |           |       |        |       |





# Wilderness Story Wheel

This week craft covers many of events during the 40 years in the wilderness.

- 1) People complaining
- 2) Manna
- 3) Pillar of cloud
- 4) Water from rock
- 5) Bronze Snake
- 6) Clothes that didn't wear out.

The idea is that as the wheel goes round, it is a reminder that the people also had to walk around for 40 years.



## What you need

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Colouring Pencils
- Fastener
- Tape

## What to do



Colour in the pictures



Cut out the circles



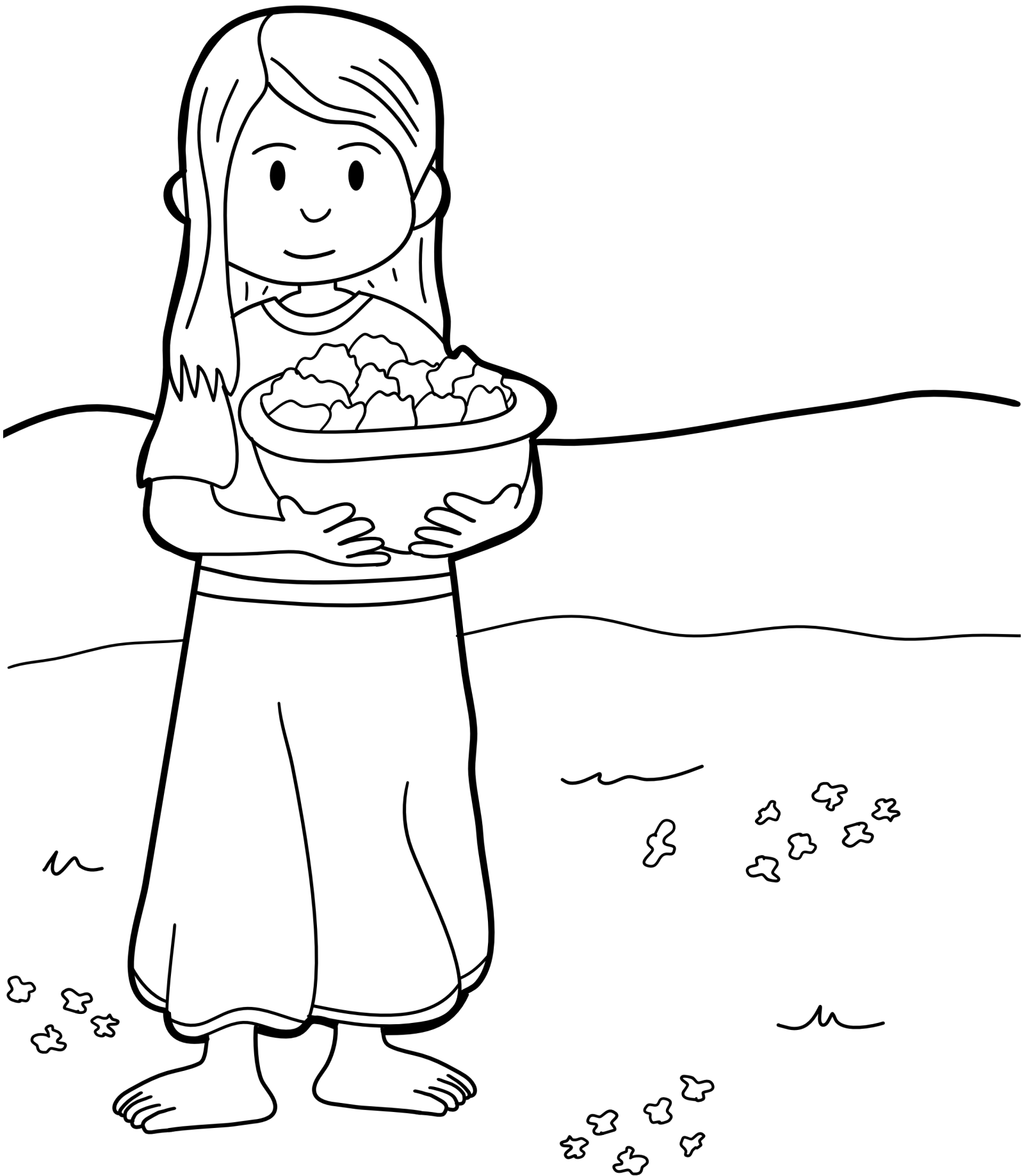
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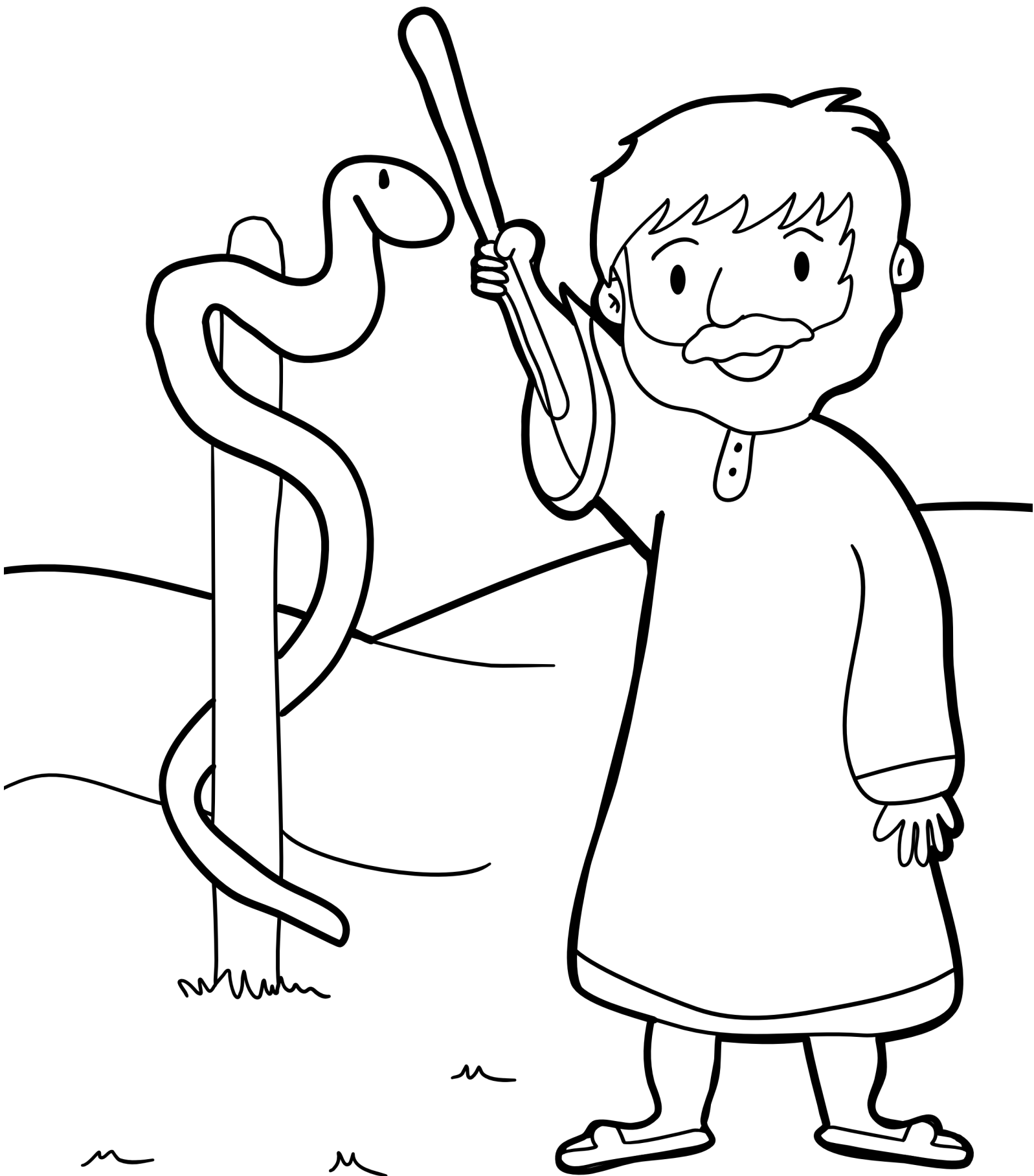




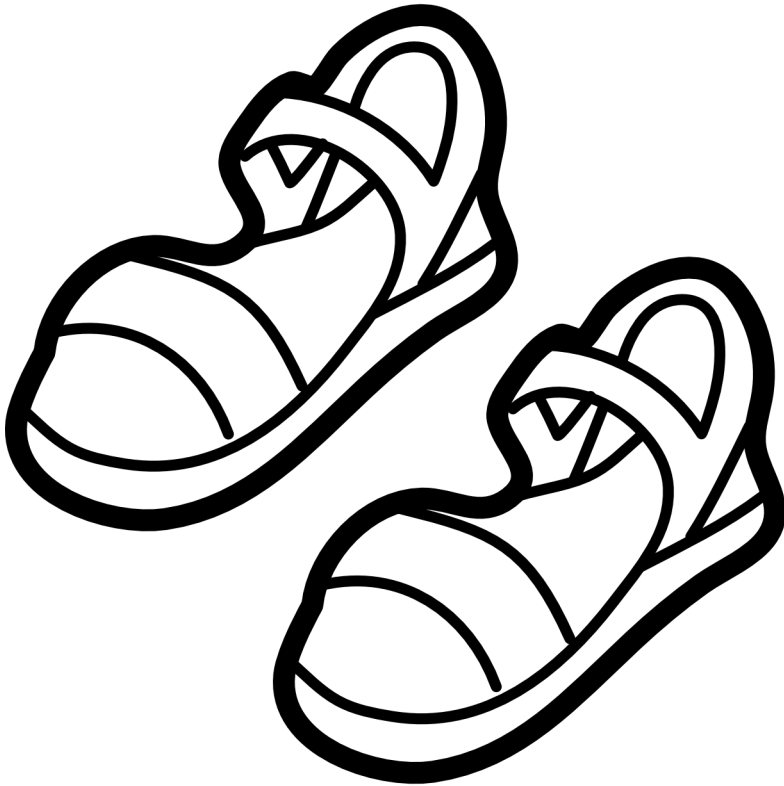
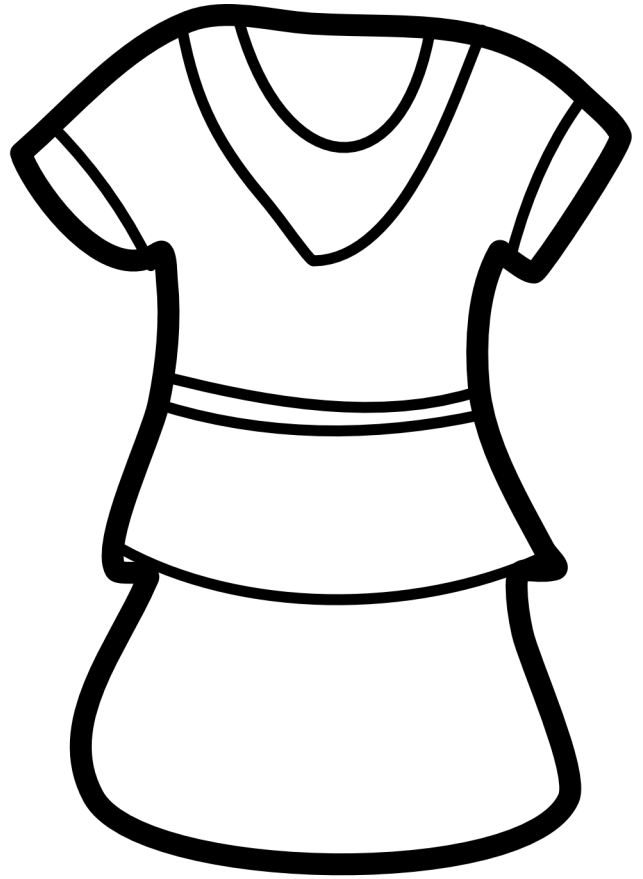
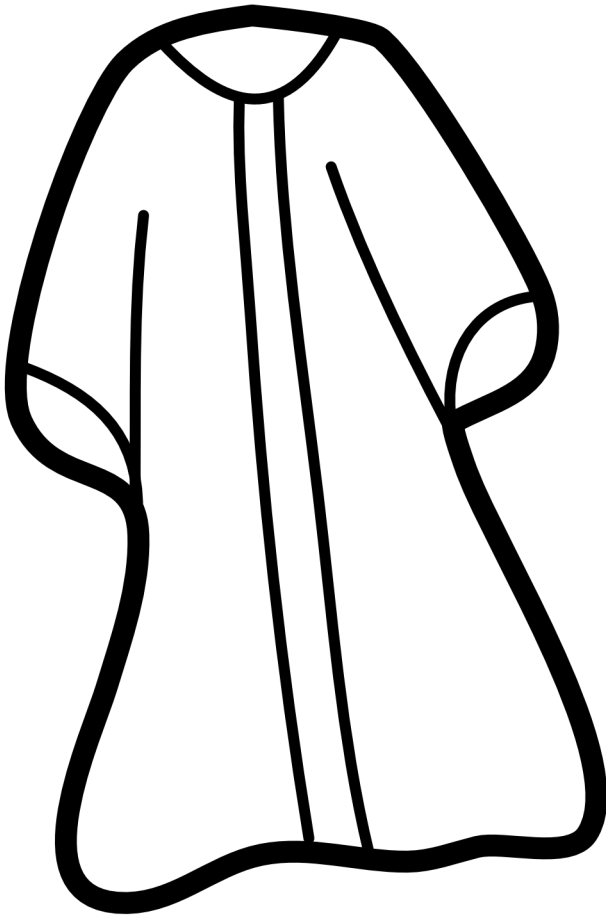












# Worship Time

O Taste and See

<https://youtu.be/FJdFKYZRxcM>

When I Look

<https://youtu.be/4iW9MN7vMpQ>

Everybody Get Walkin'

<https://youtu.be/KcBw06THpn0>



# Prayer Time

Thank God for everything He gives you.

Ask Him to help you to not complain and to say sorry.

## Next Week:

# Joshua

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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

