



Week 1

Water to Wine

John 2:1-11

Hello, friends! I'm [*your name*], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today's true story is from the book of John, and it begins with a wedding.



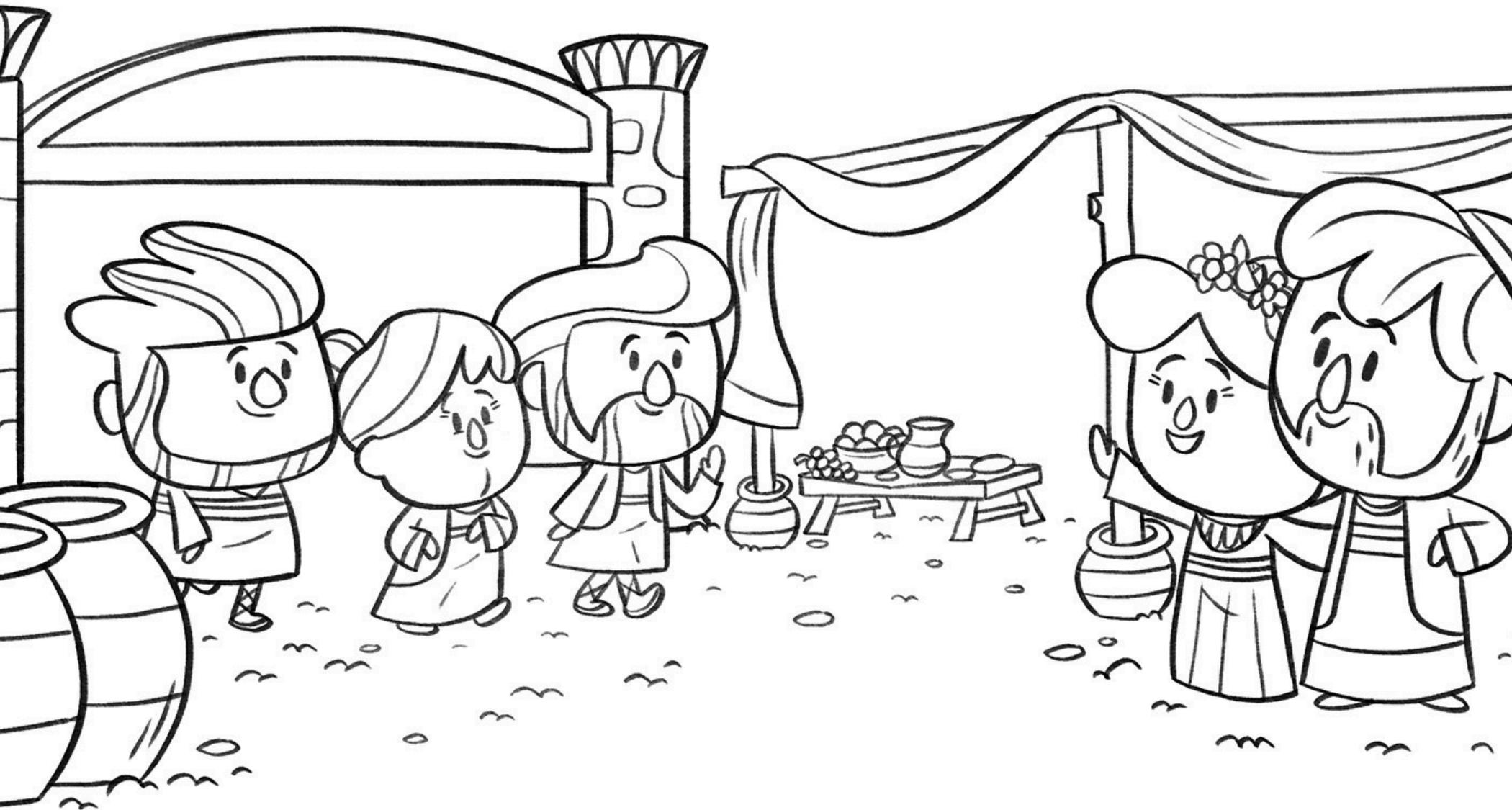
A wedding is a special party where two people get married. A family invites all their friends to celebrate with them, and they make special food and drink to share with their friends. They have so much fun celebrating! Do you ever celebrate something that's so amazing and wonderful? Do you ever say, 'Hooray!' (*Listen.*)

Let's celebrate and say: (*Clap.*) 'Yay! (*Clap.*) Yay! Hooray!' Do that with me, friends.

CHILDREN and LEADER: (*Clap.*) "Yay! (*Clap.*) Yay! Hooray!"

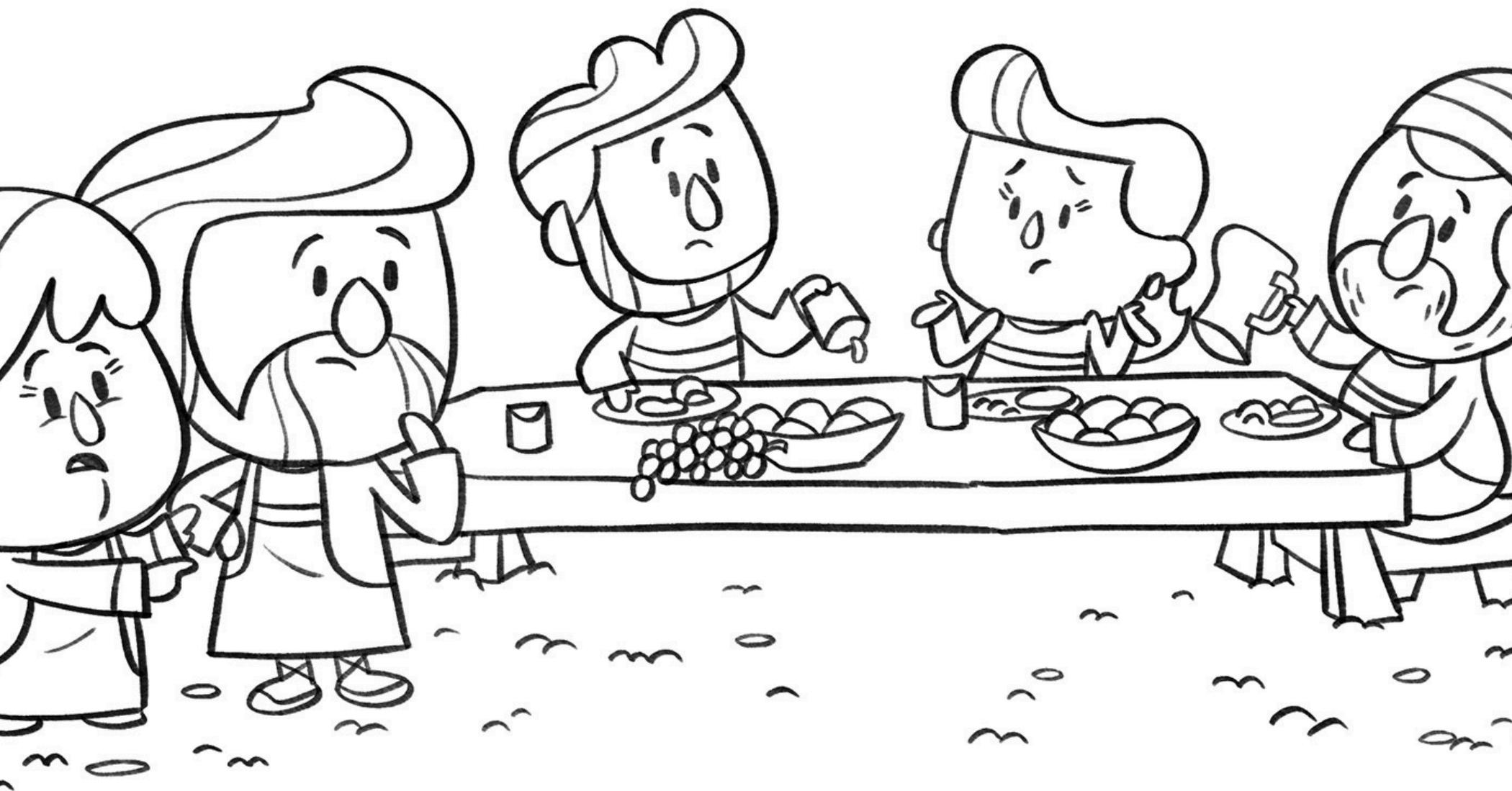
(Repeat a few times so every child can join in and build the excitement.)

Wow, you are so good at celebrating!



Well, one day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were at a wedding. And Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there too! They were celebrating with everyone at the wedding, eating the special food and drinking a special drink called 'wine.' "Wine is made from grapes, and it takes a REALLY long time to make wine. But ... the family ran out of wine. It was (*shrug with palms up*) all gone! Can you say: (*shrug with palms up*) 'All gone!'"

CHILDREN and LEADER: (*Shrug with palms up.*) "All gone!"



Yep, the special drink was (*shrug with palms up*) all gone, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew that people might get upset with the family if there was no more wine to drink. She wanted to help the family, so she went to Jesus. She didn't know what Jesus would do, but she knew nothing was too hard for Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus can do anything!



Mary knew Jesus could help, so she told the people working at the wedding: “Do what he tells you”. And they did!



Jesus saw six stone jars, and they were very large. Jesus said: "Fill the jars with water". So, the people working at the wedding filled the jars with water. Let's pretend to pour water into six jars. Get your pretend pitchers of water ready. (*Pretend to hold up a pitcher.*) Now, pour! (*As you "count" the jars, pretend to pour and stop for each pretend jar.*) One ... two ... three ... four ... five ... and six! Great job!

The workers filled the jars all the way to the very top with water just like Jesus said. Then, Jesus told them to take some of the drink to the person in charge of the wedding, and they did.



The person in charge did not know where the drink had come from, but when he tasted it, he knew it was the very best wine! Wow! Jesus turned the water into wine! Celebrate with me.

CHILDREN and LEADER: *(Clap.) "Yay! (Clap.) Yay! Hooray, Jesus!" (Repeat a few times.)*

Yay, Jesus! Jesus turned the water into wine. He did something that no one else can do because Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is amazing."

One more time! Who is amazing?"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is amazing."

Yes, Jesus is amazing. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: “Way to go! Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we’ll make a list of amazing things Jesus has done. It can be anything we’ve heard from other Bible stories about Jesus. If you think of something, just say it. We’ll make this list together. (*As you talk together write down what the children say in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize the letters.*)

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: (*Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.*)

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: “Look at all these amazing things Jesus has done! Jesus really is amazing! Let’s use our list when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing! Only Jesus can do amazing things, like (*read the list you made with the children*). You are awesome, God, and we love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

**AMAZING THINGS JESUS HAS
DONE...**

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"We have seen



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Luke 5:26 NLT



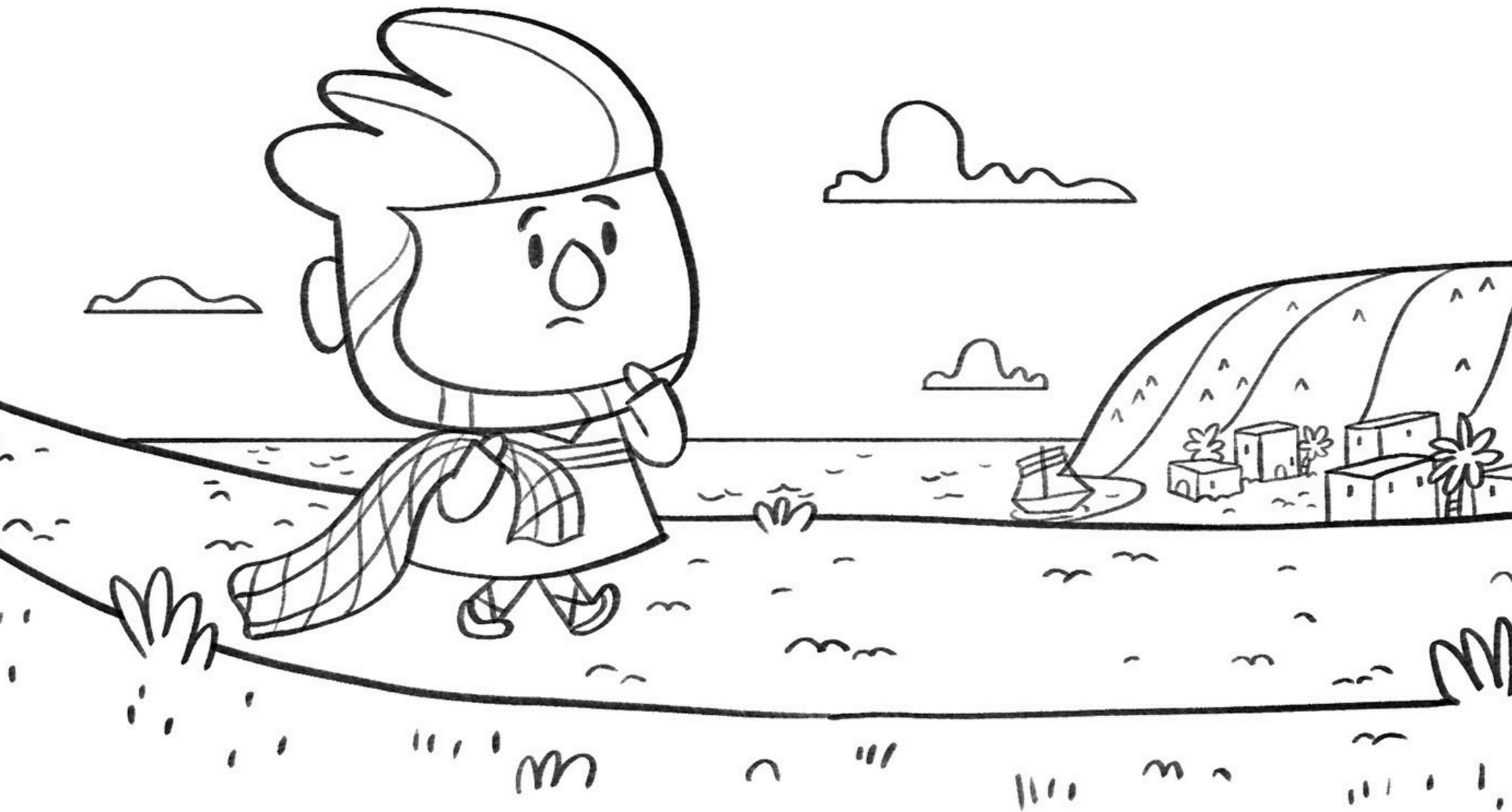


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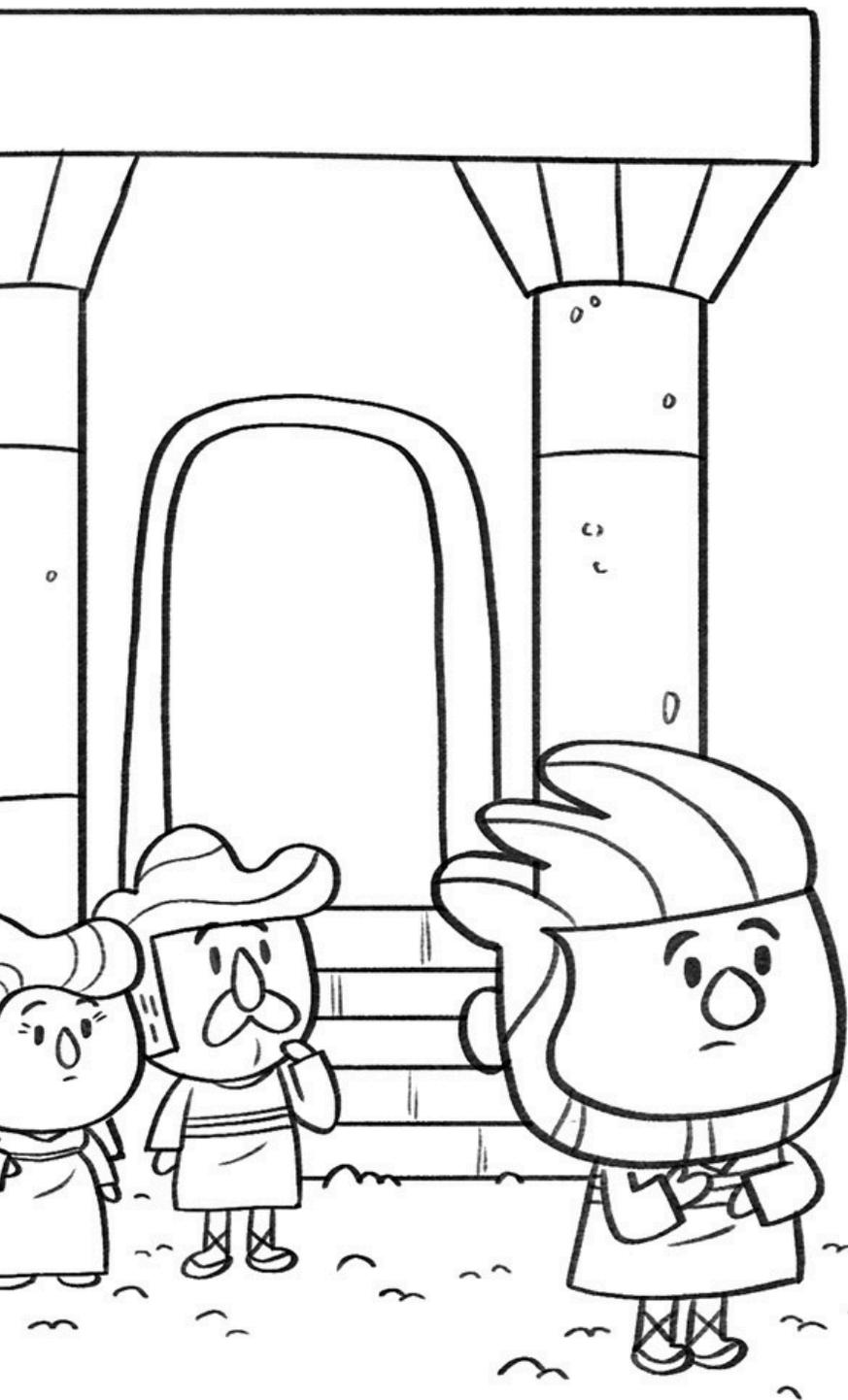
Coin in the Fish's Mouth

Matthew 17:24-27

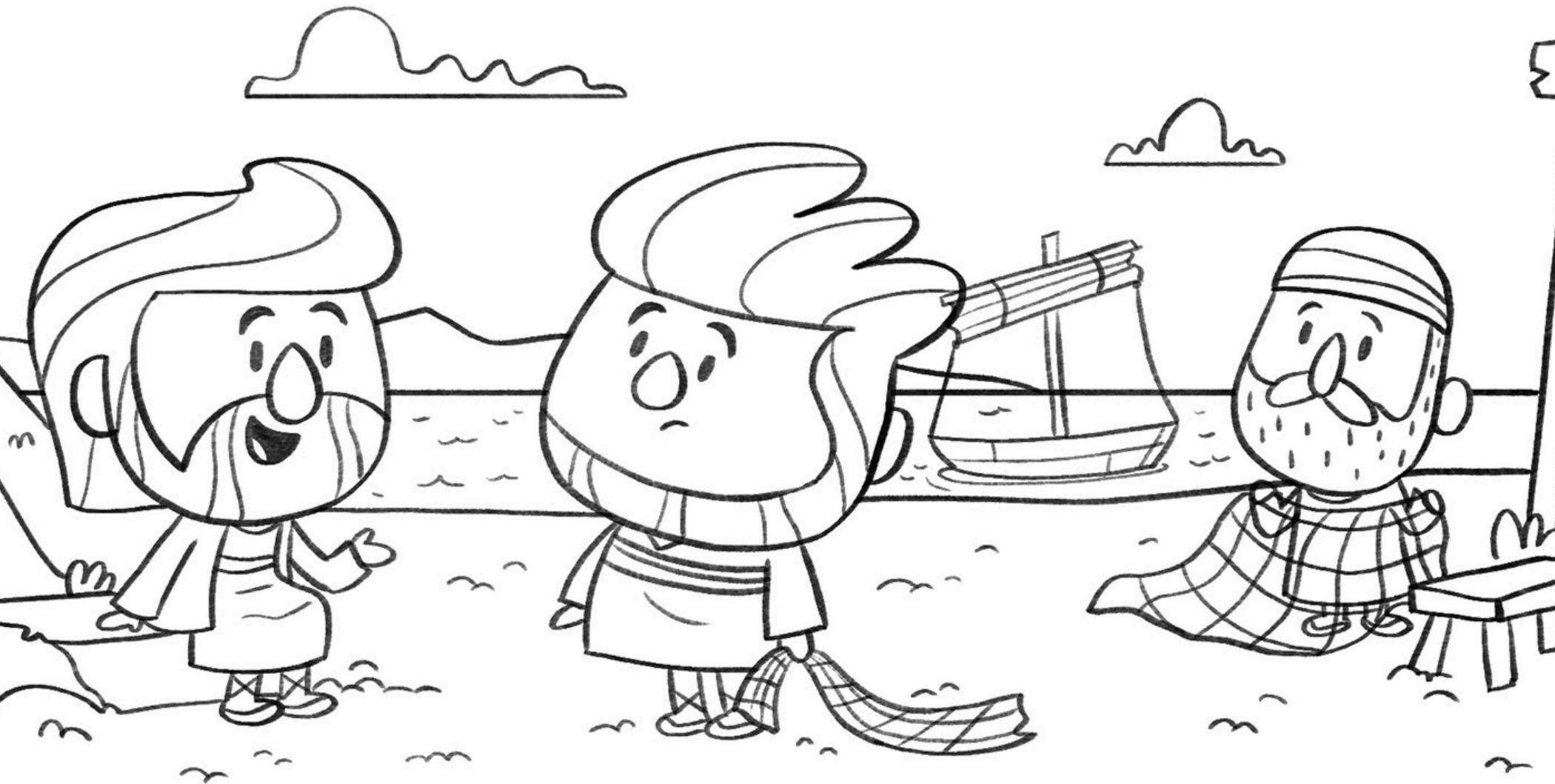
Hello, friends! I'm [*your name*], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.



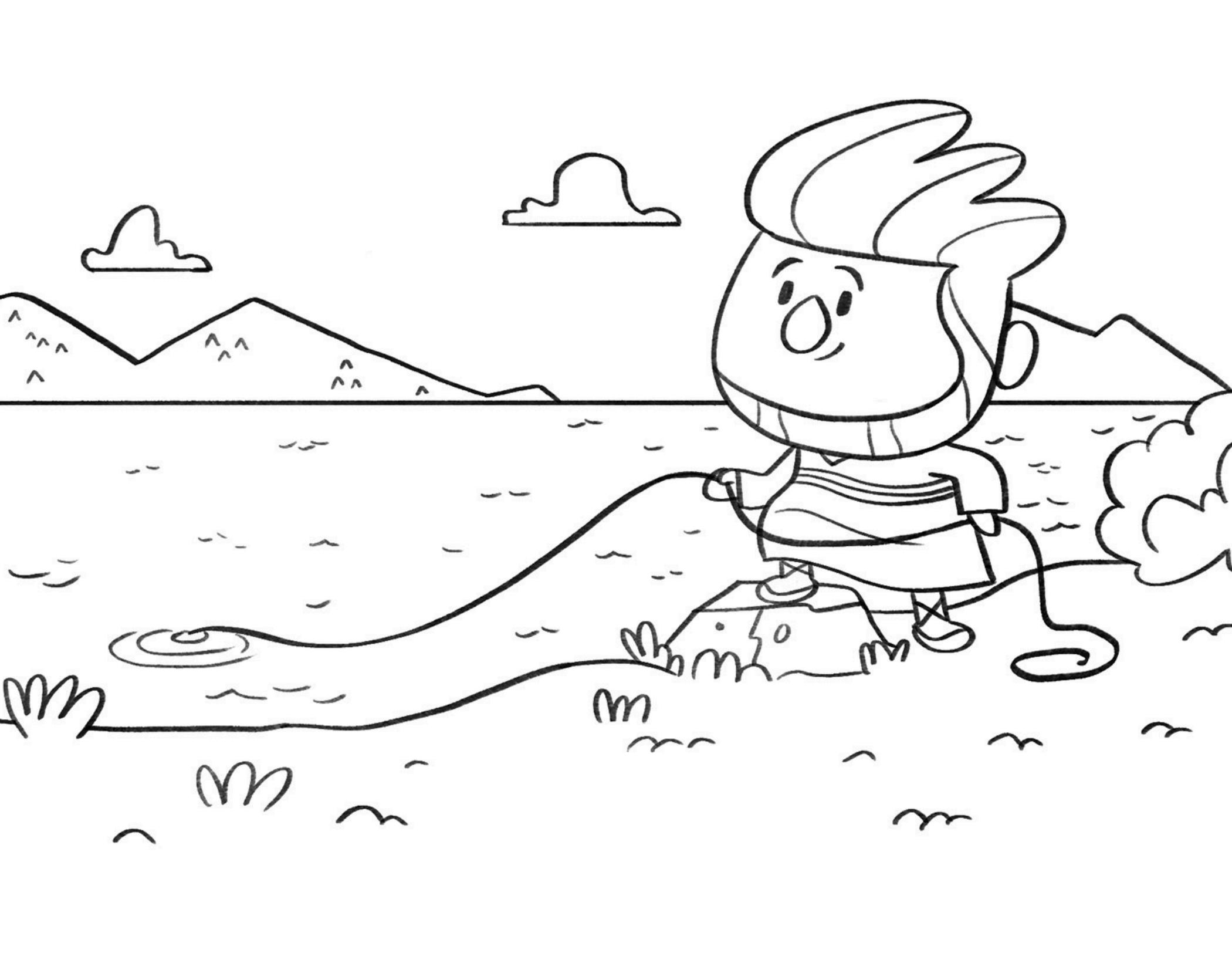
Today's true Bible story is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with a man named Peter. Peter loved Jesus. He knew Jesus was the Son of God, and Peter wanted to learn from Jesus. So, Peter followed Jesus everywhere and listened when Jesus talked.



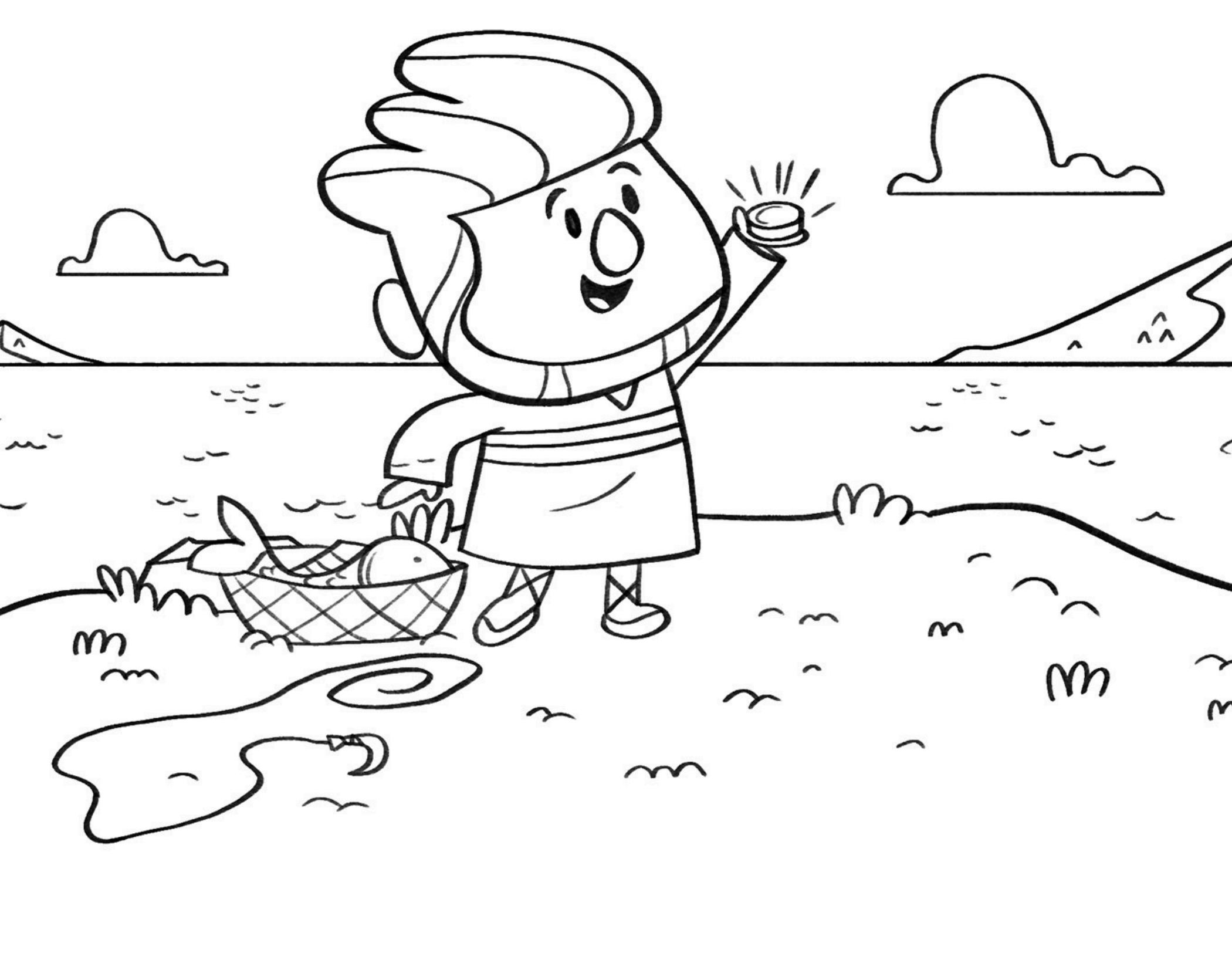
Every year, Peter and all of God's people had to pay money to take care of a special building called the temple. Can you make a building with your arms? (*Create a roof over your head by holding your arms over your head with your fingertips touching in the center.*) Oh, I like your buildings! The temple was a very special building where God's people worshiped just like we come to our church building to worship God. You can put your arms down now. (*Put your arms down.*) Well, it took a lot of money to take care of the temple. The money people had to pay was called a temple tax. One day, some men came up to Peter. The men asked Peter: 'Does Jesus pay the temple tax?' And Peter said: (*impulsively*) 'Yes, of course, He does.'



Then Peter quickly went to Jesus. He needed to ask Jesus about paying the money, but before Peter could say anything, Jesus told Peter exactly what to do. Jesus told Peter to go to the lake and catch a fish. Jesus told Peter: "Take the first fish you catch. Open its mouth. There you will find the exact coin you need". Make a fish by holding your flat palms together. Move your hands from side to side to make the fish "swim." Now, fish swim in the water. Do they have money in their (*point to your mouth*) mouths? (*Listen.*) Nooo! Do fish have money in their (*rub your belly*) bellies? (*Listen.*) Nooo! Do they have money in their (*flap your arms like fins*) fins? (*Listen.*) Nooo! Fish don't have money! They don't have any coins in their mouths, their bellies, or their fins! But Peter did exactly what Jesus told him to do. He went fishing!



Let's all go fishing like Peter. Hold up your fishing rod like this. (*Pretend to hold up a fishing rod.*) Now, let's go fishing! (*Pretend to cast the fishing line.*) Peter threw his fishing line into the water, and he waited. Then ... (*pretend a fish is tugging on your line*) tug, tug, tug! Peter felt a little tug on his fishing rod. Peter had caught a fish! Peter looked inside the mouth of the fish, and guess what he saw?



He saw a coin inside the fish's mouth! Everything happened just like Jesus said it would. Jesus is God's Son, and Jesus can do things that no one else can do. Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is amazing."

Yes, Jesus is amazing. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: “Way to go! Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we’ll make a list of things we think are amazing. It can be anything that makes you say, ‘WOW!’

Maybe it’s watching an airplane fly, or someone who runs super fast. Whatever you think is amazing, tell me when I say your name, and I’ll write it in our journal.” (*Say each child’s name and write down what they say beside their names in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: (*Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.*)

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: Thanks for helping me make this list. (*Hold up the journal for the children to see.*) These are some pretty amazing things. Now I’ll write ‘Jesus’ really big over our list because Jesus is the MOST amazing! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing! Our list is full of amazing things (*read the list you made with the children*), but Jesus is the most amazing of them all! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

AMAZING THINGS!

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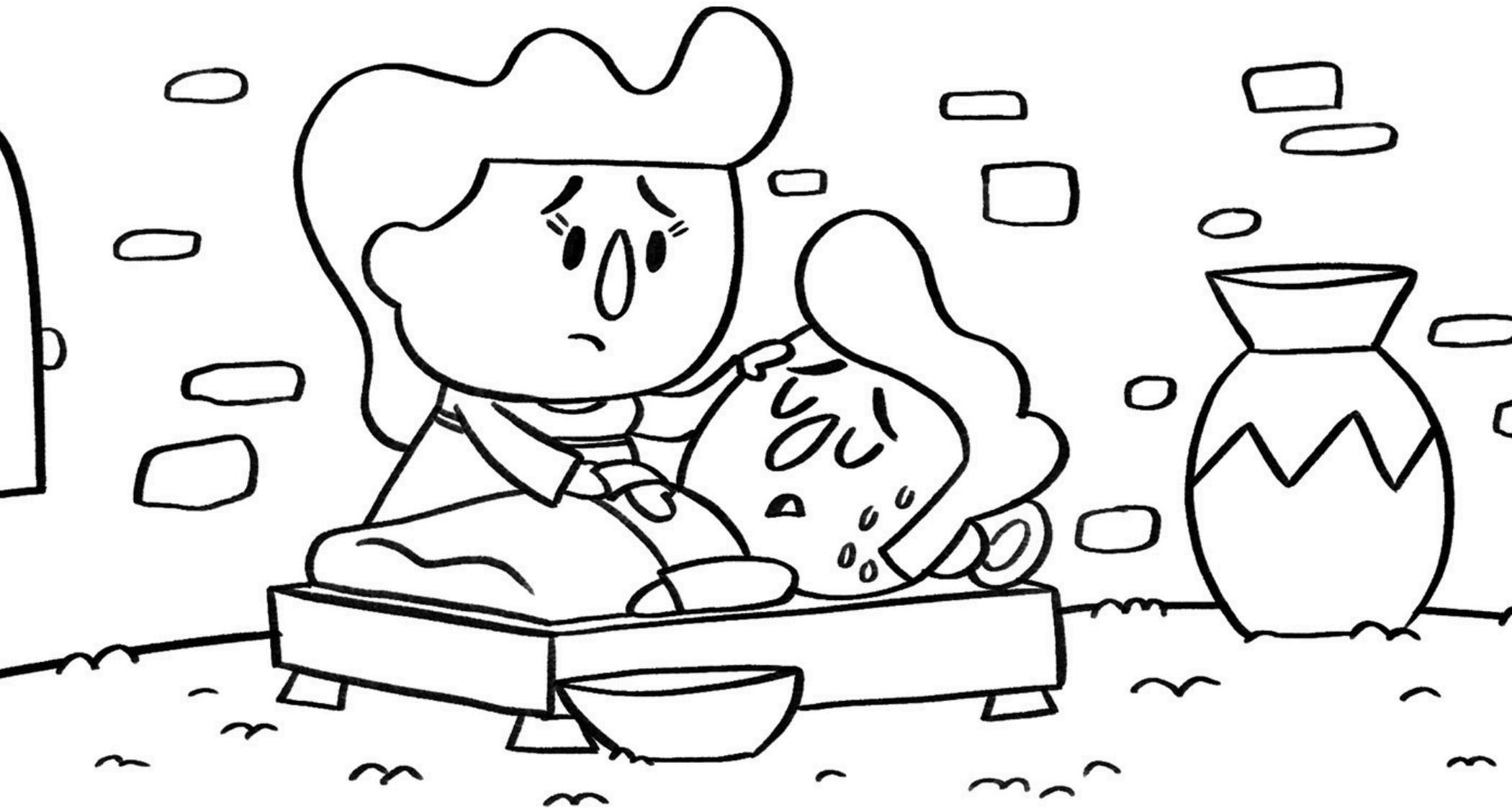


Week 3
Centurion
Matthew 8:5-13

Hello, friends! I'm [*your name*], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today's true story from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with a very important soldier called a centurion.



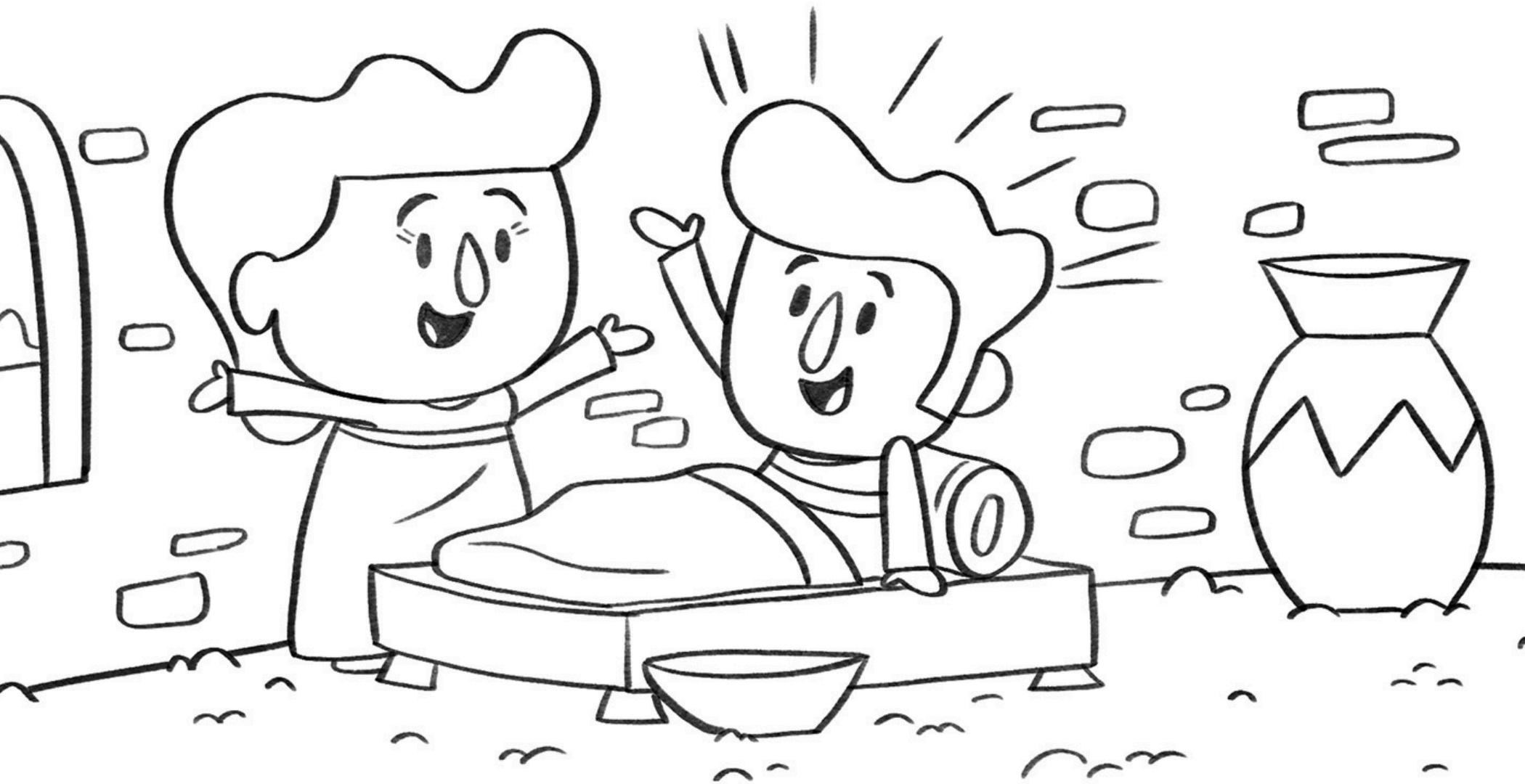
A centurion was in charge of around 100 other soldiers! If a centurion told his soldiers to go somewhere, then they went exactly where he told them to go. If he told his soldiers to come, then they came to him. Let's pretend to be soldiers, and I will be the centurion. If I say, 'Jump!' then what should you do? (*Listen.*) Yes! If I say, 'Jump!' then you should stand up and jump with me. Jump! (*Jump up and down.*) And (*hold up your fingers as you count down*) three ... two ... one ... stop! Now, march in place! (*March in place.*) Oh, great marching! (*Hold up your fingers as you count down.*) Three ... two ... one ... and stop! Okay, here's the last one: Wiggle your whole body! (*Wiggle your whole body.*) Now, let's wiggle all the way down to the floor in (*hold up your fingers as you count down and wiggle down to the floor*) three ... two ... one ... and done! (*Gesture for everyone to sit down if they haven't already.*) Everybody, have a seat. Great job, soldiers! You listened to your centurion so very well! All the centurion had to do was speak, and his soldiers would do whatever he said.



But a young man who worked for this centurion was very sick. Have you ever been sick? (*Listen.*) Sometimes we don't feel good. Maybe we have a sore throat or a runny nose. When I feel sick, it makes me feel sad. Can you show me a sad face? (*Make a sad face.*) Yes, I think the sick young man was sad too. He was so sick he had to stay in bed. He couldn't move at all! So, the centurion wanted to go see Jesus. Many people had already seen Jesus do amazing things. Jesus loves helping people and making them feeling all better, so the centurion knew Jesus could help the young man.



When the centurion got to Jesus and told Jesus about the sick young man, Jesus said: I will come and make him better. But the centurion said: No, You don't have to come into my home. The centurion REALLY wanted Jesus to help the young man, but he knew that Jesus was POWERFUL ... so powerful that Jesus only had to speak and the young man who was sick at the centurion's home would be all better. So, the centurion said: 'Just say the word from where you are, and I know he will be all better.' Jesus was so surprised! So, Jesus told the centurion to go back home. He said: It will be done just as you believed it would.



And at that very moment, the young man was all better. He wasn't sick anymore, and he could move again! Wow, Jesus is amazing! Jesus didn't have to go to the young man who was sick. He didn't have to give him bandages or medicine. He didn't even have to be right next to him! All Jesus had to do was speak, and the young man was all better. Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is amazing."

Yes, Jesus is amazing. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

Prayer Time

Journal Prompt: “Way to go! Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.

(Open journal.) Today, we’ll make a list of powerful things Jesus can do. We know that Jesus can do amazing things because Jesus is amazing! It can be when Jesus turned water to wine, or when Jesus calmed the storm. Whatever you think is powerful, tell me when I say your name, and I’ll write it in our journal. *(Say each child’s name and write down what they say beside their names in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

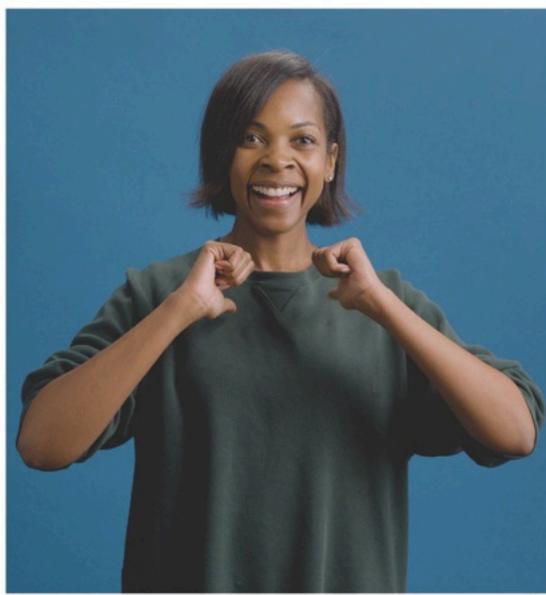
Quiet Time Leader Prayer: *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: “Thanks for helping me make this list. *(Hold up the journal for the children to see.)* These are really powerful things! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)* Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing, He can do things no one else can! Our list is full of powerful things Jesus can do! *(Read the list you made with the children.)* We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

WHAT IS POWERFUL?

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Luke 5:26 NLT





Week 4

Jesus Walks on Water Matthew
14:22-23; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21

Hello, friends! I'm [*your name*], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. Today's true story from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with God's Son, Jesus. Jesus had been busy helping a lot of people. He made sick people feel better. He fed over 5,000 people with just two fish and five small loaves of bread. The people saw Jesus do amazing things!



One day, Jesus told His friends, the disciples, to get into a boat and go across the lake. The disciples did what Jesus said, and Jesus went up on a mountain to pray. Later that night, the disciples were in the middle of the lake. They were using their oars and rowing the boat across the lake. Can you pretend to row a boat across the lake? Pick up your pretend oars ... and row! (*Pretend to paddle with an oar on one side.*) Row! Row! Row! Now let's row on the other side. (*Pretend to paddle with an oar on the other side.*) Row! Row! Row! Great job, friends! You can put your oars down.



The disciples were rowing the boat in the middle of the night, and the wind started blowing. Everybody, rub your hands together like this. (*Rub your flat palms against each other to create a quiet rustling sound.*) Great job! That's a quiet, gentle wind. But when the disciples were in the boat, the wind got stronger and stronger. (*As you say "whoosh," hold up your arms with palms facing children and move your arms from side to side.*) The wind went whoosh! Whoosh! Can you do that with me?

CHILDREN and LEADER: (*Move arms from side to side.*) "Whoosh! Whoosh!"

Great job! But the wind got even stronger—even louder! Let's do it again!

CHILDREN and LEADER: (*Louder. Move arms from side to side.*) "Whoosh! Whoosh!"

And big waves splashed against the boat. (*As you say 'splash,' move both arms up and down together.*) "Splash! Splash! Let's do that together.

CHILDREN and LEADER: (*Move arms up and down.*) "Splash! Splash!"

The wind was blowing. (*Move arms from side to side.*) Whoosh! The waves were splashing. (*Move arms up and down.*) Splash! And the boat was rocking (*look apprehensive as you rock side to side*) back and forth. This was a big storm!



But in the middle of the storm, the disciples saw Someone coming to them. They were in the middle of the lake, and Someone was walking to them on the water! They were so afraid! Show me your afraid face. (*Pretend to be afraid.*) Yes! The disciples were so afraid, but then they heard the Person say: (*Cup hands around mouth, as if calling from a distance.*) "Don't be afraid. It's me!"



(Surprised.) It was Jesus! Jesus was walking on the water! Then Peter, one of the disciples, called to Jesus: *(Cup hands around mouth, as if calling from a distance, and act uncertain.)* Lord, is it you? ... If it is, tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," Jesus said. So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus! But the wind was still blowing! Let me hear that wind!

CHILDREN and LEADER: *(Move arms from side to side.)* "Whoosh! Whoosh!"

And the waves were still splashing. Let me hear those waves!

CHILDREN and LEADER: *(Move arms up and down.)* "Splash! Splash!"

And when Peter heard the wind and looked at the waves splashing around him, he became afraid ... and he began to sink into the water. Peter cried out to Jesus: "Save me!" And Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed Peter. As soon as they climbed back into the boat, the wind and the waves stopped. The big storm was over! The disciples were amazed! Can you show me how you would look if you had just seen the most amazing thing ever? *(Act amazed.)* Yes! The disciples were amazed because Jesus walked on the water. They knew that Jesus was powerful. They knew no one else could do what Jesus did. They looked at Jesus and said: "You really are the Son of God!" Wow! The disciples knew that Jesus could do anything! Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Jesus is amazing."

Yes, Jesus is amazing. Our story time is over, but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!

Prayer Time

(Needs Motivational Stickers)

Journal Prompt: Now let's sit down so we can add something special to our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Open journal.)* Today, I am going to write Jesus in really big letters. *(Write big, block letters in the middle of the page.)* We are learning about the amazing things Jesus has done. I have these fun stickers we can add around Jesus' name. These stickers say things like: Wow! Amazing! You're #1. Pick a sticker and I'll read what it says as you put it on the page in our journal. *(Read the words on the stickers as each child places their sticker.)* Our journal page looks fantastic! All these stickers show how amazing Jesus is!"

Quiet Time Leader Prayer: *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

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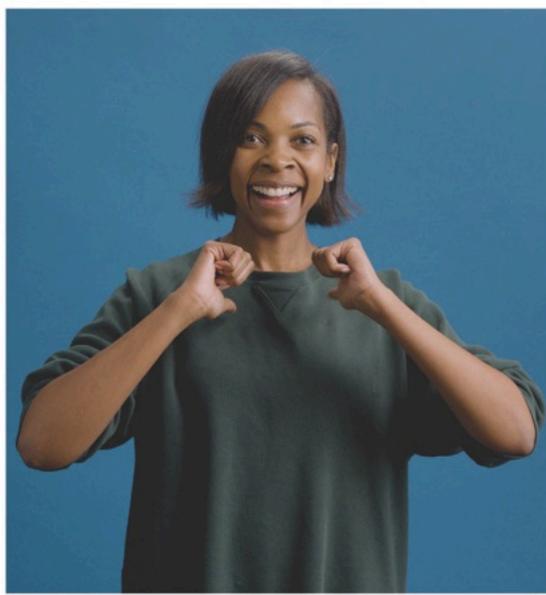
Leader Prayer: "Thanks for helping me create such an amazing page in our journal. *(Hold up the journal for the children to see.)* Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)* Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing. He can do things no one else can! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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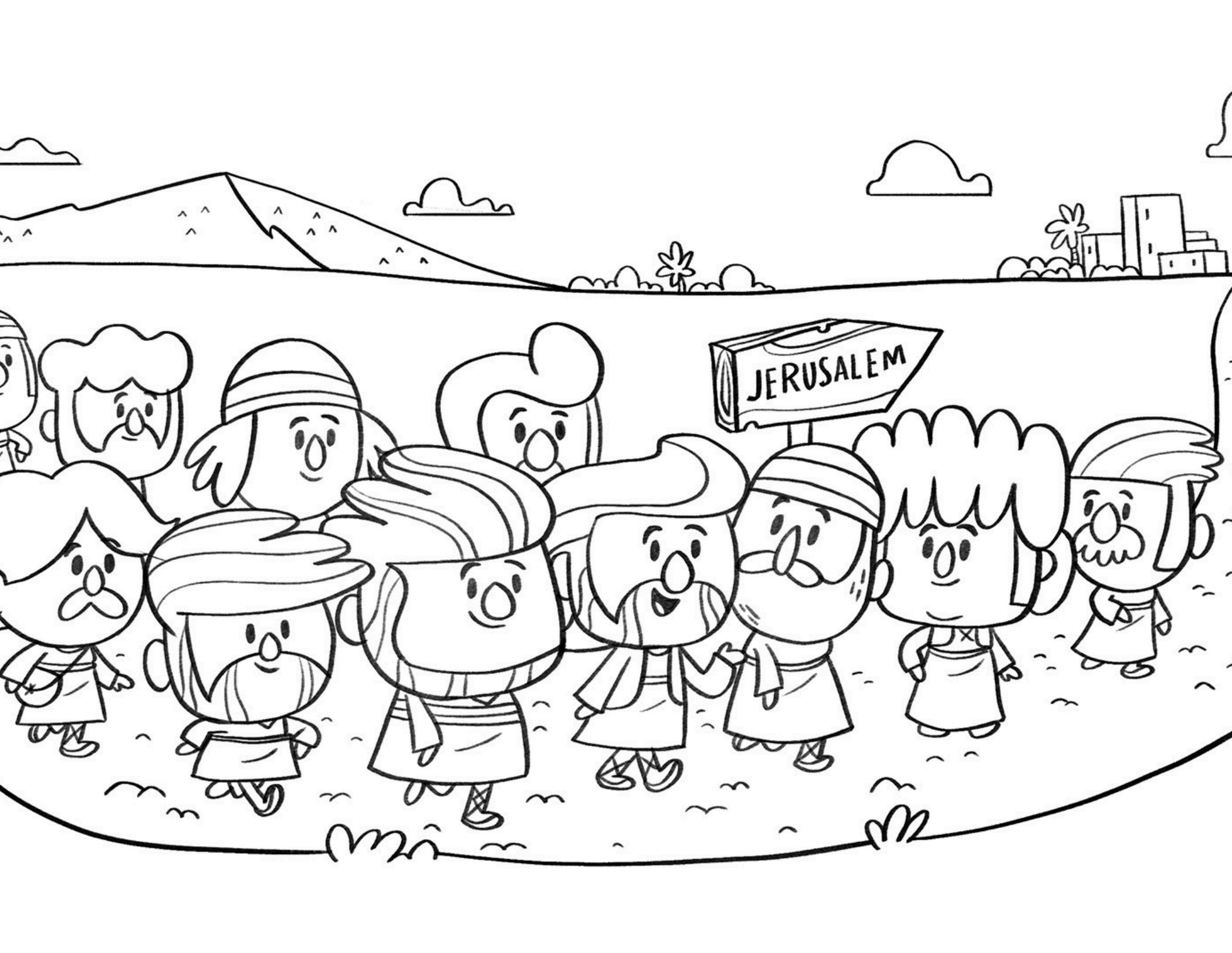


Week 5

Palm Sunday

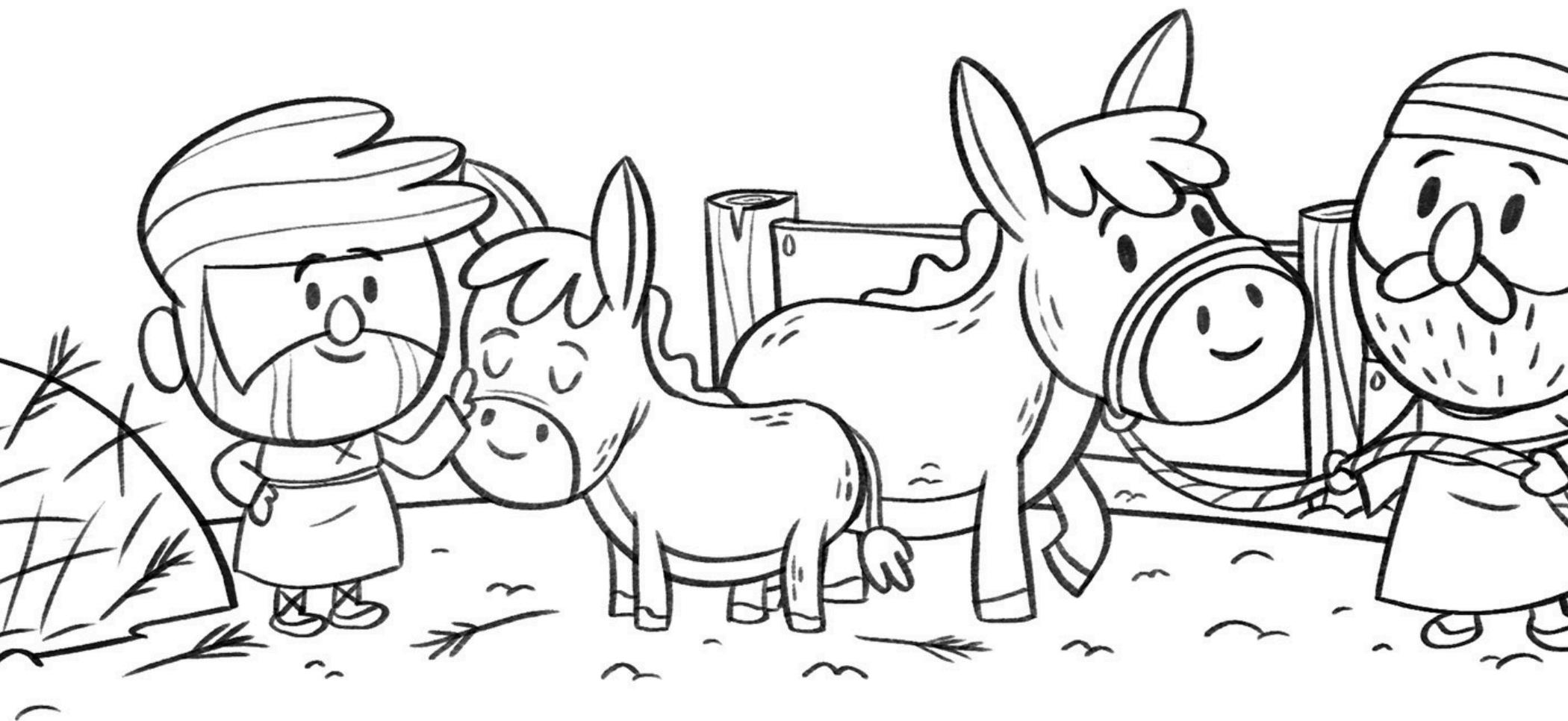
Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-15

Hello, friends! I'm [*your name*], and I can't wait to tell
you a true story from the Bible.



JERUSALEM

Today's true story from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, and everywhere He went, lots of people wanted to see Him. They had heard of all the amazing things Jesus had done, and they wanted Jesus to help them.



One day, Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were walking to the city of Jerusalem. They walked everywhere they went. But this time, Jesus asked two of His friends to go into the village that was before them. He told them they would find a donkey and its baby donkey.

What sound do donkeys make? (*Listen.*) Yes, donkeys say: 'Hee-haw!' Do that with me.

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Hee-haw! Hee-haw! Hee-haw!"

The disciples did exactly what Jesus said. They found the donkeys and brought them to Jesus.



Jesus got on the little donkey, and He rode the donkey into the city of Jerusalem.

Lots of people made a special path for Jesus. They spread their coats on the ground. Others cut branches from palm trees and spread them on the road, and some waved palm branches in the air. Can you pretend to wave a palm branch in the air? (*Pretend to wave a palm branch in the air.*) Yes! The people were treating Jesus like a king! There were so many people around Jesus, and they all shouted:

‘Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!’ Say that with me.

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!”

Again!

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Hosanna! Hosanna! Yay, Jesus!”

Hosanna is a special word that means: ‘Please save us!’ The people wanted Jesus to help them, and they were celebrating Jesus because they knew Jesus is amazing.



“The whole city saw and heard what was going on. The people asked, “Who is this?” And the people said: ‘This is Jesus! God sent Him to us!’ And that’s true! The Bible teaches us that God gave us Jesus to show us how much God loves us. And we can celebrate Jesus just like the people in the Bible because Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing?

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Jesus is amazing.”

Yes, Jesus is amazing. Our story time is over, but we’re not through.

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Prayer Time

(Needs Green ink pad or crayon)

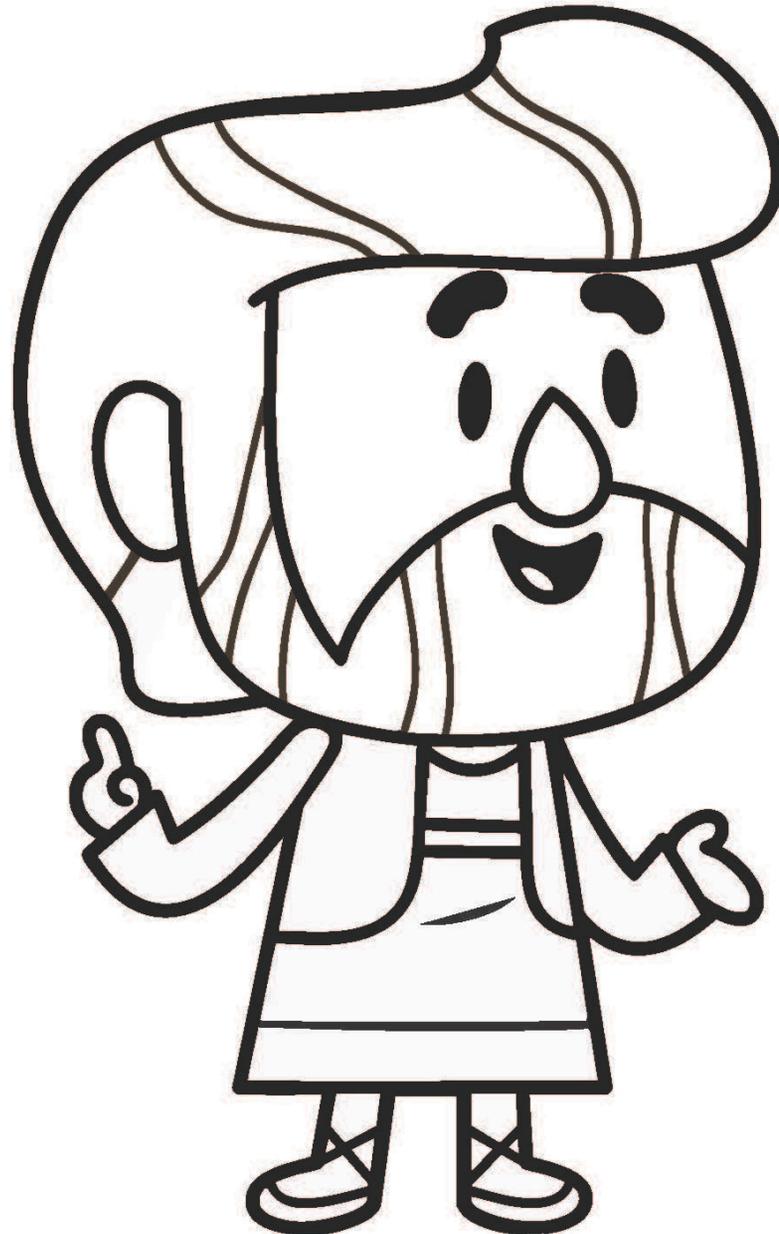
Journal Prompt: Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal to the picture of Jesus.*) Look! It's Jesus! (*Call one child at a time.*) Dip your finger in the green ink pad and press it on the paper near Jesus. (*Pause.*) Tell me how you can celebrate Jesus? (*Help child clean hand.*) I'll write your name and your answer underneath your fingerprint. (*Continue with each child. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

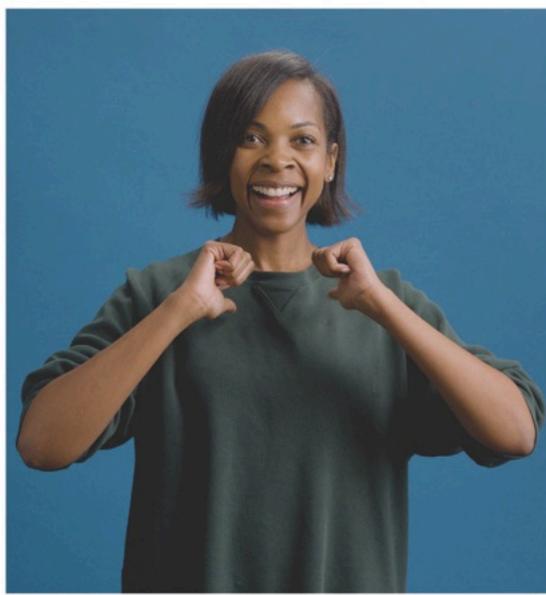
Quiet Time Leader Prayer: (*Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.*)

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

Leader Prayer: "These are wonderful ways to celebrate Jesus! Thank you for helping me make this list. (*Hold up the journal for the children to see.*) We can celebrate Jesus in lots of different ways, like (*read the list you made with the children*). Just like the people in the Bible celebrated Jesus! Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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