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PALM BRANCH

FOCUS

LEVITICUS 23:40, PSALM 118:25, ISAIAH 12:2,
JOHN 7:37-39 & ACTS 2:1-4

During the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)
Jesus told the people that he was the
source for Living Water!

MATERIALS

Palm Branch picture
Palm branch (1 per child)
Priest and Jesus actor
Water pitcher and basin
Pitcher of Holy Spirit Flames and basin
Jesus pouring out the Holy Spirit coloring page (1 per child)
Flame stickers (1 per child)
Crayons, scissors and glue

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they remember Tabernacles, where the people would go to Jerusalem and celebrate!

ACTIVITY: Show children the Palm Branch picture and hang nearby for them to see.

2. REJOICE

TALK: Tabernacles, or Sukkot, is a festival where the Israelites went to Jerusalem and celebrated for 7 days by living in booths and making offerings. One of the ways they celebrate is to carry around a luvav, or palm branch and rejoice.

ACTIVITY: Make palm branch from paper.

CORRESPONDING VERSE



ON THE FIRST DAY YOU ARE
TO TAKE BRANCHES FROM
LUXURIANT TREES — FROM
PALMS, WILLOWS AND OTHER
LEAFY TREES — AND REJOICE
BEFORE THE LORD YOUR GOD
FOR SEVEN DAYS.

LEVITICUS 23:40

ACTIVITIES

3. WATER POURING

TALK: When they celebrated this festival during the time of Jesus the priests would celebrate in the morning by pouring out a pitcher of water in a basin near the alter. Pouring the water was a way for them to pray to God for rain! The priests would even say Isaiah 12:3 before they poured out the water.

ACTIVITY: Have priest pour out water from the pitcher into the basin.

4. HOSANNA

TALK: Right after the priests would pour out the water they would walk around the alter once waving a palm branch while the people waved palm branches and said Psalm 118:25. They were asking God to save them with rain!

ACTIVITY: Have children wave palm branches and say Psalm 118:25 while the priest walks around the alter once.

5. GREAT HOSANNA

TALK: On the seventh day the priest would walk around the alter 7 times while the people would say Psalm 118:25. They would be saying Hosanna, which means “save us” in Hebrew. This day was known as the Hoshana Rabbah or “Great Hosanna”. Not only were people thinking about rain but the Messiah coming too!

ACTIVITY: Have the priest pour the water into the basin then walk around it 7 times while the children wave their palm branches and say Psalm 118:25.

6. COME TO ME

TALK: Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate Tabernacles, and on the 7th day, the day of the Great Hosanna, he was teaching in the temple courts. During this festival he stood up and said in a loud voice “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

ACTIVITY: Have the Priest repeat pouring the water in the basin and walk around it 7 times with the children saying Psalm 118:25 and waving their palm branches. Then have Jesus say John 7:37-38 in a loud voice.

CORRESPONDING VERSE

WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER FROM THE WELLS OF SALVATION.

ISAIAH 12:3

LORD SAVE US! LORD, GRANT US SUCCESS!

PSALM 118:25

ON THE LAST AND GREATEST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL

JOHN 7:37

“LET ANYONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME TO ME AND DRINK. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, AS SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, RIVERS OF LIVING WATER WILL FLOW FROM WITHIN THEM.”

JOHN 7:37-38

ACTIVITIES

7. LIVING WATER

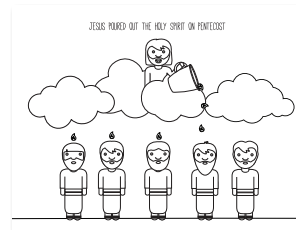
TALK: Jesus was saying that the water he would give was living water. When he was in heaven he would pour out the Holy Spirit like the priest poured out the water.

ACTIVITY: Have Jesus pour out the pitcher with the Holy Spirit flames pouring into the basin.

8. GLORIFIED

TALK: Jesus wanted to pour out living water to his people, but he had to wait until he was glorified. Even though he died on Passover (Pesach), he did not pour out the Holy Spirit until Pentecost (Shavuot). At Pentecost he poured out the Holy Spirit on his apostles.

ACTIVITY: Have children color the coloring page of Jesus pouring out living water over the earth.



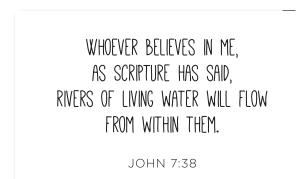
9. PENTECOST

TALK: On the day of Pentecost Jesus poured out the living water on his apostles and it reached them like a wind and landed on them like tongues of fire!

ACTIVITY: Grab a handful of fire pieces from the basin and blow them out of your hands for the children to catch them, then give each child a fire sticker!



OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

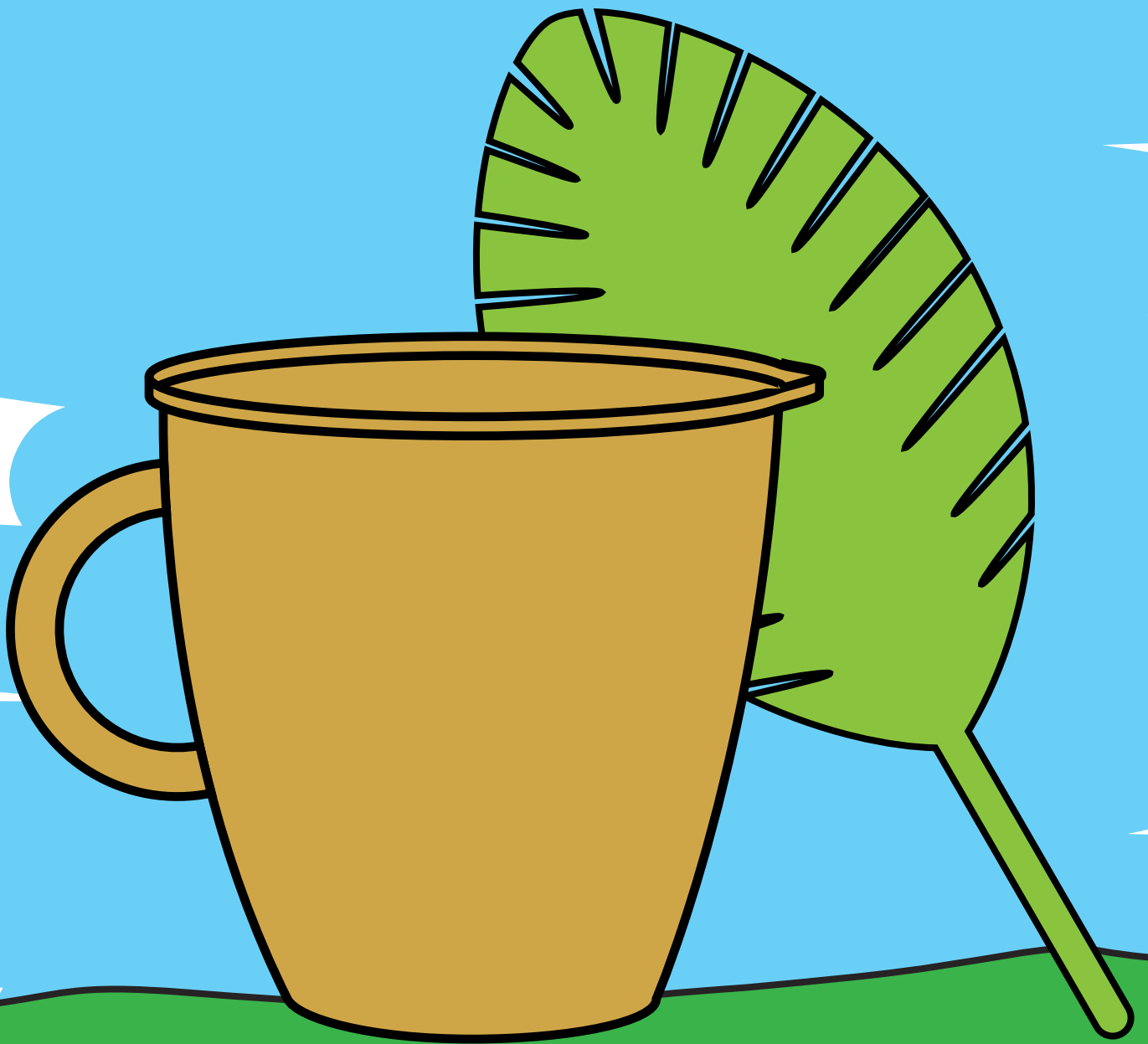
BY THIS HE MET THE SPIRIT, WHOM THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM WERE LATER TO RECEIVE. UP TO THAT TIME THE SPIRIT HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN, SINCE JESUS HAD NOT YET BEEN GLORIFIED.

JOHN 7:39

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST CAME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. SUDDENLY THE SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM. ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM.

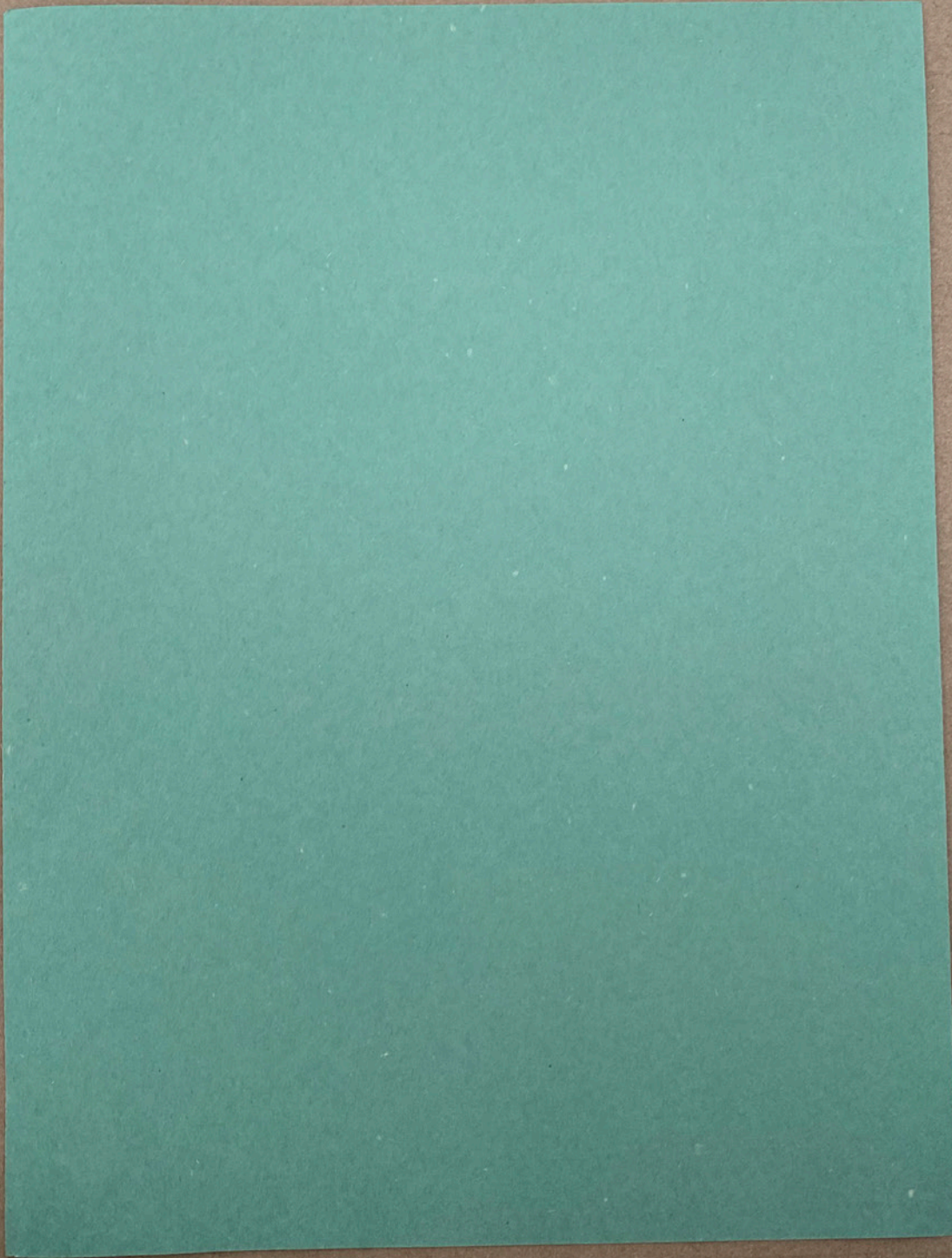
ACTS 2:1-4

PALM BRANCH

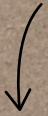


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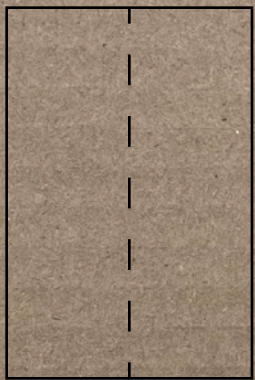
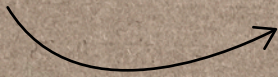


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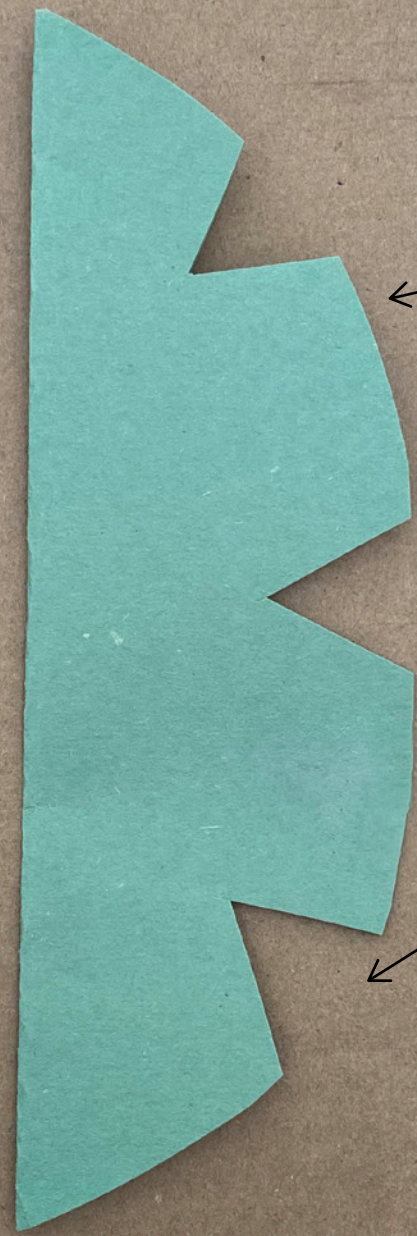


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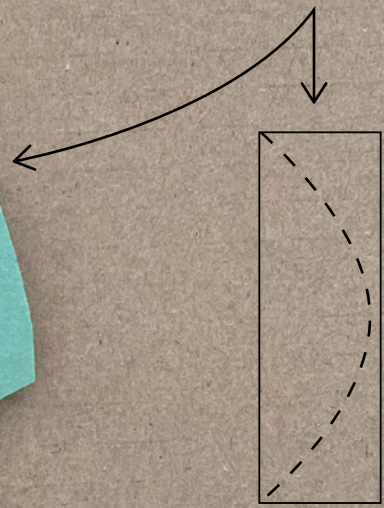
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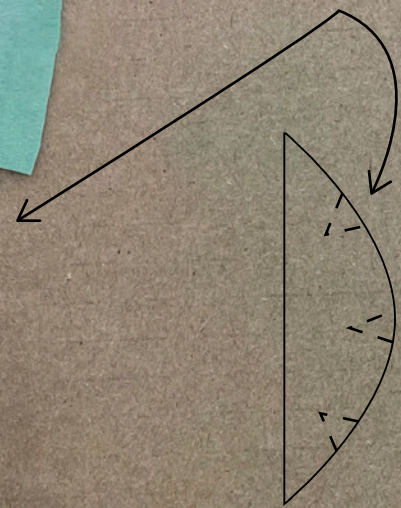
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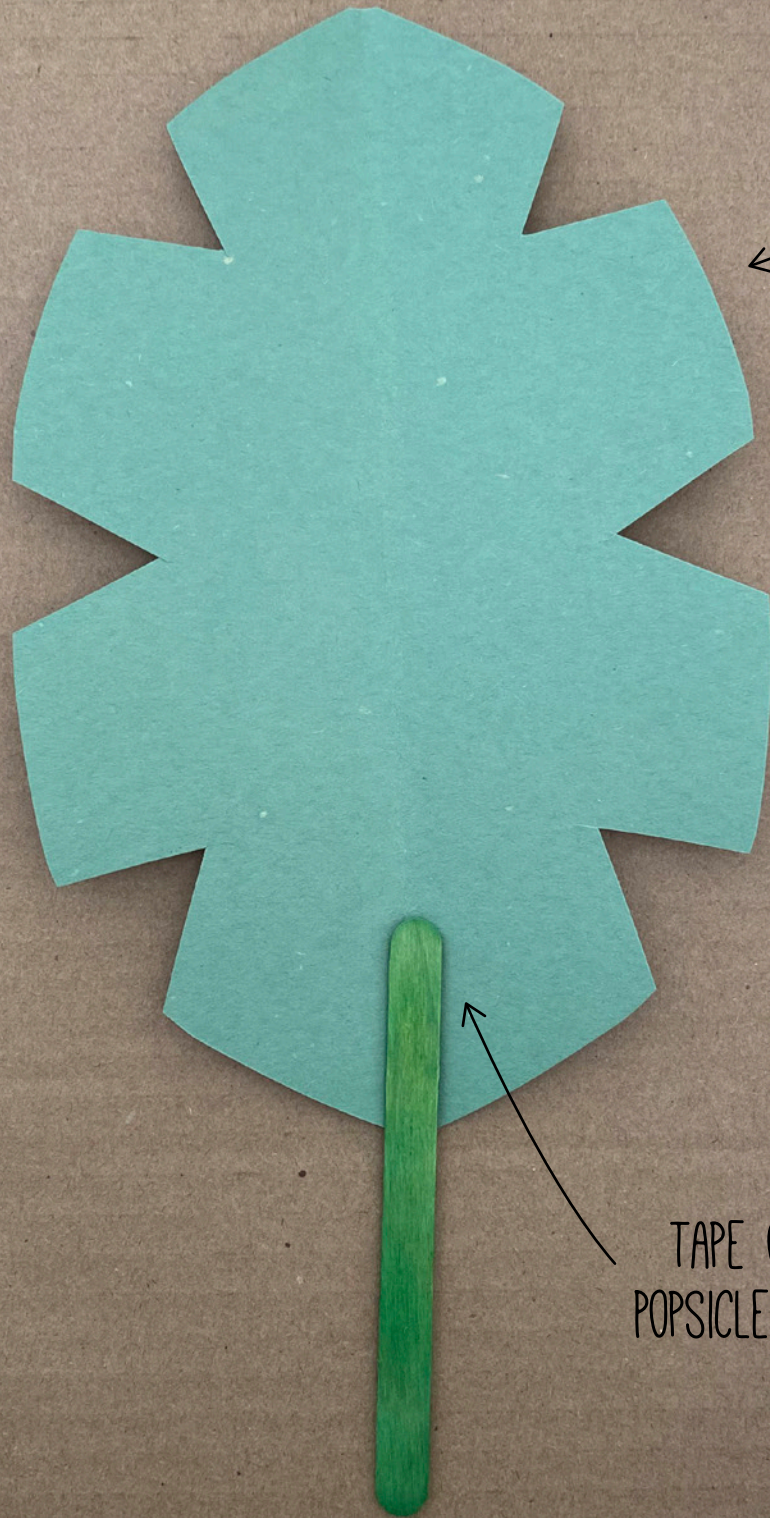
CUT A HALF OVAL



& THREE TRIANGLES



PALM BRANCH



OPEN PAPER

TAPE OR GLUE GREEN
POPSICLE STICK TO PAPER

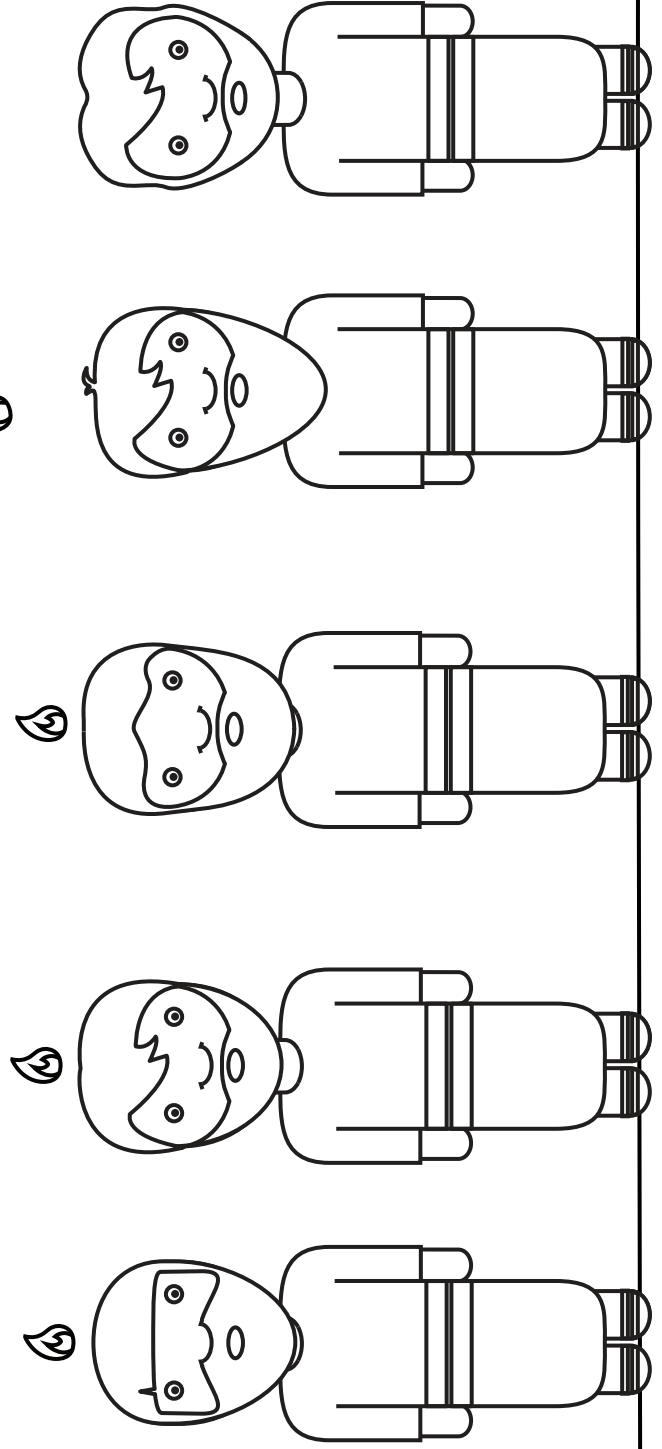
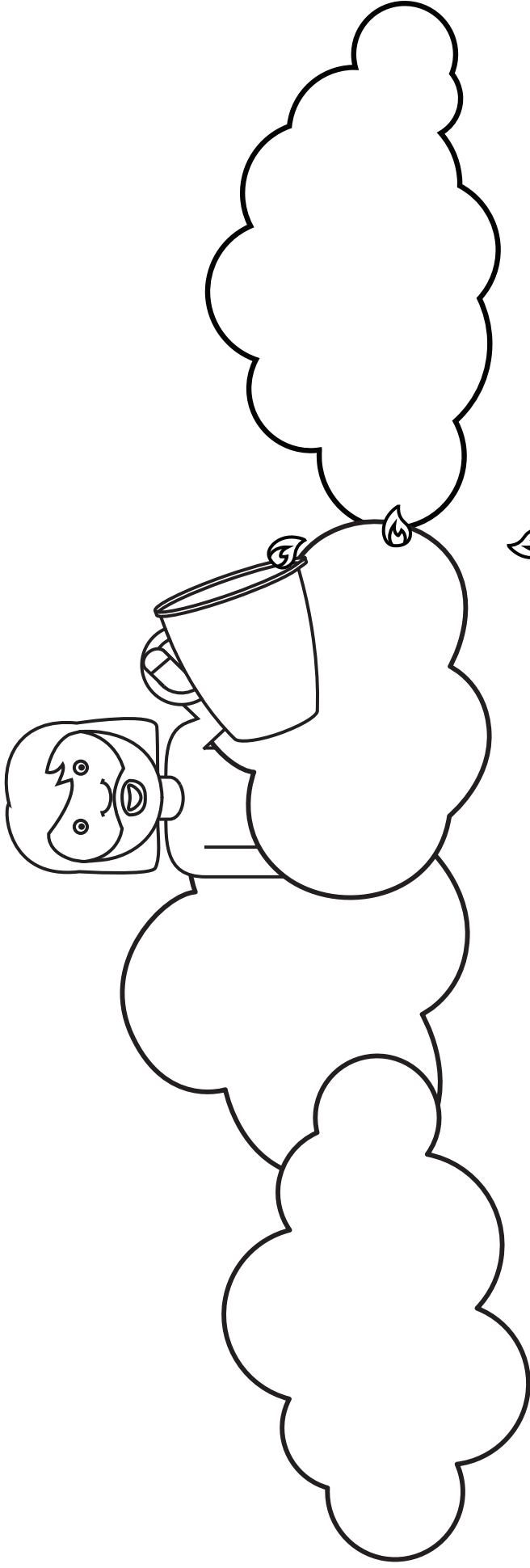
PITCHERS

I had two pitchers and two basins. One filled with water, and the other filled with the crinkle paper assortment from week 1. I also had two basins to collect the water and paper.

The priest gets the water pitcher and basin, and Jesus gets the pitcher of crinkle paper and basin.



JESUS POURED OUT THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTECOST





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