

CANAAN



CLOUDS WEEK 3



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CLOUD OF WITNESSES

FOCUS

HEBREWS 11:4-8, 11:20-22, 11:26, 11:31 & 12:1

The book of Hebrews talks about the cloud of witnesses! People from long ago who had great faith!

MATERIALS

Clouds of Witnesses picture
White and blue paper (1 set per child)
Witnesses characters (1 set per child)
Altar (1) & two items (1 set per child)
Find Jesus coloring page (1 per child)
Noah's Ark coloring page & a handful of craft sticks (1 set per child)
Blessed bracelet (1 per child)
Joseph mummy
Egypt & Canaan signs
God's Promises treasure box (1 per child)
Rahab & 2 spies actors
Crayons, scissors, liquid glue and glue

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they know about some of the people who lived a long time ago that had great faith!

ACTIVITY: Show children the Cloud of Witnesses picture and hang nearby for them to see.

2. CLOUD OF WITNESSES

TALK: There are many people that have followed God before us that are with him in heaven now! The book of Hebrews called them the cloud of witnesses!

ACTIVITY: Have the children cut out cloud shapes and glue them to the blue sheet of paper.

CORRESPONDING VERSE



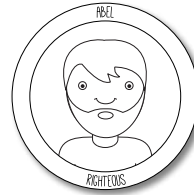
THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES
HEBREWS 12:1

ACTIVITIES

3. ABEL

TALK: The first person mentioned was Abel! Abel was righteous because he gave God his best!

ACTIVITY: Have the children choose between two items and put the best one on the “altar” for God. Then have them color and glue the Abel picture onto their clouds!



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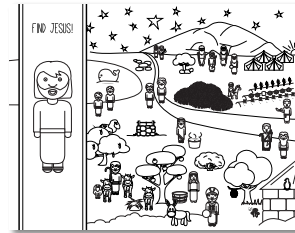
BY FAITH ABEL BROUGHT GOD A BETTER OFFERING THAN CAIN DID. BY FAITH HE WAS COMMENDED AS RIGHTEOUS.

HEBREWS 11:4

4. ENOCH

TALK: The second person mentioned was Enoch! Enoch pleased God! God even took him to heaven while he was still living! People looked for Enoch and could not find him, just like God wants us to seek Him!

ACTIVITY: Have the children find Jesus in the hidden picture. Then have them glue the Enoch picture onto their clouds!



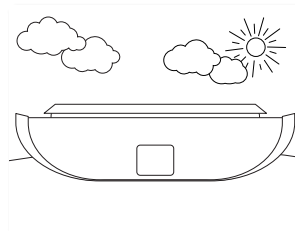
BY FAITH ENOCH WAS TAKEN FROM THIS LIFE, SO THAT HE DID NOT EXPERIENCE DEATH: “HE COULD NOT BE FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM AWAY.” FOR BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN, HE WAS COMMENDED AS ONE WHO PLEASED GOD. AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD, BECAUSE ANYONE WHO COMES TO HIM MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM.

HEBREWS 11:5-6

5. NOAH

TALK: God told Noah that a flood was coming and to build an ark to save himself and his family! It took Noah a long time to do it, but he obeyed because he believed what God said! He had holy fear that if he did not obey, his family would not be saved!

ACTIVITY: Have children find craft sticks and glue them on the ark coloring page. Then have them color and glue the Noah picture onto their clouds!



BY FAITH NOAH, WHEN WARNED ABOUT THINGS NOT YET SEEN, IN HOLY FEAR BUILT AN ARK TO SAVE HIS FAMILY.

HEBREWS 11:7

ACTIVITIES

6. ABRAHAM

TALK: God told Abraham to move and live somewhere else! Somewhere that Abraham had never been to! Abraham obeyed and moved to that land, God even said it would be his!

ACTIVITY: Have the children listen and obey simple instructions to get to a certain destination. Then have them glue the Abraham picture onto their clouds!



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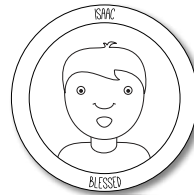
BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN CALLED TO GO TO A PLACE HE WOULD LATER RECEIVE AS HIS INHERITANCE, OBEYED AND WENT, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING.

HEBREWS 11:8

7. ISAAC

TALK: Isaac knew that he inherited his father Abraham's blessing, and he wanted to give it to his son Jacob so the blessing would not end!

ACTIVITY: Have the children make a Blessed bracelet. Then have them glue the Isaac picture onto their clouds!



BY FAITH ISAAC BLESSED JACOB AND ESAU IN REGARD TO THEIR FUTURE.

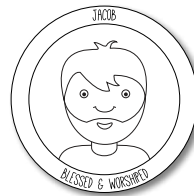
HEBREWS 11:20



8. JACOB

TALK: Jacob wanted to bless and adopt Joseph's sons! After he blessed them, he worshiped!

ACTIVITY: Have the children give their Blessed bracelet to their parent then sing a worship song! Then have them glue the Jacob picture onto their clouds!



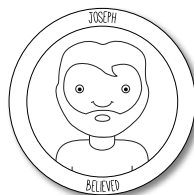
BY FAITH JACOB, WHEN HE WAS DYING, BLESSED EACH OF JOSEPH'S SONS, AND WORSHIPED AS HE LEANED ON THE TOP OF HIS STAFF.

HEBREWS 11:21

9. JOSEPH

TALK: Joseph had lived in Egypt a very long time, but he believed that one day the Israelites would leave! When they did, he wanted them to take his bones with them!

ACTIVITY: Have the children take the small mummy from Egypt and bring it to Canaan. Then have them glue the Joseph picture onto their clouds!



BY FAITH JOSEPH, WHEN HIS END WAS NEAR, SPOKE ABOUT THE EXODUS OF THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT AND GAVE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF HIS BONES.

HEBREWS 11:22

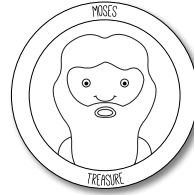


ACTIVITIES

10. MOSES

TALK: Moses grew up in a palace! The palace was full of beautiful treasure, but Moses didn't want that treasure, he wanted God's treasure instead! He knew obeying would give him more treasure than all the treasure in Egypt!

ACTIVITY: Have the children color the God's Promises treasure box. Then have them glue the Moses picture onto their clouds!



11. RAHAB

TALK: When the two spies came to Jericho, Rahab welcomed them and saved them! She knew the power of their God was greater than the god of Jericho and was saved when Israel defeated Jericho! She chose God's unfamiliar plan over what she knew and grew up with!

ACTIVITY: Have the Rahab actor welcome the two spies and say "You are strangers, but I welcome you, because I want the God that goes with you." Then have the two spies say "Thank you for welcoming us, we will save you, because you saved us!" Then have them glue the Rahab picture onto their clouds!

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

CORRESPONDING VERSE

HE REGARDED DISGRACE FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST AS OF GREATER VALUE THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT, BECAUSE HE WAS LOOKING AHEAD TO HIS REWARD.

HEBREWS 11:26

BY FAITH THE PROSTITUTE RAHAB, BECAUSE SHE WELCOMED THE SPIES, WAS NOT KILLED WITH THOSE WHO WERE DISOBEDIENT.

HEBREWS 11:31

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HEBREWS 12:1

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BLUE PAPER

WHITE PAPER

PRINT & CUT OUT

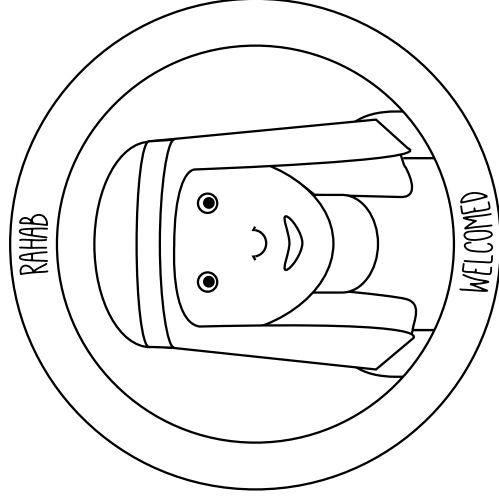
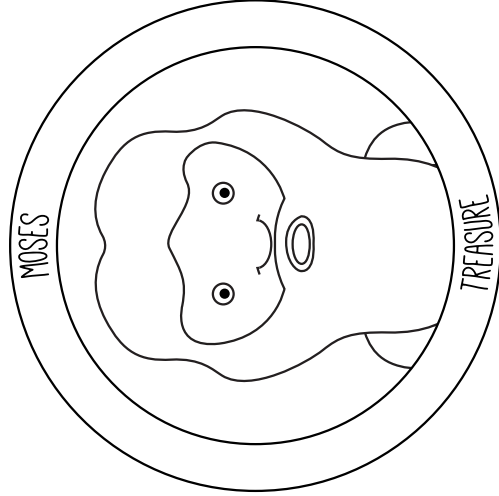
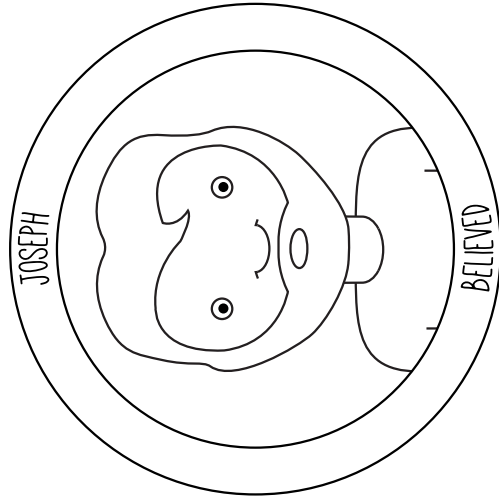
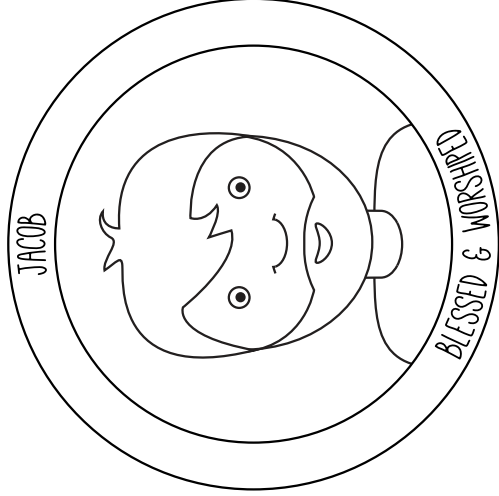
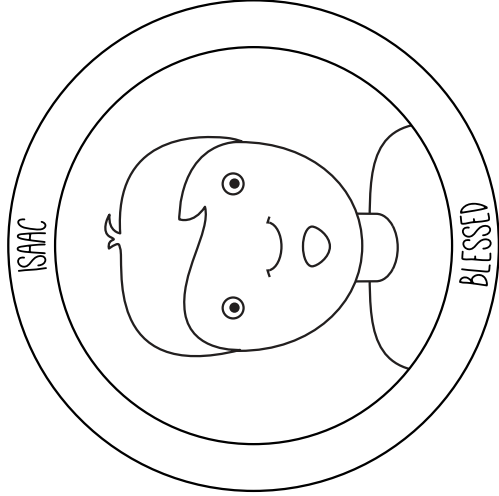
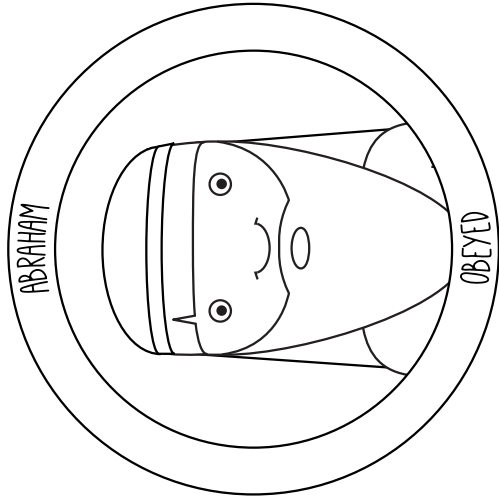
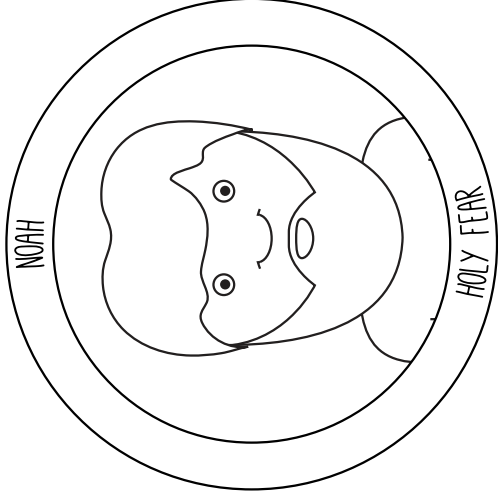
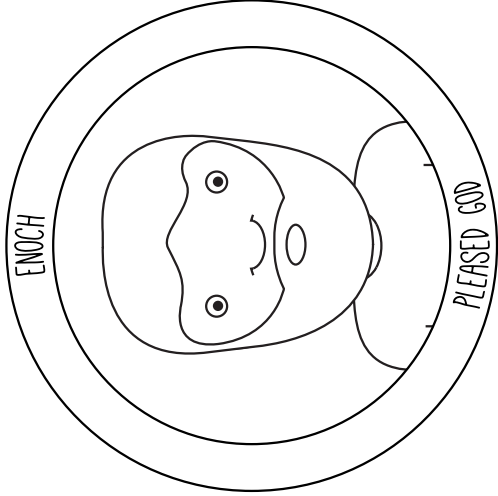
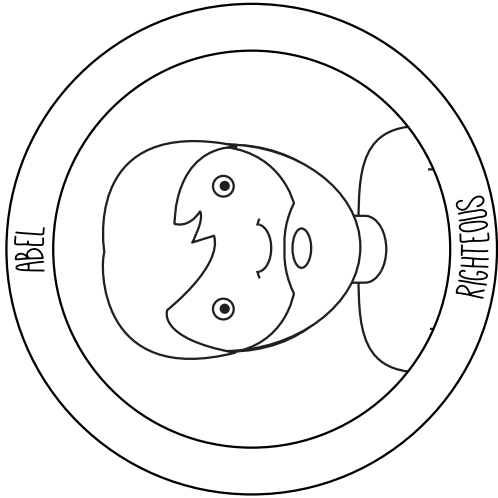


CLOUD OF WITNESSES

CUT THE WHITE PAPER INTO CLOUDS
& GLUE ONTO THE BLUE PAPER

GLUE ON TOP OF
THE CLOUDS



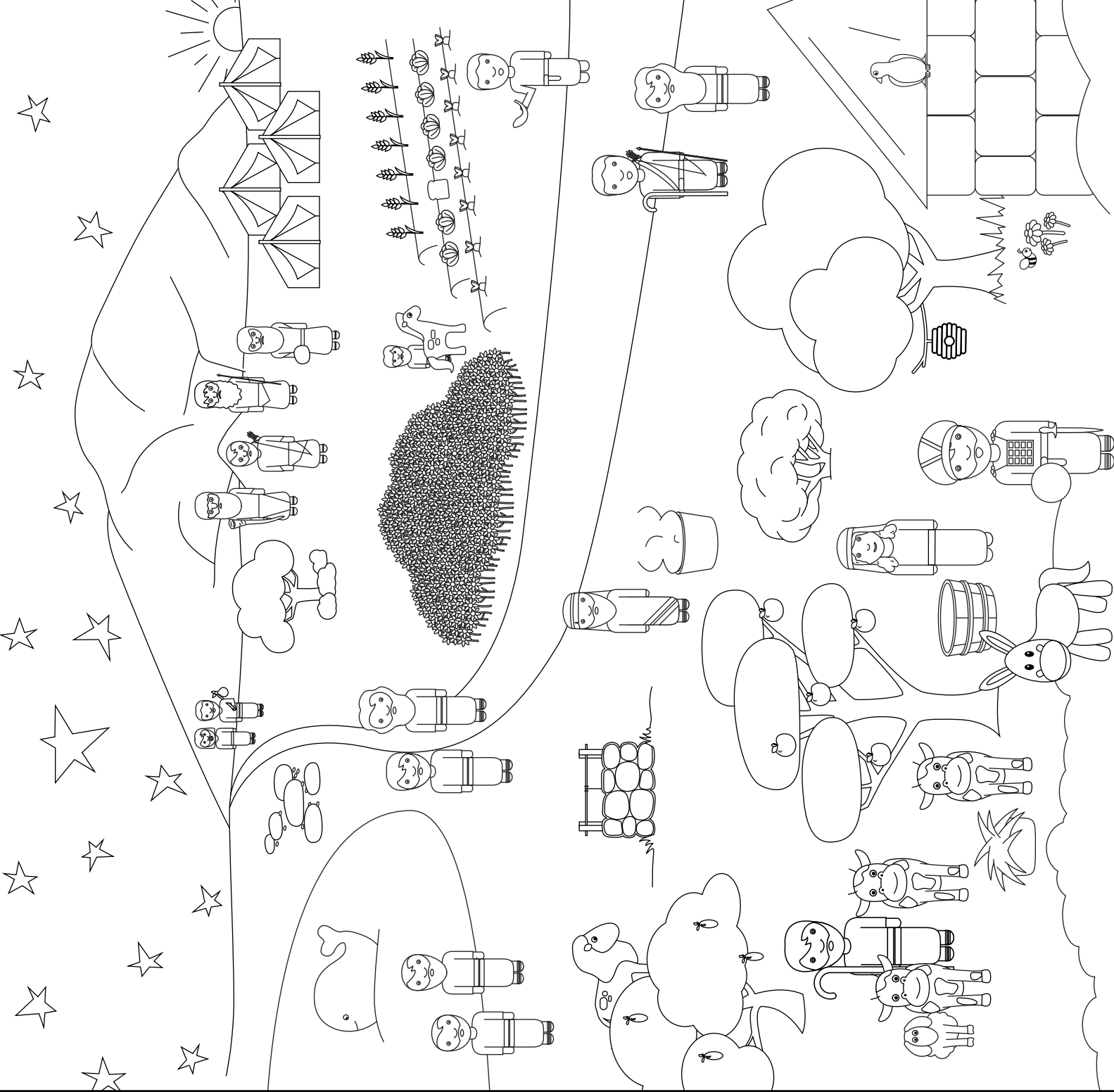
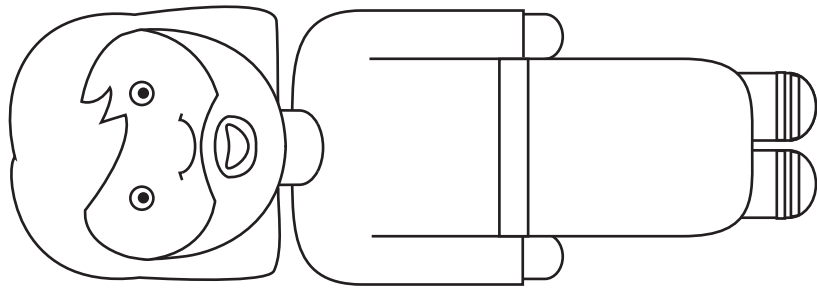


ALTAR

I used a large flat rock to resemble an altar. Then I gave each child a piece of candy and a carrot stick. They were to choose the one they liked best to put on the altar.

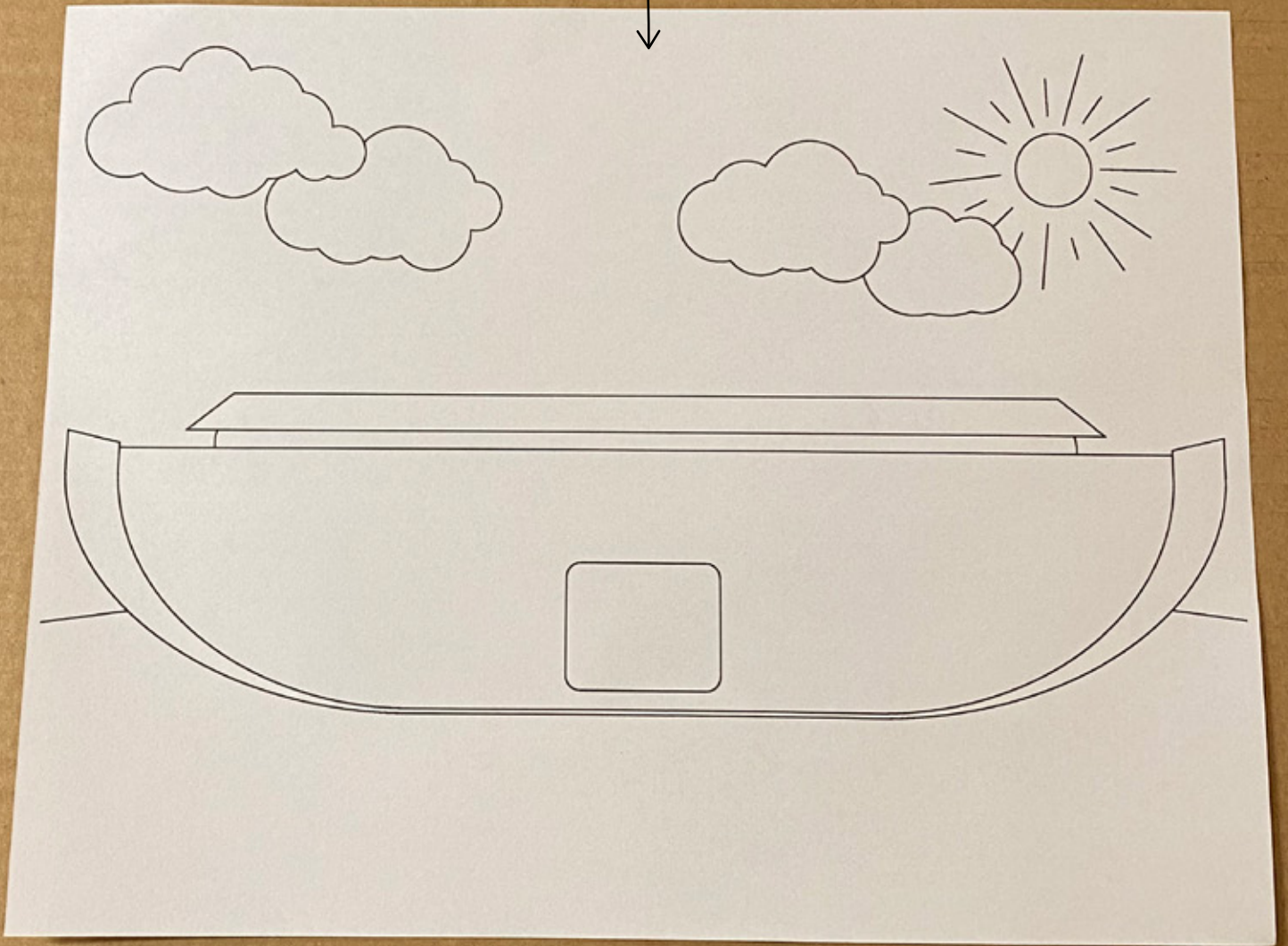


FIND JESUS!

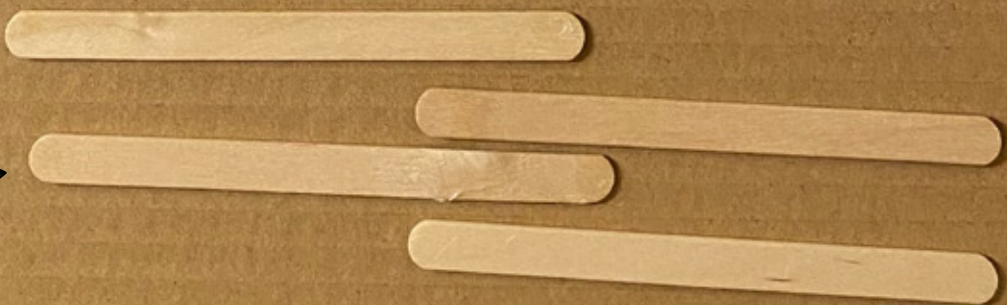


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PRINT



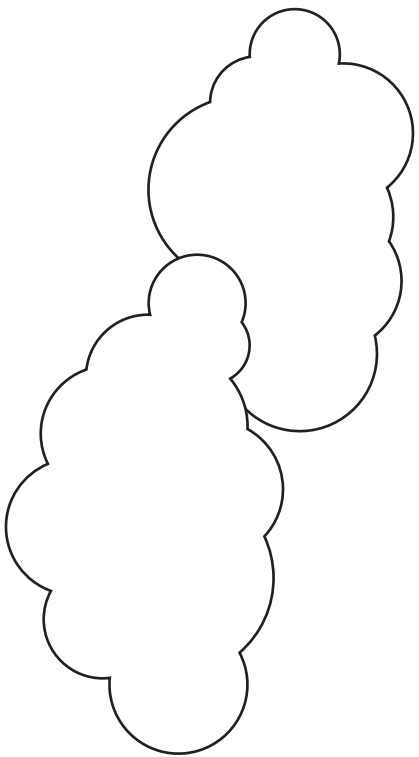
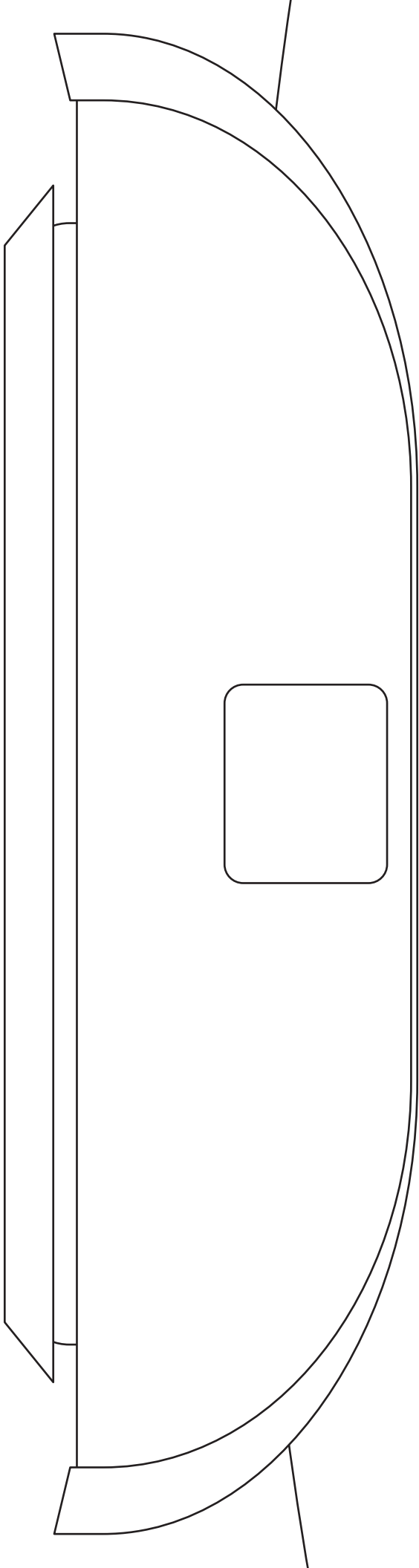
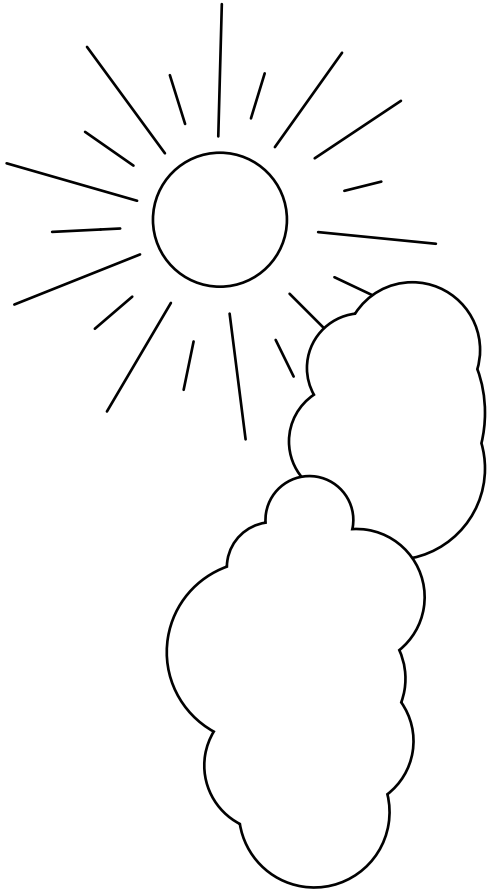
CRAFT STICKS



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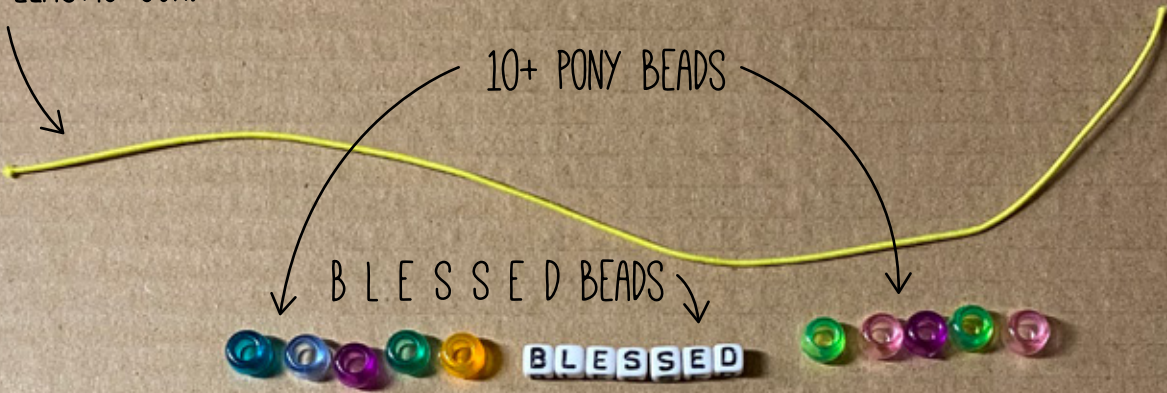
GLUE THE CRAFT
STICKS ONTO
THE ARK





BLESSED BRACELET

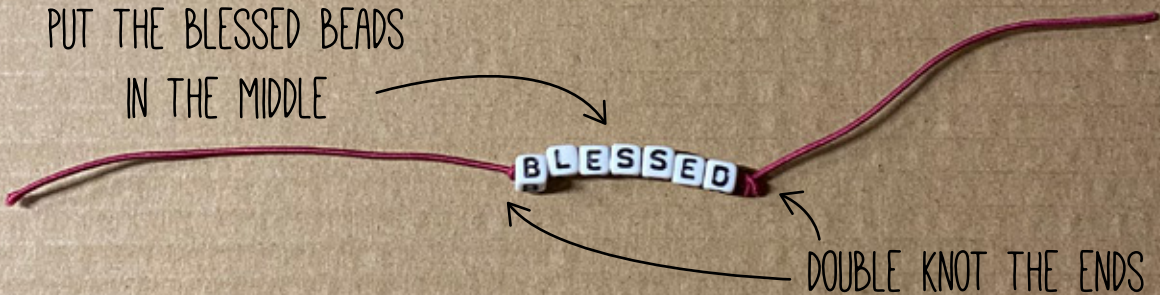
10" THICK ELASTIC CORD



10+ PONY BEADS

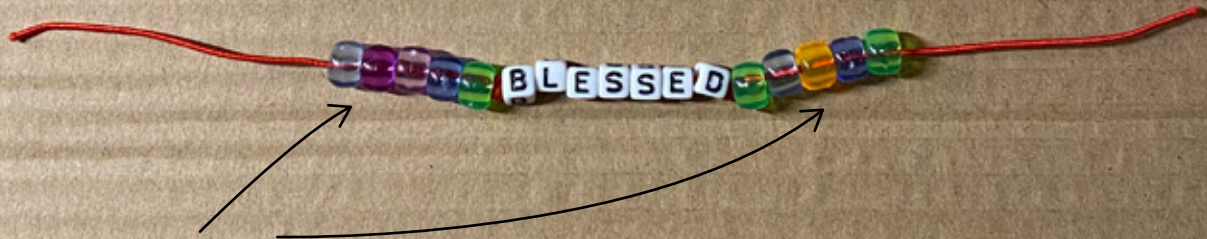
BLESSED BEADS

PUT THE BLESSED BEADS
IN THE MIDDLE



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PLACE THE BEADS ON
THE ENDS



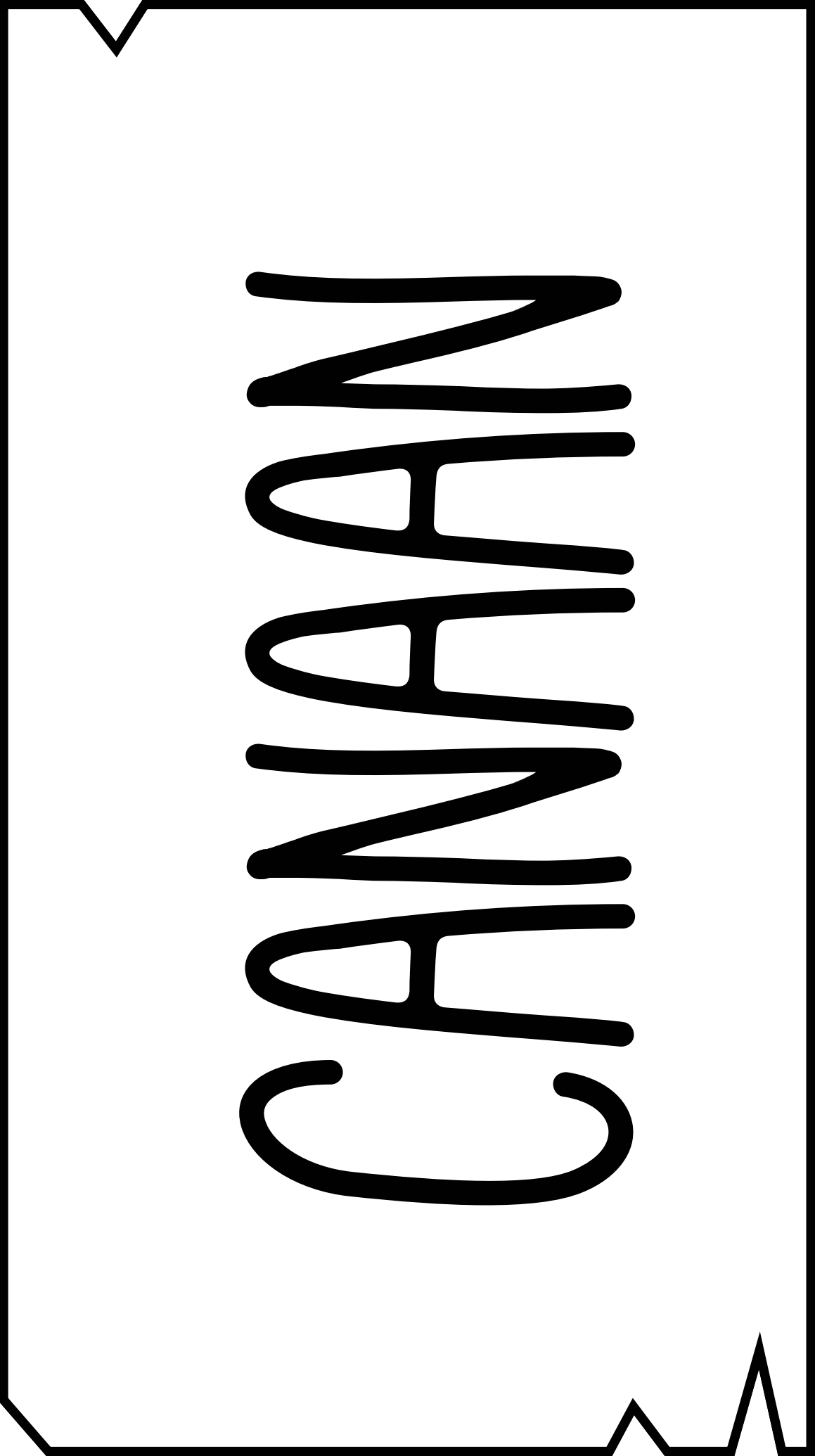
TIE TOGETHER



MUMMY

PLAYMOBIL MUMMY
(YOU CAN USE ANOTHER TOY)





CANAN

EGYPT

TREASURE BOX

WRITE "GOD'S PROMISES"
ON THE TREASURE BOX



ACTIVITY 11

Rahab: You are strangers, but I welcome you, because I want the God that goes with you.

Spies: Thank you for welcoming us, we will save you, because you saved us!

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