

The Book of Genesis

Coloring sheets



God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25

In the beginning, before anything was anything, God made the heavens and the earth. He just said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! Then God made the sky and the land and the oceans. God made the plants and the sun, moon and stars. He liked what He made. It was very good!

Then God said, “Let the sky be filled with birds that fly.” And it was. He said, “Let the waters be filled with all sorts of creatures.” Then there were fish, dolphins, jellyfish, and many other creatures in the water. Next, God made every kind of animal. When God saw all the creatures that He made, He said that they were very good.

Then God did something even more special! He took some dirt and formed it into a man. Then God breathed into the man and he became alive. Next, God made a woman. They were the first people—people like you and me. They were named Adam and Eve. God loved Adam and Eve. Everything God made was very good.



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Genesis 1:1—2:25



Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24

Adam and Eve lived in a wonderful garden. There were trees and plants with good food like apples, bananas, grapes and watermelon. There were flowers and trees and plants that were beautiful to look at.

In the middle of the garden was a tree called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything in the whole garden except the fruit that was growing on that one tree.

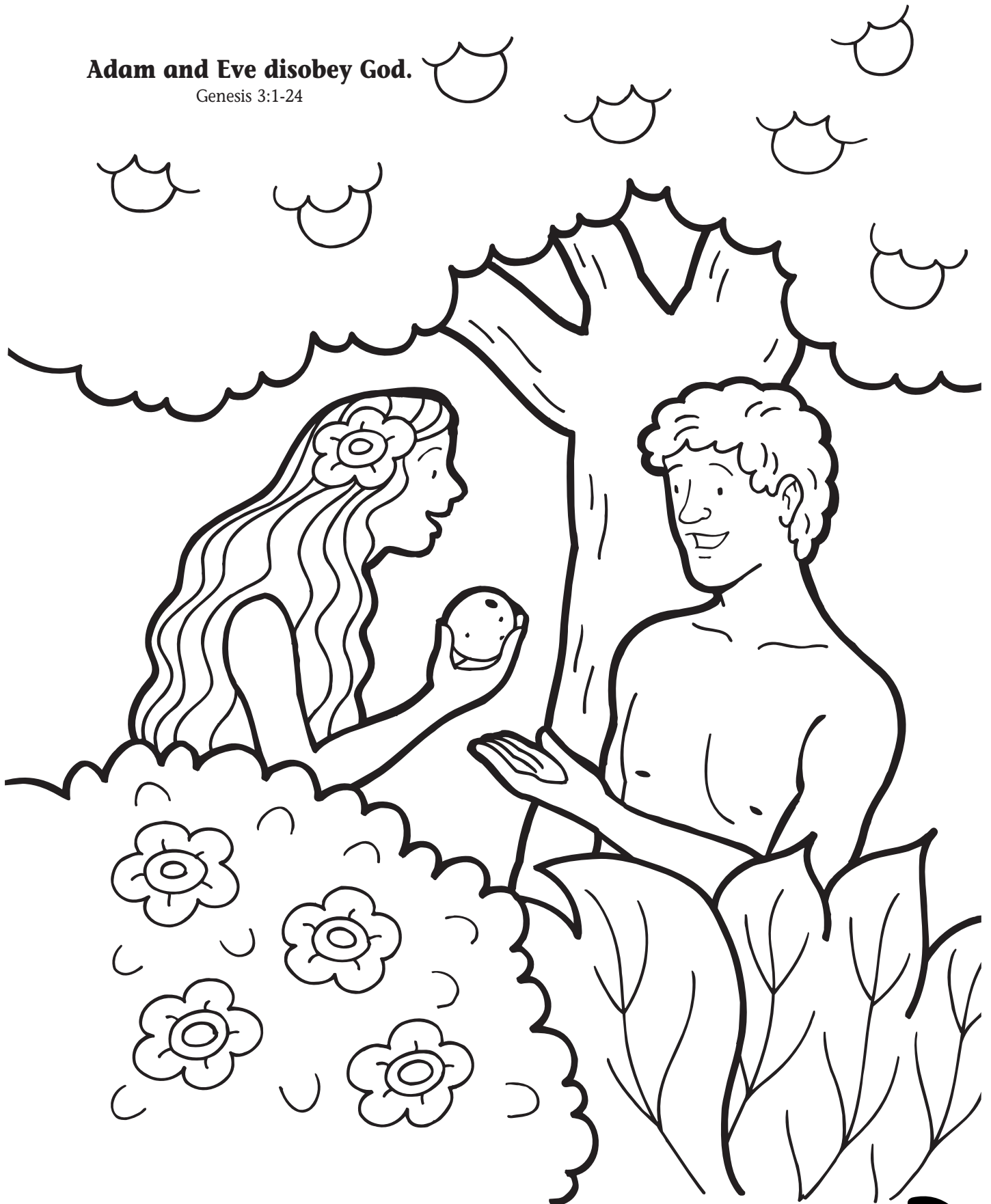
One day, a serpent talked to Eve and told her to eat the forbidden fruit. "If you eat some of that fruit, you would know things you didn't know before," the snake said. "You would be like God."

Eve listened to the serpent. She ate some of the fruit from the tree that God said not to eat from. Adam ate some, too. God was very sad that they had disobeyed Him. Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful garden, but God still loved them very much.



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Genesis 3:1-24



Noah builds an ark.

Genesis 6:1-22

Adam and Eve had children, and their children had children. After a while there were many people everywhere. But they did not love and obey God. They hurt other people and did not follow God's rules. God was sorry He had made them.

There was one person left who loved God. His name was Noah. Noah did what was right. God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to cover the whole world.

"Make a big boat," God told Noah. The boat was called an ark. Noah and his family would be safe in the ark when the flood came.

Noah and his family obeyed God. They worked hard to build the ark. They worked hard to gather lots of food. After a long time, the ark was ready. Noah and his family were ready.



Noah builds an ark.

Genesis 6:1-22



God makes a promise.

Genesis 8:1—9:17

The earth was covered with water for a long time. Finally, the water went away enough for the bottom of the ark to rest on a mountain. The earth began to dry up.

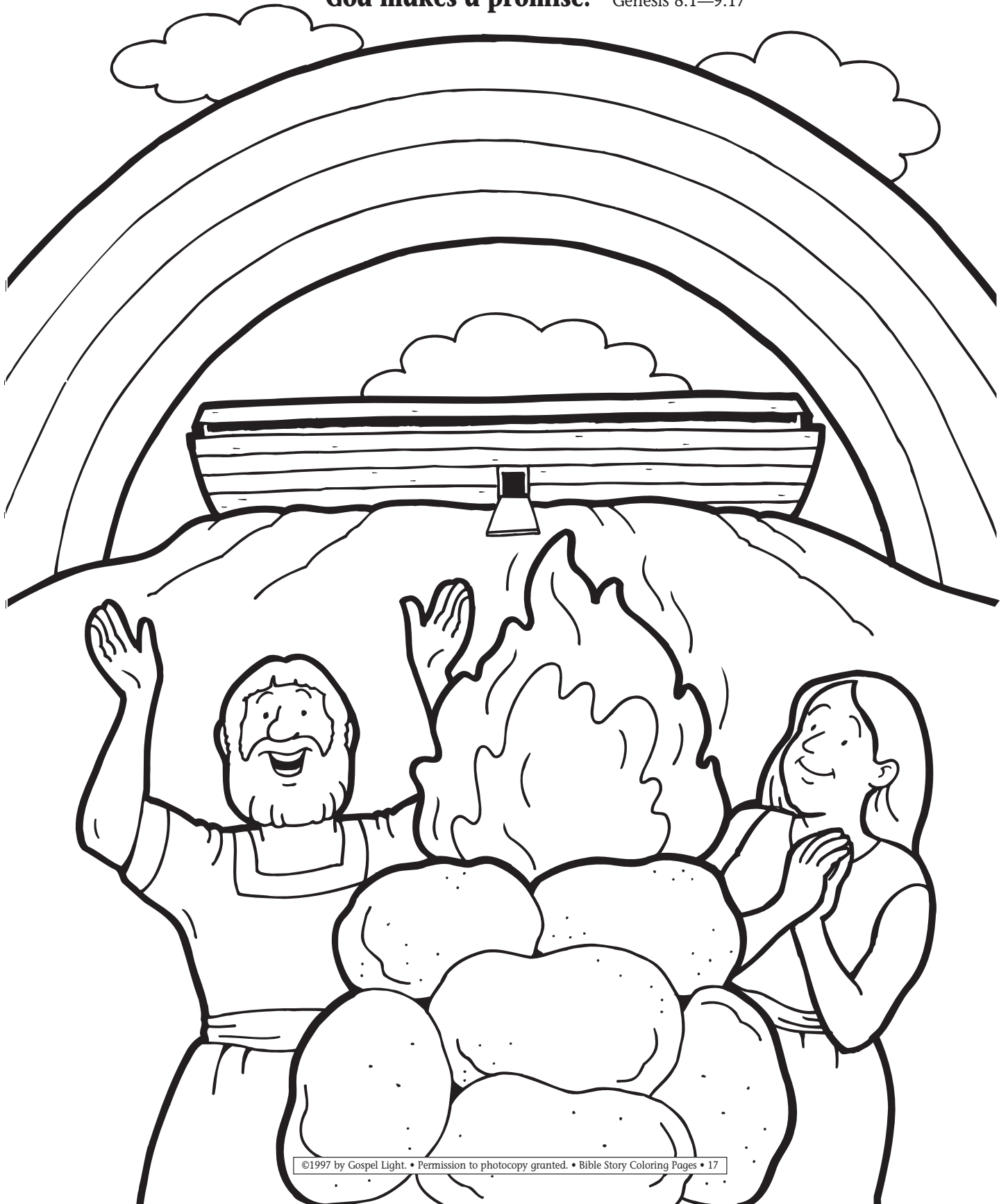
Noah and his family and all the animals stayed on the ark for many days. When the earth was dry enough, God told Noah to come out of the ark. Noah's family must have been so excited! The animals must have been very excited, too. It had been a long time since they had been able to run and climb and leap on dry ground.

After he let all the animals out of the ark, Noah built an altar, a special place to worship God. Noah thanked God for keeping his family safe during the flood.

God was happy to hear Noah praying. He promised Noah that He would never again destroy all living things with a flood. God put a rainbow in the sky to remind everyone of His promise.



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Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9

God loved Abram. God told Abram to leave his home and go to a new land. God promised to make Abram the leader of a great nation.

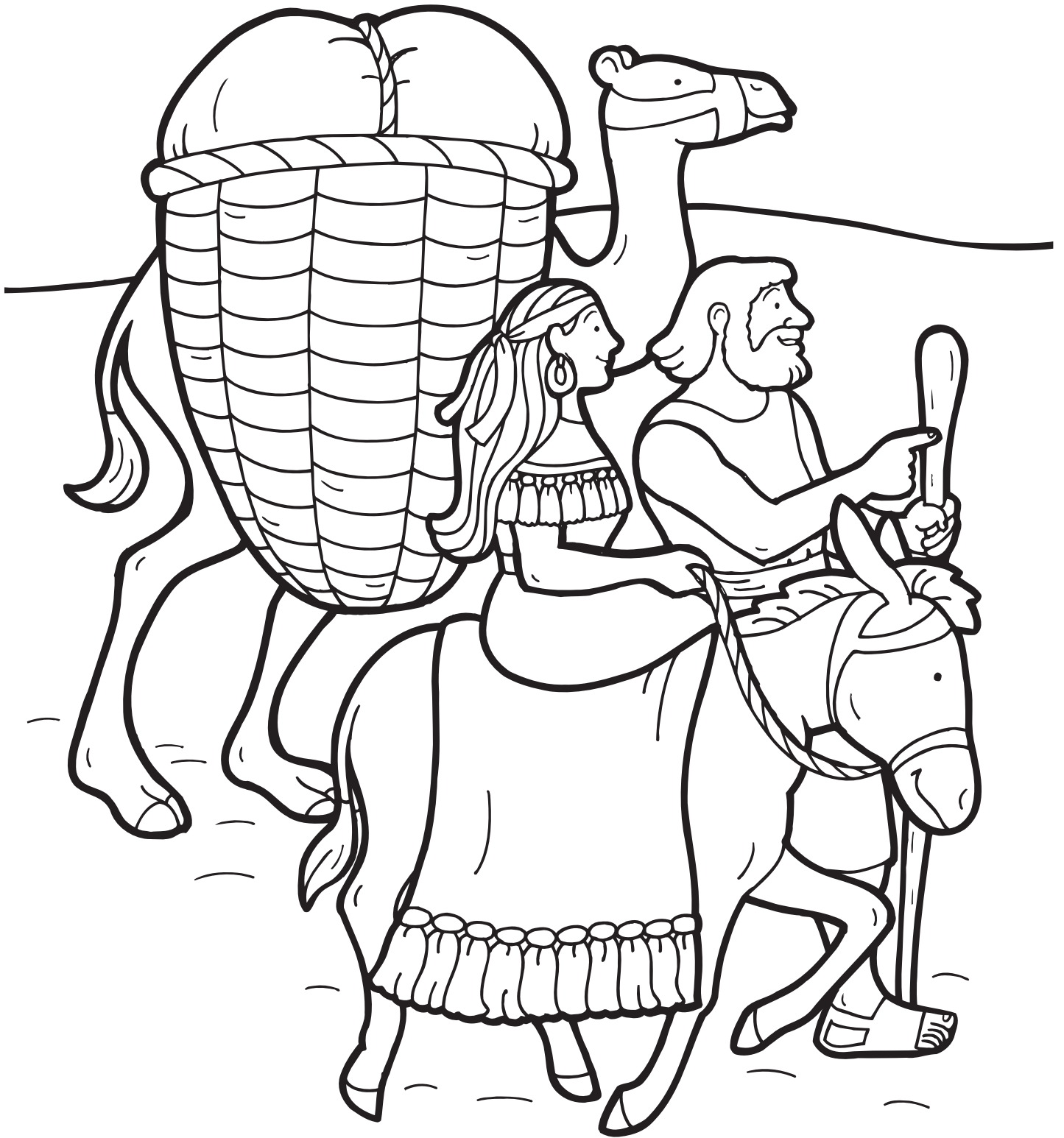
Abram obeyed God. He and his wife and his nephew, Lot, left their home. They took all their animals and their helpers with them. They walked for many, many days.

After days and days of walking, Abram and his family arrived in the new land. God told him that He was going to give the land to Abram's children. Abram worshiped God. Abram trusted God. Abram believed that God would keep His promises.



Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9



Isaac is born.

Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8; 18:1-15; 21:1-7

God gave a special promise to Abram. He promised to give Abram and his wife a son. As a reminder of His promise, God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Abraham means "father of many." Abraham and his wife, Sarah, waited many years but they still did not have a child. Abraham still did not stop believing God's promise.

Abraham and Sarah grew very old, older than most grandparents. One day some angels visited Abraham. "Next year Sarah will have a son," the visitors said.

Sarah was sitting in her tent listening to Abraham and the visitors. When she heard the angels' words, she started to laugh. She and Abraham were almost one hundred years old! She knew that no one her age ever had a baby. She was just too old! The visitors knew that she laughed. They said, "Is anything too hard for God?"

God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah. The next year, Sarah had a baby boy just as God had said. Abraham and Sarah named him Isaac.



Isaac is born.

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Abraham's servant finds a wife for Isaac.

Genesis 24:1-67

Isaac grew up and soon it was time for him to get married. Abraham talked to his servant. "Promise me that you will find a wife for my son Isaac." His servant promised to do his best.

The servant loaded many gifts on some camels. He traveled through the hot, dry desert to the land where Abraham used to live. Abraham's servant stopped by the well in a town. The servant asked God to show him who Isaac's new wife would be.

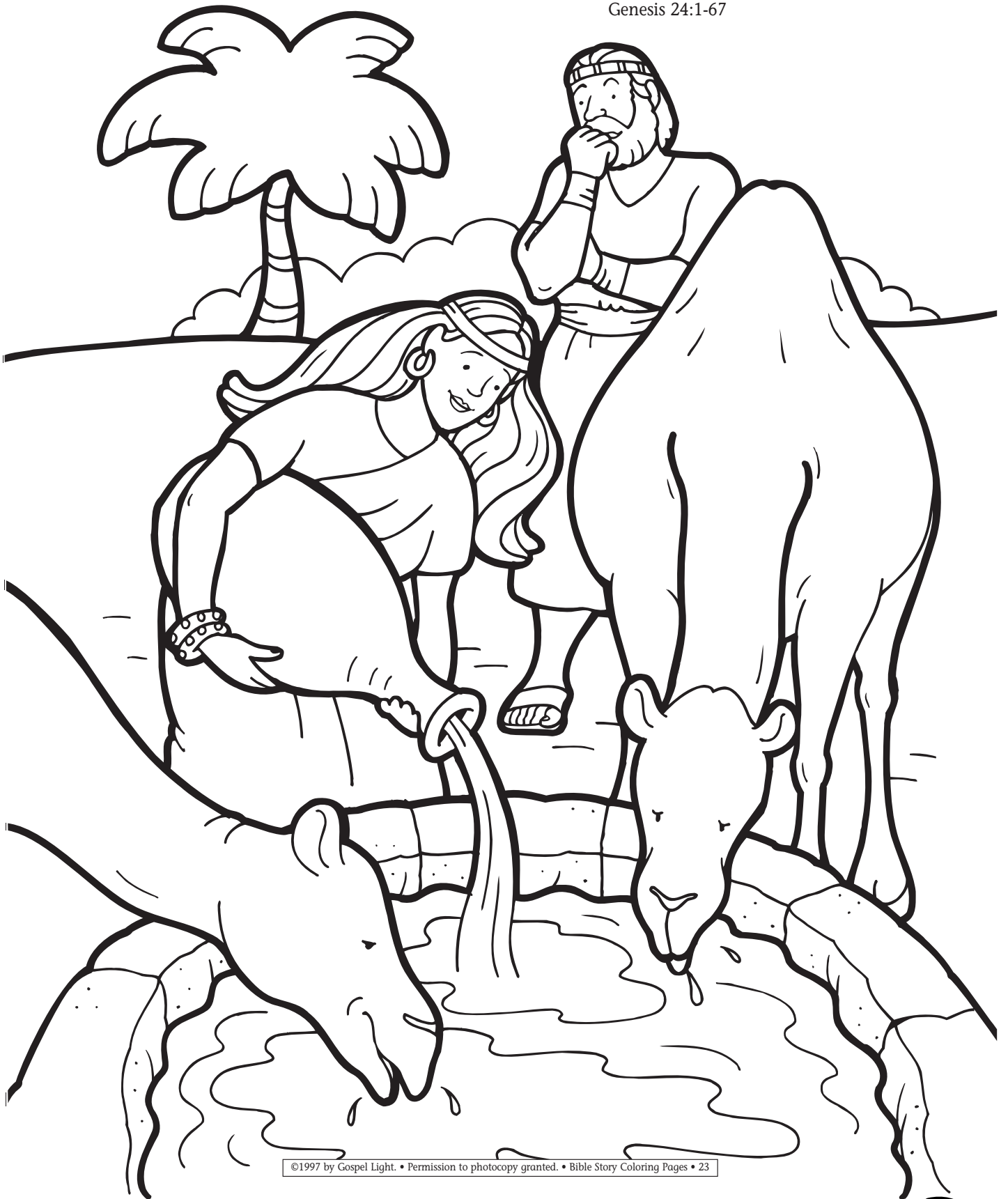
While he was praying, a beautiful woman named Rebekah came to the well. Abraham's servant asked her for some water. She gave him a drink and then said, "I'll give water to your camels, also." Rebekah worked hard pouring water into the watering trough until the thirsty camels had enough water. Abraham's servant knew that this kind person was the one God wanted to be Isaac's wife.

Abraham's servant was glad that God answered his prayer. Rebekah was happy to be Isaac's wife.



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Genesis 24:1-67



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Jacob tricks Esau.

Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-41

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Esau was born first, so he was supposed to be the next leader of the family. Esau loved to hunt and be outside. Jacob was quiet and stayed at home.

One day Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau came home from hunting and he was very hungry. "Give me some of your stew," he said.

"I'll give you some stew if you give me the right to lead the family when our father dies," Jacob answered. So Esau gave his birthright to Jacob. Esau wanted the stew more than he wanted to be his family's leader.

Another time, Jacob dressed up like Esau. Jacob put some goat's skin on his arms and chest so he would feel hairy like Esau. Jacob put on some of Esau's clothes so he would smell sweaty like Esau. (They didn't wash their clothes very often back then!) Jacob talked to Isaac, but because Isaac was almost blind Isaac thought Jacob was really Esau! Isaac prayed for Jacob, and made promises to him, promises he had meant to make to Esau. When Esau found out about Jacob's trick he was very angry.



Jacob tricks Esau.

Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-41



Joseph forgives his brothers.

Genesis 42:1—45:28

Jacob's family didn't have any food. Jacob heard that there was food to buy in Egypt. He sent Joseph's brothers there to buy food. Joseph's brothers didn't know that God had helped Joseph become an important ruler in Egypt.

When Joseph's brothers got to Egypt, they asked to buy food. They did not know they were talking to Joseph. It had been a long time since they had seen Joseph. Joseph had grown up. Now he dressed and talked like an Egyptian.

Joseph pretended that he did not know his brothers. He asked them about their family. Joseph tested them to see if they were sorry for being mean to him. Then Joseph told his brothers who he was, and he forgave them. Joseph invited them all to come and live near him in Egypt. Joseph was glad to be with his family again.



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Genesis 42:1—45:28

