



Messy Church at Home Sunday 3rd May



Our message: ‘Even if we seem helpless God can use us for good

Our hero: **MOSES - helpless baby to great leader**

Our story: The story of Moses and the people of Israel returning from slavery in Egypt can be found in books 2 – 5 of the Old Testament part of the Bible. Today we will look at the part of Moses’ life from when he was a baby in Egypt to when he guided the people through the Sinai Desert back towards their promised home in Canaan. (Exodus 1 – 20). Moses didn’t reach it. After he died it was the task of God’s messenger, Joshua, to take them across the River Jordan and help them to set up their home.

This is long and difficult reading so we suggest you watch the video of the story of Moses in the Beginners’ Bible. Many families will know about ‘Moses in the bulrushes’. He was a weak and helpless baby who was brought up by an Egyptian princess. Throughout his life he had to overcome his weaknesses to do what God asked of him. However, he became a great leader who followed God faithfully and lead His people out of slavery. This is our message today – that we can do great things for God even if we seem helpless.

Activities See following pages for instructions. Hopefully you will have most of the materials needed. You just need to decide which activities are suitable for the age group of your family.

1. Make a basket for baby Moses
2. Make an Egyptian cartouche
3. Make a pyramid gift box
4. Make a ‘Burning Bush’
5. Make an origami frog
6. Make a model of crossing the Red Sea
7. Make a bookmark
8. Do an edible craft!
9. Complete the emoji 10 Commandments!
10. Make a folding book about Moses
11. Prayer Shack – ‘Basket prayers’
12. Have a quiet time colouring and puzzling

No Messy Sunday session would be complete without food! If you have sausages this week how about having gravy as the River Nile, mash as a basket and a sausage as Moses! Try it! I hope you will also try one of the edible crafts – in which case there’s your pudding! Of course God gave the hungry Israelites



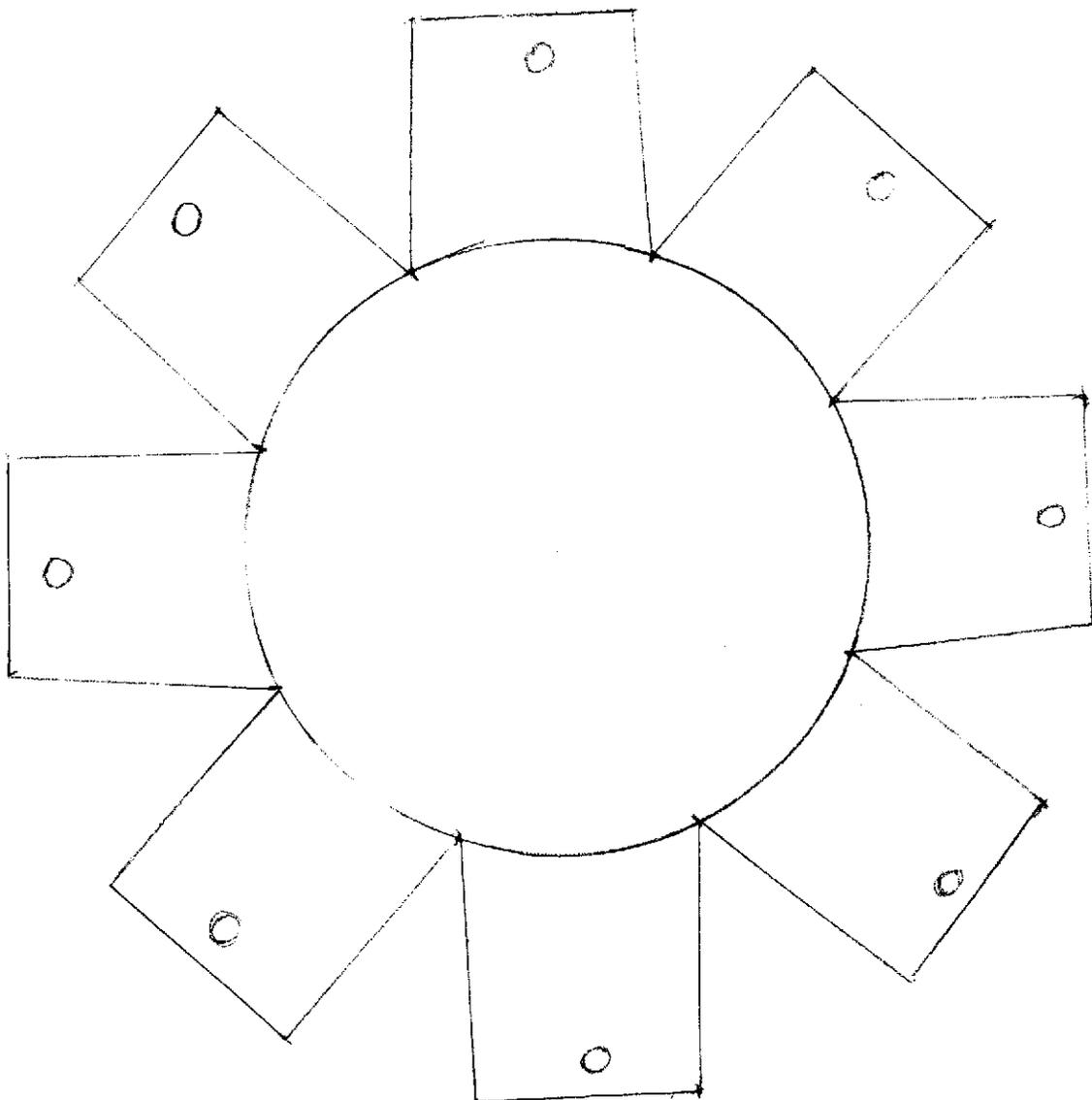
in the desert ‘manna’ to eat – it fell from the sky. All because Moses did what God wanted him to do!



ACTIVITIES FOR MESSY AT HOME – MOSES

1. Make a basket for baby Moses

Cut out this template. Draw round it on card (a cereal box?) and cut out the card shape. Fold up the rectangles to make a basket shape. Use wool or raffia to weave your basket. Use sellotape to fix the ends. You can punch holes in the top and make a loop-over edge. See if you can find a small doll to fit in the basket – or perhaps you could make one?



2. Make an Egyptian cartouche

Moses was found by a princess in a basket in the River Nile in Egypt. He was brought up as her son and lived like an Egyptian. His people, the Israelites, were forced to build Pyramids, temples and tombs for the Egyptians. Cartouches can still be seen today in these buildings. They are nameplates of important people who had them built and they are still wonderful colours after thousands of years. The names were written in 'hieroglyphs' which was like an alphabet. You can see from the picture what they looked like – an oval shape with the pictures representing the letters of the name. Use the chart to work out your name in hieroglyphs. Then 'write' your name to make a cartouche. You could draw or paint it on a piece of paper or card or you could find a stone or a piece of wood to draw it on.

	A	vulture		L	lion		W	chick
	B	leg		M	owl		X	cloth
	C	cup		N	water		Y	feathers
	D	hand		O	chick		Z	bolt
	E	feather		P	stool		CH	tether
	F	viper		Q	hill		KH	sieve
	G	pot		R	mouth		SH	basin
	H	wick		S	cloth		MAN	
	I	feather		T	loaf		WOMAN	
	J	cobra		U	chick		ANKH	
	K	cup		V	viper			

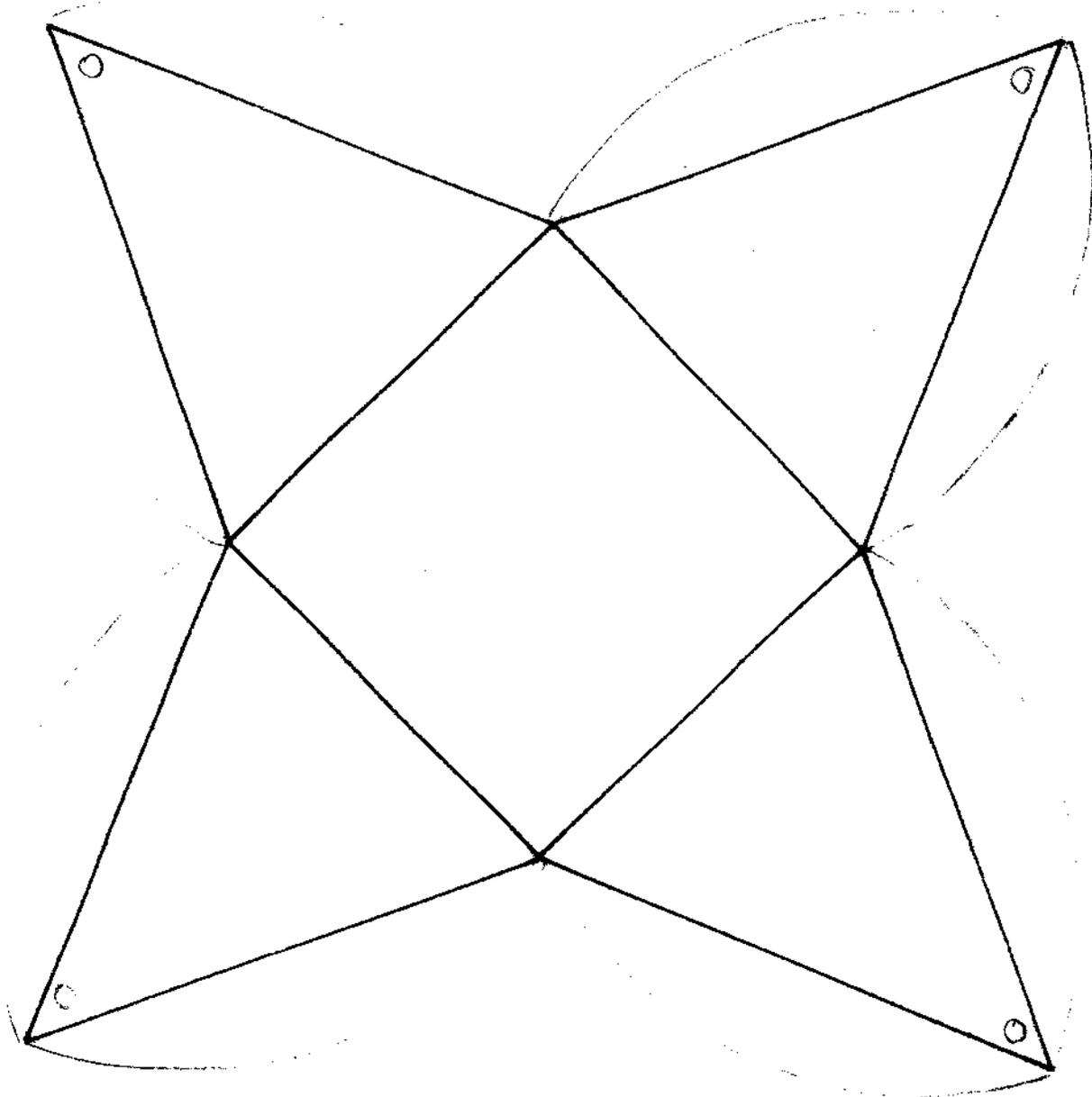
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3. Make a pyramid 'gift box'

The Israelites were made to build pyramids for the Egyptians. It was very hard work and they were cruelly treated. The pyramids were built by wealthy and important people. When they died they were put inside with many of their expensive and precious possessions. Use this template to make a pyramid out of card. You can put a pattern of bricks on it so that it looks like a real pyramid or you can make it out of coloured card or colour it to make a box to put precious things in or to use as a gift box (punch holes and tie with a ribbon at the top). Cut, score, fold, tie.



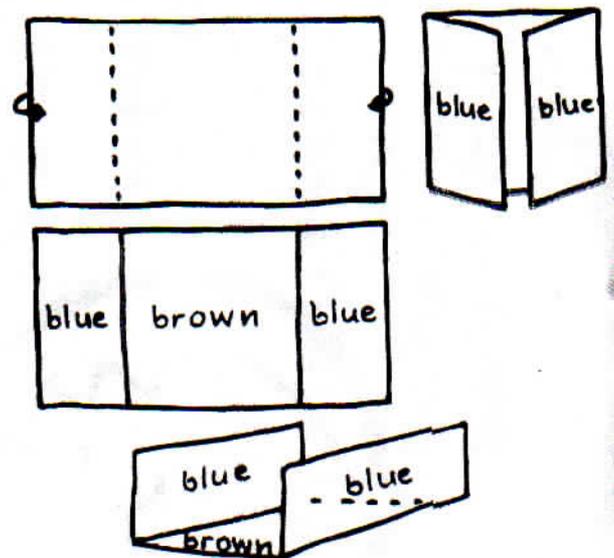
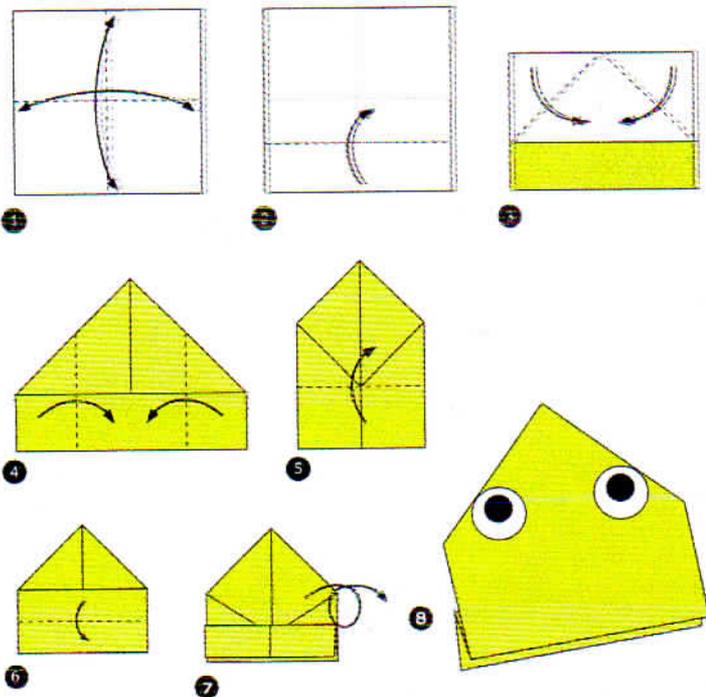
4. Make a 'Burning Bush' (Exodus 3&4)

God spoke to Moses at a burning bush. It was amazing that it did not burn up. God told Moses he was to rescue the Israelites from Egypt. Moses was not happy! He thought he couldn't do the job. God told him that his brother Aaron would help him. You can see from the picture that you need a glass or plastic beaker. If it's disposable you can draw a bush on with sharpies – if not then draw a bush on paper or card and fit it inside the glass. Then cut strips of 'fire coloured' paper (or colour it yourself) – tissue paper is best if you have it. Make sure the strips are long enough so that the middle of the strip goes to the bottom of the glass and the ends stick out of the top. If you have a battery night light you can put it in the bottom so it makes the paper glow like a fire.



5. Make an origami frog (Exodus chap 7 v 14 – chap 12 v 30)

When Moses went to the Pharaoh to ask him to let his people go, the Pharaoh refused. Many bad things happened to the Egyptians before the Israelites were finally released. One of the bad things was a plague of frogs. A few frogs are fine but lots and lots everywhere would have been horrible. You can make an origami frog by folding paper as shown in these diagrams. To start, make a square out of an A4 sheet – use green paper if you have it or colour it yourself. If you want to make a more complicated frog you can find other ways of doing it online – but some are very hard to do! You could make others in different colours and patterns if you like.

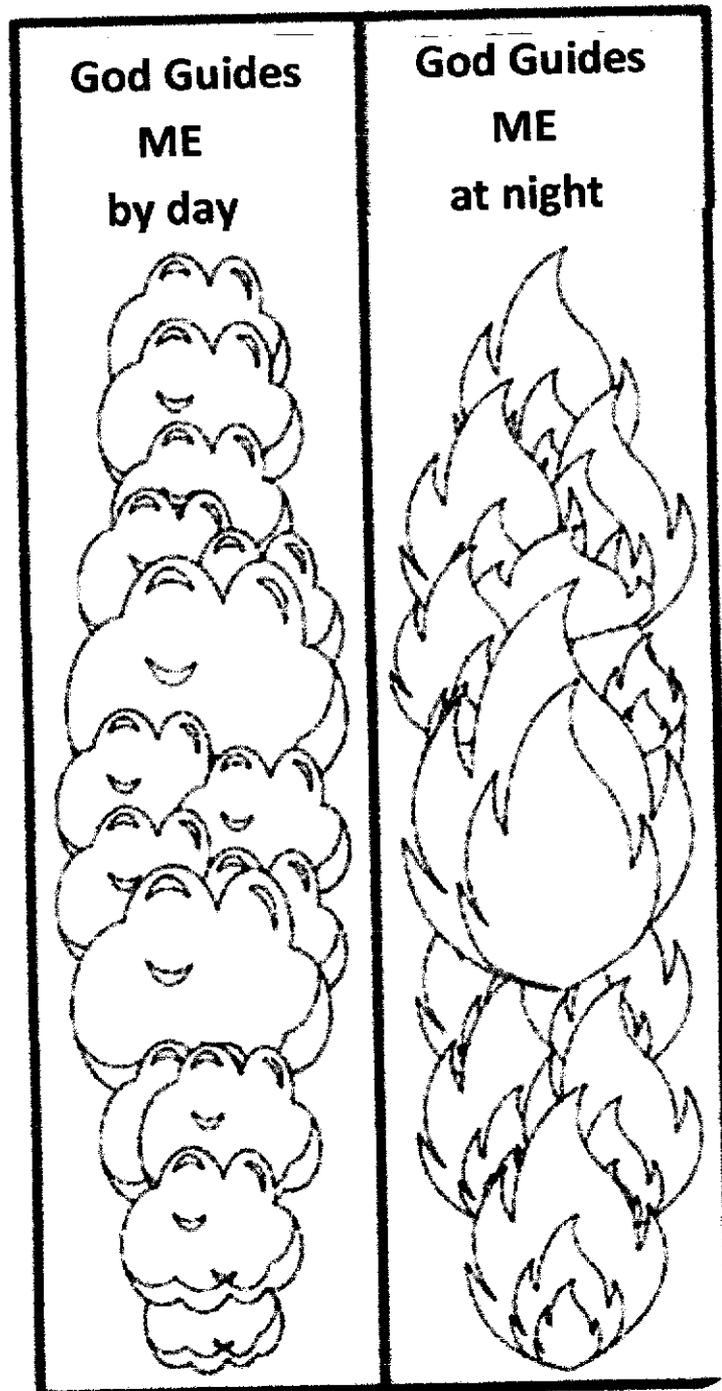


6. Crossing the Red Sea

When the Israelites reached the Red Sea they couldn't understand how they could get across to carry on with their journey. But God had a plan – and Moses carried it out. He ordered the water to separate and they were able to go through on dry land. We are going to make a Red Sea of our own. Take a piece of card or paper (A4 or bigger). Fold and colour it as shown in the diagrams. Make the blue bits like the sea – tissue paper, colouring, patterned paper etc. Make the brown bits like dry land – paper cut in the shape of stones, sand stuck on, sand paper etc. Then find some small figures to 'cross' from one side to the other. Remember blue is the sea (don't cross) and brown is the land (cross safely!).

7. Make a bookmark

When Moses led the Israelites towards the Red Sea God guided them with two giant pillars. In the daytime there was a pillar of clouds to follow and in at night there was a pillar of fire. God can guide us just as He guided the Israelites. You can make a bookmark to remind yourself of this. Colour the clouds light blue and grey and the flames orange, red and yellow. Cut out the big rectangle, fold it and glue it so that the clouds are on one side and the fire is on the other.



8. Edible crafts (At last!)

Here are some examples of edible crafts which you can choose from – or plan one of your own around the theme of Moses' life.

- (i) Crossing the Red Sea is a good one. Make or buy cakes or biscuits and use blue icing to look like the water. Leave a gap down the middle for the people to walk across – you could use jelly babies for the people or make them with icing
- (ii) Frog cakes are good too – you could use green icing instead of chocolate?
- (iii) Another good one is Moses in a basket – make a basket with melted chocolate and cereal (cornflakes, rice crispies?) put a jelly baby in for Moses or make him out of icing



9.

EMOJI 10 COMMANDMENTS

NO OTHER GODS BESIDES GOD.

NO IDOLS, WORSHIP ONLY GOD.

ALWAYS TREAT GOD'S NAME WITH RESPECT.

HAVE A DAY TO REST AND THANK GOD EVERY WEEK.

OBEY YOUR PARENTS.

DO NOT HURT OTHERS WITH WORDS OR ACTIONS.

KEEP YOUR PROMISES TO OTHERS AND GOD.

DO NOT STEAL FROM OTHERS.



ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH.

DO NOT BE JEALOUS OR ENVIOUS OF OTHERS.

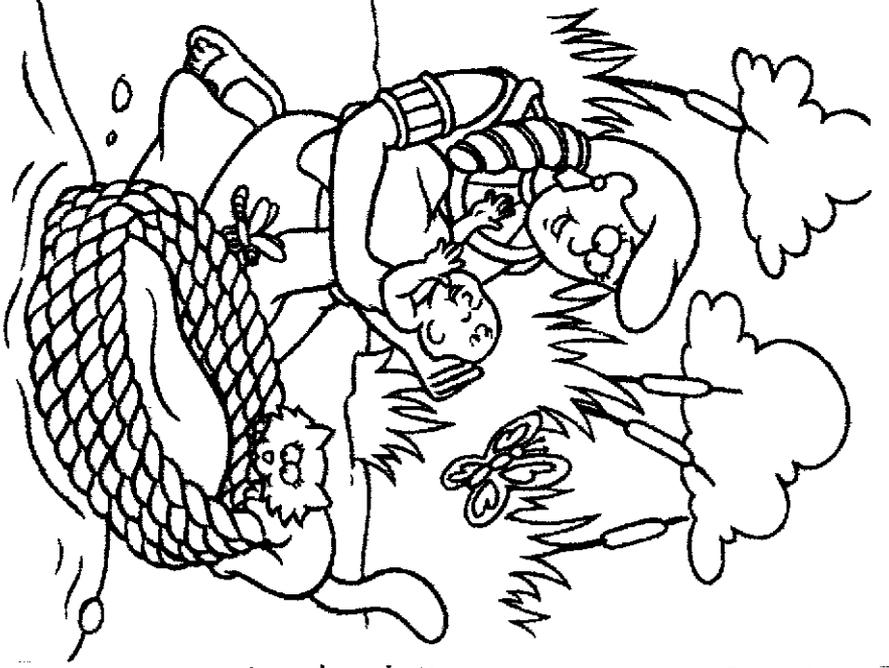


Choose an emoji for each commandment. Either cut them out and stick your chosen emoji next to the commandment or draw them. One has been done for you.

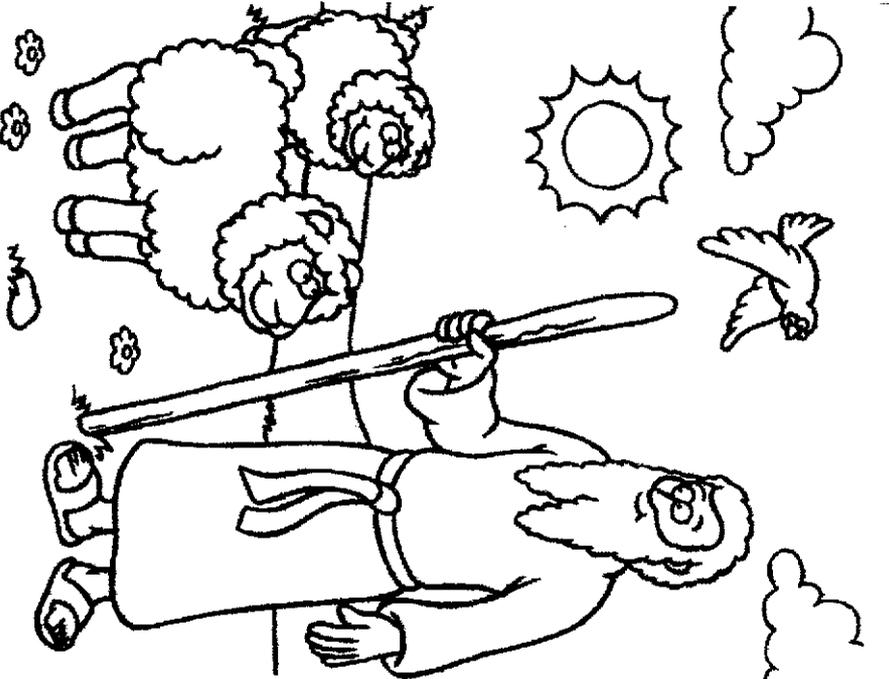
10. Make a folding book

Cut along the dark lines on this page and the next one. Join the pages together to make a line of 6 pictures. Colour the pictures and fold them along the pale lines to make a zig zag book. If you have a plain page at the front you could put a title: 'The Life of Moses'

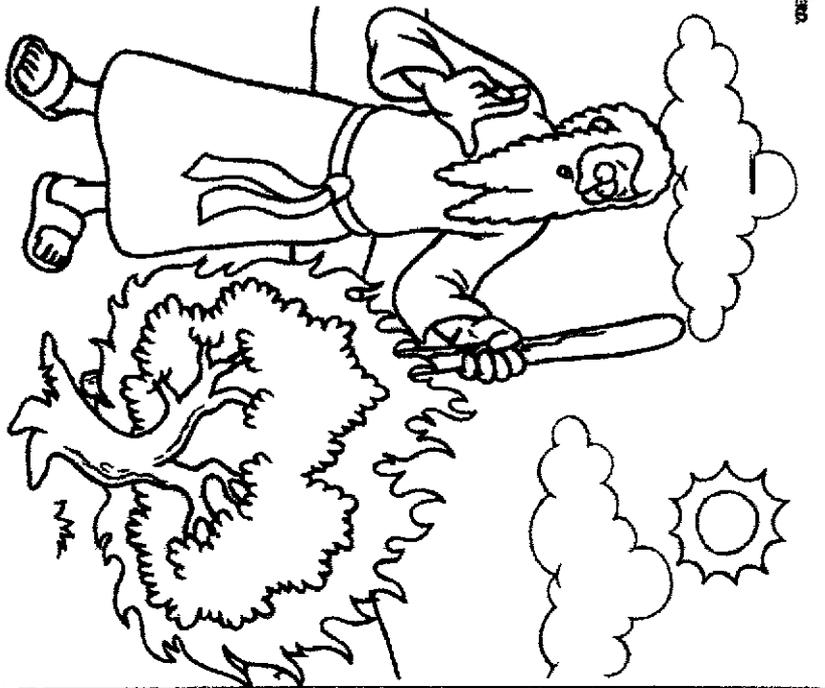
PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER FOUND BABY MOSES IN THE RIVER.



MOSES LEFT EGYPT AND BECAME A SHEPHERD.



GOD SPOKE TO MOSES FROM A BURNING BUSH.



11. The Prayer Shack

You will need small bits of paper to write or draw prayers.

Spend some time thinking about what you have done this week. Have you always been thoughtful, helpful and kind? **Write (or draw)** a prayer to ask God to forgive you and help you do better next week.

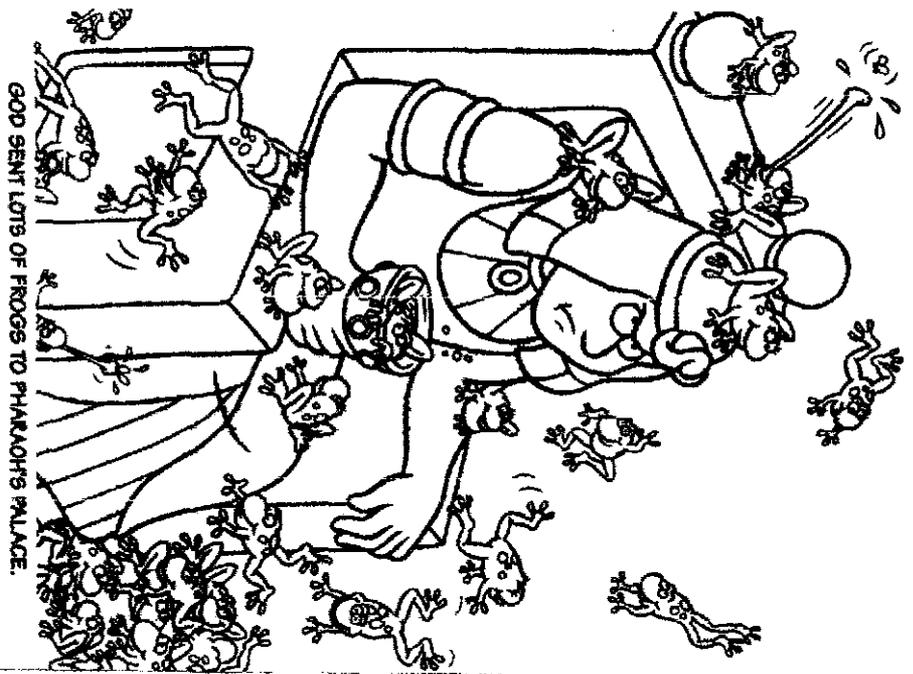
Write a prayer for someone who is poorly – ask God to be close to them.

Write prayers for those you love. Ask God to look after them.

Write the Lord's Prayer if you know it.

Put all your prayers in the basket you made for Moses.

Remember God hears your prayers.

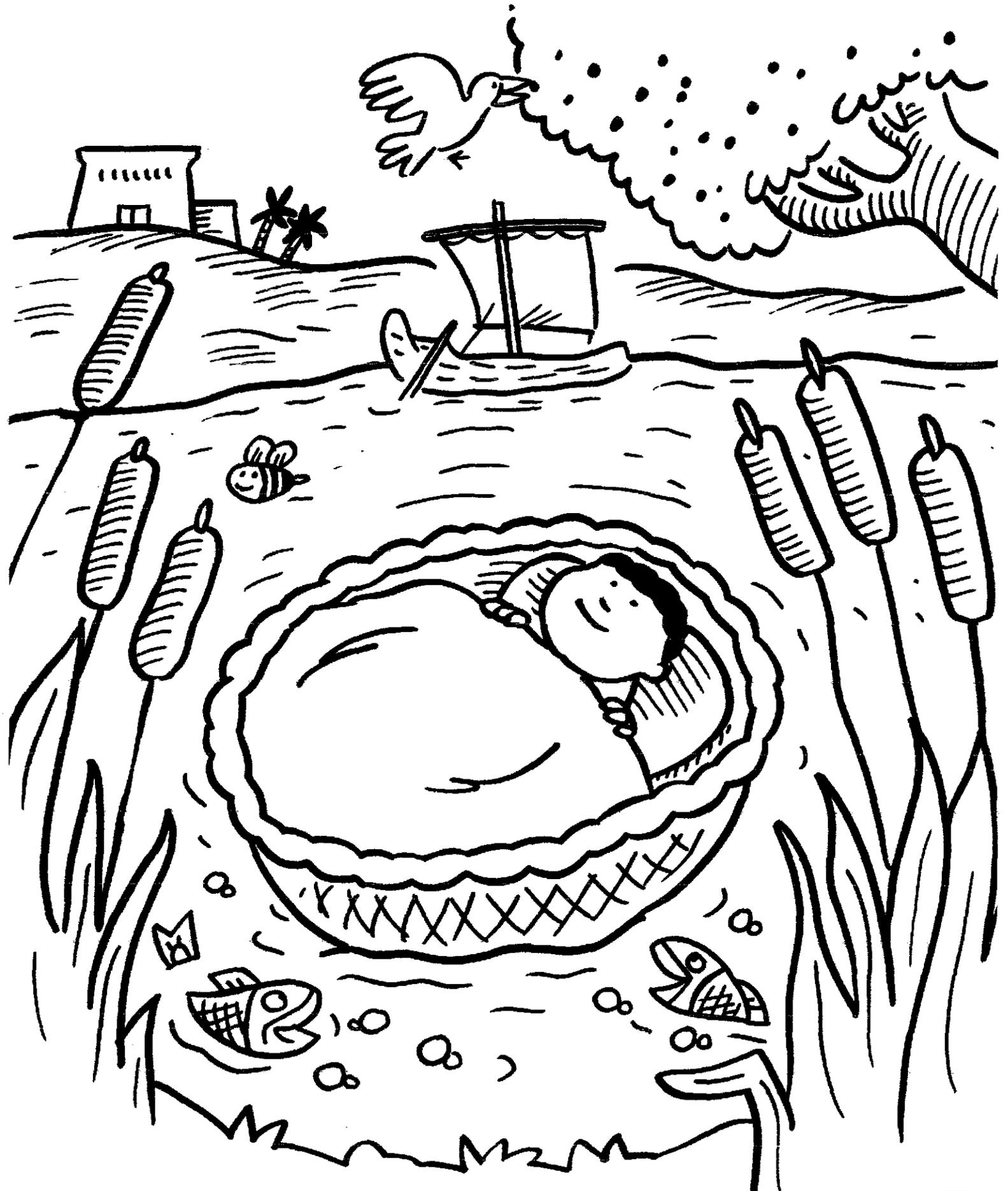


12. Colouring and puzzles

Enjoy yourself colouring and Puzzling the next few pages.

Baby Moses

circle the things in this picture that start with the letter 'b'.



Moses & the Burning Bush

Exodus 3

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V K T F J G U K A Z K P L
M C N Z O F H O R E B P A
O F J D L T X V N F N F M
M O U N T A I N G M I Z E
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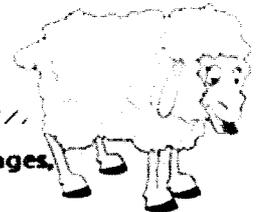
MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

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P M I X R O R Y J G V P I R Y Z U N F T
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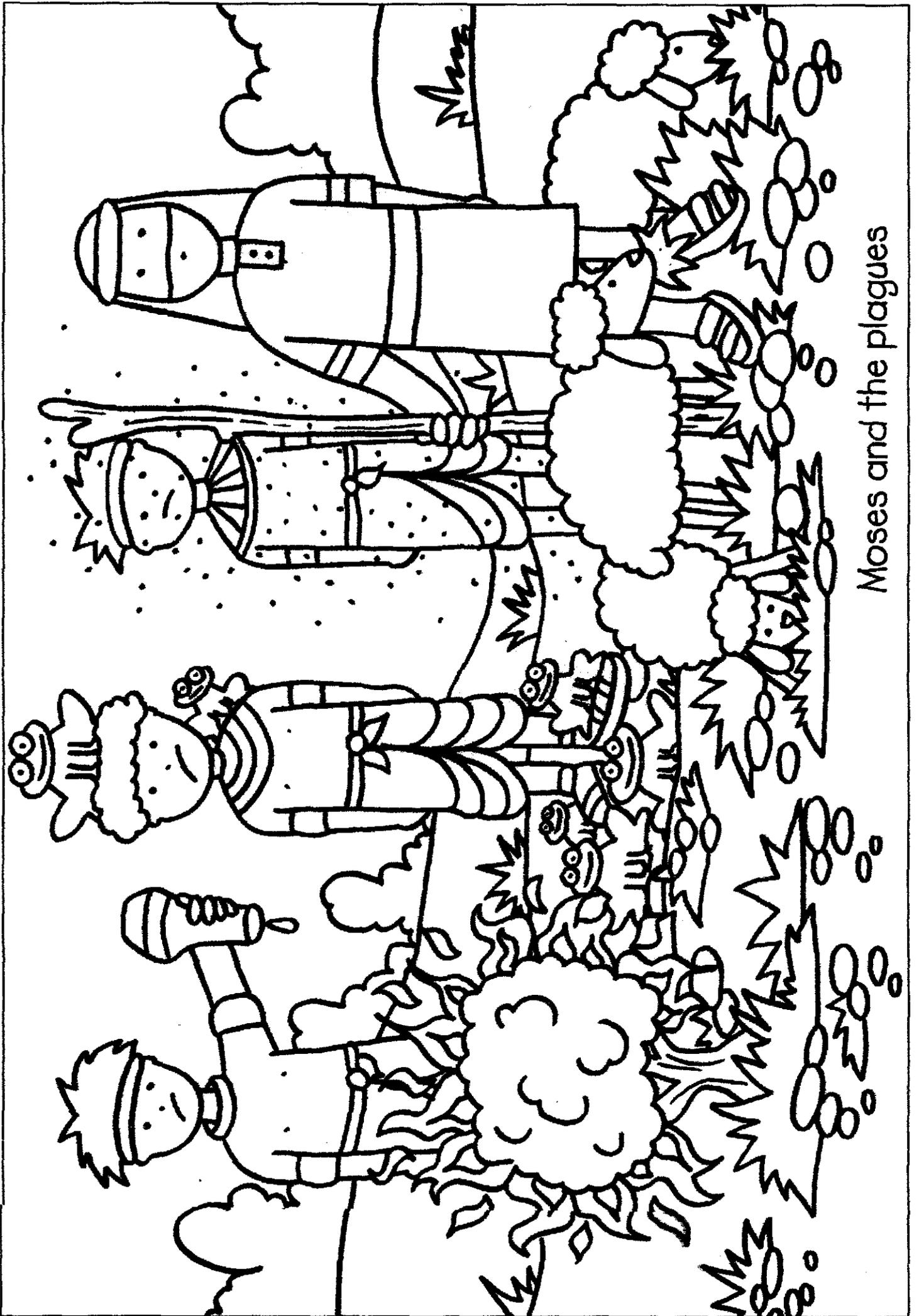
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HOREB
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FLOCKS
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YAHWEH
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CANAAN
ISRAEL
SLAVERY
ANGEL
GOD



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Moses and the plagues



Red C, Red Sea!

God's People
Cross the
Red Sea

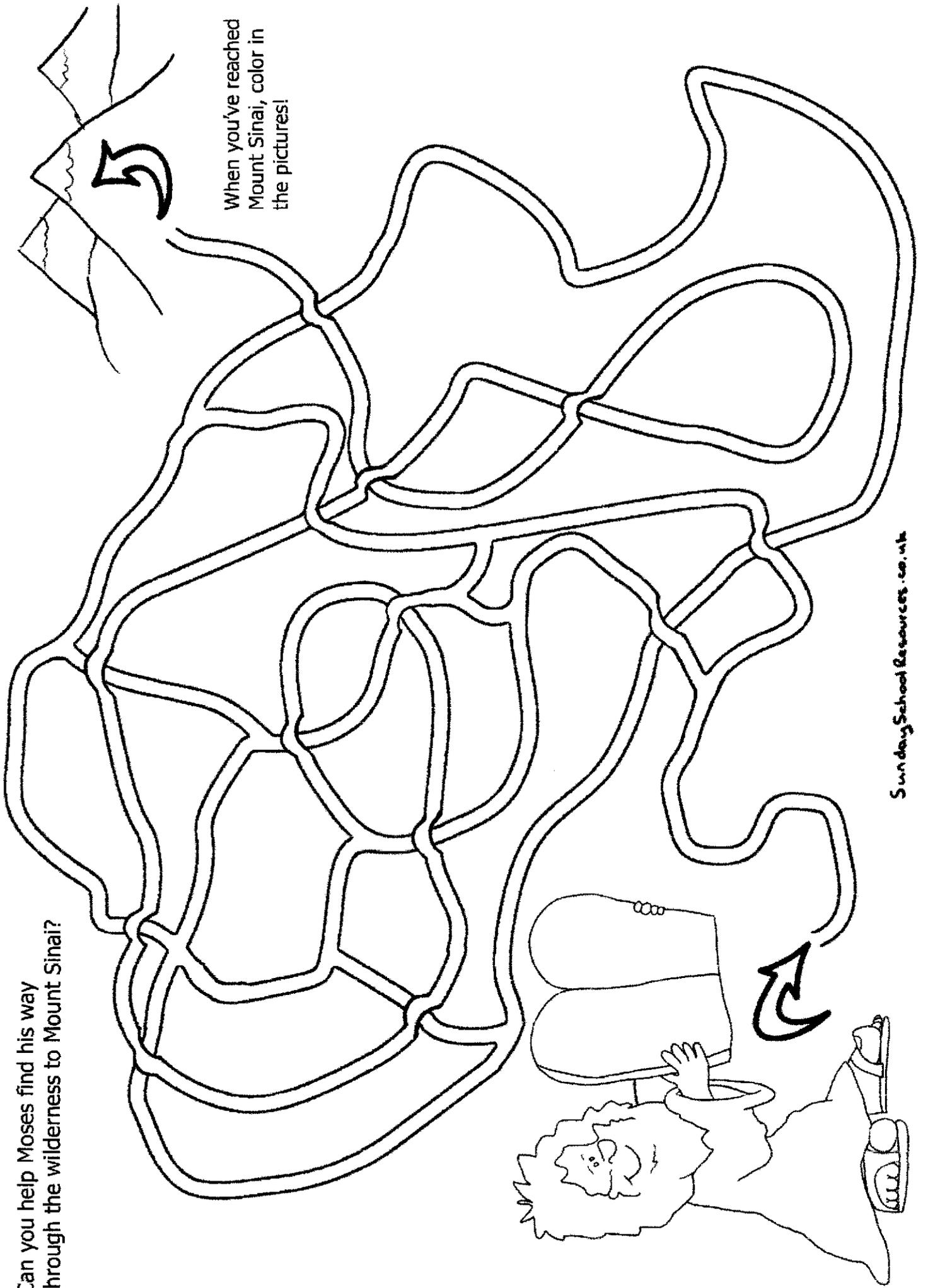
— Exodus 14

Use a red crayon or marker to color every box containing the letter "C."
Transfer the leftover letters in order, row by row, to the spaces below to find out
what Moses told God's people when it was time for them to cross the Red Sea.



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Can you help Moses find his way through the wilderness to Mount Sinai?



When you've reached Mount Sinai, color in the pictures!



Bible Quiz

Moses

Match the question with the answer on the right.

- ____ What tribe of Israel was Moses from?
- ____ Who found Moses in a basket on the Nile?
- ____ What was the name of Moses' brother?
- ____ What did Moses toss into the air to start the sixth plague?
- ____ How did the angel of YHWH appear to Moses when he was a shepherd?
- ____ From which country did Moses help the Hebrews escape?
- ____ How did Moses part the Red Sea?
- ____ How did Moses win the battle against the Amalekites?
- ____ On which mountain did Moses receive YHWH's commandments?
- ____ How many spies did Moses send into the land of Canaan?
1. Sinai
 2. Levi
 3. Egypt
 4. Twelve
 5. Kept his hands held up
 6. Aaron
 7. Pharaoh's daughter
 8. Ashes
 9. From within a burning bush
 10. YHWH told him to lift up his staff and stretch his hand over the sea

