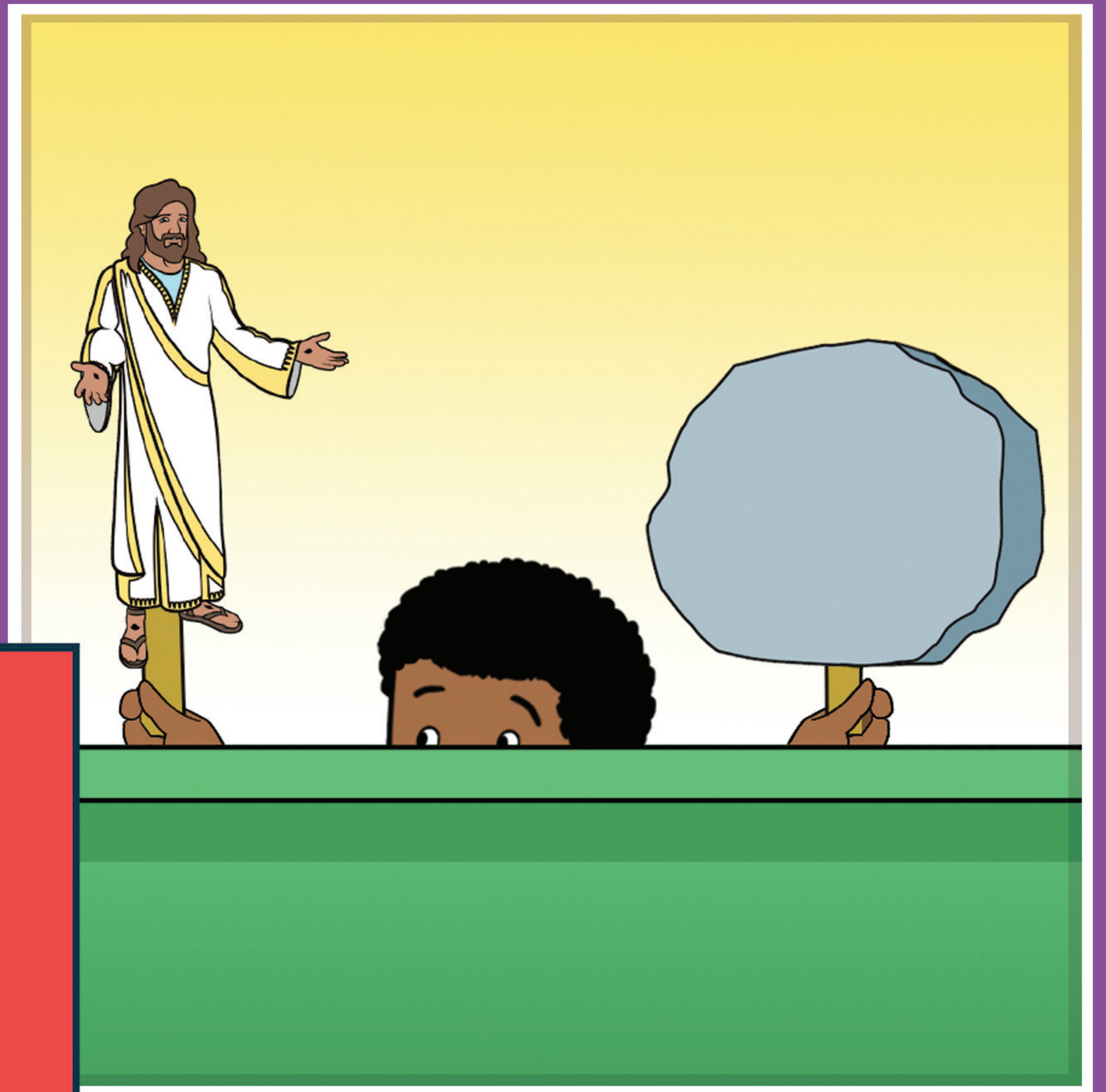


KIDS CORNER

EASTER CUT-OUT STORYTELLING



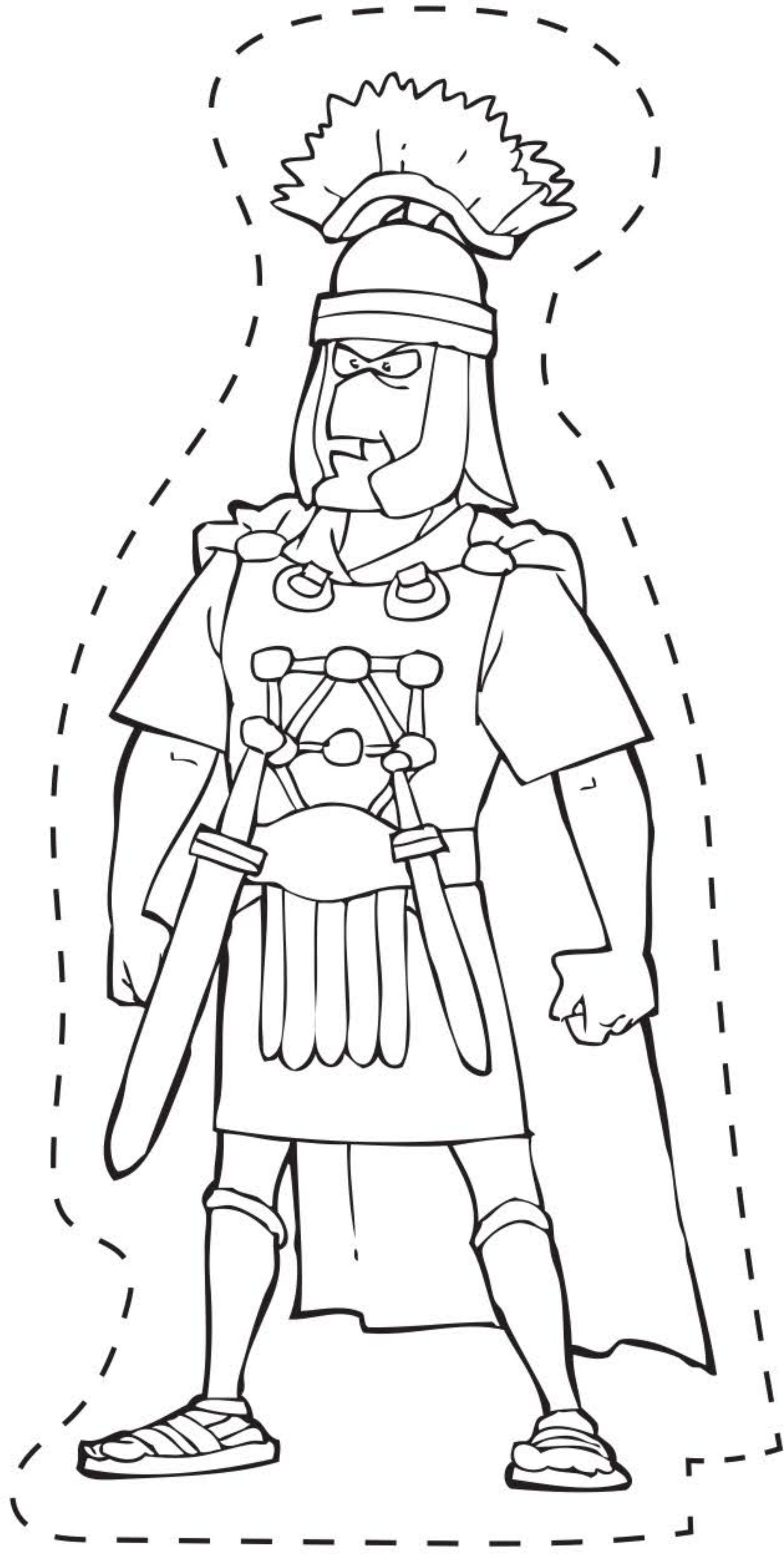
YOU WILL NEED:

- Popsicle sticks
- Scissors
- Glue

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Color each character
2. Cut out each character along the dotted line
3. Glue each character to a popsicle stick
4. Retell the entire Easter story

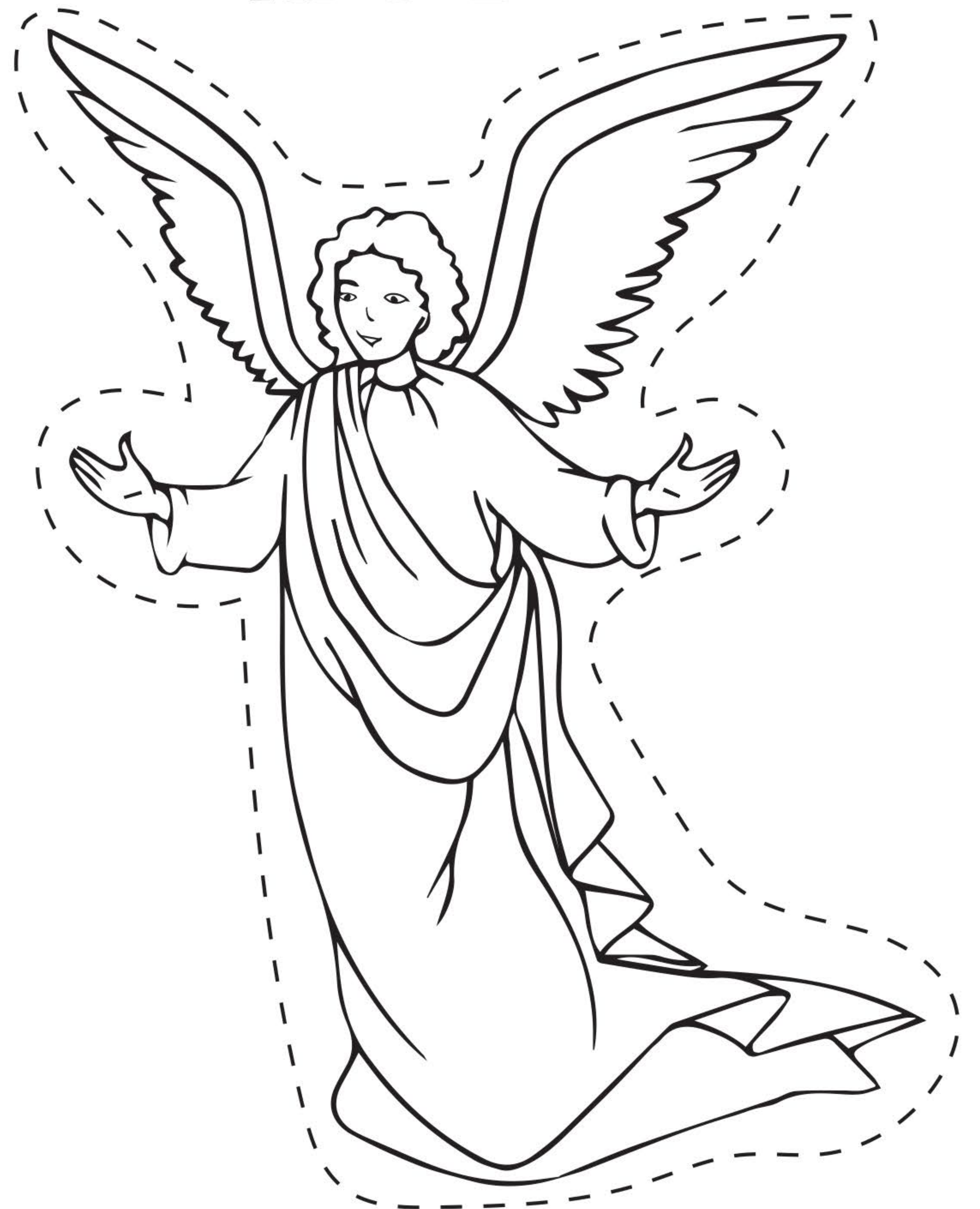
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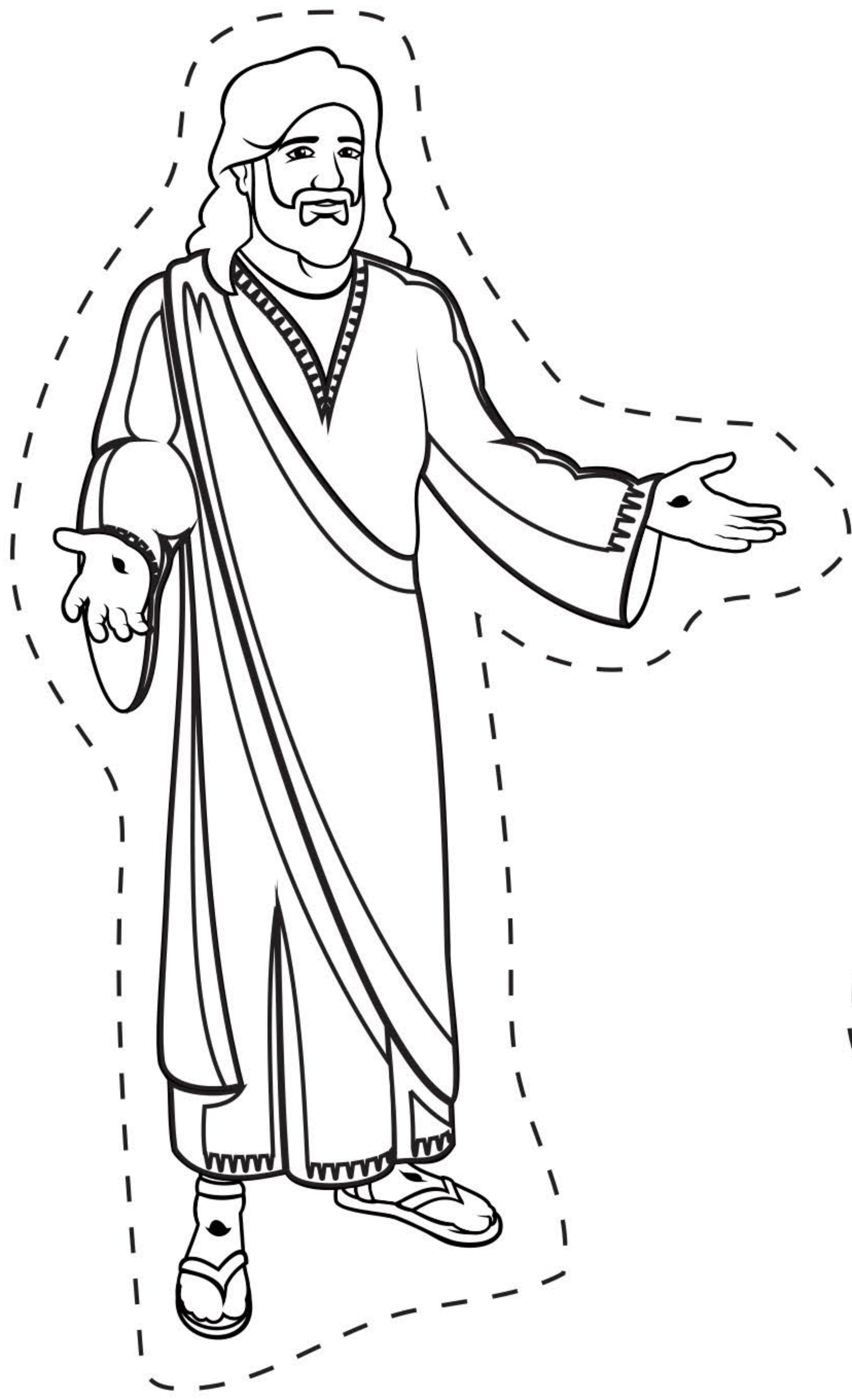
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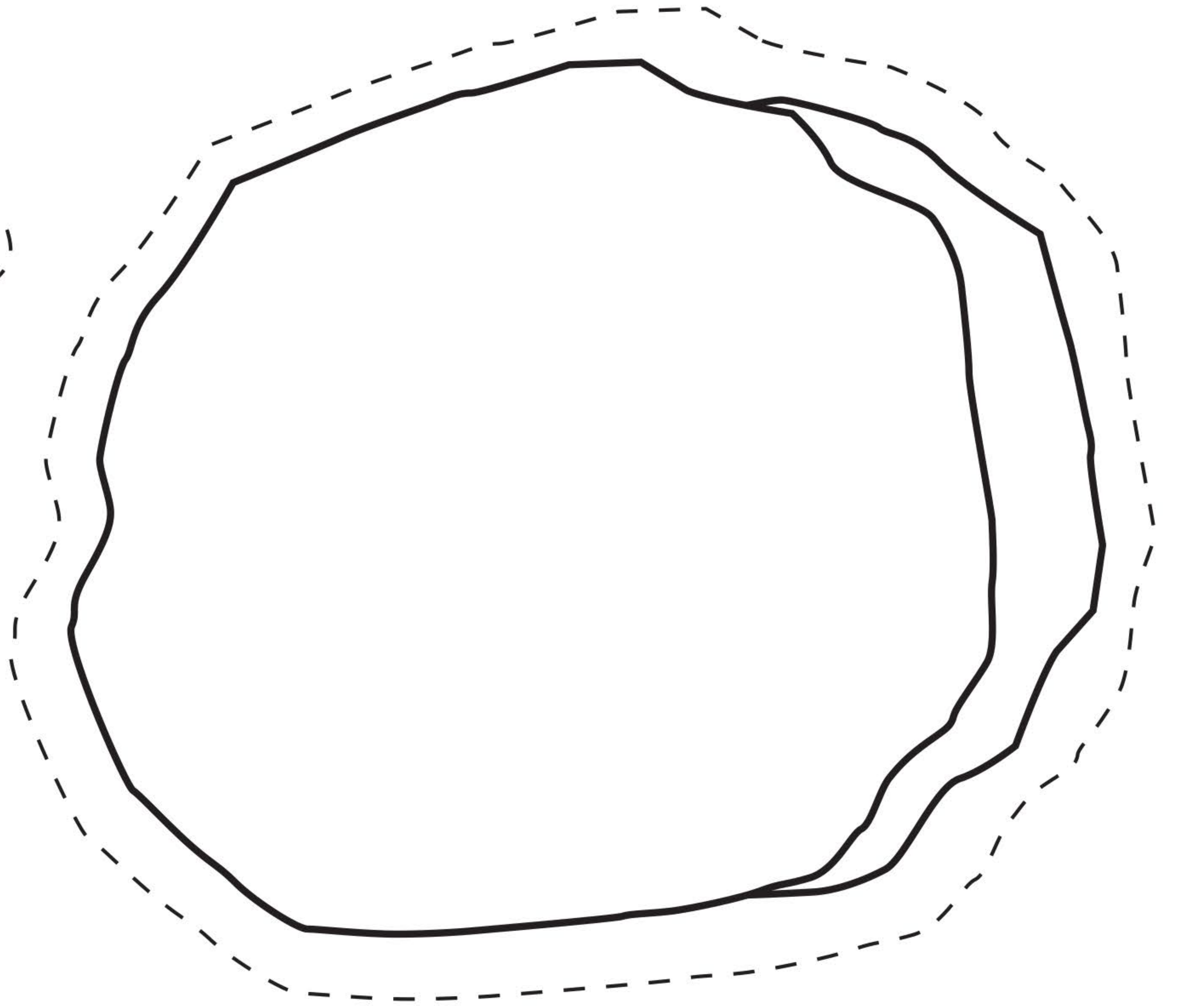
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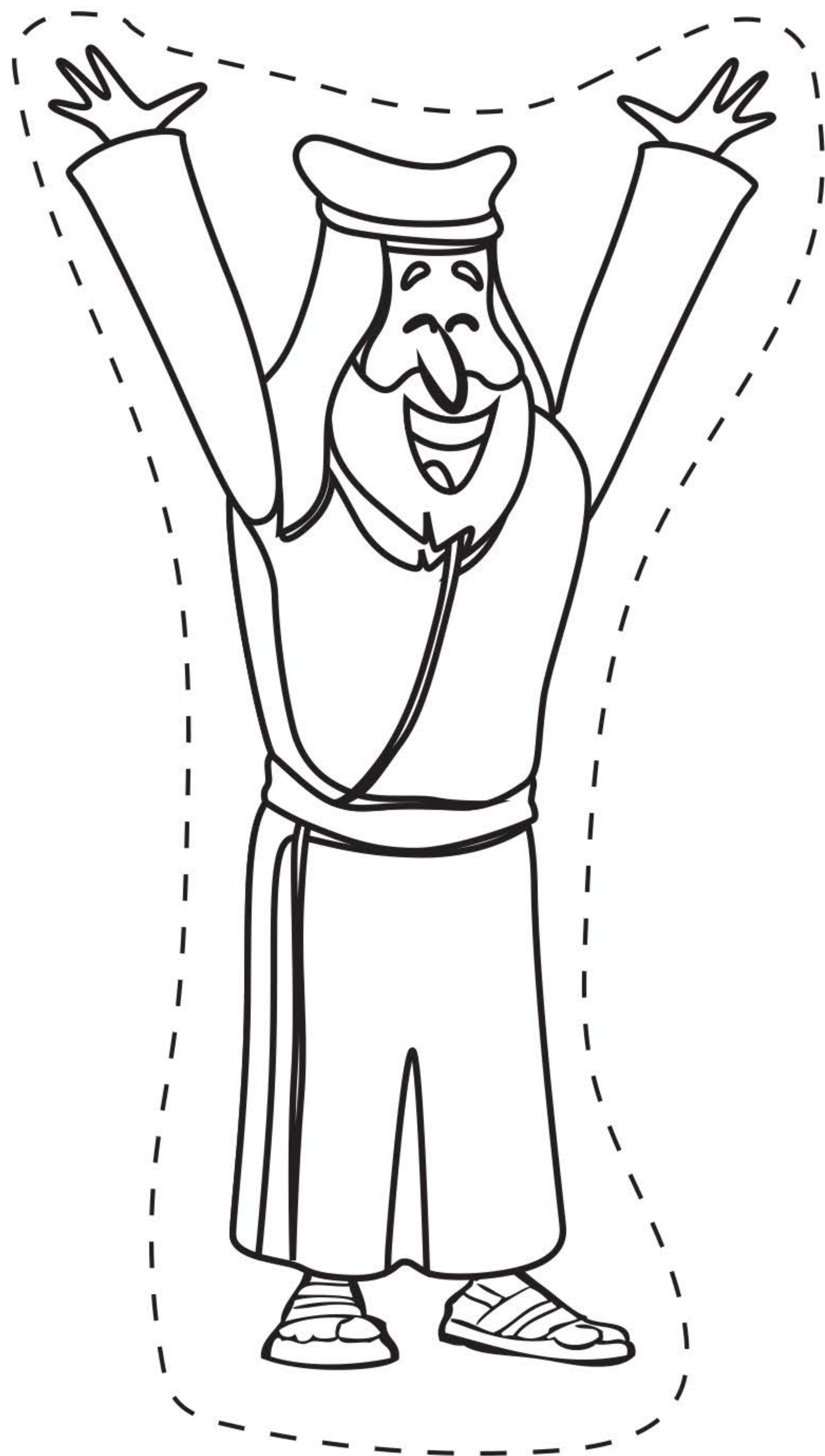
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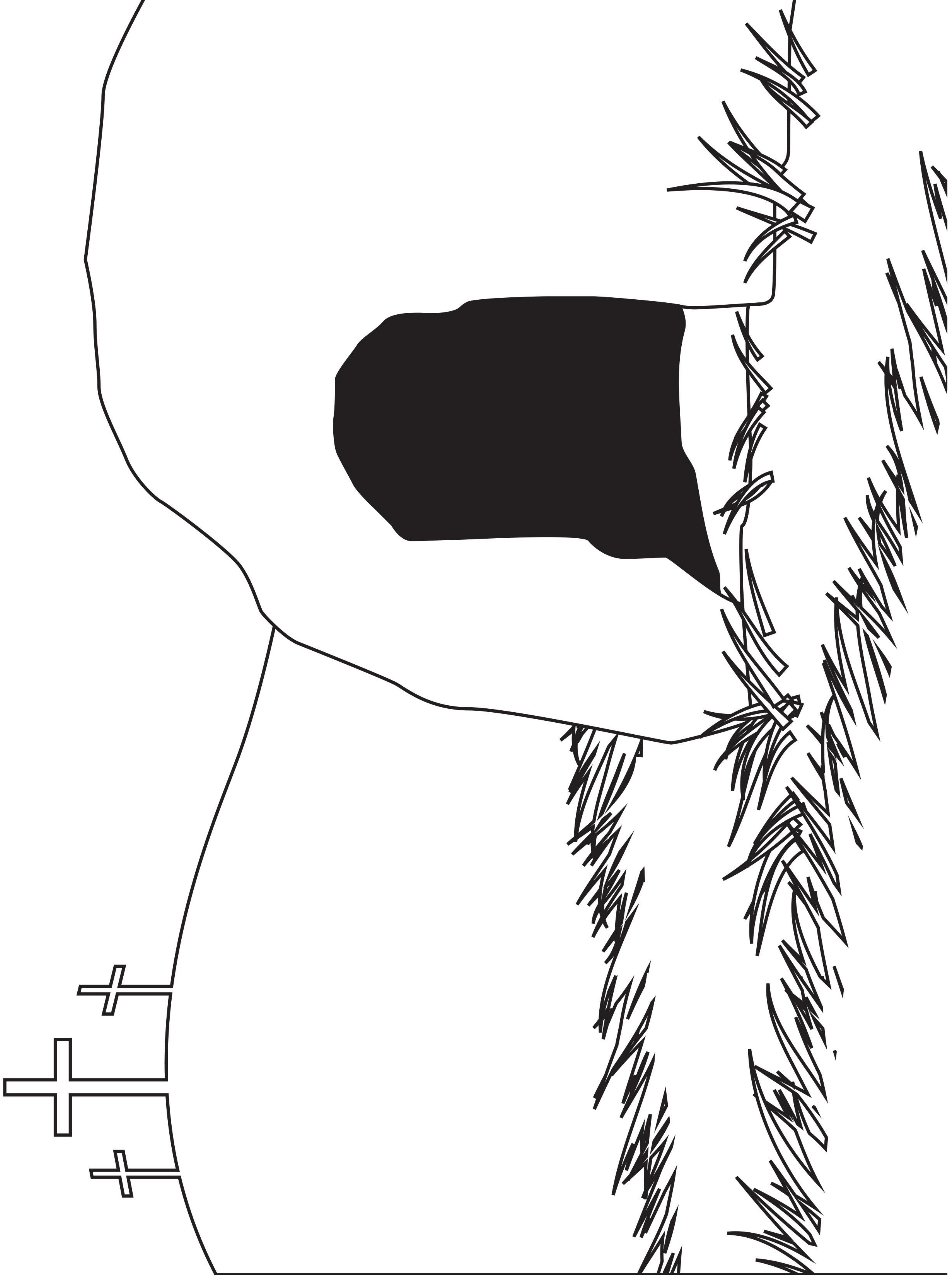


STONE DOOR



DISCIPLES





THE STORY OF EASTER

Tell this story with your popscicle stick puppets.

After Jesus died, Jesus was placed in a tomb. Some men rolled a large heavy stone in front of the tomb. There were guards watching the tomb so no one would steal Jesus' body.

Early Sunday morning, Mary and Mary Magdalene went to go see Jesus' body.

As they were just about at the tomb the earth suddenly shook and an angel came down from heaven. The guards ran away. The angel rolled away the stone at the entrance of the tomb.

When the women saw the angel, they fell over and they couldn't move or speak because they were so afraid.

Then the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who has died. But he isn't here; he has risen just as he said he would! Come and see for yourself, the tomb is empty."

Now the women were so excited that Jesus was alive! They had to tell the disciples the good news.

As they were running down the path, there was Jesus. "Greetings," he said. The ladies fell at his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my disciples to come to Galilee that is where they will see me." Peter and John ran to the tomb. They both went inside. They saw and believed that Jesus was alive!

“He is not here; he is risen, just as he said” [Matthew 28:6](#)

STORY SUMMARY

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet Jesus? Imagine being in Jerusalem the very week Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead! Explore the miracle of Easter on this episode of *Kids Corner*.



“THE MIRACLE OF EASTER”

ALL ABOUT THIS EPISODE

Story Quiz: (See answers at the bottom of the next page)

1. Why did the girl and her family go to Jerusalem?
2. What did they see as they came close to Jerusalem?
3. What happened on the afternoon that Jesus died?
4. What did the sign on the cross say about Jesus?
5. What did the girl and her family hear about Jesus after they went back home?

SO NOW WHAT?

In this episode, you heard about the death and resurrection of Jesus—the first Easter. What if someone said to you, “Oh, I know all about Easter. It’s Easter baskets and chocolate bunnies and coloring eggs.” What would you say? Do you know how to talk about the real miracle of Easter? If you’re not sure what to say, here’s some help.

The Easter story starts with God and how he created you. God gave you value and purpose; he wants to you to know him personally. But when you sin, you can’t have a personal relationship with God. What is sin? Sin is anything (thoughts, actions, words, attitudes) that turns you away from God. What’s the result of sin? It separates you from God eternally—which means even after you die.

Some people respond to this separation from God by saying God doesn’t exist, or by doing lots of good things, or by focusing on jobs or money. None of these will take away your sin. But if that’s true, what can you do about your sin?

Jesus is the only one who can bring you to God. He paid the price for your sins when he died on the cross on Good Friday, but he didn't remain dead. Jesus rose from the dead and defeated Satan and your sin once and for all on the first Easter Sunday!

How can you have a personal relationship with Jesus? First, admit you are a sinner and are separated from God because of that sin. Then believe that Jesus is your Savior—he promises to forgive your sin. Trust Jesus from now on to lead you so that you live for him.

That's the real meaning of Easter. We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, and we know that he did it all to save us! This year, if someone asks you about Easter and candy, be ready to talk about Jesus. He's the reason we celebrate!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS' RESURRECTION?

Read [John 3:16](#), [1 Peter 1:3](#), and [Matthew 28:1-8](#)

ANSWERS TO STORY QUIZ:

1. To celebrate the Passover
2. Jesus riding on a colt in the middle of a procession of people all shouting "Hosanna!"
3. All of Jerusalem got very dark
4. King of the Jews
5. That Jesus was not dead, that he had risen from the dead.