

Joshua

5+ lesson pack



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Introduction

This week we will focus on Joshua, one of the twelve spies who urged the people of Israel to obey God. Some of the lessons we will draw from his life are—

Video playlist



- We should be patient and trust God to give us what we need when we are ready.
- God rewards our trust in Him.
- We can be strong and courageous since God promises to always be with us.
- It pleases God when families serve Him together.

Lesson guide

Remind the child of the twelve spies entering the Promised Land. Ask if they remember what huge fruit, they brought back to show the people of Israel. Remind them of the ten spies urging the people not to obey God and the punishment God gave them of not entering the Promised Land.

Talk about waiting. Ask the child if they like to have to wait for things. Point out some of the tasks or toys they would like but are still too young to play with or do. Talk about how they need to wait because you want them to be safe and know what is best for them. Discuss how God also makes us wait for something good. To illustrate you can fill a pot with dirt and plant a seed. Everyday water the seed and read a verse on patience. If you would prefer a quicker result, you can select a potted plant from a greenhouse with a few buds. Care for the plant and then point out the bloomed flowers. Talk about their beauty and how your wait was rewarded. Think about how they bloom when God says they are ready. Note: you may also select a vegetable plant with green tomatoes and watch them ripen or simply a seed of the plant of your choice. The important part is to allow the child to see the importance of patience and the reward.

Another way to illustrate the importance of time is to talk about the seasons. You may print out four backgrounds to represent each season. Also print out some items that are attached to the seasons (e.g. a Christmas tree, their birthday's date, a snowman, etc.) Place each of the items in their proper season. Memorize Ecclesiastes 3:1 together.

Discuss how brave Joshua and Caleb were to stand up when everyone else disagreed with them. Point out how they were strong and courageous because they knew that God was on their side. Think about how we don't have to be afraid since God is with us.

Read Joshua 24:15 and talk about how Joshua taught his family to love and serve God. Point out that you are teaching them to love and serve God because God is happy when families serve him together. You can seek out an opportunity at a soup kitchen, your church, etc. that would enable you and your child to serve God together. (For more details, see last week's lesson)

Pray with your child and ask God to help you be patient and serve Him always.

Joshua



After forty long years in the wilderness, God decided that His people were ready to enter the promised land.

God saw that Joshua would be a wise leader and trusted Him.

God told Moses to put Joshua in charge. Moses did what God told him to do. He presented Joshua to all of the people of Israel.

After Moses died, God spoke to Joshua. God told him, "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Joshua told the people what God had said, just like he had told them all that time ago. "We need to go and take the land."

This time the Israelites believed God. Joshua led the Israelites across the River Jordan into the promised land.

How exciting it must have been for him! God had rewarded Joshua's trust in Him from forty years ago. Finally He could enter the land. He knew that God would always do what He said.



Joshua knew that there were big giants in the land. He knew that there were strong soldiers. He had seen all the cities with their big, tall walls.

Did Joshua doubt God? No!



He said, “God will do great things for us. We do not need to be afraid. God goes with us always. Be strong and courageous.”

Joshua taught his family about God. He wanted them to make good choices.

He knew some people would love things more than God, but He and His family chose God first. They said, “We will serve the Lord together.”

God is very happy when families worship and serve Him together.



Joshua 1:9 Word search

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9



Words

COURAGEOUS

JOSHUA

DISMAYED

LORD

FRIGHTENED

STRONG

GOD

WHEREVER



Find Ten differences



All about my home

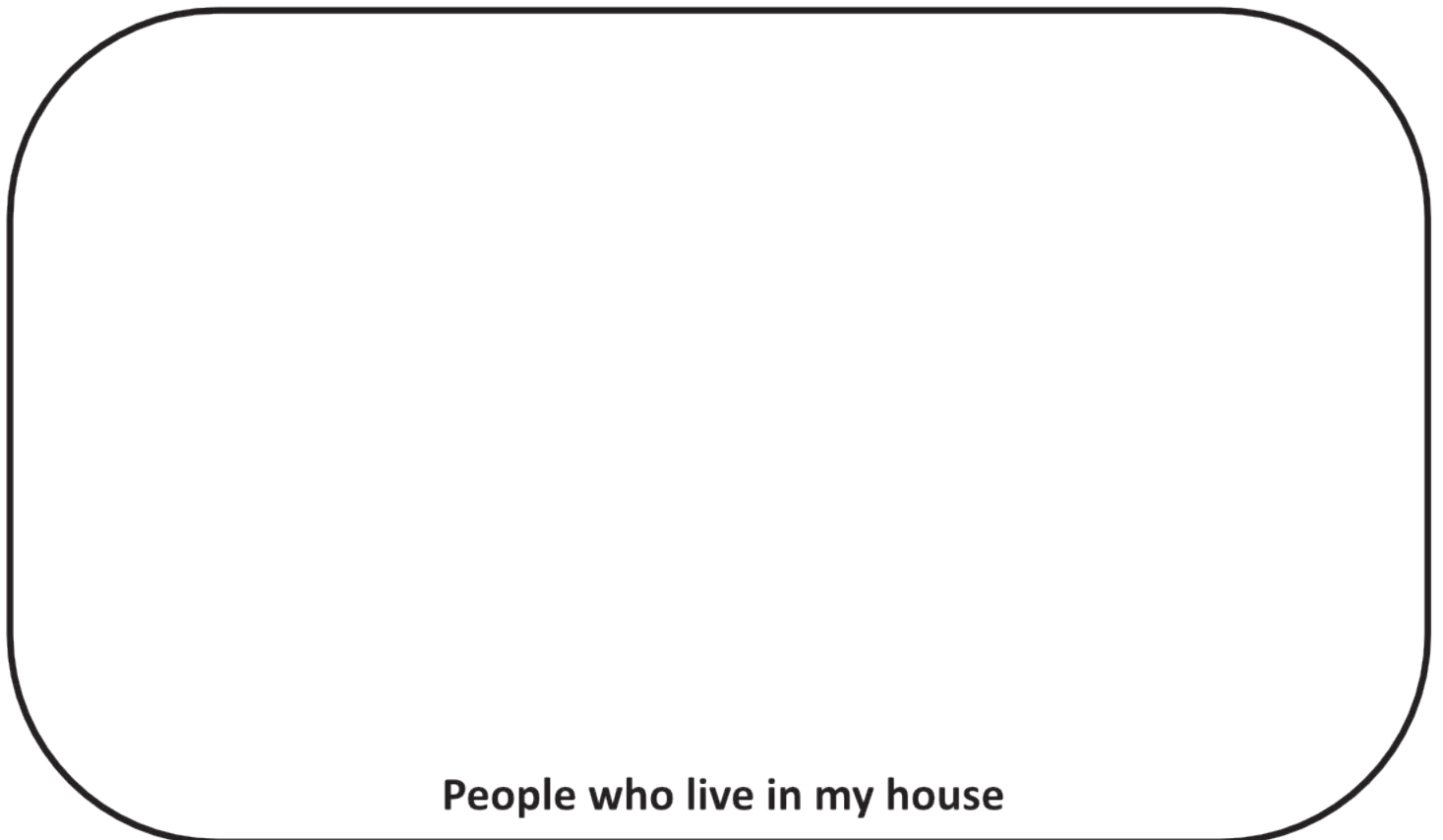


My House

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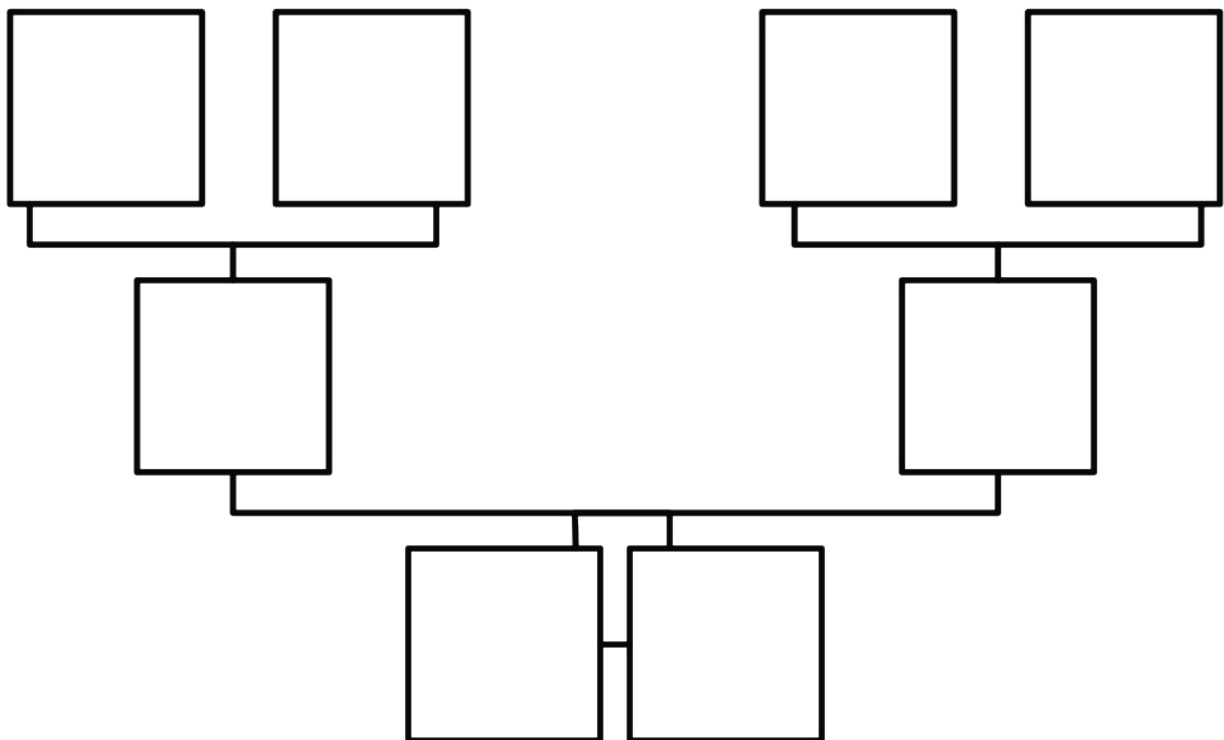
It has _____ rooms

My favourite room in my house
is the



People who live in my house

Family Tree



Cut out the family below and arrange in the family tree



Games and Activities

FAMILY TREE

A fun and educational activity that helps kids create and learn about their family tree.

This family tree activity will not only help children learn about his or her family history, it will also help him or her learn how to draw.

All you need is some paper to get started.

Old photos really improve this activity and make it a wonderful inter-generational project.



SERVE TOGETHER

How can you serve God together as a family?

Brainstorm some ideas and plan to do them.

Could you make a meal together and invite someone to eat with you?

Could you help tidy the church garden?

Paint a fence for a neighbour?

Use your gifts together.



CROSS THE JORDAN RIVER

One of the first tasks Joshua and the Israelites faced was crossing the Jordan River.

For this game you will need to set up a river of your own.

Put children into teams and provide them with two floats (Stepping stones).

The players will race to get their whole team across without stepping into the water.

(One player will have to return with the cardboard each time).



FAMILY FEUD

Family Feud is a great game for an indoor or outdoor setting.

Split children into teams (families)

They must then work together to guess the top answers for a question.

Just search for 'family feud' questions online to find plenty of questions and answers to use.

We will serve the Lord picture frame

What you need:

- Template
- White card
- 7 lollipop sticks
- Glue
- Scissor
- A Family Photo
- Colouring pencils or crayons



What to do:



Print out the template onto white card



Cut out a family photo and glue into the middle.

Photo 11cm x 8cm



Alternatively, you can draw a picture of your family.



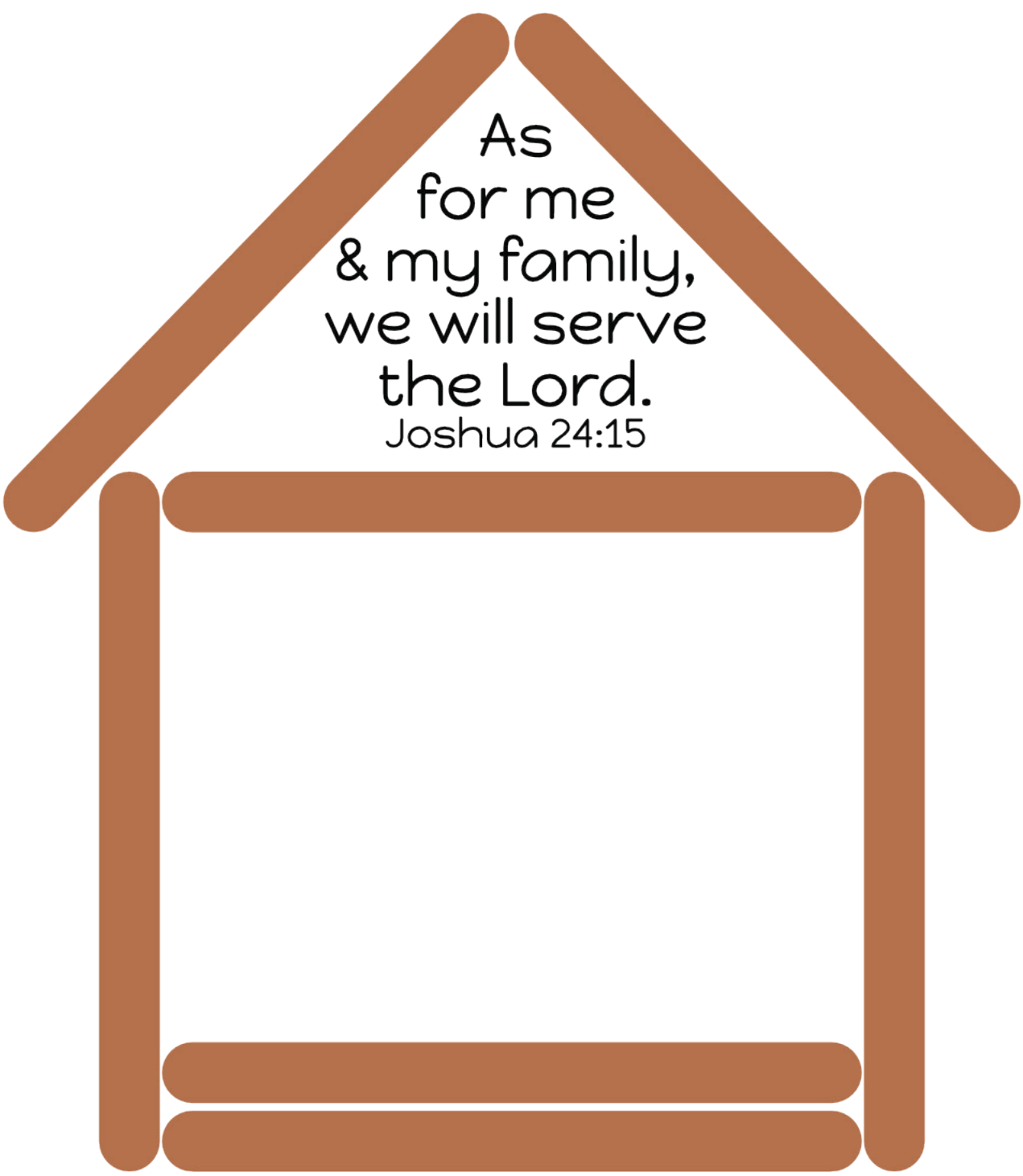
Glue on the lollipop sticks



Colour in any of the picture you wish and decorate



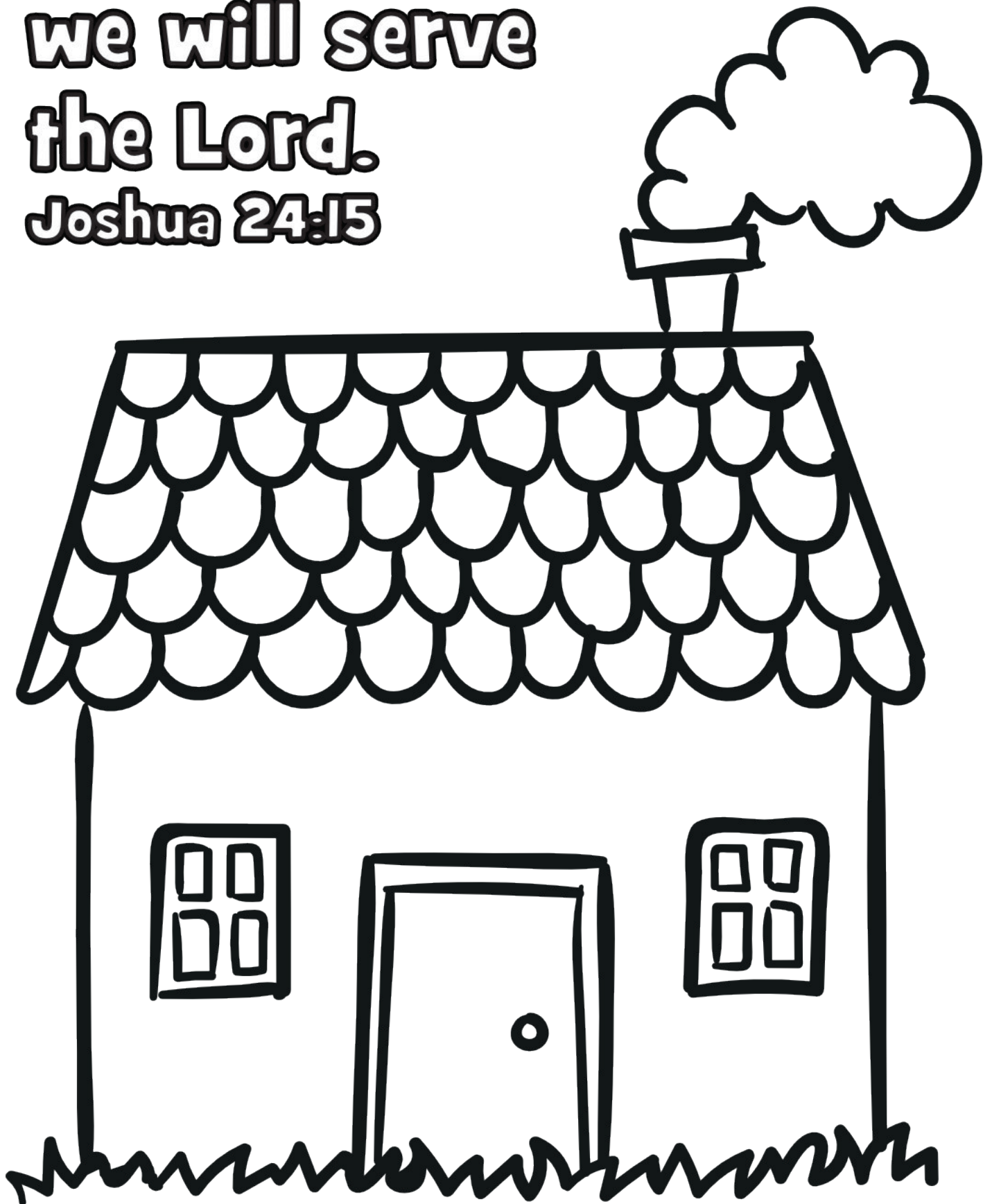
Once dry, cut around the house shape



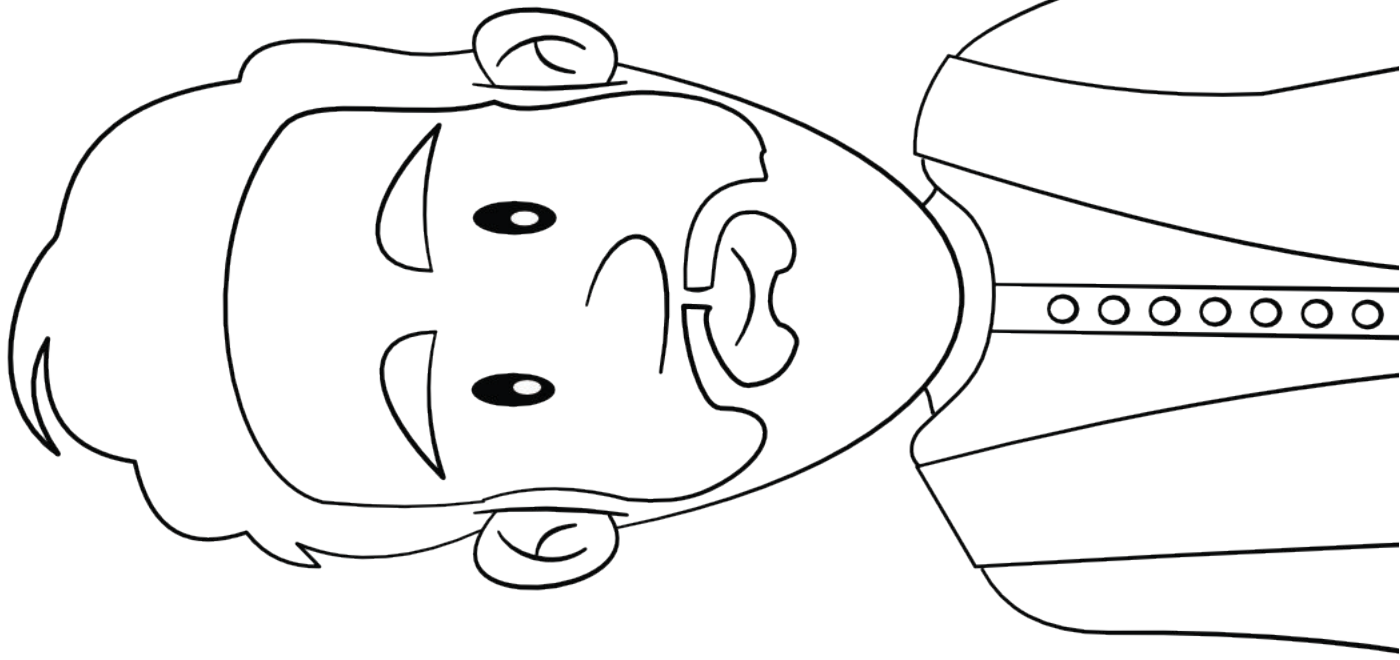
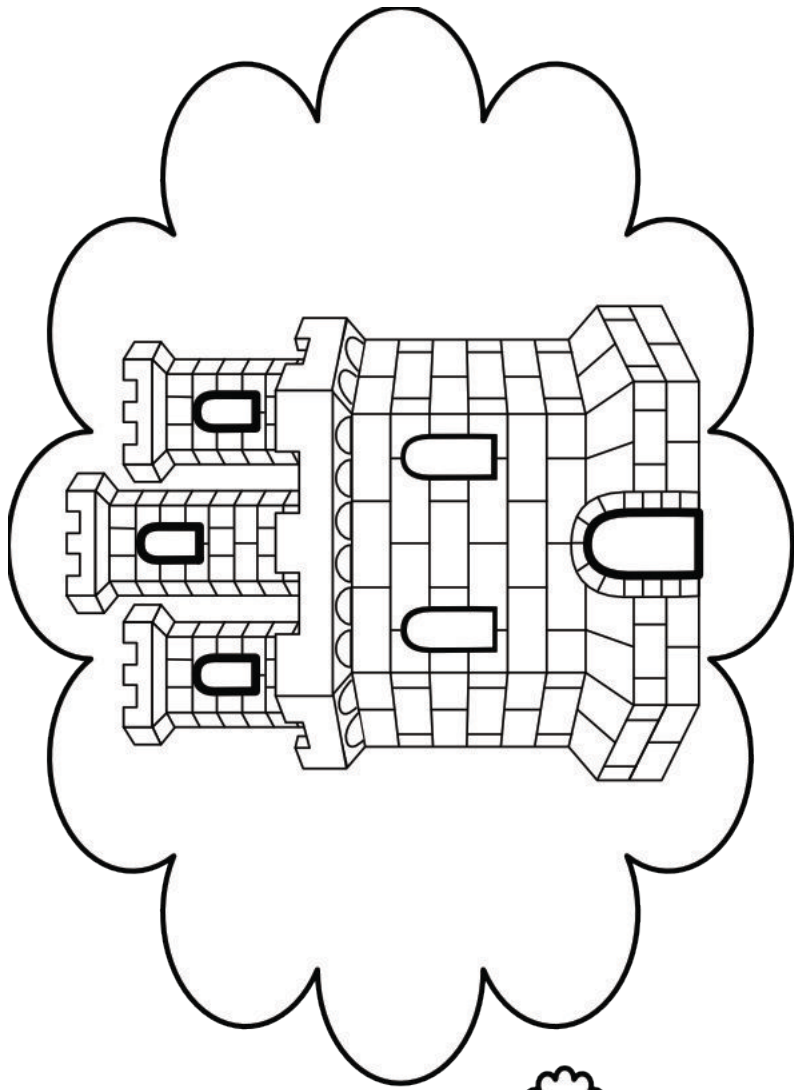
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Joshua 24:15



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Worship Time

Recommended worship songs. Not produced by Trueway Kids. YouTube Videos to be used for personal use only.

As for me and my house

<https://youtu.be/H-xxhy2CMYg>

Strong and Courageous

<https://youtu.be/t34ajxa7TCI>

Wherever you go

<https://youtu.be/NoG0DahAbDY>



Prayer Time

Thank God for your family. Ask Him to help you to serve Him together.

Ask God to help you be strong and courageous and to remember He is always with you.

Next Week
Jericho

If you haven't already done so, sign up to receive future lessons by email.

