

# The Great Feast



# Introduction

In Luke 14:15-24, Jesus tell the parable of the great banquet and reminds us that God invites us to join Him for a special celebration.

Key Points:

- God invites us to come to His feast.
- People will either accept or reject this invitation.
- We should not make excuses to God.

## Lesson Guide

If possible, set up a mini party area with balloons, a tablecloth, and some snacks. Tell your child that today we are going to read a story Jesus told about a man and a special party. Read Luke 14:15-24.

Have you ever thrown a party? What would you eat, drink, play, or use as decorations? Put together a party for your child's toys. They can invite dolls, toy cars, or pets. Make a simple snack and a few decorations. Create some invitations. As you walk around the house to "invite" the guests, make up excuses. The cat can't come since she needs to take a nap. The toy truck wants to dig in the mud. The doll is going to play.

Discuss the way that the child feels when everyone refuses the invitation to their party. Do they feel good or bad? How would they feel if, instead of a simple party, this had been the grandest party ever?

Explain that Jesus died on the cross so that people could go to heaven and spend eternity with God. Just as the people had many excuses to not come to the Grand Feast, people make many excuses not to come God. We might not choose an ox over Jesus, but would we choose something else? We might not choose a field, but would we choose money? Would we choose other people over Jesus?

Talk about a time your child made an excuse to not do the right thing.

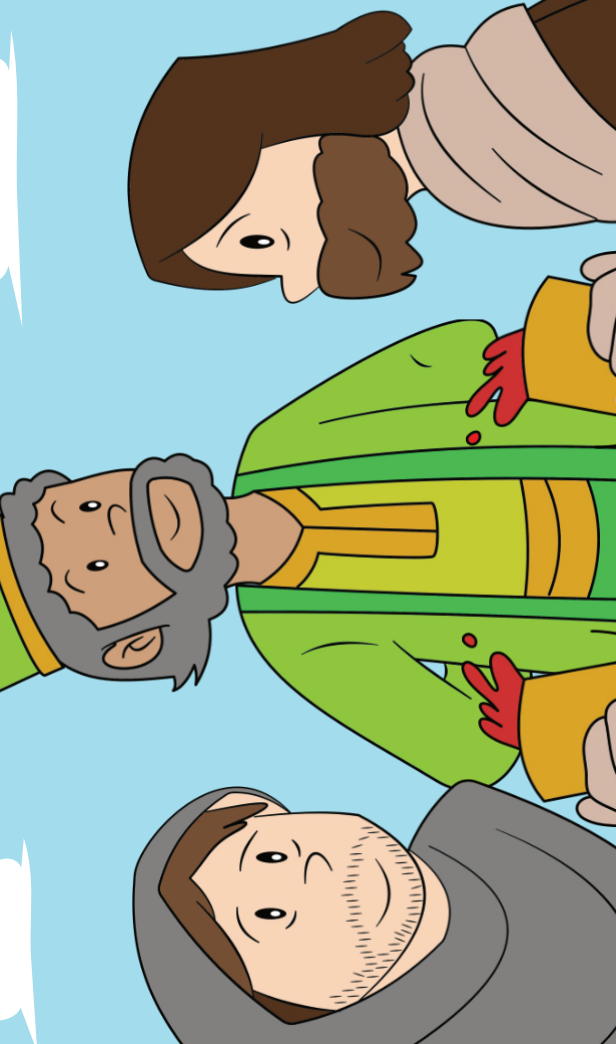
Using cards borrowed from this lesson or simple ones you create, play a game called "More Important." The object is to get as many cards as possible. The cards should represent things like church, God, games, pets, family, foods, etc. Each person plays a card and the most important card takes all the cards. As you play, have fun debating why cats are more important than dogs or cake is more important than fruit. You may also play by dealing each person cards and having them lay out from top to bottom by the most important things in their opinion. As you play, talk about how God should always come first.

Open your Bible and talk about how it is an invitation too. God is inviting people to repent, believe in Jesus, and spend eternity with Him. Some people will reject this invitation, but others will be drawn by God to accept it.

Read some of the invitations we read in the Bible. For example, Matthew 11:28, Mark 1:17, John 7:37.

Thank Jesus for providing a way to accept God's invitation. Pray and ask Him to help you never make excuses to Him.

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The rich man and his new guests had a great time.

Jesus told the people, that God invites us to His house for a special celebration.

We must always put Him first.

Jesus doesn't want us to miss out.



One day, Jesus told a story about a rich man who planned a special feast.

He gave his servant a list of people to invite.

He was planning to have the best party ever.



The servant delivered all the invitations. But the guests made excuses because they didn't want to come to the party.

They thought they had more important things to do.



The rich man was angry. He told his servant to go into the streets and invite the poor, hungry, homeless and sick to come to his party.

The people couldn't believe that they would be invited to such a special event.

# Games and Activities

## Party Games

Any kind of party game will work well with this lesson. Just pick some family favorites such as pass the parcel, musical statues or hitting a Piñata.

Talk to your child about what games they would play in their perfect party.



## Get cooking

Spend some time cooking or preparing a meal with your child. Naturally introduce basic math skills by counting, measuring, and weighing ingredients. Help your child to follow step by step instructions by reading a recipe.

Try to focus on the preparation that needs to take place for a feast to happen. Ask your child how they would feel if they prepared a great feast and no one came.

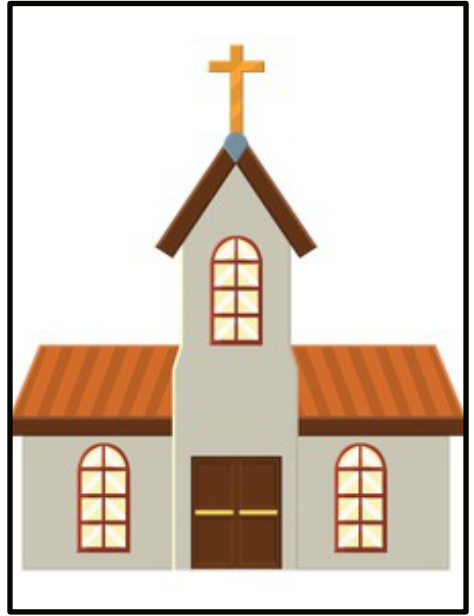
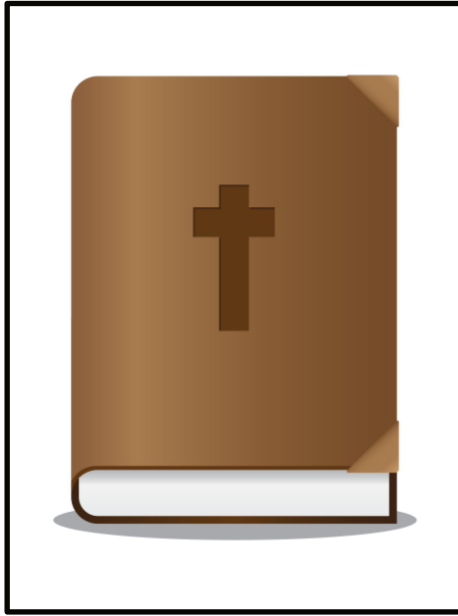


## What is missing from the table?

Set your table up with plates, knives, forks, spoons, cups etc. Have everyone turn around while you remove one item from the table. Your children should then try to figure out what item is missing from the table. Take turns to remove items.

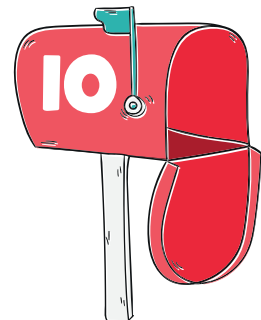
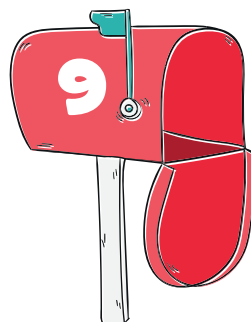
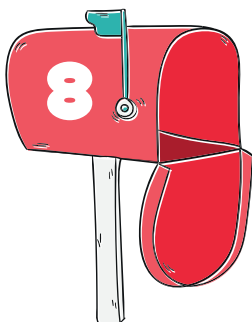
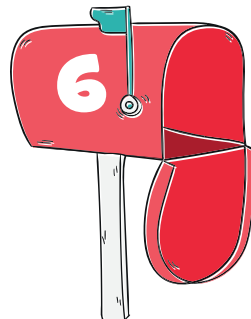
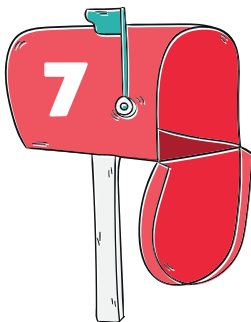
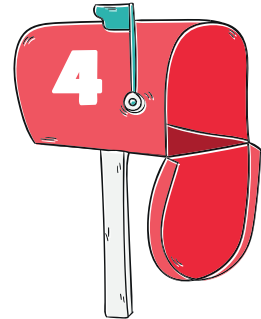
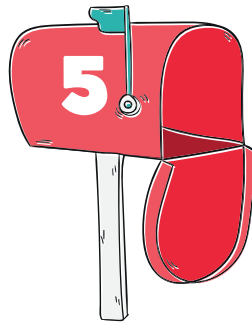
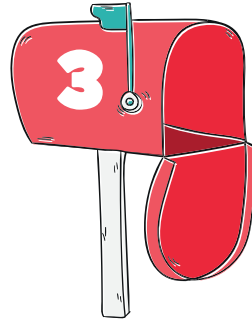
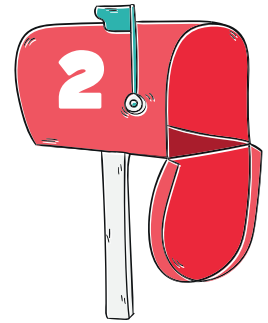
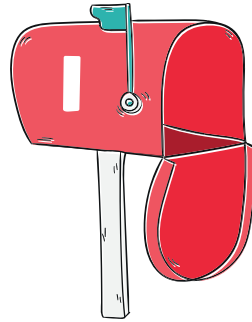


Sort cards by importance



Note: The answers should be personal.

Deliver the party invitations in the correct order.

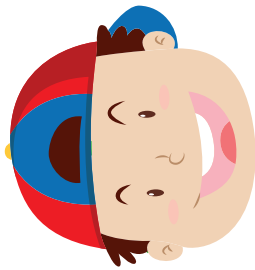


Who ate what at the party?

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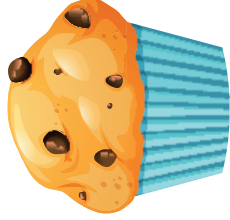
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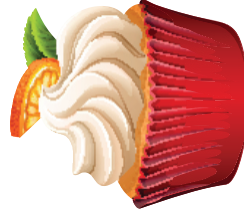
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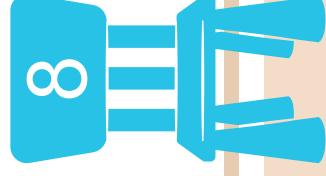
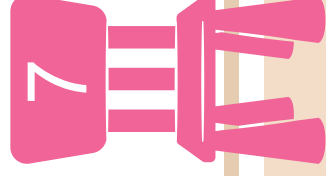
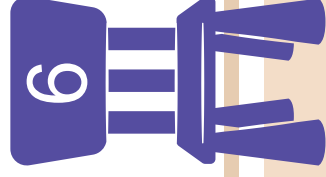
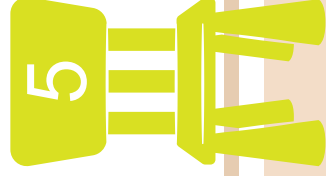
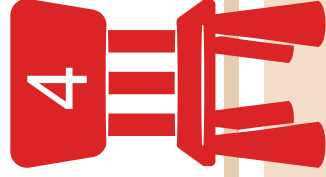
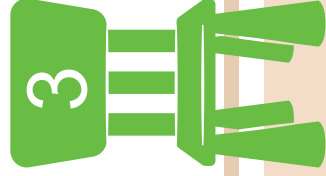
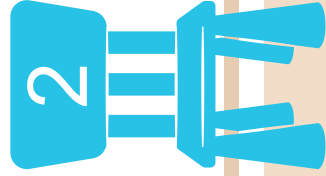
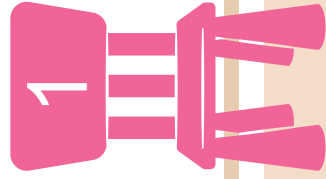


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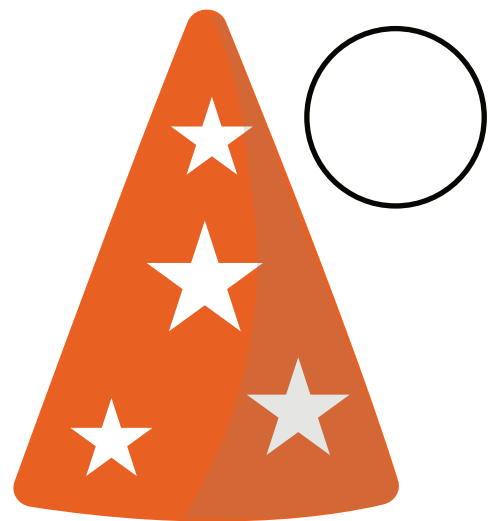
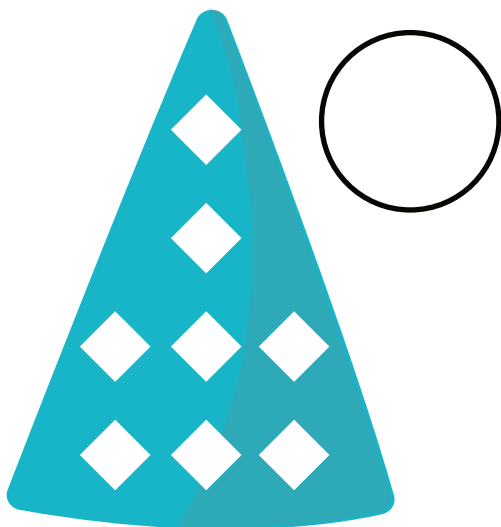
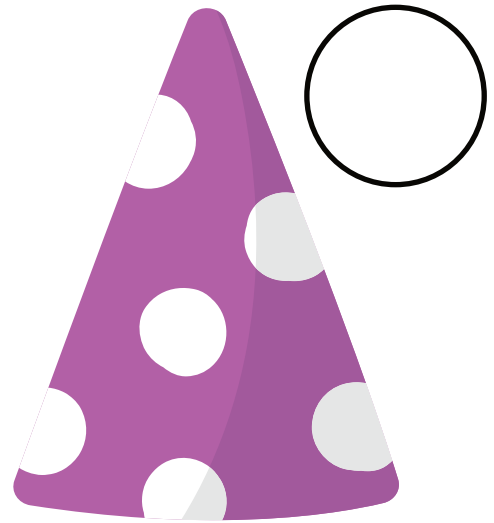
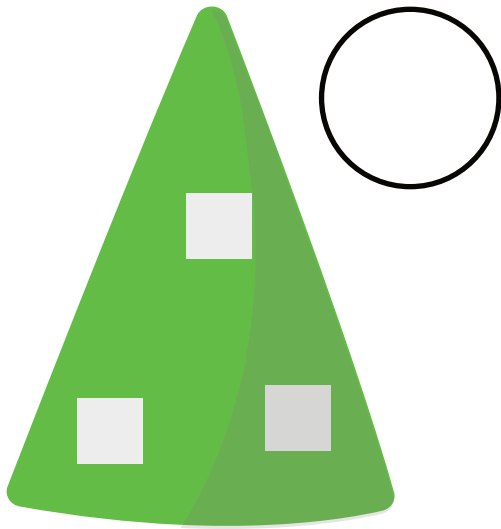
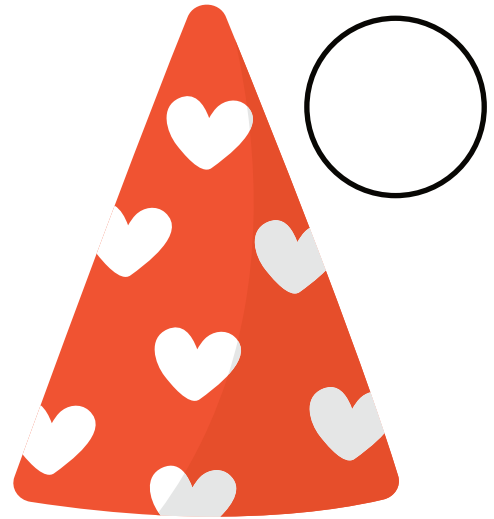
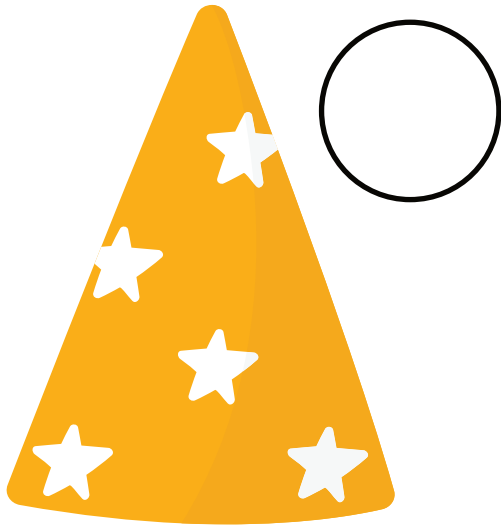


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Help each child find their chair



Count the shapes on the party hats.



# Placemat Craft



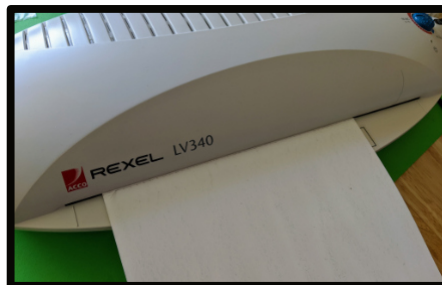
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Template page,  
Coloring pencils,  
Laminating pouch and laminator or plastic sleeve and tape.

## What to do



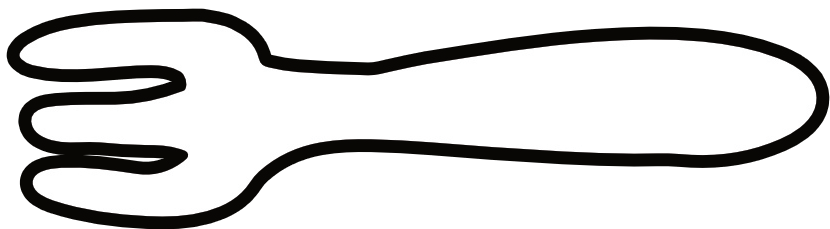
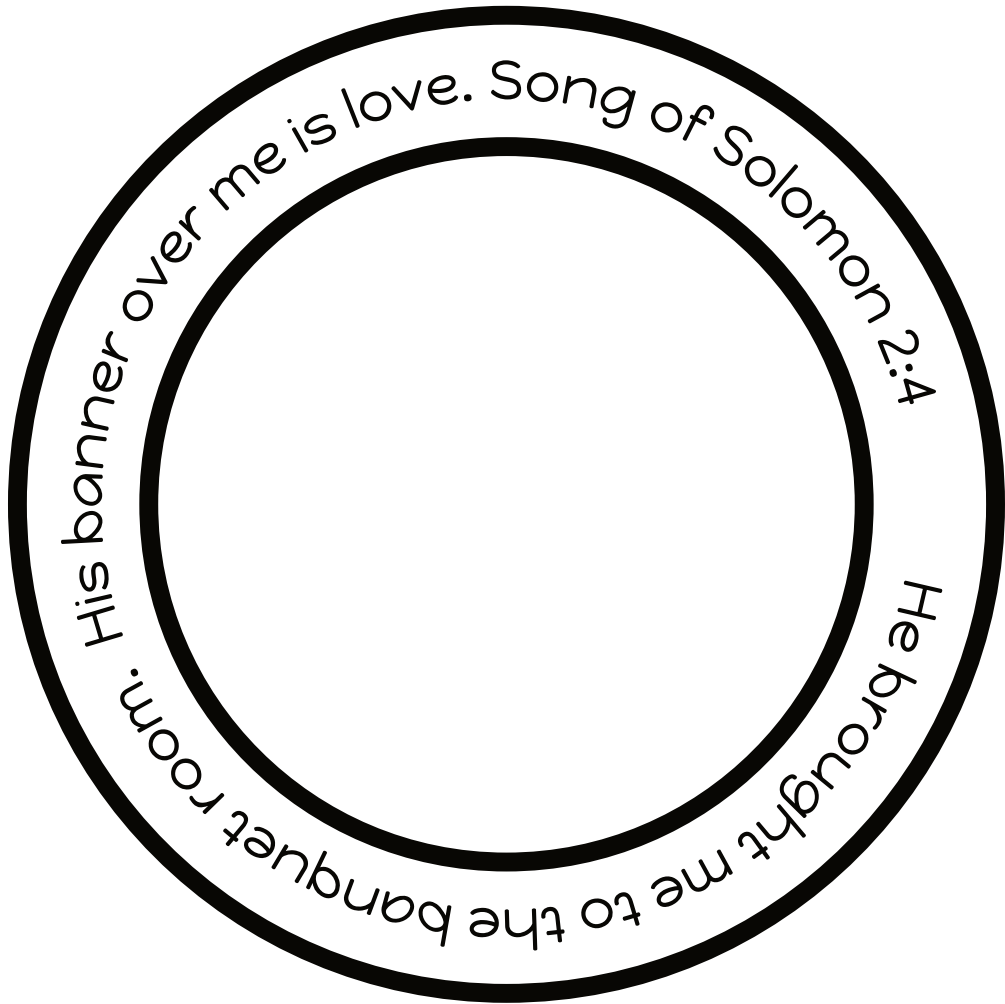
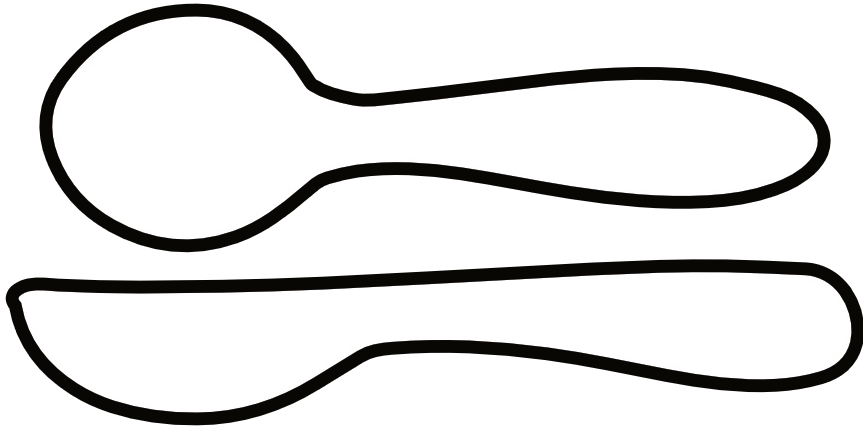
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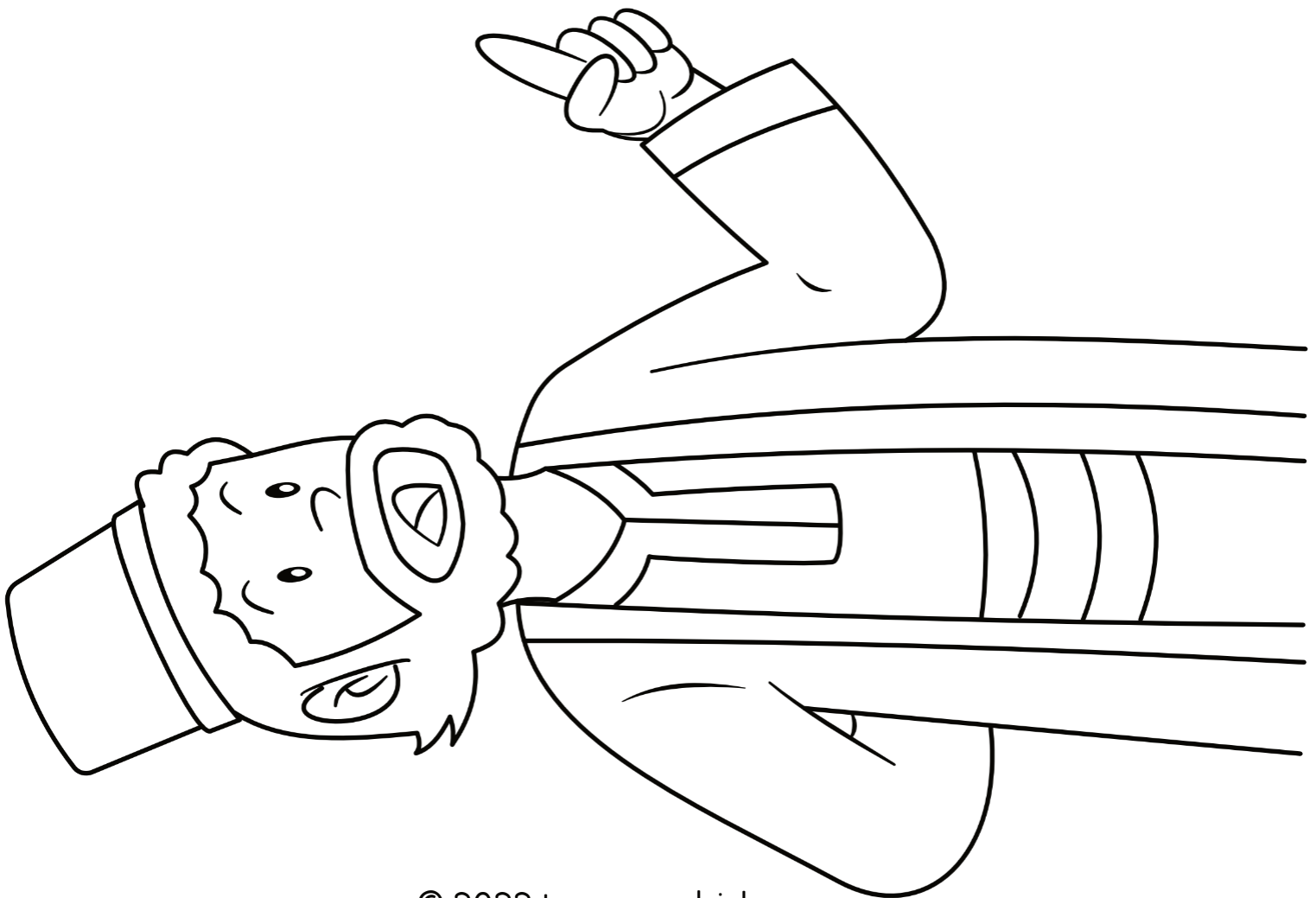
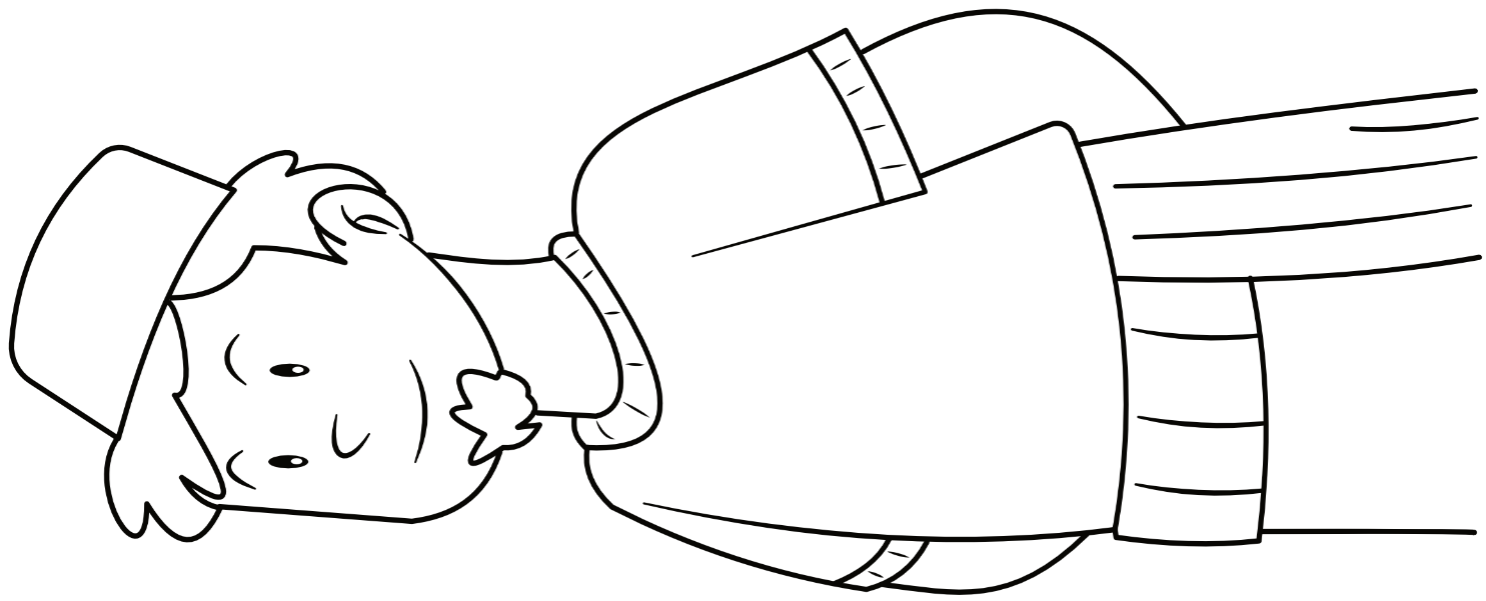


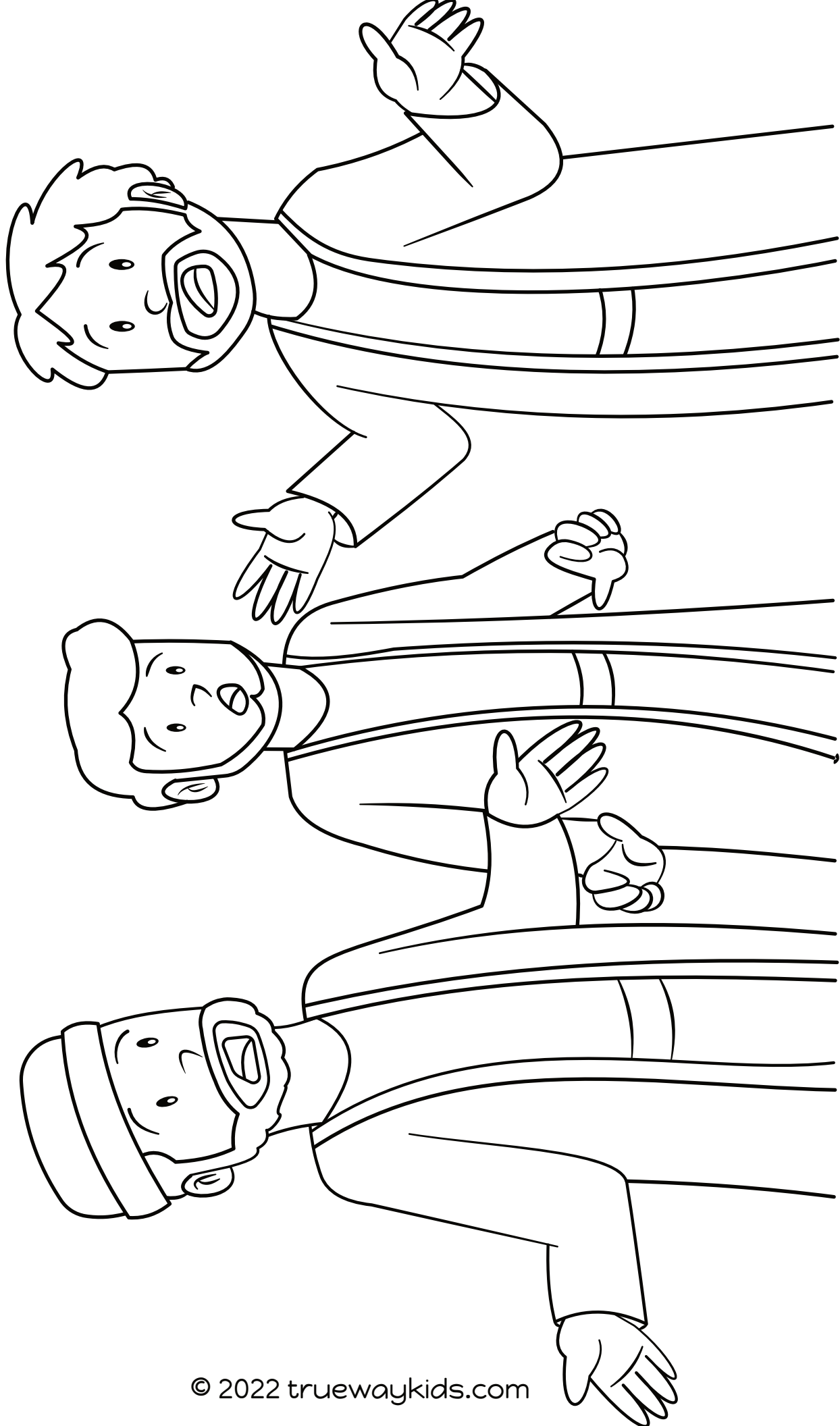
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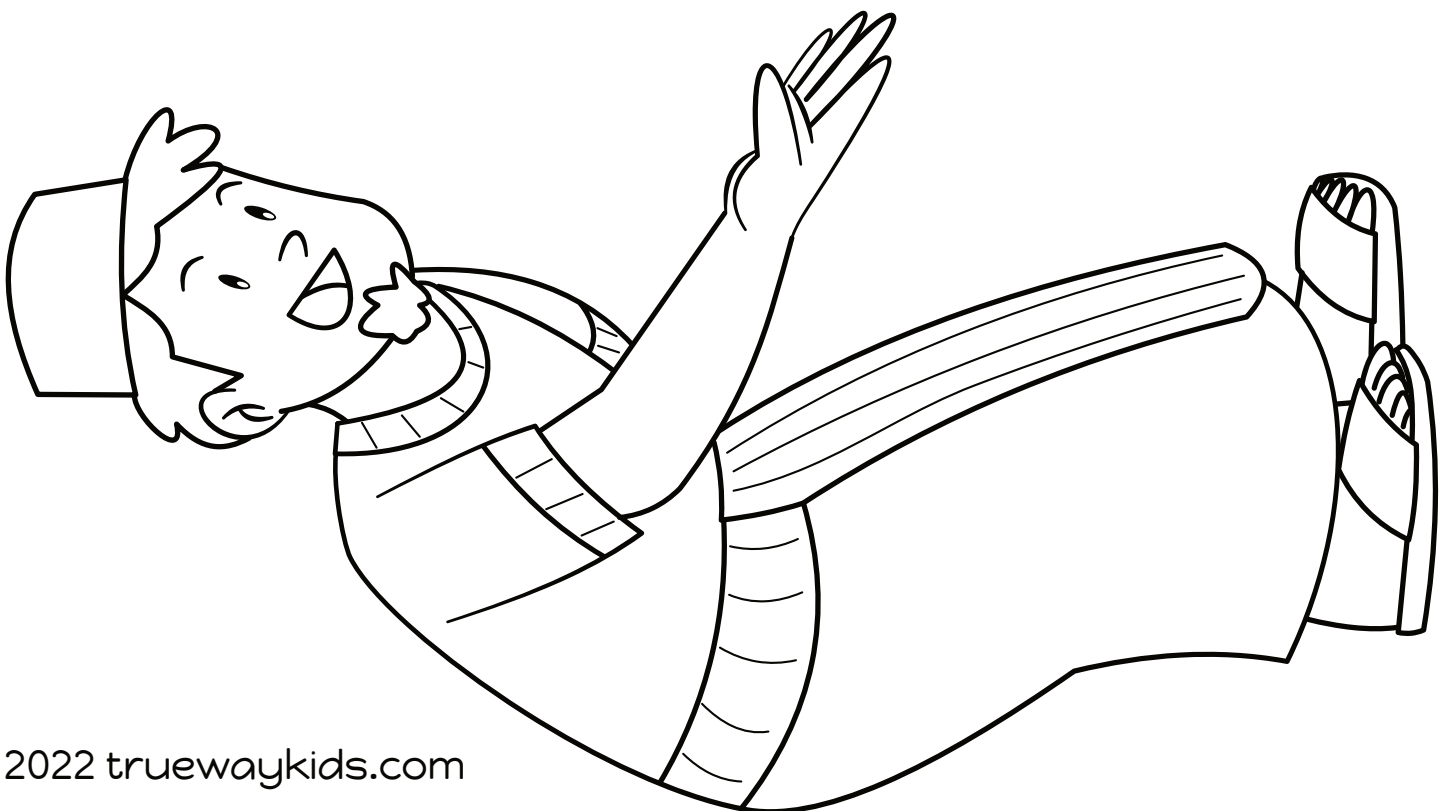
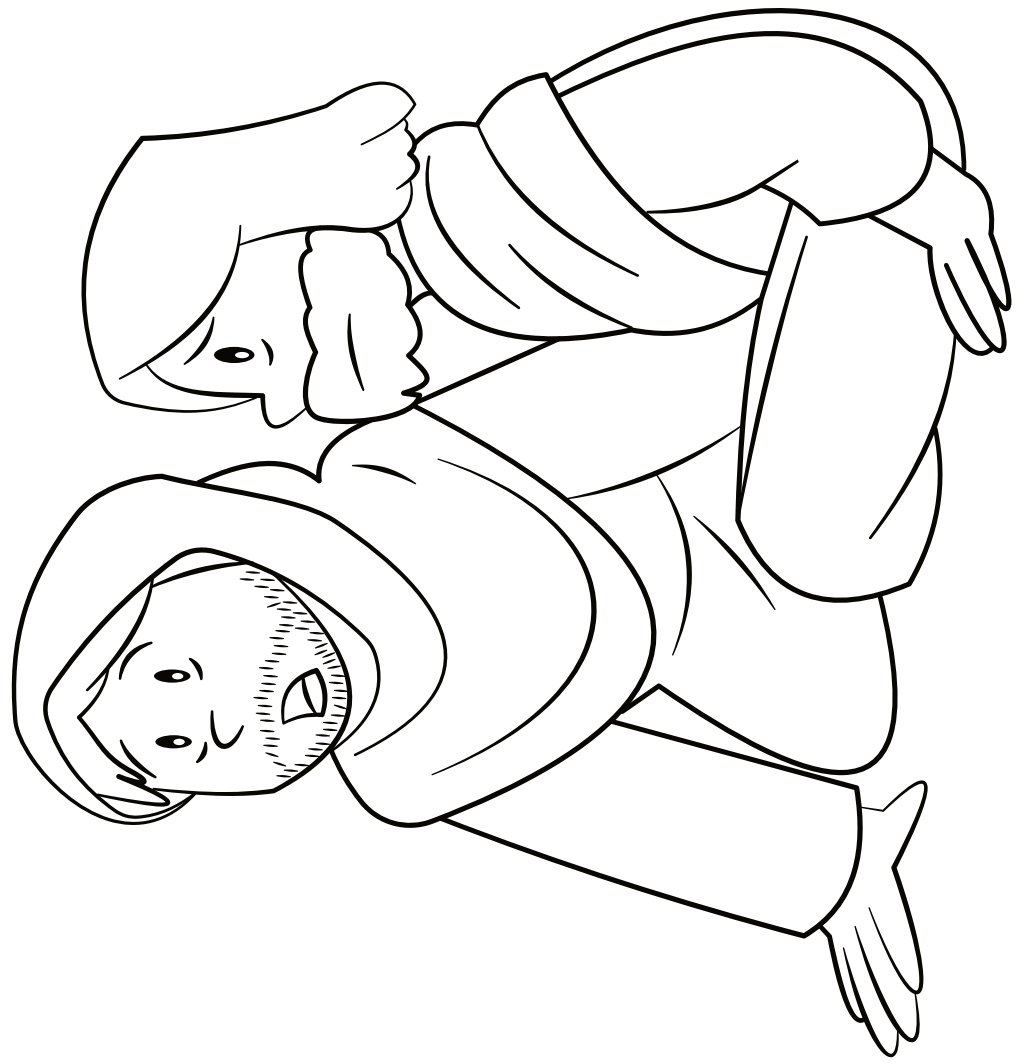


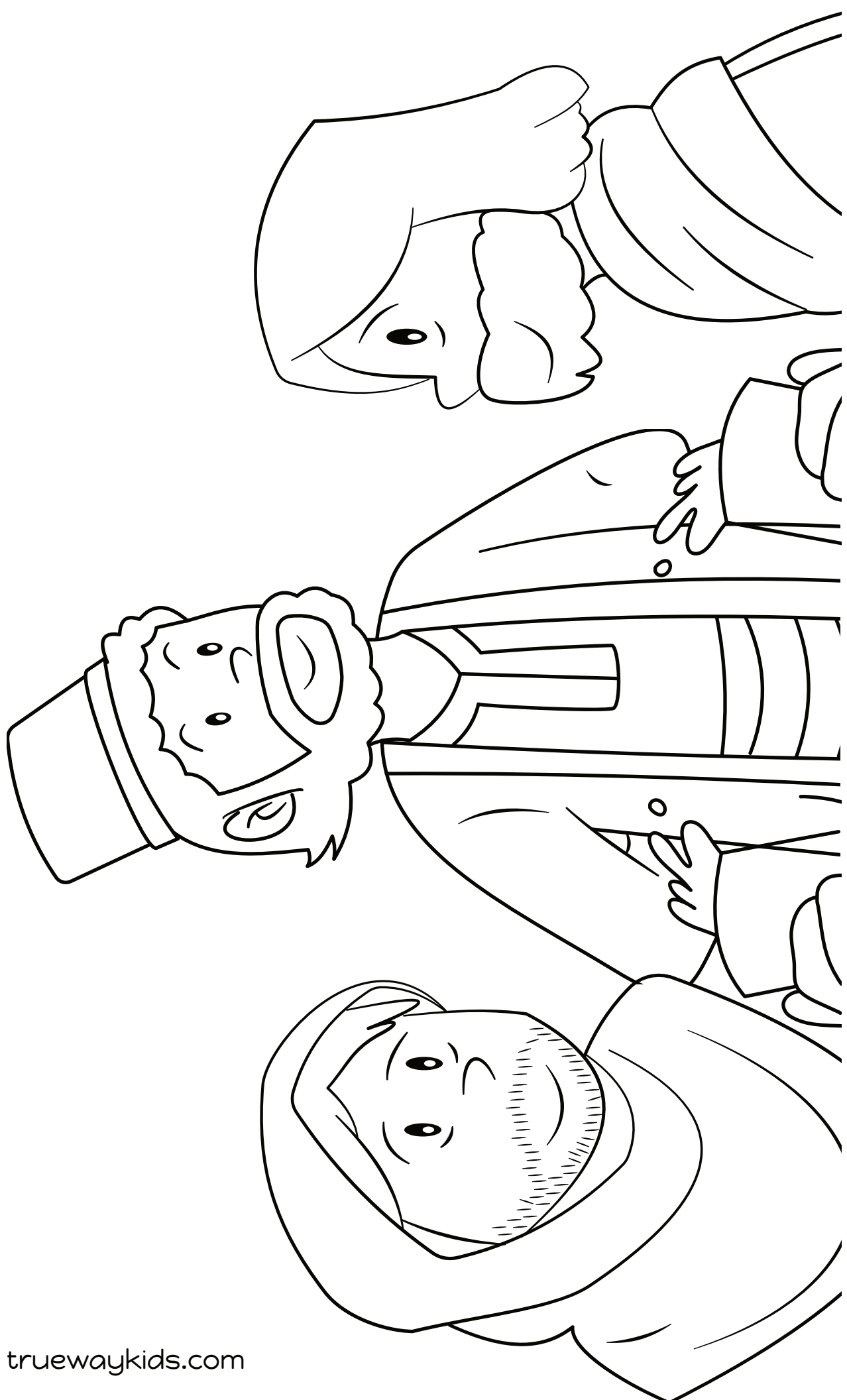
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and tape sides











# Worship Time

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

Guess What

<https://youtu.be/CDtvXCodak0>

It's A Party

<https://youtu.be/iNnvFgsteb4>

His Banner Over Me is Love

<https://youtu.be/nSRWUdzrKxE>



## Prayer

Thank God for inviting you to spend eternity with Him. Ask Him to help you to tell all others about His great invitation.

## Next Week

The Unforgiving Servant

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