

The Great Feast



5+ lesson pack

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Introduction

In Luke 14:15-24, Jesus tells 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, 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 not to come to the Grand Feast, people make many excuses not to come to God. We might not choose an ox over Jesus, but would we want 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 not to 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, sports, 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 them 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.

The Great Feast

One day, Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees.

While Jesus was there, a man said to Him, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”

Jesus replied with a story.

“An important man prepared a big and special banquet and invited many people. He invited many people to come to his party. He sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’

But all the guests made excuses.

“The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

“Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go try them out. Please have me excused.’

“Another said, “I just got married; I can’t come.’



The servant returned to the master and told him what had happened.

Then the master of the house, got angry.

He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor, the crippled, blind, and lame.'

Right away, the servant did what the master asked. "The servant returned and, 'I have done as you asked, but there is still room.'

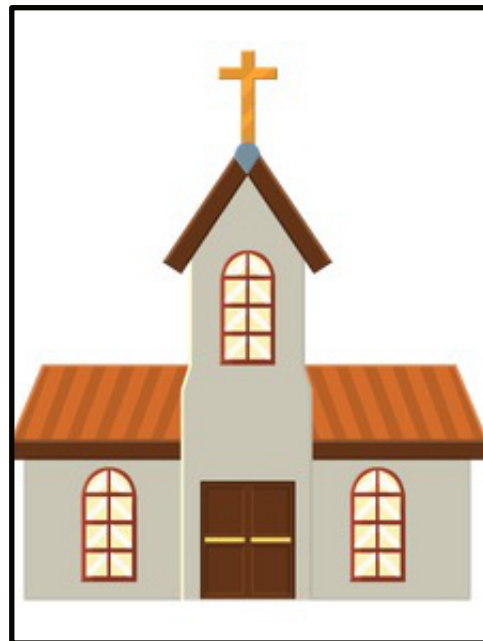
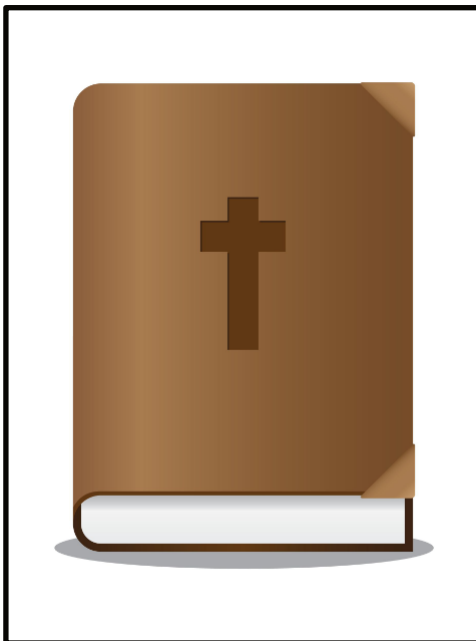
The master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways, country roads, and hedges, and urge them to come in, that my house may be filled.



None of those men who were originally invited will taste of my special banquet."



Sort or number cards by importance to you



Note: The answers should be personal

Draw or write the menu for the banquet

THE MASTER'S BANQUET

FIRST COURSE



MAIN COURSE

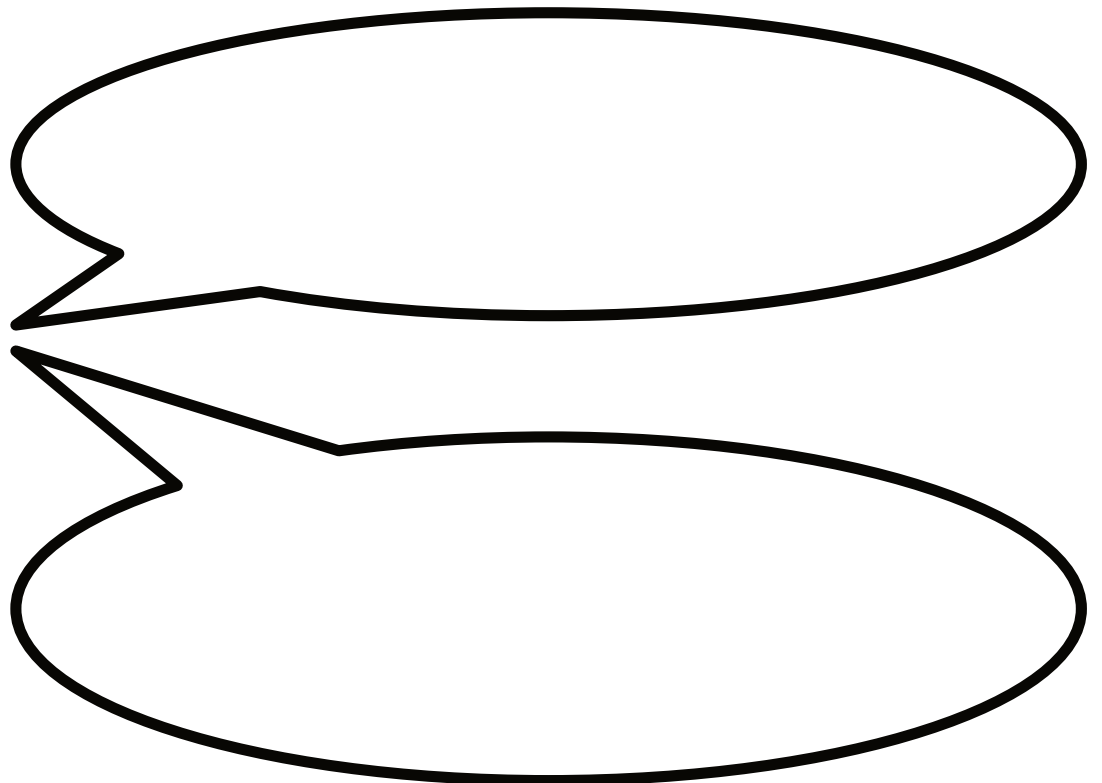
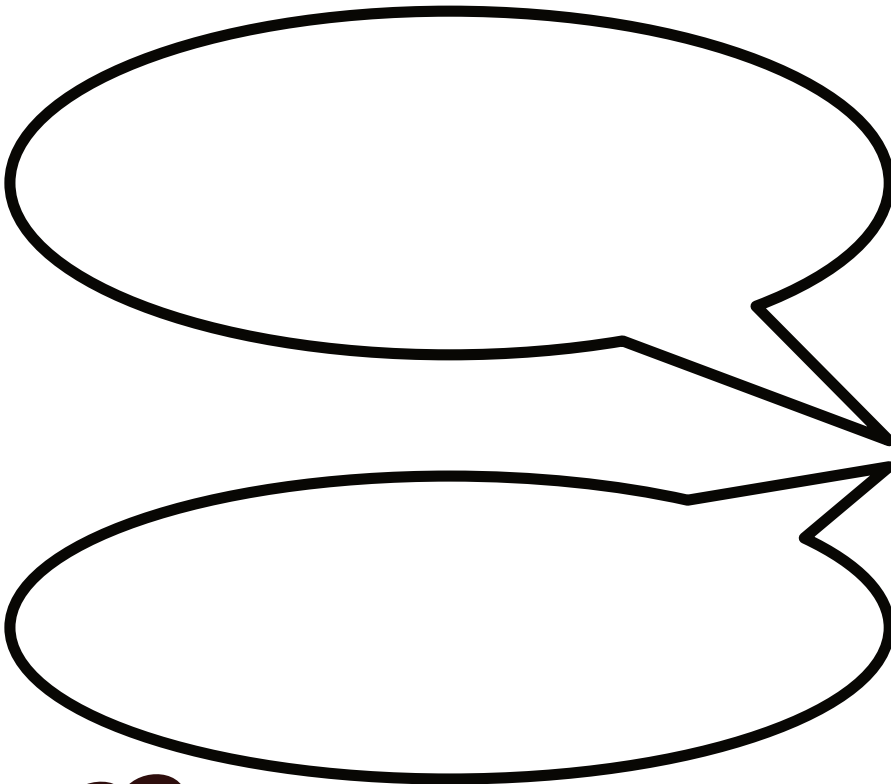


DESSERT



Excuses

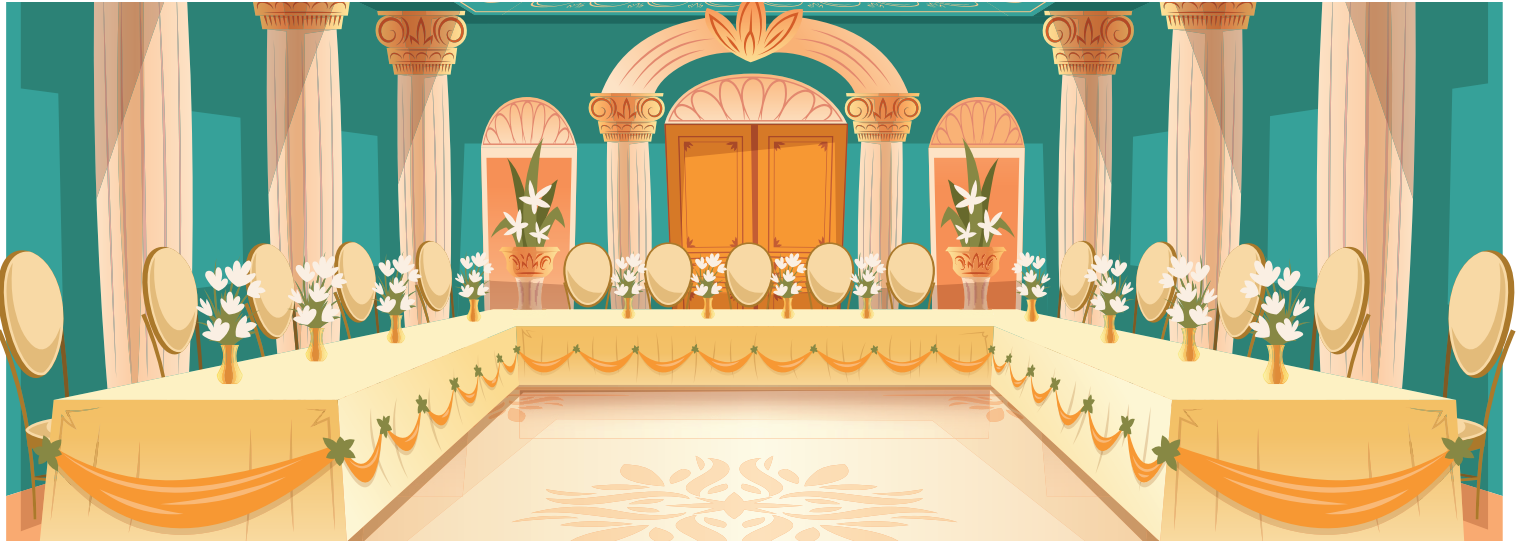
Can you think of any excuses you have used or heard?



Look at these excuses.

Do you think they make the situation better or worse?

Invitation list



Make a list of people you would expect:

**To be invited to an important party
at a palace**

**Not to be invited to an important
party at a palace**

Find 10 differences



Games and Activities

Party Games

Any kind of party game will work well with this lesson. Just pick some family favourites 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.



Speedy delivery

Have all children write their names on pieces of paper. Fold and place them in a bowl.

Ask the children to spread out around the room.

Choose one child to be the servant.

They should pick three names out of the bowl.

On go, they should deliver the name to the correct person as quickly as possible.

Repeat with other children as the master.

Time the children to see who can do it the quickest.

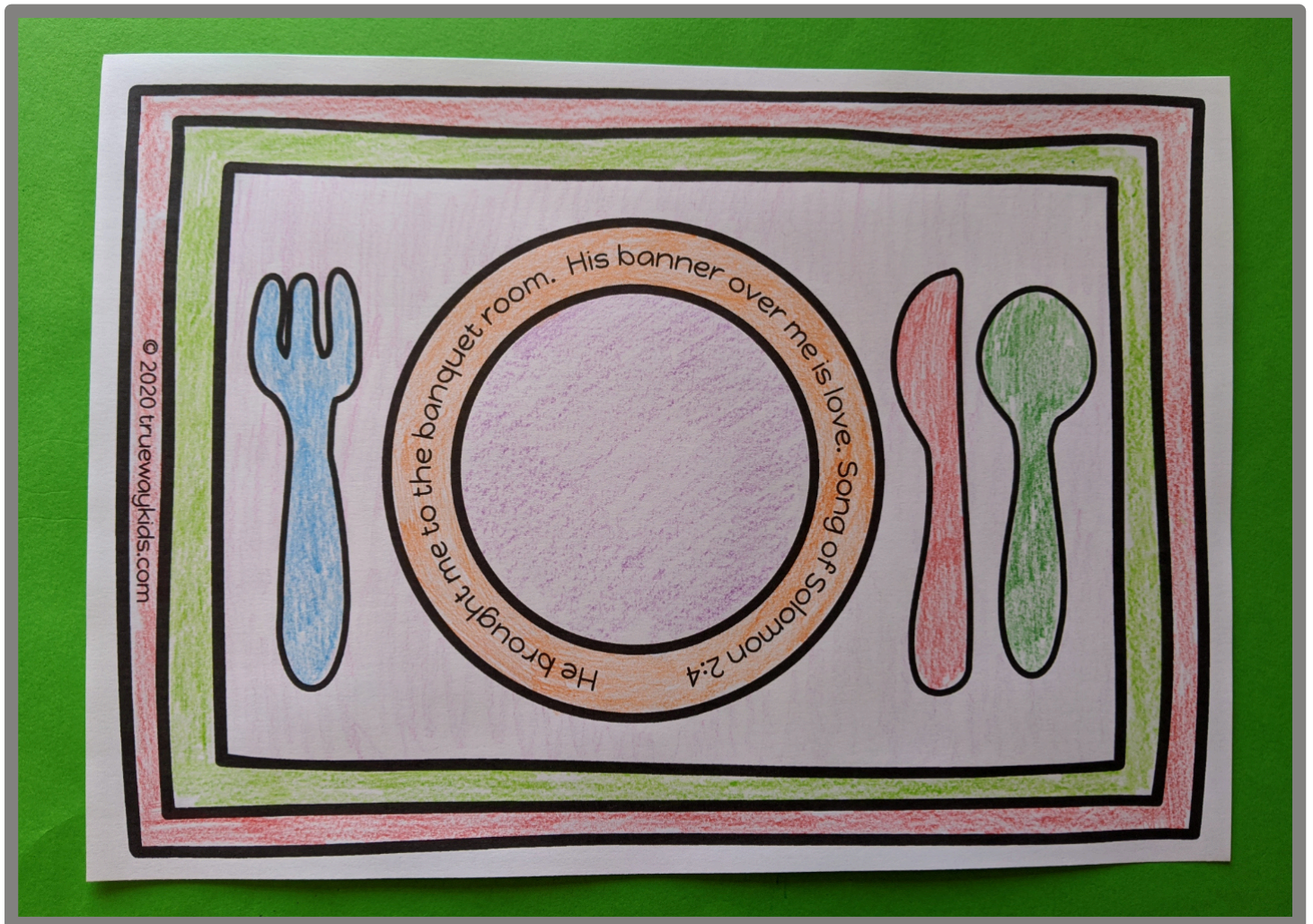


What is missing from the table?

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 work out what item is missing from the table. Take turns to remove items.



Placemat Craft



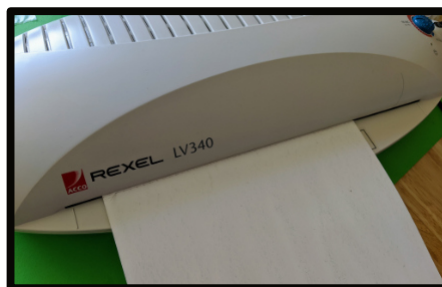
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Template page,
Colouring pencils,
Laminator pouch and laminator or plastic sleeve and tape.

What to do:



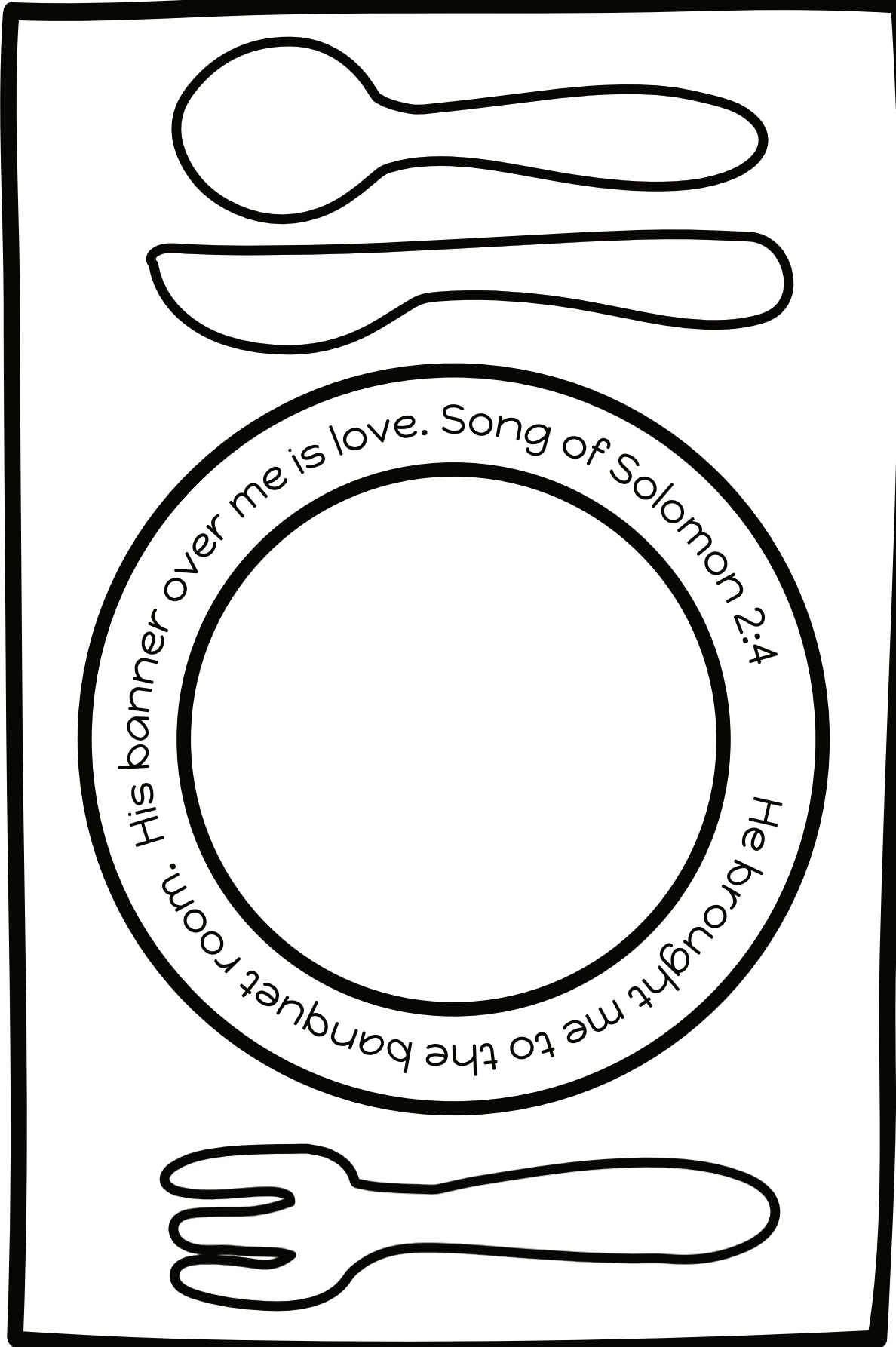
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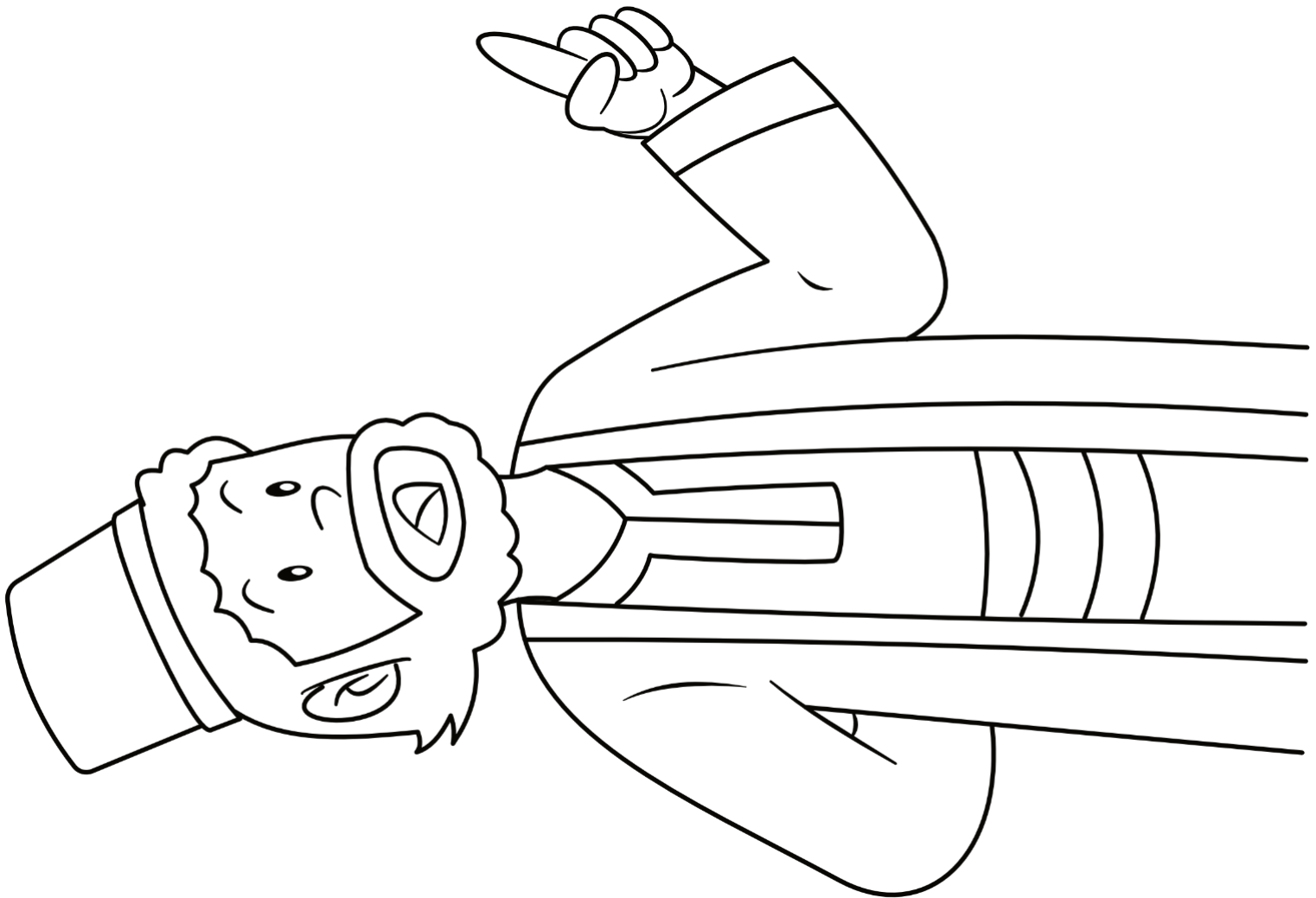
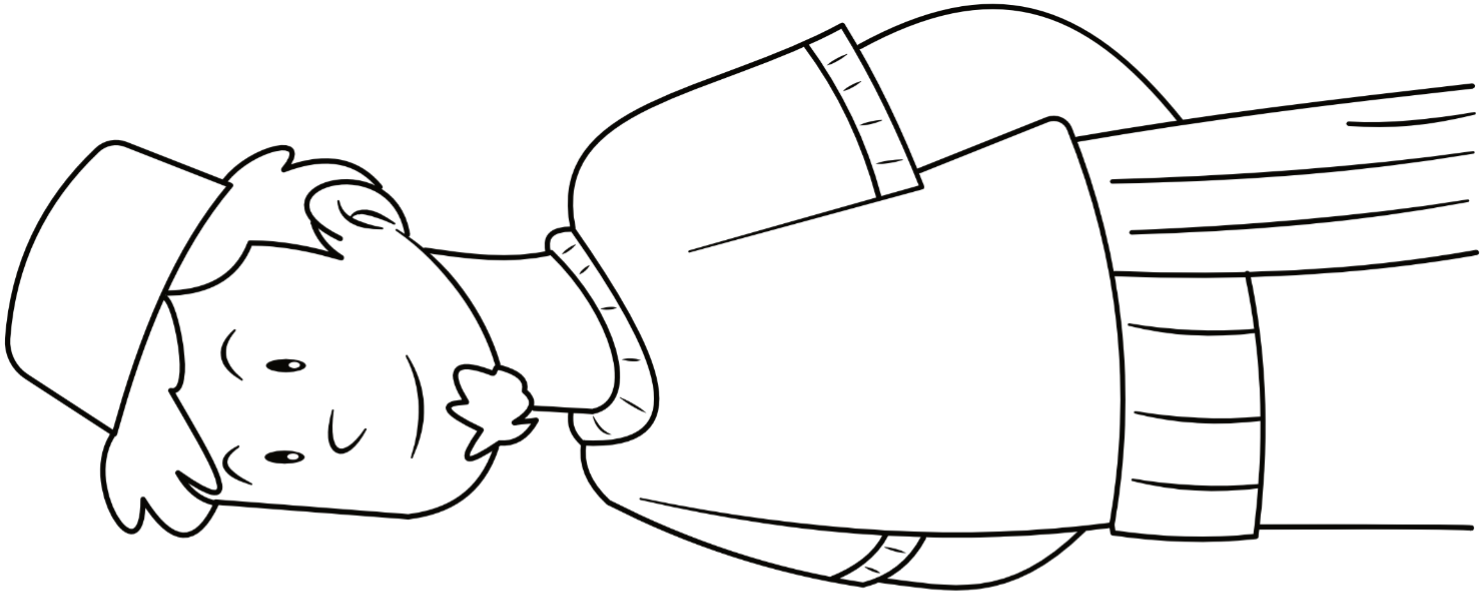


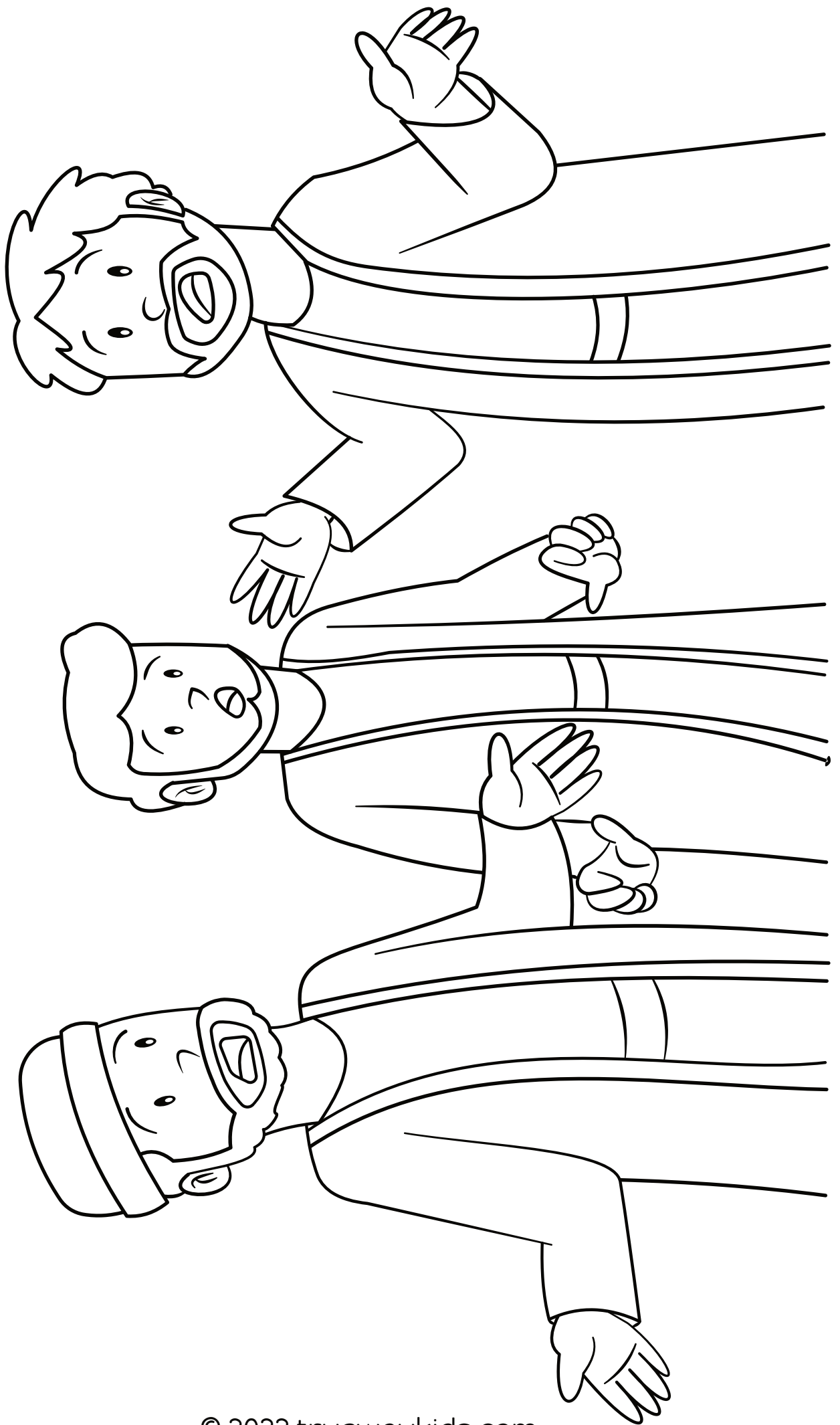
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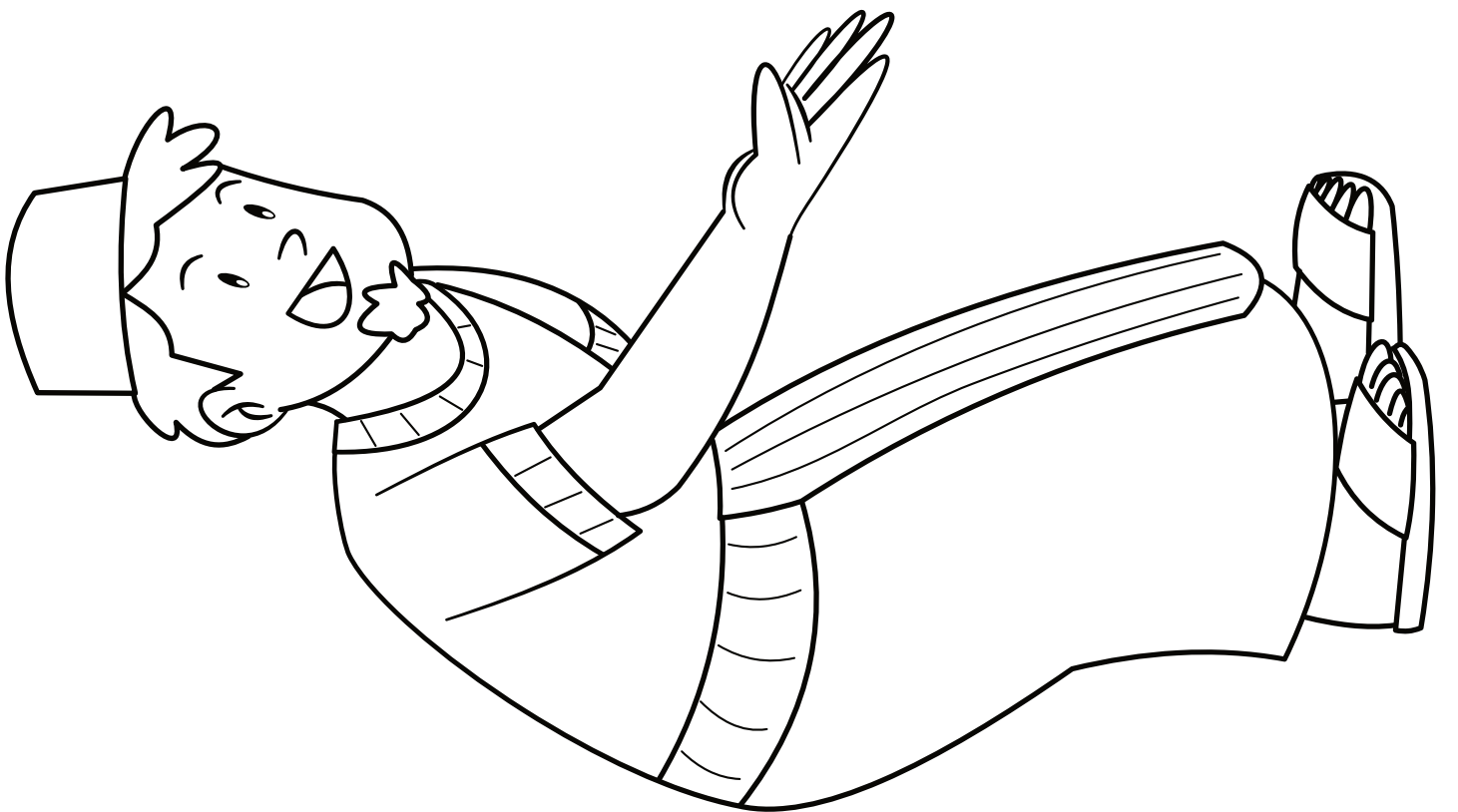
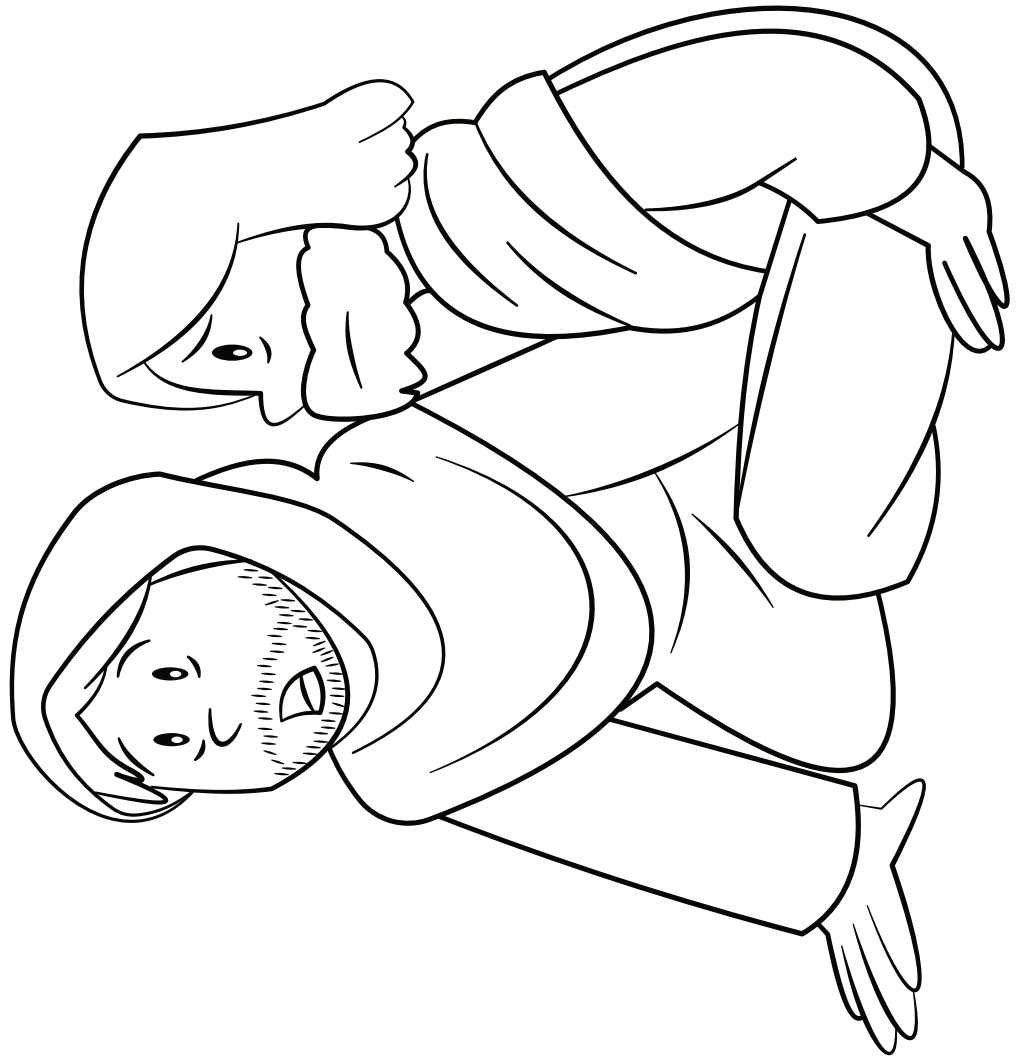


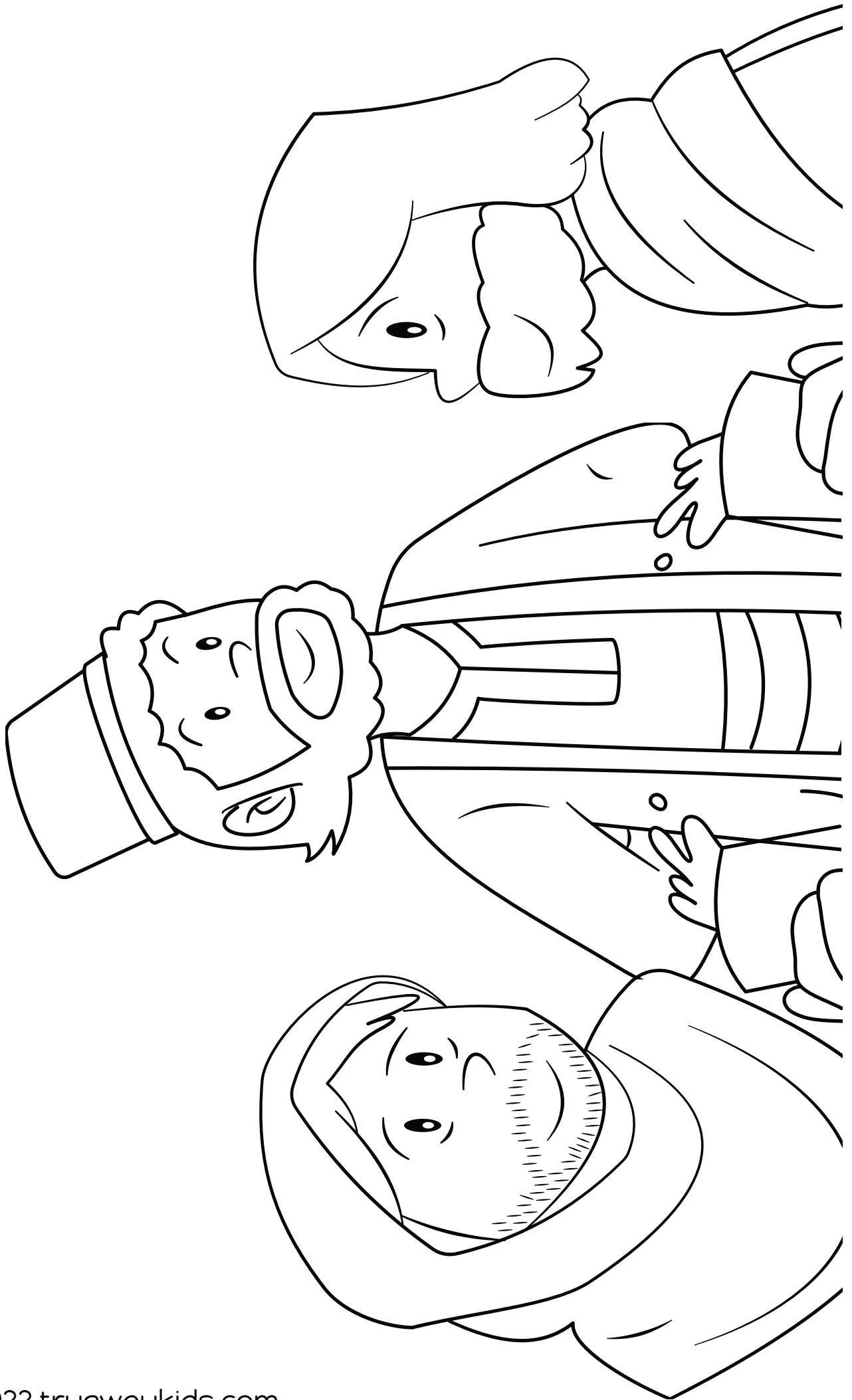
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Worship Time

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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