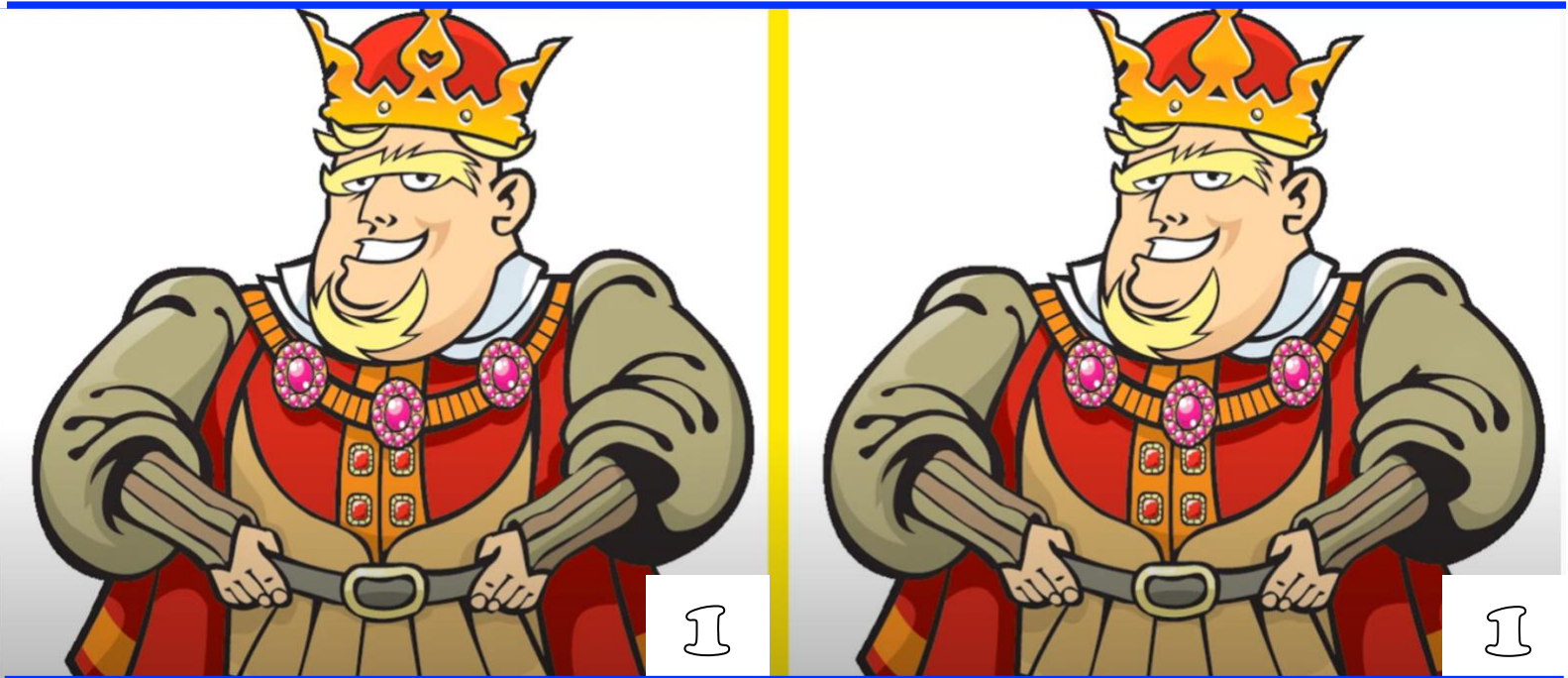


2 Kings 13. 1-20

A tale of 2 kings!

Spot the differences *In each of the 2 sets of 2 kings below there are 2 differences: can you spot them?*



Today's passage is about 2 kings whose reigns are recorded in the book of the Bible called .. **2 Kings!** ?

Their names were very similar, but not quite the same – **Jehoahaz** and **Jehoash**.

The length of time they ruled was very similar too, but not quite the same.

Neither of them had what it takes to rule well: they didn't understand what it is to trust the Lord.



Read

meet



king #1



2 Kings 13. 1-3

Jehoahaz

In the twenty-third year of Joash son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz son of Jehu became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned for seventeen years. ²He did evil in the eyes of the LORD by following **the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat**, which he had caused Israel to commit, and he did not turn away from them. ³So the LORD's anger burned against Israel, and for a long time he kept them under the power of Hazael king of Aram and Ben-Hadad his son.

Fact File on king #1

Build up some basic information about this king by filling in the mini-bio details about him –

Name

Length of reign years

A good king? Yes / No

Why?

.. . . .

.. . . .

"The sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat"

You can read the story of this king Jeroboam in **1 Kings 12.25-33**. He set up an alternative way of worshipping the Lord and encouraged the sin of idolatry among the people of Israel.

the grace of the LORD

'Grace' means that the Lord doesn't deal with us the way we deserve.

What did the LORD give to the people of Israel here which they didn't deserve?

The LORD provided a



for Israel

They didn't deserve that at all since they'd been ignoring and disobeying the Lord!

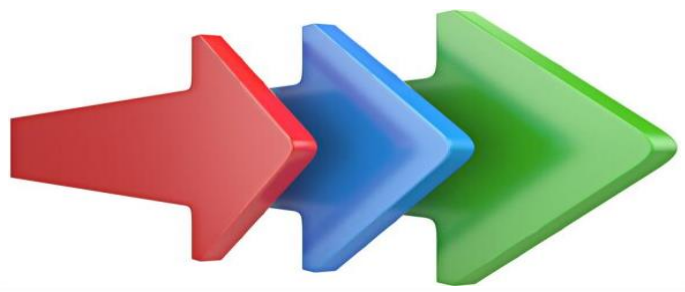
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2 Kings 13. 4-7

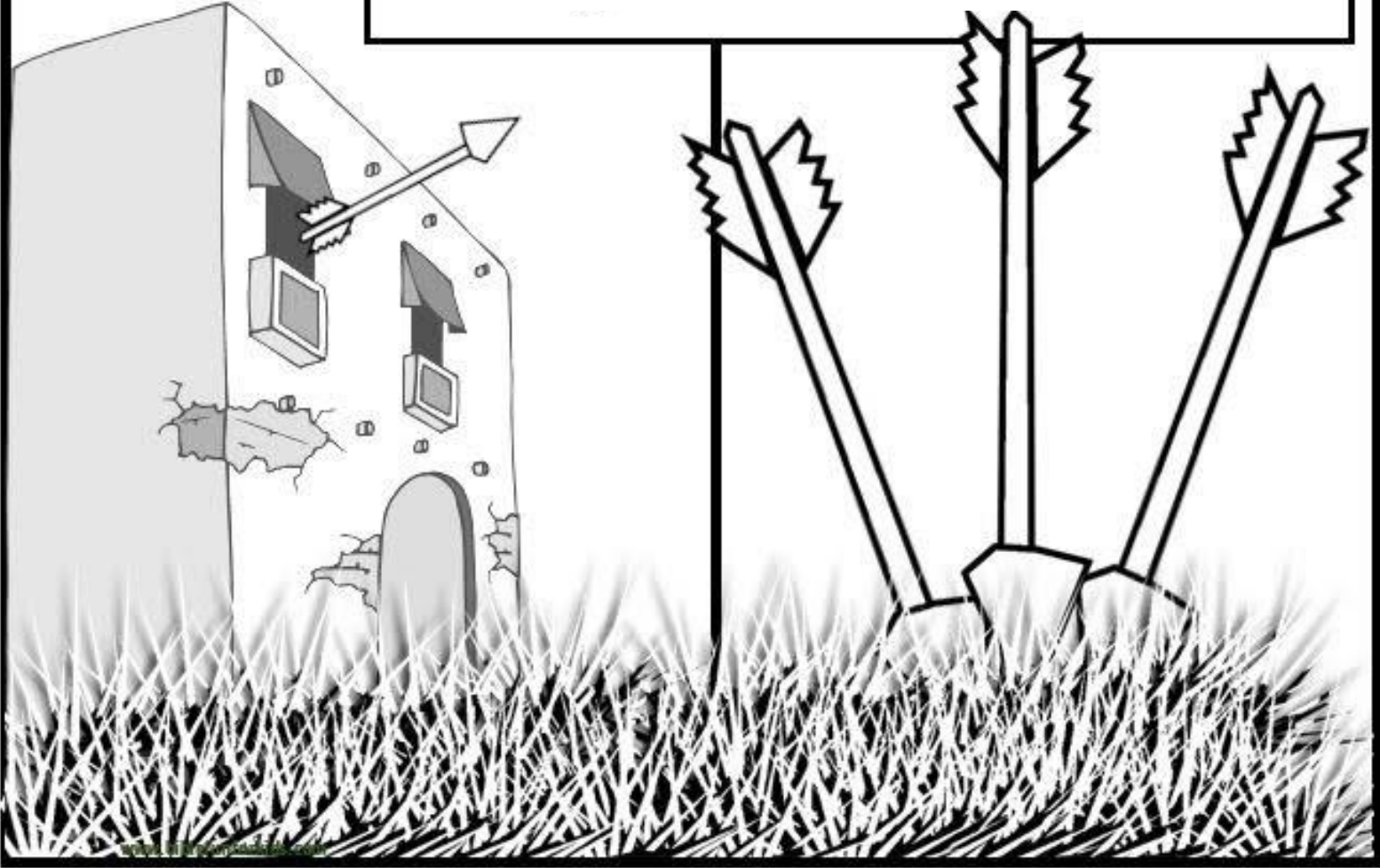
⁴Then Jehoahaz sought the LORD's favour, and the Lord listened to him, for he saw how severely the king of Aram was oppressing Israel. ⁵The LORD provided a deliverer for Israel, and they escaped from the power of Aram. So the Israelites lived in their own homes as they had before. ⁶But they did not turn away from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, which he had caused Israel to commit; they continued in them. Also, the Asherah pole remained standing in Samaria.

⁷Nothing had been left of the army of Jehoahaz except fifty horsemen, ten chariots and ten thousand foot soldiers, for the king of Aram had destroyed the rest and made them like the dust at threshing time.

So what's going on in this story?



Jehoash and Elisha



Here's what the problem was with king Jehoash!

3 shots ...

and then he gave up!

Draw the other half of the 'heart', colour it all in, and then fill in the blanks below to find the word that describes Jehoash's problem ...

Jehoash was

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The LORD is *wholly* committed to His people in love.
We're to be *wholly* committed to Him in love as well!





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Lord Jesus, You are the King of all kings!

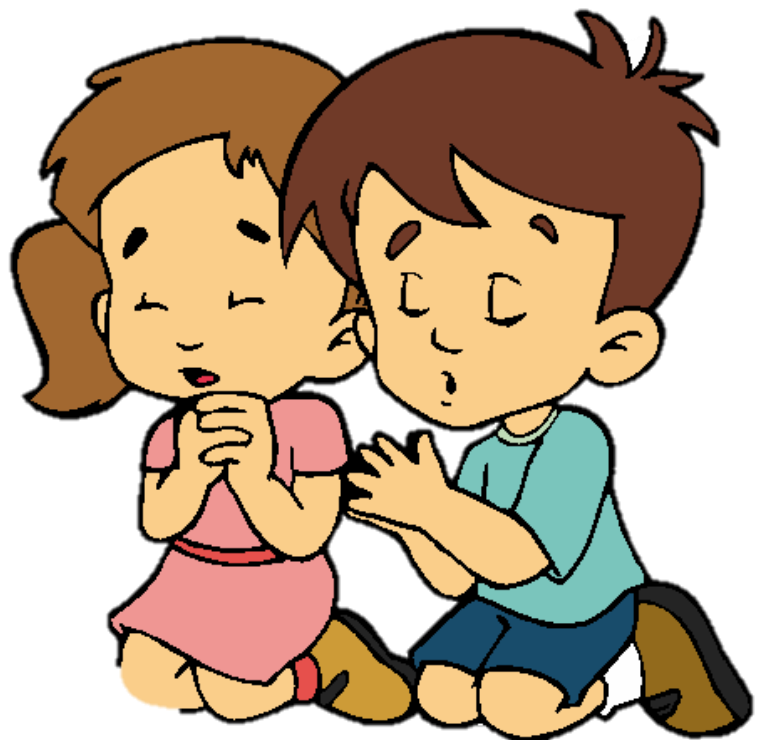
I'm glad that You're so committed to Your people and so kind and patient towards us. I'm sorry that often I get distracted and am more interested in all sorts of other things instead of Yourself.

Please forgive me for the ways in which I go wrong – and for the times when instead of looking to You for help I try and sort things out myself.

That never really works!

Please help me to get to know You better so that I'll love You with all my heart and be glad to serve You day by day in all that I say and do.

Thank You, Jesus, for everything.
You're the best!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

“The LORD's arrow of victory,
the arrow of victory over Aram”

2 Kings 13.17



A WORDSEARCH ..

Here's a wordsearch with the names of the kings of Israel.

See if you can find them all – then highlight the 2 kings in today's Bible passage!

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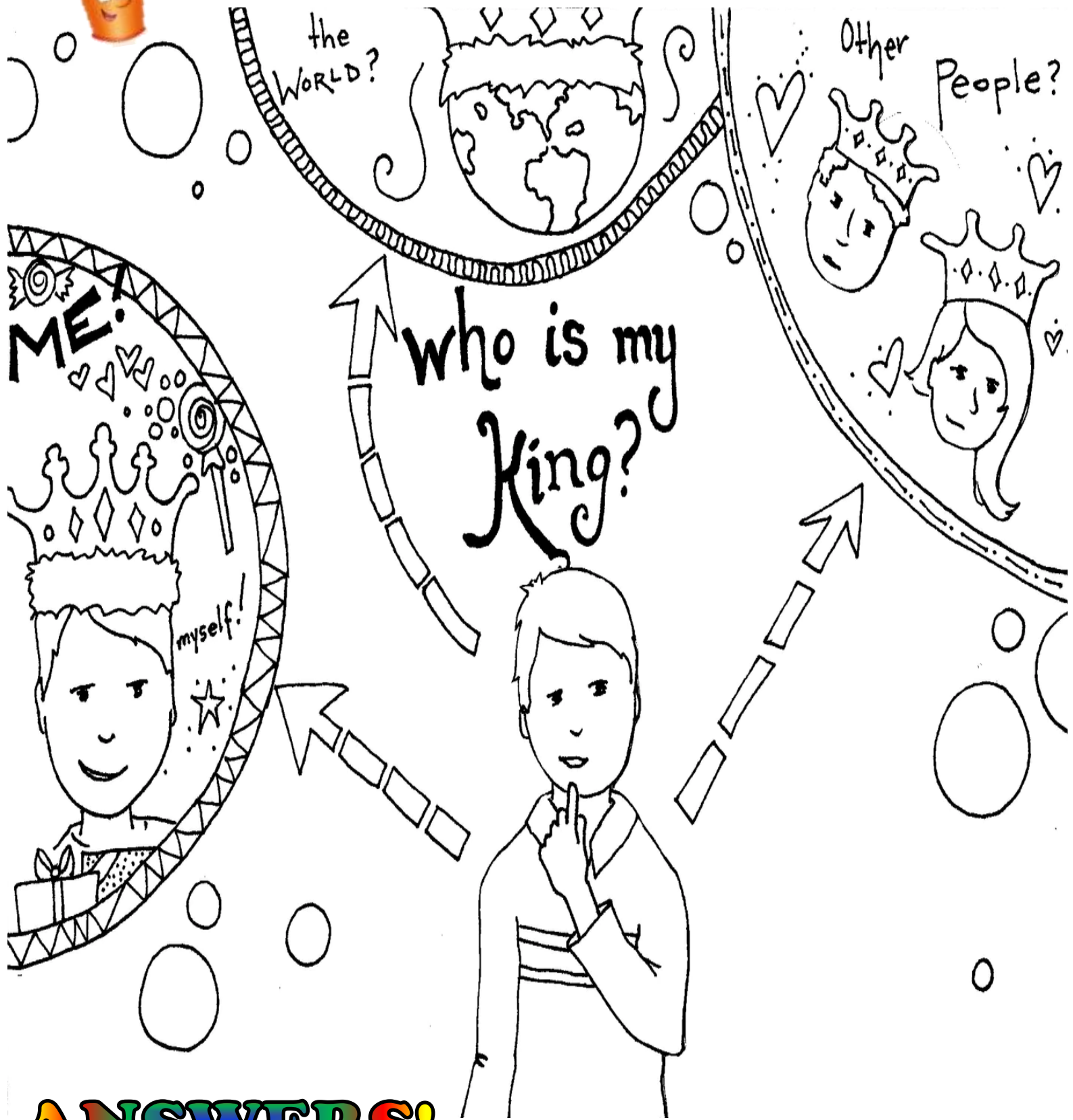
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For you to COLOUR IN



ANSWERS!

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