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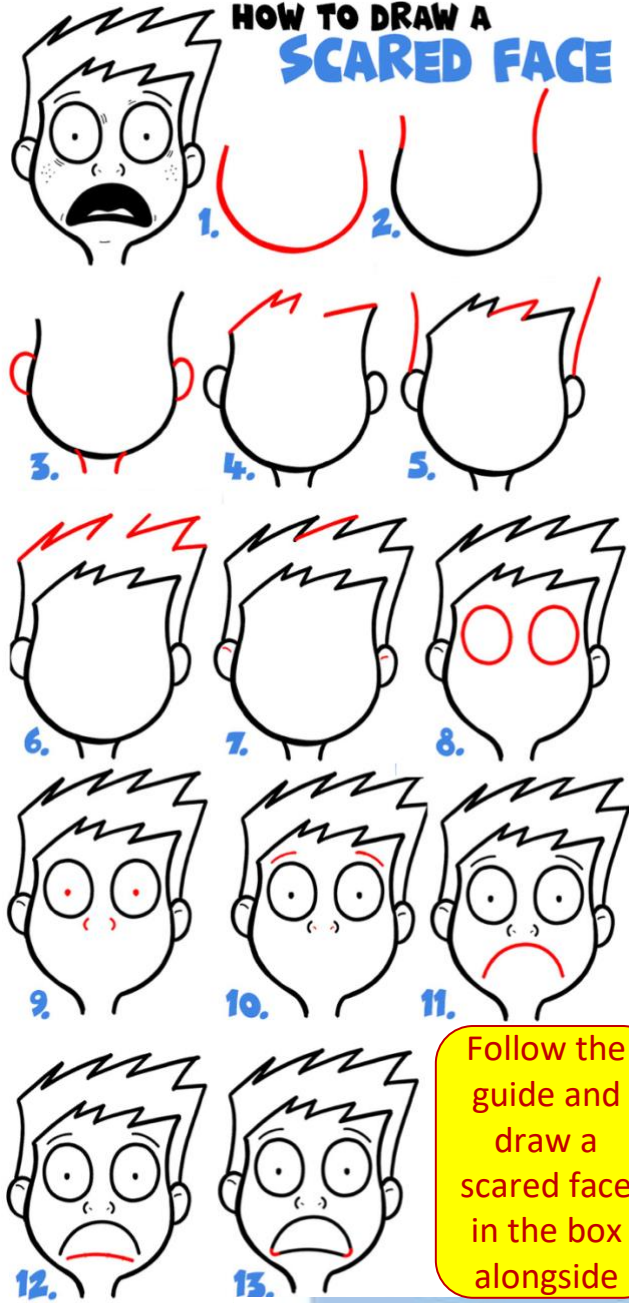
Tonight's passage tells how Samuel set up a memorial stone – like the one below. See if you can find the picture of the memorial stone on every page of the website (including this one!)

passage – 1 Samuel 7.⁷⁻¹²

theme – fearless!



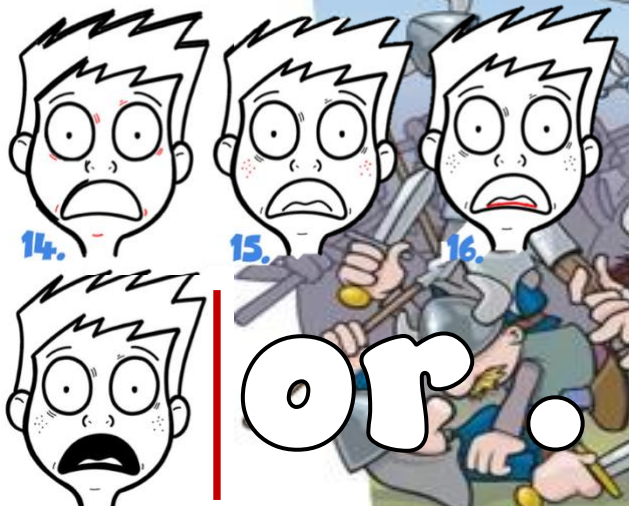
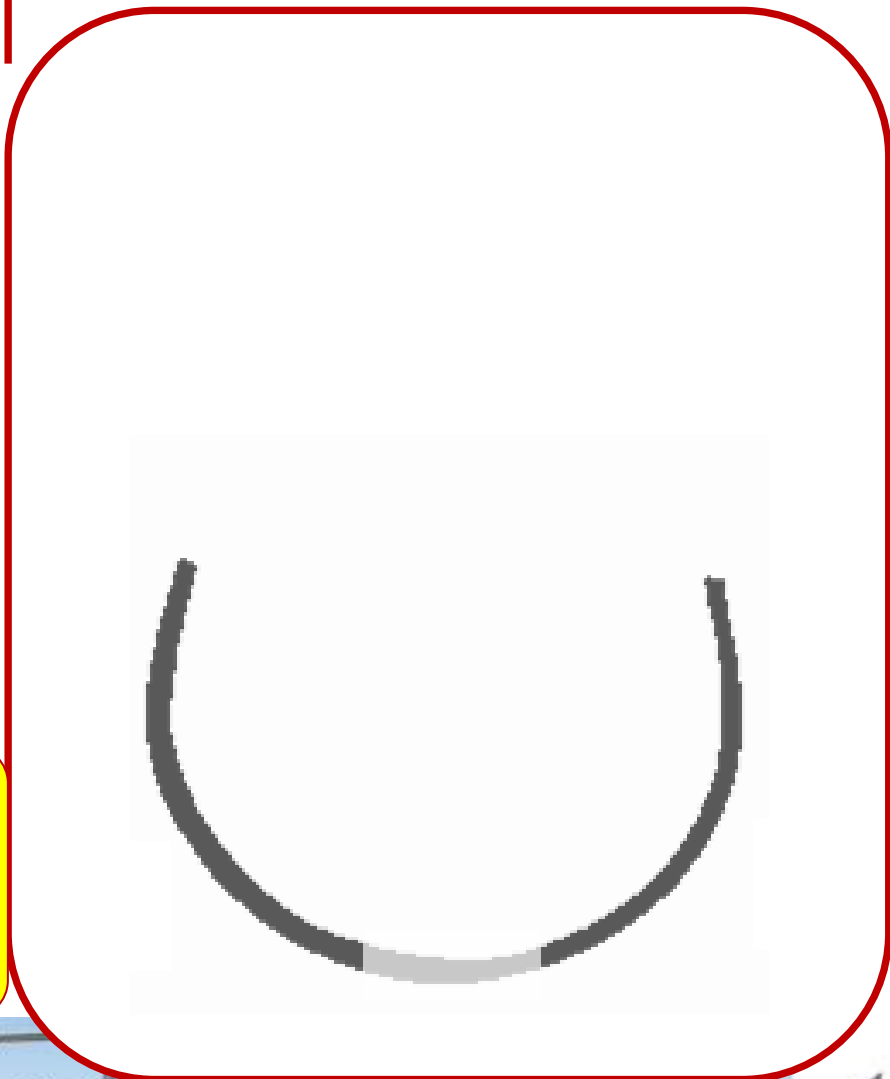
HOW TO DRAW A SCARED FACE



Follow the guide and draw a scared face in the box alongside



fear



or... faith



pray

Read
1 Samuel 7
verses 7-9

⁷When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them.

When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines.

⁸They said to Samuel, 'Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that He may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.'

⁹Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord.

He cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf, and the Lord answered him.

Battles happen!

Following Jesus is hard!

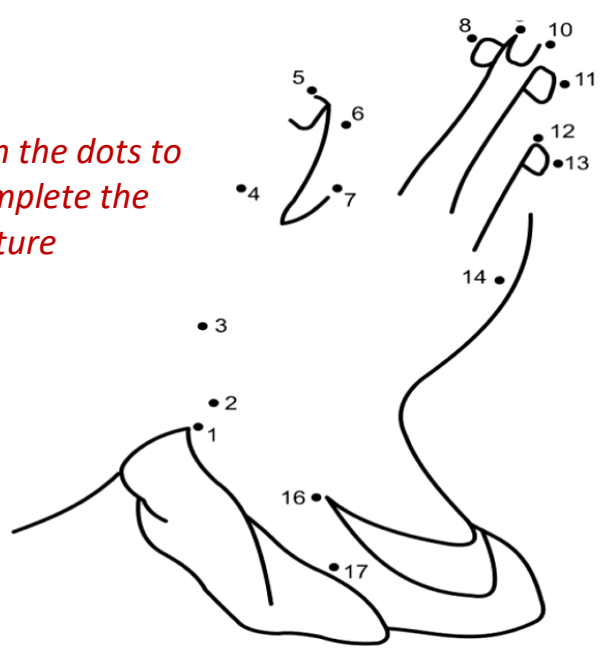
From the moment you start following Him the Bible makes it clear that there's going to be opposition.

That's what the people of God discovered in this passage. They'd taken a big step of faith and had chosen to serve the Lord – and *only* the Lord.

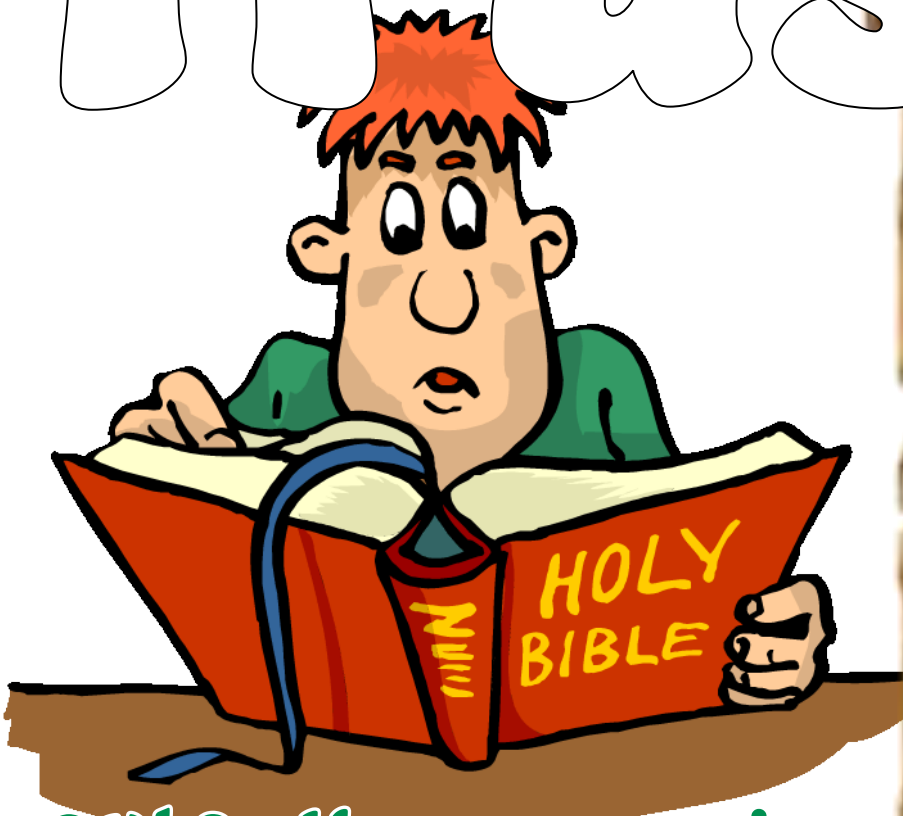
No sooner had they done so than their enemies attacked! The devil doesn't like it when we start turning to the Lord!

What should you do when 'battles' come?

Join the dots to complete the picture



trust



OK! So there are going to be problems...!

The people of God were scared – who wouldn't be?

Last time out against the Philistines they'd taken a big hammering.

They were about to learn an important lesson! Namely, that when you've given yourself to Jesus and are serving Him only – your battles become **His** battles.

The people of God didn't have to do anything! The Lord did it all for them!

Which is pretty much what He'd said He would do – and exactly what Hannah had prayed, years previously.

Look at the quotes below. Which is what the Lord promised His people (Deuteronomy 28.7)? And which is from the prayer of Hannah (1 Sam. 2.10)

The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.



Those who oppose the Lord will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge the ends of the earth.

Read 1 Samuel 7 verses 10-11

¹⁰ While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle.

But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites.

¹¹ The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

mark

Read
1 Samuel 7
verses 12

¹² Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen.

He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'



Memorials

Stone memorials are often used to remind people of a significant event.

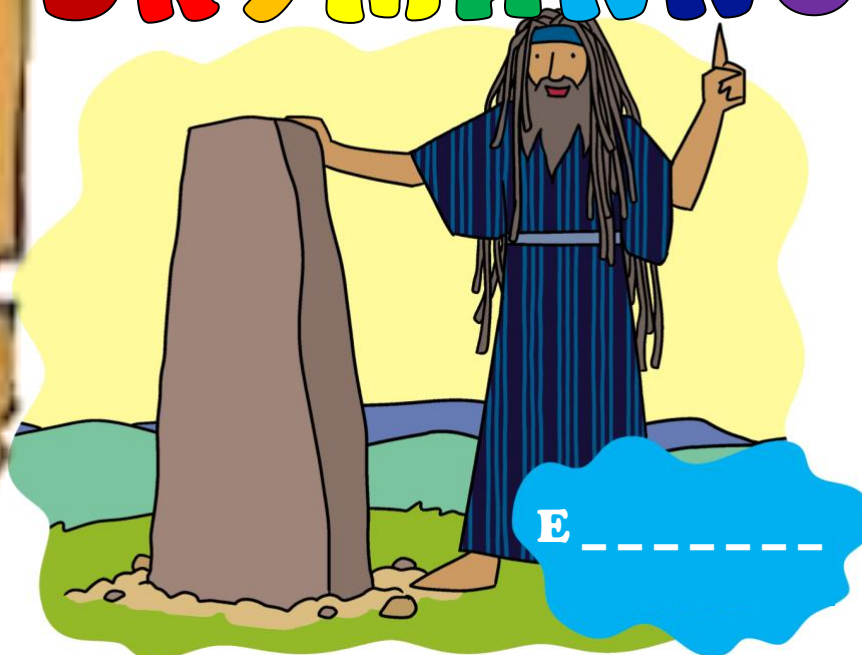
The picture on the left is of a memorial marking an event which was in the news this past week.

Where is it?



use the letters below to fill in the answer

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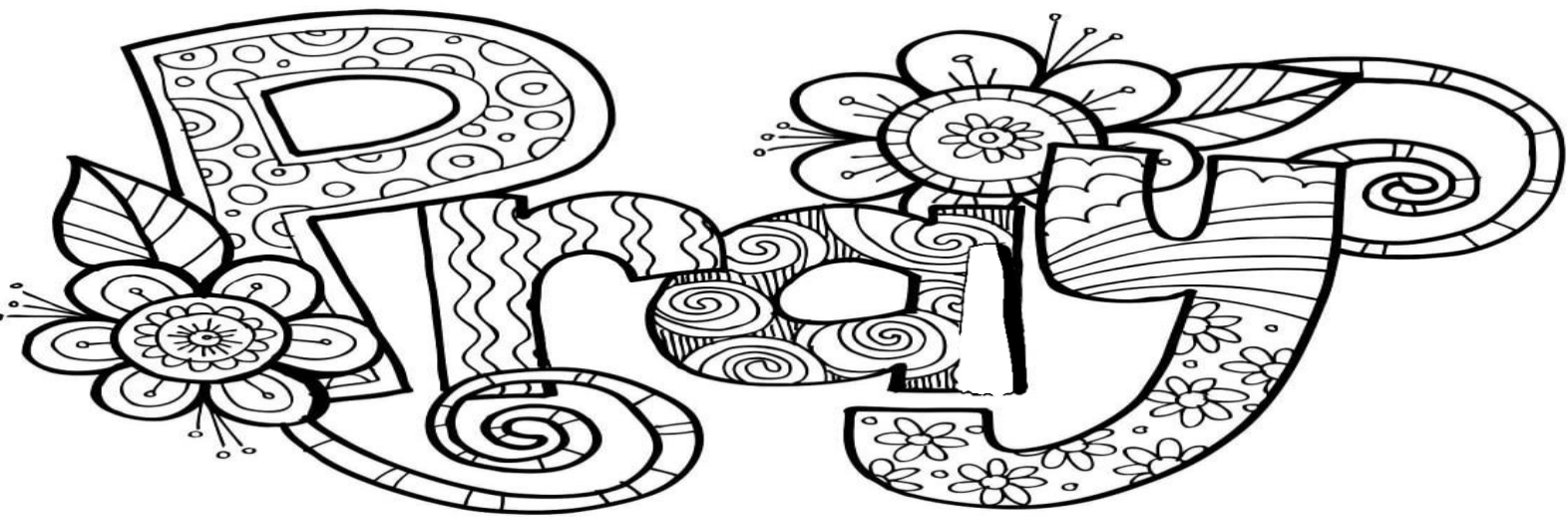
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Here's a picture of Samuel with the stone which he set up to mark God's amazing victory in the battle.

Fill in the blanks to show what the stone was called.

The name of the stone was a reminder to the people that

The Lord is our help!



Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

Lord Jesus, I love hearing how You come to the help of Your people!

I'm often scared, like they were afraid!

Thank You for the promise You've made that You will be our help and our shield. Thank You for **ALL the amazing promises You've made and given to us in the Bible.**

It's brilliant!

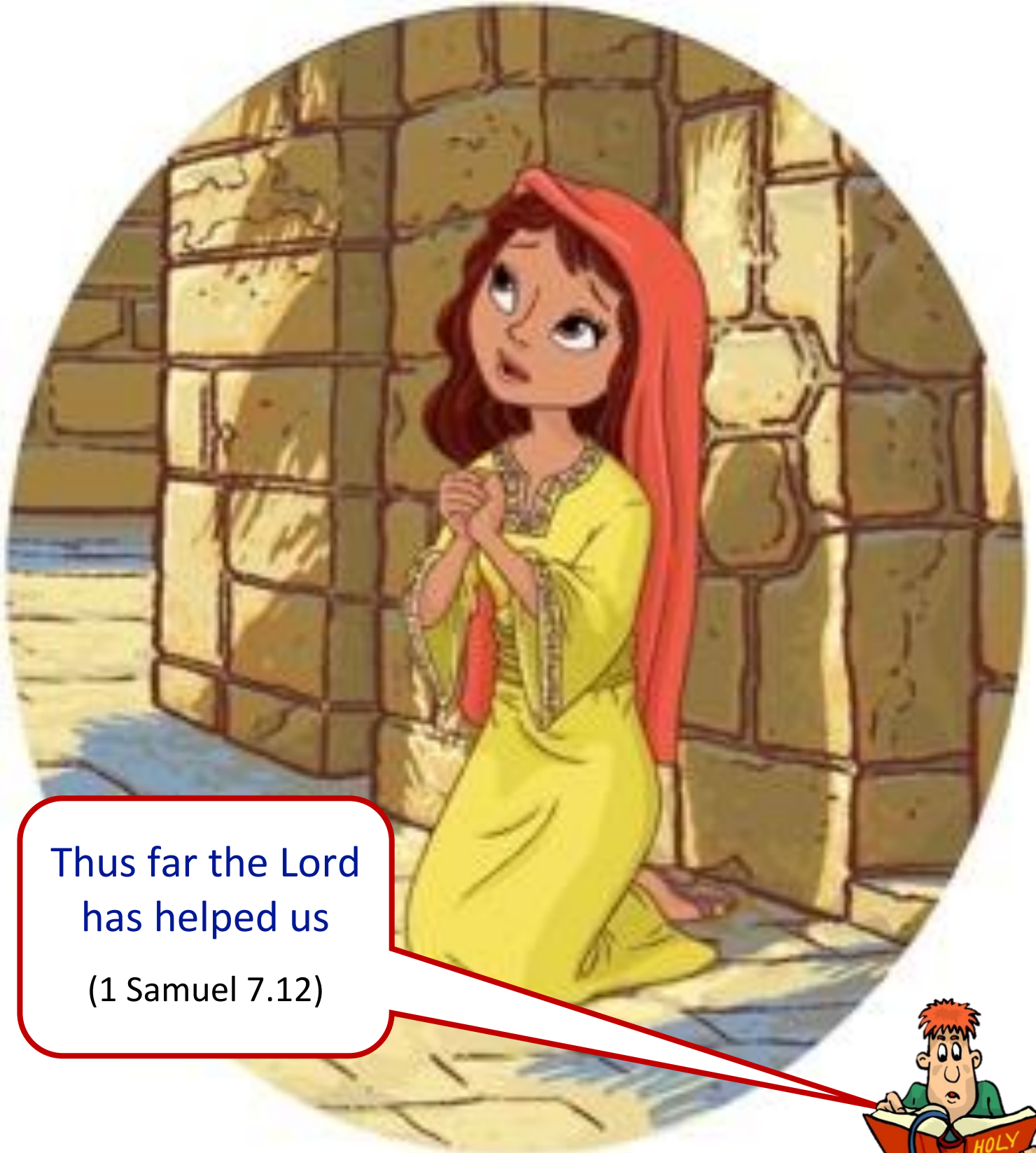
Like having a treasure chest of promises which I can open whenever I need to – and find that You've promised exactly what I need!

Help me to remember that I can always trust You to come to my help in all the problems and troubles I face.

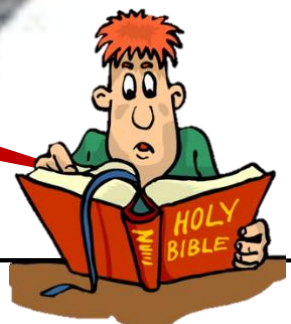
Thank You for coming to be our Friend and our King!



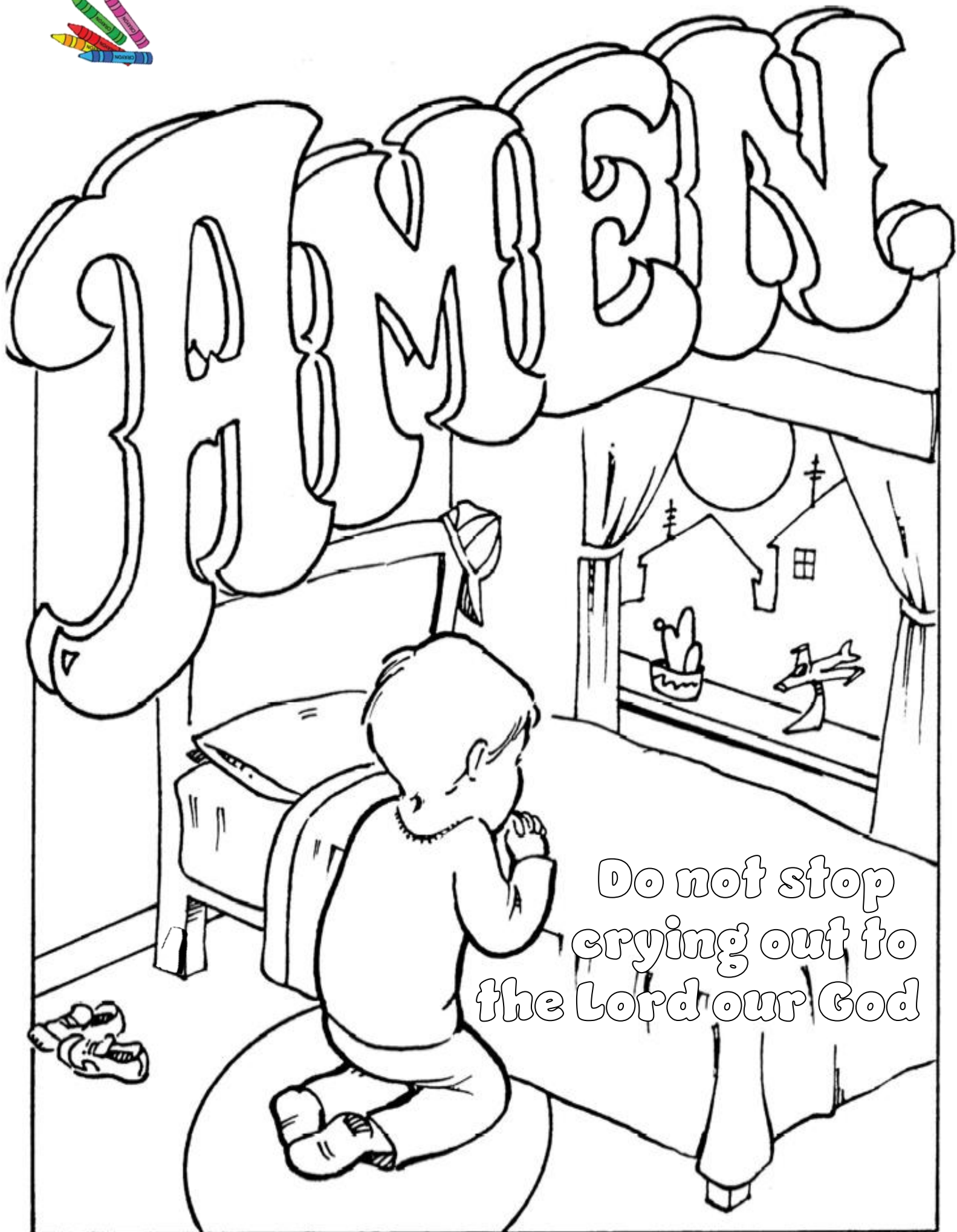
Today's verse for you! to try and remember!



Thus far the Lord
has helped us
(1 Samuel 7.12)



COLOUR in the picture



Do not stop
crying out to
the Lord our God

Picture Puzzle

Does the world ever seem big and confusing? There's a way to find help whenever you need it! To solve the puzzle, find each of the 6 squares below in the bigger picture. Then write down the top and side letters that go with that square (the top letter first, then the side letter).

The first two letters have been done for you.



N A S P E Y E A

R
V
Y
T
Y
D
R
L



P R
