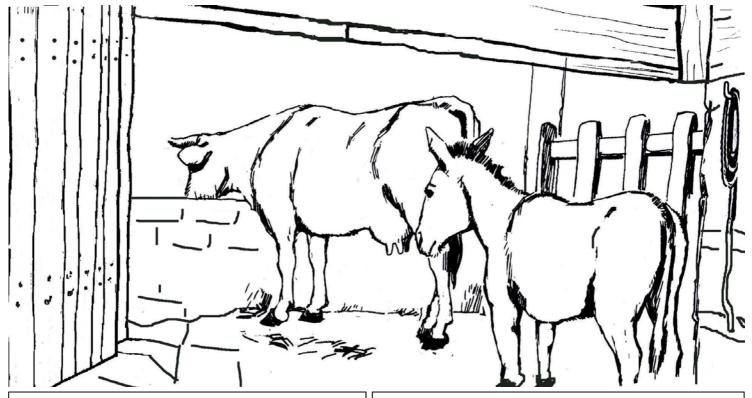


The animals cannot know God. But boys and girls and fathers and mothers can know God. He loves every one of us and wants us to love and serve him. He tells us in the Bible to "repent and believe on Jesus, who can save us from our sins." Acts 16:31

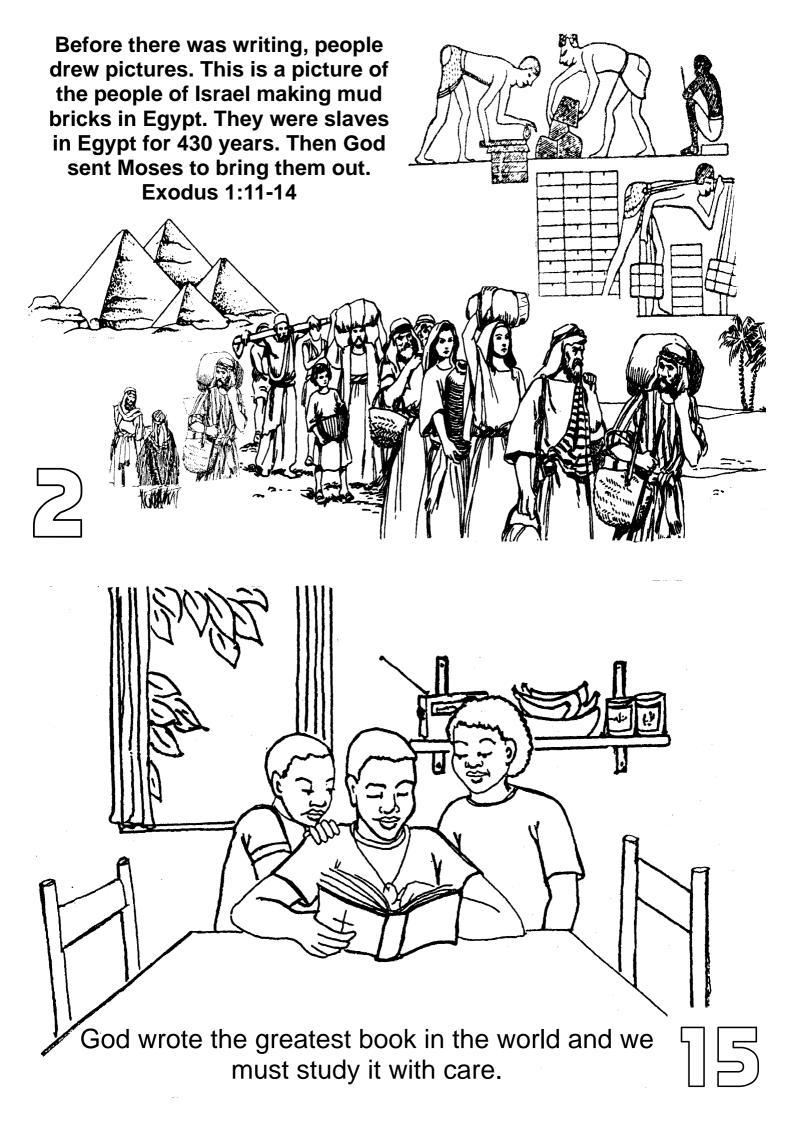


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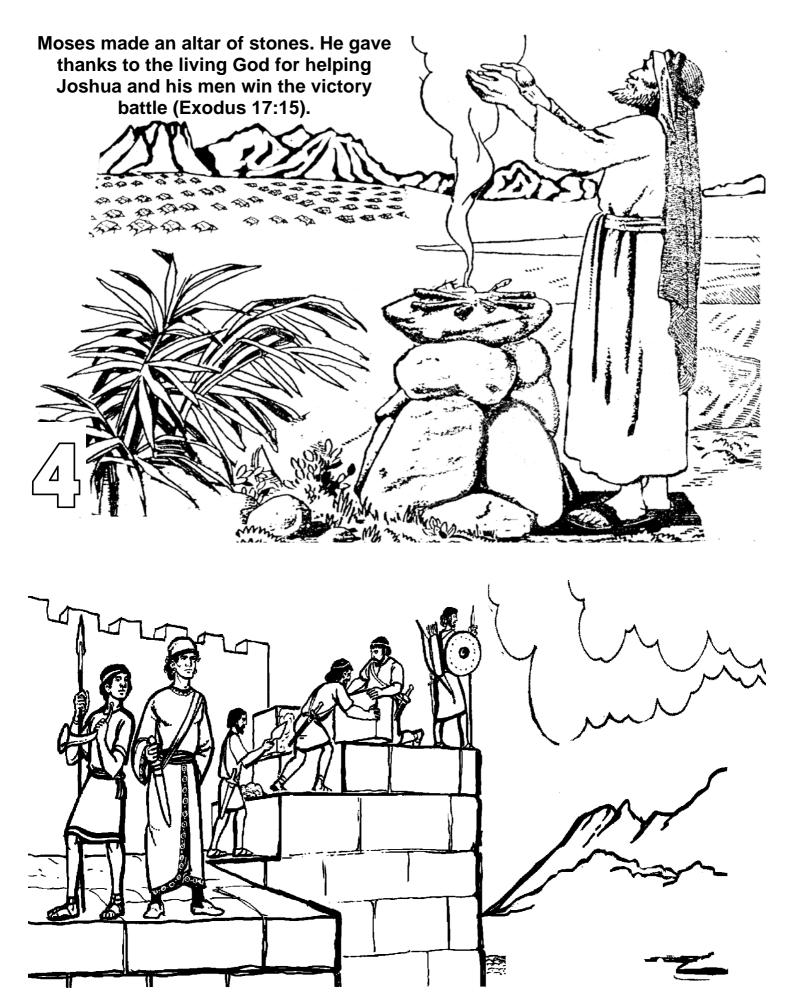
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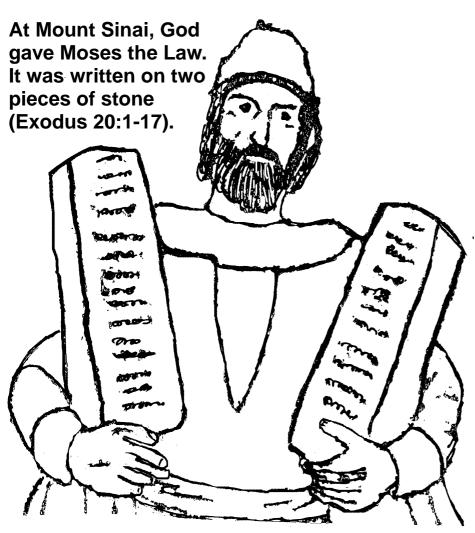




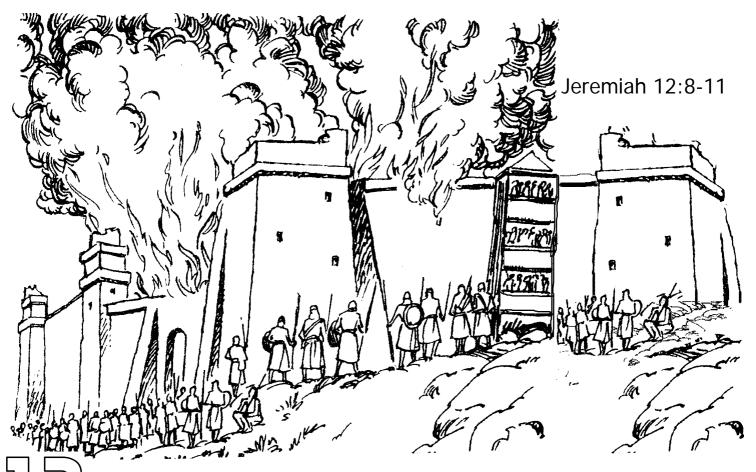
Ezra, the priest, taught the people. He read God's Law to them. The people were glad to hear God's words and they were sorry for the wrong things they had done. Nehemiah 8:1–4



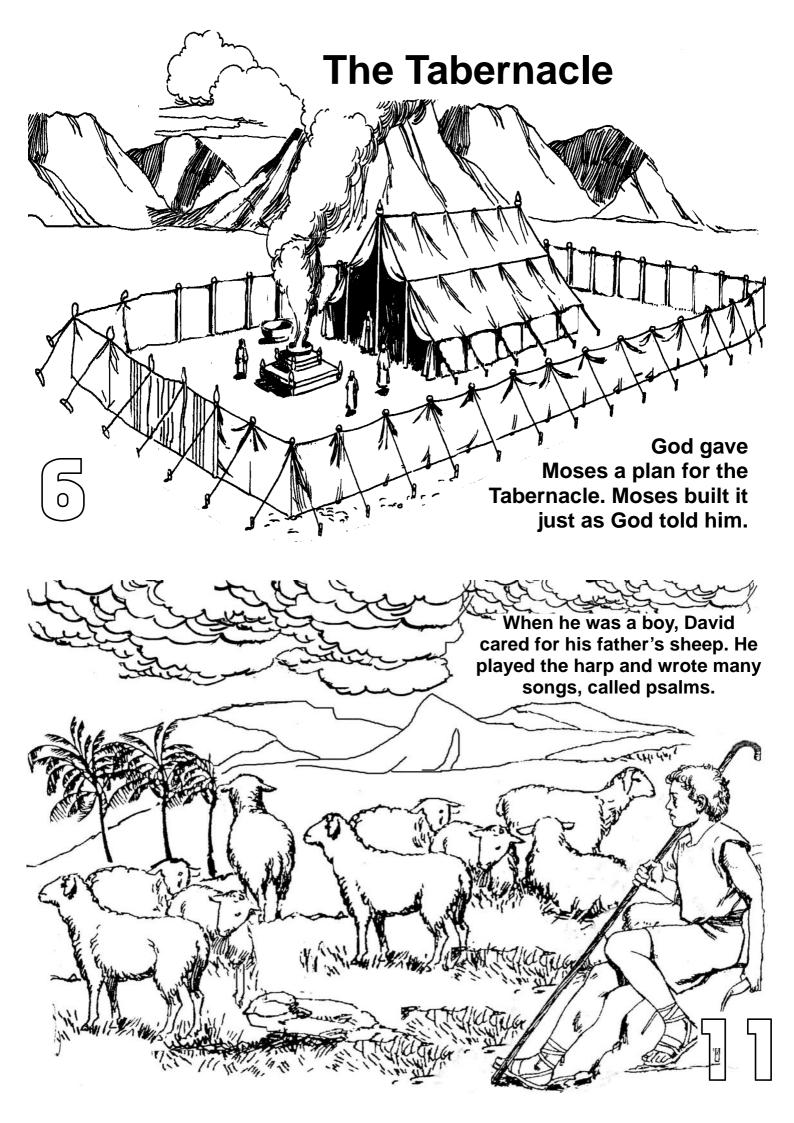
Cyrus, king of Babylon, said the Jews could leave Babylon and go back to their own land. They went back to rebuild their cities and the temple of God. Some of their neighbours tried to stop them, so they held their swords as they worked. Ezra 1:1

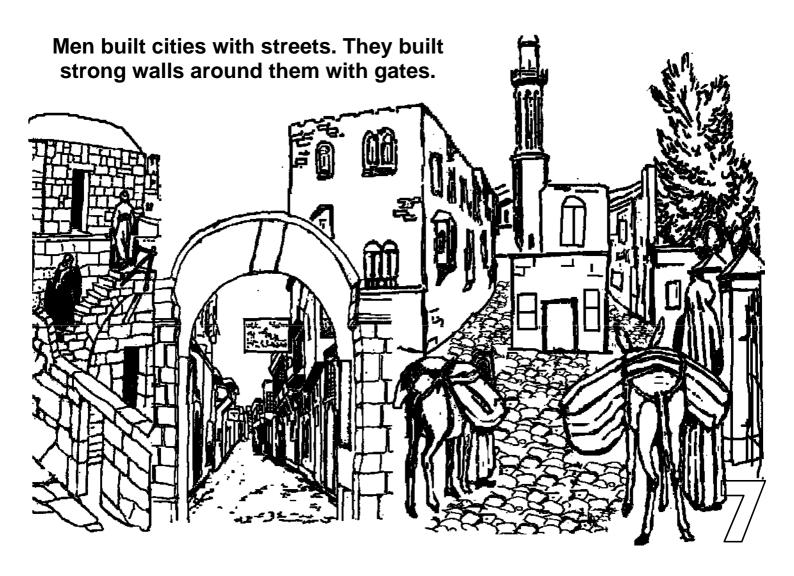


- I am Jehovah. You must not worship any other god.
- 2. You must not make any idols or bow down to images.
- 3. You must honour My name and not use it carelessly.
- 4. You must keep the Sabbath Day holy.
- 5. Honour your father and mother.
- 6. You must not kill.
- 7. You must not take another man's wife.
- 8. You must not steal.
- 9. You must not tell lies.
- 10. You must not want the things that belong to your friends or neighbours.



Enemies broke down the walls of the city and burned the Temple of God. They took the best of the people to Babylon; they were captives for 70 years.





The Philistines were men of war. They fought with Israel. God told Saul, king of Israel, to wait for Samuel, the High Priest, to make sacrifice and pray for victory, But Samuel did not come and Saul's men left him and hid in the bush and in

