

Hannah's Heart

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Lesson Text

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Scripture Memory Verse

Trust in the Lord and do good.

Psalm 37:3

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Dinner for the Feast

Welcome and Singing

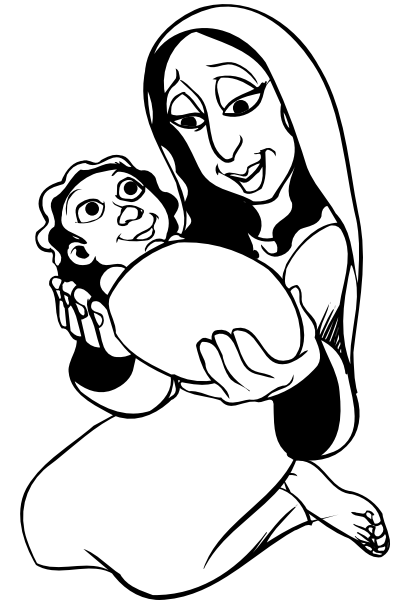
Centers:

Bible Story: Hannah Prays

Life Application: When Others are Unkind

Craft: Hannah Cube

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Dinner for the Feast

The children will make the props for the Bible Story.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 paper plate
- 1 piece of construction paper
- scissors
- glue stick
- crayons or markers

For the teacher:

- magazines (optional)

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.



Instructions

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper and have them draw pictures of their favorite food.
2. Have the children cut out the pictures that they drew.
3. Give each child a paper plate and have them glue the pictures to the plates.
4. Give the pictures to the Bible Story teacher.

Conclusion

Explain to the children that they will be using their plates in the Bible Story Center as they learn about a woman named Hannah.

Teacher Tips

- Bring in magazine pictures of food for the children to choose from and glue to the plates.

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Hannah Prays

The children will identify Hannah as a woman who trusted God even when others made fun of her.

Lesson Text

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Materials

For each child:

- plates from the Preclass Activity

For the teacher:

- scarf, robe or shawl

Preparation

1. Familiarize yourself with the story.
2. Before the children arrive, dress to look like Hannah and spread the plates on the floor so that the children can sit around them.

The Prayer

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 1.

Hi! My name is Hannah. I see you have prepared a big feast! What kinds of food did you prepare? Let the children talk about the kinds of food they 'made' on the plates. All this food reminds me of a big feast that I would go to every year. I would go with my husband, his other wife and their children to eat and we would worship God. We would travel for a while before we got there and it was a special time when we thanked God and worshipped him. There were a lot of other people there too. We always had a big dinner where we talked and prayed. Do you ever go to big dinners, maybe to celebrate a holiday or someone's birthday? What is it like for you? Let a few children answer.

Every year we would go and my husband, Elkanah, would serve food to all of us. He would give each of the children a plate of food. Give each child a plate of the "food." He would always give me twice as much food. Place two plates in front of yourself. Why do you think he would give me all this food? He gave me more food because he loved me very much and because I was not able to have any children. Maybe he wanted me to feel special.

I did not understand why God would not let me have any children. I was very sad and I would cry, especially at these feasts.

I would also cry because my husband's other wife, Peninnah, would make fun of me. Has anyone ever done that to you? What do you do when someone makes fun of you? Discuss this with the children. Talk about needing to love, help and pray for everyone, even those who make fun of us.

One day I was very sad. I got up from the feast and went to pray to God to tell him how I was feeling. I told him how sad I was and how much I hurt. I told him that I really wanted to have a son. I felt so much better after I talked to God. It is much better to talk to God instead of yelling or talking angrily at someone else. Do you agree? Discuss this and help them see that God wants to know when they are hurting on the outside and on the inside.

After I prayed do you know what I did? Do you think I was still sad and mad at Peninnah? No I was not. I decided to trust that God heard my prayer and that he would help me. God knew that Peninnah made fun of me and that it made me sad. I trusted God that he would help me. I was not sad anymore. I ate some food and I was happy. I worshipped God with my family and then we all traveled home.

And guess what happened? God heard my prayer and he allowed me to have a baby boy! I was so thankful. I named him Samuel because Samuel means "God hears." I asked God for a baby and God answered my prayers and gave me a son. I was so happy! I loved my son very much!

Conclusion

Ask the children the following questions as a review:

- What was the name of the woman who wanted a son? (Hannah)
- How was Hannah feeling? (sad)
- What did Peninnah do? (made fun of Hannah)
- Did Hannah get mad and yell at Peninnah? (no)
- What did Hannah do? (prayed to God)
- What did God do? (gave Hannah a baby boy)
- What did Hannah name her boy? (Samuel)

Teacher Tips

- Some children may have questions about Elkanah having two wives. Simply explain that in some countries people are allowed to have more than one wife.



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When Others are Unkind

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Scripture Memory Verse

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Psalm 37:3

Materials

For the teacher:

- magazines
- scissors
- glue
- colored construction paper
- bag or basket

Preparation

1. Cut pictures out of magazines of parts of the body: mouth, hands, feet, and eyes. You will need several of each.
2. Glue the pictures onto pieces of colored construction paper.
NOTE: Glue each picture onto its own piece of construction paper.
3. Place the pictures into the bag.

Instructions

1. Explain to the children that today's Bible Story is about two women. One of the women made fun of the other woman and made her sad. *Does God like us to tease people and make them sad? No, he doesn't. What does he like? Yes, he likes it when we are encouraging and help make people to feel happy. God wants us to treat others in the same way that we want to be treated.*
2. Have a child reach into the bag and pull out a picture. Have them show the picture to the group. Ask the child: *How can you use this part of your body to be encouraging?* Let the child answer and then ask: *How can you use this part of your body to be mean?* Let the child answer. *How would God want you to use your body?*
3. Let each child take a picture out of the bag and ask them the same questions.

Scripture Memory Activity

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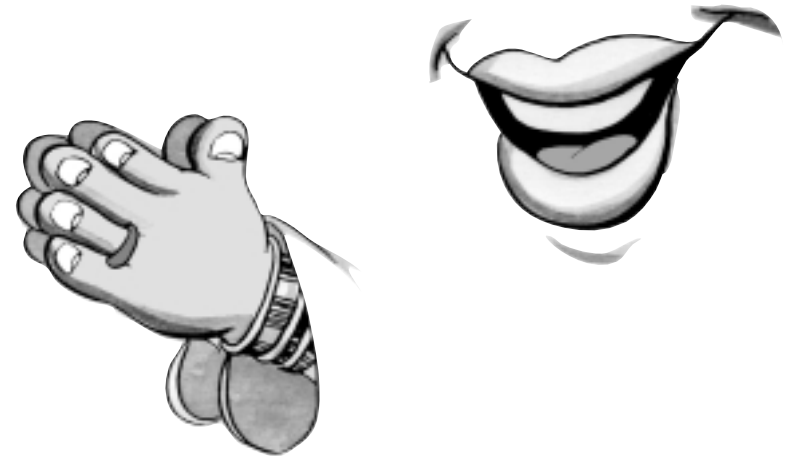
Conclusion

Explain to the children that as they treat their friends kindly they can share with them about Jesus. They can tell them that they are learning how Jesus was a loving helper to people he met.

Pray with the children asking God to help them to be like Jesus and to love others.

Teacher Tips

- If you cannot find magazine pictures, draw large pictures of the different body parts listed.
- As you ask the series of questions, make sure that you are very expressive. This will not only keep their attention, but also teach them the heart they need to have about using the things that God has given us.



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Hannah Cube

The children will make a cube that shows the story of Hannah.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons or markers
- tape

For the teacher:

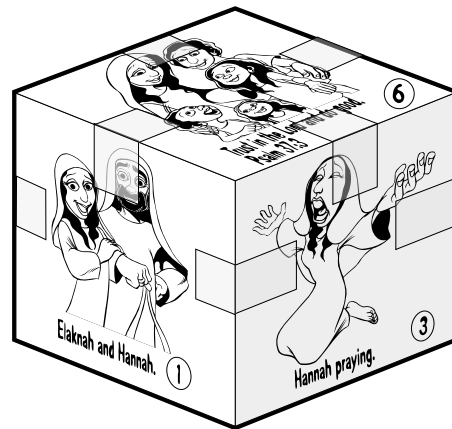
- scissors
- glue (optional)
- construction paper (optional)

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the cubes from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
2. Fold each of the cubes making creases for the children to use as a guide. See Figure A.
3. Unfold the cubes so the children can fold them by themselves.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.



Instructions

1. Give each child a cube to color.
2. Talk with the children about the pictures. Help them to figure out the order of the events of the story. If they have not yet been to the Bible Story Center explain to them that Hannah was married to Elkanah and she did not have any children. Peninnah (Elkanah's other wife) had children and would tease Hannah because she had none. Hannah wanted to have children very badly. She was sad and so she prayed to God to give her a son. After she prayed she was happy again and a while later God gave her a son.
3. Help the children to fold and tape their cubes.

Conclusion

Have a child roll their cube and then tell about the picture that is facing up.

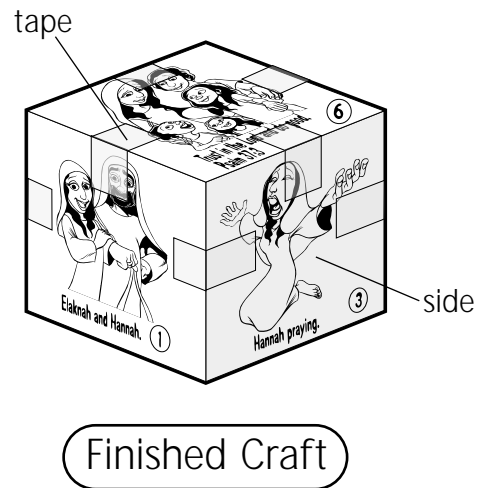
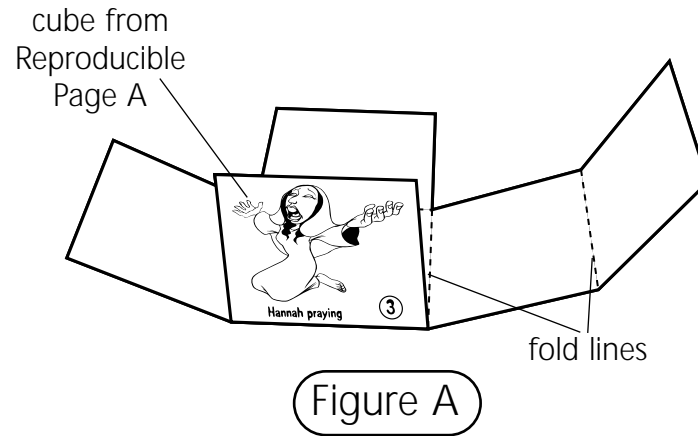
Encourage the children to play with their cubes during the week and share the story with their friends.

Teacher Tips

- Glue each cube shape to construction paper and cut it out again making it more sturdy.

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Game Cut-Outs

The children will make cards for the Game Center.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons
- glue

For the teacher:

- 2 pieces of construction paper for every 6 children
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 2 copies for every 6 children

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Game Cut-Outs

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Centers:

Game: Concentration Game

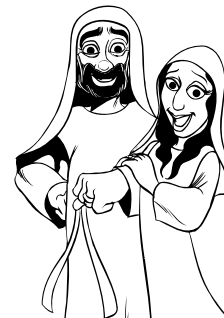
Craft: Praying Hands

Life Application: When Others are Unkind

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack and bathroom break.

Preparation

1. Cut out six 4" x 4" pieces of construction paper for each copy of Reproducible Page B.
2. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
3. Glue two identical pictures onto two separate pieces of construction paper and then color them identically as a model for the children.



Instructions

1. Show the children the two pictures that you colored. Point out how you colored them the same.
2. Give each child two identical pictures and have them color them identically.
3. Give each child two pieces of construction paper. Have them glue one picture onto each piece of paper.
4. Give the finished pictures to the Game teacher.

Teacher Tips

- Divide the pictures up into complete sets to make the Game teacher's job easier.



Concentration Game

The children will play a concentration game with scenes from the Bible Story.

Materials

For the teacher:

- cards from the Preclass Activity

Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the instructions.

Instructions

1. Explain to the children that they are going to play a game of concentration. Show the children the cards and have them explain to you what each card is about. Remind them that the cards tell the story of Hannah who didn't have any children, that Peninnah had children and she would tease Hannah. Hannah was very sad and prayed to God. After Hannah prayed, she was happy again. She knew that God would take care of her. Then God answered her prayer and she had a baby boy. She named him Samuel.
2. Divide the children into groups of four. Give each group a set of the six pairs of cards.
3. Have them lay the cards face down on the floor or table.
4. Have the first player turn over two of the cards. If the cards match then they may pick them up. If they do not match they should turn them back over and let another child have a turn.
5. When all of the cards are picked up have the children lay the cards back down, mix them up and play again.

Teacher Tips

- Help the children that are quicker at this game to be patient with those that are not.



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Praying Hands

This craft will remind the children to be grateful for all that God has done for them.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons
- scissors
- 1 piece of construction paper
- 1 brass fastener

For the teacher:

- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for every 10 children

Preparation

1. Cut out the text boxes from the copies of Reproducible Page C.
2. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. Explain to them that these are your hands and that inside you have drawn pictures of things that you are grateful for. Explain the pictures that you drew and ask the children to share about things that they are thankful for.
2. Give each child a piece of construction paper. Have them trace their hand twice on the paper, once on the left side of the paper and once on the right side.
3. Have the children cut out their traced hands from the paper.
4. Have the children put the hands together and help them push a brass fastener through the base of the hands. See Figure A.
5. Give each child a copy of the text box to glue onto the back of their hands.
6. Have the children open their hands and draw pictures of things that they are thankful for.
7. As the children are drawing write "Praying Hands" on the front of each of their crafts.

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Conclusion

Have the children share with the class about the pictures that they drew.

Pray with the children, having them thank God for the things that they drew.

Teacher Tips

- Some children may need help cutting out their hands. Have some of the other children help them.



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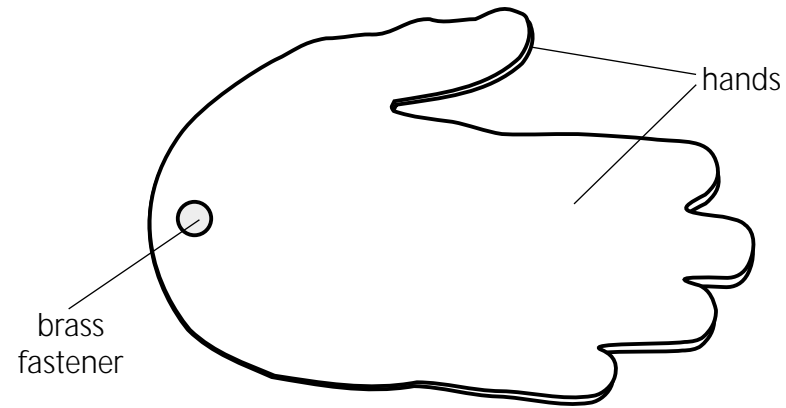


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Finished Craft





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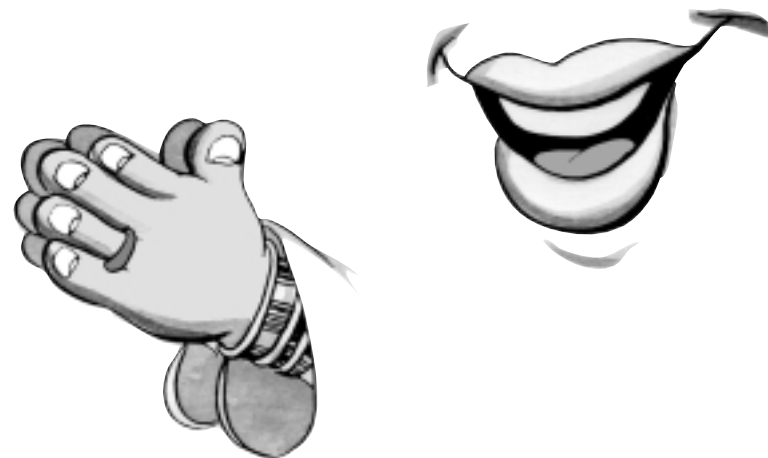
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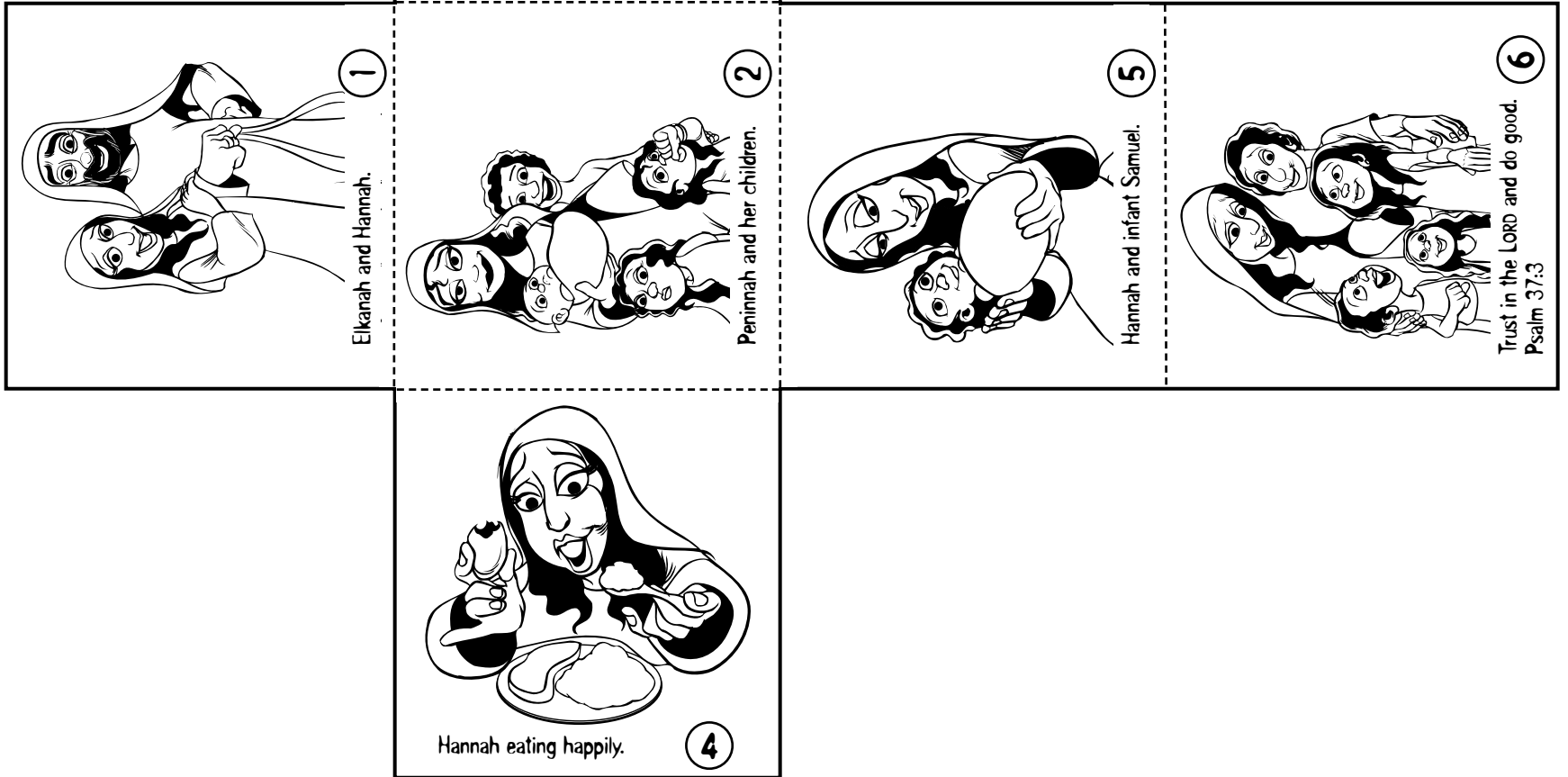
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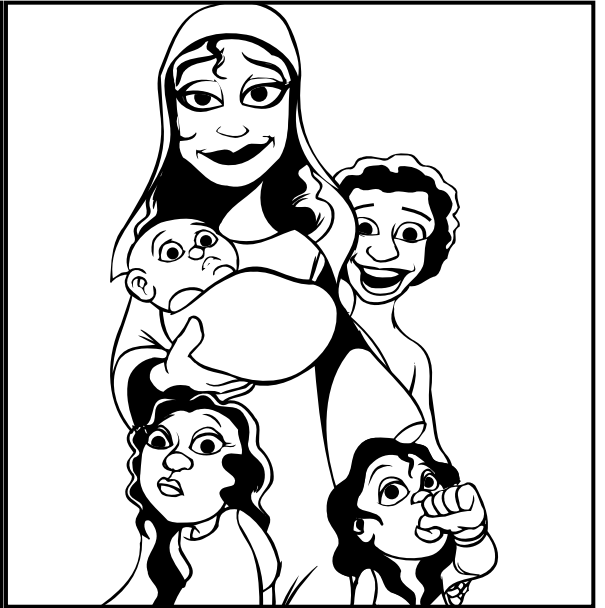
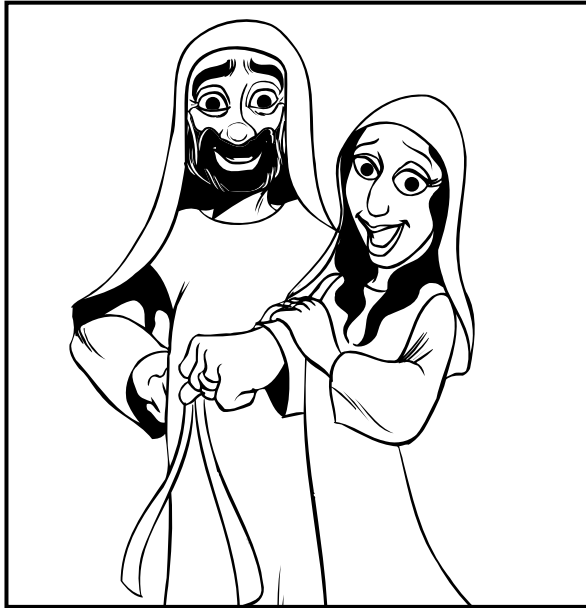


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