

# Joseph Forgives

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### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Piecing Things Together

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Joseph Forgives

Life Application: A Helpful Reminder

Craft: A Portrait

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



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## Piecing Things Together

The children will put together a puzzle of Joseph.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- poster board
- 1 envelope
- scissors

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- glue

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

### Preparation

1. Cut out the puzzles from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. Glue each puzzle to a piece of poster board.

### Instructions

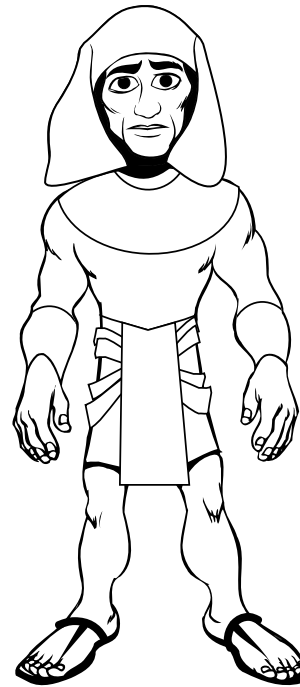
1. Give each child a puzzle. Explain that this is a picture of Joseph. Who can tell me the story of Joseph?
2. Have the children color the picture of Joseph.
3. Have them cut apart the puzzle on the dotted lines.
4. Have the children play with their puzzles.

### Conclusion

Have each child put their name on the outside of an envelope and put their puzzle into it to take it home.

### Teacher Tips

- Some children may need help cutting.



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The children will see Joseph as a man who forgave his brothers because he understood God's heart.

### Lesson Text

Genesis 50:15-20

### Materials

*For each child:*

- a sheet or robe

*For the teacher:*

- a refrigerator box
- markers
- a chair
- gold streamers
- a piece of white paper

### Preparation

1. Decorate the refrigerator box to look like a palace.
2. Wrap gold streamers around the chair to make it look like a throne.
3. Familiarize yourself with the story.

### Forgiveness

Explain to the children that they are going to act out the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers.

Choose a child to be Joseph and the rest of the small group can be his brothers (up to eleven).

Review for the children the past relationship that Joseph had with his brothers, that they had sold him into slavery. Explain that you will be the narrator and that they will act out the story that you tell.

*When Joseph's father died his brothers got together to talk about Joseph.* Have the brothers gather together. *They were very upset because they did not know what would happen to them now. What would they do if Joseph got angry with them because of all the mean things they had done to him?* (Genesis 50:15). Have them look very sad. *What do you think Joseph will do?* (Get angry or forgive them?)

*They decided to send a message to Joseph and tell him that it was from their father.* Have Joseph sit on the throne and hold a piece of paper in his hand. *The message said that he was to forgive his brothers for all the mean things they had done to him* (Genesis 50:16-17). *Do you think that Joseph will listen to the message and obey it?* Allow the children to answer. Have Joseph pretend to read the paper and then drop it to the floor crying. *Why do you think Joseph is crying?* (He had already forgiven his brothers. He was upset because they were afraid of him.)

*His brothers then went to Joseph.* Have the brothers approach Joseph on the throne. *His brothers bowed down.* Have the children bow down. *And they said "We are your slaves"* (Genesis 15:18).

*But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You wanted to hurt me but God intended good...the saving of many lives"* (Genesis 15:19-20). Have Joseph repeat the line after you. Be sure to say it slowly. Have the brothers all hug Joseph.

Have the children sit down and discuss the story.

### Conclusion

Was Joseph angry with his brothers? (No.) Why not? (He wanted to be friends with them. The only way they could be friends again was for Joseph to love them and forgive them.)

Do you think it was better for Joseph to forgive his brothers or should he stay angry with them? (He should forgive them so they can be friends again.)

When Joseph said that God intended good, what did he mean? (God used Joseph to do great things in Egypt before his brothers got there. Because of Joseph the whole country was saved as well as his family. God helped Joseph to figure out a plan to get food when there was none during the famine.)

### Teacher Tips

- Create a "television set" from the refrigerator box and have the children act out the story "on TV."

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## A Helpful Reminder

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### Materials

*For each child:*

- 2 pipe cleaners

*For the teacher:*

- 2 pipe cleaners

### Preparation

1. Twist two pipe cleaners together as shown in Figure A.
2. Bend the pipe cleaners into a bracelet as a model.

### Instructions

1. Have the children sit in a circle. Remind them that they are learning about Joseph and how he forgave his brothers for treating him badly. It is important for us to be kind, loving and forgiving as Joseph was.
2. Show the children the bracelet. Explain that this is a reminding bracelet. It will remind them to be like Joseph.
3. Put the bracelet on and tell them one way that the bracelet will remind you to be kind, loving or forgiving as Joseph was. For example, to be patient with your children.
4. Take off the bracelet and pass it to the child next to you. Have that child put on the bracelet and tell one way that they will be like Joseph.

5. Repeat this with each child, passing the bracelet all the way around the circle.
6. Give each child two pipe cleaners. Have them hold the pipe cleaners together at the end with one hand and twist them together with the other hand.
7. Help each child to bend their pipe cleaners into a bracelet and put it on.
8. Have each child repeat one way the bracelet is going to remind them to be like Joseph.

### Scripture Memory Activity

Recite the memory verse for the children. Explain to the children that because Joseph obeyed God he was able to forgive his brothers. He knew that God was always working in his life to help him be successful. God works in our life to help us to be successful too.

Have the children recite the memory verse with you.

### Conclusion

Remind each child of what they said their bracelet would remind them of. Encourage them that as they work at being kind it will help their friends to see how good God is.

Encourage the children who have been bringing their friends with them to Bible class.

Choose a child to say a prayer and ask God to help the group to be kind, loving and forgiving as Joseph was.

### Teacher Tips

- Place a piece of tape at each end of the bracelet to cover any sharp edges before the children try them on.



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## Joseph Forgives

### A Portrait

The children will make a framed picture of Joseph and his brothers to remind them of the benefits of forgiveness.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- markers or crayons
- 17" piece of string or yarn
- 9½" x 12" piece of poster board
- decorative materials: sequins, yarn, pasta, etc.
- white glue

*For the teacher:*

- glue
- scissors
- hole punch

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page B, 1 copy for each child

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
2. Cut a 17" piece of yarn for each child.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

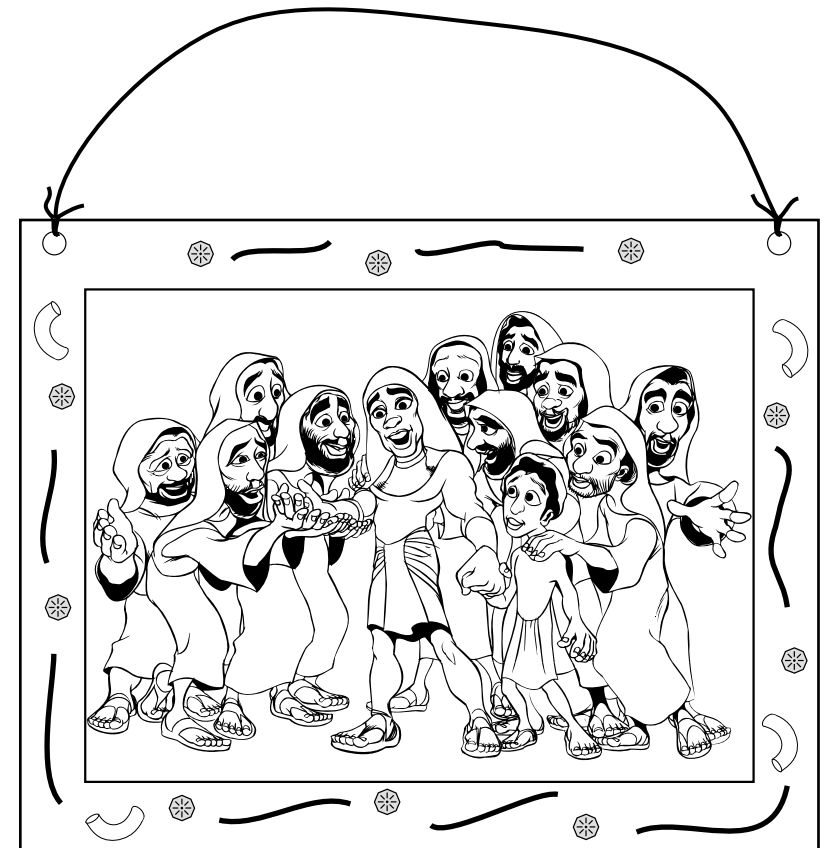
1. Show the children the model of the craft. Ask them to tell you who it is a picture of. Ask them why they think Joseph and his brothers look so happy. Hadn't Joseph's brothers been really mean to him? (Joseph loved God and his brothers and he forgave them.)
2. Give each child a picture to color.
3. Give each child a piece of poster board. Have the children glue the picture to the center of the poster board.
4. Have the children decorate the poster board around the picture creating a "frame."
5. As the children are decorating, punch two holes in the upper corners of each frame.
6. Help each child to tie the piece of yarn to the holes in the frame.

#### Conclusion

Talk with the children about forgiveness. Is it always easy to forgive someone? What should we do if it is hard to forgive someone? (pray and ask God to help us forgive)

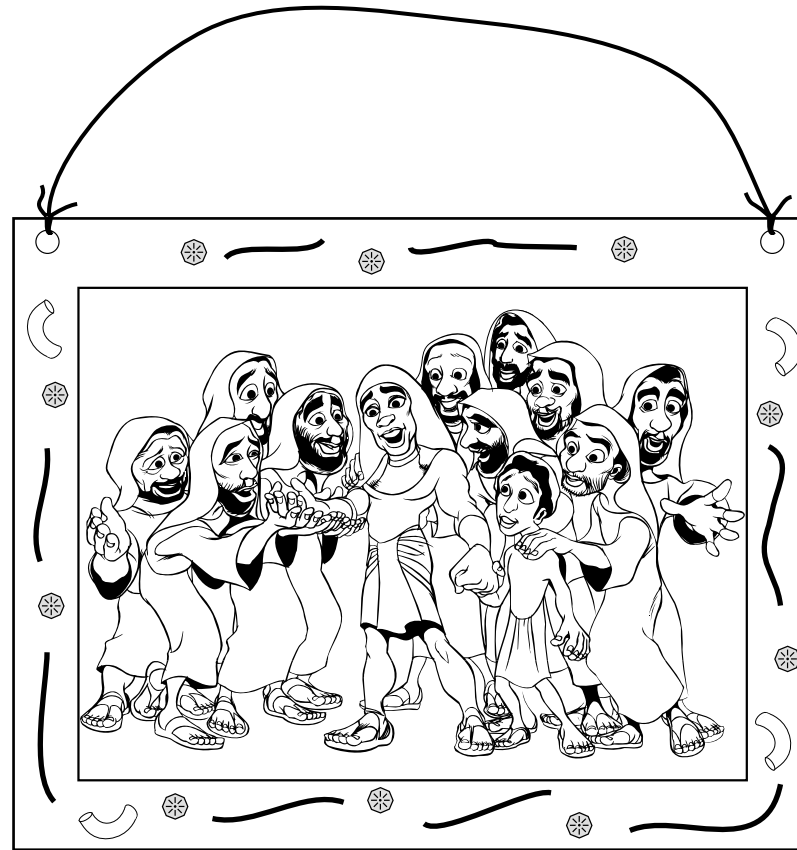
#### Teacher Tips

- Use decorative yarn.
- Be sure to briefly explain the craft to the parents so that they can discuss it with their children at home.



# CRAFT

## Joseph Forgives



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## Licensed Artwork

The children will begin working on the craft.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- markers or crayons
- 1 envelope
- 1 piece of white cardstock

*For the teacher:*

- scissors

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page C, 1 copy for each child, on cardstock

### Preparation

Cut out the letters from the cardstock copies of Reproducible Page C.

### Instructions

1. Remind the children that they have been learning about Joseph and his heart to forgive his brothers. Give each child one of each letter to color and explain to them that the letters they are coloring spell the word "forgive."
2. As they are coloring help the children arrange their letters in the correct order.
3. Put each child's letters in an envelope with their name on it.
4. Give the envelopes to the Craft teacher.

NOTE: Make a set of letters for the Craft teacher to use for the model of the craft.

### Teacher Tips

- Make a few extra sets for any children who arrive late.



## Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Licensed Artwork

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Steps to Forgiveness

Craft: License from God

Life Application: A Helpful Reminder

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



### Steps to forgiveness

The children will use this game to help them to see the benefits of forgiving and loving others.

#### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- game board from the Unit 20 Lesson 3, Game Center
- spinner from the Unit 20 Lesson 3, Game Center
- tape



#### Preparation

Before the children arrive at the center, spread out the game board and tape down the corners.



#### Instructions

1. Remind the children of the story of Joseph. Explain that even though his brothers had been very mean and cruel to him, he forgave them. God is very happy when we are forgiving.
2. Divide the children into pairs. Each pair is a team. One person will be the spinner, and the other person will be the game piece.
3. Have one person from each team stand at the Start.
4. Have the other person from the team spin the spinner. The team with the highest spin goes first.
5. Before each team takes their turn they must answer one of the following questions:
  - What would you do if someone took away a toy that you were playing with?
  - What would you do if someone would not play with you?
  - Would you share your snack with someone who did not share with you?
  - If someone needed help would you help them?
  - What would you do if someone was not nice to you?



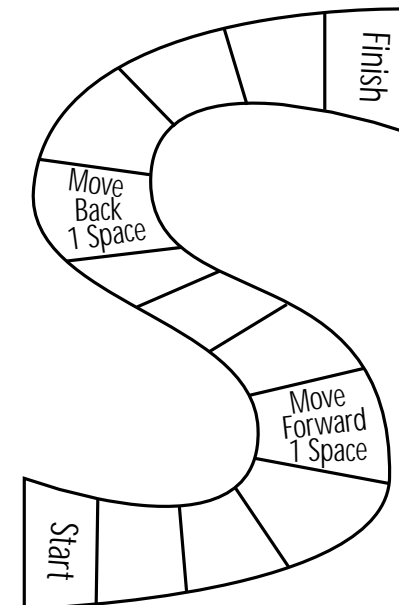
6. After the team answers the question they may spin the spinner. The game piece person moves the correct amount of spaces on the board.
7. The first team across the Finish wins.
8. Start the game again if there is time, switching the roles of the people on the teams.

#### Conclusion

Joseph was kind and forgiving. It makes God happy when we are kind and forgiving to others.

#### Teacher Tips

- The questions are to be recycled between all the pairs. Give them a choice to answer the same question previously asked or take a new one.





### License from God

The children will make a license plate to remind them to be forgiving.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- letters from the Preclass Activity
- 5" x 8½" piece of poster board
- glue stick
- crayons or markers
- sequins, glitter and other decorative materials

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- hole punch

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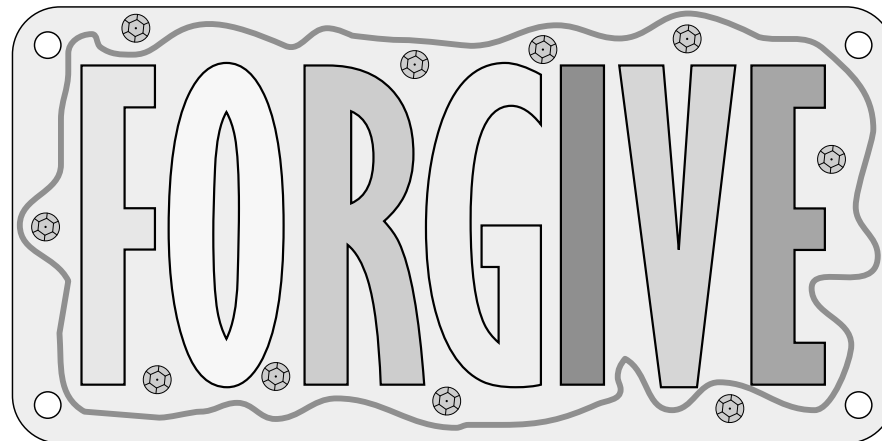
1. Cut a 5" x 8½" rectangle for each child.
2. Cut the corners of each rectangle to make it round.
3. Punch a hole in each of the four corners of each rectangle.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

1. Remind the children that they have been learning about Joseph and his forgiveness for his brothers. Show the children the completed craft. *A license plate on a car means that you have permission to drive that car. This license plate means that you have permission to be kind and forgiving to others just like Joseph was forgiving to his brothers.*
2. Give each child their letters from the Preclass Activity. Help them to arrange the letters in order.
3. Give each child a rectangle. Have them glue the letters on the rectangle creating a "license plate."
4. Have the children color and decorate their license plates.

#### Conclusion

Ask the children to explain to you how Joseph was forgiving and loving.



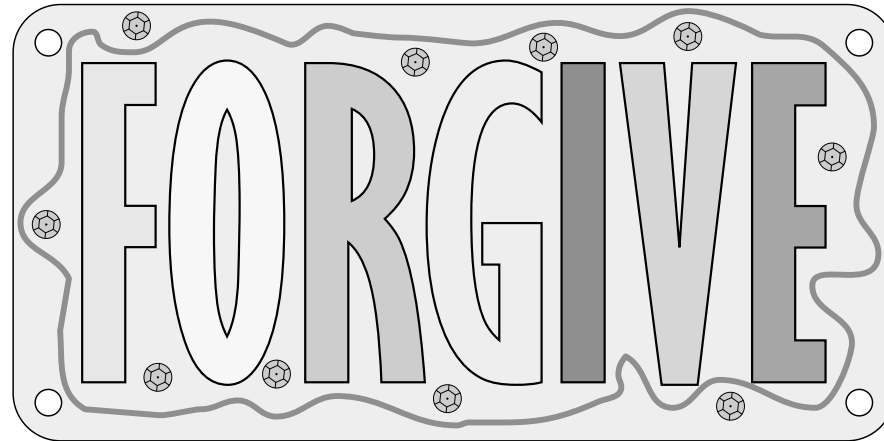
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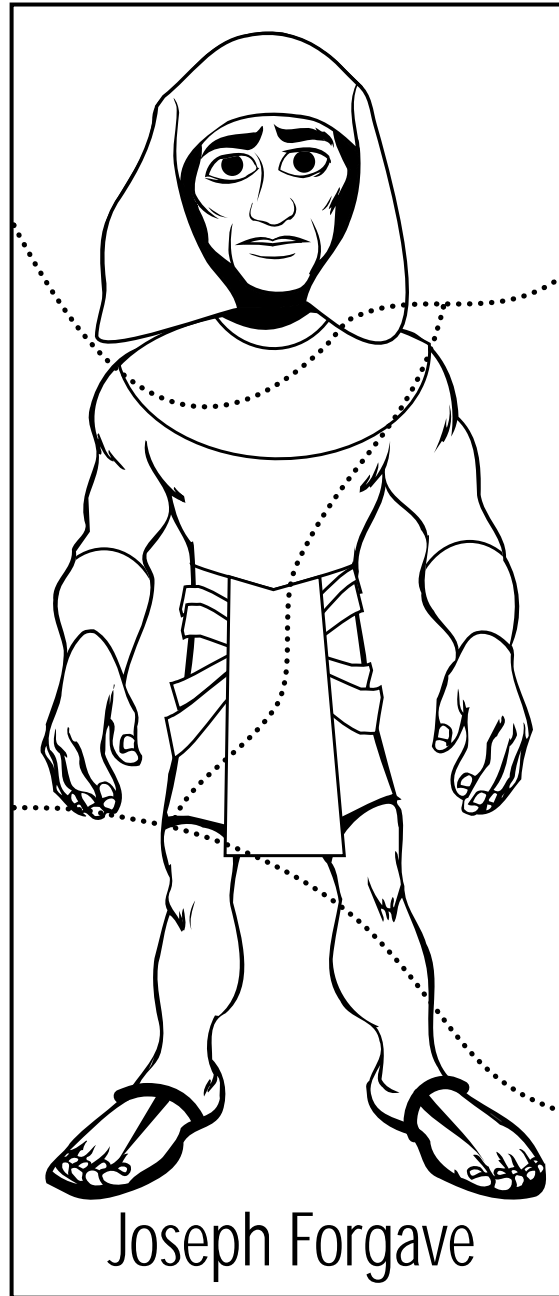


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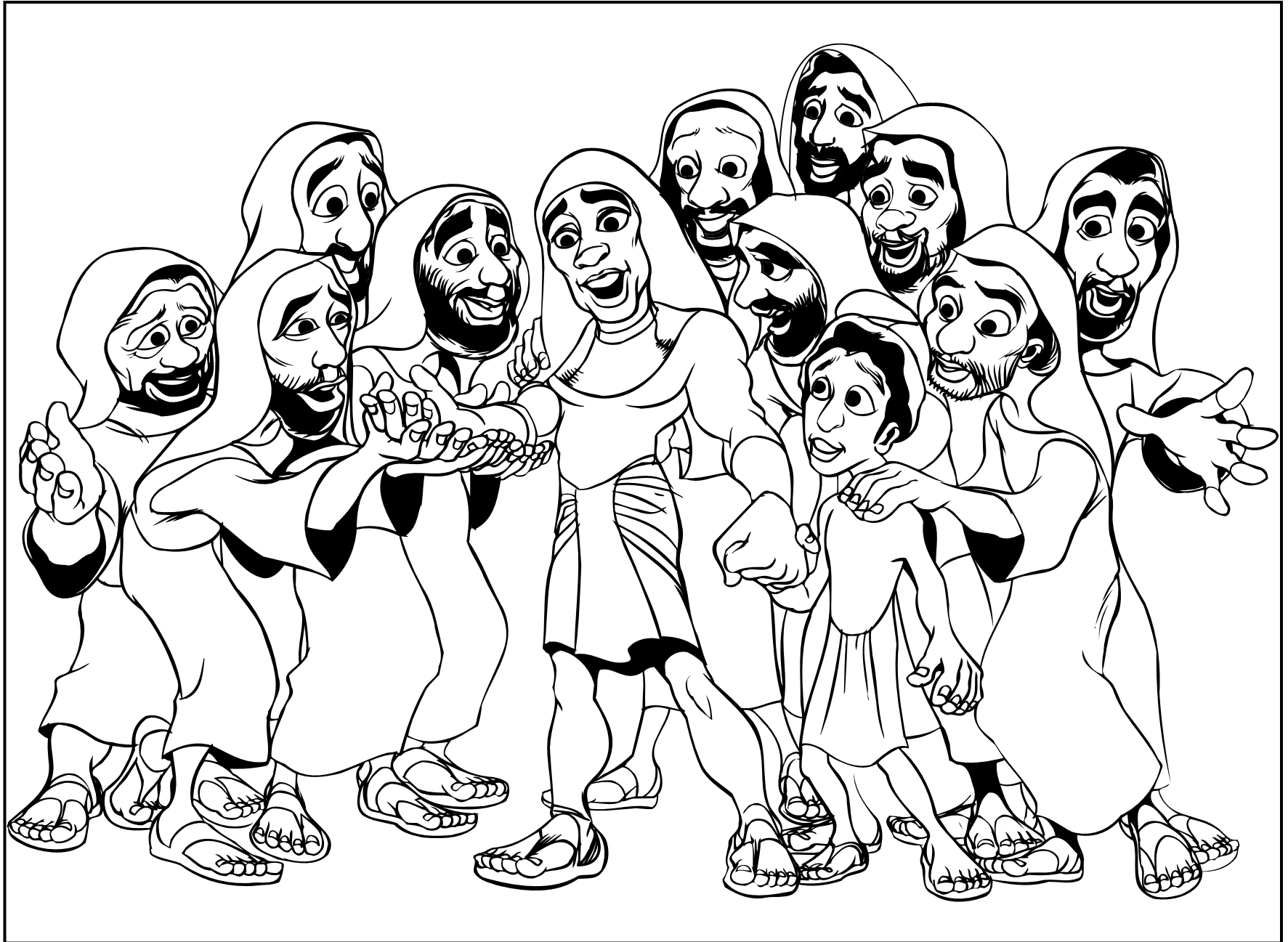
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