

**#54- PreK-2nd: God's Promise to Noah, 3rd and up: God's Promise to Abram & Sarai**

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Dear Families: Today we are looking at two of God's promises. We will finish up the Noah story with the younger children and continue Abram and Sarai's story with the older ones. Promises from God are always fulfilled, but not always in the way we expect. "Be still and know that I am God," from Psalm 46:10 is interpreted in different ways. In the context of the rest of the Psalm, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change. . ." reminds me that even though the world may be falling apart around me, God reigns over my life and God's power will protect and keep me. God will keep the promises God makes to us. God Bless.

**Bible Texts:**

**PreK-2nd:** Genesis 8:1-17 Abridged

"But God remembered Noah and all the animals. . .that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. . .and the waters gradually receded from the earth. . .And Noah sent out a dove to see if the waters had subsided. . .but the dove found no place to rest its foot and returned to him in the ark. . .(Noah waited and sent it out again, this time returning with an olive leaf in its beak). . .(Noah sent the dove out again and this time it did not return.) Then God said, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your son's wives (and all the animals.)' Then Noah built an altar to the Lord. . .Then God said. . .I establish My covenant (promise) with you that never again. . .shall there be a flood to destroy the earth. . .I have set My bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth."

**3rd and Up:** Genesis 15:1-6; Genesis 17:1-6; Genesis 21:1-7 Abridged

". . .the Word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield. Your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will You give me, for I continue childless. . .' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be you heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then God said to him, 'So shall you descendants be.' And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. When Abram, was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I and God almighty, walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between Me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for Me, this is My covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham. For I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. . .God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife. . .Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her and she shall give rise to nations. Kings of peoples shall come from her. . .your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. . .The Lord dealt with Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time at which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. . .Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'"

## **Bible Verses:**

**God keeps His promises,**

Hebrews 10:23b

**He who has promised is faithful,**

Hebrews 10:23b

### **Memorization:**

Have children make a bookmark using the pinkie swear picture or the rainbow with clouds picture. Cut out a strip of heavy paper about 2 inches by 7 inches. Have child color and cut out the picture of their choice and glue it to the top of the strip. Or they could draw a picture of their own that reminds them of the words from the verse. The child can write the verse longways on the strip or cut out the printed verse above and paste it on. Have your child read it several times.


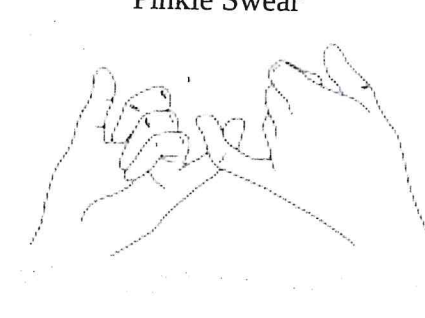
### **Activities:**

**PreK-2nd:** \*Dove Maze \*Two of Each Kind matching page \*Find Noah's Animals page \*Noah crossword for 2nd graders \*Old Noah song rhythm-1 or 2 sounds on the beat using note stems.

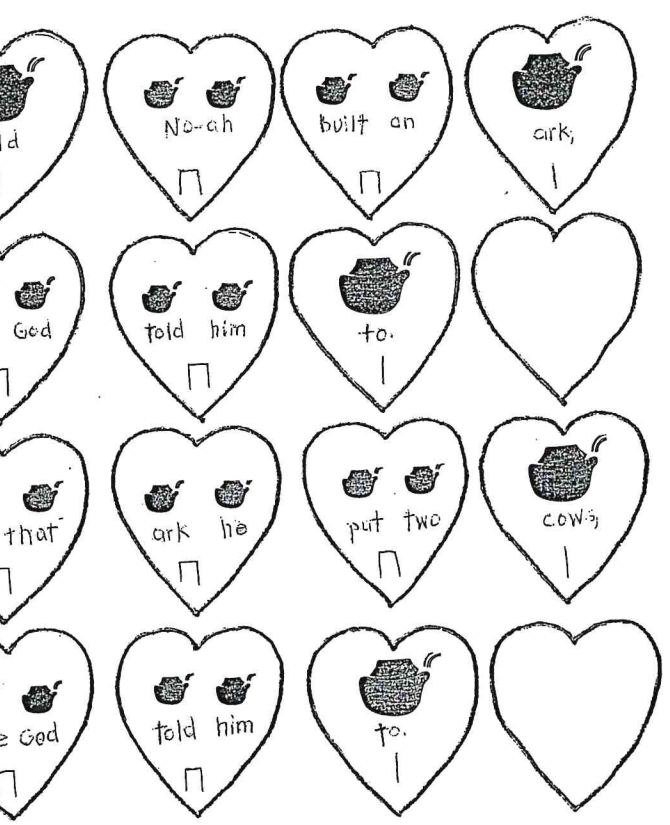
\*Check out ideas online for science activities involving rainbows

**3rd & Up:** \*Read "God's Promise to Abraham" Answer questions at the bottom. \*A New Home page \*Promise Star page \*Look up stars online

Pinkie Swear

A simple line drawing of two hands, palms facing each other, with the pinky fingers extended and touching. This is a common gesture for a 'pinkie swear' or promise.

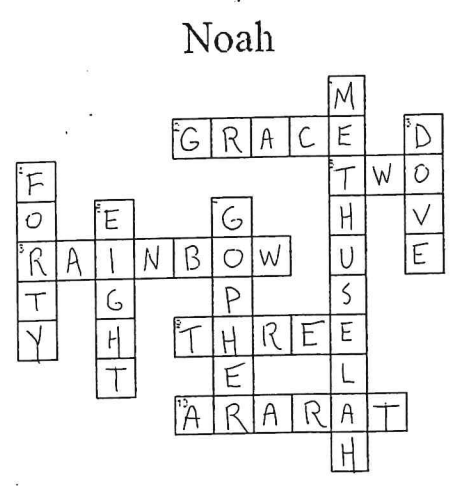
God's Rainbow promise



# Noah

A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:

- Across:**
  - 1-6: FATHER
  - 3-7: GRACE
  - 5-10: RAINBOW
  - 8-12: THREE
  - 10-15: ARARAT
- Down:**
  - 1-6: FATHER
  - 7-11: GRACE
  - 5-10: RAINBOW
  - 8-12: THREE
  - 10-15: ARARAT





# Noah Obeys

## The Big Boat (based on Genesis 6–9)



### memory verse

*God keeps His promises. Hebrews 10:23b or Genesis 21:1*



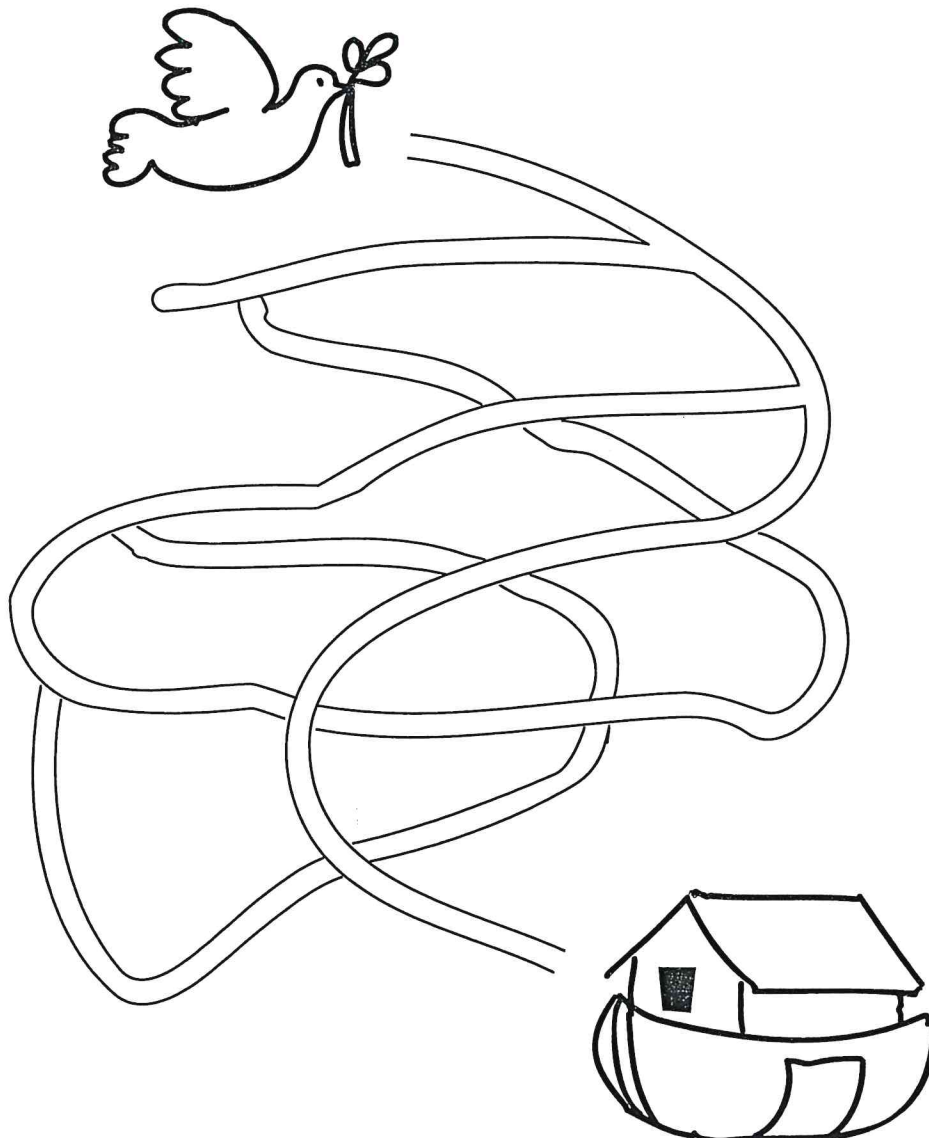
### discussion questions

1. What was Noah's boat called?
2. How many of each animal did Noah put on the ark?
3. What did God put in the sky to help us remember his promise?

## The Dove Returns

Noah obeyed God and stayed in the ark until God said it was time to come out. We should obey God, too, and live as he says.

Help the dove find its way back to the ark. Follow the maze with your finger or a crayon.



# Two of Each Kind



## What you need

- scissors or papercutter
- crayons or markers

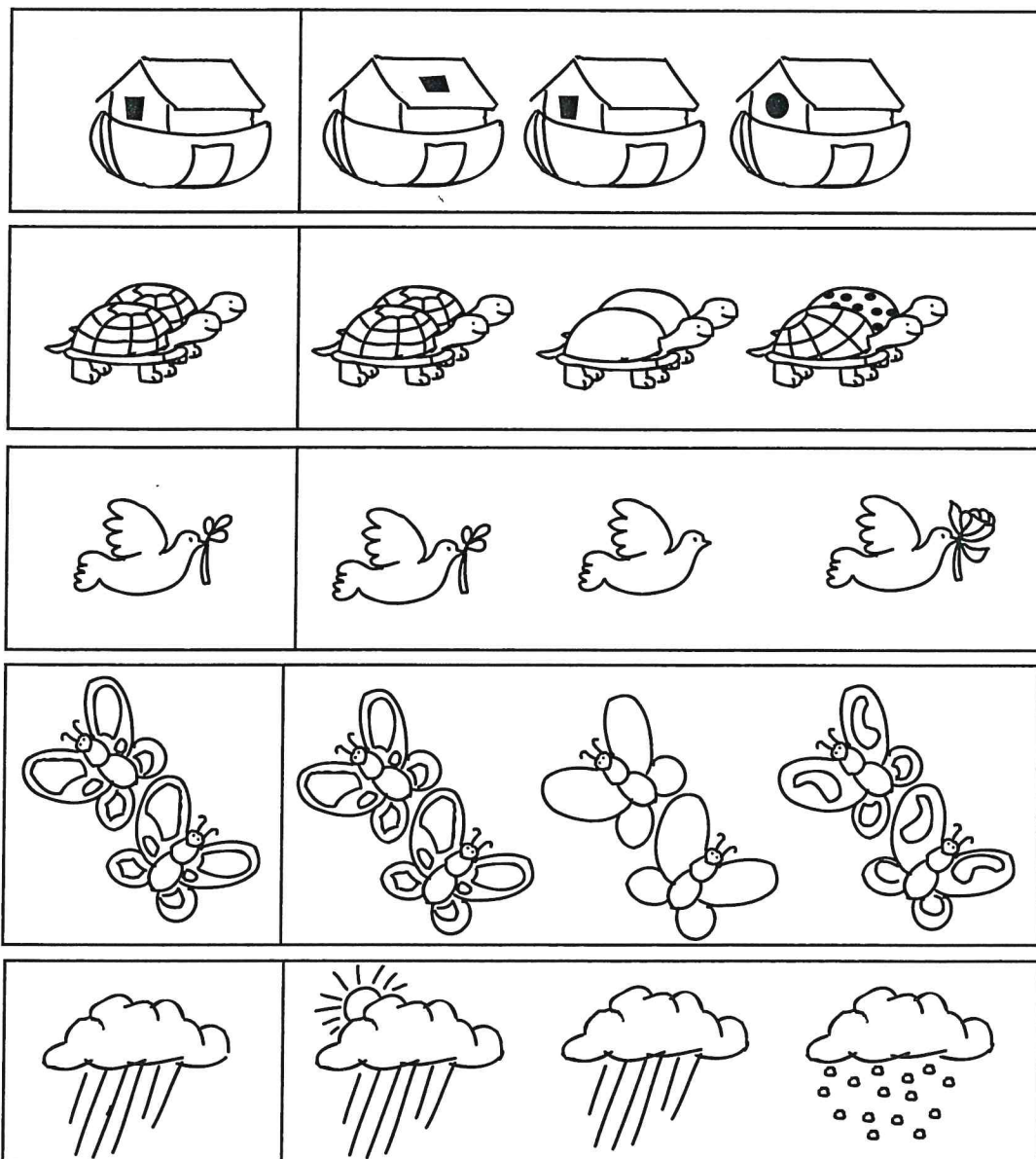


## What you do

1. For each child, photocopy this page and cut out the comparison activity.  
Older children may be able to cut for themselves.
2. Color the pictures in each row that look the same as the first picture in that row.

## What to Say

**Noah obeyed God. How many of each animal did God tell Noah to take on the boat? Can you find the turtles that are like the first ones? What kind of bird did Noah send out of the boat? What did God put in the sky? We can obey God like Noah did!**





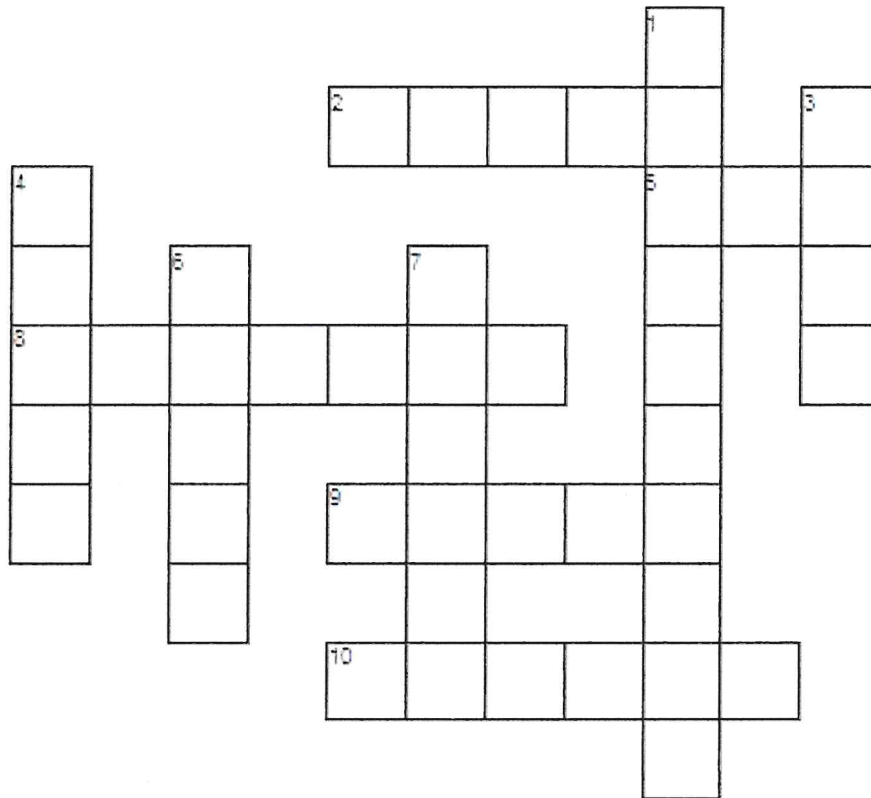
# FIND NOAH'S ANIMALS

Six different animals are hidden in this picture of Noah and his ark. See if you

can find them. Then color the picture with your crayons.



# Noah



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## ACROSS

- 2 Noah found \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God
- 5 God sent \_\_\_\_\_ of every animal to Noah
- 8 A \_\_\_\_\_ is a symbol of God's promise to never flood the earth again
- 9 The ark had \_\_\_\_\_ levels
- 10 The ark came to a rest upon the mountains of \_\_\_\_\_

## DOWN

- 1 Noah's grandfather; oldest man in the Bible
- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ brought back an olive leaf to Noah
- 4 God made it rain for \_\_\_\_\_ days and nights
- 6 There were \_\_\_\_\_ people on the ark
- 7 The ark was made from \_\_\_\_\_ wood

**WORD BANK:** Ararat, dove, eight, forty, gopher, grace, methuselah, rainbow, three, two.



## Old Noah Built An Ark Rhythm Page


One heart equals one beat. One ark equals one sound on the beat. Two arks equal two sounds on the beat. Draw note stems under the words to show rhythm. | equals one sound on the beat and □ equals two sounds on the beat. Enlist help from another person: one plays the steady beat (one hit per each heart,) and the other plays the rhythm (one hit per each ark.) Notice the rhythm matches the parts of the words.



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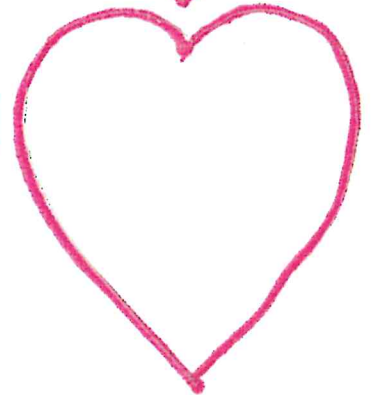
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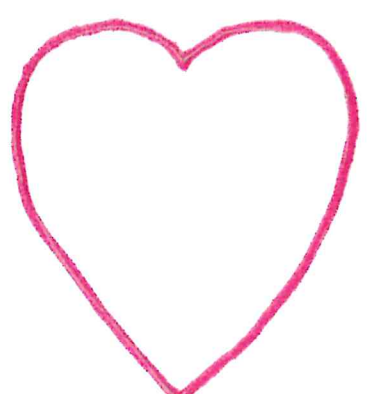
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# God's Promise to Abraham



## memory verse



*He who has promised is faithful.* Hebrews 10:23b or Genesis 21:1

## As Numerous as the Stars (based on Genesis 12:1–8, 15:3–6, 21:1–5)

The Bible tells us that a man named Abraham loved God very much. One day God spoke to him. "Abraham, I want you and your family to move. I will show you where I want you to live."

Abraham trusted God. He packed up his family, and they started the long journey. God was pleased. One day, as they were traveling, God made a promise to Abraham. "I will make your people a great people, Abraham. I will bless you and make your name great. Everyone here on earth will be blessed because of you."

What a promise! On the way, they stopped at a place called Moreh. Again, God spoke to Abraham: "Abraham, I will give all this land to your children." In honor of God's promise, Abraham made an altar and worshiped God.

Abraham wondered how this land could belong to his children when he did not have any children. He was old, and his wife, Sarah, was old.

Abraham and his family finally came to Canaan, the land where God wanted them to live. Again, God spoke to Abraham: "Look up, Abraham. See all the stars in the sky?"

Abraham looked at the twinkling stars in sky. "Yes, Lord, there are many, many stars."

"You will have many in your family," promised God. "You will have children, your children will have children, and those children will have children. You will have more descendants than the stars in the sky. This land, Canaan, will belong to them."

Another big promise! But Abraham knew God always keeps the promises he makes. When Abraham was 100 years old, Sarah gave birth to a son. Abraham named his son Isaac, just as God told him to.



## discussion questions

1. What did God ask Abraham and his family to do?
2. What did God promise to give Abraham?

# A New Home



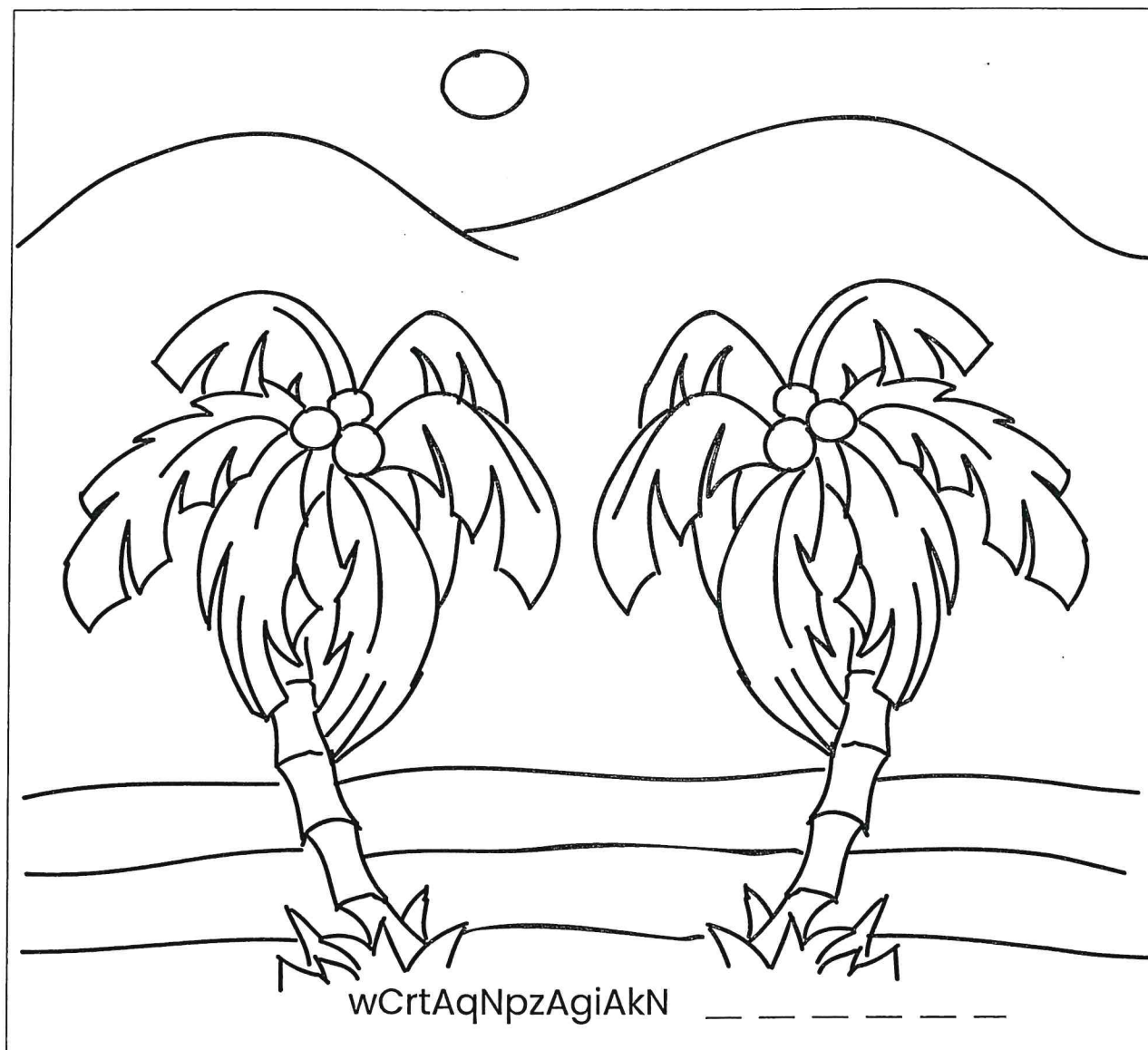
## What you need

- scissors
- crayons or markers



## What you do

1. Children cross out the lower-case letters at the bottom of the page.  
Then write the remaining letters on the blank lines.
2. Children color the picture.





# Promise Star



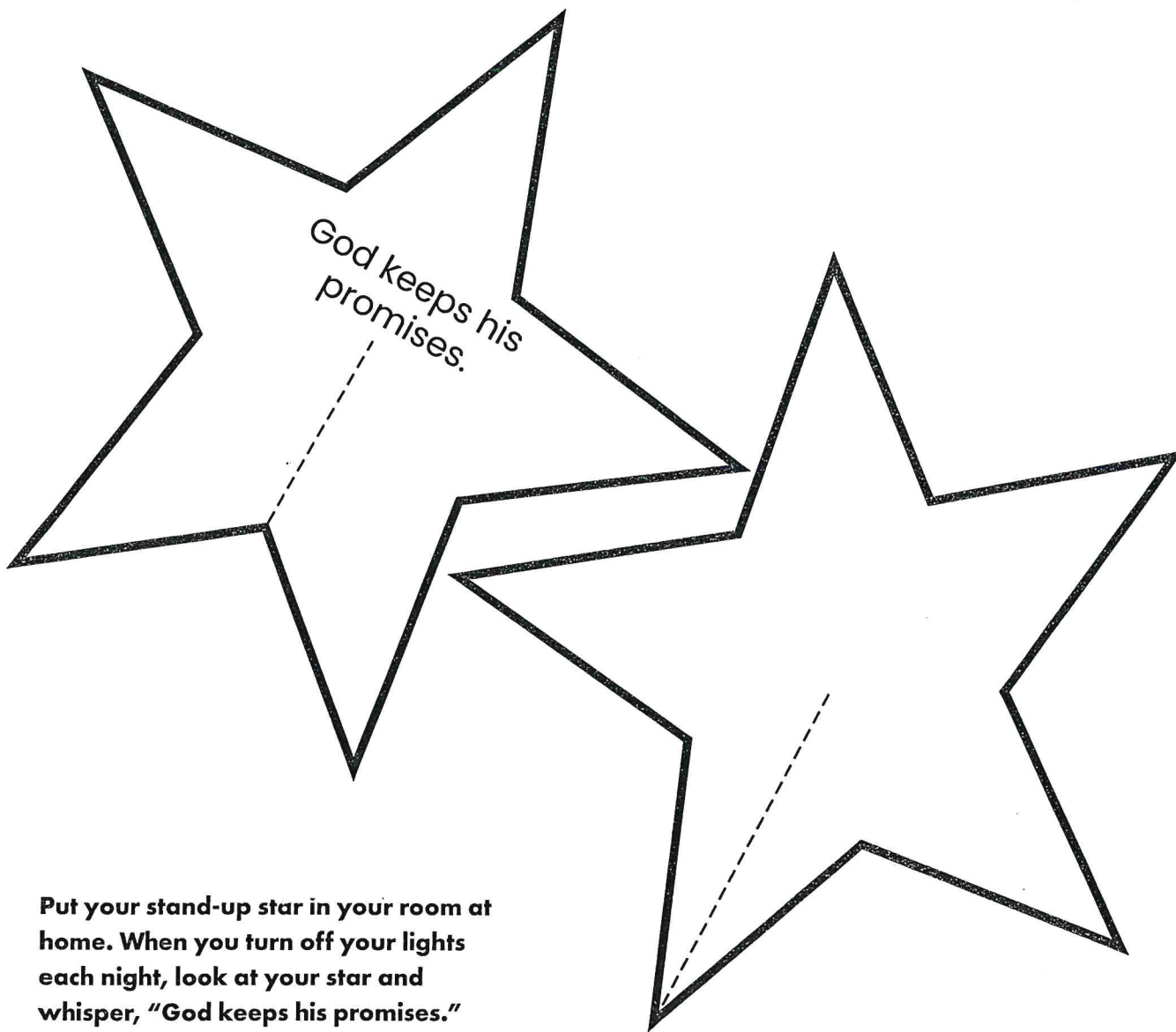
## What you need

- scissors
- light colored card stock
- glow-in-the-dark stickers



## What you do

1. Print stars on to card stock. Have child cut them out and cut on dashed lines.
2. Children put star together by sliding one inside the other using the cut slots.  
Star should be able to stand up.
3. Children place glow-in-the-dark stars on the stand-up stars.



**Put your stand-up star in your room at home. When you turn off your lights each night, look at your star and whisper, "God keeps his promises."**