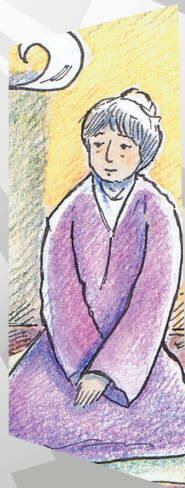
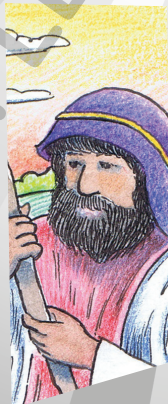
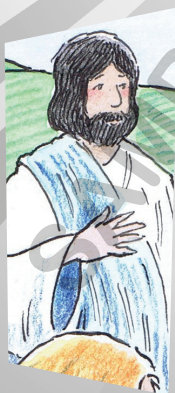




# MY BOOK OF STORIES





# 1

# JESUS

Jesus taught people who followed him many things about God. One day he talked about who will be blessed. Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Later, Jesus talked about how those who follow him should act. Some people say you should love only those who are nice and kind to you, and hate those who are not nice and kind. But Jesus said something surprising. He said that’s not true! Jesus said that you should love everyone—people who are nice and kind to you and people who aren’t nice and kind!



Hearts can symbolize love. Can you find the five hearts? Circle them. Draw a picture of yourself listening to Jesus.





# 2 ABRAM AND LOT

Abram and his nephew Lot had herds of animals. They moved from place to place to find food and water for the animals. One time, they got to a new place where there was plenty of grass and water for the animals. Abram thanked God for such a good place.

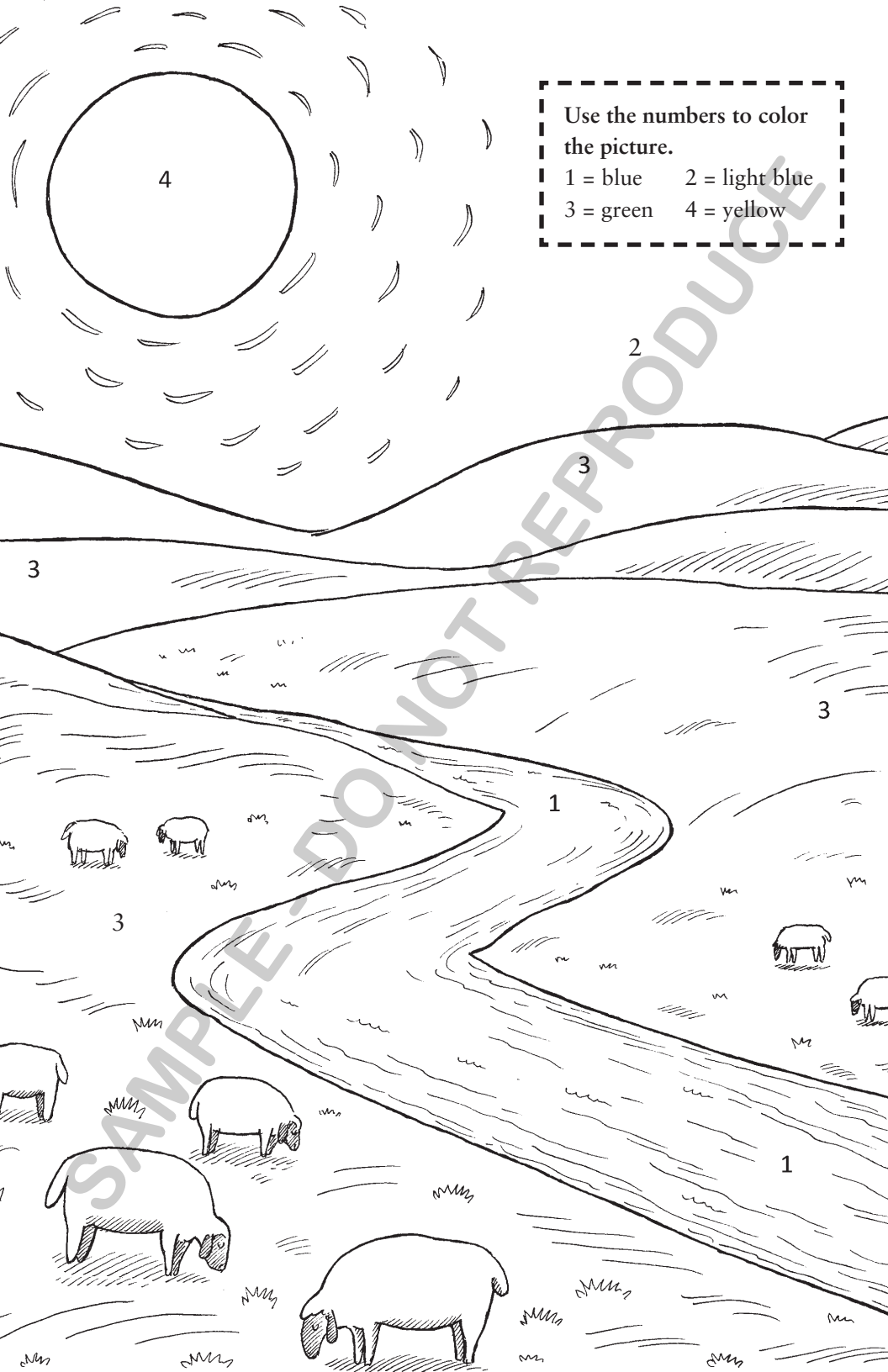
But they had a problem. They needed more space! Abram and Lot had people who worked for them. They had animals, and they had flocks of birds. It was too crowded. Abram and Lot had a problem!

Soon Abram and Lot's workers argued over who should have the best grass for the animals. They argued over who should have the best places to set their tents. They argued over whose animals should drink the water first.

Abram had an idea. He said to Lot, "Why should our workers fight? Let's live in different areas so that there is enough land for our families." Abram invited Lot to choose first where he wanted to go. Lot looked around and saw a large flat area near the Jordan River. He thought this would be a good place for his animals and workers. He went there.

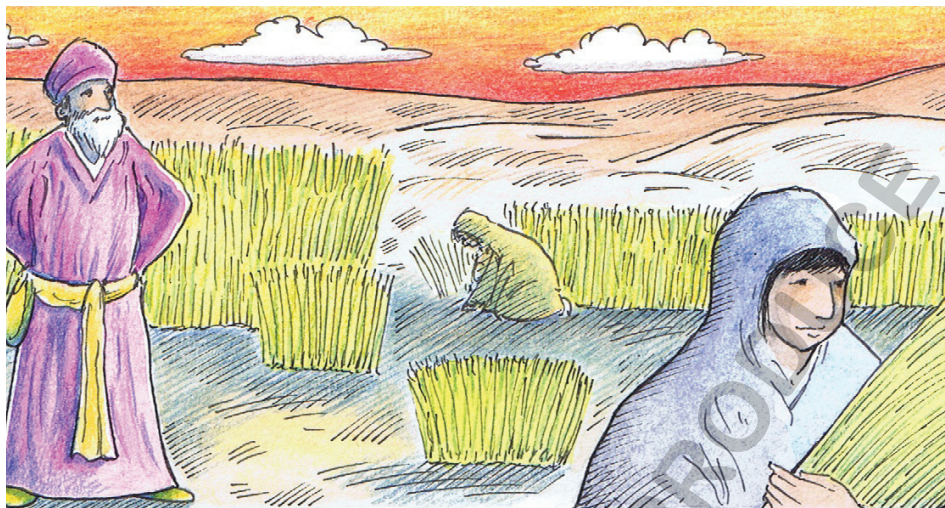
Abram went in the other direction, toward the land of Canaan. God spoke to Abram and told him to look around. All the land that he saw would belong to Abram and his family.





Use the numbers to color  
the picture.

1 = blue    2 = light blue  
3 = green    4 = yellow



# 3 NAOMI, RUTH, AND BOAZ

Ruth was married to Naomi's son; she was Naomi's daughter-in-law. But then Naomi's husband died. And then Ruth's husband died too! Naomi decided to move back to where she used to live in Bethlehem. Ruth went

with her. But when they arrived in Bethlehem, Naomi and Ruth did not have enough food.

Ruth asked Naomi to go to the fields and glean after the barley harvest. So Ruth went. Ruth followed behind the farm workers, picking up what they had left.

The man who owned the farm, Boaz, went to the fields. He saw Ruth. Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to glean in his fields. He told her that she could drink the water that was there for his workers.

Ruth thanked Boaz by bowing down. Boaz said, "You have helped Naomi. May God reward you for what you have done!"

Boaz told his workers to let Ruth glean even in the areas of the field that had not yet been harvested. So Ruth gathered lots and lots of barley.

Ruth went home and showed Naomi how much barley she had. Naomi told Ruth that Boaz was a relative of theirs. Naomi and Ruth were very happy that they had food to eat. Naomi said, "Blessed be the Lord!"



Color the pictures that show someone helping someone else.





# 4 JONATHAN, MICHAL, AND DAVID

Long after Abram lived and long after Ruth lived, there was a king of Israel named Saul. King Saul had a young man named David living in his palace. David helped Saul in many battles against Israel's enemies. David became friends with Saul's son Jonathan. And David even married Saul's daughter Michal.

But Saul got jealous of David. He thought people liked David more than they liked him! Saul had a horrible idea. He decided to kill David.

When Saul told his son Jonathan his plan, Jonathan ran and warned David. David was able to run away and hide in a safe place. Then Jonathan spoke to his father. He said, "Don't hurt David. He's a good person." Because Jonathan was brave, Saul decided to not kill David. David stopped hiding and returned to the palace.

But then Saul got jealous again. This time, it was Michal, David's wife, who learned that Saul wanted to hurt David. She warned David and helped him to escape from the palace, even though it made her father angry.

Both Jonathan and Michal knew that Saul was not treating David fairly. They spoke up and acted for what was right.



Draw a line from one dot to another. What is the picture? Color it.





# S MARY AND MARTHA

Jesus was visiting his friends Martha and Mary. Martha and Mary were sisters. They were very happy to see Jesus! Martha got very busy cooking, and cooking, and cooking some more. She wanted to make a feast to welcome Jesus! Martha got busy cleaning, and cleaning, and cleaning some more. She wanted to welcome Jesus with a clean house. Meanwhile, Mary sat near Jesus to listen to what he was saying. She wanted to learn as much as she could from Jesus.

Martha noticed that she was working all by herself. She got upset with her sister. Why wasn't Mary helping her? Why should she do all the work on her own? Martha went to Jesus and said, "Don't you care about me? Mary has left me to do all the work by myself. Tell her to come and help me!" Martha had a problem, and she wanted Jesus to solve it.

But Jesus had a different idea. "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. You run from task to task. But there is only one thing you need to do. Mary has chosen to stay and listen to me. I will not make her stop listening."



Help Martha go to Jesus.

JESUS

Color the pictures.

MARTHA



# BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.  
-MATTHEW 5:9

**Blessed are the peacemakers** (arms outspread)

**for they will be called** (cup hands around mouth)

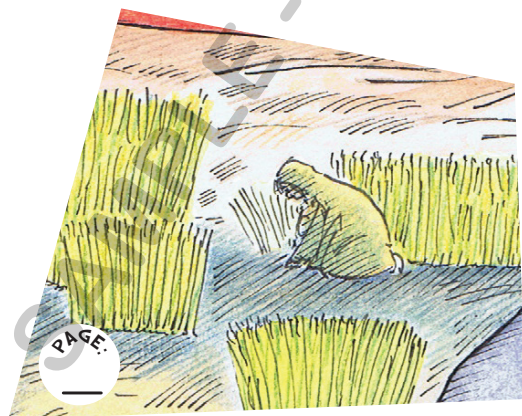
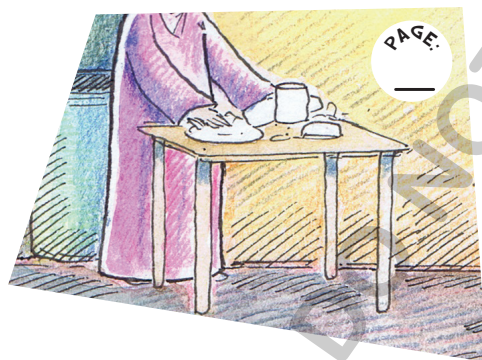
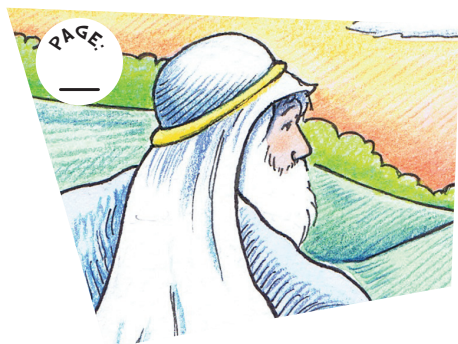
**children** (point to self)

**of God** (point up)



# FIND THE PICTURES

WHERE ELSE DO THESE PICTURES  
APPEAR IN THIS BOOK?





# WHAT IS THE WORD?

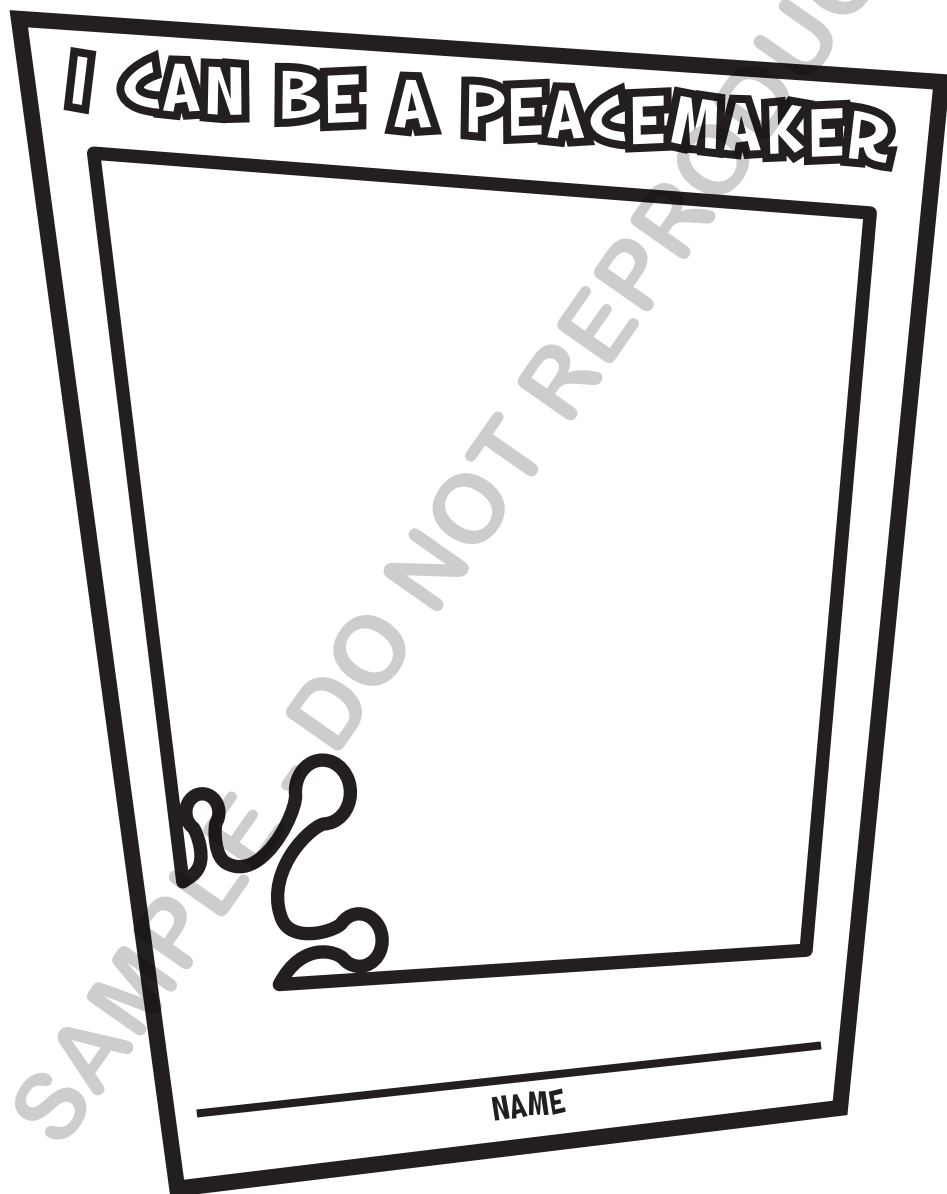
TRACE THE TRAIL TO FIND OUT WHAT THE WORD IS, AND WRITE IT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. COLOR THE LETTERS.



# WHO IS A PEACEMAKER?

DRAW YOURSELF INSIDE THE PICTURE FRAME.

WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE BOTTOM OF THE FRAME.





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