

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Memory Verse for 2s and 3s:

2 Peter 1:3: His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** Today's story is about God's Judgment Day. As you tell the Bible Adventure to the children, be very aware of your facial expressions. Don't make this a scary story of fire burning everything up. Give the truth of Judgment Day, but don't animate the scary parts. The picture of fire on Judgment Day has been omitted from the younger children's story. The main objective of the story is to teach that Christians need to be ready for Christ's return.
- "You're Out of Control!" Center:** In your small group, talk about a time when you were out of control. Encourage others to share a time when they may have hurt someone in their family by not being kind and using self-control. Tell the children you will show them self-control by not smiling. Have each child take a turn saying, "Mr. Black, if you love us, won't you please, please smile?" No matter what the other members of the group do, the self-controlled one must reply to each person, "I love you, but I just can't smile" without cracking a smile. Switch roles and let others try to keep a straight face. Even though it sounds like a non-smiling game, it will produce lots of giggles and demonstrate what self-control is all about. Discuss how it felt trying not to smile. Talk about how this is like or unlike the times you lose self-control in real life. The Bible tells us God's goodness works in us to help us overcome our selfishness and anger and be able to use self-control. We can't do it by ourselves. We need God's help.
- Who Got Saved on Noah's Ark?** Provide a toy boat with eight people figures and an assortment of toy animals. A picture story book about Noah and the ark could also be discussed and looked at while the children play at this center. Talk about only eight people surviving the flood waters that God sent over the land in the account from Genesis chapters 6 through 8 in the Old Testament. "Why did God send a flood? (To punish the sinful, bad people who did not want to obey God) Why did God have two of every animal get on the ark with the eight people? (So the animals could be saved, too) Who were the eight people on the ark? (Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives)"
- Lite Brite Center:** Provide one or two Lite Brite boards for the children to work under close supervision. Talk about the neon light colors being so pretty. "In today's Bible Adventure, we are told that after God's Judgment Day, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. It will be beautiful because it will shine with the glory of God. God's glory is as bright as very precious jewels."


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- Fruit Loop Bingo Game: (2PET03ECGF7)** Give each child a GF7 page and place a bowl of fruit loops in the center of the table. Make another copy of the GF7 page for the leader, cut out the pictures, and place them in a bag or other container. As the leader draws a picture out of the bag, the children get to place a fruit loop on their picture that matches. They yell "Bingo" when they have a straight line of fruit. (If the children were careful listeners, they will all have bingo at the same time.) "In today's Bible Adventure, we learn God helps us have goodness and self-control in our lives when we put our faith in Jesus." Discuss the different pictures as they are drawn from the bag to see if kindness and self-control are shown.
 - How Many Is Eight? (2PET03ECGF8)** Give each child a GF8 page with rows of animals and (eight) people. Count out loud with the children to find out how many are in each row. Which row has eight in it? Instruct the children to color all the ducks yellow, all the elephants gray, etc. "Today's Bible Adventure tells us that God saved the people who loved Him by putting them on an ark with the animals. God judged the wicked world by sending a flood of water to cover the earth. Only eight people were safe on Noah's ark."
 - Animal Memory Game:** Scatter eight to ten doubles of animal cards on the table face down. Have a child choose two pictures to turn over. If the animal pictures match, the child keeps the cards and gets to turn over two more pictures. Continue alternating turns until all the pictures have been matched up. "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn about how God judged the people of Noah's day when He flooded the earth with water. Noah loved God and believed Him when he was told to build a big boat called an ark. He built the ark and God sent all the animals to the ark to be kept safe with Noah's family."
 - Perfection Game:** Bring in a game called Perfection. Two children can play the game at one time. The game includes different-shaped pieces that fit into different holes. There is a timer and the players don't know when it will go off to signal the end of their turn. They are to get their pieces in place before the timer jumps the board and all the pieces fly out of position. "The timer gives us a certain amount of time to finish the game. We don't know when it will go off—just like we don't know when God's final Judgment Day will be. Jesus promised that He would come back to earth. When He comes, He will judge those people who don't have their sins forgiven. But those who love Jesus look forward to His return because that's when they will see Him face to face."
 - We Can See Him With Our Eyes:** Have one child close his eyes and point to someone from the class to crawl into a box with two eye holes drilled through it. The child who closed his eyes goes directly to the box and looks at the eyes in the box. Who is it? Try not to let the child look around the classroom to see who is missing. "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn that Christians are looking forward to Jesus returning to earth. We will be able to see Him with our eyes--face to face."
 - Transition to Bible Adventure Time:** Ask three children to stand up. They each must tell the truth and tell the class what they ate for breakfast. They then can go sit on a chair in the story circle. Continue asking questions of all the children until everyone has been given a chance to tell the truth and get to the circle.




Book:

Presentation Ideas

- Color the **2PET03ECGF1, 2PET03ECGF2, 2PET03ECGF3, 2PET03ECGF4** and **2PET03ECGF5** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure.
- “Big Picture Idea” for 2 Peter--Stacking Blocks of Godly Qualities: (Review pictures 2PET01ECGF7, 2PET01ECGF8 and 2PET01ECGF9)** If you previously taped each of the GF7, GF8 and GF9 qualities to the sides of eight large cardboard stacking boxes, continue using them as visual aids to remind the children of the godly qualities God's people are to be filled with.
- Story Introduction:** Bring in some glittery costume jewelry and show it under a bright light so the gems will really sparkle. "God has promised that those who love Him will live with Him forever in heaven. Heaven will be beautiful because it will shine with the glory of God. God's glory shines brighter than very precious jewels!"

 **Presentation Idea:** Use a puppet as a "scoffer." Call him Mr. Scoffer. The puppet will want to hear the Bible Adventure, but he will scoff at the idea of God coming to earth on Judgment Day to punish sin. He believes God is only love and that sin is okay. The teacher warns him by saying that God always punishes sin sooner or later. Only faith in Jesus gives us the power to have godliness in our hearts. When we believe Jesus died for our sins and we ask Him to forgive us for the bad things we've done, God will forgive our sins and give us His goodness. Mr. Scoffer says he wants God to forgive his sins, too, and asks the teacher to pray with him. The teacher leads the class in a short prayer of confession and surrender. The puppet thanks the teacher for explaining the truth and wants to hear today's Bible Adventure. He also wants to change his name to Mr. Believer.

 **"Noah Believed God" Finger Play:** Have the children sit in the story circle and face you. Encourage them to do the motions as you say this rhyme.

Old Noah built a great big boat,	<i>(Hold arms wide apart)</i>
He made it snug and warm.	<i>(Arms crossed over chest)</i>
For God had said, "I'm going to send	<i>(Point up; then shake index finger)</i>
A terrible, big storm."	<i>(Place hands around mouth, blow, and make wind sound--whooh!)</i>
The rain came down, the sea came up,	<i>(Raise hands above head, bring down with fingers fluttering and raise hands back up slowly)</i>
A terrible, big storm,	<i>(Place hands around mouth, blow, and make wind sound)</i>
But all who came inside the boat,	<i>(Use arms to motion others toward you)</i>
Were safe and snug and warm.	<i>(Cross arms over chest, and hug yourself)</i>

Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s

(Make the sign for 2 Peter by putting your index finger to your mouth and moving it straight forward - for straight speaking.) Peter wrote both of his letters to new Christians to remind them that God's Word is true. He also warned them that there were false teachers who liked to make up stories about Jesus. *(Move your index finger to the side - for crooked speaking.)* The way for Christians today to know what is true and what is false is by reading the Bible.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF1 picture.) Peter says some people will laugh and say God's promises aren't true. He calls these false teachers "scoffers." *(Give a scoffing laugh with a scoffing look on your face.)* When Jesus was teaching Peter and the rest of His disciples, He told them about Judgment Day. It will be a time when God punishes sin. The scoffers were saying that Judgment Day would never come. They said it was all right for people to sin and disobey because God would not punish people who did bad things.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF2 picture.) Peter writes in his letter that false teachers and scoffers are lying. God does care about how people live and knows the bad things people do. When Adam and Eve sinned, God had to punish them. God told them to leave the beautiful Garden of Eden, and life became hard for them after they disobeyed God. God always punishes sin.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF3 picture.) People in Noah's day became so sinful and bad that God sent a flood to cover the whole earth. The only people who were saved were those who got on the ark with Noah. Only Noah and his seven family members believed God's promise to flood the earth and got on the ark. The rest of the people on the earth died in the flood. God always punishes sin.

Peter writes that false teachers and scoffers want to forget about Judgment Day. He reminds Christians that God cares very much about getting rid of sin in people's lives. He wants to fill us with His godliness. That's why He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment you and I should have for our sin. That's why He gives us a new birth so we don't have to live with our old, sinful, selfish instinct.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF5 picture.) Peter says there will be a final Judgment Day on earth. No one knows when Judgment Day will come, but it is a promise and we need to be ready. We get ready by putting our faith in Jesus and receiving His new birth in our hearts. God will make a new heaven and new earth which will be beautiful because they will shine with the glory of God. God will live with His people. We will see Him with our eyes. There will be no dark night, no crying, and no pain. There will be no sin or selfishness in God's new heaven and new earth.

(Put your index finger to your mouth and move it straight forward for straight speaking.) Peter tells the truth about Judgment Day and about how God wants us to live while we are waiting for Jesus to come back. We must put our faith in Jesus. We must believe God's truth found in the Bible.

Prayer: Dear God, help me believe the truth from the Bible so that I can be filled with Your goodness. I want to be ready when Judgment Day comes. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4s, 5s & K

(Make the sign for 2 Peter by putting your index finger to your mouth and moving it straight forward—for straight speaking.) Peter wrote, “This is my second letter to you, and in both my first and second letters, I have reminded you that God’s Word is true *(hold up your Bible)*, but there are false teachers who make up stories about Jesus.” *(Move your index finger to the side—for crooked speaking.)* Truth confronts false teachers. That is the theme of 2 Peter.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF1 picture.) In today’s lesson, Peter says some people will laugh and say that God’s promises aren’t true. He calls these people “scoffers.” *(Give a scoffing laugh with a scoffing look on your face.)* Scoffers say, “No way! That’s not true. Judgment Day won’t come. I can sin and disobey and do whatever I feel like doing and get away with it. God doesn’t punish people who do bad things. That’s just not true.” That’s what a scoffer says.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF2 picture. If the story seems too long, this section could be omitted.) Peter said, “False teachers and scoffers are lying to you. God does care about how people live and the bad things they do. God always punishes sin—sooner or later. God spoke a word and created everything in the heavens and earth, and everything was good and perfect. But when Adam and Eve sinned, God had to punish them. Everything changed for Adam and Eve. God told them to leave the beautiful Garden of Eden. God always punishes sin.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF3 picture.) People in Noah’s day became so bad that God said, “Judgment is coming, Noah. I will send a flood to cover the whole earth. The only people who will be saved are the people who get on the ark with you.” How many people believed that Judgment Day was coming? That God was going to flood the whole earth as punishment for their sins? Only eight people believed God. Only Noah and his family believed God and got on the ark.

Peter wrote, “The false teachers and scoffers are trying to forget about Judgment Day because they don’t want God to punish them for the sins they have done. I am writing to remind you that God cares very much about getting rid of your sin and about filling you with godliness. That’s why He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment you and I should have for our sin. That’s why He gives us a new birth so we don’t have to live with our old, sinful, selfish instinct.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF4 picture.) “I am reminding you of God’s promise that another Judgment Day will come to earth. When Judgment Day comes, everything in the heavens and on the earth will burn up with fire. No one knows when Judgment Day will come, but it is a promise and we need to be ready.” We get ready by putting our faith in Jesus and receiving His new birth in our hearts.

(Show the 2PET03ECGF5 picture.) The people who love Jesus aren’t afraid of Judgment Day. They are excited for Jesus to come back for them and for the new heaven and new earth that God will make.” The new heaven and new earth will be beautiful because they will shine with the glory of God—as bright as very precious jewels. God will live with His people—the people who have put their faith in Jesus. We will see Him with our eyes, face to face. There will be no night, no crying, and no pain. There will be no sin or selfishness in heaven. We will worship God and love Him forever.

(Put your index finger to your mouth and moving it straight forward—for straight speaking.) Peter tells us the truth about Judgment Day and about how God wants us to live while we are waiting for Jesus to come back.

(Show the review 2PET01ECGF5 picture or stack the cardboard boxes that have the godly quality pictures on them.) We must put our faith in Jesus. Then we must let God add goodness and self-control into our lives. Don’t listen to the false teachers and scoffers who say, “You don’t have to think about goodness and self-control. You can do whatever you feel like doing.” Peter says, “Listen to the truth from God.” We must believe God’s truth found in the Bible.

Prayer: Dear God, Jesus is the truth and the way to godliness. Help me believe the truth from the Bible so that I can be filled with God’s ways and not with doing whatever I feel like doing. I want to be ready when Judgment Day comes. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2s & 3s:

1. **What is the sign for 2 Peter that reminds us the Bible is truth?** *(Put your index finger to your mouth and move it straight forward.)*
2. **Who says that Judgment Day won't come and that it is okay to sin?** *(False teachers, scoffers)*
3. **Who punishes sin?** *(God)*
4. **Who will live with God in the new heaven and the new earth?** *(Those who believe in Jesus)*

Aim Questions for 4s & 5s:

1. **What is the theme of 2 Peter?** *(Truth confronts false teachers)*
2. **What do scoffers say about Judgment Day?** *(They say that there will be no Judgment Day and that God will not punish sin.)*
3. **What does Peter say about Judgment Day?** *(Judgment Day will surely come. The heavens and earth will be burned up with fire.)*
4. **What will the new heaven and new earth be like?** *(It will shine with the glory of God. People will see God with their eyes. There will be no night, no crying, no pain and no selfish sin.)*
5. **Who gets to live in God's new, wonderful heaven and earth?** *(Those who have their sins forgiven by Jesus will live with Him forever.)*



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the Aim Questions on cards and slip them between the blocks of godly qualities (see **Book** "Big Picture Idea for 2 Peter"). As the children pull out a question, read the block above and below the question card and explain those godly qualities.
- Snack Suggestion:** Provide fresh cut fruit or vegetables for snack. Talk about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and how God provided for all of their food needs. Fruit grew on the trees and vegetables grew on the ground. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned by eating from a tree they were told not to eat from, they lost their home in the beautiful garden. They were forced to leave and to work hard for their food--food that God had freely given them in the Garden of Eden.
- Transition Idea:** Hold hands with a friend and move from one area to another in pairs. Remember that Noah, his wife, and their three sons and their wives were kept safe on the ark when the flood came over the earth. They each had their best friend on the ark with them.
- "Judgment Day" Booklet: (2PET03ECGF9)** Copy a GF9 page for each child and fold it in fourths to make a booklet. Copy a GF6 fireball for each child to tape on the third page of their booklet. Make it a fold-up flap by taping the top edge only. When the flap is up, we see the heavens and the earth as they are today. When the children fold the flap down over the picture, we see what it will look like on Judgment Day when fire comes.
- "Truth Confronts False Teachers" Puppet Review: (2PET03ECGF10)** Copy the GF10 page, cut apart the true and false teachers, and tape each to a straw or craft stick to make a puppet for each child. (There will be more true Bible teachers than false teachers because we want to reinforce the positive in the children's minds.) Show the GF2 picture and have the children hold their Bible teaching puppets up as they say, "Adam and Eve, obey God" or sing the "Jesus wants my self-control" verse of "Jesus Helps Me" (see **Song** section). After the children's puppets sing or speak, the scoffing false teachers can say, "God won't punish your sin" or "Don't worry about godliness." The true Bible teaching puppets say, "God always punishes sin." Do the same activity with the GF3 and GF4 pages. Then have all the children say or sing the Memory Verse Song.
- Gardener Play:** Collect toys or tools your classroom can use to pretend to be gardeners. You can get toy lawn mowers, plastic gardening tools, a watering can, empty seed packets, and a toy wheelbarrow or wagon. Talk to the children about how these items are used to garden. Weather permitting, you could take the toys outside for the children to use in pretend play. Digging and raking would be easier in an area already prepared with soft dirt or sand. "In today's Bible Adventure, we learned that God punished the sins of Adam and Eve. God made them work for the food they would eat. Today, we must all work for the food that grows. Let's pretend to make a garden area, and when I ask you what you are growing, tell me a vegetable that would be good to grow and you would like to eat." Two children may need to share a tool if there are not enough items to give to each child.

- Memory Verse Echo Review:** Have everyone sing through the Memory Verse Song, using the claps. The second time through have the boys stand up on the first and third lines and the girls stand up on the second and fourth lines and sing only when standing. Repeat. The girls are like an echo. What is an echo?

Songs:

- 2 Peter 1:3 Memory Verse Song** (tune: "Rejoice in the Lord Always")

His divi-ine pow'r has given us ev'rything we need (clap, clap)
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For li-ife and godliness, Sec'nd Peter one, verse three.
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- Scoffers Say** (tune: "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain")

Scoffers say that Judgment Day will never come. (No way!)
Scoffers say that Judgment Day will never come. (No way!)
They say everything will stay the same,
That Jesus will not come again,
That Judgment Day will never come.

Peter warns that Judgment Day will surely come. (Oh, yeah!)
Peter warns that Judgment Day will surely come. (Oh, yeah!)
Don't you listen to the scoffers; they will all be punished.
It's a promise--Judgment Day will come. (For sure!)

- False Teachers** (tune: "Have Patience")

False teachers are scoffers.
They say, "Judgment won't co-ome."
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They say, "Judgment won't co-ome."
Remember! Remember the flood in Noah's day.
The Judgment Day will surely come;
It could be any day.

- God Is Truth** (tune: "Frere Jacques")

God is tru-uth. God is tru-uth.
Obey His Word. Obey His Word.
You will be so happy
In your heav'nly ho-ome.
God is truth. God is truth.

- Jesus Helps Me** (tune: "London Bridge") Have the children join hands and stand in a circle. As the children sing, have them walk around in a circle. At the end of the verse, they stop walking. Have a leader walk in the opposite direction outside the circle, carrying a Bible during the verse. The leader also stops at the end of the verse. The closest child standing by the Bible will tell one way he or she can be good, kind or use self-control.

Jesus wants me to be good, to be good, to be good.
Jesus wants me to be good. He will help me.

Jesus wants me to be kind, to be kind, to be kind.
Jesus wants me to be kind. He will help me.

Jesus wants my self-control, self-control, self-control.
Jesus wants my self-control. He will help me.

- Old and New** (tune: "Deep and Wide")

Old and new, old and new
In the Bible there's the old and new.
Old and new, old and new
In the Bible God's words a-are true.

Do Lord

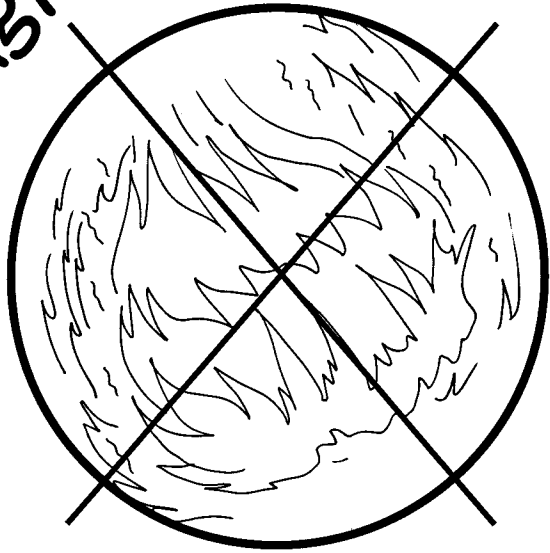
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,
Way beyond the blue.
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me.
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me.
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Way beyond the blue.



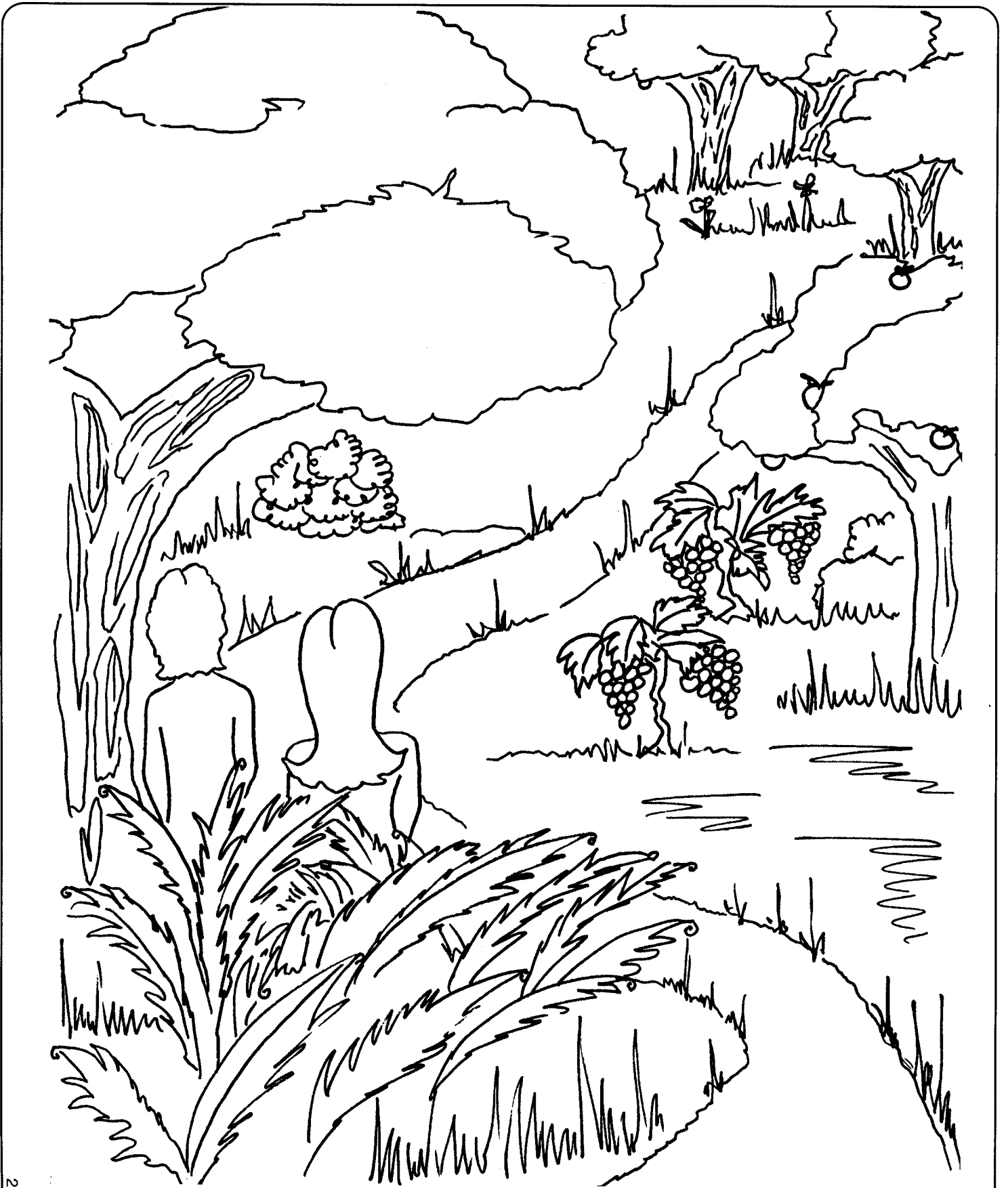
Took:

- God Kept Noah Safe: (2PET03ECGF11 and 2PET03ECGF12)** Give every child the GF11 page and four GF12 couples printed on cardstock. Cut four slits in each ark where four couples will look out from the ark. Have the children color the ark and their people and show them how to pop the couples through the ark slits so eight people appear safe on the ark. The couples can be taped to the back of the ark so the pieces won't be lost. "God protects those who love Him. He will protect those who love Him on the coming Judgment Day. God has to punish sin, but those who love Jesus won't be afraid of Judgment Day because God will protect them like He did Noah and his family."
- "Old and New Heaven and Earth" Necklace: (2PET03ECGF13)** Copy the GF13 on cardstock paper and cut an old heaven and earth and a new heaven and earth for each child. These can be cut so that they can be easily folded back to back and glued or taped together. Punch a hole through the tops of the ovals so that yarn can be looped through to make a necklace. Give the children stars to stick on the stars of the old heavens. Give them pretty colors of cotton, gauze, or foil to glue on the clouds of the new heaven and earth. Pastel marking pens and glitter can make pretty colors on the new heaven and new earth side of the necklace. If the children know the song "Old and New," they can sing the song while turning their necklaces from the old to the new side heaven side.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (2PET03ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the Memory Verse Song.

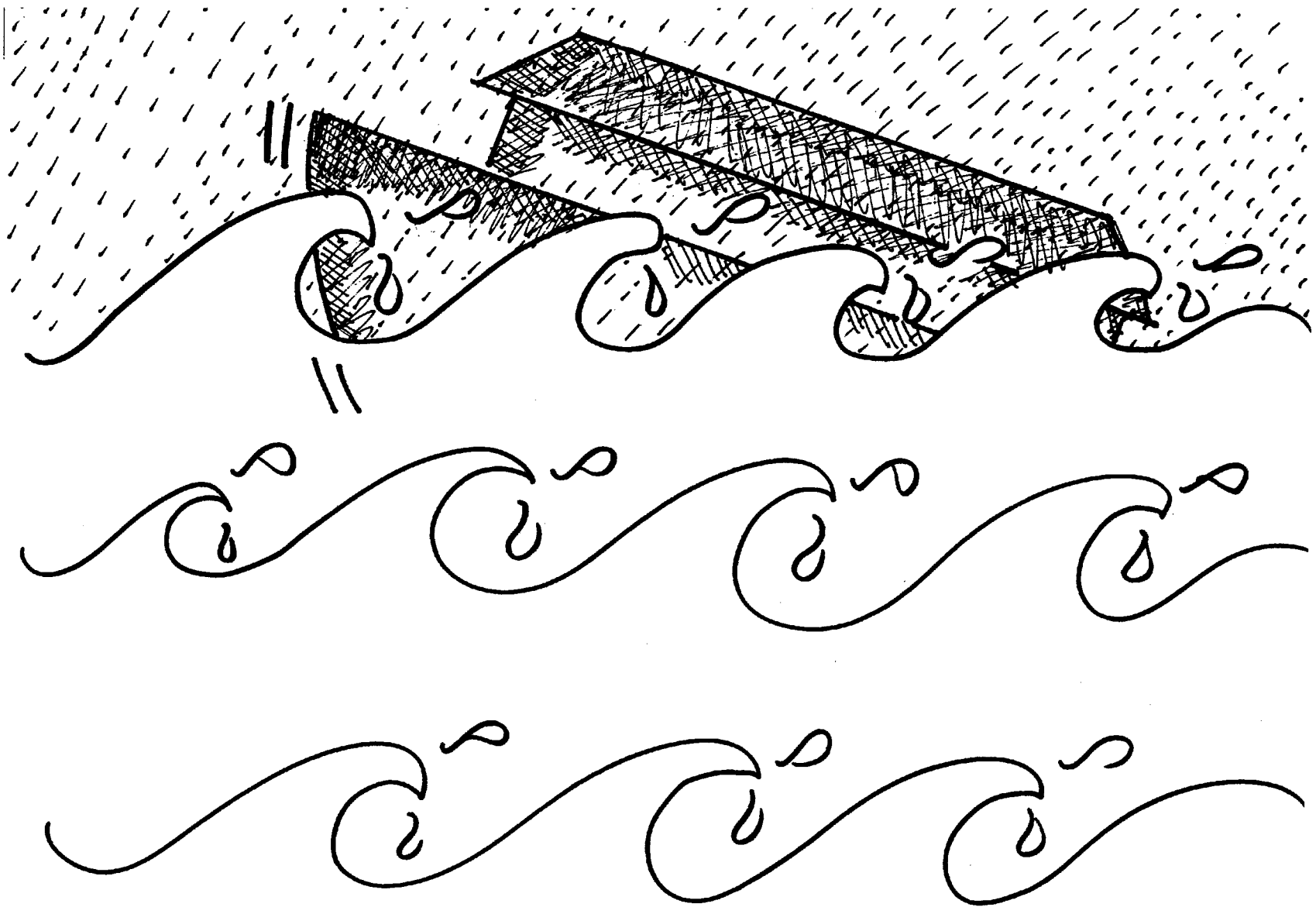
Judgment Day



Scoffers say that God will not punish sins on Judgment Day.



God created Adam and Eve; but when they disobeyed, He punished their sin. God always punishes sin.



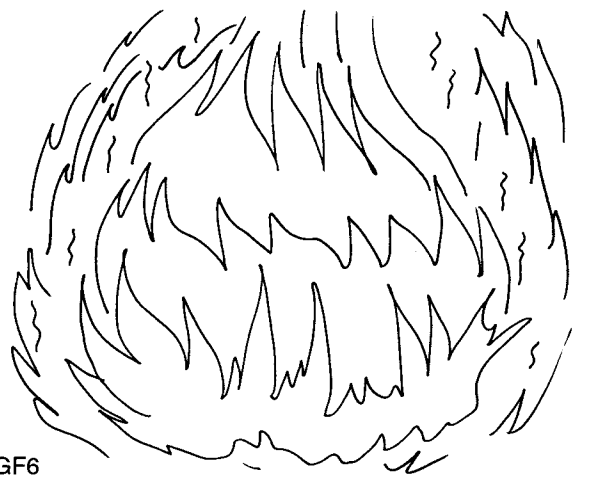
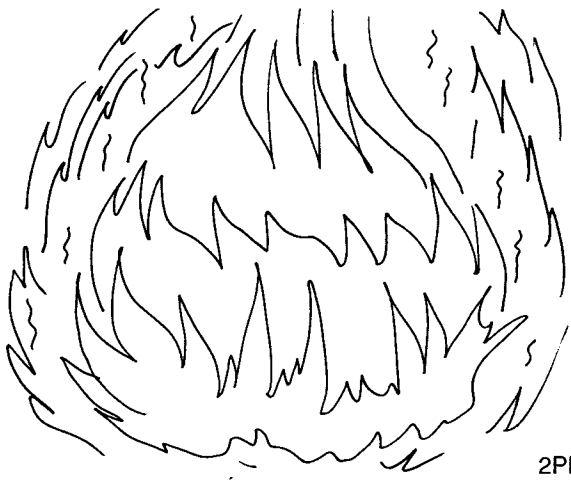
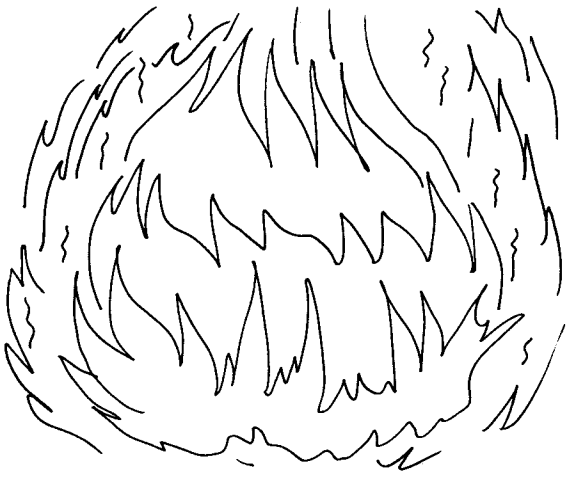
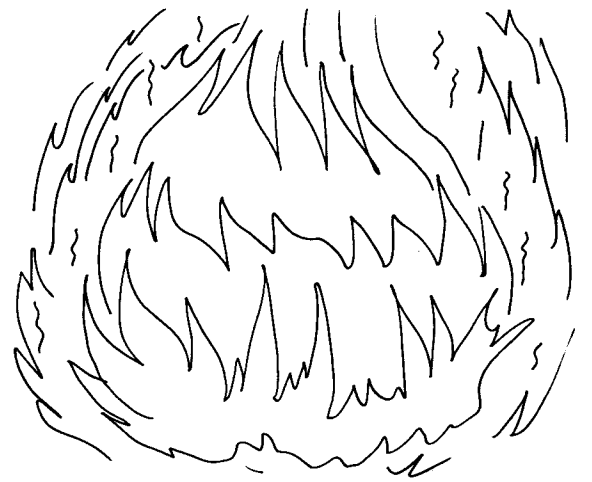
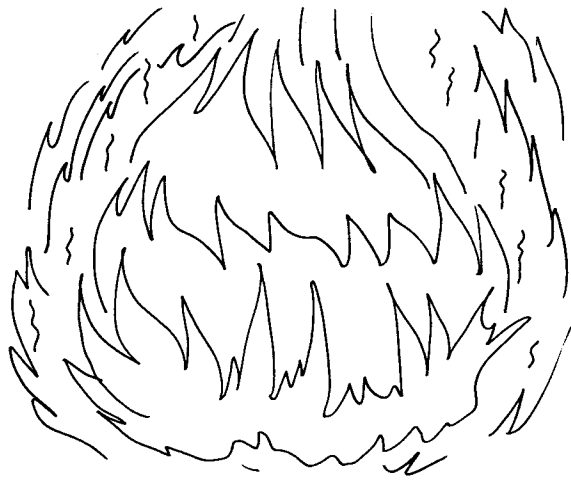
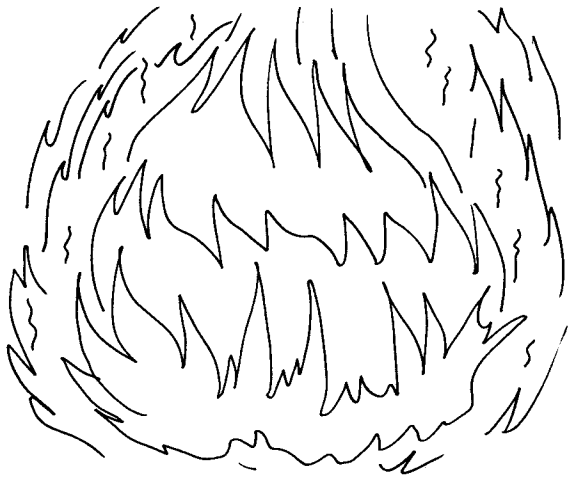
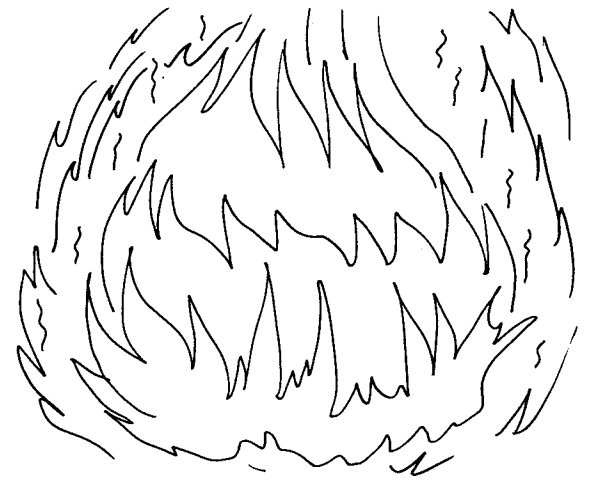
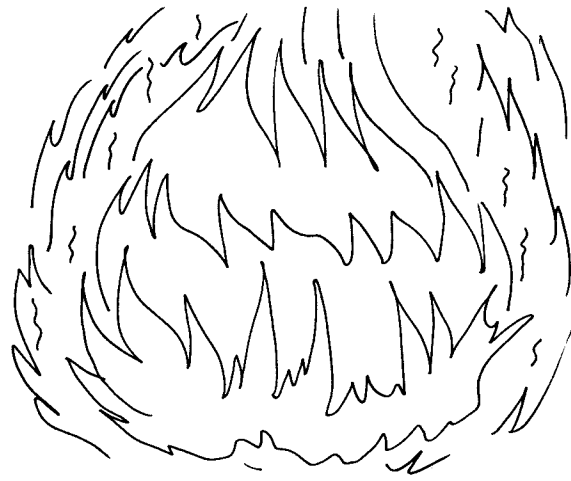
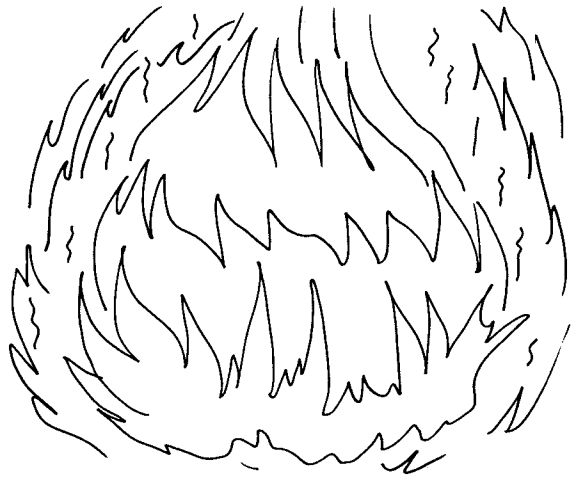
God told the sinful people of Noah's day that Judgment Day was coming. Only Noah and his family believed God and were safe on the ark when the flood came.



Peter says that the heavens and earth will burn with fire on Judgment Day.

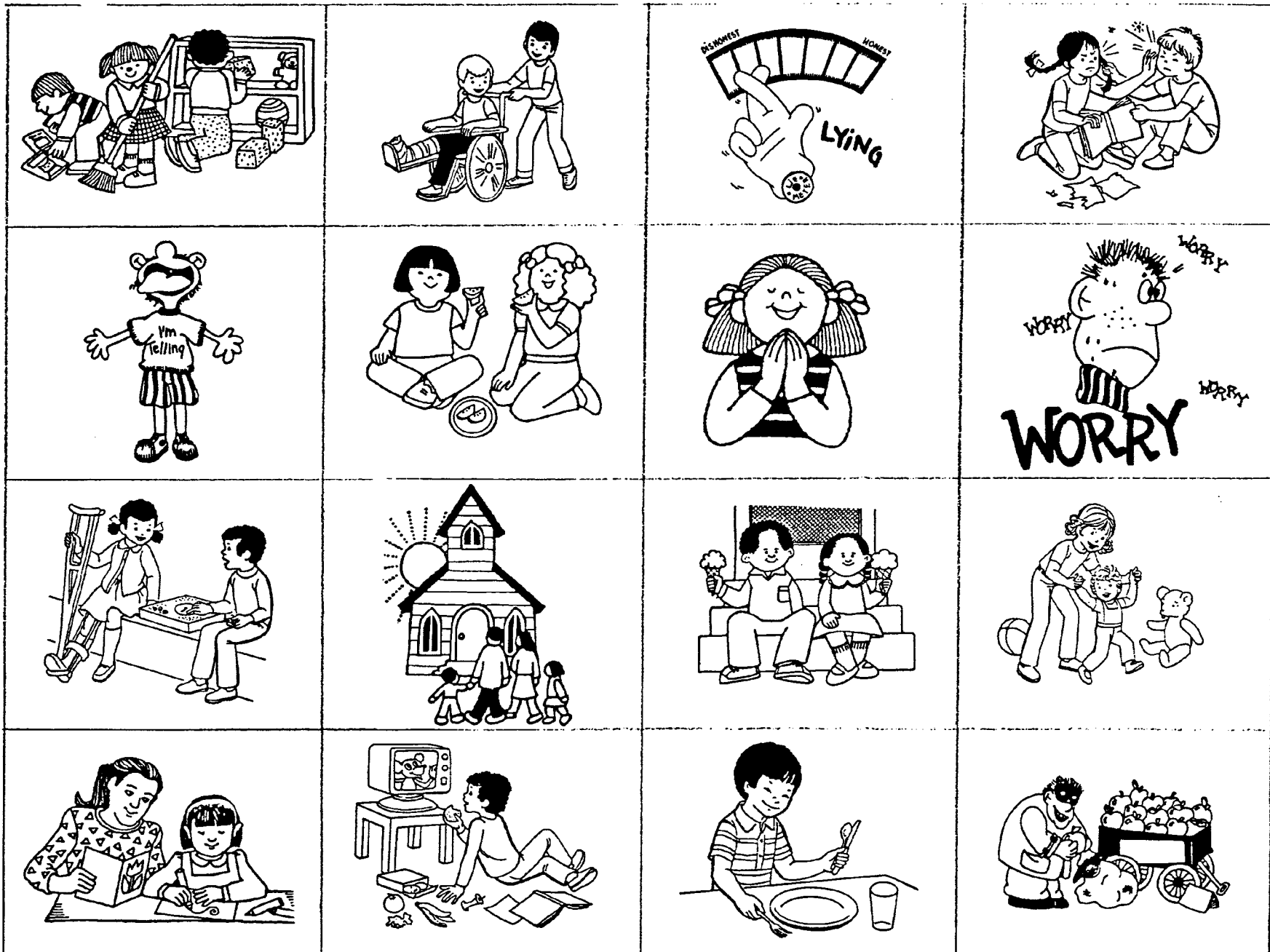


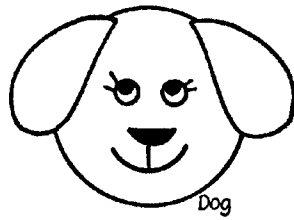
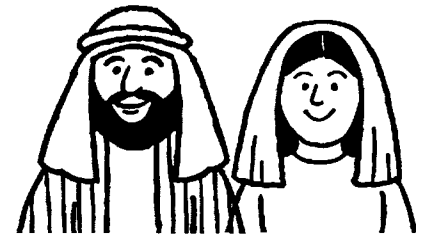
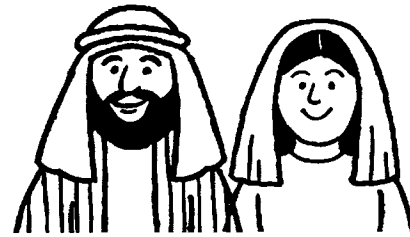
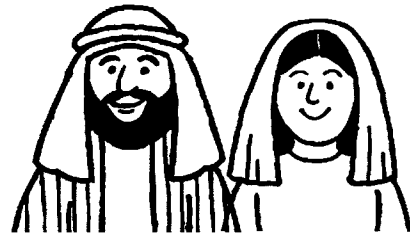
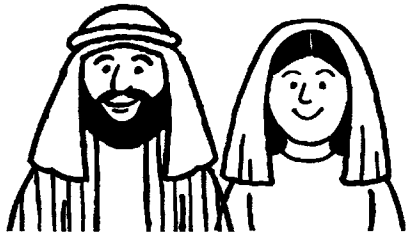
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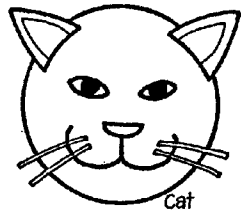
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Fruit Loop Bingo Game

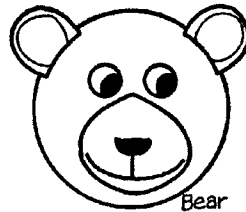




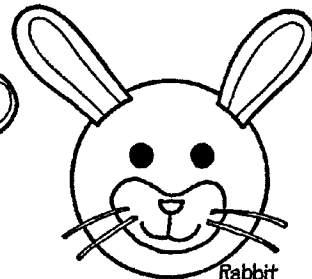
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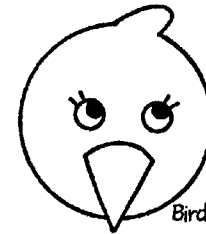
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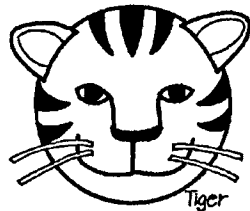
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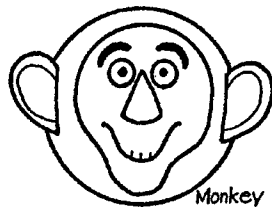
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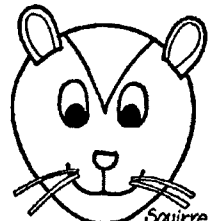
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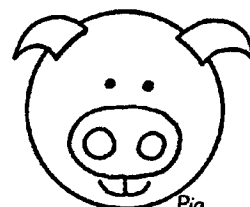
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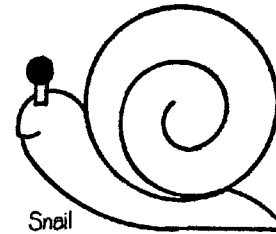
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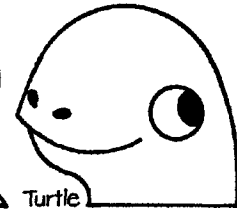
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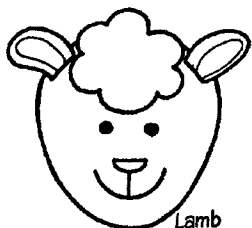
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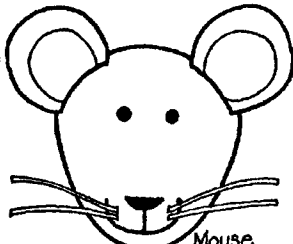
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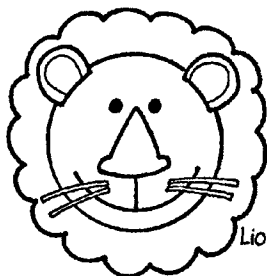
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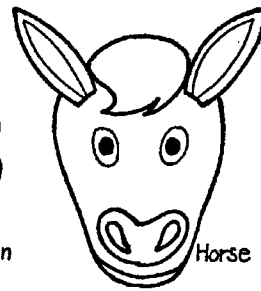
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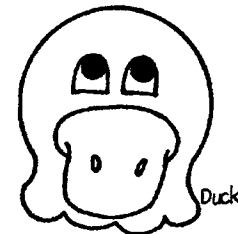
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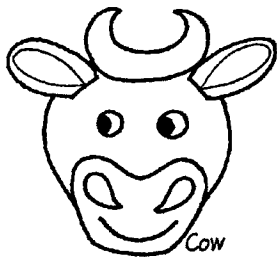
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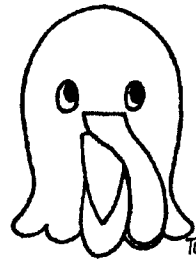
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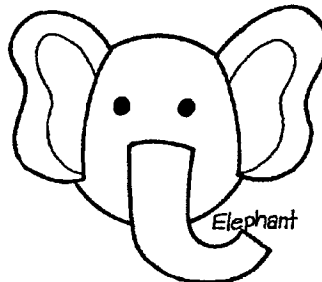
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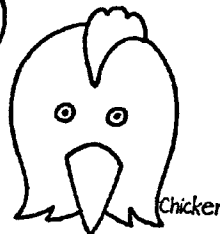
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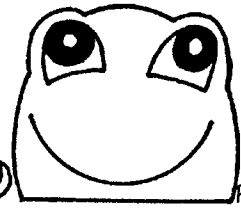
Elephant



Chicken



Caterpillar



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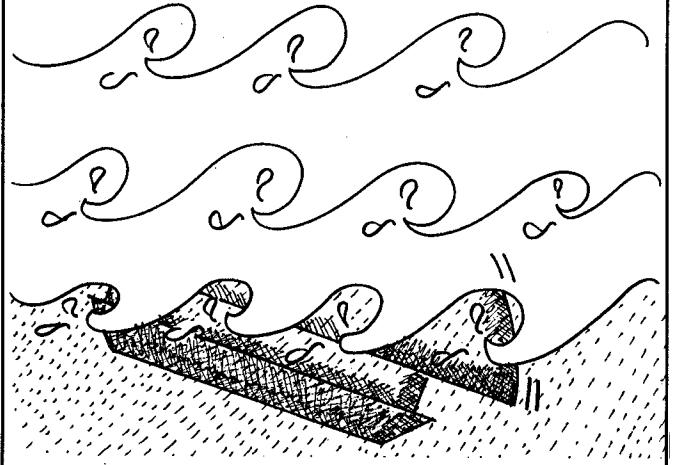
3. Tape a G6 fire "flap" over this picture.

When Judgment Day comes, fire will burn the heavens and earth.



2. Glue bits of blue paper on the water.

The people in Noah's day scoffed and said there would be no rain, but God kept His promise to punish sin.



2 Peter Truth Confronts False Teachers

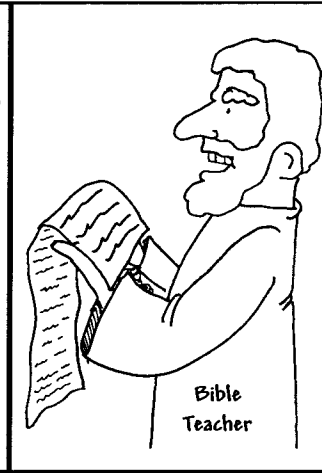


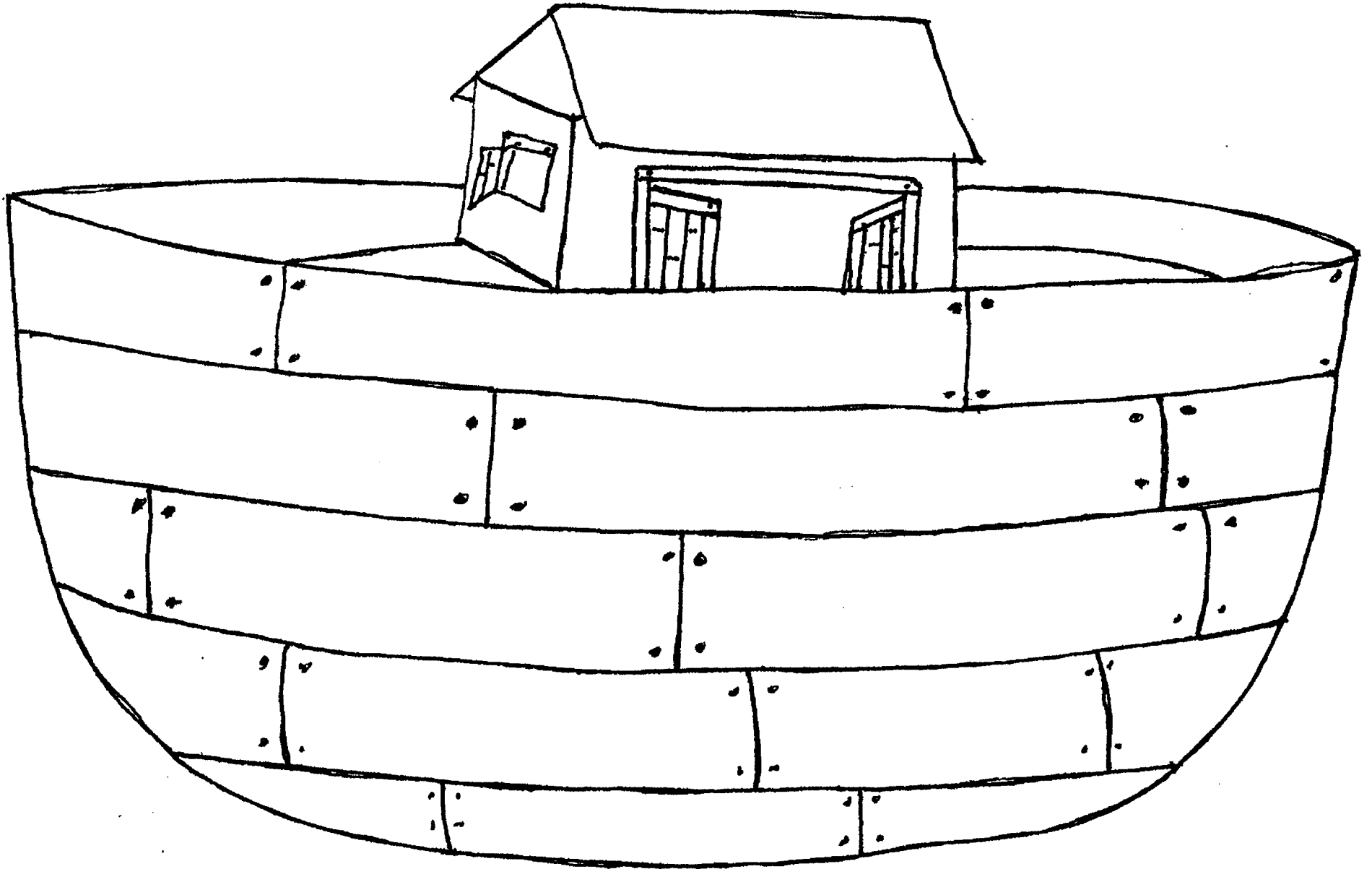
False teachers and scoffers say God will not punish sin on Judgment Day.

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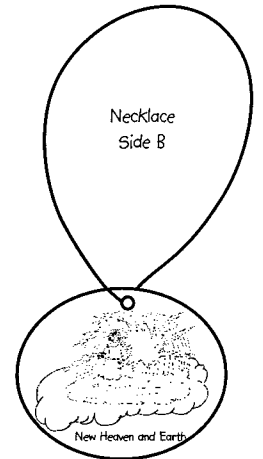
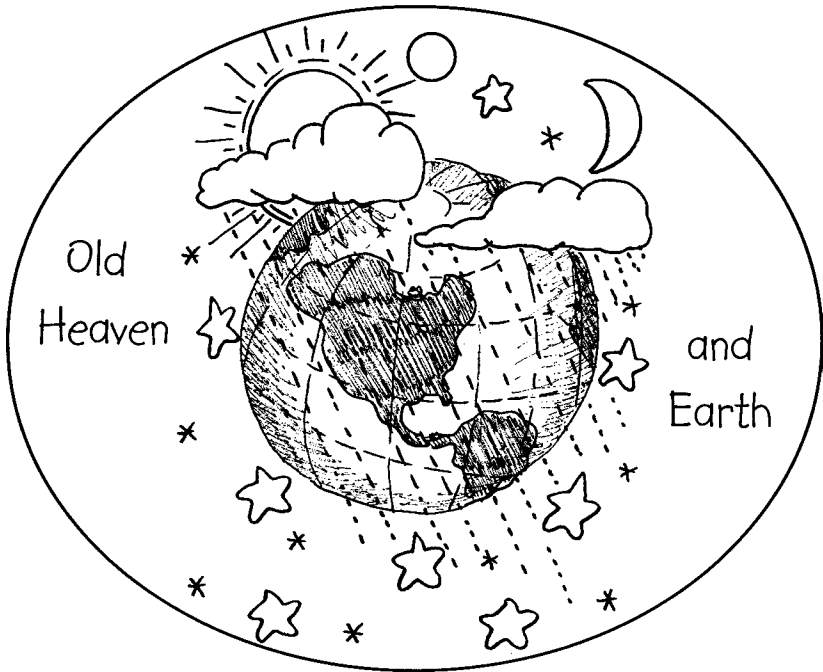
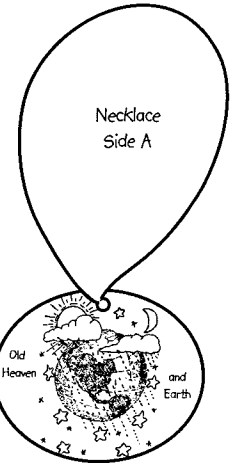
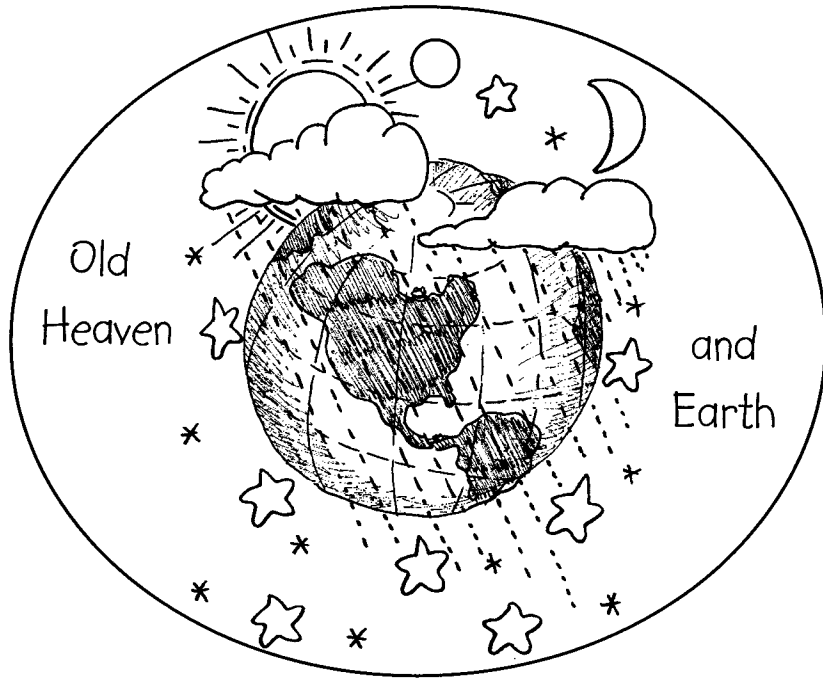
Peter tells us that God will make a beautiful new heaven and earth where those who love Jesus will live.

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God kept Noah and his family safe on the ark.



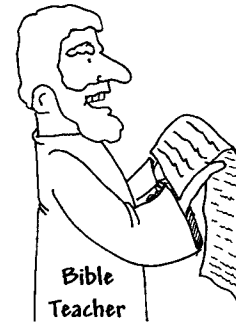


This is what I learned today!

Peter finished his second letter warning new Christians about scoffers. Scoffers are people who laugh at God and don't believe there will be a Judgment Day when God punishes sin. Peter reminds us that God punished people in Noah's day by sending a flood, and only Noah and his family were saved in that judgment. God always punishes sin. God has promised another Judgment Day for the earth. No one knows when that day will come, but we need to be ready. We can be ready by putting our faith in Jesus and receiving His new birth in our hearts. God will make a new heaven and a new earth that will shine with His glory. He will live there with His people and we will see Him face to face. We are not to listen to false teachers and scoffers, but we are to believe the truth found in the Bible.

2 Peter Memory Verse

His divine power has given us
everything we need for life
and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3



Truth
Confronts
False
Teachers



The theme of 2 Peter is "Truth Confronts False Teachers." Cut out the Bible teacher ("truth") and scoffer ("false teacher") above and tape each to a straw or stick to make puppets. Teach your children phrases that are true from the Bible, such as "Judgment Day will come someday," "God always punishes sin" or "God will make a new heaven and new earth." Each time the Bible Teacher puppet says a true statement, the scoffer says, "That's not true" or the opposite of what the Bible says. Reinforce the ideas that every word in the Bible is true and that God keeps His promises both to punish sin and to take care of those who love Jesus. The puppets can sing the following song:

Scoffers Say

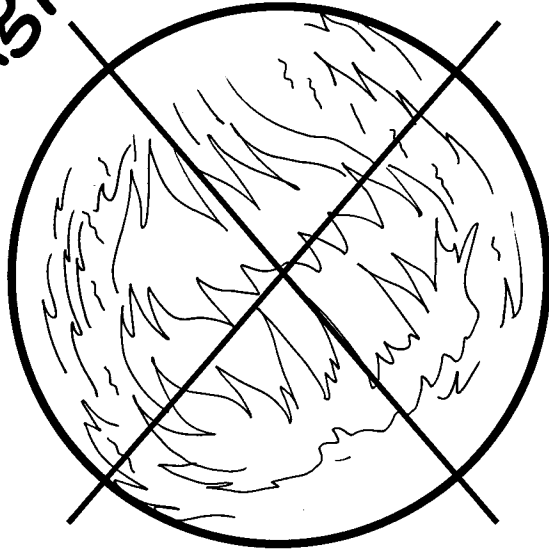
(tune: "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain")

Scoffers say that Judgment Day will never come. (No way!)
Scoffers say that Judgment Day will never come. (No way!)
They say everything will stay the same,
That Jesus will not come again,
That Judgment Day will never come.

Peter warns that Judgment Day will surely come. (Oh, yeah!)
Peter warns that Judgment Day will surely come. (Oh, yeah!)
Don't you listen to the scoffers; they will all be punished.
It's a promise--Judgment Day will come. (For sure!)

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.

Judgment Day



Scoffers say that God will not punish sin on Judgment Day.