

Materials I Need:

Memory Verse:

Two- and three-year-old verse: Jude 1:21: Keep yourselves in God's love.

Four- and five-year-old verse: Jude 1:21: Keep yourselves in God's love.

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. Did Jude write the Bible book named Jude? (Yes.)
2. Do God's true prophets tell us the true words of God? (Yes.)
3. Do "pretend prophets" tell lies about Jesus? (Yes. False prophets tell lies about Jesus and make up their own rules. This hurts people.)
4. Was Enoch a prophet who walked with God? (Yes.)

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. What is the name of the book we learned about today? (Jude)
2. What do God's true prophets say? (They tell us God's true words and promises.)
3. Do "pretend prophets" hurt the people in Jesus' church? (Yes. False prophets tell lies about Jesus and make up their own rules. This hurts people.)
4. Who did Jude say was a prophet who walked with God? (Enoch)
5. Who is the Good Shepherd who takes good care of us? (Jesus)

Hook:

Looking for False Prophets: Bring a pair of binoculars to class. Ask the class, "What are binoculars used for? Has anyone ever seen a bird that is far away with binoculars? What things have your parents seen with binoculars?" Then ask if anyone in the class has ever seen a pretend prophet with a pair of binoculars. The Bible story today will tell us how to watch out for pretend prophets without even using the binoculars you brought.

Pretending with Hats: Bring different hats and let children pretend to be someone else. Act like that person would act. Try and guess who the person might be. It is fun to pretend to be someone else but some people pretend to be good when people are watching but do wrong things when they think no one is watching. We should not listen to those people and do what they do. We listen to God's words so we can do the right things. Request the Hat Bin from the Children's Department.

Simon Says: Instead of "Simon Says," use "Godless Men Say" or "Godly Men Say!" When you give a selfish or disrespectful command by "godless men," the children should not obey. When you give a good command by "godly men," they should obey.

Bible Connect-the-Dot Page: (JUD01ECGF8 and JUD01ECGF11) As the children come into the room, let them connect the dots on the GF8 page to make a Bible. Copy the GF11 Bible memory verses on 3 1/3" x 4" laser labels to make stickers. Let each child put one on his page. Bring different colors and types of Bibles to show the kids it's not the shape or color of the Bible, but what's

inside. God's words are in the Bible. Put the different Bibles on the Connect-the-Dot page to see if they are the same size. Begin repeating the first part of the memory verse.

Shepherds Care For Their Sheep: (JUD01ECGF6) As the children color the picture and glue cotton to their sheep, talk about the different ways a shepherd cares for his sheep. Do our moms and dads take care of us like that, too? Is Jesus the best shepherd of all? Will He help us know the truth in the Bible?

Bible Book Center: Have two or three children's books about Noah and the Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah or other stories where prophets warned of evil. Read the books and talk about how God's true prophets tell people what He tells them to say.

④ **Erase-a-Sin:** Request the nine Etch-a-Sketch pads from the Children's Department. Let the children draw and erase things. Then, ask the children to draw a sheep drinking water and then sleeping. Talk about how a good shepherd cares for his sheep. Talk about how wolves try to come and grab a sheep away. The good shepherd chases the wolves away. Jude is writing that the false teachers who come into the church will hurt God's people, just like wolves hurt sheep. The good prophets in the Bible are good teachers who help people listen to God's Word and obey it.

④ **Catch the Thief Activity:** Give every child a large cardboard building block to hold. The Children's Department has a set available. Have the children come up one at a time to build a tall tower. Before they begin building, tell the children to watch out for something that could happen. Watch out for another teacher who is pretending to be a thief. Have a class helper come and steal some bricks while the children are building the tower. When all the bricks are gone, show the children who it was that was pretending to steal the bricks and where the bricks were put. Jude tells us to watch out for false teachers who try to sneak into the church and hurt people by teaching lies about God.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Color and mount the **JUD01ECGF1, JUD01ECGF2, JUD01ECGF3, JUD01ECGF4, JUD01ECGF5, JUD01ECGF6, and JUD01ECGF7** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure.

Use a puppet to tell the story. The human teacher can tell God's words from the Bible. The puppet can enter after awhile saying, "Don't believe in Jesus! Grumble, grumble, grumble! I don't want to eat my cereal!" Have the puppet scream when you speak of not having self-control.

Look through magazines and see if you can find two identical faces from the ads in the magazines. If you can't find identical faces, cut out two that look very similar. Glue each face to the outside of separate grocery sacks. Ask the children to identify similarities. Tell the children to pretend the grocery sacks are real people who have come to visit the class. Set the sacks in front of you as you tell the story.

Bring an envelope with a letter-sized piece of paper, with Jude written at the top. Now point to the place in your Bible where Jude is written. This morning, God has some things to tell us from a new letter in the Bible. This letter is called Jude. Guess who wrote it? Not Peter, but a man named Jude. Jude was Jesus' half-brother.

Make a "bookworm" book marker to use during the story. Paint an ice cream stick with poster paint or marker. Glue a pompom at one end for the head. Add other details like spots to the stick. Cut a small piece of pipe cleaner in the shape of antennae, and glue it to the head. Glue on two moveable craft eyes. Mark Jude in your Bible and let a child turn to it.

④ Illustrate the erasing of sin by erasing a chalk mark from the chalkboard.

④ Write the words Faith, Jesus, Bible, and Truth in large letters on separate sheets of paper. These words will go into one of the paper sacks you showed during the Hook time. Put all the good words into the same sack. Also write down the words No Faith, Made Up Promises, Grumbling, and Complaining. Place these words into the other sack as you tell about pretend teachers and false prophets. Leave the words in the sacks. You will use them later during Took time.

- ④ Ask a stranger to come into the class and say he is the real teacher who will teach them today. He gets out a fairy tale book and tells the children that today's story is true. He makes a big deal out of opening his fairy tale book and telling the children that he wants them to hear the truth. If the children don't protest, another of the teachers should interrupt the false teacher and ask him what he is teaching the children. Is this story really the truth? Ask the children if they think "Little Red Riding Hood" is a true story. How do we know if a Bible School teacher is teaching the truth? He is telling the truth if he teaches what the Bible says.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the JUD01ECGF1 picture.) This morning God has some things to tell us from a new letter in the Bible. This letter is called Jude. (Ask the children to say "Jude" several times.) Jude wrote the book of Jude. Jude was Jesus' half-brother. Children, what is written in Jude's letter is important for us. It is something God wants us to know. Let's quiet ourselves and ask God to give us self-control to listen very carefully. (Teachers, you might want to use the song:)

Open, shut them. Open, shut them. Give a little clap! (Open and shut your fists, then clap your hands.)
Open, shut them. Open, shut them.

(Quiet your voice way down)

Fold them in your lap.

Jude wants us to know that God makes promises in the Bible, and God always keeps His promises.

(Show the JUD01ECGF2 picture.) When Daddy says that after you and he finish working in the yard, he will take you to the park and get an ice cream cone, Daddy does what he says, so you can trust him. You know when Daddy says he will do something, he does it. You have faith in your dad's word. Jude says to have faith in your heavenly Father's Word, the Bible (hold up your Bible), and only listen to the prophets in the Bible.

(Show the JUD01ECGF3 picture.) When Mommy tells you that after you take your bath and get your pajamas on, she will read you a story, she does. She is keeping her word to you. You learn to trust and believe Mommy and Daddy when they say something to you. You have faith in your mommy's word. Jude says to have faith in God's Word because God always does what He says.

I love to learn more about God in His big letter to us, the Bible. When I believe these true facts about Jesus and what God says, it is called **faith** in God. It's deep inside of my heart. We can be full of faith because God is faithful to keep His promises.

(Show the JUD01ECGF5 picture.) Not all people keep their promises. Not all people tell the truth. Jude wants us to know that there are people who are "pretend prophets" who tell lies about Jesus.

Do you know what pretending means? When you are playing with your friends and you play cowboys or you play house and have a tea party, you are pretending to be like someone else. Pretend prophets don't have faith in Jesus. They make up their own rules so they can get more things for themselves. They say, "It's okay to be selfish. It's okay to try to get my own way all the time." They do whatever they feel like doing and complain if things don't go their way.

(Show the JUD01ECGF7 picture.) Jude wants us to listen to Bible prophets like Enoch, a true prophet who walked with God. Walking with God means we obey rather than have a grumbling and complaining attitude. God helps us have a good attitude. We can be full of faith in God, like Enoch.

Prayer: Dear God, I trust Your promises in the Bible. I don't want to listen to pretend prophets and false teachers who grumble and complain. I want to have faith in You and your Word every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the JUD01ECGF1 picture.) This morning God has some things to tell us from a new letter in the Bible. This letter is called Jude. (Ask the children to say "Jude" several times.) Who wrote the letter called Jude? Jude did. Jude was Jesus' half-brother. Children, what is written in Jude's letter is important for us. It is something God wants us to know. Let's quiet ourselves and ask God to give us self-control to listen very carefully. (Teachers, you might want to use the song:)

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(Show the JUD01ECGF4 picture.) The Bible says we all need Jesus because we have all done something wrong against God. Every person has done something that God says is wrong. God calls these wrong things sin. God tells us this in the Bible, so we can believe it.

God says there is one way my sin can be erased. *(Illustrate by erasing a chalk mark on the chalkboard.)* Do you know how our sin is erased? It is not erased with a chalk eraser. The Bible tells you that Jesus died on the cross to erase your sins, my sins, and your daddies' and mommies' sins. You can believe and trust this because God means what He says. And that's not all. God is so great, so strong, and so powerful that He gave life back to Jesus. Wow! And that's still not all! Someday, Jesus is coming back to get us. Yeah! You can believe this. Why? God always keeps His Word. Isn't God wonderful?

I love to learn more about God in His big letter to us, the Bible. When I believe these true facts about Jesus and what God says, it is called **faith** in God. It's deep inside of my heart. We can be full of faith because God is faithful to keep His promises.

(Show the JUD01ECGF5 picture.) Not all people keep their promises. Not all people tell the truth. Jude wants you and me to know that there are people who don't want us to have faith in God. They want to tear down God's ideas in the Bible.

Jude says in his letter to watch out for "pretend prophets" who tell lies about Jesus, that we don't have to obey Him. Do you know what pretending means? When you are playing with your friends and you play cowboys or you play house and have a tea party, you are pretending to be like someone else. Pretend prophets and pretend teachers think they are smart and know the truth but they don't have faith in Jesus. They make up their rules instead of learning about God's true promises in the Bible. They say, "It's okay to be selfish." They want to get more things for themselves. They do whatever they feel like doing and complain if things don't go their way.

(Show the JUD01ECGF6 picture.) The pretend teachers and pretend prophets pretend that they want to help the church family but they only cause trouble. They grumble and complain and get other people grumbling and complaining. They tear down God's true promises if they can. They say God's promises don't come true. Jude said that these pretend prophets who should be like good shepherds are actually like wolves who hurt the sheep.

(Show the JUD01ECGF7 picture.) Jude wants us to remember what the true prophets say in the Bible. He wants us to learn everything we know about God from the Bible. He wants us to listen to Bible prophets and be like Enoch, a true prophet who walked with God. Walking with God means we stay by Him and have faith in Him. Walking with God means we let Him help us use self-control and show respect rather than having a grumbling and complaining attitude. God helps us when we ask. We can be full of faith in God.

Prayer: Dear God, I trust Your promises in the Bible. I don't want to listen to pretend prophets and false teachers who grumble and complain. I want to have faith in You and Your Word every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Look:



Toilet Paper Tube Prophet Puppets: (JUD01ECGF10) Assist the children in constructing "Prophet Puppets." Remind the children that God's true prophets speak God's true promises. Review the Aim Questions as they work. Sing the second verse of "Enoch Walked with God" as the children make the "truth" come from the prophet's mouth.



Bible Verse Game Center: Have the children sit in a circle cross-legged. A large masking tape circle on the floor helps. Stand in the center of the circle and tell the children that it is fun to pretend if you are not a pretend teacher or false prophet. This is a pretend game that will help the class to remember the Bible verse. Teacher will point to a child and say, "Pretend to be a dog." You could

use the bookworm bookmark to point. The child stands and makes a doggy sound, then sits down. Point to another child and use another animal. Do this a few times. Then point to all the boy children and say, "Be a boy!" Have all the boys stand and say the Bible verse together. Do the same later with the girls.

Walk with God Activity Page: (JUD01ECGF7 and JUD01ECGF11) Give each child a GF7 page of Enoch walking with God. Copy the GF11 Bible memory verses on 3 1/3" x 4" laser labels to make stickers. Each child can put God's Word sticker in the corner of the GF7 page. Let the children make a thumbprint path from Enoch to the Bible sticker. We walk with God by listening to His words in the Bible and by obeying them.

Snack Center: Make popcorn ahead of time to share with the class. See if the children can find any unpopped kernels of corn. "The little kernels are not yet real popcorn, and you cannot eat them without hurting a tooth. Eating popcorn that isn't really popped corn can hurt you. Pretend teachers and false prophets can be real people, but they are not real Bible teachers because they do not say the truth in the Bible. We should not listen to them when they tell lies. We should listen to God's words in the Bible."

Walking with God Activity: Make a path with masking tape around the room or down the hall with a "Y" at various intervals. When you come to the "Y," ask the children which way to go. Have a "false prophet" at the "Y" who is encouraging the children to go one direction. They will make a promise that is wrong or that they can't keep. Place a Bible promise and the memory verse on the other path. Continue along the path until you come to your heavenly mansion home. Sing "Enoch Walked with God" as you go along. Give each child a pretend room where they can enjoy a little surprise you have prepared for them.

Game: Instead of "Duck, Duck, Goose," say "False, False, True." Give the child a Bible verse sticker on his hand when he returns to his place after being tapped with the truth.

Get the Wiggles Out: Crouch down as small as you can on the floor. Say "False Prophet, False Prophet, Jesus Follower!" Jump up on "Jesus Follower" and walk, run, skip, or hop in place.

Songs:

God Said It in the Bible (tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")
God said it in the Bible
Now I know it's true.
I want to be full of faith.
So do you and you.

Enoch Walked with God (Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")
Enoch walked with God.
Enoch walked with God
Enoch listened to God's Word,
Enoch walked with God.


Jude walked with God.
Jude walked with God.
He told the truth about God's Word,
Jude walked with God.





Took:

Missionary Center: Build a pretend train out of two rows of children's chairs wrapped in butcher paper. Draw train wheels, a cow catcher, and a steam engine onto the butcher paper. Let the

children help color the train if you like. Make a conductor's hat out of black construction paper. Let the children pretend to ride on the train into the mountains. They are missionaries going to tell other boys and girls about Jesus' true words in the Bible. Choose one child to be the conductor and say, "BOOOOard!" The other children in the train can make train sounds. Make up pretend obstacles along the way. The train has to stop and start again. Change conductors periodically.

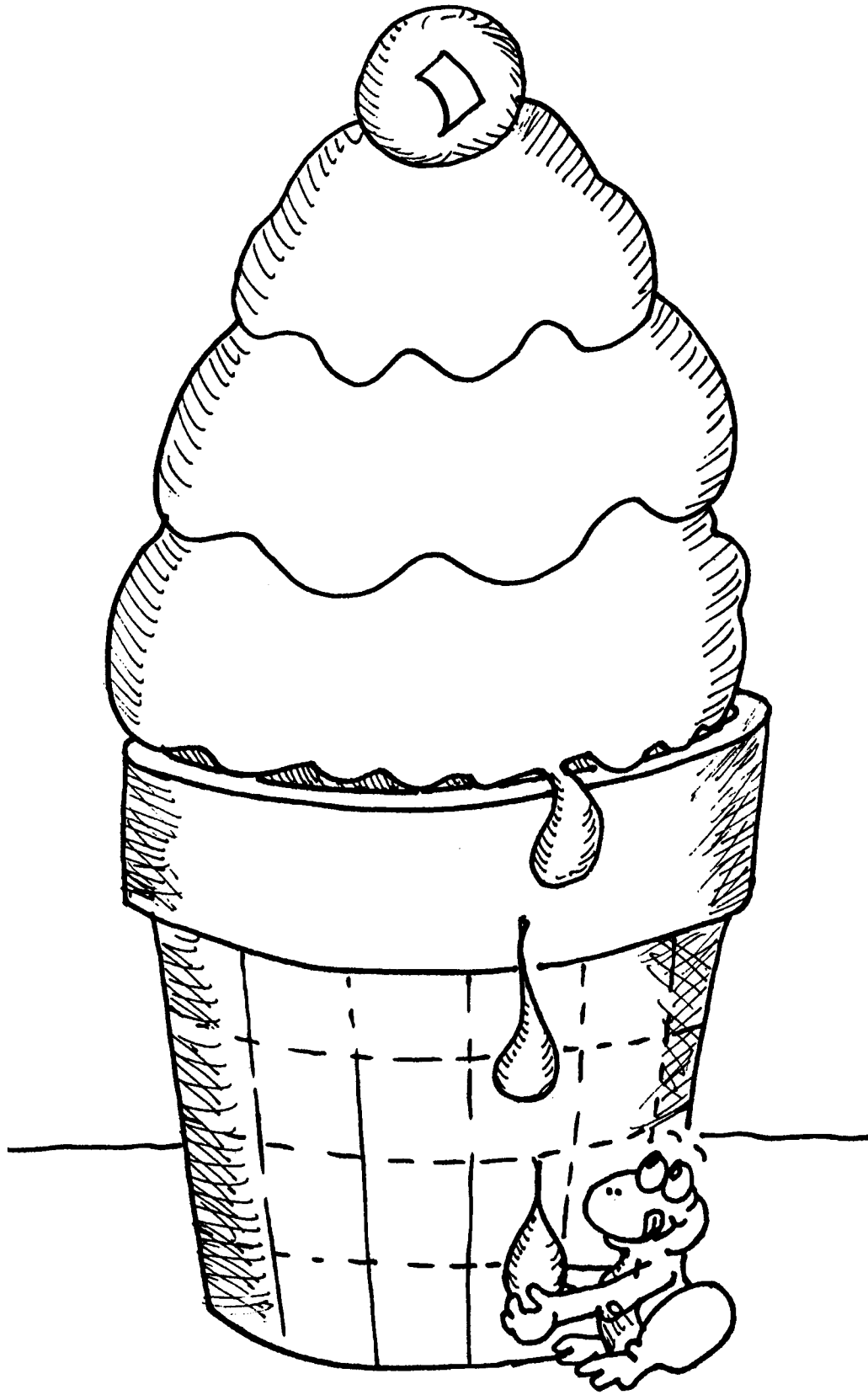
 **Bible Bookworm:** Paint an ice-cream stick with poster paint and let it dry. Glue a pompom at one end for the head. Add other details to the ice-cream stick with a marker. Cut a small piece of chenille stick. Bend it in the shape of antennae and glue it to the head. Glue on moveable plastic eyes. Write the Bible verse on the Bible Bookworm so the children can put it in a Bible when they get home. Every day they can go to the Bible and remember that God keeps His promises. Practice the verse so they will be able to tell their moms and dads.

 **“Walk With God” Door Hanger: (JUD01ECGF9)** The children may color and cut out the GF9circles that show what children can do with their hands and feet. Tape one end of a ribbon to one of the circles and the other end of the ribbon to the other circle. Talk about where feet go when they walk with God. (They go where their parents tell them to go.) Talk about how we use our hands if we are hanging onto God and His Word. What promises must we keep remembering? The children can take their door hangers home and hang them on their door handles to remind them of God's true promises in the Bible.

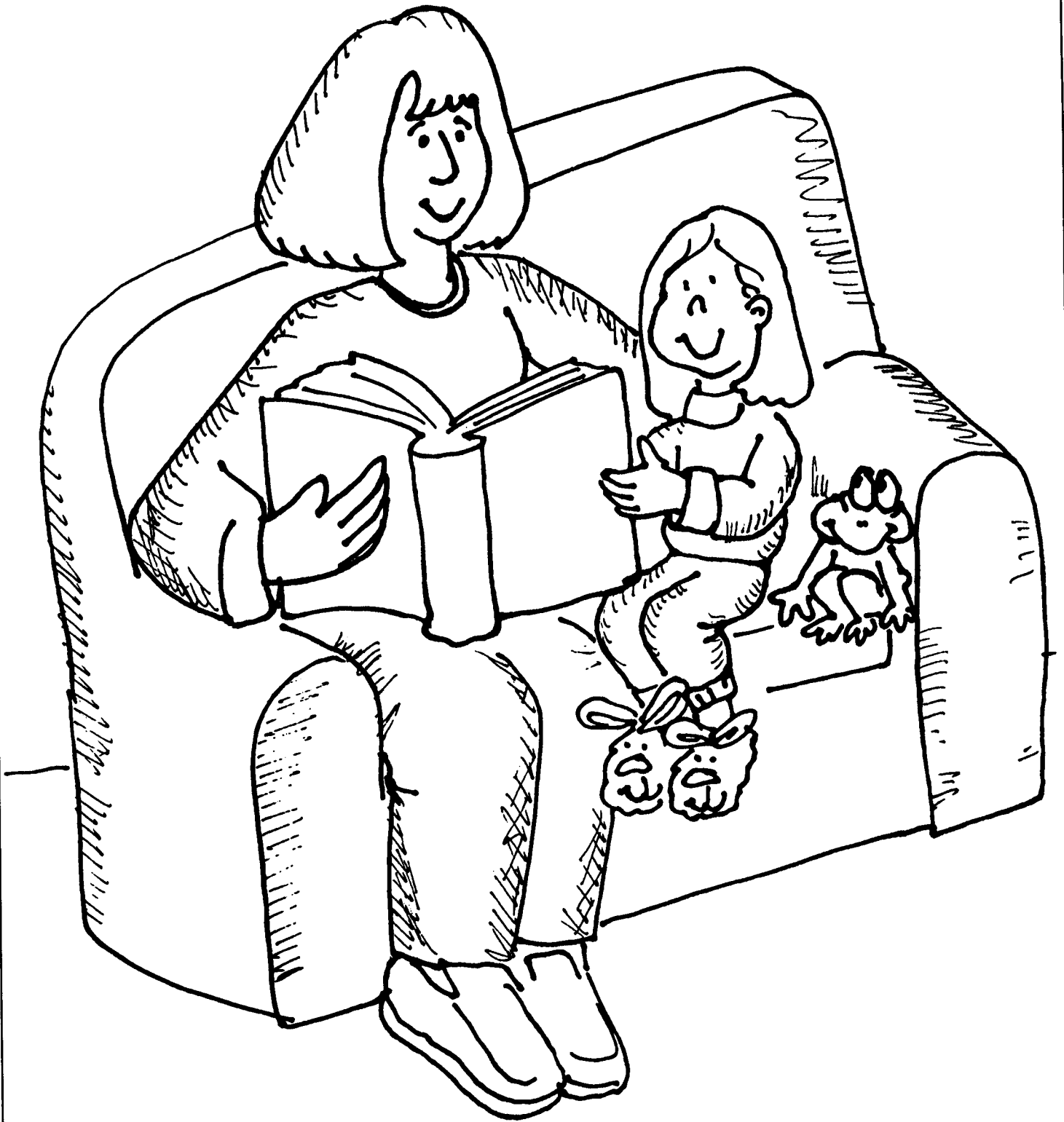
 **Preschool Page for Parents: (JUD01ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



Jude wrote the book of Jude in the Bible.

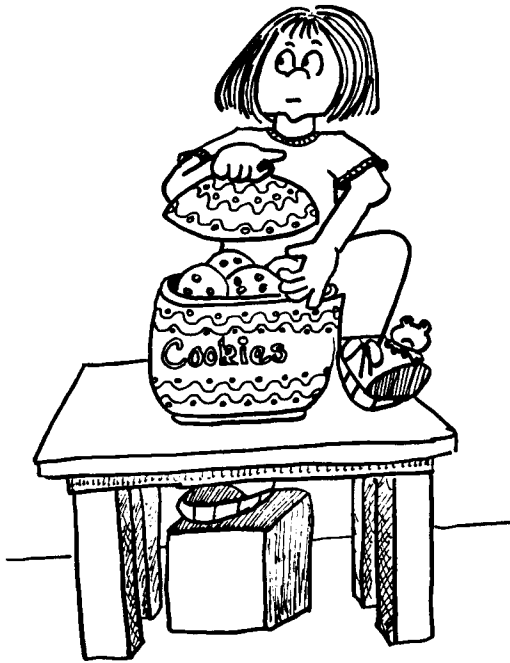


When your *dad* promises you an ice cream cone,
he keeps his promise.



When your mom promises to read a book
to you, she keeps her promise.

Sin is anything God says is wrong.



Taking a cookie when
mom says "no"



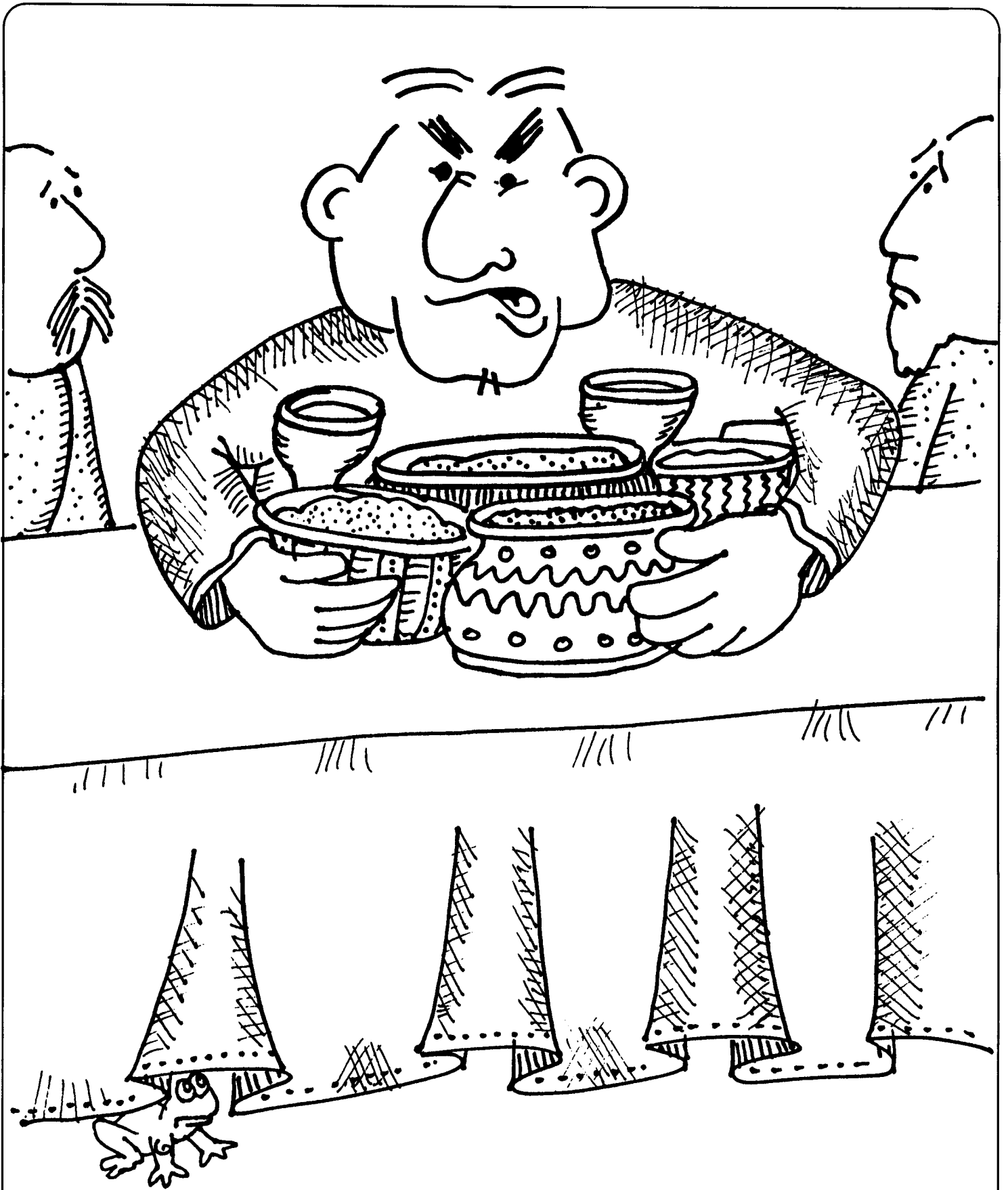
Throwing a temper tantrum



Stealing fruit from a
neighbor's tree



Hurting someone



Pretend prophets tell lies about Jesus so they can keep more things for themselves.

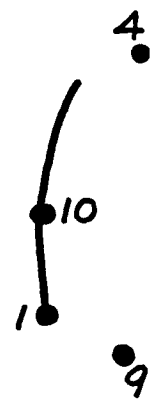
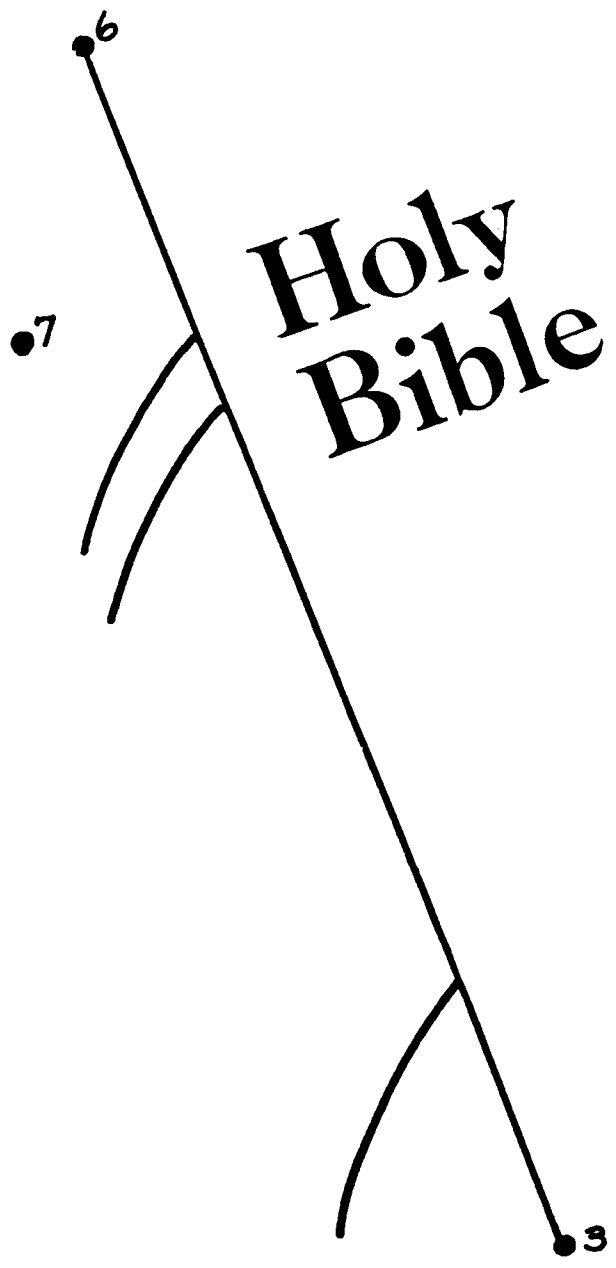


A true prophet is like a good shepherd
who takes good care of his sheep.



Enoch was a true prophet who walked with God.

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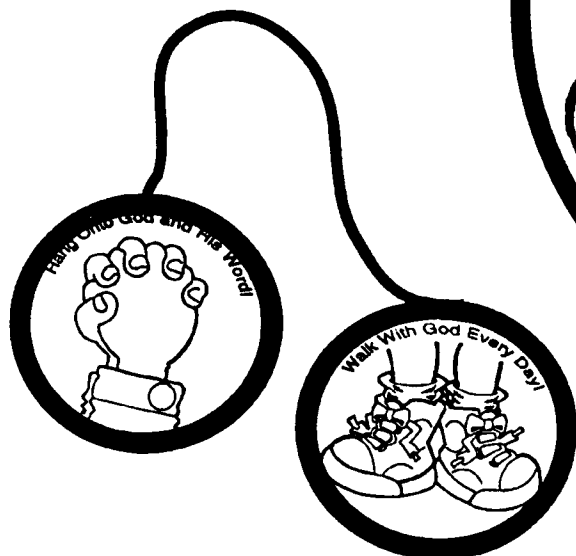


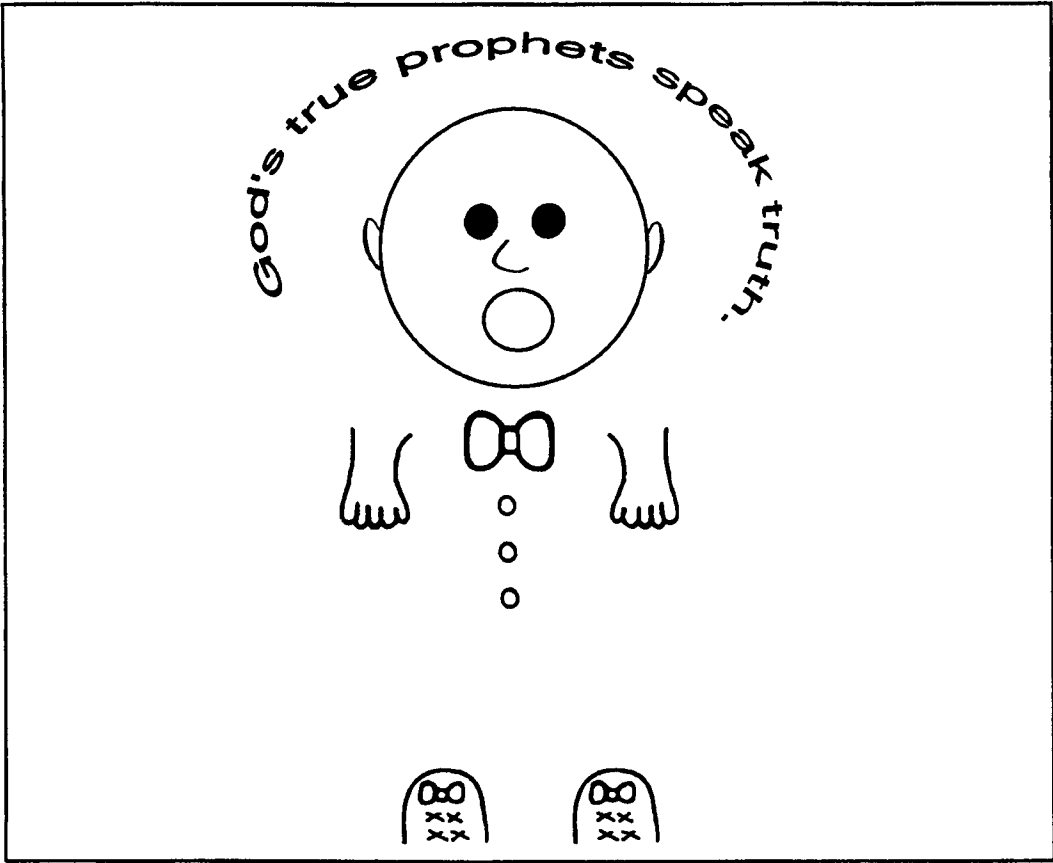
Walk with God and Hang On to His Word

Color and cut out the circles that show what children can do with their hands and feet.

Tape one end of a ribbon or string to one of the circles and the other end of the ribbon to the other circle.

Wear the ribbon around the neck. Hang it at home as a reminder that God keeps His promises.

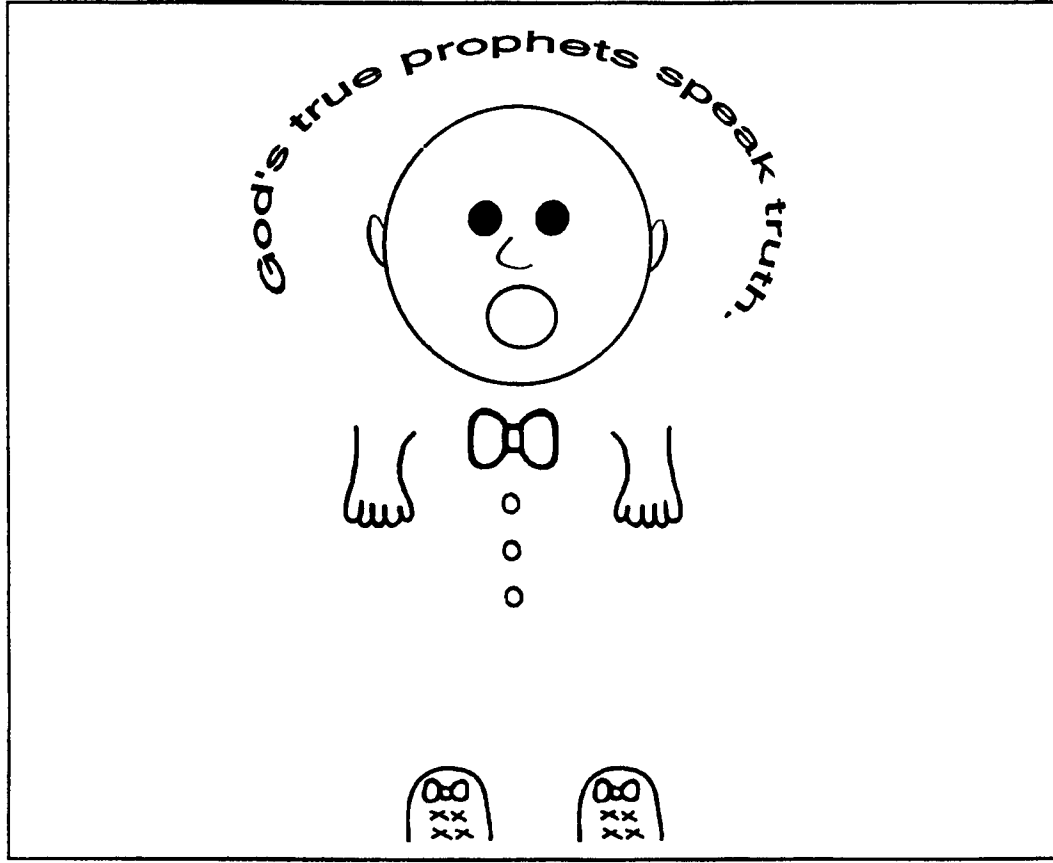




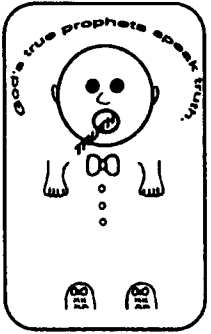
Prophet Puppet

Let the children decorate the prophet. Glue the paper around a toilet paper tube. Punch a hole through the mouth. Feed a 6 inch pipe cleaner through the mouth so that it can be moved in and out. Tape the word TRUTH around the end of the pipe cleaner. It will appear as though TRUTH is coming out of the prophet's mouth.

This page makes 2 "prophet" puppets.



Sample Below

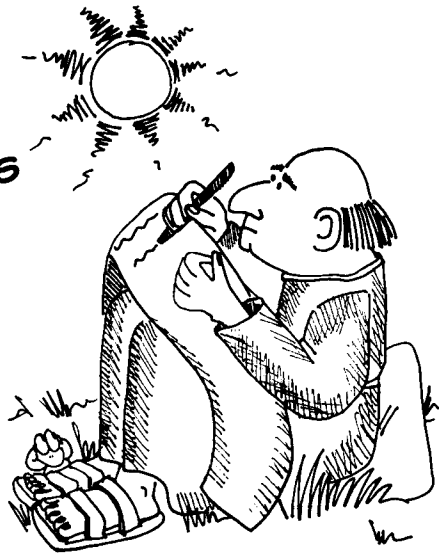


TRUTH

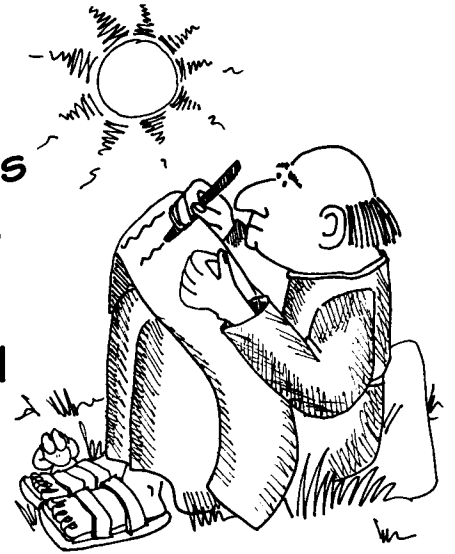
TRUTH

↑ Wrap the TRUTH strip around the end of a 6-inch pipe cleaner.

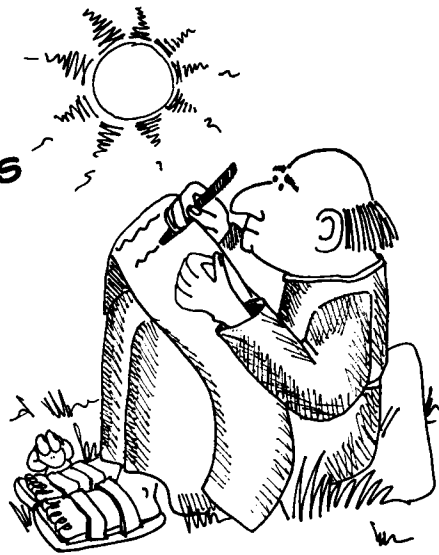
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Jude 1:21



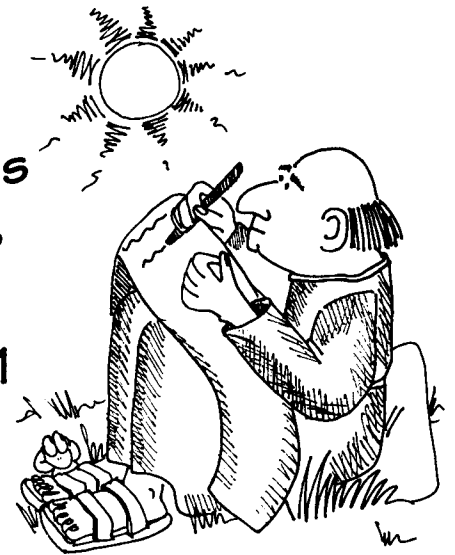
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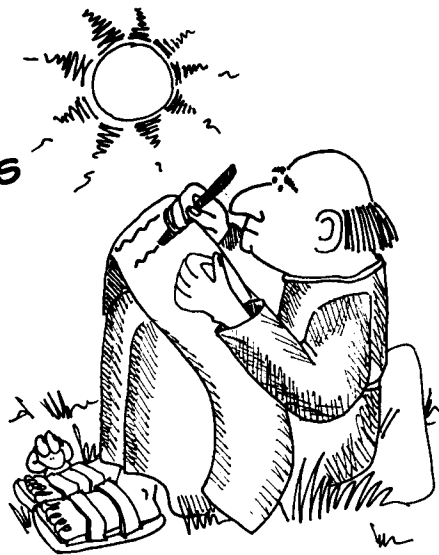
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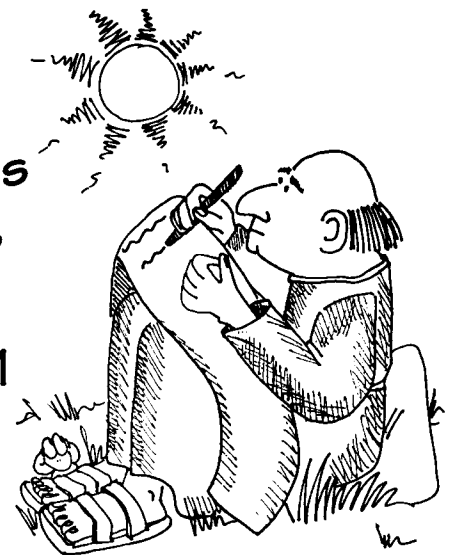
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This is what I learned today!

Today, the children learned that Jude wrote a letter warning people not to listen to pretend prophets who make up their own rules instead of taking God's rules from the Bible. These false prophets grumbled and complained at church gatherings, trying to get more things for themselves. They got other people in the church to grumble and complain, too.

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was a true prophet who warned against the same kind of people, those who flatter people for their own advantage.

Today's Memory Verse:

**Keep yourselves
in God's love.
Jude 1:21**

**No more
whining and
grumbling!**



This week at home, highlight the Jude teaching that selfishness, grumbling, and complaining should not be part of God's family attitudes. Practice a family signal for whining, like a cranky look while saying "Gr-r-r-r" or some variation of the word "grumble."

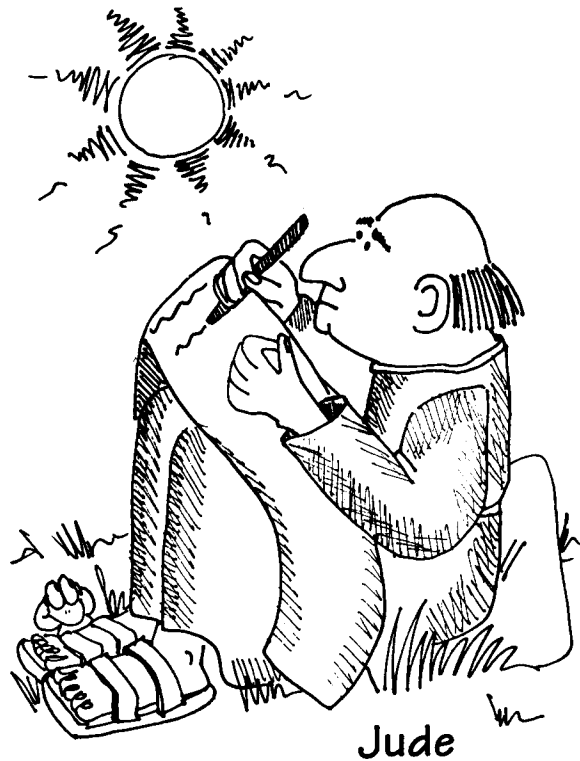
If anyone is caught whining or being selfish, get the whole family involved in the "family signal" until everyone is smiling. Have the offender say the memory verse. Say the verse together several times. Parents, you have to catch yourselves, too.

Enoch Walked with God

(tune: "Farmer in the Dell")

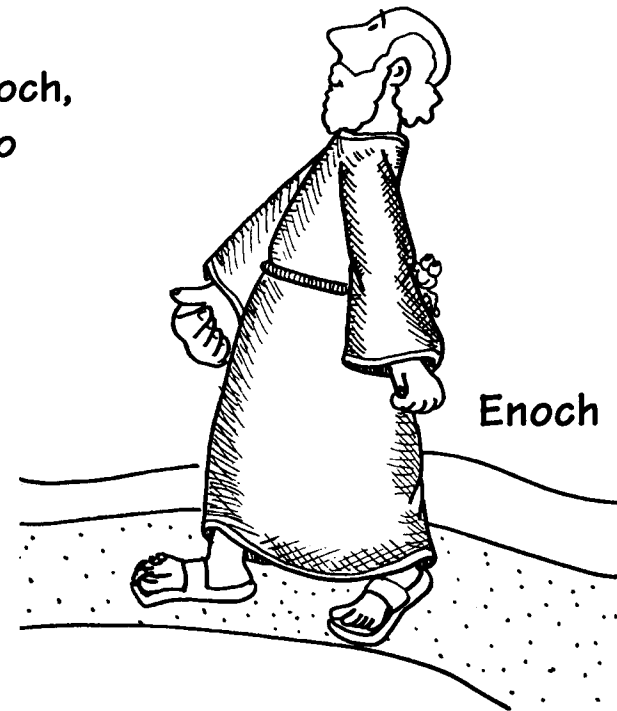
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Jude

Jude wrote about Enoch,
a true prophet who
walked with God.



Enoch

False
Prophet



Jude warned against
pretend prophets
who follow their
own selfish desires.