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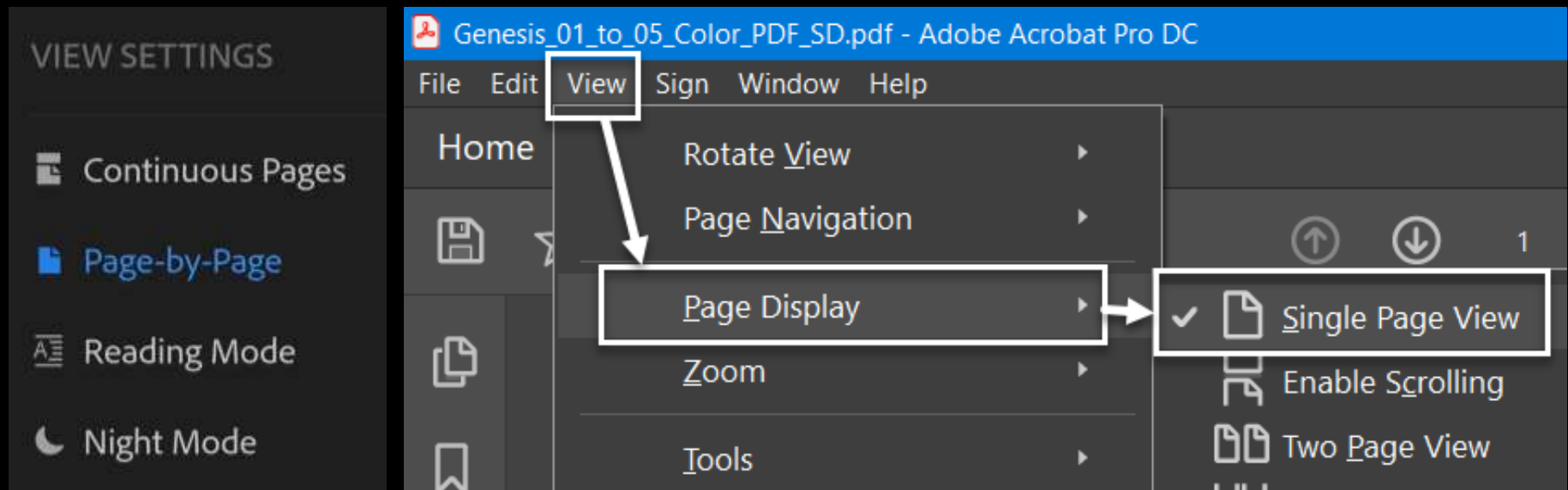
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Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep and God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters.

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."

Genesis 2:18

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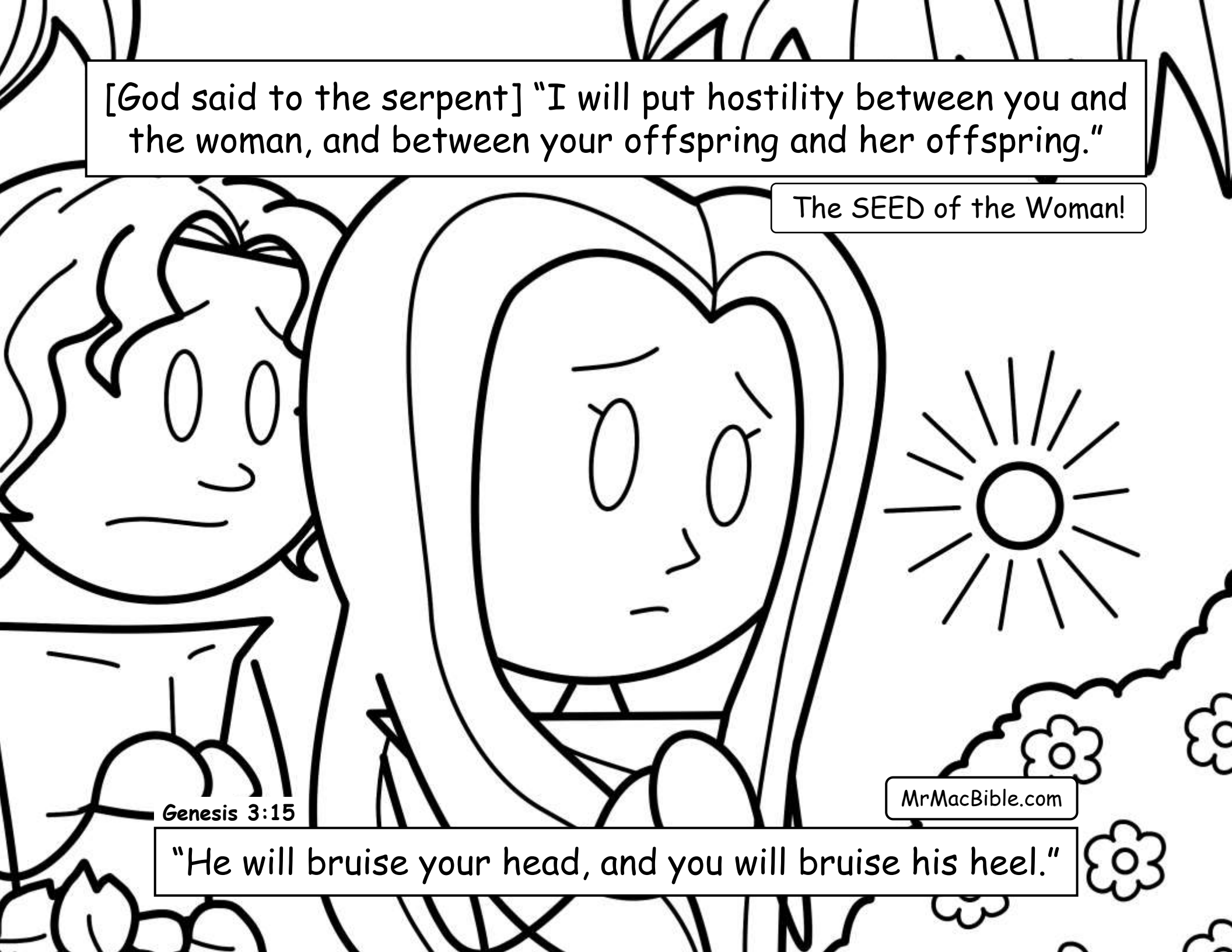


"I will make him a helper comparable to him."

The serpent said to the woman, "You won't really die, for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:4-5





[God said to the serpent] "I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring."

The SEED of the Woman!

Genesis 3:15

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"He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."



Genesis 6:19

"Of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ship, to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female."

A black and white line drawing of Noah's Ark. The ark is a large, multi-story building with a ramp leading to the entrance. A rainbow is visible in the sky above the ark. The scene is set against a background of clouds and a horizon line representing the sea.

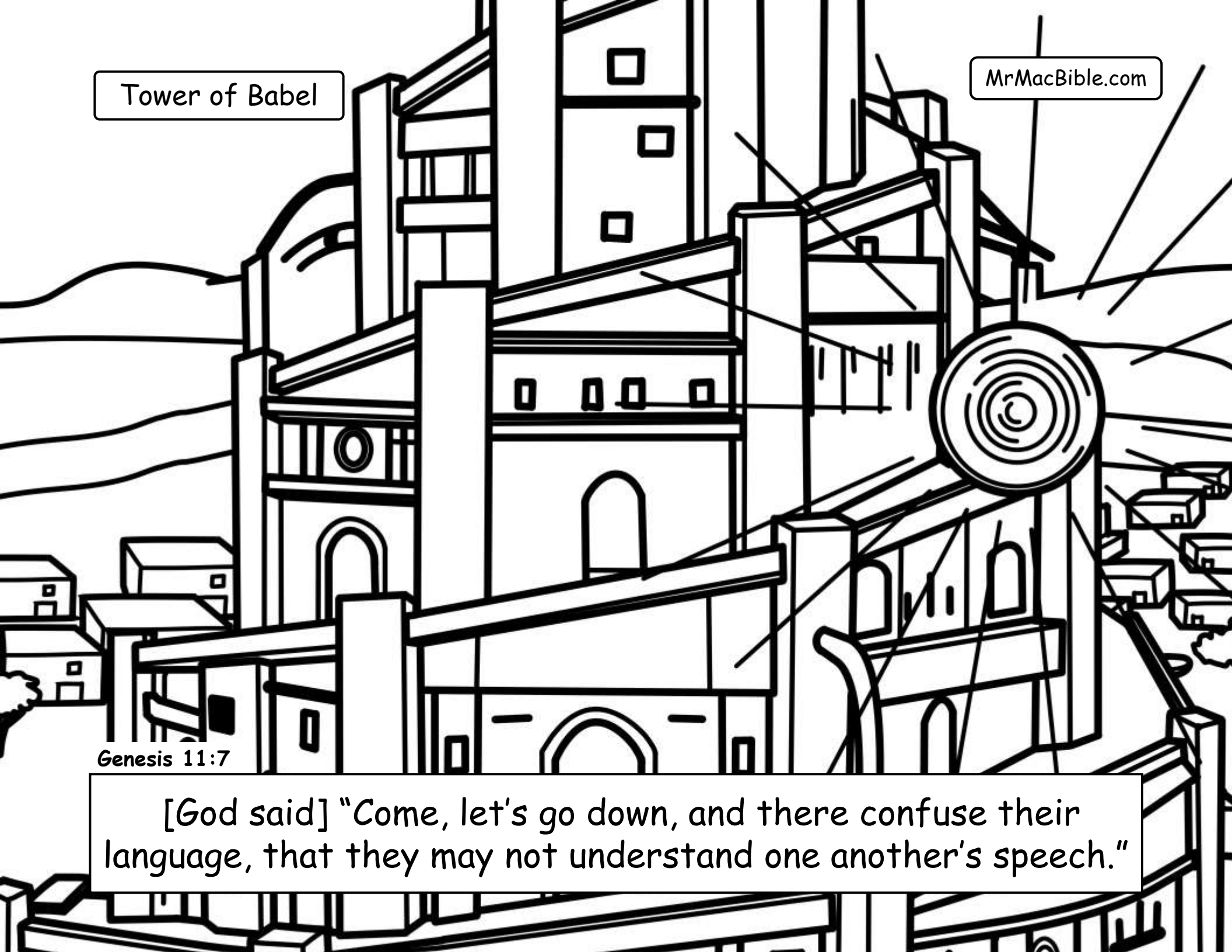
[God said] "The rainbow will be in the cloud."

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Genesis 9:16

After the flood

"I will look at it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."



Tower of Babel

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Genesis 11:7

[God said] "Come, let's go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

Genesis 12:3

The SEED of Abraham!

[God said to Abraham] "All the families of the earth will be blessed through you."



Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High.

Genesis 14:18

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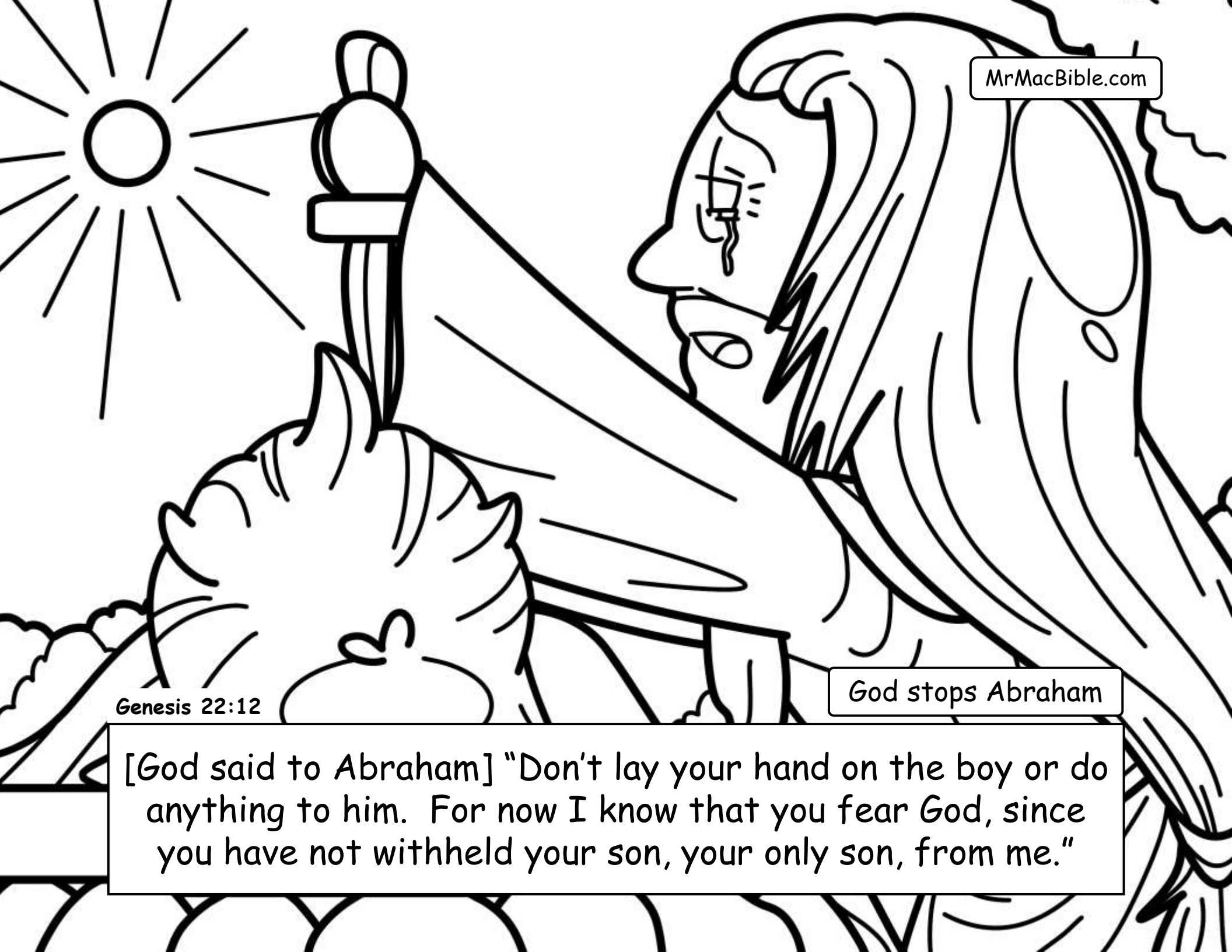
Melchizedek

Abraham

Genesis 19:17

Sodom & Gomorrah

[The angel said to Lot] "Escape for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed!"



Genesis 22:12

God stops Abraham

[God said to Abraham] "Don't lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."



Genesis 32:28


Abraham's grandson: Jacob

[The Angel said] "Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have fought with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Genesis 49:10

The SEED and the KINGDOM will
come through Jacob's son Judah!

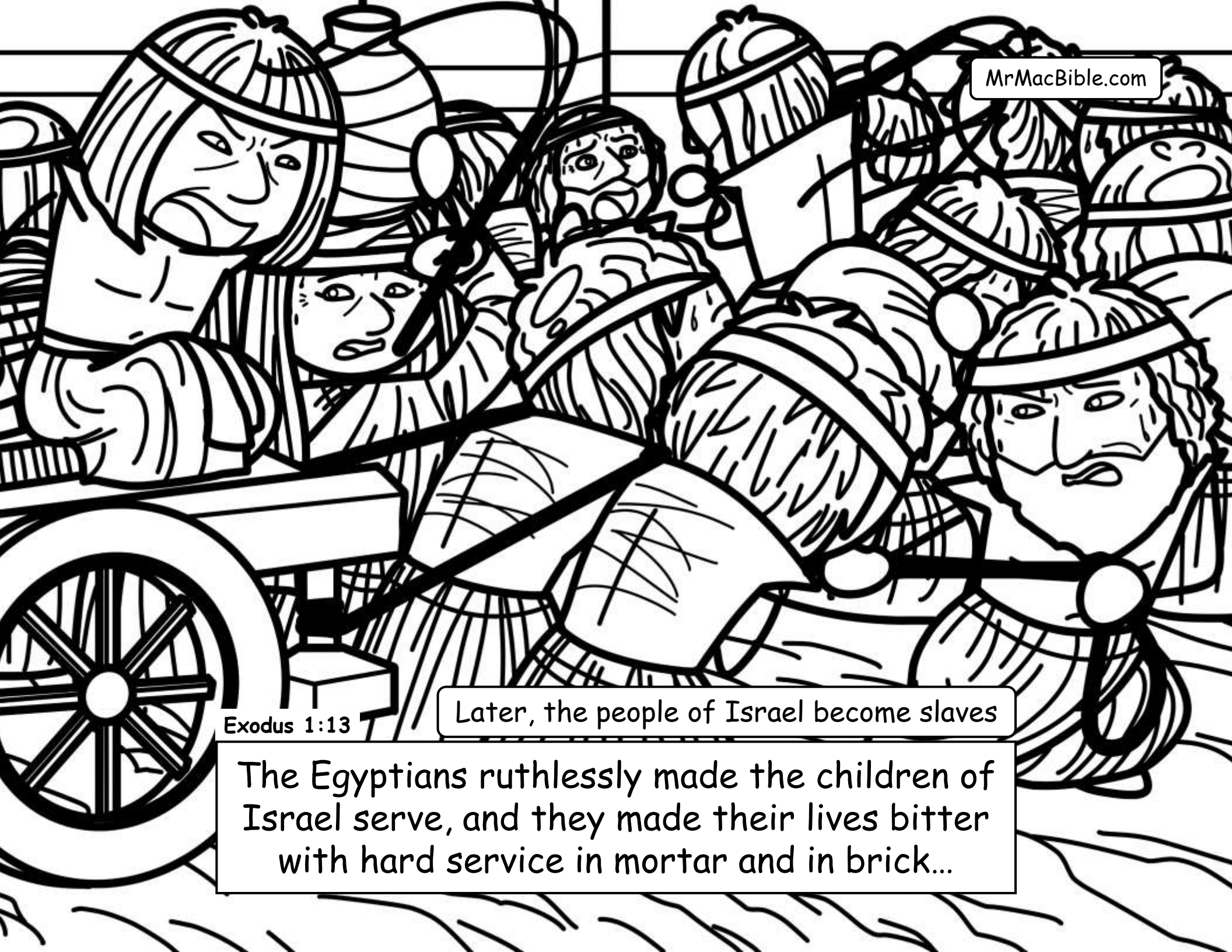
[On his deathbed, Jacob prophesied about his son Judah]
"The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff
from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs."



Jacob's son Joseph is now
the leader of Egypt!

Genesis 50:20

[Joseph said to his brothers] "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to save many people alive, as is happening today."



Exodus 1:13

Later, the people of Israel become slaves

The Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel serve, and they made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and in brick...



Exodus 1:16

Pharaoh feared the Israelites!

[Pharaoh commanded] "When you perform the duty of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stool, if it is a son, then you shall kill him;"



Exodus 2:10

[The Pharaoh's sister adopted an Israelite baby boy]: She named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

He [Moses] saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his brothers. He looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no one, he killed the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

Exodus 2:11-12

Moses was 40
years old when
he killed the
Egyptian





Exodus 2:15

Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian.



Exodus 3:2

40 years later, Moses
meets God on the mountain

The LORD's angel appeared to him [Moses] in
a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush.


Exodus 3:10

[God says to Moses] "Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."



Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM," and he said, "You shall tell the children of Israel this: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "



The LORD spoke to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what the LORD says, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. If you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your borders with frogs."

Exodus 8:1-2



Exodus 9:12

The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he didn't listen to them, as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

Exodus 10:28

Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Be careful to see my face no more; for in the day you see my face you shall die!"

Passover: Paint the blood of the lamb on your door posts...

Exodus 12:13

[God said] "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."



The Passover Angel
killed the Pharaoh's son...

Exodus 12:31

He [Pharaoh] called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said,
"Rise up, get out from amongst my people, both you and the
children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said!"

Exodus 13:18

God led the people around by the way of the wilderness by the Red Sea; and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.



The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel;

Exodus 14:8





God blocked Pharaoh's
army with his pillar of fire!

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God's
Fire

Exodus 14:18

Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today; for you will never again see the Egyptians whom you have seen today. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall be still."

Exodus 14:22

The children of Israel went into the middle of the [Red] sea on the dry ground; and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

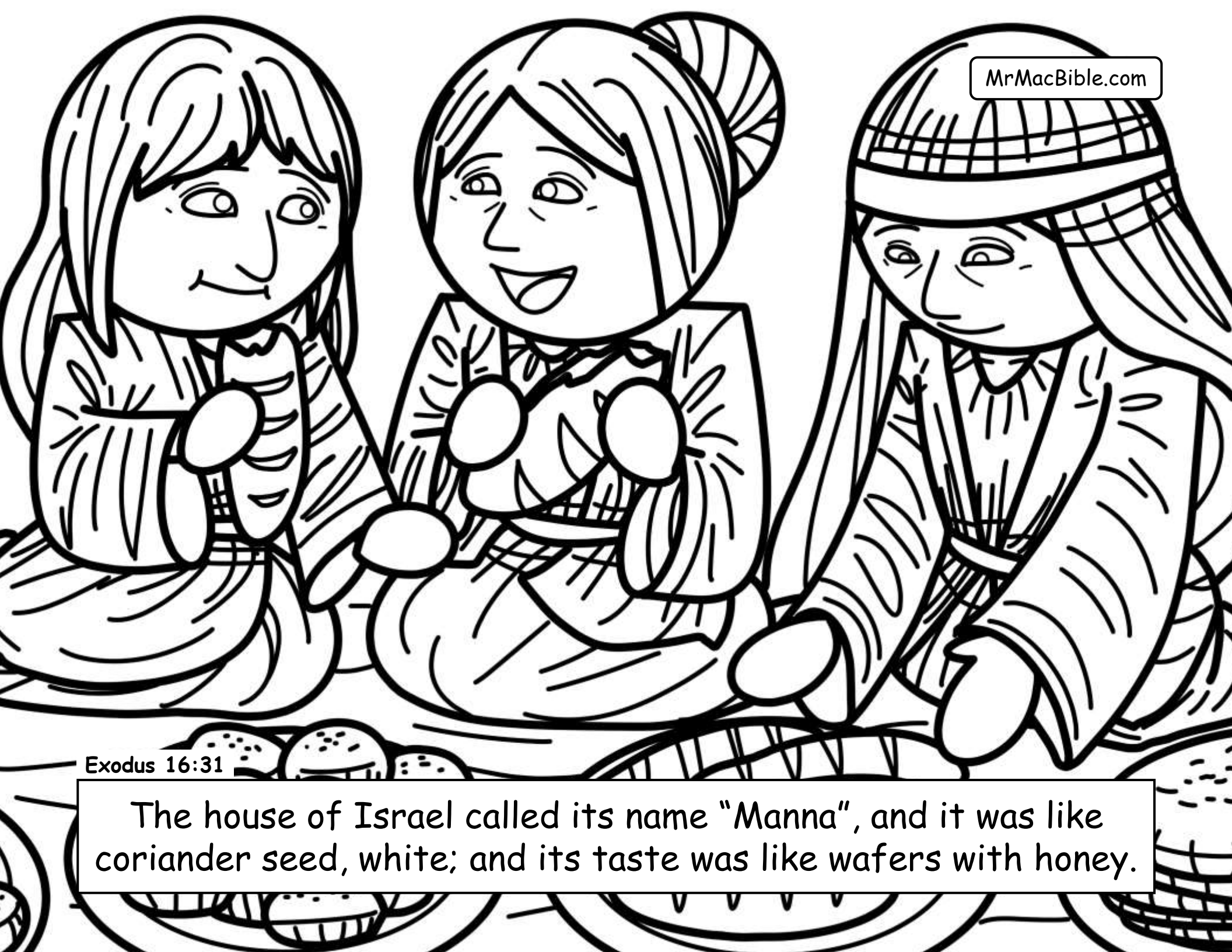
The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

Exodus 14:26




Exodus 16:4

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from the sky for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not."



Exodus 16:31

The house of Israel called its name "Manna", and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers with honey.



[God instructed Moses] "And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Exodus 19:6

"These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

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Exodus 20:4

The 10 Commandments

"You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above..."



Numbers 13:1

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Send men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel."

But the men who went up with him said, "We aren't able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we."

Numbers 13:31



[God would not let the rebellious
Israelites enter the Promised Land]

Numbers 14:33

"Your children shall be wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your prostitution, until your dead bodies are consumed in the wilderness."

Numbers 20:5

[Next, the people ran out of water] "Why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in to this evil place?"

[God commanded Moses] "Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it pour out its water."

Numbers 20:8



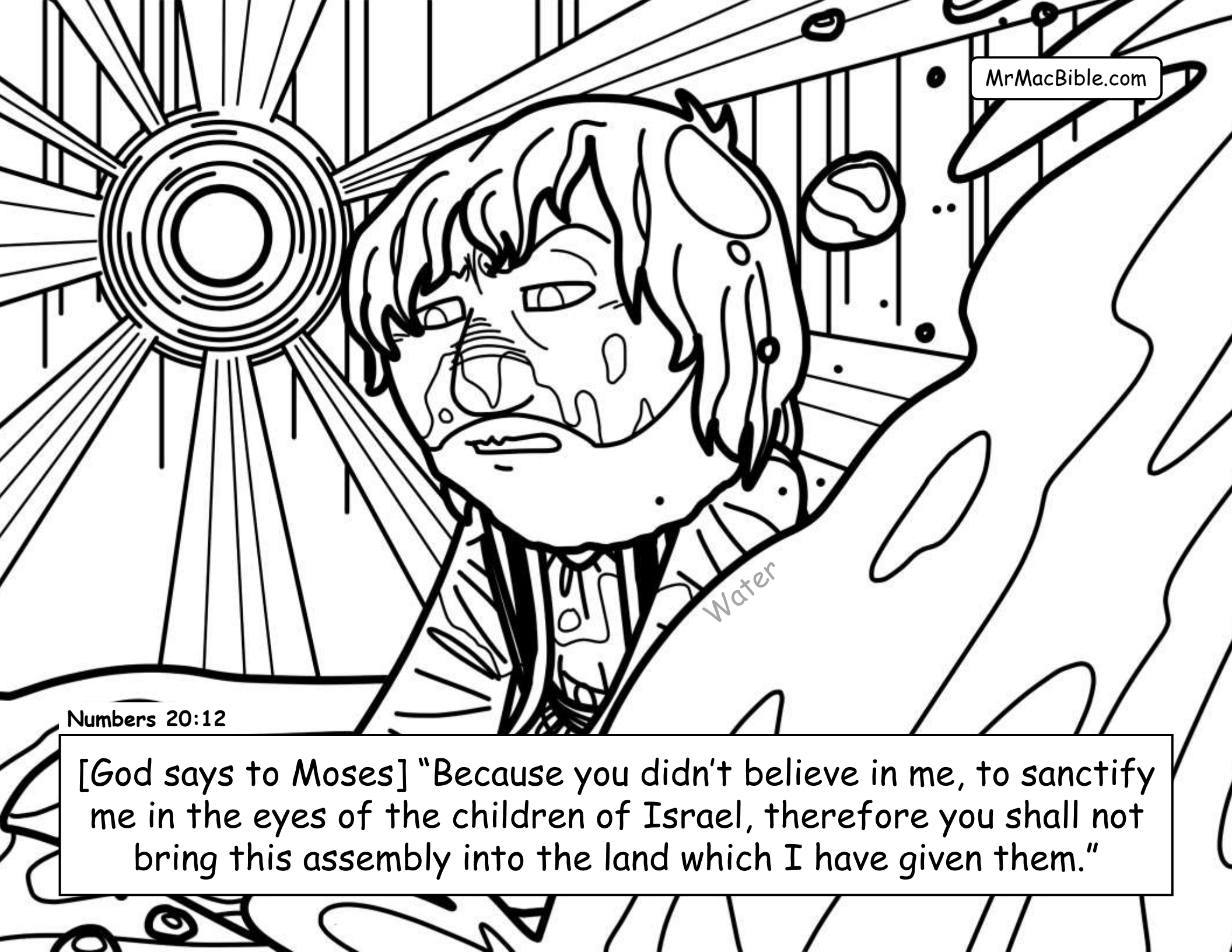
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Water

Rock

Numbers 20:10

[In anger, Moses hit the rock instead] "Hear now, you rebels! Shall we bring water out of this rock for you?"



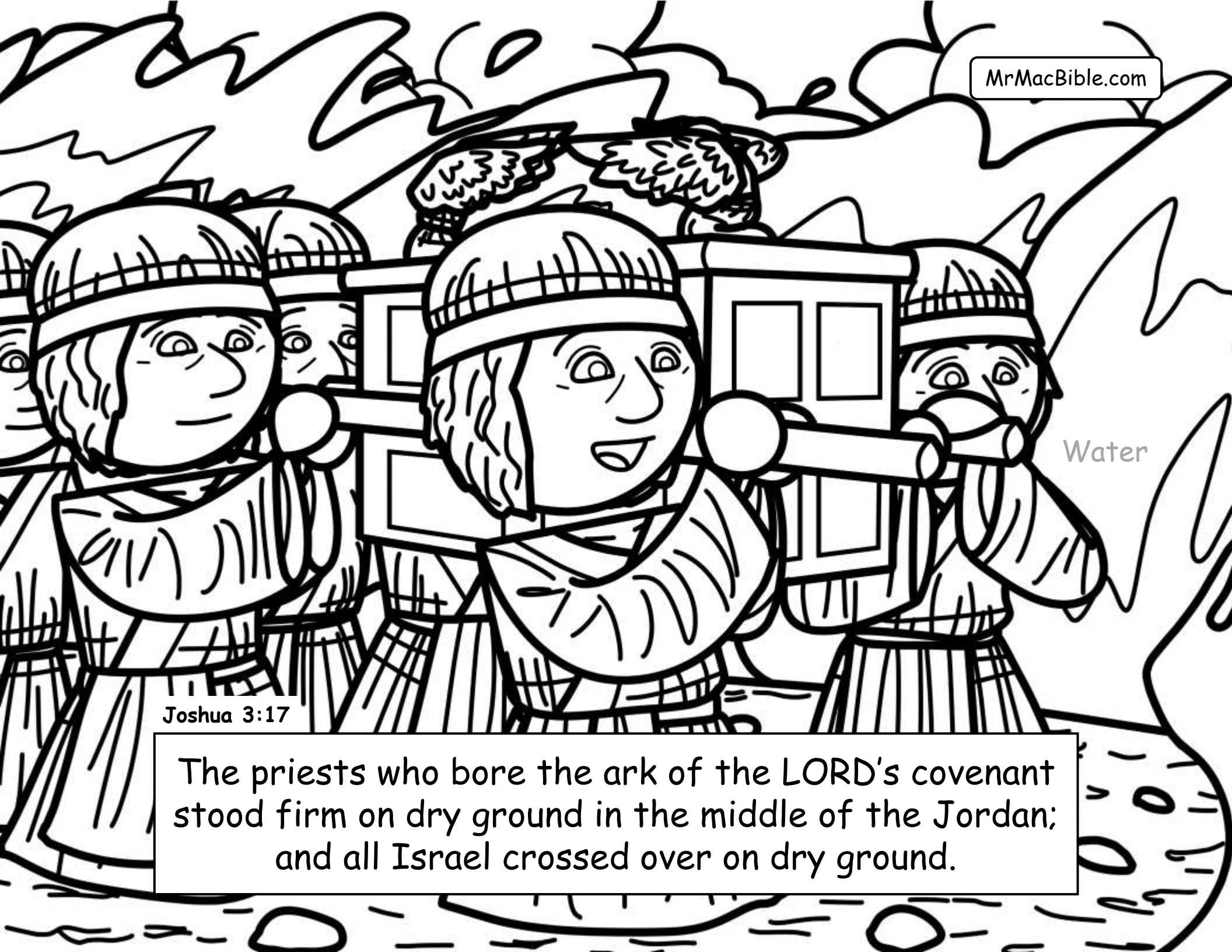
Water

Numbers 20:12

[God says to Moses] "Because you didn't believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

Joshua 1:2

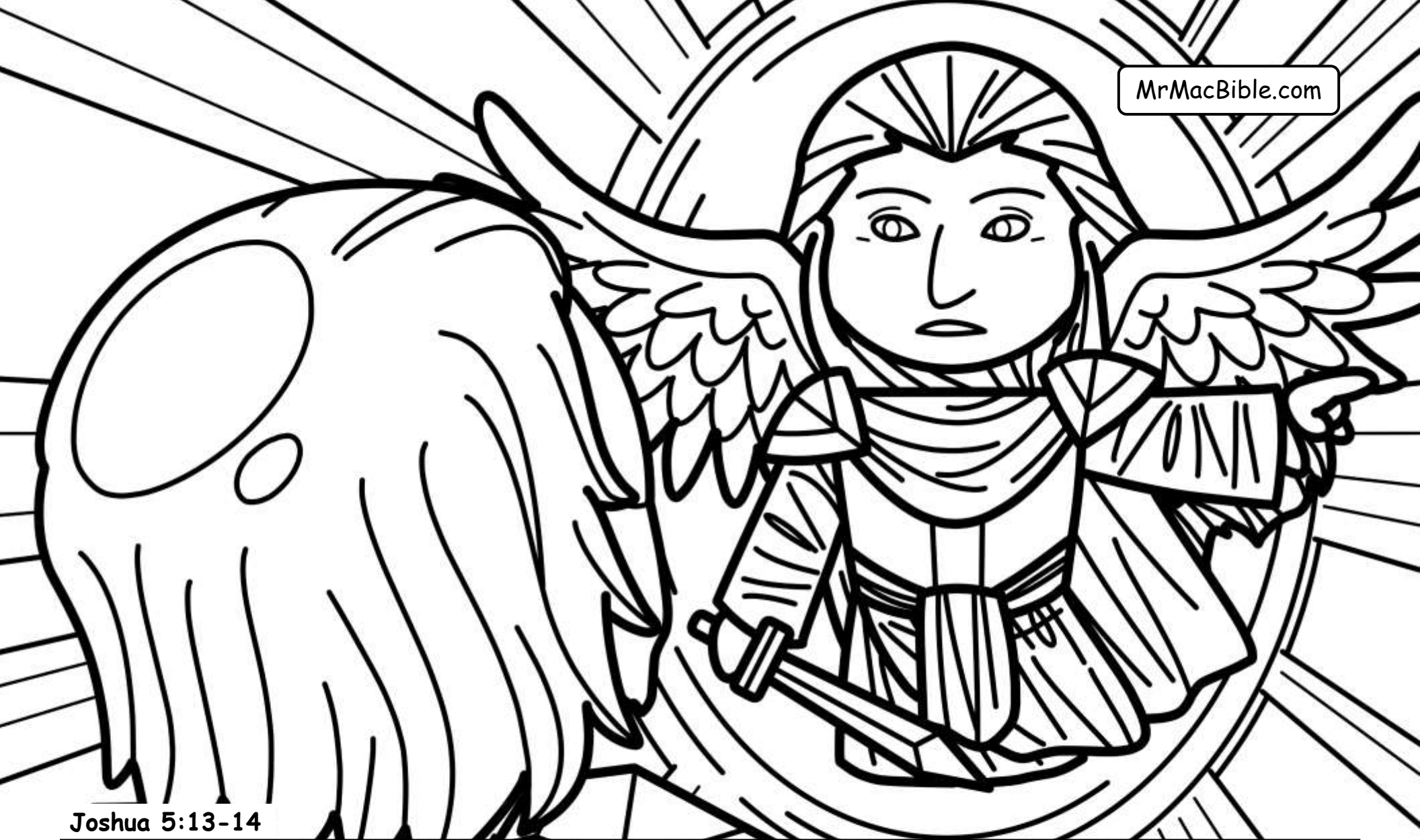
[God made Joshua the new leader of Israel] "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go across this Jordan, you and all these people, to the land which I am giving to them..."



Water

Joshua 3:17

The priests who bore the ark of the LORD's covenant stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground.



Joshua 5:13-14

[The night before the battle of Jericho, Joshua meets an unknown warrior and asks] "Are you for us, or for our enemies?" He said, "No; but I have come now as commander of the LORD's army."

Joshua 6:2

The LORD said to Joshua, "Behold, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty men of valour."

Joshua 6:20

[On the 7th day of the march around Jericho] ...and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight in front of him, and they took the city.

Joshua 8:18

[After destroying Jericho, Joshua continues to conquer Canaan] The LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand towards Ai, for I will give it into your hand."


Judges 2:11

[After Joshua died...] The children of Israel did that which was evil in the LORD's sight, and served the Baals.



Judges 2:14

The LORD's anger burnt against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of raiders who plundered them.



The LORD raised up judges, who saved them
out of the hand of those who plundered them.

Judges 2:16

God gave Samson the judge super-
strength to save the Israelites!



[The people want a "regular" king to rule over them]

1 Samuel 8:7

The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me as the king over them."

1 Samuel 10:24

Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that there is no one like him amongst all the people?" All the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"

1 Samuel 13:13

[Later, God rejected King Saul] Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which he commanded you; for now the LORD would have established your kingdom on Israel forever."

Young David

1 Samuel 13:14

"The LORD has sought for himself a man after his own heart, and the LORD has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept that which the LORD commanded you."

1 Samuel 16:1

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel?"

1 Samuel 16:1

"Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided a king for myself amongst his sons."

1 Samuel 16:3

"Call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. You shall anoint to me him whom I name to you."

1 Samuel 16:6

When they had come, he looked at Eliab, and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Don't look on his face, or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for I don't see as man sees."



1 Samuel 16:7

"For man looks at the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:10

Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."



Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your children here?"

1 Samuel 16:11

He said, "There remains yet the youngest.
Behold, he is keeping the sheep."



1 Samuel 16:12

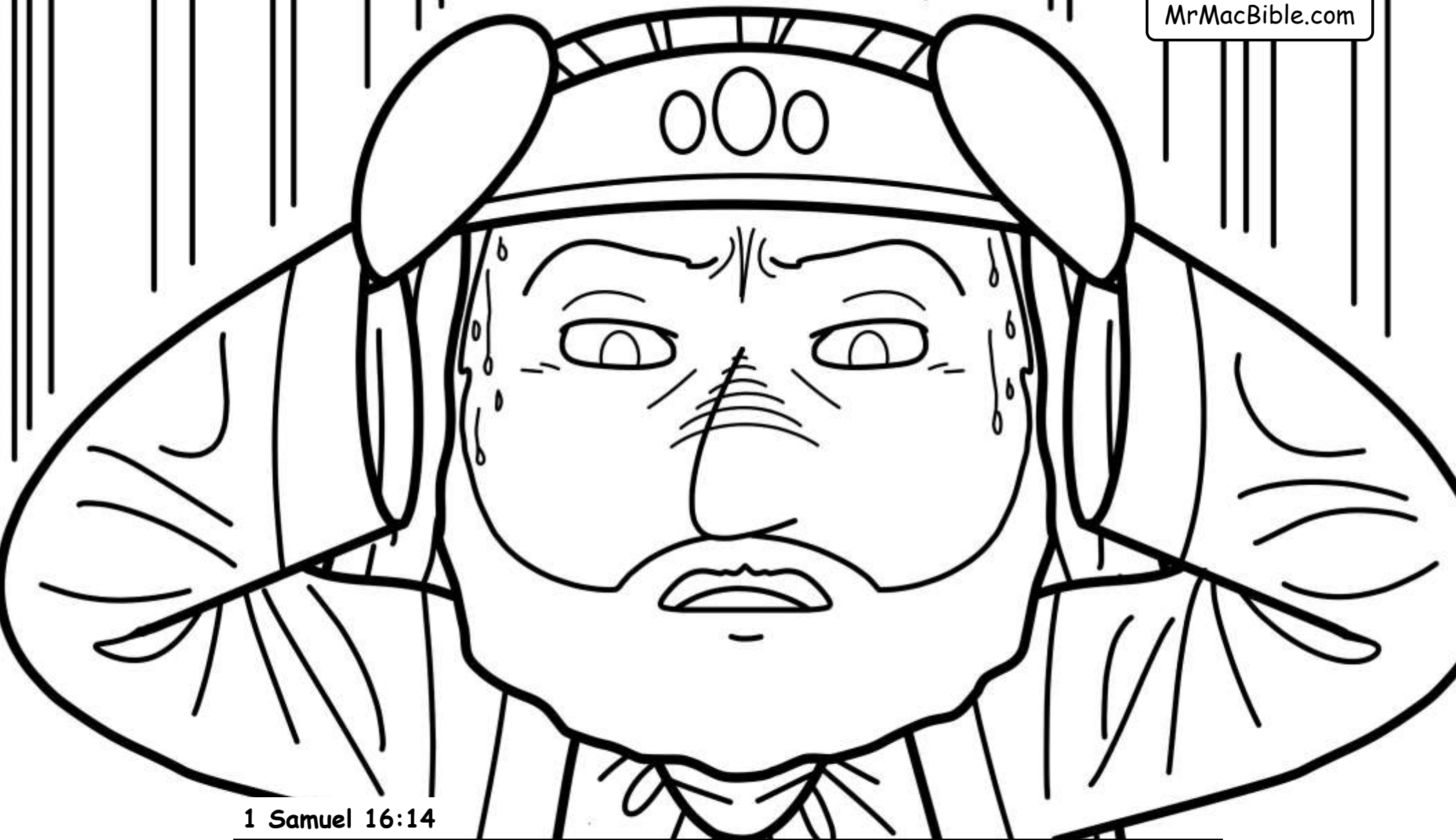
He sent, and brought him in. Now he [David] was ruddy, with a handsome face and good appearance.

1 Samuel 16:12-13

The LORD said, "Arise! Anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the middle of his brothers.

1 Samuel 16:13

Then the LORD's Spirit came mightily on David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.



1 Samuel 16:14

Now the LORD's Spirit departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

1 Samuel 16:23

When the spirit from God was on Saul, David took the harp and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

1 Samuel 17:4

[King Saul's army is preparing for battle]
A champion out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (over 9 feet tall) went out.

1 Samuel 17:5

He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he wore a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.



1 Samuel 17:6

He had bronze shin armour on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.

1 Samuel 17:42

When the Philistine looked around and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and had a good-looking face.

1 Samuel 17:43

The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" The Philistine cursed David by his gods.

1 Samuel 17:45

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

1 Samuel 17:48

When the Philistine arose, and walked and came near to meet David, David hurried and ran towards the army to meet the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:49

David put his hand in his bag, took a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead.

Then David ran,
stood over the
Philistine, took
his sword, drew it
out of its sheath,
killed him, and
cut off his head
with it.

1 Samuel 17:51






1 Samuel 18:5

David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely; and Saul set him over the men of war.

1 Samuel 18:8

He said, "They have credited David with ten thousands, and they have only credited me with thousands. What can he have more but the kingdom?"




David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

1 Samuel 21:10

1 Samuel 22:1

David therefore departed from there [from Gath] and escaped to Adullam's cave. When his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.



David's 400 fighting men!

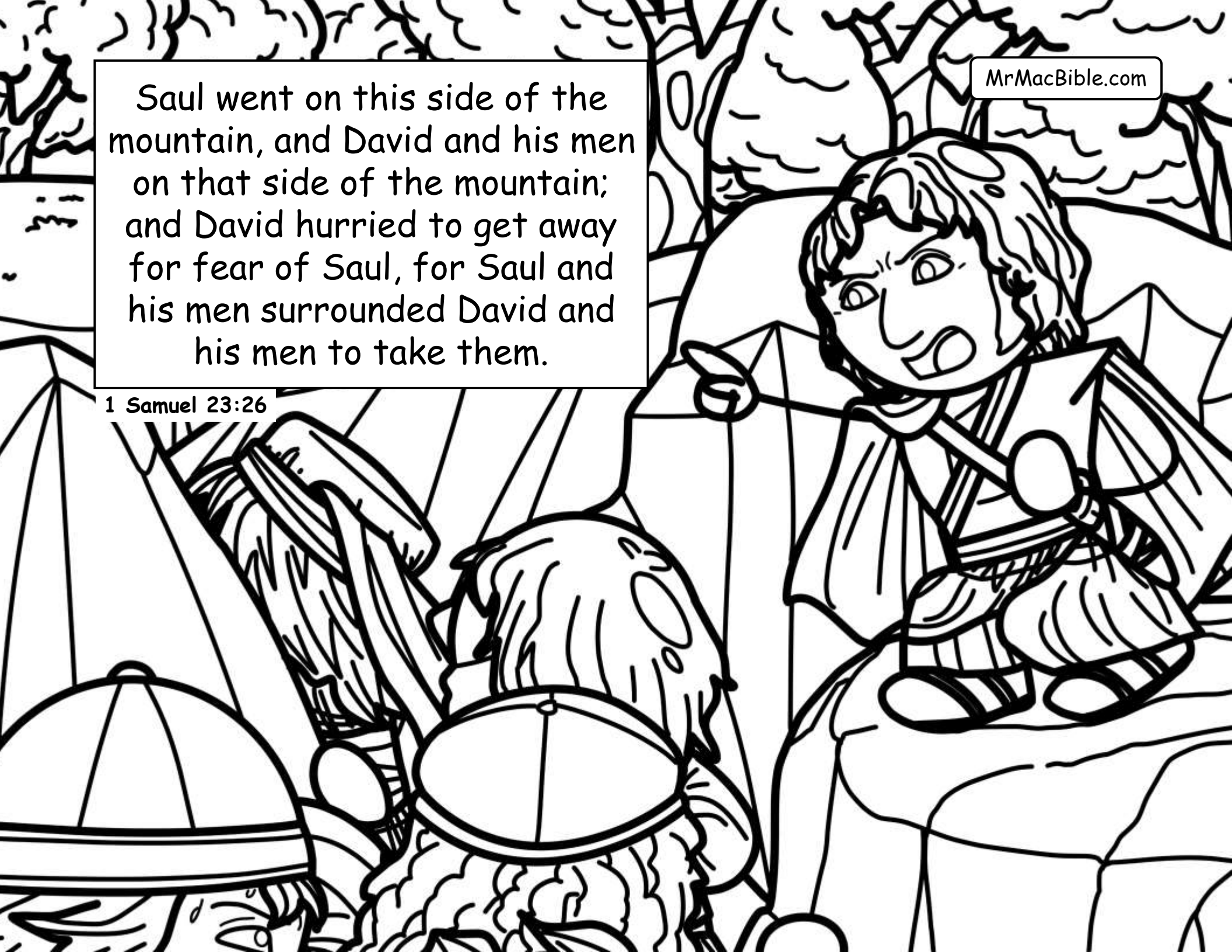
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1 Samuel 22:2

Everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them.

Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David hurried to get away for fear of Saul, for Saul and his men surrounded David and his men to take them.

1 Samuel 23:26



1 Samuel 28:1

In those days, the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel.

1 Samuel 28:5

When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

1 Samuel 28:6

When Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD didn't answer him by dreams, by Urim, or by prophets.



1 Samuel 28:7

Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who has a familiar spirit, that I may go to her and enquire of her."

1 Samuel 28:8

Saul disguised himself and put on other clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night.

1 Samuel 28:11

Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up to you?"
He [Saul] said, "Bring Samuel up for me."

1 Samuel 28:12

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!"

1 Samuel 28:13

The king said to her, "Don't be afraid! What do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth."

1 Samuel 28:15

Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up?"

1 Samuel 28:15

Saul answered, "I am very distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me, and answers me no more"...

1 Samuel 28:16

Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary?"



1 Samuel 18:17

"The LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbour, even to David."

1 Samuel 28:18

"Because you didn't obey the LORD's voice, and didn't execute his fierce wrath on Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you today."



1 Samuel 28:19

"Moreover the LORD will deliver Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me."



1 Samuel 28:20

Then Saul fell immediately his full length on the earth,
and was terrified, because of Samuel's words.



1 Samuel 31:1

Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa.

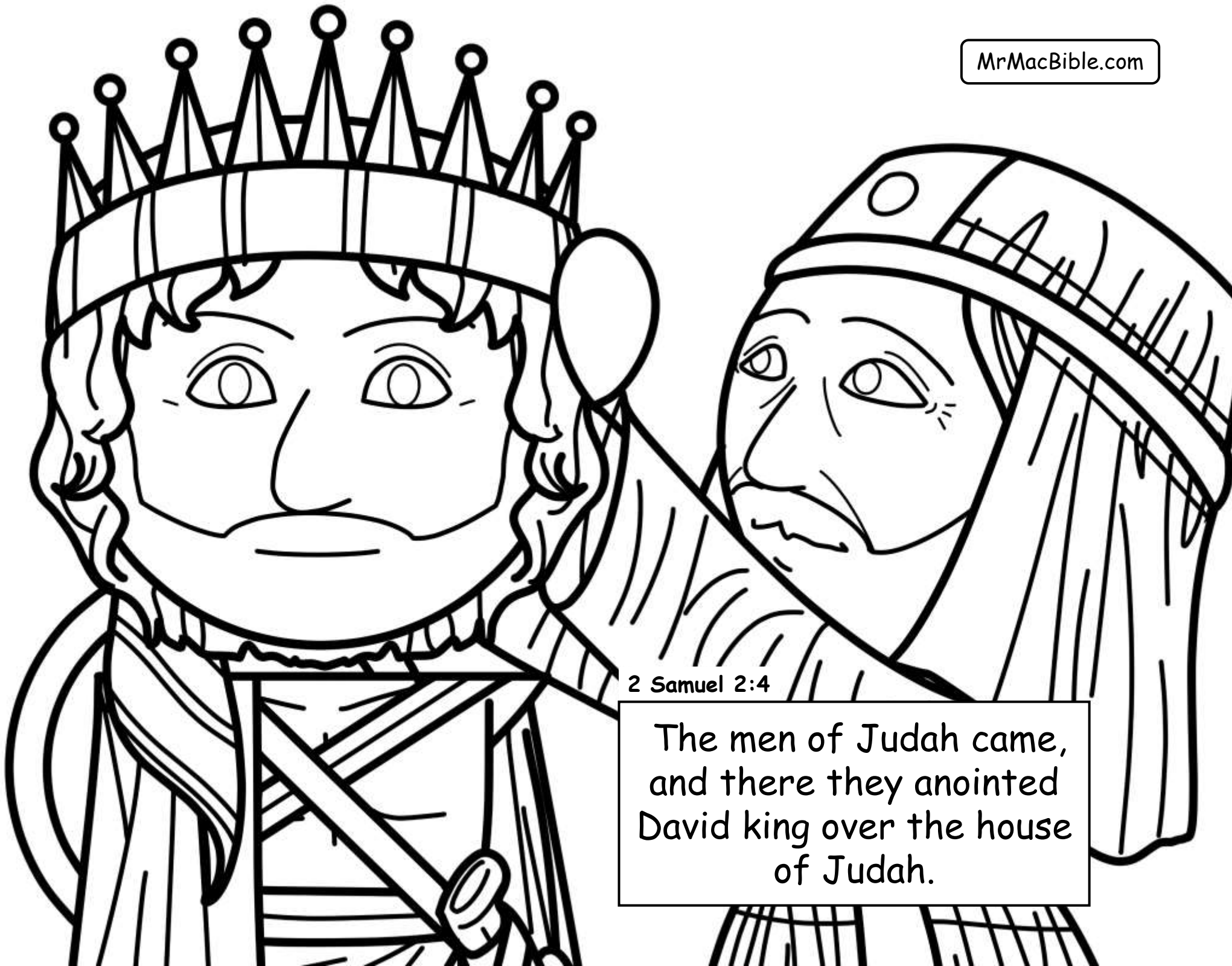


On the next day,
when the Philistines
came to strip the
slain, they found
Saul and his three
sons fallen on
Mount Gilboa.

1 Samuel 31:8

2 Samuel 1:11

[When David heard that King Saul was dead, he...] took hold on his clothes and tore them; and all the men who were with him did likewise. They mourned, wept, and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD.



2 Samuel 2:4

The men of Judah came,
and there they anointed
David king over the house
of Judah.

2 Samuel 3:1

Now there was long war between Saul's house and David's house. David grew stronger and stronger, but Saul's house grew weaker and weaker.

2 Samuel 5:1

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh."

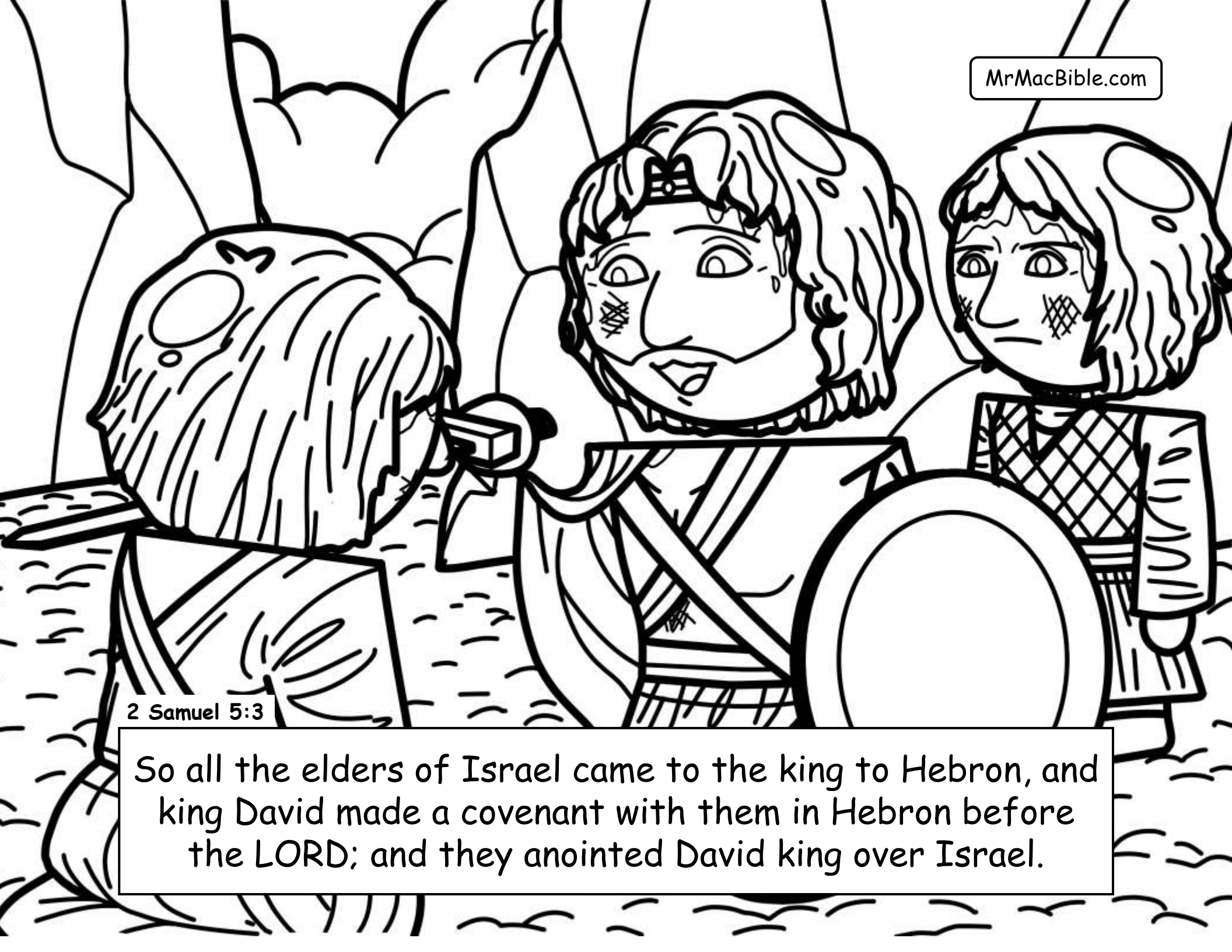
"In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led Israel out and in."

2 Samuel 5:2



2 Samuel 5:2

"The LORD said to you, 'You will be shepherd of my people Israel, and you will be prince over Israel.'"



2 Samuel 5:3

So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron, and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel.



2 Samuel 5:4

David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.



2 Samuel 5:6

The king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "The blind and the lame will keep you out of here," thinking, "David can't come in here."

2 Samuel 5:7

Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion. This is David's city.

2 Samuel 5:10

David grew greater and greater, for the LORD,
the God of Armies, was with him.

2 Samuel 5:13

David took more concubines and wives for himself out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David.

2 Samuel 5:18

Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

2 Samuel 5:19

David enquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?"



2 Samuel 5:19

The LORD said to David, "Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into your hand."

2 Samuel 5:20

David came to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there. Then he said, "The LORD has broken my enemies before me, like the breach of waters."

The Philistines came up yet again and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

2 Samuel 5:22



2 Samuel 5:23

When David enquired of the LORD, he said, "You shall not go up. Circle around behind them, and attack them in front of the mulberry trees."

2 Samuel 5:24

[God said to David] "When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then stir yourself up; for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."



2 Samuel 5:25

David did so, as the LORD commanded him, and struck the Philistines all the way from Geba to Gezer.

2 Samuel 7:1-2

When the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but God's ark dwells within curtains."

2 Samuel 7:3

Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."




2 Samuel 7:4

That same night, the LORD's word came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell my servant David, 'The LORD says, "Should you build me a house for me to dwell in?"'"

2 Samuel 7:8

Now therefore tell my servant David this: 'The LORD of Armies says, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people, over Israel."



[In Nathan's dream, God says about David]: "I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you."

2 Samuel 7:9

"I will make you a great name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth."



2 Samuel 7:11

[The Lord says about King David]: "Moreover the LORD tells you that the LORD will make you a house."



[God gives this prophecy about David's future]

2 Samuel 7:12

"When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will set up your offspring after you, who will proceed out of your body, and I will establish his kingdom."

2 Samuel 7:13

[God continues] "He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever [the promise of the eternal kingdom]".

2 Samuel 7:16

[God's promise to David's family line] "Your house and your kingdom will be made sure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever."

2 Samuel 7:17

Nathan spoke to David all these words,
and according to all this vision.

2 Samuel 7:18

Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD;
and he said, "Who am I, Lord GOD, and what is my
house, that you have brought me this far?"

2 Samuel 7:19

"This was yet a small thing in your eyes, Lord GOD, but you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come; and this amongst men, Lord GOD!"



2 Samuel 7:20

"What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Lord GOD."

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2 Samuel 7:25

"Now, LORD God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, confirm it forever, and do as you have spoken."

2 Samuel 7:27

"For you, LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, have revealed to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' "

2 Samuel 8:14-15

The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness for all his people.

2 Samuel 11:1

At the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah.



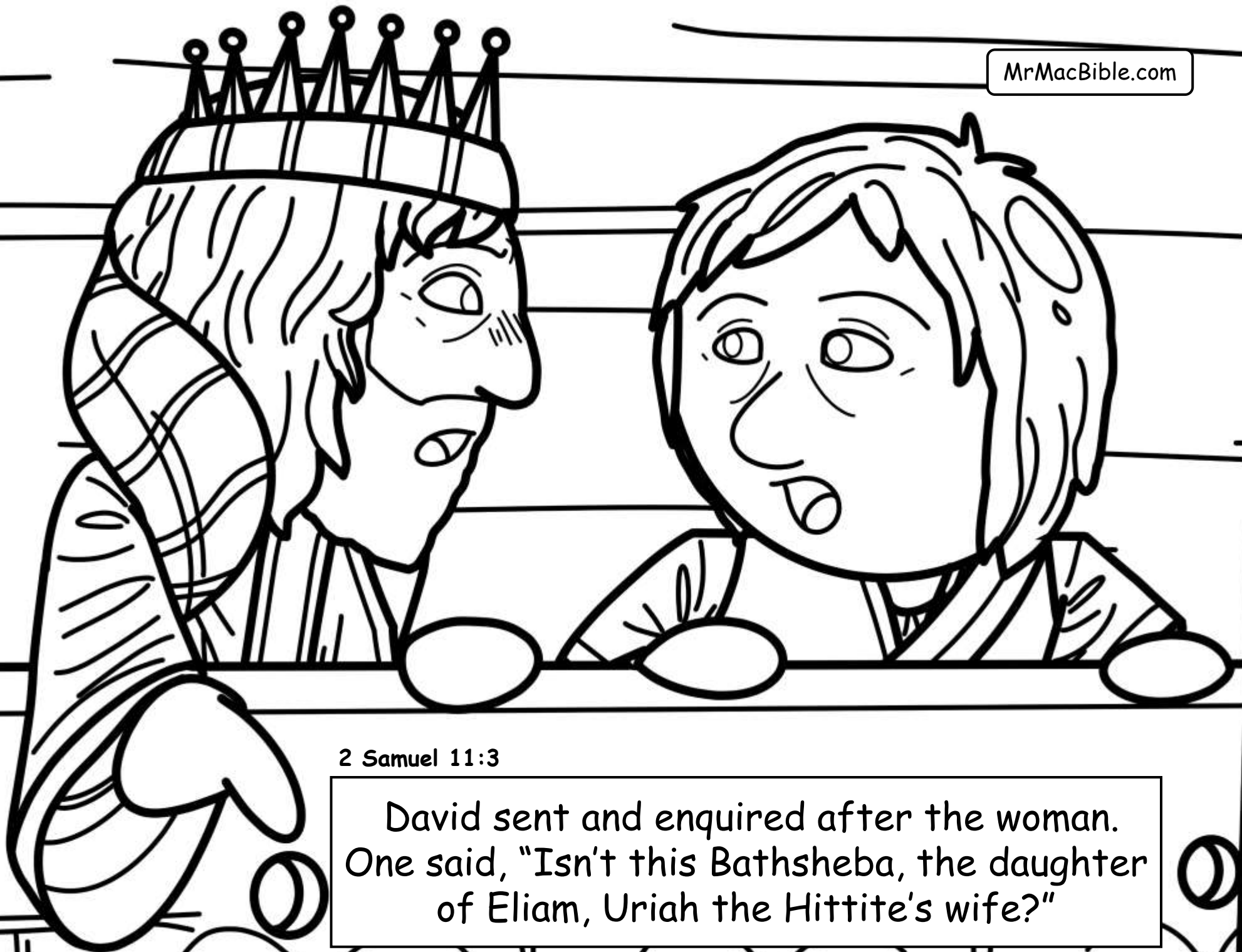
2 Samuel 11:2

But David stayed at Jerusalem. At evening, David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house.



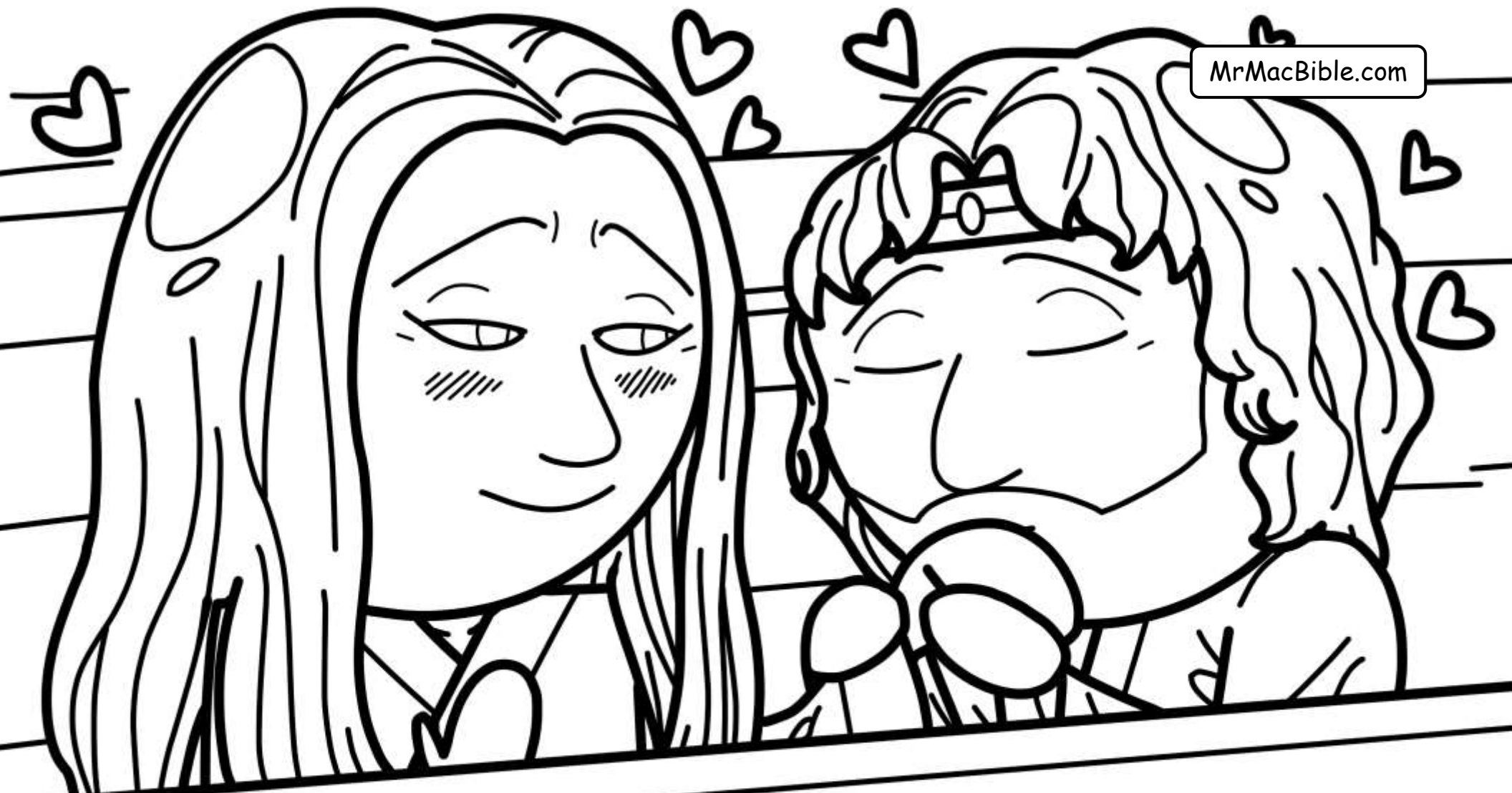
2 Samuel 11:2

From the roof, he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to look at.



2 Samuel 11:3

David sent and enquired after the woman. One said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, Uriah the Hittite's wife?"



2 Samuel 11:4

David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned to her house.



2 Samuel 11:5

The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."



2 Samuel 11:6

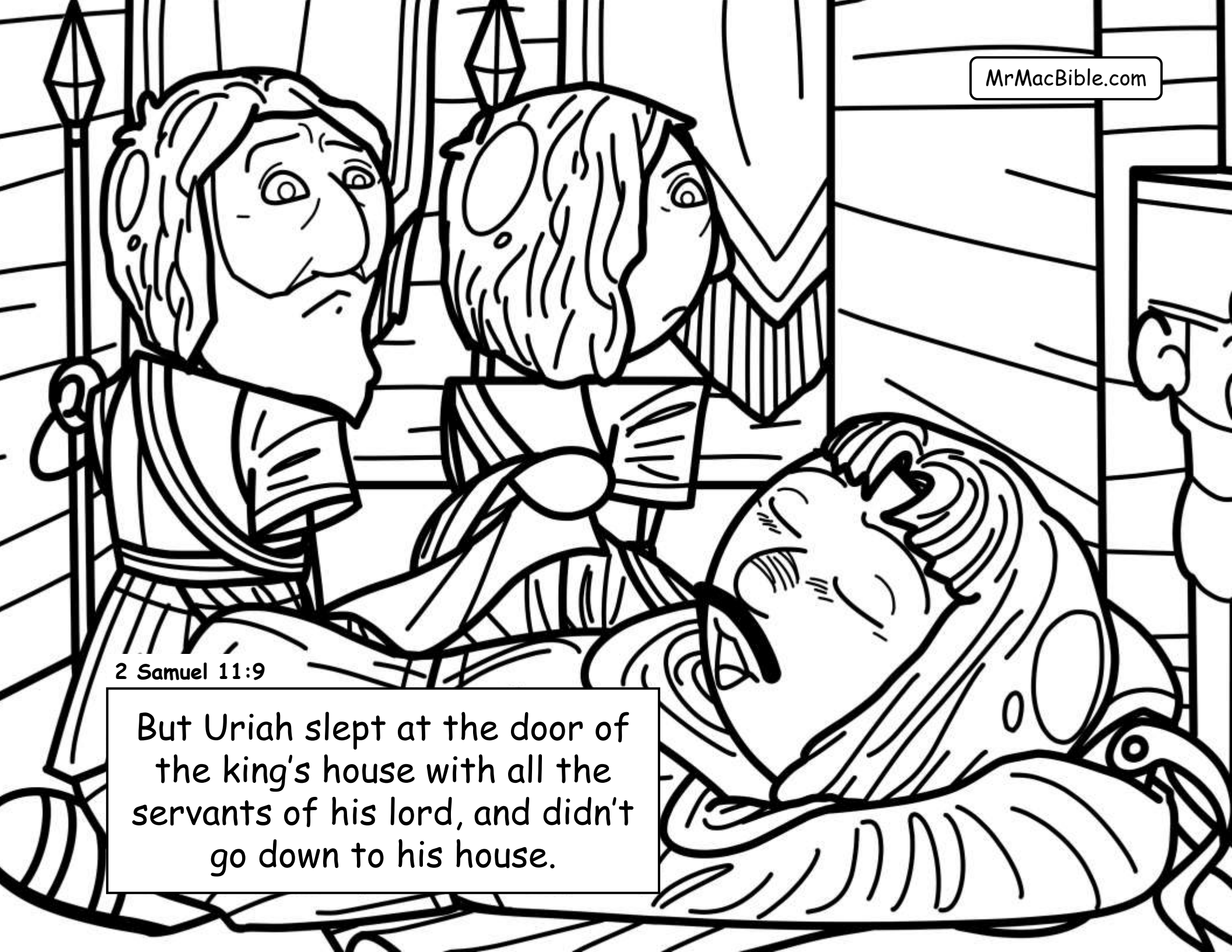
David sent to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." Joab sent Uriah to David.

2 Samuel 11:7

When Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered.

2 Samuel 11:9

But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and didn't go down to his house.



2 Samuel 11:13

When David had called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk.



At evening, he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but didn't go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:13





2 Samuel 11:14

In the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

2 Samuel 11:15

He wrote in the letter, saying, "Send Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck and die."

2 Samuel 11:16

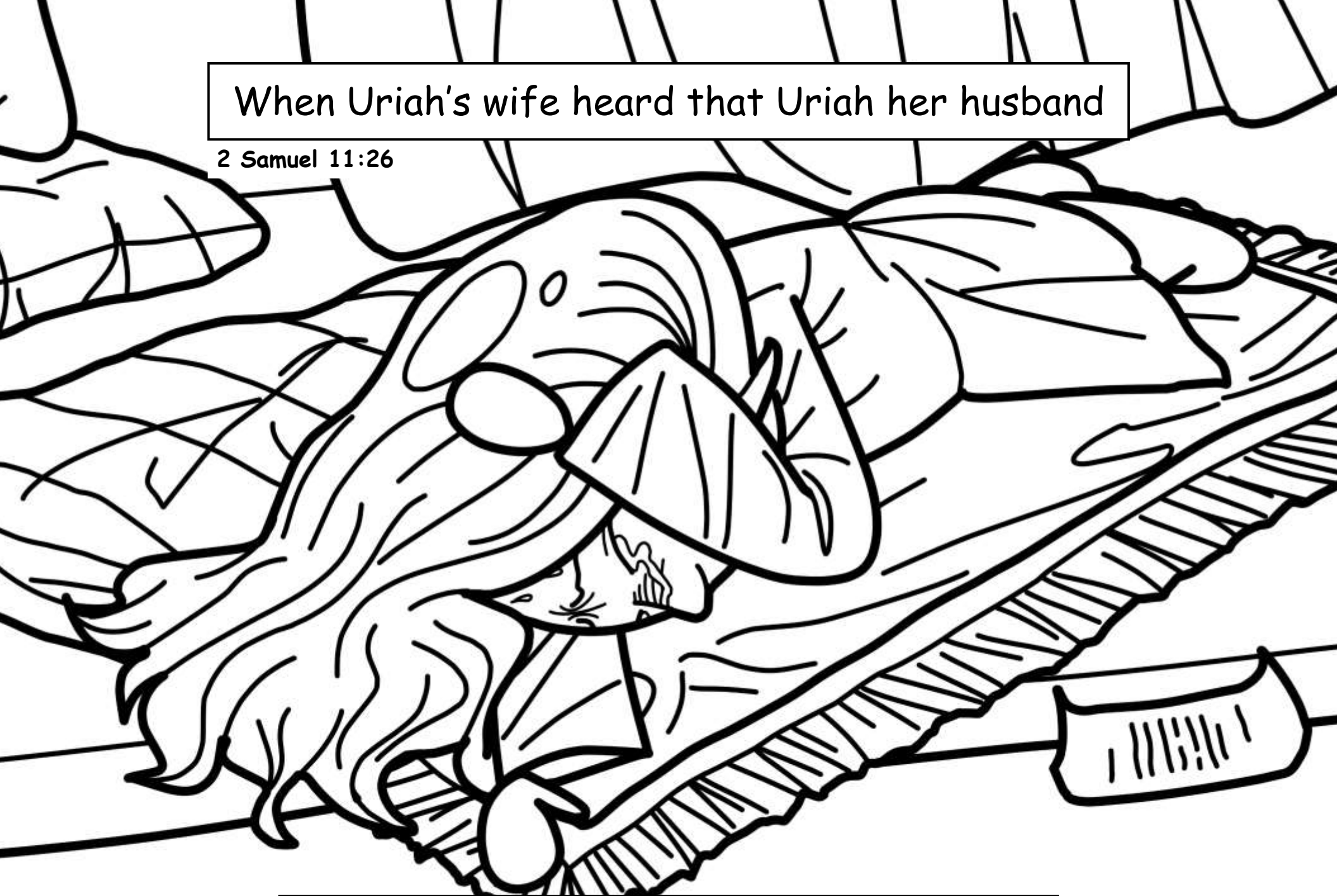
When Joab kept watch on the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew that valiant men were.

2 Samuel 11:17

The men of the city went out and fought with Joab. Some of the people fell, even of David's servants; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

When Uriah's wife heard that Uriah her husband

2 Samuel 11:26



...was dead, she mourned for her husband.

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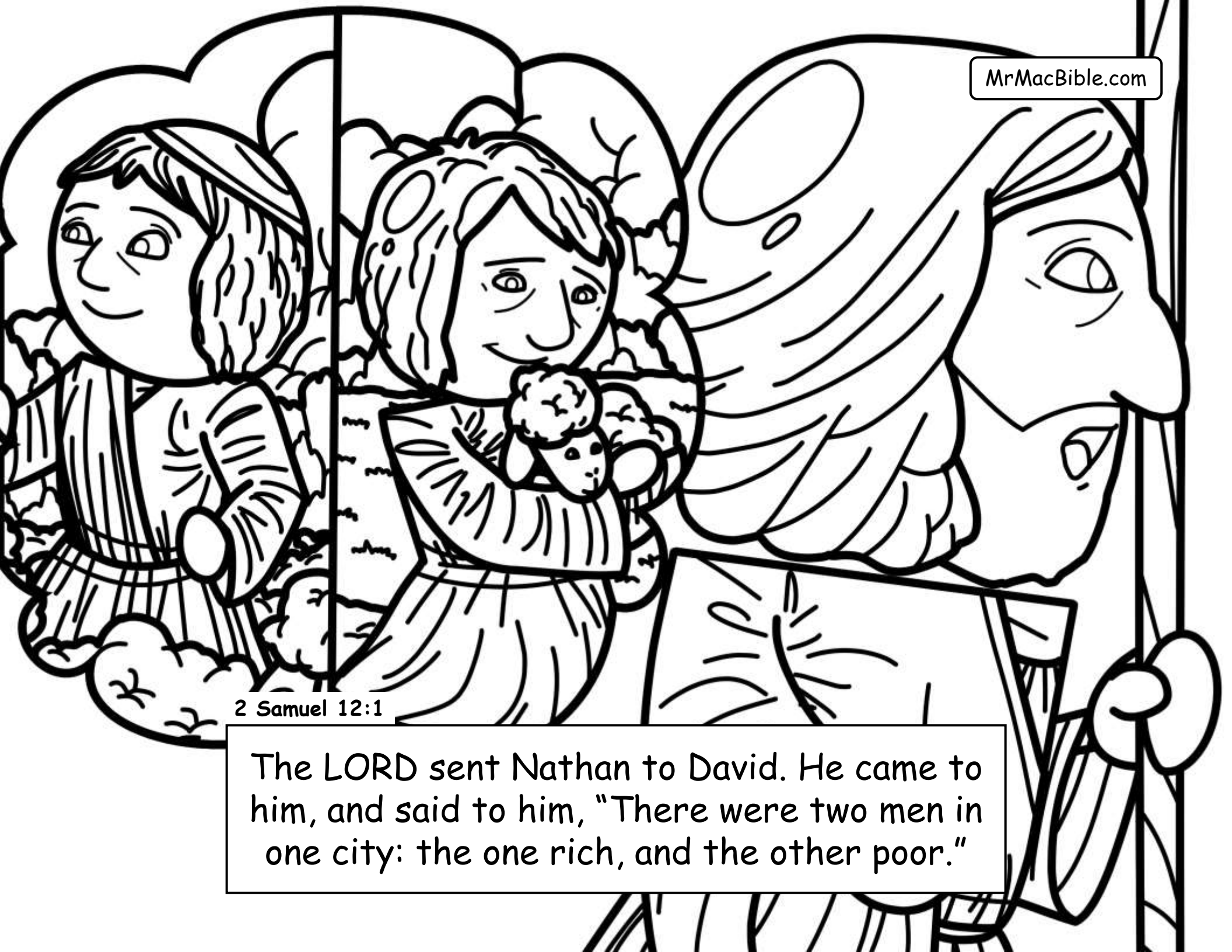
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When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

God tells Nathan about David

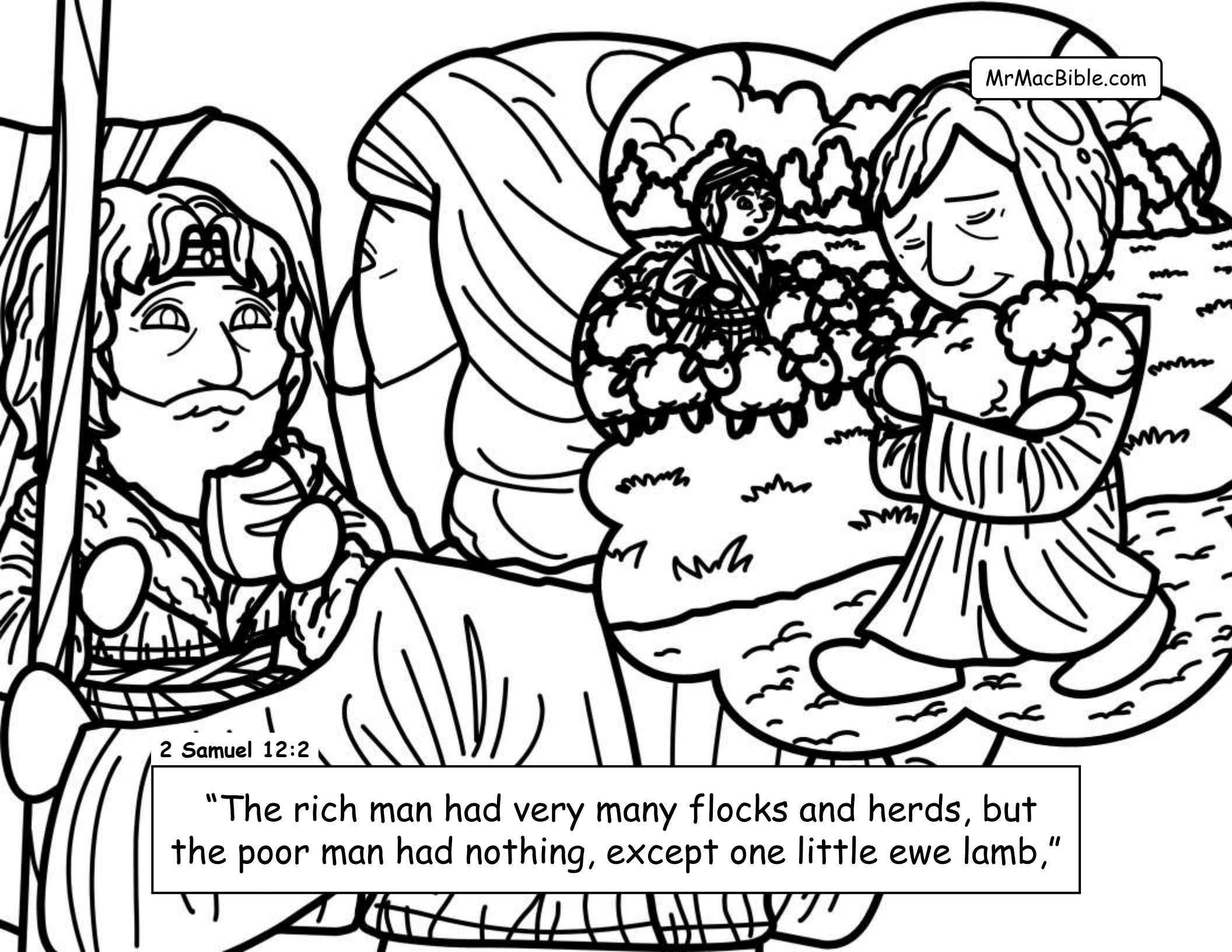
2 Samuel 11:27

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.



2 Samuel 12:1

The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in one city: the one rich, and the other poor."



2 Samuel 12:2

"The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb,"

2 Samuel 12:3

"It grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food, drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him."



2 Samuel 12:4

"A traveller came to the rich man, and he didn't want to take of his own flock and of his own herd to prepare for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

2 Samuel 12:5

David's anger burnt hot against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die!"

2 Samuel 12:7

Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"



2 Samuel 12:9

"Why have you despised the LORD's word, to do that which is evil in his sight? You have struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife,"

2 Samuel 12:10

"Now therefore the sword will never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken Uriah the Hittite's wife to be your wife."

2 Samuel 12:13

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

2 Samuel 12:13

Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin. You will not die."

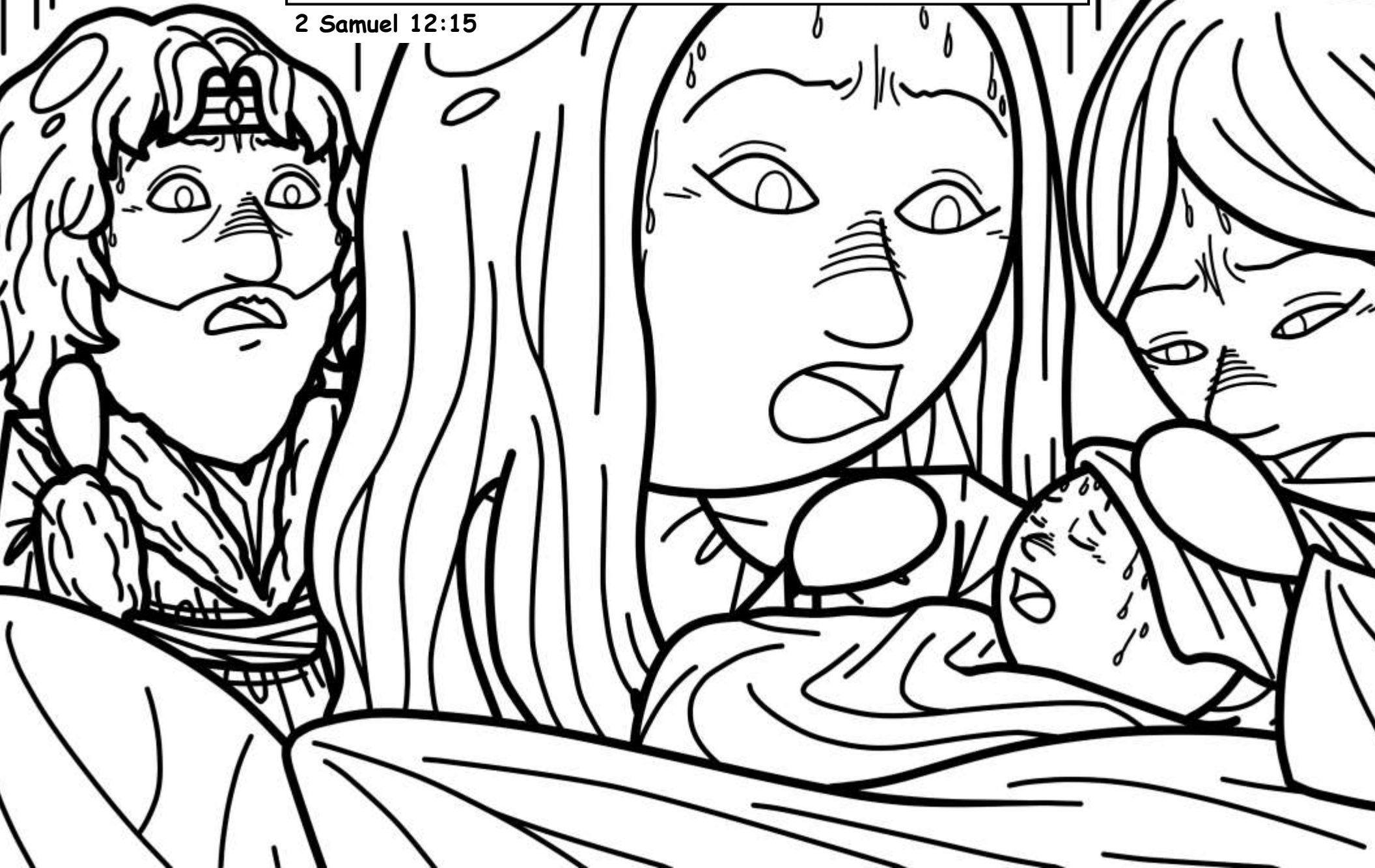


2 Samuel 12:14

"However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the LORD's enemies to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you will surely die."

The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it was very sick.

2 Samuel 12:15



David therefore begged God for the child; and David fasted, and went in and lay all night on the ground.

2 Samuel 12:16





2 Samuel 12:17

The elders of his house arose beside him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, and he didn't eat bread with them.

2 Samuel 12:18

On the seventh day, the child died.

2 Samuel 12:20

Then David arose from the earth, and washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothing; and he came into the LORD's house, and worshipped.



2 Samuel 12:22

[Later at his house David said]: "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will not be gracious to me, that the child may live?' "

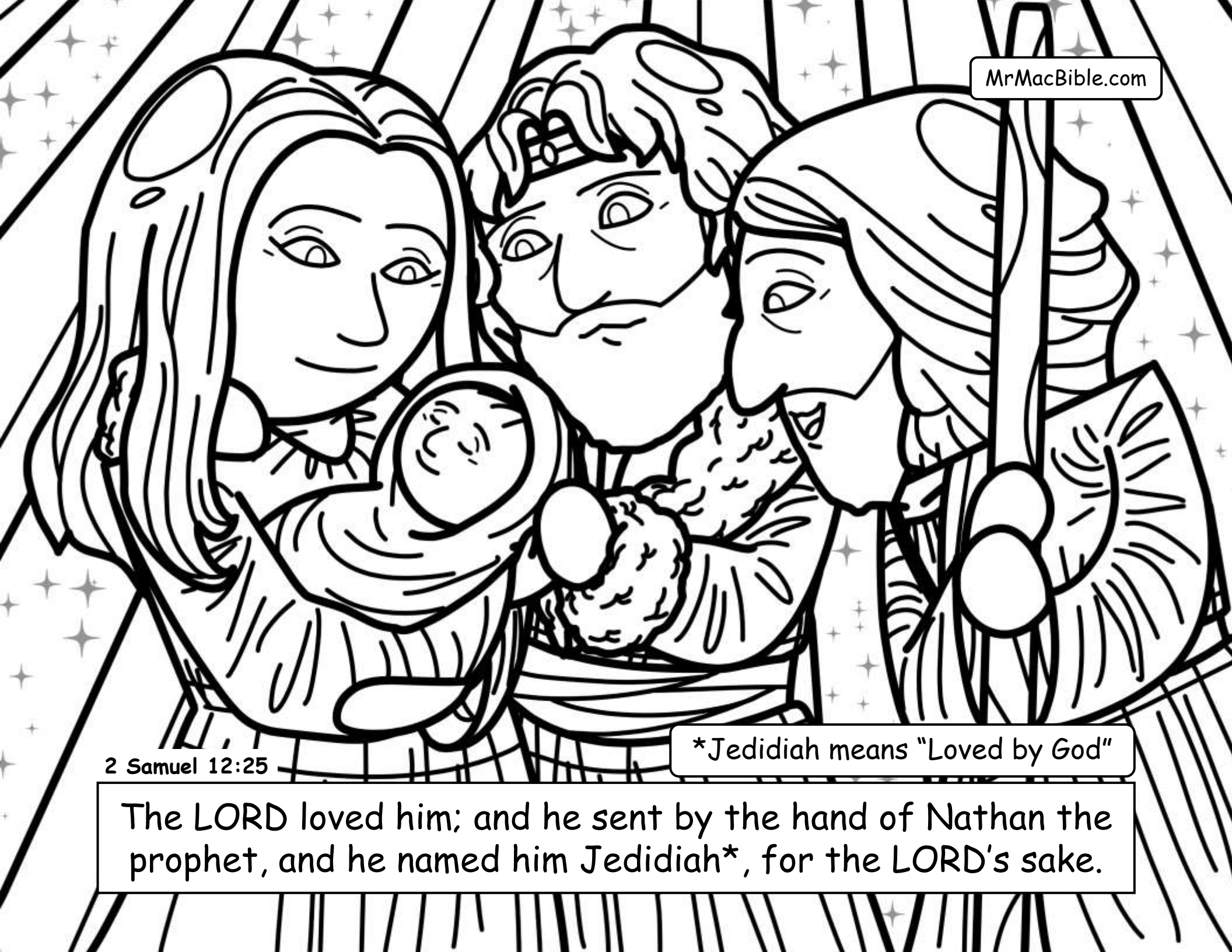
2 Samuel 12:23

"But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."



2 Samuel 12:24

David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her. She bore a son, and he called his name Solomon.



2 Samuel 12:25

*Jedidiah means "Loved by God"

The LORD loved him; and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah*, for the LORD's sake.

2 Samuel 13:1

After this, Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 Samuel 13:2

Amnon was so troubled that he became sick because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her.

2 Samuel 13:5

[Amnon's friend said to him] "Lay down on your bed and pretend to be sick. When your father comes to see you, tell him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.' "



2 Samuel 13:6

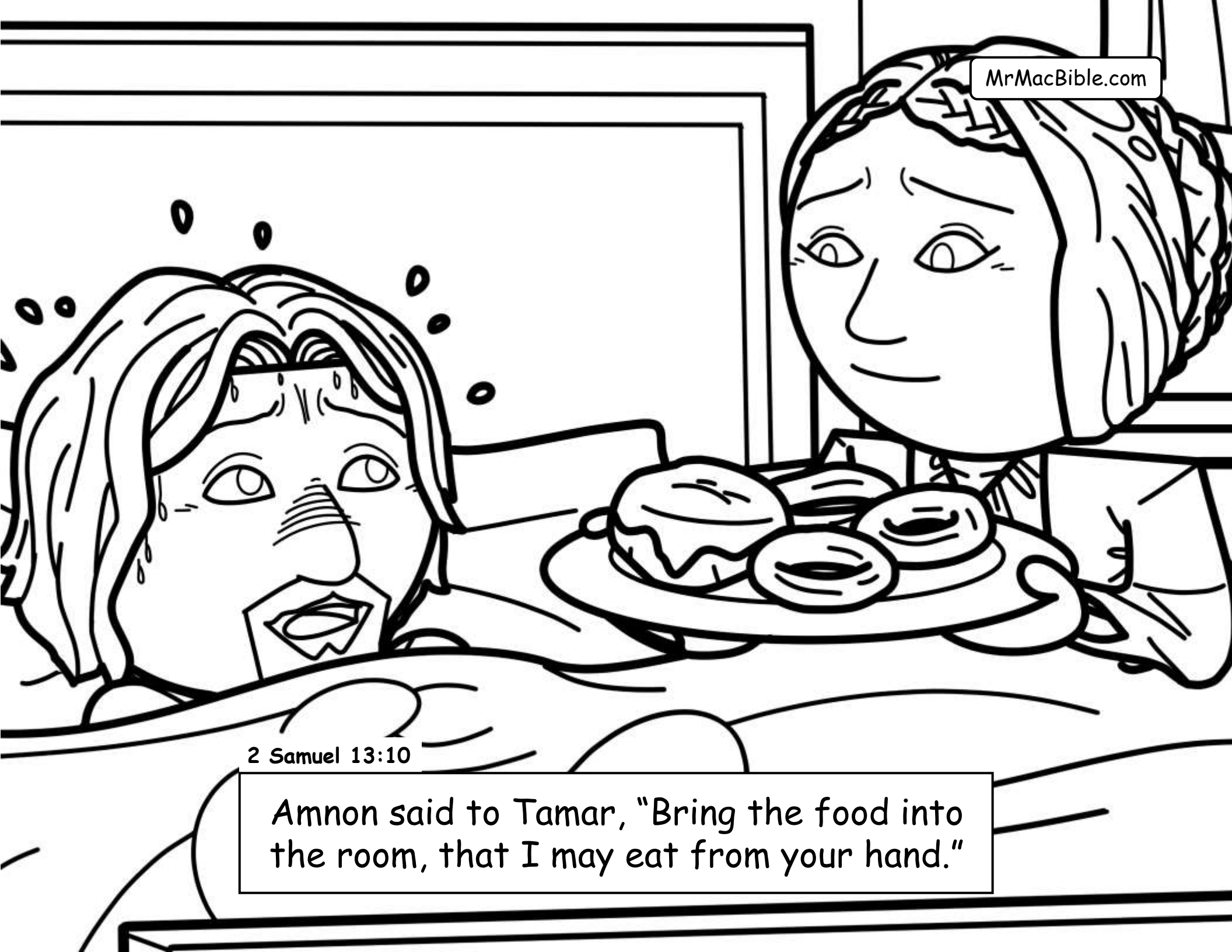
So Amnon lay down and faked being sick.



2 Samuel 13:8

So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.





2 Samuel 13:10

Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the room, that I may eat from your hand."

2 Samuel 13:11

When she had brought them near to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister!"





2 Samuel 13:12

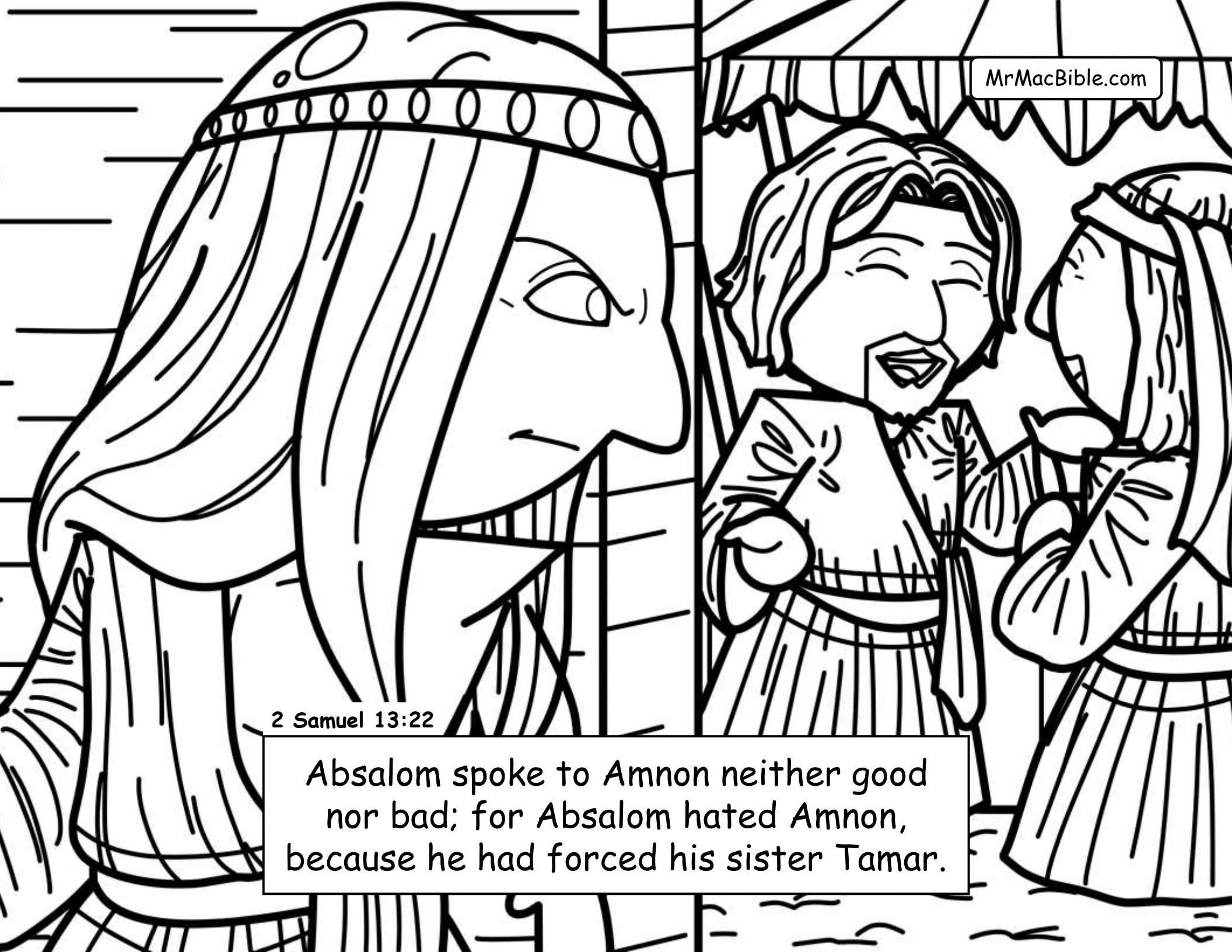
She answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me!
For no such thing ought to be done in Israel."

2 Samuel 13:20

[After the rape, she ran to her brother] So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

2 Samuel 13:22

Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.



2 Samuel 13:23

After two full years, Absalom had sheep shearers in Baal Hazor, which is beside Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

2 Samuel 13:28

Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "Mark now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine; and when I tell you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him."

2 Samuel 13:29

The servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got up on his mule and fled.


2 Samuel 13:30

While they were on the way, the news came to David, saying, "Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left!"



2 Samuel 13:31

Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.



[David's brother said to him]: "Amnon only is dead; for by the appointment of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar."

2 Samuel 13:32

So Absalom fled and went to Geshur,
and was there three years.

2 Samuel 13:38



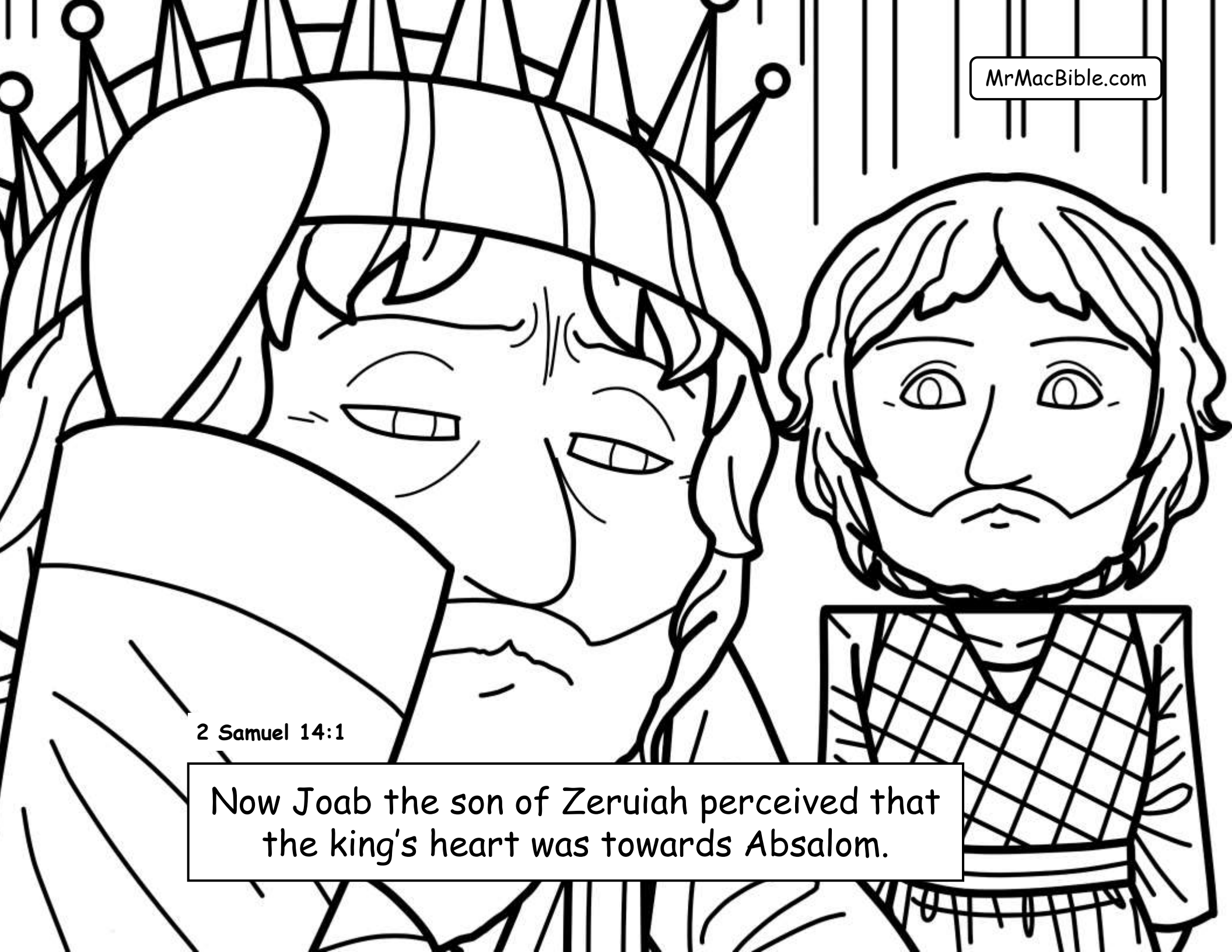


2 Samuel 13:39

King David longed to go out to Absalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

2 Samuel 14:1

Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was towards Absalom.



2 Samuel 14:21

The king said to Joab, "Behold now, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, and bring the young man Absalom back."

2 Samuel 14:24

The king said, "Let him return to his own house, but let him not see my face."





2 Samuel 14:28

Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem,
and he didn't see the king's face.

2 Samuel 14:25

Now in all Israel there was no one to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.



2 Samuel 15:1

After this, Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself, and fifty men to run before him.

2 Samuel 15:4

Absalom said moreover, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice!"

Absalom did this sort of thing to all Israel
who came to the king for judgement.

2 Samuel 15:6



2 Samuel 15:6

So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.



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