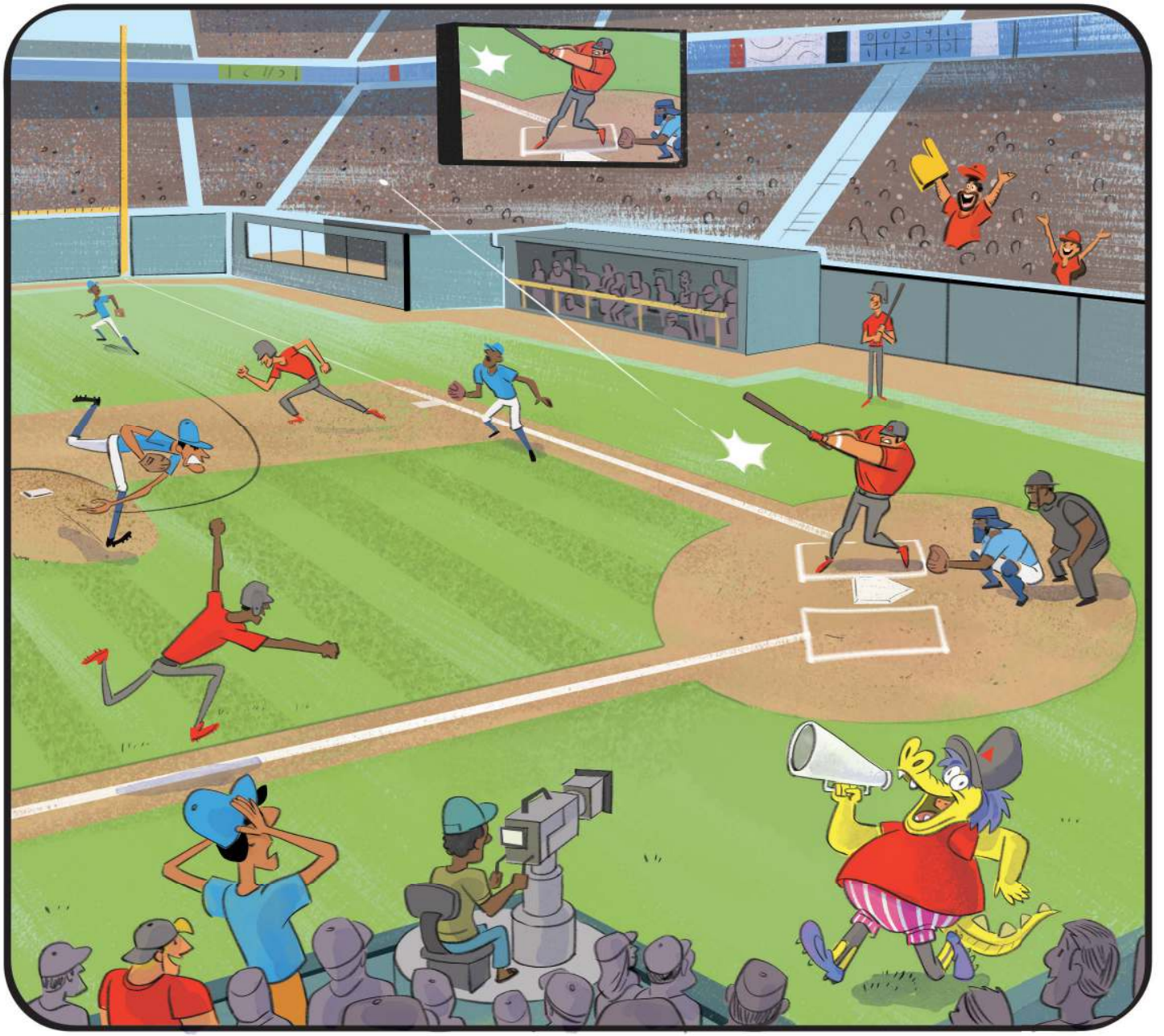
Who Is on the Team?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the baseball players playing in the game.



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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught people about God's kingdom.
- Jesus taught that people who believe in Him live differently than people who do not.
- The people were amazed at Jesus' teaching.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Talk about specific ways Jesus said in His sermon believers should live.
- Is living the way Jesus described easy or hard? Who will help us live the way God wants us to live?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Read Matthew 5:3-10 as a family from several different versions of the Bible. Put some of it in your own words to help understanding.
- Talk about ways people live and why your family lives in a certain way. Examples include going to church or putting others first.

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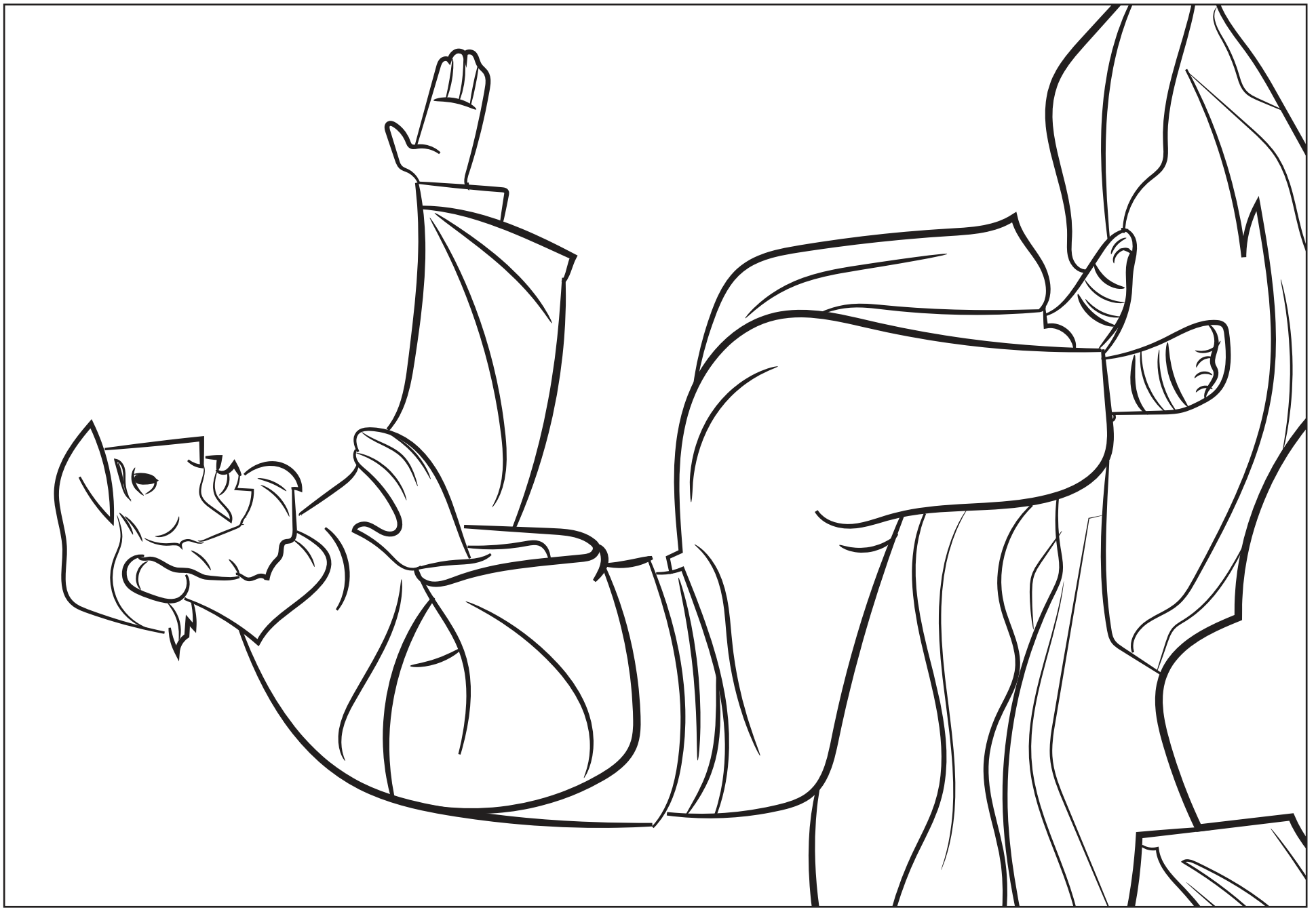

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Home

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a line to match each creature with its home.

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The Cost of Following Jesus

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught that following Him is not easy.
- Jesus said we must be willing to give up everything to follow Him.
- Jesus wanted people to choose carefully and think about the cost before following Him.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Jesus say following Him is hard? Can you think of ways that this is true?
- Who can help us follow Jesus?
- Who gave up His own life to rescue people from sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Build a tower as a family. Read Luke 14:28-30. Talk about what it means to count the cost.
- Share with your kids something that you have given up to follow Jesus. Talk about how Jesus has shown you He is worth it.

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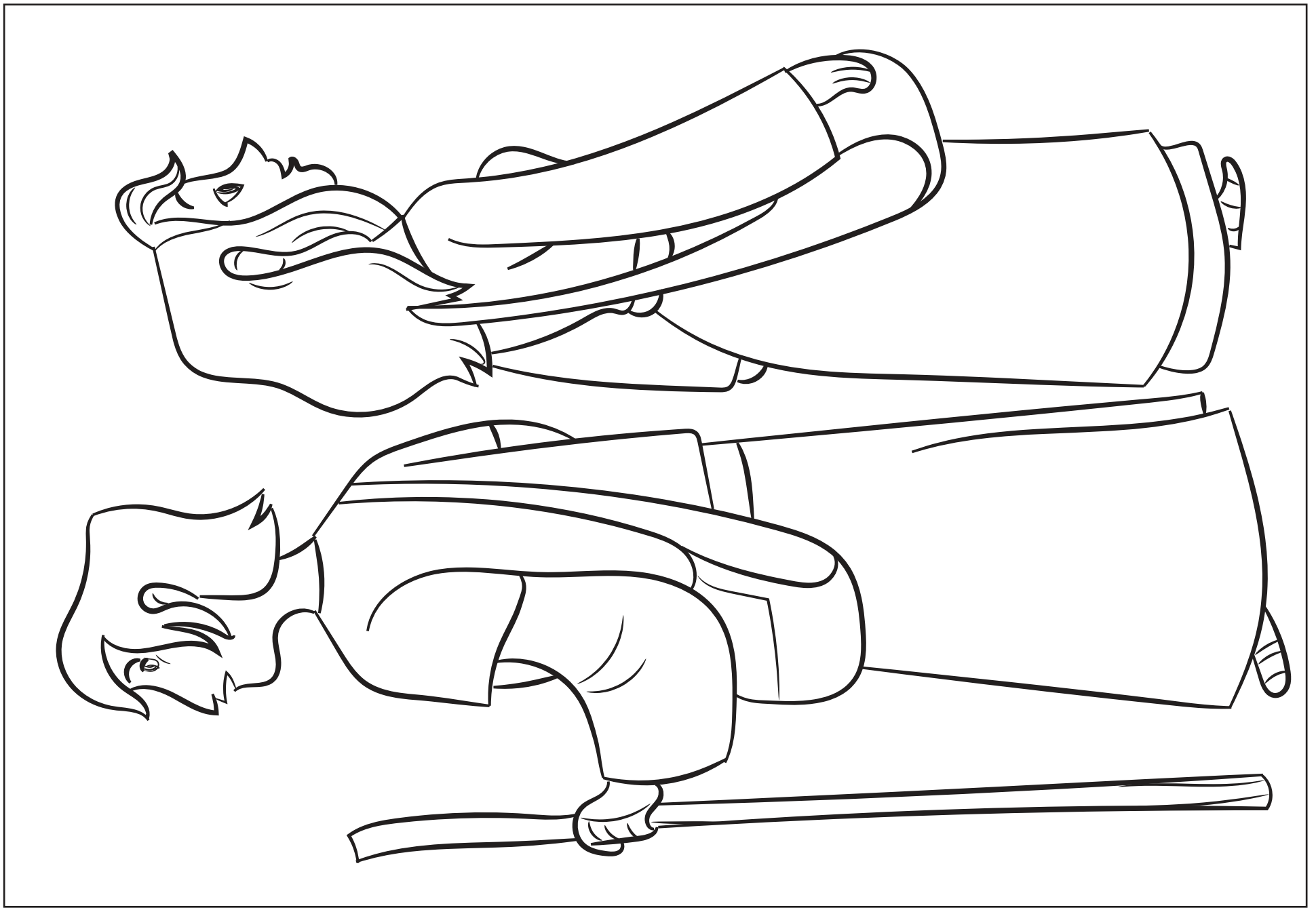

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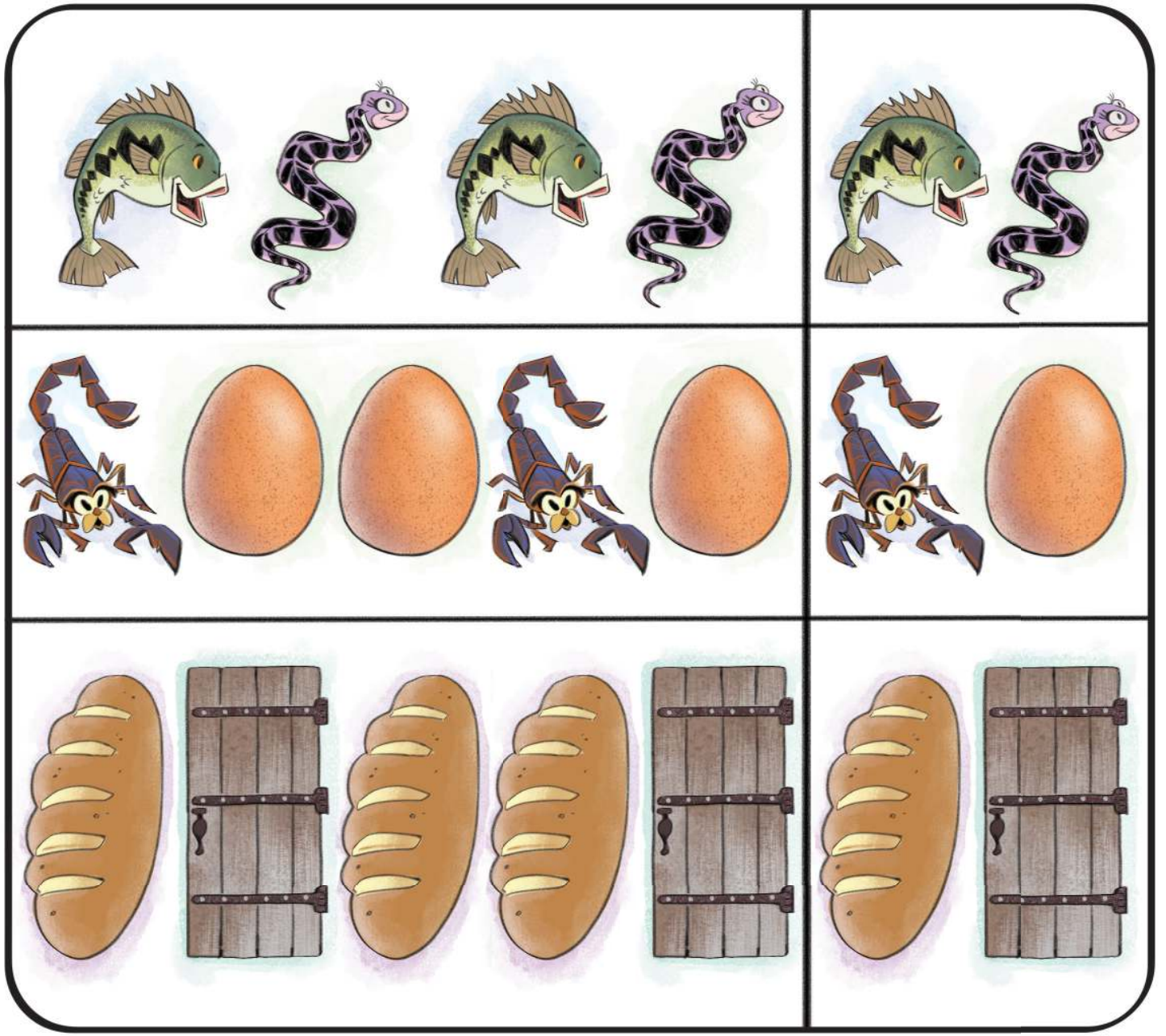
Good Gifts

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the pattern in each row and circle which comes next.



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Jesus Taught About Prayer

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught people how to pray.
- Jesus said to pray boldly and not give up.
- Jesus said God is a good Father who gives good gifts to His children.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is easy about prayer? What is hard?
- What are things you can pray about?
- How do we know God is a good Father?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Memorize the Lord's Prayer as a family.
- This week when your child asks you something over and over, remind him that while you may grow weary of his requests, God never does. Urge him to pray in that way and do likewise yourself.

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That's Silly!

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw an *X* over the things that do not belong in the picture.

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Jesus Taught About Possessions

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:
- Jesus said that life is not about what you own.
- Jesus taught people not to worry.
- Jesus said God will give you what you need.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:
- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:
- What are some possessions we may love too much?
- What are some ways we can be more giving as a family?
- How did Jesus give to us?
- How can we make Jesus our greatest treasure?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:
- Visit a wildflower meadow or a flower garden. Read Luke 12:27-28 as you look at the flowers.
- Pick a time frame for family members to evaluate their possessions. Donate items to a homeless shelter, clothes closet, or another ministry.

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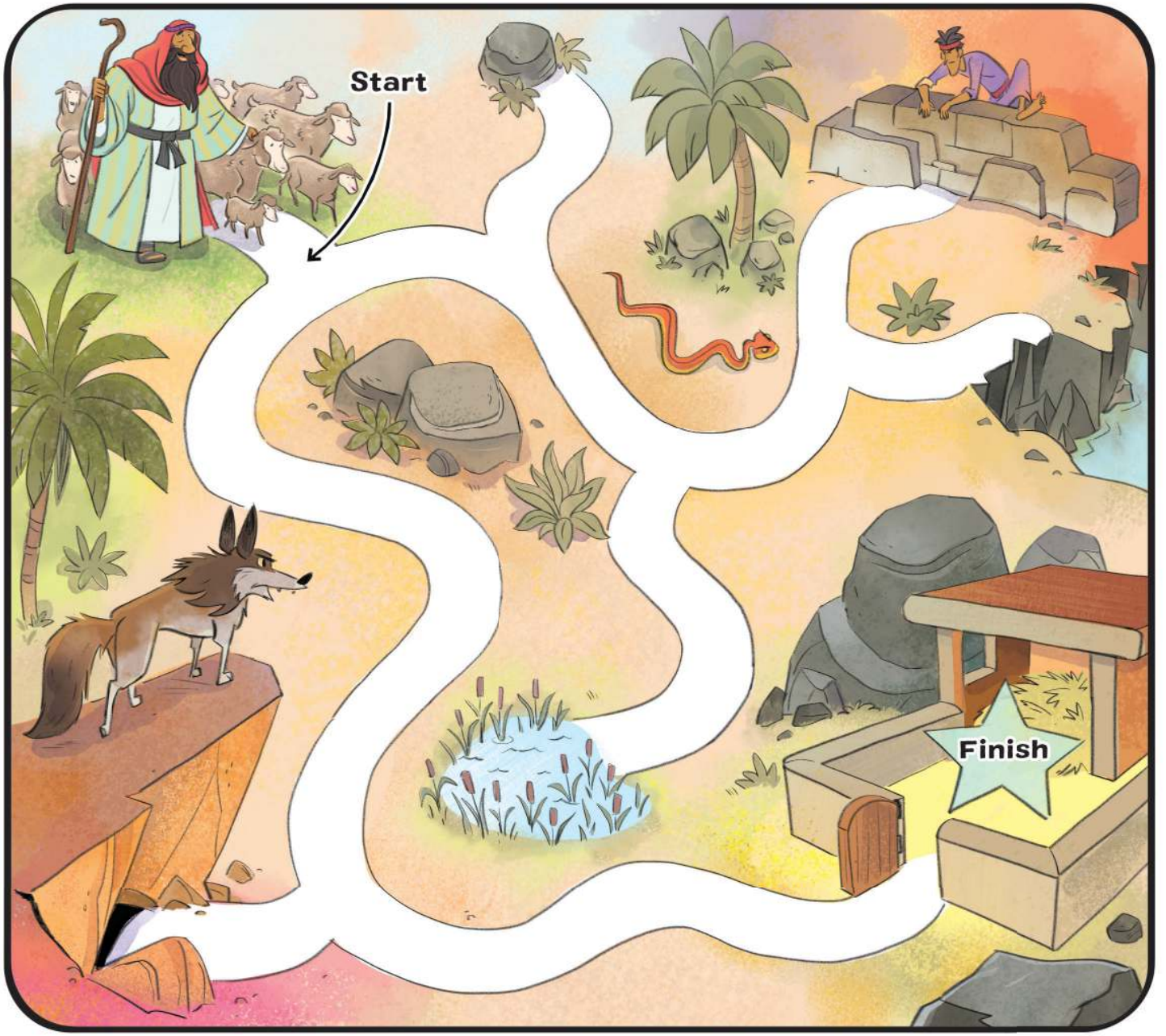
Follow the Shepherd

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze to get the sheep safely to the pen.



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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus told a story about sheep and a shepherd.
- Jesus said God's people are like sheep.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gives up His life for the sheep.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How are we like sheep?
- How did Jesus show He is the Good Shepherd?
- How does it feel to know no one can take you "out of Jesus' hand"?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Research fun facts about sheep and shepherds as a family. If possible, arrange to see sheep in person. Talk about how we are like sheep and Jesus is our Good Shepherd.
- Join friends and play a game where family members close their eyes and must guess who is talking. Talk about how Jesus said His sheep know His voice.

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